

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

May 2023

### **The Terraformers**

**Annalee Newitz**

From the *io9* founder and columnist and bestselling author of *Autonomous* (PBK, \$22.99).

Destry's life is dedicated to terraforming Sask-E. As part of the Environmental Rescue Team, she cares for the planet and its burgeoning eco-systems as her parents and their parents did before her.

But the bright, clean future they're building comes under threat when Destry discovers a city full of people that shouldn't exist, hidden inside a massive volcano.

As she uncovers more about their past, Destry begins to question the mission she's devoted her life to, and must make a choice that will reverberate through Sask-E's future for generations to come.

'Brilliantly thoughtful, prescient, and gripping.' – *Martha Wells*, author of the *Murderbot Diaries*.

Science fiction | PBK | \$22.99



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### **Fourth Wing**

Empyrean 01

**Rebecca Yarros**

Enter the brutal and elite world of a war college for dragon riders from bestselling author Rebecca Yarros.

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.

Friends, enemies, lovers. Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda – because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.

Released to huge buzz – and have to admit (*Ron here*) – it really sucks you in! Recommended.

Fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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### **The Ferryman**

Justin Cronin

Founded by the mysterious genius known as the Designer, the archipelago of Prospera lies hidden from the horrors of a deteriorating outside world. In this island paradise, Prospera's lucky citizens enjoy long, fulfilling lives until the monitors embedded in their forearms, meant to measure their physical health and psychological well-being, fall below 10%. Then they retire themselves, embarking on a ferry ride to the island known as the Nursery, where their failing bodies are renewed, their memories are wiped clean, and they are readied to restart life afresh.

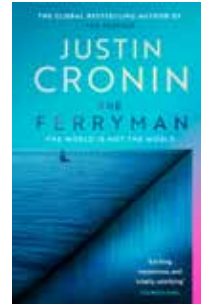
Proctor Bennett, of the Department of Social Contracts, has a satisfying career as a ferryman, gently shepherding people through the retirement process – and, when necessary, enforcing it. But all is not well with Proctor. For one thing, he's been dreaming – which is supposed to be impossible in Prospera. For another, his monitor percentage has begun to drop alarmingly fast. And then comes the day he is summoned to retire his own father, who gives him a disturbing and cryptic message before being wrestled onto the ferry.

Meanwhile, something is stirring. The Support Staff, ordinary men and women who provide the labour to keep Prospera running, have begun to question their place in the social order. Unrest is building, and there are rumours spreading of a resistance group – known as 'Arrivalists' – who may be fomenting revolution.

Soon Proctor finds himself questioning everything he once believed, entangled with a much bigger cause than he realized – and on a desperate mission to uncover the truth.

From the author of the hugely popular *The Passage* (PBK, \$22.99) and its sequels – this is getting great feedback from regulars!

**Dystopian thriller | TP | \$32.99**



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### **Amongst Our Weapons**

PC Grant 09

Ben Aaronovitch

The ninth novel of the bestselling Rivers of London urban fantasy series returns to the adventures of Peter Grant, detective and apprentice wizard, as he solves magical crimes in the city of London.

There is a world hidden underneath this great city.

The London Silver Vaults – for well over a century, the largest collection of silver for sale in the world. It has more locks than the Bank of England and more cameras than a paparazzi convention.

Not somewhere you can murder someone and vanish without a trace – only that's what happened.

The disappearing act, the reports of a blinding flash of light, and memory loss amongst the witnesses all make this a case for Detective Constable Peter Grant and the Special Assessment Unit.

And Peter must solve this case soon, because back home his partner Beverley is expecting twins, any day now. But what he doesn't know is that he's about to encounter something – and somebody – that nobody ever expects...

Effortlessly original, endlessly inventive and hugely entertaining – step into the world of the much-loved, bestselling Rivers of London series.

Recommended! Start with *Rivers of London* (PBK, \$22.99).

**Urban fantasy | PBK | \$22.99**



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### Deadly Ever After

Rivers of London graphic novel

**Ben Aaronovitch; et al**

CSI meets Harry Potter, in this graphic novel from Ben Aaronovitch – writer of the bestselling Rivers of London supernatural police procedural crime novel series; Andrew Cartmel author of *The Vinyl Detective*; and Celeste Bronfman.

Illustrations from a mysterious book of fairy tales drawn in the late 1800s are coming to life in the 21st century and causing havoc. The illustrations were originally painted by a Victorian artist called Jeter Day who disappeared one night in an enchanted forest when he was spirited away by tree nymphs, never to be seen again...

Now, with the enchantment accidentally broken by Olympia and Chelsea, daughters of the river goddess Mama Thames, Jeter, twisted by his time spent with the nymphs, has returned to our world bitter and resentful. It is a world he neither recognises nor likes.

All he wants is his life returned to him and woe betide any man who stands in his way.

With Peter and Nightingale busy on another case, it falls to sisters Olympia and Chelsea with the help of the Foxes to stop Jeter and save the day.

Beautifully done – highly recommended for fans of the novels!

Urban fantasy | PBK | \$27.99



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### Knot of Shadows

Penric & Desdemona novella 11

**Lois McMaster Bujold**

When a corpse is found floating face-down in Vilnoc harbor that is not quite as dead as it seems, Temple sorcerer Penric and his chaos demon Desdemona are drawn into the uncanny investigation. Pen's keen questions will take him across the city of Vilnoc, and into far more profound mysteries, as his search for truths interlaces with tragedy...

Beautiful limited edition Subterranean Press hardcover.

Signed, numbered (hence the price!).

Fantasy | HC | \$89.95



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### Infinity Gate

Pandominion 01

**M R Carey**

*Infinity is only the beginning.*

The Pandominion: a political and trading alliance of a million worlds. Except that they're really just one world, Earth, in many different realities. And when an AI threat arises that could destroy everything the Pandominion has built, they'll eradicate it by whatever means necessary.

Scientist Hadiz Tambuwal is looking for a solution to her own Earth's environmental collapse when she stumbles across the secret of inter-dimensional travel, a secret that could save everyone on her dying planet. It leads her into the middle of a war on a scale she never dreamed of. And she needs to choose a side before every reality pays the price.

'A fascinating window onto a dangerous and multifaceted universe.' – *Adrian Tchaikovsky*, author of *Children of Time*.

'A genuine treat for SF fans: an epic multiverse tale that moves like a thriller.' – *Kirkus* (starred review).

'Readers will be wowed.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review).

Science fiction | TP | \$34.99



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### Titanium Noir

Nick Harkaway

A virtuosic mashup of Philip K Dick and Raymond Chandler by way of Marvel – the story of a detective investigating the murder of a Titan, one of society’s most powerful, medically-enhanced elites.

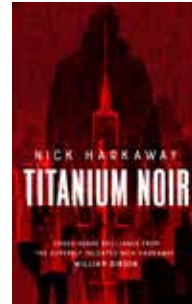
‘Cross-genre brilliance from the superbly talented Nick Harkaway.’ – *William Gibson*.

Cal Sounder is a detective working for the police on certain very sensitive cases. So when he’s called in to investigate a homicide at a local apartment, he’s surprised by the routineness of it all. But when he arrives on scene, Cal soon learns that the victim – Roddy Tebbit, an otherwise milquetoast techie – is well over seven feet tall. And although he doesn’t look a day over thirty, he is ninety-one years old. Tebbit is a Titan – one of this dystopian, near-future society’s genetically altered elites. And this case is definitely Cal’s thing.

There are only a few thousand Titans worldwide, thanks to Stefan Tonfamecasca’s discovery of the controversial T7 genetic therapy, which elevated his family to godlike status. T7 turns average humans into near-immortal distortions of themselves – with immense physical proportions to match their ostentatious, unreachable lifestyles. A dead Titan is big news... a murdered Titan is unimaginable. But these modified magnates are Cal’s specialty. In fact, his own ex-girlfriend, Athena, is a Titan. And not just any – she is Stefan’s daughter, heir to the massive Tonfamecasca empire.

As the murder investigation intensifies, Cal begins to unravel the complicated threads of what should have been a straightforward case, and it becomes clear he’s on the trail of a crime whose roots run deep into the dark heart of the world.

SF noir | TP | \$32.99



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### Hultichia

Maradaine Saga story 02

Marshall Ryan Maresca

A mysterious and disturbing summons brings Aurien Pemmick, an untested deacon of the Church of Druthal, across the border to a peculiar and disquieting kingdom: Kellirac.

Despite being in this antiquated and superstitious place, Pemmick is determined to root out the truth behind the summons. But Kellirac proves to be a place of dangers beyond the natural realm, especially since Pemmick arrives on the eve of Hultichia: a sacred night where the locals claim the dead will walk.

Pemmick’s faith is tested against Kellirac superstition, even as his mission threatens to drag him into madness, on the darkest night of his life.

Novella set ion the world of Maradaine. (Love this world!)

Fantasy | PBK | \$18.95



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### The Mystical Murders of Yin Mara

Maradaine Saga story 01

Marshall Ryan Maresca

Phadre Golmin and Jiarna Kay are perfectly matched. Both astounding intellects, sharing a passion for academic pursuits and each other. Traveling from the University of Maradaine to Trenn College in Yin Mara, they are excited for the opportunity to study magical and mystical theory with the famed Professor Salarmin. So when they come across a dead body that defies all logic, they should leave it alone.

But Phadre and Jiarna tasted adventure in Maradaine, so the discovery of similar victims, paired with their scientific curiosity, makes the situation far too intriguing to ignore. Knowing that they alone have the knowledge to unravel the mystery, Phadre and Jiarna are determined to resolve it, no matter the cost to their academic careers.

Another Maradaine novella. Start with one of the novels – maybe *A Murder of Mages* (PBK, \$26.95) – swashbuckling magic, crime, and political machinations... Fabulous!

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.95



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