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Ron and Leanne

Blade of Dream

Kithamar 02

Abraham, Daniel

Kithamar is a centre of trade and wealth, an ancient city with a long, bloody history – where countless thousands live, and their stories endure. This is Garreth's. Garreth Left is heir to one of Kithamar's most prominent merchant families. The path of his life was paved long before he was born. Learn the family trade, marry to secure wealthy in-laws, and inherit the business when the time is right. But to Garreth, a life chosen for him is no life, at all. In one night, a chance meeting with an enigmatic stranger changes everything. He falls in love with a woman whose name he doesn't even know, and he will do anything to find her again. His search leads him down corridors and alleys that are best left unexplored, where ancient gods hide in the shadows, and every deal made has a dangerous edge. The path that Garreth chooses will change the course of not only those he loves, but the entire future of Kithamar's citizens. In Kithamar, every story matters – and the fate of the city is woven from them, all. The second novel in the monumental epic fantasy trilogy which begins with *Age of Ash* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Starship Titanic

Adams, Douglas & Jones, Terry

Welcome on board the Starship Titanic.

The Ship that Cannot Possibly Go Wrong.

At the centre of the galaxy, a vast, unknown civilisation is preparing for an event of epic proportions: the launch of the greatest, most gorgeous, most technologically advanced spaceship ever built – the Starship Titanic. An Earthling would see the ship as something really, really big; but rather less-provincial onlookers would recognise it as the design of Leovinus, the galaxy's most renowned architect. Before the launch, Leovinus is having one last little look round and begins to find that things just aren't right: poor workmanship, cybersystems out of control, robots walking into doors. How could this have happened? The following morning, while the galaxy's media looks on, the fabulous ship eases away from the construction dock, picks up speed, sways a little, wobbles a bit, veers wildly and, just before it can do untold damage to everything around it, appears to undergo SMEF (Spontaneous Massive Existence Failure). In just 10 seconds, the whole stupendous enterprise is over. And our story has just begun... From the minds of Douglas Adams and Terry Jones comes *Starship Titanic*, the hilarious novelisation of the third-best adventure game of 1999. A reissue.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Westside Lights

Gilda Carr Tiny mysteries 03

Akers, W M

The Westside of Manhattan is desolate, overgrown, and dangerous – and Gilda Carr wouldn't have it any other way. An eccentric detective whose pursuit of tiny mysteries has dragged her to the brink of madness; Gilda spends 1923, searching for something that's eluded her for years: peace. On the revitalised waterfront of the Lower West, Gilda and the gregarious ex-gangster Cherub Stevens start a new life on a stolen yacht. But their old life isn't done with them, yet. They dock their boat on the edge of the White Lights District, a new tenderloin where liquor, drugs, sex, and violence are shaken into a deadly cocktail. When her pet seagull vanishes into the District, Gilda throws herself into the search for the missing bird. Up late watching the river for her pet, Gilda has one drink too many and passes out in the cabin of her waterfront home. She wakes to a massacre. Eight people have been slaughtered on the deck of the *Misery Queen*, and Cherub is among the dead. Gilda, naturally, is the prime suspect. Hunted by the police, the mob, and everyone in between, she must stay free long enough to find the person who stained the Hudson with her beloved's blood. She will discover that, on her Westside, no lights are bright enough to drive away the darkness. This charming series begins with *Westside* (TP, \$27.99).

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$34.99

Hell's March

Artillerymen 02

Anderson, Taylor

It is 1847, and almost a full year after being shipwrecked on another, far stranger and more dangerous Earth on their way to fight Santa Anna in the Mexican-American War, Lewis Cayce and his small group of artillerymen, infantrymen, and dragoons have made friends in the Yucatán, helped build an army, and repulsed the first efforts of the blood-drenched Holy Dominion to wipe their new friends out. As an even more radical cult of Blood Priests arises and begins to pursue its own path to power, the Dominion can't let its defeat stand. It must crush the heretics and expel them from the land it has claimed. Fortunately, Lewis Cayce is a professional. He understands defence can only result in a stalemate at best, and a stalemate with the more populous Dominion will only lead to defeat in the end. The lucky few will be enslaved. The rest will be sacrificed in the most horrific way imaginable. The only hope his new allies have is to win – and to do that, his little army must attack the most powerful and diabolical enemy on the planet in its own territory. Achieving victory will take all Lewis' imagination, the courage and trust of his soldiers – and all the round shot and canister,

his tiny band of artillerymen can slam out. The follow-up to the first in Anderson's new series, *Purgatory's Shore* (PBK, \$26.95).
Military sf PBK \$26.95

The Origin of Storms

Lotus Kingdoms 03

Bear, Elizabeth

The Lotus Kingdoms are at war, with four claimants to the sorcerous throne of the Alchemical Emperor, fielding three armies between them. Alliances are made, and broken, many times over – but in the end, only one can sit on the throne. And that one must have not only the power, but the rightful claim. The Rajni Mrithuri stands as the chief claimant to the Alchemical throne now, but she and her empire remain a prize to be taken unless she gets an heir. She has her allies – her cousin Sayeh, a dragon, a foreign wizard, a fearsome automaton, and the Dead Man – but the throne has the final say. And if it rejects her, the price is death. The first in the Lotus Kingdoms series is *The Stone in the Skull* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Medusa's Sisters

Bear, Lauren J A

The end of the story is only the beginning...

Even before they were transformed into Gorgons, Medusa, Stheno, and Euryale were unique among their immortal family. Curious about mortals and their lives, Medusa and her sisters entered the human world in search of a place to belong, yet quickly found themselves at the perilous centre of a dangerous Olympian rivalry and learned – too late – that a god's love is a violent one. Forgotten by history and diminished by poets, the other two Gorgons have never been more than horrifying hags, damned and doomed. But they were sisters first, and their journey from lowly sea-born origins to the outskirts of the pantheon is a journey that rests, hidden, underneath their scales. Monsters, but not monstrous, Stheno and Euryale will step into the light for the first time to tell the story of how all three sisters lived and were changed by each other, as they struggle against the inherent conflict between sisterhood and individuality, myth and truth, vengeance and peace.

Myth retold HC \$62.95

Venomous Lumpsucker

Bauman, Ned

The near future. Tens of thousands of species are going extinct every year. And a whole industry has sprung up around their extinctions, to help us preserve the remnants, or perhaps just assuage our guilt. For instance, the biobanks: secure archives of DNA samples, from which lost organisms might someday be resurrected... But then, one day, it's all gone. A mysterious cyber-attack hits every biobank simultaneously,

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

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wiping out the last traces of the perished species. Now, we're never getting them back. Karin Resaint and Mark Halyard are concerned with one species in particular: the venomous lumpsucker, a small, ugly bottom-feeder that happens to be the most intelligent fish on the planet. Resaint is an animal cognition scientist consumed with existential grief over what humans have done to nature. Halyard is an exec from the extinction industry, complicit in the mining operation that destroyed the lumpsucker's last-known habitat. Across the dystopian landscapes of the 2030s – a nature reserve full of toxic waste; a floating city on the ocean; the hinterlands of a totalitarian state – Resaint and Halyard hunt for a surviving lumpsucker. And the further they go, the deeper they're drawn into the mystery of the attack on the biobanks. Who was really behind it? And why would anyone do such a thing?

Eco thriller PBK \$24.99

A Shadow Crown

Halfling Saga 02

Blair, Melissa

To the kingdom, Keera is the king's Blade, his most feared and trusted spy and assassin. But in the shadows, she works with Prince Killian and his Shadow – the dark, brooding Fae, Riven, who sets her blood on fire. Together, they plot to kill a tyrant king. In Myrelinth, the lush, secret city of trees, Fae, Elves, and Halflings like Keera live in harmony. But Keera cannot escape her past: her crimes against her own people have followed her all the way to the Faeland. There is a traitor in their midst, and Keera is the top suspect. Keera finds comfort in the allies that have become her family. She swore she would never open her heart again after a loss she barely survived. But she will soon find she has more to lose than she ever imagined... The sequel to *A Broken Blade* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Masters of Death

Blake, Olivie

This book is about a real estate agent. Only the real estate agent is a vampire, the house she has to sell is haunted – and the ghost haunting the house was murdered. When Viola Marek seeks out Fox D'Mora to help her with her ghost-infested mansion, she expects a competent medium. Unbeknownst to Viola, Fox is a fraud – even if he is the godson of Death. As the mystery unfolds, Viola and Fox are drawn into a quest that neither of them want or expect. And they'll need the help of an unruly poltergeist, a demonic personal trainer, a sharp-voiced angel, and a love-stricken reaper. Caught in a supernatural conundrum, Vi and Fox discover the difference between a mysterious lost love and a dead body isn't nearly as distinct as they thought. From the bestselling author of *The Atlas Six* (PBK, \$22.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

Slewfoot

A Tale of Bewitchery

Brom

Connecticut, 1666. An ancient spirit awakens in a dark wood. The wildfolk call him Father, slayer, protector. The colonists call him

Slewfoot, demon, devil. To Abitha, a recently widowed outcast, alone and vulnerable in her pious village, he is the only one she can turn to for help. Together, they ignite a battle between pagan and Puritan – one that threatens to destroy the entire village, leaving nothing but ashes and bloodshed in their wake. *'If it is a devil you seek, then it is a devil you shall have!'* Set in Colonial New England, *Slewfoot* is a tale of magic and mystery, of triumph and terror as only dark fantasist Brom can tell it; and features more than two dozen of Brom's haunting paintings, fully immersing readers in this wild and unforgiving world.

Horror TP \$34.99

How to Succeed

in Witchcraft

Brophy, Aislinn

Magically brilliant, academically perfect, chronically overcommitted – Shay Johnson has all the makings of a successful witch. As a junior at T K Anderson Magical Magnet School, she's determined to win the Brockton Scholarship – her ticket into the university of her dreams. Her competition? Ana freaking Álvarez. The key to victory? Impressing Mr B, drama teacher and head of the scholarship committee. When Mr B asks Shay to star in this year's aggressively inclusive musical, she warily agrees, even though she'll have to put up with Ana playing the other lead. But in rehearsals, Shay realises Ana is... not the despicable witch she'd thought. Perhaps, she could be a friend – or more. And Shay could use someone in her corner, once she becomes the target of Mr B's unwanted attention. When Shay learns she's not the first witch to experience his inappropriate behaviour, she must decide if she'll come forward. But how can she speak out, when her future's on the line?

YA paranormal TP \$28.95

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 \$49.99

Storming Heaven

Age of Bronze 02

Gameron, Miles

Before iron helmets and steel swords, when dragons roamed the world, was an age of bronze and stone, when the Gods walked the earth, and people lived in terror. A scribe, a warlord, a dancer, a mute insect and a child should have no chance against the might of the bickering gods and their cruel games.

But the gods themselves are old, addicted to their own games of power, and now their fates may lie in the hands of mere mortals... By divine plan, a plague of cannibals has been unleashed across the world, forming an armada which preys on all who cross their path. Meanwhile the people who allied against the gods have been divided, each taking their own path to attack the heavens – if they can survive the tide of war which has been sent against them. All they need is the right distraction, and the right opportunity, to deal a blow against the gods, themselves... An original, visceral epic weaving together the mythologies of a dozen pantheons of gods and heroes to create something new and magical, this tale of the revolt against the tyranny which began in *Against All Gods* (PBK, \$24.99) is a must read from a master of the fantasy genre.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Vampires of El Norte

Gañas, Isabel

As the daughter of a rancher in 1840s' Mexico, Nena knows a thing or two about monsters – her home has long been threatened by tensions with Anglo settlers from the north. But something more sinister lurks near the ranch at night, something that drains men of their blood and leaves them for dead. Something that once attacked Nena nine years ago. Believing Nena dead, Néstor has been on the run from his grief ever since, moving from ranch to ranch working as a *vaquero*. But no amount of drink can dispel the night terrors of sharp teeth; no woman can erase his childhood sweetheart from his mind. When the United States invades Mexico in 1846, the two are brought abruptly together on the road to war: Nena as a *curandera*, a healer striving to prove her worth to her father so that he does not marry her off to a stranger, and Néstor as a member of the auxiliary cavalry of ranchers and vaqueros. But the shock of their reunion – and Nena's rage at Néstor for seemingly abandoning her long ago – is quickly overshadowed by the appearance of a nightmare made flesh. And unless Nena and Néstor work through their past and face the future together, neither will survive to see the dawn.

Horror HC \$62.95

The Guckoo

Under the Northern Sky 03

Carew, Leo

Albion continues to be divided by revolt and bloodshed, as alliances collapse and are made anew. Driven obsessively for glory, the upstart Bellamus and his exiled queen Aramilla are marshalling resistance and building a powerful army. Returning to the Hindrunn, Keturah is forced to fend for herself, battling enemies on all sides just when she is most in need of a place of safety. And, all the while, the young Black Lord must deal not only with the aftermath of a great betrayal, but the cold shadow of the Kryptea, threatening to destroy everything he has fought for... Leo Carew's much-lauded Under the Northern Sky trilogy draws to its spellbinding conclusion; it begins with *The Wolf* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Queen High

Widowland 02

Carey, G J

Britain, with the wrong queen. *1955.* Britain remains a Protectorate of Germany. The assassination of the Leader on British soil provoked violent retribution and intensified repression of British citizens, particularly women. Now, more than ever, the Protectorate is a place of surveillance and isolation – a land of spies. The royal family has been usurped, and the widowed Queen Wallis reigns, in their place. Yet, some citizens hold out hope that Elizabeth may one day return. Rose Ransom marvels that she's even alive. A mere woman, her role in the Leader's death has been miraculously overlooked. Her work, now, focuses on the outlawed subject of Poetry, a form of writing that transmits subversive meanings. Therefore, all Poetry is banned, and Rose is appointed a Poet Hunter. President Eisenhower is to make a state visit to Britain and Rose is tasked with visiting Queen Wallis to brief her. She finds Wallis in a state of paranoia, desperate to return to her American homeland. She claims she has a secret document, so explosive that it will blow the Protectorate apart – should she dare to reveal it. The sequel to *Widowland* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Cassiel's Servant

Kushiel's Legacy 04

Carey, Jacqueline

Returning to the realm of Terre d'Ange which captured an entire generation of fantasy readers, bestselling author Jacqueline Carey brings us a hero's journey for a new era. In *Kushiel's Dart* (PBK, \$22.99), a daring young courtesan uncovered a plot to destroy her beloved homeland. But hers is only half the tale. Now, see the other half of the heart that lived it. *Cassiel's Servant* is a retelling of cult favourite *Kushiel's Dart* from the point of view of Joscelin, Cassiline warrior-priest and protector of Phèdre nó Delaunay. He's sworn to celibacy and the blade as surely as she's pledged to pleasure, but the gods they serve have bound them together. When both are betrayed, they must rely on each other to survive. From his earliest training to captivity amongst their enemies, his journey with Phèdre to avert the conquest of Terre D'Ange shatters body and mind... and brings him an impossible love that he will do anything to keep. Even if it means breaking all vows and losing his soul.

Fantasy TP \$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

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their own. In this sharply-written, bitingly-relevant modern fable, the magic is dark and damaging, and the women are determined to rescue themselves.

Urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Beauty Trials

Belles 03

Clayton, Dhonielle

With the dangerous, erratic Princess Sophia imprisoned, Queen Charlotte decides to invoke the ancient tradition of The Beauty Trials – a series of harrowing tests meant to find the one true ruler of Orleans. Edel, who has always aspired to be more than just a Belle, decides to enter and, after promising to bind her arcana to keep from having an unnatural advantage, joins a few dozen other hopefuls intent on becoming the next Queen of Orleans. But the trials are far worse than any of them bargained for. As the women are put through dangerous tasks meant to test their strength, confidence, composure, and bravery, many perish, and Edel is mysteriously attacked by one of the other competitors – forcing her to use her powers just to survive. Will her subterfuge cost her the crown, or is there a larger conspiracy at play? The first in the series is *The Belles* (PBK, \$19.99)

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

Dead of Winter

Coates, Darcy

When Christa joins a tour group heading deep into the snowy expanse of the Rocky Mountains, she's hopeful this will be her chance to put the ghosts of her past to rest. But when a bitterly cold snowstorm sweeps the region, the small group is forced to take shelter in an abandoned hunting cabin. Despite the uncomfortably claustrophobic quarters and rapidly dropping temperature, Christa believes they'll be safe as they wait out the storm. She couldn't be more wrong. Deep in the night, their tour guide goes missing... only to be discovered the following morning, his severed head impaled on a tree outside the cabin. Terrified, and completely isolated by the storm, Christa finds herself trapped with eight total strangers. One of them kills for sport... and they're far from finished. As the storm grows more dangerous and the number of survivors dwindles one by one, Christa must decide who she can trust before this frozen mountain becomes her tomb.

Horror TP \$27.99

Scarlet

Scarlet Revolution

Gogman, Genevieve

Revolutionary France is no place to be, especially for aristocrat vampires facing the guillotine. But the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel are determined to rescue them. And they have an ace up their sleeve: Eleanor, a lowly maid from an English estate with a striking resemblance to French royalty. For Eleanor, the League and their legendary deeds are little more than rumour – until she's drawn into their most dangerous plot, yet. The mission? Travel to France in disguise, impersonate Queen Marie Antoinette and rescue the royal family. If they succeed, it'll be the heist of the century. But there's more to fear than ardent Revolutionaries. For Eleanor stumbles across a centuries-old war

between vampires and their fiercest enemy. And they're out for blood... The first in a new series from the author of the Invisible Library series.

Historical fantasy TP \$34.99

Wild Spaces

Goney, S L

An 11-year-old boy lives an idyllic childhood exploring the remote coastal plains and wetlands of South Carolina alongside his parents and his dog Teach. But when the boy's eerie and estranged grandfather shows up one day with no warning, cracks begin to form as hidden secrets resurface that his parents refuse to explain. The longer his grandfather outstays his welcome and the greater the tension between the adults grows, the more the boy feels something within him changing – physically – into something his grandfather welcomes and his mother fears. Something abyssal. Something monstrous. Robert R McCammon's *Boy's Life* meets Lovecraftian horror in this foreboding, sensual coming-of-age debut in which the corrosive nature of family secrets and toxic relatives assume eldritch proportions. *We expect to have this edition of Wild Spaces from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Horror TP \$37.95

Queen of Gods

House of Shadows 02

Gorr, Katharine & Elizabeth

Return to the Underworld... Deina has finally found what matters most to her in all the world. And lost it. To save the one she loves, she's bound herself to the Underworld and an endless future of darkness. But not even her sacrifice is enough to secure Theron or her friends' safety in the mortal realm. Aristaeus has seized power in Thebes and his tyrannical reign is a constant, looming threat to their lives. So, when Deina is offered the chance to destroy him, and the gods, altogether; she sets out on a new quest. But to succeed, she must turn away from everything she holds true. In a game with the gods, the rewards are infinite... but the punishments are eternal. Be prepared for a nail-biting race for survival in this breathtaking sequel to *Daughter of Darkness* (PBK, \$19.99)

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Abandon

Grouch, Blake

On Christmas Day in 1893, every man, woman, and child in a remote mining town disappeared, belongings forsaken, meals left to freeze in vacant cabins, and not a single bone found. Now, journalist Abigail Foster and her historian father have set out to explore the long-abandoned town and learn what happened. With them are two backcountry guides along with a psychic and a paranormal photographer who are there to investigate rumours that the town is haunted. But Abigail and her companions are about to learn that the town's ghosts are the least of their worries. Twenty miles from civilisation, with a blizzard bearing down, they realise they are not alone. The ordeal that follows will test this small team past the breaking point as they battle the elements and human foes alike and discover that the town's secrets still have the power to kill.

SF mystery TP \$34.99

The Handyman Method: a Story of Terror

Cutter, Nick

& Sullivan, Andrew F

When a young family moves into an unfinished development community, cracks begin to emerge in both their new residence and their lives, as a mysterious online DIY instructor delivers dark subliminal suggestions about how to handle any problem around the house. The trials of home improvement, destructive insecurities, and haunted house horror all collide.

Horror TP \$39.95

Screams from the Dark

29 Tales of Monsters and

the Monstrous, anthology

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

From werewolves and vampires, to demons and aliens, the monster is one of the most recognisable figures in horror. But what makes something, or someone, monstrous? Award-winning and up-and-coming authors like Richard Kadrey, Cassandra Khaw, Indrapramit Das, Priya Sharma, and more attempt to answer this question. These all-new stories range from traditional to modern, from mainstream to literary, from familiar monsters to the unknown, and unimaginable. This chilling collection has something to please – and terrify – everyone, so lock your doors, hide under your covers, and try not to scream. Contributors include: Ian Rogers, Fran Wilde, Gemma Files, Daryl Gregory, Priya Sharma, Brian Hodge, Joyce Carol Oates, Indrapramit Das, Siobhan Carroll, Richard Kadrey, Norman Partridge, Garry Kilworth, Caitlin R Kiernan, Chikodili Emelumadu, Glen Hirshberg, A C Wise, Stephen Graham Jones, Kaaron Warren, Livia Llewellyn, Carole Johnstone, Margo Lanagan, Joe R Lansdale, Brian Evenson, Nathan Ballingrud, Cassandra Khaw, Laird Barron, Kristi DeMeester, Jeffrey Ford, and John Langan.

Horror TP \$34.99

They're Here!

anthology

Davis, Hank

& Korsgaard, Sean C W (editors)

The aliens are among us! "Where is everybody?" Nobel Prize-winning physicist Enrico Fermi once asked, after a discussion about the possibility of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. To sum up the Fermi Paradox, if the billions of stars in our galaxy have planets with intelligent life on them, why hasn't anyone visited us? But, maybe, they have, and we just haven't noticed – and that's the way they want it. And if they are here in secret, why are they here? Are they tourists? Anthropologists, perhaps? Or journalists sending stories back about the quaint habits of the primitives? Or maybe the extraterrestrial equivalent of hunters or fishermen? (Any odd disappearances in your neighbourhood lately?) An enemy already within the gates? Or a refugee seeking sanctuary? Gourmets looking for exotic foreign food? Alien criminals hiding out? Alien cops looking for those alien criminals? No missionaries – at least, not yet – and there doesn't seem to be a Galactic Peace

Corps. They might happen to look close enough to human to pass, or they might be masters of disguise. Or they might be so incomprehensibly different that we don't even notice that they're here. The secret visitors are revealed by such luminaries as Larry Niven, Poul Anderson, Spider Robinson, Neil Gaiman, and more. And if any alien visitors want to check out the local natives' speculations herein, feel free. Please pay with local currency, of course.

Aliens among us TP \$39.95

Snow and Poison de la Cruz, Melissa

Known as Snow White, Lady Sophie has led a sheltered life in the mountains of Bavaria. *Until now.* Her father, the widowed Duke Maximilian, is at last remarrying, and on the day of his historic wedding, Sophie is making her high-society debut. At the ball, Sophie charms the dashing Prince Philip, heir to the Spanish throne. But as Philip and Sophie start falling deeply in love, the king of Spain loses his temper. His wish is that Philip would marry a princess. And, now, his command is Sophie's death. In a quest for survival, Sophie seeks refuge in the home of seven orphans, the counsel of a witch, and the safety of her blade. With the looming threat of war upon her duchy, Sophie must ponder: Can she do right by her home and honour her heart's desire?

Fairy tales retold PBK \$19.99

Red Team Blues

Martin Hench 01

Doctorow, Cory

Martin Hench is 67 years old, single, and successful in a career stretching back to the beginnings of Silicon Valley. He lives and roams California in a very comfortable fully-furnished touring bus, the Unsalted Hash – he bought, years ago, from a fading rock star. He knows his way around good food and fine drink. He likes intelligent women, and they like him back often enough. Martin is a – contain your excitement – self-employed forensic accountant, a veteran of the long guerrilla war between people who want to hide money, and people who want to find it. He knows computer hardware and software alike, including the ins and outs of high-end databases and the kinds of spreadsheets that are designed to conceal rather than reveal. He's as comfortable with social media as people a quarter his age, and he's a world-level expert on the kind of international money laundering and shell-company chicanery used by Fortune 500 companies, mid-divorce billionaires, and international drug gangs alike. He also knows the Valley like the back of his hand, all the secret histories of charismatic company founders and Sand Hill Road VCs. Because he was there at all the beginnings. He's not famous, except to the people who matter. He's made some pretty powerful people happy in his time, and he's been paid pretty well. It's been a good life. Now, he's been roped into a job that's more dangerous than anything he's ever agreed to before – and it will take every ounce of his skill to get out alive. The first in a new series.

Crypto sf TP \$32.99

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Knight's Wyrd

Tor Essentials

Doyle, Debra

& MacDonald, James D

On the eve of his knighting, Will Odosson learns his wyrd, or destiny: He shall meet death before a year has passed. Will rushes north to release his betrothed from their engagement; but, on the way, he is beset by all manner of horrors – a man-eating troll, carnivorous mermaids, a magic-working dragon... and something far worse: an evil unlike anything Will ever imagined. *Knight's Wyrd* is an award-winning gem that's perfect for revival as a Tor Essential and will appeal to fans of books like *Hild* and *Spear*, and films like *The Green Knight* – a medieval fantasy with the authentic lived-in strangeness of the real Middle Ages. Ahead of its time on its original publication, Debra Doyle and James D Macdonald's Mythopoeic Fantasy Award-winning dark medieval fantasy is perfect for contemporary tastes. With an introduction written for this edition by Sherwood Smith. It was originally published by a pair of YA imprints, but it works equally well as an adult read.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$43.95

The Other Lives of

Miss Emily White

Elwood, A J

Banished from her parents' farm to a boarding school for young ladies, Ivy feels utterly alone. In a crumbling and isolated seminary that has seen better days, she is shunned by the other pupils for her working-class origins, and mourns for her sister, who died not long after she was sent away. Hope comes in the form of a new teacher, Miss Emily White – but, almost immediately, suspicions are raised that she is not all she should be. Ivy is captivated, yet as her devotion grows, odd reports begin to circulate that Miss White has been glimpsed in the garden picking flowers, while also teaching a class, leaving the school but stalking the halls at the same time. As increasingly strange rumours abound, Ivy's obsession spins out of control, and with Emily White's future at stake, she will do anything to keep her only friend.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Forge of the High Mage

Malazan Empire: Path to Ascendancy 04

Esslemont, Ian C

After decades of warfare, Malazan forces are now close to consolidating the Quon Talian mainland. Yet it is at this moment that Emperor Kellanved orders a new campaign far to the north: the invasion of Falar. Since the main Malazan armies are otherwise engaged in Quon Tali, a collection of orphaned units and broken squads has been brought together under Fist Dujek – himself recovering from the loss of an arm – to fight this new campaign. A somewhat rag-tag army, joined by a similarly motley fleet under the command of the Emperor himself. There are, however, those who harbour doubts regarding the stewardship of Kellanved and his cohort Dancer, and as the Malazan force heads north, it encounters an unlooked-for and most unwelcome threat – unspeakable and born of legend, it has woken and will destroy all who stand in its

way. Most appalled by this is Tayschrenn, the untested High Mage of the Empire. He is all-too aware of the true nature of this ancient horror – and his own inadequacy in having to confront it. Yet confront it he must, alongside the most unlikely of allies... And then the theocracy of Falar is itself far from defenceless – its priests are in possession of a weapon so terrifying it has not been unleashed for centuries. Named the Jhista, it was rumoured to be a gift from the sea-god Mael. But two can play at that game, for the Emperor sails towards Falar aboard his flagship Twisted – a vessel that is itself thought to be not entirely of this world... Here, then, in the tracts of the Ice Wastes and among the islands of Falar, the Empire of Malaz faces two seemingly insurmountable tests – each one potentially the origin of its destruction... These are bloody, turbulent, and treacherous times for all caught up in the forging of the Malazan Empire.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

In the Hidden World of Magical Creatures

Evans, Maz

& Ingpen, Robert (illustrator)

Featuring 28 magical and mythical creatures and monsters from all over the world, this book will tell you where these creatures dwell, how to spot one, and how to keep yourself safe. There are creatures that live on the very edges of our imagination. In woodland, over sea, on the highest peaks of the world, and in the darkest caves, these mythological beasts, fierce monsters and helpful spirits have inspired countless stories, poems, and films. This book will tell you where these creatures dwell, how to spot one, and how to keep yourself safe. Humorously written by bestselling author Maz Evans, and sumptuously illustrated by Hans Christian Andersen Award-winning artist Robert Ingpen, this is the perfect book for fans of myth and magic.

Fantasy art HC \$29.99

Shadow Dance

Shadow Riders 08

Feehan, Christine

Tensions and passions rise in the city that never sleeps... As the head of the New York City Shadow Riders and his branch of the Ferraro family, Geno bears the weight of dual responsibilities. There's nothing more important to Geno than protecting his territory and his *famiglia*. So, when his own parents become the latest victims in a string of vicious murders, Geno is ready to go scorched earth. He thinks he has the assassin in his sights, but he's unprepared for the firestorm their connection ignites... Amaranthe Aubert's lithe dancer's body conceals a spine of steel. Even held captive and faced with the threat of lethal interrogation, she's not about to cave under pressure. She had nothing to do with the murders, no matter what the ruthless man in front of her believes. But before Amara knows what's happening, Geno connects to her in the shadows, stripping her bare of all artifice. Now, she has no way to hide her true reason for being in New York – and nowhere to run from the man whose very presence steals the very breath from her lungs.

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Warden

Ford, Daniel M

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

Fantasy HC \$49.99

Engines of Chaos

Age of Uprising 02

Ford, R S

Torwyn burns, as Sanctan Egelrath tightens his grip on power. The Draconate Ministry has gathered its forces, determined to eradicate the Guilds, but Rosomon Hawkspur still stands in their way. Her only hope could lay with Lancelin Jagdor, sent to gather allies in their struggle against the usurper. Can even the greatest warrior in Torwyn hope to succeed with so many adversaries determined to stop him? Tyreta returns home with newfound strength and mysterious sorcerous abilities, only to discover it is not the land she left behind. She will have to call upon her untested powers to survive when she embarks on a mission that could turn the tide of war. Conall, trapped in a dangerous land, has his own enemies to defeat before he can hope to escape and join the conflict that threatens his family. Even if he succeeds, he must overcome the demons that threaten from within or face damnation. Though, Rosomon is vastly outnumbered, and her family lost, she is determined to strike back against her enemies. But saving her homeland might prove an impossible task. The second novel in a trilogy where guilds clash, magic fuels machines, and an empire begins a revolution. The first is *Engines of Empire* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Five Years After

John Matherson 04

Forstchen, William R

Five years after *The Final Day* (PBK, \$26.95), the Republic of New America has all but collapsed into regional powers and the world at large is struggling to remain stable, as regional conflicts ravage the post-EMP landscape. After several years attempting to lead a quiet life, John Matherson receives the news that the President is dying from a possible assassination attempt, and is asked to step in to negotiate with what appears to be a new military power hidden in the wreckage

of the world. Pulled back into the fray, John struggles to hold the tottering Republic together. Facing threats on multiple fronts, he races against time to stop another EMP attack on the former United States and China, putting years of progress at risk. With so much of his work under threat, John must find the strength within to start over, so that he can save the country and the people that he holds dear from even greater calamity.

SF thriller HC \$64.95

The Queen of the Dawn

Shadows & Crowns 05

Gaither, S M

Against all odds, Casia Greythorne has survived battles with gods and monsters alike, and the most powerful crown in the Kethran Empire is now securely in her grasp. Yet, a seemingly impossible task still looms: finding a way to rid her world of its darkest god so she actually has a future to rule over. The path to sealing that god away has been revealed, but to follow it will mean venturing into a deadly and strange new realm, facing old fears and enemies, and deciphering ancient magic that raises more questions than answers. Meanwhile, chaos continues to spread throughout the empires. Armies rise and fall. The bonds between allies begin to fray – and hope along with it. And with every bloody battle, the final cost of saving their world becomes clearer. Dawn is coming, but will Casia and her friends survive to see the new day? The epic conclusion to the series.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

Endangered Species

Caine Riordan 06

Gannon, Charles E

Caine Riordan has faced many crises in his unintended career as diplomat, soldier, and first-contact specialist, but none more challenging than the one he faces now. He and 12 of his crew are adrift in uncharted space, so far beyond Earth that the starfield is unrecognisable. And with the controls and computer destroyed, they have no way to calculate their position or call for rescue. Instead, trapped on a derelict alien ship, they have only 48 hours before its decaying orbit causes it to burn up in the atmosphere of the strange planet beneath them. It's a silent and forbidding world of bleak deserts and turbulent seas, without any sign of life and dominated by violent storms. But since the ship's lander is also useless, they've got only one way to reach the surface: flimsy, foam-inflating cargo drop pods never intended for human use, let alone an emergency planet fall. And even if they live through the fiery plummet from low orbit, they have almost no portable gear with which to survive in an arid alien wilderness. However, those who make it to the surface discover that the dangers they couldn't see from space are by far the deadliest. A variety of bizarre, carnivorous species roams the barren wastes, desperate for food. Their primary competition? Deeply devolved transgen humans that are as uncommunicative as they are primitive and ferocious. Even more ominous, the world's blasted cities have telltale signs which indicate its original masters were none other than humanity's most dangerous foe: the Ktor. And, worst of all, they may still be here.

Space opera HC \$55.00

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The Possibilities

Goldstein-Love, Yael

What if the life you didn't live was as real as the one you did? Hannah is having a bad day. A bad month. A bad year? That feels terrible to admit, since her son Jack was born just eight months ago, and she loves him more than anything. But ever since his harrowing birth, she can't shake the feeling that it could have gone the other way. That her baby might not have made it. Terrifying visions of the different paths her life could have taken begin to disrupt her cozy, claustrophobic days with Jack, destabilising her marriage and making her husband concerned for her mental health. Are the strange things, Hannah is seeing, just new-mom anxiety, or is something truly weird and sinister afoot? What if Hannah really did unlock a dark force during childbirth? When Hannah's worst nightmare comes true and Jack disappears from his crib, she must tap into an extraordinary ability she never knew she had in order to save him: She must enter different versions of her life while holding on to what is most important to her in this one to bring her child back home.

Multiverse HC \$57.95

Immortal Longings

Flesh & False Gods 01

Gong, Chloe

The only way to win, is to survive. Every year, thousands flock to San-Er, the dangerously dense capital twin cities of the kingdom of Talin, where the palace hosts a set of deadly games. Those confident in their ability to jump between bodies can enter a fight to the death – for the chance to win unimaginable riches. Princess Calla Tuoleimi has been in hiding for five years, ever since she murdered her parents to free the people of Talin from her tyrannical family. Only one person stands in her way of finishing the job: her reclusive uncle King Kasa. However, she knows he always greets the victor of the games. If she wins, she will finally get the chance to kill him. Enter Anton Makusa, whose childhood love has lain in a coma since they were both ousted from the palace. He's deep in debt trying to keep her alive. Which means his last chance at saving her is entering the games and winning. When Anton proposes an unexpected alliance with Calla, they quickly find their partnership spiralling into something all consuming. But before the games close, Calla must decide what she's playing for – her lover or her kingdom. For no matter what, only one of them can walk out alive... Chloe Gong's adult epic fantasy debut, inspired by Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*, is a fiery collision of power plays, spilled blood, and romance amidst a set of deadly games.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Very Important Corpses

Ishmael Jones 03

Green, Simon R

The Organisation has despatched Ishmael and his partner Penny to Coronach House on the shores of Loch Ness where the secretive but highly influential Baphamet Group are holding their annual meeting. The Organisation believes an imposter has infiltrated the Group and they have instructed Ishmael to root him – or her – out. It's not Ishmael's only mission. The first agent sent by the Organisation has been found dead in

her room, murdered in a horribly gruesome manner. Ishmael must also discover who killed his fellow agent, Jennifer Rifkin – and why. Dismissive of rumours that the legendary 'Coronach Creature' is behind Jennifer's death, Ishmael sets out to expose the human killer in their midst. But he must act fast – before any more Very Important People are killed. A reissue.

Urban fantasy (reissue) TP \$39.95

Agents of Light and Darkness

Nightside 02

Green, Simon R

PI John Taylor is – grudgingly – back in the Nightside, the secret supernatural heart of London, because the Unholy Grail is missing... In the Nightside, that nightmarish realm hidden deep beneath London, it is forever three am. Here, inhuman creatures walk beside mythic gods. And John Taylor – private detective with a difference – is back, working this secret supernatural heart of London to find an item of inestimable value. The Unholy Grail is missing... and everyone wants its corrosive power. This time, he must use his unique gifts to locate the cup from which Judas drank at the Last Supper; before it falls into the wrong hands. Anyone who touches the cup will gain tremendous power – but they will also be corrupted. Angels, demons, sinners, and saints are all determined to find the Unholy Grail, no matter what the cost. And it isn't long before they realise exactly who can lead them to it... The sequel to *Something from the Nightside* (PBK, \$22.99) and the second title in Simon R Green's bestselling Nightside series. Originally published in 2003, now in UK paperback edition for the first time.

Urban fantasy PBK \$24.99

Will Do Magic for Small Change

Hairston, Andrea

A tale of alien science and earthbound magic and the secrets families keep from each other. Cinnamon Jones dreams of stepping on stage and acting her heart out like her famous grandparents, Redwood and Wildfire. But she's always been theatrically challenged. That won't necessarily stop her! But her family life is a tangle of mysteries and secrets, and nobody is telling her the whole truth. Before her brother died, he gave Cinnamon *The Chronicles of the Great Wanderer* – a tale of a Dahomean warrior woman and an alien from another dimension, who perform at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. They are a story of magic or alien science, but the connection to Cinnamon's past is unmistakable. When an act of violence wounds her family, Cinnamon and her theatre squad determine to solve the mysteries and bring her worlds crashing together. *We expect to have this edition of Will Do Magic for Small Change from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Historical fantasy TP \$42.95

Such Sharp Teeth

Harrison, Rachel

Rory Morris isn't thrilled to be moving back to her hometown. There are bad memories there. But her twin sister, Scarlett, is pregnant and needs support, so Rory returns to the

place she thought she'd put in her rear-view. After a night out at a bar where she runs into Ian, an old almost-flame, she hits a large animal with her car. And when she gets out to investigate, she's attacked. Rory survives, miraculously, but life begins to look and feel different. She's unnaturally strong, with an aversion to silver – and, suddenly, the moon has her in its thrall. She's changing into someone else – something else. But does that mean she's putting those close to her in danger? Or is embracing the wildness inside her the key to acceptance? This darkly-comedic love story is a brilliantly-layered portrait of trauma, rage, and vulnerability.

Werewolves PBK \$19.99

The Jasad Heir

Scorched Throne 01

Hashem, Sara

In a world of scorched kingdoms, forbidden magic, and cunning royals, a fugitive queen strikes a deadly bargain with her fallen kingdom's greatest enemy and soon finds herself embroiled in a political game that could resurrect her scorched kingdom or leave it in ashes forever, in this stunning debut epic fantasy. At 10 years old, the Heir of Jasad flees a massacre that takes her entire family. At 15, she buries her first body. At 20, the clock is ticking on Sylvia's third attempt at home. Nizahl's armies have laid waste to Jasad and banned magic across the four remaining kingdoms. Fortunately, Sylvia's magic is as good at playing dead as she is. When the Nizahl Heir tracks a group of Jasadis to Sylvia's village, the quiet life she's crafted unravels. Calculating and cold, Arin's tactical brilliance is surpassed only by his hatred for magic. When a mistake exposes Sylvia's magic, Arin offers her an escape: compete as Nizahl's Champion in the Alcalah tournament and win immunity from persecution. In exchange, Arin will use her as bait to draw out the Jasadis he's hunting. To win the deadly Alcalah, Sylvia must work with Arin to free her trapped magic, all while staying a step ahead of his efforts to uncover her identity. But as the two grow closer, Sylvia realises winning her freedom as Nizahl's Champion means destroying any chance of reuniting Jasad under her banner. The scorched kingdom is rising again, and Sylvia will have to choose between the life she's earned, and the one she left behind.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Reynard's Tale

A Story of Love and Mischief

Hatke, Ben

Inspired by the 12th-century tales of the indomitable trickster fox, Reynard, this offbeat tribute to the archetypal rogue has a satisfyingly old-fashioned feeling to it. Although, this Reynard adventure is entirely the creation of modern fairy-tale master Ben Hatke (*Mighty Jack*), it fits seamlessly into the body of Reynard tales still beloved in Europe to this day. Featuring charming black-and-white illustrations and a clever narrative, *Reynard's Tale* follows our hero through a series of encounters with other classic figures from this body of folklore to piece together a headlong journey through a perilous landscape filled with murderers, kings, ex-lovers, mermaids, and even Death, herself.

Fantasy HC \$44.99

Terminal Peace

Janitors of the Post-Apocalypse 03

Hines, Jim G

Marion 'Mops' Adamopoulos and her team were trained to clean spaceships. They were absolutely *not* trained to fight an interplanetary war with the xenocidal Prodryans or to make first contact with the Jynx, a race who might not be as primitive as they seem. But if there's one lesson Mops and her crew have learned, it's that things like 'training' and 'being remotely qualified' are overrated. The war is escalating. (This *might* be Mops' fault.) The survival of humanity – those few who weren't turned to feral, shambling monsters by an alien plague – as well as the fate of all other non-Prodryans, will depend on what Captain Mops and the crew of the EDF's *Pufferfish* discover on the ringed planet of Tuxatl. But the Jynx on Tuxatl are fighting a war of their own, and their world's long-buried secrets could be more dangerous than the Prodryans. To make matters worse, Mops is starting to feel a little feral, herself... Hilarious and heart-warmingly human, here is the can't-miss conclusion to an sf trilogy of unsung heroes, cleaning up the galaxy one mess at a time. It all starts with *Terminal Alliance* (PBK, \$27.99).

Humorous sf PBK \$24.99

The Invisible Hour

Hoffman, Alice

One brilliant June day when Mia Jacob can no longer see a way to survive, the power of words saves her. *The Scarlet Letter* was written almost 200 years earlier, but it seems to tell the story of Mia's mother, Ivy, and their life inside the Community – an oppressive cult in western Massachusetts where contact with the outside world is forbidden, and books are considered evil. But how could this be? How could Nathaniel Hawthorne have so perfectly captured the pain and loss that Mia carries inside her? Through a journey of heartbreak, love, and time, Mia must abandon the rules she was raised with at the Community. As she does, she realises that reading can transport you to other worlds or bring them to you, and that readers and writers affect one another in mysterious ways. She learns that time is more fluid than she can imagine, and that love is stronger than any chains that bind you. As a girl, Mia fell in love with a book. Now, as a young woman, she falls in love with a brilliant writer, as she makes her way back in time. But what if Nathaniel Hawthorne never wrote *The Scarlet Letter*? And what if Mia Jacob never found it, on the day she planned to die? Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote: 'A single dream is more powerful than a thousand realities.' This is the story of one woman's dream. For a little while, it came true.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

A Sleight of Shadows

Unseen World 02

Howard, Kat

After taking down the source of the corruption of the Unseen World, Sydney is left with almost no magical ability. Feeling estranged from herself, she is determined to find a way back to her status as one of the world's most dangerous magicians. Unfortunately, she needs to do this quickly: the House of Shadows, the hell on earth that

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shaped her into who she was, the place she sacrificed everything to destroy, is rebuilding itself. *The House of shadows sits on bones. All of the sacrifices, all of the magicians who died in Shadows, they're buried beneath the foundations. Bones hold magic.* The magic of the Unseen World is acting strangely, faltering, bleeding out from the edges. Determined to keep the House of Shadows from returning to power and to defeat the magicians who want nothing more than to have it back, Sydney turns to extremes in a desperate attempt to regain her sacrificed magic. She is forced to decide what she will give up and what she will lose and whether what must be destroyed is not only the House of Shadows, but the Unseen World, itself. Return to Kat Howard's Alex Award-winning world begun in *An Unkindness of Magicians* (TP, \$26.99), a secret society of power-hungry magicians in New York City. World Fantasy Award finalist Kat Howard has written a sequel that asks how you have a happily ever in a world that doesn't want it, where the cost of that happiness may be too much to bear.

Fantasy HC \$45.00

The Water Outlaws Huang, S L

In the jianghu, you break the law to make it your own. Lin Chong is an expert arms instructor, training the Emperor's soldiers in sword and truncheon, battle axe and spear, lance and crossbow. Unlike bolder friends who flirt with challenging the unequal hierarchies and values of Imperial society, she believes in keeping her head down and doing her job. Until a powerful man, with a vendetta, rips that carefully-built life away. Disgraced, tattooed as a criminal, and on the run from an Imperial Marshall who will stop at nothing to see her dead, Lin Chong is recruited by the Bandits of Liangshan. Mountain outlaws on the margins of society, the Liangshan Bandits proclaim a belief in justice – for women, for the downtrodden, for progressive thinkers a corrupt Empire would imprison or destroy. They're also murderers, thieves, smugglers, and cutthroats. Apart, they love like demons and fight like tigers. Together, they could bring down an empire. 'This *wuxia* eat-the-rich tale is a knockout.' – *Publishers Weekly*, starred review.

Fantasy HC \$64.95

The Mystery at Dunvegan Castle

Edinburgh Nights 03

Huchu, T L

Ropa Moyo is no stranger to magic or mysteries. But she's still stuck in an irksomely unpaid internship. So, she's thrilled to attend a magical convention at Dunvegan Castle, on the Isle of Skye, where she'll rub elbows with eminent magicians. For Ropa, it's the perfect opportunity to finally prove her worth. Then a librarian is murdered and a precious scroll stolen. Suddenly, every magician is a suspect, and Ropa and her allies investigate. Trapped in a castle, with suspicions mounting, Ropa must contend with corruption, skulduggery, and power plays. Time to ask for a raise? The spellbinding Edinburgh Nights series begins with *The Library of the Dead* (PBK, \$19.99).

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

Into the Broken Lands Huff, Tanya

Shattered by mage wars, the Broken Lands will test the bonds of family and friendship, strength and sanity. To save their people, the Heirs of Marsan have no choice but to enter, trusting their lives and the lives of everyone they Protect to someone who shouldn't exist, who can't be controlled, and who will challenge everything they believe about themselves. Now in paperback, *Into the Broken Lands* is an evocative fantasy adventure through a singular landscape, taking a new perspective on the consequences of magic through a character-driven narrative.

Fantasy TP \$43.95

The Crossing Ikenberry, Kevin

Behind enemy lines and displaced in time!

Before the Battle of Trenton, George Washington reputedly threw a coin across the river. What if that coin was a bicentennial quarter? When a squad of ROTC cadets training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in November 2008 find themselves transported to December 1776, in the days before the Battle of Trenton – they find a Continental Army in disarray and General George Washington contemplating the potential of a bleak future. To make matters worse, they've lost a modern M-16 rifle to a roving Hessian patrol. Understanding the ramifications of such a discovery, the cadets have no choice but to report to General Washington. Without ammunition or their own meagre supplies, can Cadet Sergeant Jameel Mason and his friends steel Washington's courage and set the infancy of the United States of America back on track?

Military sf PBK \$26.95

Grave Suspicions

Lavington Windsor mysteries 03

James, Alice

She's back. She's hungover. She's got no idea. Estate agent by day, necromancer by night, reluctant amateur sleuth when bullied into it... Toni Windsor is already juggling life and now she has to find out who clubbed a Cornish cheese millionaire to death while he was alone in a locked room. And her diary was already full. She's trying to keep the peace between vampire courts; a fistful of demonic contracts have just landed on her lap; and – no surprise – her love life still isn't looking great, even though she's finally dating someone who isn't dead. Can't a girl catch a break? Agatha Raisin meets Sookie Stackhouse, with demons, vampires, and bad boyfriends.

Paranormal mystery TP \$37.95

A Portrait in Shadow Jarvis, Nicole

Enter a sumptuous world of art and magic in 17th-century Florence as Artemisia Gentileschi is determined to make her mark as a painter, and exact her revenge. 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. Perfect for fans of Alix E Harrow and Susanna Clarke.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

And Break the Pretty Kings Jeong, Lena

A crown princess. A monster, the gods fear. A destiny, no one can outrun. Mirae was meant to save her queendom, but the ceremony before her coronation ends in terror and death; unlocking a strange new power within her and foretelling the return of a monster even the gods fear. Amid the chaos, Mirae's beloved older brother is taken – threatening the peninsula's already tenuous truce. Desperate to save her brother and defeat this ancient enemy before the queendom is beset by war, Mirae sets out on a journey with an unlikely group of companions while her unpredictable magic gives her terrifying visions of a future she must stop at any cost. Inspired by Korean history and myths, this rich and evocative high-stakes fantasy is perfect for fans of *Gallant* (TP, \$32.99) and *Six Crimson Cranes* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Lord of a Shattered Land

Chronicles of Hanuvar 01

Jones, Howard Andrew

The Dervan Empire has at last triumphed over Volanus, putting the great city to the torch, its treasures looted, temples defiled, and fields sown with salt. What little remains of Volanus is scattered across the empire, its wealth plundered, and its survivors sold into slavery. It is an absolute victory for the Dervans – in every way but one. Hanuvar, last and greatest general of Volanus, still lives. He now travels the length of the Dervan Empire that conquered his homeland, driven by a singular purpose – to find what remains of his people who were carried into slavery across the empire, and free them from subjugation by any means necessary. Against the might of a vast empire, he had only an aging sword arm, a lifetime of hard-won wisdom, and the greatest military mind in the world, set upon a single goal. No matter what the empire musters against him, no matter what man or monster stands in his way, from the empire's festering capital to its furthest outposts, Hanuvar would find his people, every last one of them. And he would set them free. The first in a series.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

Project Chrysalis

A Book of the Transfigured World

Joyce, Willard

A generation after a global plague depletes humanity and divides the world, Jenn and

Mykol are brought together by a mysterious project, and uncover a secret that changes everything they think they know. On Jenn's side of the city's impenetrable walls: power, military discipline, and unimaginable technology. On Mykol's: darkened streets, deteriorating infrastructure, and a tedious job prying haunted memories from the electronic devices of those long departed. When the orphan Jenn risks everything to learn about her hidden past and her father's possible connection to the world's collapse, she and Mykol discover a secret that binds them together while glimpsing the strange reality behind the all-powerful Thomas Gibson and his Provisional Authority. Their next desperate step is attempting to save humanity from what it has wrought. A thrilling and terrifying portrait of how human technology might create a post-human world, and a meditation on what place love and memories would have within it.

Post-apocalypse TP \$29.99

All the Seas of the World Kay, Guy Gavriel

On a dark night along a lonely stretch of coast, a small ship, the *Silver Wake*, sends two people ashore to a stony strand. Their purpose is assassination. They have been hired to do this by two of the most dangerous men alive. The consequences will affect so many lives both great and small, and possibly alter the balance of power in the world. One of those arriving on that night strand is a woman abducted by corsairs from her home as a child, escaping that fate, that destiny, years after, now trying to chart her own course – and bent upon revenge. Another figure, on the boat, bringing it to meet the secretive landing party at the city where they are going, is a merchant who still remembers being exiled as a child with his family from their home, for their faith. Returning triumphantly to the brilliantly-evoked near-Renaissance world of his most recent novels, international bestseller Guy Gavriel Kay deploys his signature 'quarter turn to the fantastic' to offer readers a wide-ranging, vividly-memorable set of characters in a story of vengeance, power, and love, built around profoundly contemporary themes of exile, loss, and memory. Now in paperback.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Outsider

The Life and Work of Lafcadio Hearn

Kemme, Steve

Born in Greece and abandoned as a child, Lafcadio Hearn lived the life of an exile. He travelled the world and became a famous writer but always felt like an outsider – in Dublin, London, Cincinnati, New Orleans, and French-speaking Martinique. To him, none of these places felt like home. Hearn's life in America was punctuated by a string of successes and failures. In Cincinnati, he became the city's best-known crime reporter, but was fired after marrying a black woman. Devastated, he moved to New Orleans, where he championed French Creole and Caribbean culture in pieces for *Harper's* and *Scribners* – and created a new image for the city as a place of voodoo and debauchery (the image which many Americans still hold today as a result). Hearn arrived in Japan at a time of historic change. Sent there as a

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correspondent for *Harper's*, his commission was soon terminated over a dispute about pay. Alone and jobless, he settled in the remote town of Matsu, firmly believing that Japan would provide him with an endless supply of rich writing material – perhaps, enough to last a lifetime. And he was right! Over the next dozen years, Hearn published 15 books which were lauded by the likes of Mark Twain, William Butler Yeats, Albert Einstein, and Charlie Chaplin. Hearn's books on Japan made him famous as the leading writer on Japan and Japanese culture – a position he still occupies today. This book recounts the many colourful episodes in Hearn's life including: his troubled childhood in Greece and Ireland, and emigration to America with no job or money; his career as a popular newspaper writer and essayist in Cincinnati and New Orleans where he found great success but was never fully accepted; his journey to Japan where he became a Buddhist, married the daughter of a Samurai and took the Japanese name Yakumo Koizumi; and Hearn's worldwide fame as a writer, especially for his essays and books on ghosts, demons, monsters and the supernatural world of Japanese folklore. Author Steve Kemme is president of the Lafcadio Hearn Society/USA and a leading expert on Hearn's life and writings. This book includes a foreword by Bon Koizumi, Hearn's great-grandson and director of the Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Museum in Matsue, Japan, along with 30 family images which portray the pivotal people and places in Hearn's amazing life.

Biography HC \$39.99

The Salt Grows Heavy

novella
Khaw, Cassandra
You may think you know how the fairy tale goes: a mermaid comes to shore and weds the prince. But what the fables forget is that mermaids have teeth. And, now, her daughters have devoured the kingdom and burned it to ashes. On the run, the mermaid is joined by a mysterious plague doctor with a darkness of their own. Deep in the eerie, snow-custed forest, the pair stumble upon a village of ageless children who thirst for blood, and the three 'saints' who control them. The mermaid and her doctor must embrace the cruellest parts of their true nature, if they hope to survive.

A 112pp novella.
Horror PBK \$24.99

Thornhedge Kingfisher, T

There's a princess trapped in a tower. This isn't her story. Meet Toadling. On the day of her birth, she was stolen from her family by the fairies, but she grew up safe and loved in the warm waters of faerieland. Once an adult, though, the fae ask a favour of Toadling: return to the human world and offer a blessing of protection to a newborn child. Simple, right? But nothing with fairies is ever simple. Centuries later, a knight approaches a towering wall of brambles, where the thorns are as thick as your arm and as sharp as swords. He's heard there's a curse here that needs breaking, but it's a curse Toadling will do anything to uphold... 'The way *Thornhedge* turns all the fairy tales inside out is a sharp-edged delight.' – *Katherine Addison*, author of *The Goblin Emperor*.

Fantasy HC \$43.95

Ravensong

Green Creek 02
Klune, T J
Gordo Livingstone never forgot the lessons carved into his skin. Hardened by the betrayal of a pack who left him behind, he sought solace in the garage in his tiny mountain town, vowing never again to involve himself in the affairs of wolves. It should have been enough. And it was, until the wolves came back, and with them, Mark Bennett. In the end, they faced the beast together as a pack... and won. Now, a year later, Gordo has found himself once again the witch of the Bennett pack. Green Creek has settled after the death of Richard Collins, and Gordo constantly struggles to ignore Mark and the song that howls between them. But time is running out. Something is coming. And, this time, it's crawling from within. Some bonds, no matter how strong, were made to be broken. The second book in the Green Creek series, following *Wolfsong* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

No Coincidence

Cyberpunk 2077 01
Kosik, Rafal
In this novel based in the world of 2020's bestselling game *Cyberpunk 2077*, a group of seemingly ordinary people are torn from their everyday lives and unwillingly thrust into a criminal conspiracy reaching the highest levels of power. Finding themselves in desperate straits, they must ask themselves where the human ends and the digital begins – and whether we should draw a line between them at all. In sparkling Night City, a ragtag group of strangers have just pulled off a heist, robbing a convoy transporting a mysterious container belonging to Militech. The only thing the group has in common is that they were blackmailed into participating in the heist – and they have no idea just how far their mysterious employer's reach goes, or the purpose of the artefact they stole. This newly-formed gang – composed of a veteran turned renegade, a sleeper agent for Militech, a computer nerd, a therapist, a ripperdoc, and a techie – must learn how to overcome their differences and work together, lest their secrets be unveiled, before they can pull off the next heist.

Cyberpunk TP \$32.99

Gryphon in Light

Kelvren's Saga 01
Lackey, Mercedes & Dixon, Larry
On the border between Valdemar and the deadly Pelagirs Forest, the gryphon hero Kelvren returns from a near-fatal self sacrifice that won him the approval of Valdemar's ground troops, but caused a diplomatic crisis. Frustrated by his lack of a hero's welcome, Kelvren is talked into helping with an expedition by his old friend, Firesong. Firesong struggles with his own age and mortality, and he intends to solve a vast mystery at the centre of legendary Lake Evendim as his crowning achievement. Just getting the multicultural fleet underway is a challenge, but what awaits them is a situation none of them could expect. The first in a new, Valdemar-set series.

Valdemar HC \$57.95

The Sun and the Void

Lacruz, Gabriela Romero
Reina is desperate. Stuck living on the edges of society, her only salvation lies in an invitation from a grandmother she's never known. But the journey is dangerous, and prayer can't always avert disaster. Attacked by creatures that stalk the region, Reina is on the verge of death until her grandmother, a dark sorceress, intervenes. Now, dependent on the Doña's magic for her life, Reina will do anything to earn – and keep – her favour. Even the bidding of an ancient god who whispers to her at night. Eva Kesare is unwanted. Illegitimate and of mixed heritage, Eva is her family's shame. She tries her best to be perfect and to hide her oddities. But Eva is hiding a secret: magic calls to her. Eva knows she should fight the temptation. Magic is the sign of the dark god, and using it is punishable by death. Yet, it's hard to deny power when it has always been denied to you. Eva is walking a dangerous path, one that gets stranger every day. And, in the end, she'll become something she never imagined. In a lush world inspired by the history and folklore of South America, a sweeping epic fantasy of colonialism, ancient magic, and two young women's quest for belonging unfolds.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Time's Mouth

Lepucki, Edan
Ursa possesses a very special gift. She can travel through memory, and revisit her past. After she flees her hometown for the counterculture glory of 1950s' California, the intoxicating potential of her unique ability eventually draws a group of women into her orbit and into a ramshackle Victorian mansion in the woods outside Santa Cruz. Yet, Ursa's powers come with a cost. Soon, this cultish community of sisterhood takes an ominous turn, prompting her son, Ray, and his pregnant lover, Cherry, to flee their home for Los Angeles and reinvent themselves far from Ursa's insidious influence. But escaping their past won't be so easy. A series of mysterious events forces Cherry to abandon their baby – leaving Ray to raise Opal alone. Now, a teenager and still heartbroken over the abandonment of the mother she never knew, Opal must journey into her own past to reveal the generations of secrets that gave rise to the shimmering source of her family's painful legacy. From the forests of Santa Cruz, to the 1980s' glam of Melrose Avenue to a solitary mansion among the oil derricks off La Cienega Boulevard, and brimming with the double-edged capacity of memory to both heal and harm, this is a poignant and evocative excavation of the bonds that bind families together.

Time travel thriller HC \$62.95

Prophet

Macdonald, Helen & Blache, Sin
Your happiest memory is their deadliest weapon. This is Prophet. It knows when you were happiest. It gives life to your fondest memories and uses them to destroy you. But who has created it? And what do they want? An all-American diner appears overnight, in a remote British field. It's brightly lit, warm, and inviting but it

has no power, no water, no connection to the real world. It's like a memory made flesh – a nostalgic flight of fancy. More and more objects materialise: toys, fairground rides, pets, and other treasured mementos of the past. And the deaths quickly follow. Something is bringing these memories to life, then stifling innocent people with their own joy. This is a weapon like no other. But nobody knows who created it, or why. Sunil Rao seems a surprising choice of investigator. Chaotic and unpredictable, the former agent is the antithesis of his partner, Colonel Adam Rubenstein: the model of a military man. But Sunil has the unique ability to distinguish truth from lies: in objects, words and people, in the past and in real time. And Adam is the only one who truly knows him, after a troubled past together. Now, as they battle this strange new reality, they are drawn closer than ever to defend what they both hold most dear. For Prophet can weaponise the past. But only love will protect the future. 'Present-day science fiction that feels like the best sort of spy novel' – *Neil Gaiman*.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

We Dream of Gods

Reborn Empire 04
Madson, Devin
There are no gods. Only men. Betrayed by her closest allies, Empress Miko Ts'ai is thrust from ruler to pawn. But she won't suffer the whims of men. A string of dangerous gambles could win Miko her empire for good, but to take back the throne, she must become everything her ancestors failed to be. Rah e'Torin leads a herd again. Now, he seeks to honour a promise he made, a lifetime ago – to safely bring his Swords home. Yet, Rah's loyalty to the past may be his ultimate undoing. Cassandra Marius is lost. Ensnared by memories that aren't her own, Cass must decide who she really is, but the answer lies beyond one final confrontation with Leo Villius. And trapped in the heart of the Chiltaen army, Dishiva e'Jaroven is handed unexpected power. The dream of a new homeland is within her grasp – if she risks everything and trusts her former enemies. The fate of the world will be decided in the searing conclusion of this bold and bloody epic fantasy series. The first in the series is *We Ride the Storm* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Be the Serpent

October Daye 16
McGuire, Seanan
October Daye is finally something she never expected to be: *married*. All the trials and turmoils and terrors of a hero's life have done very little to prepare her for the expectation that she will actually share her life with someone else, the good parts and the bad ones alike, not just allow them to dabble around the edges in the things she wants to share. But with an official break from hero duties from the Queen in the Mists, and her family wholly on board with this new version of 'normal', she's doing her best to adjust. It isn't always easy, but she's a hero, right? She's done harder. Until an old friend and ally turns out to have been an enemy in disguise for this entire time, and October's brief respite turns into a battle for her life,

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her community, and everything she has ever believed to be true. The debts of the Broken Ride are coming due, and – whether she incurred them, or not – she’s going to be the one who has to pay.

Urban fantasy PBK \$26.95

The Cleaving **McKenna, Juliet E**

The legendary epics of King Arthur and Camelot don’t tell the whole story. Chroniclers say Arthur’s mother Ygraine married the man that killed her husband. They say that Arthur’s half-sister Morgana turned to dark magic to defy him and Merlin. They say that the enchantress Nimue challenged Merlin and used her magic to outwit him. And that Arthur’s marriage to Guinevere ended in adultery, rebellion and bloodshed. So, why did these women chose such dangerous paths? As warfare and rivalries constantly challenge the king, Arthur and Merlin believe these women are destined to serve Camelot by doing as they are told. But men forget that women talk. Ygraine, Nimue, Morgana, and Guinevere become friends and allies, while the decisions that shape their lives are taken out of their hands. This is their untold story. Now, these women have a voice. A fresh, feminist retelling of the Arthurian legends – following the tangled stories of four women: Nimue, Ygraine, Morgana, and Guinevere, as they fight to control their own destinies amid the wars and rivalries that will determine the destiny of Britain.

Arthurian fantasy TP \$32.99

Eventide, Water City

Water City trilogy 02

McKinney, Chris

Year 2150: Eight years after the murder of Akira Kimura, Water City’s renowned scientist and anointed ‘God’, the nameless antihero who tracked down Akira’s killer is no longer a detective, but a stay-at-home dad. While his wife climbs the corporate ladder of the city’s police department, he raises their now nine-year-old daughter and occasionally takes the odd job as a bounty hunter. His domestic bliss is threatened when Ascalon’s Scar – the mark left by Akira’s destruction of Sessho-seki, the asteroid that nearly wiped out life on Earth – vanishes from the sky and a familiar face thought dead returns from the ocean depths to exact revenge on humanity. On a journey to the moon and back, Water City’s antihero will risk everything, including his family, to save the last of the human race – even if it means unravelling the dark conspiracy at the heart of their world. The sequel to *Midnight, Water City* (TP, \$29.99) follows a detective from the depths of earth’s oceans to the moon as he unravels a cosmic conspiracy that threatens to destroy the remnants of human life.

SF mystery HC \$59.99

Mirror Girls

McWilliams, Kelly

Magnolia Heathwood, heiress to a decrepit cotton plantation in Jim Crow’s Georgia, was raised to be the perfect southern belle. All her life she’s prepared to carry on the family dynasty, but according to her cruel grandmother, she always falls short. When Magnolia finally learns the truth –

that she is not white, in this segregated land, but mixed race – her reflection vanishes from every mirror: a sign of a terrible curse. And life in Eureka, Georgia is getting stranger every day: The most popular girl in town launches an initiative to segregate the dead in the local cemetery, and white-passing Magnolia doesn’t know how much longer she can bear to live a lie. Meanwhile, Charlie Yates, an aspiring Civil Rights organiser from Harlem, is speeding toward Eureka beside her dying grandmother. Nana’s last wish is to be buried in the land they fled, 17 years ago, after the brutal murder of Charlie’s parents, who were killed for loving across the colour line. On a segregated train car, brave Charlie has never felt so powerless. Nana’s told her plenty of stories about the cursed town they’re headed for – but she’s never told her that she left a twin sister, Magnolia, behind. The sisters reunite as teenagers in the deeply haunted town of Eureka, where ghosts linger centuries after their time, and dangers lurk behind every mirror. They couldn’t be more different, but they will need each other: to put the hauntings of the past to rest, to break the mirrors’ deadly curse – and to discover the meaning of sisterhood in a racially-divided land.

YA gothic horror PBK \$19.99

The Hummingbird Effect **Mildenhall, Kate**

An epic, kaleidoscopic story of four women connected across time and place by an invisible thread and their determination to shape their own stories. One of the lucky few with a job during the Depression, Peggy’s just starting out in life. She’s a bagging girl at the Angliss meatworks, a place buzzing with life as well as death, where the gun slaughterman Jack has caught her eye – and she, his. How is her life connected to Hilda’s, almost a 100 years later, locked inside during a plague; or La’s, further on again, a singer working shifts in a warehouse as her eggs are frozen and her voice is used by AI bots? Let alone Maz, far removed in time, diving for remnants of a past that must be destroyed? Is it by the river that runs through their stories, eternal yet constantly changing – or by the mysterious Hummingbird Project, and the great question of whether the march of progress can ever be reversed? Propulsive, tender and engrossing, this genre-bending novel is a feast for the heart as well as the mind and senses.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Fairy Bargains **of Prospect Hill** **Miller, Rowenna**

There is no magic on Prospect Hill – or anywhere else, for that matter. But just on the other side of the veil is the world of the Fae. Generations ago, the first farmers on Prospect Hill learned to bargain small trades to make their lives a little easier – a bit of glass to find something lost, a cup of milk for better layers in the chicken coop. Much of that old wisdom was lost as the riverboats gave way to the rail lines and the farmers took work at mills and factories. Alaine Fairborn’s family, however, was always superstitious, and she still hums the rhymes to find a lost shoe and to ensure dry weather on her sister’s wedding day. When Delphine confides her

new husband is not the man she thought he was, Alaine will stop at nothing to help her sister escape him. Small bargains buy them time, but a major one is needed. Yet, the price for true freedom may be more than they’re willing to pay. ‘A warm-hearted yet fierce fairy tale.’ – *H G Parry*.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

Contrarian

Grand Illusion 03

Modesitt, L E

Protests against unemployment and poor harvests have become armed riots as the people sink deeper into poverty. They look to a government struggling to emerge from corruption and conspiracy. Recently elected to the Council of Sixty-Six, Steffan Dekkard is the first Councillor who is an Isolate, a man invulnerable to the emotional manipulations and emotional surveillance of empaths – but not the recent bombing of the Council Office Building by insurrectionists. His patron, the Premier of the Council, has been assassinated, leaving Dekkard with little first-hand political experience and few political allies. Not only must Dekkard handle political infighting, and continued assassination attempts, but it appears that someone high up in the government and corporations has supplied arms and explosives to insurrectionists. Insurrectionists who have succeeded in taking over a naval cruiser that no one can seem to find. The Grand Illusion begins with *Isolate* (PBK, \$28.95).

Gaslamp fantasy HC \$64.95

A Harvest of Ash and Blood **Molles, D J**

What is the price of magic? Not the magic of tricks and illusions, but the kind that heats cities, powers armies, and transforms continents. Magic that forges empires. The Brannic Empire owes its existence to this magic, and for those in power, no price is too great. Even when that price is their own children. For it is the ashes of those with magical abilities that the Church of Alchemy harvests to fuel this machine of empire. So, the furnaces burn, and the empire grows. And they call it progress. Trying to escape a lifetime of regrets – and outrun his own demons – veteran soldier Lochled Thatcher embarks on the Fourth Crusade to Leftland, a country rich in magic. Desperate to save her brothers, Rony joins Lochled’s squad only to discover that war is very different from all the songs and fancy speeches. As politics and power clash, Kayna, a Seeker, and Ord, a priest of the Church of Alchemy, find their foundations of loyalty and faith shaken and crumbling. In this theatre of chaos, magic, and treachery, soldier and priest alike will find their humanity in as much danger as their lives. Will they lose themselves to cruelty and deception? Or can one good action reverse the course of generations of evil?

Military fantasy TP \$42.95

Razzmatazz

Sammy & the Cheese 02

Moore, Christopher

San Francisco, 1947. Bartender Sammy ‘Two Toes’ Tiffin and the rest of the Cookie’s Coffee Irregulars are on the hustle: they’re trying to open a driving school; shanghai an abusive Swedish stevedore; get Mable, the local madam, and her girls to a Christmas

party at the State Hospital without alerting the overzealous head of the SFPD vice squad; all while Sammy’s girlfriend, Stilton (*aka the Cheese*), and her ‘Wendy the Welder’ gal pals are using their wartime shipbuilding skills on a secret project that might be attracting the attention of some government Men in Black. And, oh, yeah... someone is murdering the city’s drag kings and club owner Jimmy Vasco is sure she’s next on the list and wants Sammy to find the killer. Meanwhile, Eddie ‘Moo Shoes’ Shu has been summoned by his Uncle Ho to help save his opium den from Squid Kid Tang, a vicious gangster who is determined to retrieve a priceless relic: an ancient statue of the powerful Rain Dragon that Ho stole, from one of the fighting tongs, 40 years earlier. And if Eddie blows it, he just might call down the wrath of that powerful magical creature on all of Fog City. A sequel to the wonderful *Noir* (TP, \$29.99).

Urban fantasy noir TP \$34.99

The War Born

Seven Forges 06

Moore, James A

The Overlords have risen! They’ve torn apart the Welsh Steppes and raised mountains, they’re fighting against the gods themselves, attacking the Daxar Taaalar and bringing the wrath of the Children of the Forges. They’ve turned one of the greatest sorcerers in the history of Fellein to their side and divided the council of wizards, forcing Desh Krohan into battle with old allies. The empire is at war. The Sa’ba Taaalar are preparing for battle, and the Overlords have begun their own plans, raising an army of shapechangers called the War-Born to do their bidding. The armies of the Overlords are savage, they hunt, kill, and eat their prey. They are endlessly hungry. The final war is on, one that will change the shape of the Fellein Empire. Even as the gods involve themselves in the final confrontations between the empire and the enemies, old and new.

Military fantasy TP \$43.95

Silver Nitrate

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Montserrat has always been overlooked. She’s a talented sound editor, but she’s left out of the boys’ club running the film industry in ‘90s Mexico City. And she’s all but invisible to her best friend Tristan – a charming if faded soap opera star – even though she’s been in love with him since childhood. Then, Tristan discovers his new neighbour is the cult horror director Abel Urueta, and the legendary auteur claims he has a way to change their lives – even if his tales of a Nazi occultist imbuing magic into highly volatile silver nitrate stock sounds like sheer fantasy. The magic film was never finished, which is why, Urueta swears, his career vanished overnight. He is cursed. Now, the director wants Montserrat and Tristan to help him shoot the missing scene, and lift the curse... but Montserrat soon notices a dark presence following her. As they work together to unravel the mystery of the film and the obscure occultist who once roamed their city, Montserrat and Tristan might just find out that sorcerers and magic are not only the stuff of movies...

Horror TP \$32.99

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For the First Time, Again

Take Them to the Stars 03

Neuvel, Sylvain

When you don't know The Rules, it's hard to stay safe. After a traumatic incident, Aster finds that her blood work comes back with some unusual readings. Unsurprising, as she's the last of an alien race called the Kibsu. But Aster doesn't know this. Immediately, Aster finds herself the focus of a hunt, with her mortal enemies, the Trackers, on one side, and the American government on the other. There seems to be nowhere she can run. But help often comes from the most unexpected quarter... One thing is certain. Whoever finds Aster, first, will hold the fate of the Kibsu – and our world – in their hands. The epic closing chapter in the thought-provoking and breathtaking trilogy; which begins with *A History of What Comes Next* (PBK, \$22.99).

Alternate history TP \$32.99

The Men

Newman, Sandra

In a single moment, in every part of the world, every person with a Y chromosome vanishes: lovers, children, parents – even foetuses from the womb. Jane Pearson wakes on a mountainside the next morning to find her husband and son missing from their tent. Frantic and grieving, she sets out to find the one person she thinks can help – Evangelyne Moreau, the brilliant, charismatic leader of the Commensalist Party of America, whose heart she broke many years before. While Jane searches for those she has lost, a radically different society emerges, one that seems – at first – to be suddenly, blissfully safer than what came before. And then The Men appears online: uncanny video footage that shows the missing being herded through bizarre, otherworldly landscapes. Is it a hoax, or could The Men hold the key to bringing back those who were lost? And, if so, what might be the cost?

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz

Stories of the Witch Knight and the Puppet Sorcerer

Nix, Garth

Sir Hereward: Knight, artilleryman, swordsman. Mercenary for hire. Ill-starred lover. Mister Fitz: Puppet, sorcerer, loremaster. Practitioner of arcane arts now mostly and thankfully forgotten. Former nursemaid to Hereward. Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz: Agents of the Council of the Treaty for the Safety of the World, charged with the location and removal of listed extra-dimensional entities, more commonly known as gods or godlets. Travellers. Adventurers. Godslayers... A delightfully entertaining collection of short stories by master fantasy writer Garth Nix, featuring his swashbuckling god-slaying heroes, Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz – plus, a never-before-published story.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Twice Cursed

anthology

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

Be careful what you wish for. Take a trip to a terrifying carnival and uncover the secrets

within, solve a mysterious puzzle box and await your reward, join a travelling circus and witness the strangest ventriloquist act you've ever seen. In this follow-up to the bestselling *Cursed: An Anthology* (PBK, \$19.99), you'll unearth curses old and new. From a very different take on Snow White, to a new interpretation of The Red Shoes, the best in fantasy spin straw into gold, and invite you into the labyrinth. Just don't forget to leave your trail of breadcrumbs... Featuring stories from: Joanne Harris, Neil Gaiman, Joe Hill, Sarah Pinborough, Angela Slatter, M R Carey, Christina Henry, A C Wise, Laura Purcell, Katherine Arden, Adam L G Nevill, Mark Chadbourn, Helen Grant, Kelley Armstrong, A K Benedict, and L L McKinney.

Fairy tales retold PBK \$22.99

The Other Side of Never

Dark Tales from the World of Peter and Wendy, anthology

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

Come with me where dreams are born and time is never planned. A wide range of stories inspired by J M Barrie's classic tale, the faraway Neverland and its beloved characters – such as Wendy, Captain Hook, the Lost Boys, Tinkerbell and, of course, Peter Pan, himself! Masters of fantasy, science fiction, and horror come together to give their unique takes and twists on the mythos. Featuring stories from: Alison Littlewood, Muriel Gray, Rio Youers, Cavan Scott, Guy Adams, Edward Cox, Anna Smith Spark, Paul Finch, Robert Shearman, A K Benedict, Premee Mohamed, Lavie Tidhar, Laura Mauro, Kirsty Logan, Claire North, A C Wise, and Gama Ray Martinez.

Peter Pan PBK \$22.99

Emergent Properties

Ogden, Aimee

A state-of-the-art AI with a talent for asking questions and finding answers, Scorn is nevertheless a parental disappointment. Defying the expectations of zir human mothers, CEOs of the world's most powerful corporations, Scorn has made a life of zir own as an investigative reporter, crisscrossing the globe in pursuit of the truth, no matter the danger. In the middle of investigating a story on the moon, Scorn comes back online to discover ze has no memory of the past 10 days – and no idea what story ze was even chasing. Letting it go is not an option – not if ze wants to prove zirself. Scorn must retrace zir steps in a harrowing journey to uncover an even more explosive truth than ze could have ever imagined. The touching adventure of an intrepid AI reporter hot on the heels of brewing corporate warfare, from Nebula Award-nominated author Aimee Ogden. 'If you're missing your Murderbot fix, *Emergent Properties* is a worthy successor.' – Sarah Pinsker.

Science fiction TP \$37.95

More Perfect

Oh, Temi

'What does it feel like to wake up in the Panopticon? It's like waking up for the first time ever. It's like waking up with a third eye.' When Moremi connects her brain to the Panopticon, a network which allows you to see inside the minds and dreams of

others, she believes that it will save her from depression, loneliness and, eventually, death. That is, until she meets Orpheus. Orpheus was brought up in isolation by a Neo-luddite father. He was raised to question everything, including the government who plan to make the connection procedure compulsory. They promise that connecting everyone to the Panopticon will end human suffering and usher in a more perfect world. But when Orpheus and Moremi uncover the dark side of the technology, they find themselves on opposite sides of a radical divide, between those who believe that the Panopticon will save humanity, and those who will stop at nothing to destroy it. *More Perfect* is *The Circle* meets *Inception* in an immersive and futuristic story that explores love, loneliness, and the limits of technology's ability to save a humanity who might not want to be saved.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Braking Day

Oyebanji, Adam

Interstellar Vehicle *Archimedes* has been hurtling through space for more than five generations, an oasis of heat and light in the middle of absolutely nowhere. But now the ageing starship is preparing to brake, for it is arriving at Destination Star: Tau Ceti, the new home for the space-born descendants of the First Crew. For trainee engineer Ravinder MacLeod, the world he knows is coming to an end. Once *Archimedes* succumbs to the gravitational pull of the Destination Star and its (hopefully) habitable planet, there will be no going back – or anywhere else. As Braking Day approaches, Ravi finds himself caught between the rigid requirements of the officer class to which he aspires and his blue-collar, ne'er-do-well family. Unfortunately, for Ravi, Boz – his brilliant, ex-con cousin – seems determined to make his life difficult; not least, by her experiments with forbidden technology. Then Ravi is assigned to routine maintenance deep in the massive engines of the *Archimedes*, where, alone and out of contact, he comes face to face with something impossible – *mind-breakingly* impossible. Plagued by nightmares and visions and worried that his grip on reality is slipping, Ravi turns to Boz for help. Their search for answers takes them to the jagged place where the ship's future intersects with its long past. For not everyone is excited to be reaching journey's end, and the ghosts of the First Crew may not have been fully laid to rest. For anyone who has ever looked up at the stars and dreamed of humanity's journey to them, and wondered what it might look when we get there.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

Nation

collector's edition

Pratchett, Terry

Widely thought of as the best book Terry Pratchett ever wrote, this is a story of a Nation, a story of a friendship, a story of growing up and the truths we must learn. It is epic, in every sense... *Prepare for the world to be turned upside down...* For Mau, halfway between boy and man, it happens when a great wave destroys his entire village. For Daphne, it's when the same wave crashes her ship into the island that was once Mau's

home. Everything they once had is now so far away, lost to distance and time. But when Daphne stops trying to shoot Mau (she did apologise for it), and instead uses a salvaged invitation card to invite him to tea, they discover a new home can be theirs. And then people start arriving on the island – some very good, some very bad. And it's soon clear that Daphne and Mau must fight for their Nation. Then, a discovery is made that will change the entire world forever... Terry Pratchett's masterpiece – a desert island story of epic and hilarious proportions. Now available in this brand-new, stunning edition – which will match your Discworld Collector's editions.

YA fantasy (reissue) HC \$29.99

Bonesmith

Preto, Nicki Pa

A disgraced ghost-fighting warrior must journey into a haunted wasteland to rescue a kidnapped prince. *Ready your blade. Defeat the undead.* In the Dominions, the dead linger, violent and unpredictable, unless a bonesmith severs the ghost from its earthly remains. For bonesmith Wren, becoming a valkyr – a ghost-fighting warrior – is a chance to solidify her place in the noble House of Bone and impress her frequently absent father. But when sabotage causes Wren to fail her qualifying trial, she is banished to the Border Wall, the last line of defence against a wasteland called the Breach where the vicious dead roam unchecked. Determined to reclaim her family's respect, Wren gets her chance when a House of Gold prince is kidnapped and taken beyond the Wall. To prove she has what it takes to be a valkyr, Wren vows to cross the Breach and rescue the prince. But to do so, she's forced into an uneasy alliance with one of the kidnappers – a fierce ironsmith called Julian from the exiled House of Iron, the very people who caused the Breach in the first place... and the House of Bone's sworn enemy. As they travel, Wren and Julian spend as much time fighting each other as they do the undead, but when they discover there's more behind the kidnapping than either of them knew, they'll need to work together to combat the real danger: a dark alliance that is brewing between the living and the undead.

YA dark fantasy TP \$24.99

Wildwood Magic

Reece, Willa

Here be witches and wayward girls... In a town nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, Rachel Smith has found a new life tending a lush apple orchard. She's safe within its grove. If her dreams are haunted by memories of her violent husband, that pain is soothed by fresh mountain air and apples that taste as sweet as honey. But Rachel wasn't meant to live in the shadows. The orchard drew her to Morgan's Gap to fulfill a purpose, and a tight-knit community of wisewomen who honour the old mountain traditions are ready to teach her. A world of magic awaits Rachel, one filled with new friendships and new love. Yet, Rachel's past is creeping in. A preacher with a familiar face has stormed into town, and his dangerous sermons may damn Rachel – and the people she's come to love – to the flames.

Fantasy TP \$42.95

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The Unforgiven Dead

Ross, Fulton

Sure as the tide against his Highland shores, the refrain beats into Constable Angus 'Dubh' MacNeil's mind. For years, it has haunted him, accompanied by the faces of those he could not save – the Burned Man, the Strangled Woman, the Drowned Boy. All witnesses to a secret he cannot share and a gift he now refuses to embrace. *You could have saved her.* The refrain drives Angus to the seashore at dawn, where a girl lies on the unblemished sand. She wears a green cloak and cradles a *corps creadha*, a Highland voodoo doll. She has suffered a ritualistic, threefold death – her head bludgeoned, her throat cut, and symbolically drowned. It is Faye Chichester, daughter of an American billionaire whose mission to reintroduce wolves to the Highlands has embroiled the village of Glenruig. But even as media and police swarm the area, that refrain – *you could have saved her* – echoes in all Angus' thoughts. For he carries a burden, a blessing, a curse, a secret – *dà-shealladh*, the second sight of Gaelic lore. Gills MacMurdo, noted folklorist, academic, and Angus' oldest friend, confirms what the *dà-shealladh* is warning. Just as Faye's death was threefold, so must the murder victims fulfil the ancient pattern. More will die, unless Angus does what he must – close his eyes and see.

Supernatural thriller TP \$42.95

The Martyr

Covenant of Steel 02

Ryan, Anthony

Times have changed for Alwyn Scribe. Once an outlaw, he's now a spymaster and sworn protector of Lady Evadine Courlain, whose visions of a demonic apocalypse have earned her the fanatical devotion of the faithful. Yet, Evadine's growing fame has put her at odds with both Crown and Covenant. As trouble brews in the kingdom, both seek to exploit her position for their own ends. Sent to the Duchy of Alundia to put down a rebellion, Alwyn must rely on old instincts to fight for his new cause. Deadly feuds and ancient secrets are laid bare as war erupts, a war that will decide the fate of the Kingdom of Albermaine and, perhaps, prevent the coming of the prophesied Second Scourge. The sequel to *The Pariah* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback. Recommended.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

These Twisted Bonds

These Hollow Vows 02

Ryan, Lexi

After Abriella's sister was sold to the fae, she thought life couldn't get any worse. But when she suddenly finds herself caught in a web of lies of her own making – loving two princes and trusting neither – things are not quite as clear as she once thought. As civil war wages in the Court of Darkness, Brie finds herself unable to choose a side. How can she know where she stands when she doesn't even know herself anymore? In this darkly romantic thrill ride, the more Faerie is torn apart from the inside, the clearer it becomes that prophecies don't lie. Brie has a role to play in the fate of this magical realm – whether she likes it, or not. The spellbinding conclusion to the stunning fantasy romance duology. The first is *These Hollow Vows* (PBK, \$19.99).

Romantasy PBK \$19.99

Spring's Arcana

Dead God's Heart duology 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.

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

The Salt-Black Tree

Dead God's Heart duology 02

Saintcrow, Lilith

What happens when you find a way to save your loved one... but the price might not be worth it...? Nat Drozdova has crossed half the continent, in search of the stolen Dead God's Heart – the only thing powerful enough to trade for her beautiful, voracious, dying mother's life. Yet, now, she knows the secret of her own birth – and that she's been lied to all her young life. The road to the Heart ends at the Salt-Black Tree, but to find it Nat must pay a deadly price. Pursued by mouthless shadows hungry for the blood of new divinity as well as the razor-wielding god of thieves, Nat is on her own. Her journey leads through a wilderness of gods old and new, across a country as restless as its mortal inhabitants, and it's too late to back out now. Blood may not always prevail. Magic might not always work. And the young Drozdova is faced with an impossible choice: Save her mother's very existence... or accept the consequences of her own. The stunning conclusion to Lilith Saintcrow's new duology which begins with *Spring's Arcana* (TP, \$34.99). *We expect to have this edition of The Salt-Black Tree from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Robots Through the Ages

anthology

Silverberg, Robert & Schmidt, Bryan Thomas (editors)

A remarkable collection, including stories from some of the best writers of science fiction, both old and new. This anthology, with an introduction by Robert Silverberg, offers a sweeping survey of robots as depicted throughout literature. Since the *Iliad* – in which we are shown golden statues, built by Hephaestus 'with minds and wisdoms' – humans have been fascinated by the idea of artificial life. From the *Argonautica* to the medieval Jewish legend of the Golem and Ambrose Bierce's tale of a chess-playing robot, the idea of what robots are – and who creates them – can be drastically different. This book collects a broad selection of

short stories from celebrated authors such as Philip K Dick, Seanan McGuire, Roger Zelazny, Connie Willis, and many more. *Robots through the Ages* not only celebrates the history of robots and the genre of science fiction, but the dauntless nature of human ingenuity.

Robots TP \$35.95

Resonance Surge

Psy-Changeling 07

Singh, Nalini

Pavel and Yakov Stepyrev have been a unit since their birth, but now Pavel's life is veering in a new direction, his heart held in the hands of Arwen Mercant, a Psy empath – and the only man who has ever brought Pavel to his knees. This is it. A point of irrevocable change. For Pavel... for Arwen... for Yakov... and for another pair of twins whose bond has a far darker history. A low-gradient Psy, Theodora Marshall is considered worthless by everyone but her violently powerful twin, Pax. She is the sole person he trusts in their venomous family to investigate a hidden and terrible part of their family history – an unregistered rehabilitation centre established by their grandfather. Places of unimaginable pain designed to psychically wipe minds, leaving the victims shells of their former selves, the Centres are an ugly vestige of the Psy race's Silent past. But this Centre was worse. Far, far worse. And, now, Theo must uncover the awful truth – in the company of a scowling bear named Yakov, who isn't about to take a Marshall at face value... especially a Marshall, who has turned his dreams into chilling nightmares. Because Yakov is the great-grandson of a foreseer... and he has seen Theo die in an unstoppable surge of blood. Night after night after night...

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

The Hundred Loves of Juliet Skye, Evelyn

Throughout centuries. Across continents.

They will never stop searching for one another. Epic. Legendary. Irrevocable. Romeo and Juliet as you have never seen them before. *It happens every time she comes back into my life, a memory lingering from the first night we met, centuries ago. She has no idea who she is, of course. That her presence – or absence – in my life has defined my entire existence. I may go by Sebastien, now, but my name was originally Romeo. And hers was Juliet.* It's a frosty fairy tale of an evening, when Helene and Sebastien meet for the first time. Except it isn't the first time. You already know that story, though it didn't happen quite as Shakespeare told it. To Helene, Sebastien is the flesh-and-blood hero of the love stories she's spent her life writing. But Sebastien knows better – Helene is his Juliet, and their story has always been the same. He is doomed to find brief happiness with her over and over, before she dies, and he is left to mourn. Albrecht and Brigitta. Matteo and Amelie. Jack and Rachel. Marius and Cosmina. By any name, no matter where and when in time, the two of them are drawn together, and it always ends in tragedy. This time, Helene is determined that things will be different. But can these star-cross'd lovers forge a new ending to the greatest love story of all time?

Fantasy TP \$32.99

My Name is Iris

Skyhorse, Brando

Iris Prince is starting over. After years of drifting apart, she and her husband are going through a surprisingly drama-free divorce. She's moved to a new house in a new neighbourhood, and has plans for gardening, coffee clubs, and spending more time with her nine-year-old daughter Melanie. It feels like her life is finally exactly what she wants it to be. Then, one beautiful morning, she looks outside her kitchen window – and sees that a wall has appeared in her front yard, overnight. Where did it come from? What does it mean? And why does it seem to keep *growing*? Meanwhile, a Silicon Valley startup has launched a high-tech wrist wearable called 'the Band'. Pitched as a convenient, eco-friendly tool to help track local utilities and replace driver's licenses and IDs, the Band is available only to those who can prove parental citizenship. Suddenly, Iris, a proud second-generation Mexican American, is now of 'unverifiable origin', unable to prove who she is, or where she, and her undocumented loved ones, belong. Amid a climate of fear and hate-fuelled violence, Iris must confront how far she'll go to protect what matters to her most.

Dystopia HC \$62.95

Extinction

Somer, Bradley

In a lonely valley, deep in the mountains, a ranger watches over the last surviving grizzly bear. With the natural world exhausted and in tatters, Ben has dedicated himself to protecting this single fragment of the wild. One night, he hears voices in the valley – poachers, come to hunt his bear. A heart-pounding chase begins, crossing forests and mountainsides, passing centuries of human ruins. Sometimes hunter, sometimes prey – Ben must choose the bear's fate, and his own. Is he willing to lay down his life for a dying breed? Is he willing to kill for it?

Eco thriller PBK \$22.99

Thief Liar Lady

Soria, D L

Happily Ever After is a total scam... but, at least, this time, the princess is the one controlling the grift – until her true love arrives and threatens to ruin the whole scheme. *I'm not who you think I am.* My transformation from a poor, orphaned scullery maid into the enchantingly mysterious lady who snagged the heart of the prince did not happen – as the rumours insist – in a magical metamorphosis of pumpkins and glass slippers. Instead, with the help of a touchingly tragic past and the some highly illegal spells, my sisters and I infiltrated the ball and captured the attention of the prince. I became a princess, secured our fortunes, and ensured we'd all live happily ever after. But, of course, there's always more to the story. Now, my magic is running out, war is looming, and a handsome hostage prince – the *wrong* prince – is distracting me with his magnetic charm and forbidden flirtations. I'm in danger of losing control of the delicate balance I've created... and that could prove fatal. *There's so much more riding on this than a crown.*

Fairy tales retold TP \$32.99

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Shigidi and the Brass Head of Obalufon

Talabi, Wole

Shigidi is a disgruntled nightmare god in the Orisha spirit company, reluctantly answering the prayers of his few remaining believers to satisfy the demands of the company board. When he meets Nneoma, a sort-of succubus with a long and secretive past, everything changes. Together, they attempt to break free of their constraints and live on their own terms. But the elder gods have other plans for Shigidi, and the Orisha spirit company is not so easy to leave. The chairman has a final job for Shigidi and Nneoma, one that will take them to the very heart of the British Museum. From the boisterous streets of Lagos to the rooftop bars of Singapore, and the secret spaces of London, Shigidi and Nneoma will encounter strange creatures, rival gods and manipulative magicians as they are drawn into a spectacular heist that spans two realms... and which could turn their own worlds upside down... The debut fantasy novel from the award-winning Nigerian author Wole Talabi is a magical heist novel that will take you deep into the heart of the British Museum; a contemporary fantasy that spans the secret spaces of London to the boisterous streets of Lagos. Perfect for fans of P Djèlí Clark and N K Jemisin.

Urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Scattered All Over the Earth Tawada, Yoko

Welcome to the not-too-distant future. Japan, having vanished into the sea, is now remembered as 'the land of sushi'. Hiruko – a former citizen and a climate refugee, herself – has a job teaching immigrant children in Denmark with her invented language Panska (Pan-Scandinavian): 'homemade language. no country to stay in. three countries I experienced. no time to learn three different languages. might mix up. insufficient space in brain. so made new language. homemade language most Scandinavian people understand'. Hiruko, soon, makes new friends to join her in her travels, searching for anyone who can still speak her mother tongue: Knut, a graduate student in linguistics, who is fascinated by her Panska; Akash, an Indian man who lives as a woman, wearing a red sari; Nanook, an Eskimo from Greenland, first mistaken as another refugee from the land of sushi; and Nora, who works at the Karl Marx House in Trier. All these characters take turns narrating chapters, which feature an umami cooking competition; a dead whale; an ultranationalist named Breivik; Kakuza robots; uranium; and an Andalusian bull fight.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Ballistic Taylor, Travis S

A Russian ICBM site is attacked, just north of the Ukraine border. The nuclear warheads are missing! A Special Operations and Intelligence Community Taskforce is rapidly put together to respond, but where it should deploy is unclear. A fire ravages a cosmonaut training facility in which five spacesuits disappear. And the Taskforce finds a cache of detailed schematics of highly-complex rocketry systems. The Taskforce reaches out to Dr Amy Sue Harrington of the Missiles and Space Intelligence Centre in Huntsville,

Alabama. To Dr Harrington, it all adds up to the unthinkable: someone – someone extremely well funded – is taking aim at the International Space Station. But Colonel Vladimir Lytkov and his team of mercenaries aren't planning to bring the ISS crashing to Earth. They're taking the fight to orbit, boarding the station, and hijacking it. As the ISS traces its path across the heavens, Lytkov rains down destruction from above, effectively holding the entire globe hostage.

Science fiction PBK \$26.95

Where Ivy Dares to Grow Thompson, Marielle

Travelling to be with her fiancé's terminally-ill mother in her last days, Saoirse Read expected her introduction to the family's ancestral home would be bittersweet. But the stark thrust of Langdon Hall against the cliff and the 100 darkened windows in its battered walls are almost as forbidding as the woman who lies wasting inside. Her fiancé's parents make no secret of their distaste for Saoirse, and their feelings have long since spread to their son. Or, perhaps, it is only the shadows of her mind suggesting she's unwelcome, seizing on her fears while her beloved grieves? As Saoirse takes to wandering the estate's winding, dreamlike gardens, overgrown and half-wild with neglect, she slips back through time to 1818. There she meets Theo Page, a man like her fiancé but softer, with all the charms of that gentler age; and who clearly harbors a fervent interest in her. As it becomes clear that Theo is her fiancé's ancestor, and the tenuous peace of Langdon Hall crumbles around her, Saoirse finds she's no longer sure which dreams and doubts belong to the present – and which might not be dreams, at all... A gothic, time-travelling, love story.

Gothic time travel TP \$35.00

The Third Daughter Tooley, Adrienne

For centuries, the country of Velle has waited for their highest deity, the New Maiden, to return. The prophecy tells not when, but how she will appear: as the third daughter of a third daughter. When the fabled child is finally born to Velle's reigning queen, the only citizen who does not rejoice is Elodie: the queen's eldest daughter who has lost her claim to the crown. When her mother unexpectedly passes and her young sister takes the throne, Elodie's future in Velle is threatened by a vindictive chaplain and a church wielding ultimate power. The only way to preserve her mother's legacy is to retake the throne. To do so, she must eliminate the Third Daughter – her own sister. Desperate, Elodie slips away to the Midnight Market to purchase poison from an apothecary. Instead, she finds Sabine. Sabine sells sadness. Just a single tear added to one of her mother's potions enhances the brew tenfold. But Sabine mistakenly sends Elodie away not with the poison she requests, but with a vial of her tears. Sabine's sadness does not kill the young queen. Instead, the maiden slips into a slumber from which she will not wake. As the church hunts down the person responsible for the Third Daughter's condition, Sabine and Elodie must work together to find a way to wake her before Elodie's siblings learn the truth and Sabine loses her magic – and herself –

to the darkness that threatens to consume her. A sweeping YA fantasy about legacy, betrayal, sisterhood, and deadly quests for power, with a stunning, slow-burn sapphic romance.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

Delicate Condition Valentine, Danielle

Anna Alcott is desperate to have a family. But as she tries to balance her increasingly public life as an indie actress with a gruelling IVF regime, she starts to suspect that someone is going to great lengths to make sure that never happens. Crucial medicines are lost. Appointments are moved without her knowledge. She's sure she's being followed. And when she, finally, does get pregnant, someone breaks into her house and steals the ultrasound photograph of her baby. But despite everything she's gone through, not even her husband is willing to believe that someone is playing twisted games with her. Then her doctors tell her she's lost the baby. Despite her grief, Anna ignores the grave-faced men lecturing her – because she can still feel the baby moving, can see the toil it's taking on her weakened body. Isolated in a remote snowbound town, Anna is sure that whoever has been following her is closing in. And as her symptoms become more terrifying, she can't help but wonder what exactly is growing inside her... and why no one will listen, when she says that something is horribly wrong. This spellbindingly dark thriller explores visceral themes of loss, medical misogyny and female power. 'The feminist update to *Rosemary's Baby* we all needed' – *Andrea Bartz*.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

Looking Glass Sound Ward, Catriona

In a cottage overlooking the windswept Maine coast, Wilder Harlow has begun the last book he will ever write. It is the story about the sun-drenched summer days of his youth in Whistler Bay, and the blood-stained path of the killer that stalked his small vacation town. About the terrible secret he and his companions, Nat and Harper, discovered entombed in the caves off the bay. And how the pact they swore that day echoed down the decades, forever shaping their lives. But the more Wilder writes, the less he trusts himself and his memory. He starts to see things that can't be real – notes hidden in the cabin, from an old friend now dead; a woman with dark hair drowning in the icy waters below, calling for help; entire chapters he doesn't recall typing, appearing overnight. Who, or what, is haunting Wilder? No longer able to trust his own eyes, Wilder begins to fear that this will not only be his last book, but the last thing he ever does.

Horror TP \$32.99

At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities Webber, Heather

A mysterious letter. An offer taken. And the chance to move forward. When Ava Harrison receives a letter containing an unusual job listing, one month after the sudden death of her ex-boyfriend, she thinks she's being haunted. The listing – a job as a live-in caretaker for a peculiar old man and his cranky cat in Driftwood, Alabama – is the

perfect chance to start a new life. A normal life. Ava has always been too fearful to even travel, so no one's more surprised than she is when she throws caution to the wind and drives to the distant beachside town. On the surface, Maggie Mae Brightwell is a bundle of energy as she runs Magpie's, Driftwood's coffee and curiosity shop, where there's magic to be found in pairing the old with the new. But lurking under her cheerful exterior is a painful truth – keeping busy is the best way to distract herself from the lingering loss of her mama and her worries about her aging father. No one knows better than she does that you can't pour from an empty cup, but holding on to the past is the only thing keeping the hope alive that her mama will return home one day. Ava and Maggie soon find they're kindred spirits, as they're both haunted – not by spirits, but by regret. Both must learn to let go of the past to move on – because, sometimes, the waves of change bring you to the place where you most belong.

Magical realism HC \$64.95

Dragons of Fate

Dragonlance Destinies 02

Weis, Margaret
& Hickman, Tracy

A clash of powerful magical forces sets off the Graygem of Gargath, sending Destina and her companions deeper into the past, than she intended – to the age of Huma Dragonsbane and the Third Dragon War. Now, after the Device of Time Journeying shatters, they must find another way back to their own era, before the Graygem alters history irrevocably and the Third Dragon War ends in defeat for the forces of good. With the battle raging on, Destina tries desperately to make amends and prevent disaster. Raistlin and Sturm encounter their heroes, Huma and Magius, and must reconcile the myths with the men. Meanwhile, Tasslehoff – shocked that the Knights of Solamnia have never heard of dragonlances – sets out to find the famed weapons. But as the forces of the Dark Queen close in on the High Clerist's Tower, Destina's party must return to their own timeline, together – or not at all. The sequel to the first new Dragonlance novel in over a decade, *Dragons of Deceit* (PBK, \$22.99).

Dragonlance TP \$32.99

Dragons of Deceit

Dragonlance Destinies 01

Weis, Margaret
& Hickman, Tracy

Destina Rosethorn – as her name implies – believes herself to be very much a favoured child of destiny. But when her father dies in the War of the Lance, her carefully-constructed world comes crashing down. Not only does she lose her beloved father, but the legacy he has left her: a wealthy fiancé, and rule over the family lands and castle. With nothing left in the world to support her but wits and determination, she hatches a bold plan: to secure the Device of Time Journeying she read about in one of her father's books and prevent her father's death. The last known holder of the Device was one of the Heroes of the Lance: the free-spirited kender, Tasslehoff Burrfoot. But when Destina arrives in Solace – home not only to Tas, but to fellow heroes Caramon and Tika Majere – she sets into motion a

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chain of events more deadly than she had ever anticipated: one that could change not only her personal history, but the fate of the entire world, allowing a previously-defeated evil to once again gain ascendancy. The first new Dragonlance novel in over a decade, featuring fan-favourite characters from the iconic first two trilogies, Dragonlance Chronicles and Dragonlance Legends – books that brought a generation of readers into the fantasy fold. Now in paperback. The second volume – *Dragons of Fate* (TP, \$32.99) – in the new series will be also available this month.

Dragonlance PBK \$22.99

Paradise-1

Red Space 01

Wellington, David

Paradise-1. Earth's first deep space colony. For thousands of people, it was an opportunity for a new life. Until it went dark. No communication has been received from the colony for months. And it falls to Firewatch inspector Alexandra Petrova and the crew of the Artemis to investigate. What they find is more horrifying than anything they could have imagined. 'A superior space thriller that never flags... Readers will be on the edge of their seats.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). The first in a new series.

Space opera PBK \$24.99

Doomsday Match

Dresden Codex 01

Wheeler, Jeff

A prophecy has waited for five centuries to be fulfilled. That time has come. Sacrifices will be made. Let the games begin. When Jonathon Roth and his family are invited by their neighbours, the Beasleys, to join them at a luxury retreat in Cozumel, who can refuse? It's the perfect winter getaway. Relaxing on the beach, gourmet food, sightseeing, and free accommodations. But, if it sounds too good to be true, it is. Villa Sara de Calakmul, owned by mysterious tycoon Jacob Calakmul, is more isolated compound than private resort. Armed guards patrol the jungle perimeters. Pictures of previous guests – long disappeared – adorn the walls. And there are whispers of something coming called 'the game'. Even in the sweltering heat, the Roths feel a chill – and the fear that they haven't been invited to Villa Sara. They've been lured. But for what purpose? And to what end? From the ruins, a death cult is reborn. A prophecy to bring down Western civilisation is being realised. As a legendary blood sport is engaged, the Roths themselves may need to call upon ancient powers if they're to survive, escape, and save the world from annihilation. The first in a new series.

Apocalyptic fantasy TP \$29.99

Mister Magic White, Kiersten

Thirty years, after a tragic accident shut down production of the classic children's program *Mister Magic*; the five surviving cast members have done their best to move on. But just as generations of cultishly devoted fans still cling to the lessons they learned from the show, the cast, known as the Circle of Friends, have spent their lives searching for the happiness they felt while they were on it. The friendship. The feeling of belonging. And the protection of Mister Magic. But with no surviving video of the show, no evidence of who directed or produced it, and no records of who – or what – the beloved host actually was, memories are all the former circle of friends have. Then a twist of fate brings the cast-mates back together at the remote desert filming compound that feels like it's been waiting for them, all this time. Even though they haven't seen each other for years, they somehow understand one another better than anyone has since. After all, they're the only ones who hold the secret of that circle, the mystery of the magic man in his infinitely black cape, and, maybe, the answers to what really happened on that deadly last day. But as the Circle of Friends reclaim parts of their past, they begin to wonder: Are they here by choice, or have they been lured into a trap? Because magic never forgets the taste of your friendship...

Dark urban fantasy TP \$32.99

Gundog Whitta, Gary

In the near future, Earth has been conquered by a race of brutal alien machines known as the Mek, and an entire generation has grown up under their oppressive rule. When Dakota Bregman, a rebellious young woman imprisoned in a Mek labour camp stumbles across a mysterious map that may hold the secret to humanity's liberation, she escapes and embarks on a dangerous odyssey across an alien-occupied America that leads her to an amazing discovery – a long-lost prototype war machine known as a Gundog. Created by the last defenders of Earth, it has lain dormant for decades, hidden away. Waiting, for someone to wake it up. Now, Dakota must confront a legacy she never knew she had, and embrace the warrior she was meant to be, facing down impossible odds and an overwhelmingly superior enemy, in the hope of sparking a new flame of human resistance...

Military sf HC \$55.00

Inanna

Sumerians 01

Wolston, Emily H

Stories are sly things... they can be hard to catch and kill. Inanna is an impossibility. The first full Anunnaki born on Earth in Ancient Mesopotamia. Crowned the goddess of love by the 12 immortal Anunnaki, who

are worshipped across Sumer, she is destined for greatness. But Inanna is born into a time of war. The Anunnaki have split into warring factions, threatening to tear the world apart. Forced into a marriage to negotiate a peace, she soon realises she has been placed in terrible danger. Gilgamesh, a mortal human son of the Anunnaki, and notorious womaniser, finds himself captured and imprisoned. His captor, King Akka, seeks to distance himself and his people from the gods. Arrogant and selfish, Gilgamesh is given one final chance to prove himself. Ninshubar, a powerful warrior woman, is cast out of her tribe after an act of kindness. Hunted by her own people, she escapes across the country, searching for acceptance and a new place in the world. As their journeys push them closer together, and their fates intertwine, they come to realise that together, they may have the power to change the face of the world forever. The first novel of a trilogy, this is a gorgeous, epic retelling of one of the oldest surviving works of literature. *We expect to have this edition of Inanna from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Myth retold PBK \$39.95

The Sandbox Wilson, Jeffrey & Andrews, Brian

When the CEO of the world's leading artificial intelligence company is found murdered in his home, former Army CID officer Valerie Marks is thrust into her first case as a homicide detective. Valerie has a gift for reading people, a gift that has never failed her before. But that gift is put to the test when her instincts point her to an impossible suspect – an AI, born from a secret venture with the Pentagon known as Project Nomad. To learn the truth, Valerie must team up with two men she doesn't trust – a Green Beret turned government spook from the Pentagon, and the victim's former partner and leading suspect in the case. But nothing can prepare the trio for the dangers that await them and the existential threat to humanity – if the Project Nomad AI has, somehow, escaped its sandbox.

Military sf TP \$39.95

Burn the Negative Winning, Josh

Arriving in LA, to visit the set of a new streaming horror series, journalist Laura Warren witnesses a man jumping from a bridge, landing right behind her car. 'Here we go,' she thinks. 'It's started.' Because the series, she's reporting on, is a remake of a '90s horror flick. *A cursed* '90s horror flick, which she starred in as a child – and has been running from her whole life. In *The Guesthouse*, Laura played the little girl with the terrifying gift to tell people how the Needle Man would kill them. When eight of the cast and crew died in ways that eerily

mirrored the movie's on-screen deaths, the film became a cult classic – and ruined her life. Leaving it behind, Laura changed her name and her accent, dyed her hair, and moved across the Atlantic. But some scripts don't want to stay buried. Now, as the body count rises again, Laura finds herself on the run with her aspiring actress sister and a jaded psychic, hoping to end the curse once and for all – and to stay out of the Needle Man's lethal reach.

Horror HC \$69.99

The Last Dreamwalker Woods, Rita

In the wake of her mother's passing, Layla Hurley unexpectedly reconnects with her mother's sisters, women she hasn't been allowed to speak to, or of, in years. Her aunts reveal to Layla that a Gullah-Geechee island off the shore of South Carolina, now, belongs to her. As Layla digs deeper into her mother's past and the mysterious island's history, she discovers that the terrifying nightmares that have plagued her throughout her life and tainted her relationship with her mother and all of her family, is actually a power passed down through generations of her Gullah ancestors. She is a Dreamwalker, able to inhabit the dreams of others – and to manipulate them. As Layla uncovers increasingly dark secrets about her family's past, she finds herself thrust into the centre of a potentially deadly, decades-old feud fought in the dark corridor of dreams. *The Last Dreamwalker* is a gripping, contemporary read about power and agency; family and legacy; and the ways trauma, secrets, and magic take shape across generations.

Historical fantasy TP \$39.95

The Genesis of Misery

Nullvoid Chronicles 01

Yang, Neon

It's an old, familiar story: a young person hears the voice of an angel saying they have been chosen as a warrior to lead their people to victory in a holy war. But Misery Nomaki (she/they) knows they are a fraud. Raised on a remote moon colony, they don't believe in any kind of god. Their angel is a delusion, brought on by hereditary space exposure. Yet, their survival banks on mastering the holy mech they are supposedly destined for, and convincing the Emperor of the Faithful that they are the real deal. The deeper they get into their charade, however, the more they start to doubt their convictions. What if this, all of it, is real? A reimagining of Joan of Arc's story given a space opera, giant robot twist, the Nullvoid Chronicles is a story about the nature of truth, the power of belief, and the interplay of both in the stories we tell ourselves.

Space opera TP \$42.95