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Ron and Leanne

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

### Amongst Our Weapons

PC Grant 09

#### Aaronovitch, Ben

The London Silver Vaults – for well over a century, the largest collection of silver for sale in the world. It has more locks than the Bank of England and more cameras than a paparazzi convention. Not somewhere you can murder someone and vanish without a trace – only that's what happened. The disappearing act, the reports of a blinding flash of light, and memory loss amongst the witnesses all make this a case for Detective Constable Peter Grant and the Special Assessment Unit. Alongside their boss DCI Thomas Nightingale, the SAU find themselves embroiled in a mystery that encompasses London's tangled history, foreign lands and, most terrifying of all, the North! And Peter must solve this case soon... because, back home, his partner Beverley is expecting twins, any day now. But what he doesn't know is that he's about to encounter something – and somebody – that nobody ever expects...

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Best Served Gold

World of the First Law 01

#### Abercrombie, Joe

War may be hell, but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Grand Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too. Her victories have made her popular – a shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed, thrown down a mountain and left for dead, Monza has only one thing left to live for: Revenge. Her allies include Styria's least reliable drunkard, Styria's most treacherous poisoner, a mass-murderer obsessed with numbers and a barbarian who just wants to do the right thing. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started... Shortlisted for the 2010 David Gemmell Legend Award. Now available in a collectable, hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

### The Heroes

World of the First Law 02

#### Abercrombie, Joe

Three men. One battle. No Heroes. They say Black Dow's killed more men than winter and clawed his way to the throne of the North up a hill of skulls. The King of the Union, ever a jealous neighbour, is not about to stand smiling by while he claws his way any higher. The orders have been given and the armies are toiling through the northern mud. Thousands of men are converging on a forgotten ring of stones, on a worthless hill, in an unimportant valley, and they've brought a lot of sharpened metal with them. Over three bloody days of battle, the fate

of the North will be decided. But with both sides riddled by intrigues, follies, feuds and petty jealousies, it is unlikely to be the noblest hearts, or even the strongest arms that prevail. Now available in a collectable, hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

### Audition

#### Adam, Pip

A spaceship called *Audition* is hurtling through the cosmos. Squashed, immobile, into its largest room are three giants: Alba, Stanley, and Drew. If they talk, the spaceship keeps moving; if they are silent, they resume growing. Talk they must, and as they do, Alba, Stanley, and Drew recover their shared memory of what has been done to their former selves – experiences of imprisonment, violence and misrecognition, of disempowerment and underprivilege. Pip Adam's uncategorisable new novel, part science fiction, part social realism, asks what happens when systems of power decide someone takes up too much room – about how we imagine new forms of justice, and how we transcend the bodies and selves we are given.

Science fiction TP \$29.99

### The Restaurant at the End of the Universe

H2G2 02, illustrated edition

#### Adams, Douglas

#### & Riddell, Chris (illustrator)

If you've done six impossible things, this morning, why not round it off with breakfast at Milliways, the Restaurant at the end of the Universe? Which is exactly what Arthur Dent and the crew of the *Heart of Gold* plan to do. There's just the small matter of escaping the Vogons, avoiding being taken to the most totally evil world in the Galaxy, and teaching a spaceship how to make a proper cup of tea. And did anyone, actually, make a reservation? The second part in Douglas Adams' smash-hit sf comedy and cult-classic series. This stunning gift edition is illustrated by Costa Award-winning Chris Riddell. These new illustrated editions are perfect for introducing the series to new readers.

Hitchhiker's TP \$32.99

### Midnight on the Marne

#### Adlakha, Sarah

France, 1918. Nurse Marcelle Marchand has important secrets to keep. Her role as a spy has made her both feared and revered, but it has also put her in extreme danger from the approaching German army. American soldier George Mountcastle feels an instant connection to the young nurse. But in times of war, love must wait. Soon, George and his best friend Philip are fighting for their lives during the Second Battle of the Marne, where George prevents Philip from a daring act that might have won the battle at the cost of his own life. On the run from

a victorious Germany, George and Marcelle begin a new life with Philip and Marcelle's twin sister, Rosalie, in a brutally-occupied France. Together, this self-made family navigates oppression, near starvation, and unfathomable loss, finding love and joy in unexpected moments. Years pass, and tragedy strikes, sending George on a course that could change the past and rewrite history. Playing with time is a tricky thing. If he chooses to alter history, he will surely change his own future – and, perhaps, not for the better.

Time travel TP \$42.95

### Every Rising Sun

#### Ahmed, Jamila

*For a 1,001 nights Shaherazade told stories. This is hers.* Before she was the legendary Persian queen, who spun a 1,000 tales, Shaherazade was a girl who saw something she shouldn't have. She told the king. She thought she was doing what was right. She couldn't have imagined what was to come. The Seljuk Empire is on fire and the king is on a rampage after learning of his wife's infidelity. Unsated by her execution, he has gone on to wed and behead a new wife night after night. Fear spreads through the city and Shaherazade must do something, anything, to halt the horror she has set in motion. When the king starts searching for his next bride, Shaherazade steps forward. As the sun sets on her wedding night, she begins to weave a tale that will go down in history. If you had to tell one story to save your life, what would it be? A spellbinding reimagining of the Arabian Nights and the fearless woman at the heart of it all: Shaherazade.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

### Promises Stronger Than Darkness

Unstoppable 03

#### Anders, Charlie Jane

They're the galaxy's most wanted – and our only hope. Rachael, Elza, and their friends have found one clue, one shining mysterious chance to stop the end of the world. And that takes them back to the second-to-last place they'd want to be: enlisting the aid of Captain Thaoh Argentinian, the woman who stole Tina's body (and who now seems to be relishing a second chance at teenage chaos and drama, instead of living up to her legacy of an intrepid heroic commander). With only a ragtag band of misfits, crewmates, earthlings, friends, lovers (and one annoying frenemy), the Unstoppable Crew are up against the universe – and they soon find that, in order to survive, they may have to cross a line they vowed never to cross. The final instalment of the international bestselling author Charlie Jane Anders' absolutely heart-stopping YA series, Unstoppable. It begins with *Victories Greater Than Death* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA science fiction PBK \$19.99

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## Science Fiction & Fantasy July 2023 (continued)

### The Whispering Dark

**Andrew, Kelly**

Delaney Meyers-Petrov is tired of being seen as fragile just because she's Deaf. So, when she's accepted into a prestigious program at Godbole University that trains students to slip between parallel worlds, she's excited for the chance to prove herself. But her semester gets off to a rocky start as she faces professors who won't accommodate her disability, and a pretentious upperclassman fascinated by Delaney's unusual talents. Colton Price died when he was nine years old. Quite impossibly, he woke several weeks later, at the feet of a green-eyed little girl. Now, 12 years later, Delaney Meyers-Petrov has stumbled back into his orbit, but Colton's been ordered to keep far away from the new girl... and the voices she hears calling to her from the shadows. Delaney wants to keep her distance from Colton – she seems to be the only person on campus who finds him more arrogant than charming – yet, after a Godbole student turns up dead, she and Colton are forced to form a tenuous alliance, plummeting down a rabbit hole, of deeply-buried university secrets. But Delaney and Colton discover the cost of opening the doors between worlds when they find themselves up against something old and nameless, an enemy they need to destroy before it tears them – and their forbidden partnership – apart.

YA urban fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Our Wives Under the Sea

**Armfield, Julia**

Miri thinks she has got her wife back, when Leah finally returns after a deep-sea mission that ended in catastrophe. It soon becomes clear, though, that Leah may have come back wrong. Whatever happened in that vessel, whatever it was they were supposed to be studying before they were stranded on the ocean floor, Leah has carried part of it with her, onto dry land and into their home. To have the woman she loves back should mean a return to normal life, but Miri can feel Leah slipping from her grasp. Memories of what they had before – the jokes they shared, the films they watched, all the small things that made Leah hers – only remind Miri of what she stands to lose. Living in the same space but suddenly separate, Miri comes to realise that the life that they had might be gone. A story of falling in love, loss, grief, and what life there is in the deep, deep sea.

Horror PBK \$22.99

### The Judas Blossom

Nightingale & the Falcon 01

**Aryan, Stephen**

*1260, Persia:* Due to the efforts of the great Genghis Khan, the Mongol Empire covers a vast portion of the known world. In the shadow of his grandfather, Hulagu Khan, ruler of the Ilkhanate, is determined to create a single empire that covers the entire world. His method? Violence. His youngest son, Temujin Khan, struggles to find his place in his father's bloody rule. After another failure, Temujin is given one last chance to prove himself to Hulagu, who is sure there is a great warrior buried deep inside. But there's something else rippling under the surface... something far more powerful and dangerous

than they could ever imagine... Reduced to the position of one of Hulagu's many wives, the famed Blue Princess Kokochin is the last of her tribe. Alone and forgotten in a foreign land, Kokochin is unwilling to spend her days seeking out trivial pursuits. Seeking purpose, she finds herself wandering down a path that grants her more power than a wife of the Khan may be allowed. Kaivon, the Persian rebel who despises the Mongols for the massacre of his people, thirsts for revenge. However, he knows alone he cannot destroy the empire. When given the opportunity to train under the tutelage of Hulagu, Kaivon must put aside his feelings and risk his life for a chance to destroy the empire that aims to conquer the world. The first in a new series.

Historical fantasy TP \$42.95

### War Bodies

**Asher, Neal**

Long ago, the Cyberat left Earth to co-evolve with machines. Now, led by the powerful dictator Castron, their Old Guard believe that machines should replace the physical body. But these beliefs are upended with the arrival of the human Polity – and their presence ignites rebellion. Piper was raised as a weapon against the Cyberat, implanted with secretive hardware. When his parents are captured by the Old Guard, the Polity offer him unexpected aid. Piper knows the Polity want more from him, but at what cost? The rebellion also attracts the deadly prador, placing an entire world in peril. As war rages across the planet, Piper must battle with the unknown technology implanted in his bones. It may be the Polity's answer to their relentless fight against the prador. It could also be civilisation-ending Jain tech – or something far more extraordinary.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### Verge

**Attia, Nadia**

*A deadly curse, two young strangers thrown together by fate, and a road trip through a disunited Kingdom.* The day Rowena Murray was born, 250 starlings fell like stones from the sky. Ever since, she has been marked by Death. First the visions; then her boyfriend died suddenly; now her father, too. Salvation, Rowena is told, lies to the North: in Culcrith, where her grandmother can save her from the curse. Her mother's farmhand, a young Egyptian man named Halim, is to drive her. The trip isn't easy. Rowena is rebellious, spiky, and sees bad omens everywhere; Halim is reserved, quiet and prefers to play by the rules; the land is mysterious and treacherous, with people who have married old traditions with new prejudices. The pair's battle of wills may yet develop into an alliance, if they can only let their guards down and let the wild in. Exploring belief, loyalty and legacies beyond our control, Nadia Attia's thrilling debut is as magnetic and unpredictable as the curse Rowena is racing to escape.

Fairy tale TP \$32.99

### The Strange

**Ballingrud, Nathan**

*1931, New Galveston, Mars:* Fourteen-year-old Anabelle Crisp sets off through the wastelands of the Strange to find Silas

Mundt's gang who have stolen her mother's voice, destroyed her father, and left her solely with a need for vengeance. Since Anabelle's mother left for Earth to care for her own ailing mother, her days in New Galveston have been spent at school and her nights at her laconic father's diner with Watson, the family Kitchen Engine and dishwasher, as her only companion. When the Silence came, and communication and shipments from Earth to its colonies on Mars stopped, life seemed stuck in foreboding stasis, until the night Silas Mundt and his gang attacked. At once, evoking the dreams of an America, explored in Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*, and the harder realities of frontier life in Charles Portis' *True Grit*, Ballingrud's novel is haunting in its evocation of Anabelle's quest for revenge amidst a spent and angry world accompanied by a domestic Engine, a drunken space pilot, and the toughest woman on Mars.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

### The Other Side of Mrs Wood

**Barker, Lucy**

Mrs Wood is London's most celebrated medium. She's managed to survive decades in the competitive world of contacting the Other Side, has avoided the dreaded slips that revealed others as frauds and is still hosting packed-out séances for Victorian high society. Yet, some of her patrons have recently cancelled their appointments. There are reports of American mediums nearly materialising full spirits and audiences are no longer satisfied with the knocking on tables and candle theatrics of years gone by. And then, at one of Mrs Wood's routine gatherings, she hears something terrifying – faint, but unmistakable: a yawn. Mrs Wood needs to spice up her brand. She decides to take on Emmie, a young protégé, to join her show. But is Emmie Finch the naïve ingenue she seems to be? Or does she pose more of a threat to Mrs Wood's reign and, more horrifyingly, her reputation than Mrs Wood could ever have imagined?

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

### Gods of the Wyrdwood

Forsaken trilogy 01

**Barker, R J**

Ours is a land of many gods, and we are a people with the ability to pick the worst of them. Cahan du Nahare is known as the forester – a humble man who can nonetheless navigate the dangerous Deepforest like no one else. But, once, he was more. Once, he was a warrior. Udiny serves the goddess of the lost, a goddess of the small and helpless. When she ventures into the Deepforest to find a missing child, Cahan will be her guide. But in a land at war, in a forest full of monsters – Cahan will need to choose between his past life and the one he leads now – and his choice will have consequences for his entire world. The first in a new fantasy trilogy set within the bounds of a forest, straight out of darkest folklore – with outlaws fighting an evil empire and warring deities. R J Barker is the British Fantasy Society Award-winning author of *Tide Child* and *Wounded Kingdom* series.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Lila the Werewolf and Other Stories

Essential Peter S Beagle 01, illustrated edition

**Beagle, Peter S**

The essential first volume of bestselling author Peter S Beagle's (*The Last Unicorn*) short stories demonstrates why he is one of America's most influential fantasists. With his celebrated versatility, humour, and grace, Beagle is at home in a dazzling variety of subgenres. Evoking comparison to such iconic authors as Twain, Tolkien, Carroll, L'Engle, and Vonnegut, this career retrospective celebrates Beagle's mastery of the short-story form. An unlikely friendship based on philosophy develops between an aging academic and a mythological beast. A mysterious, beautiful attendee who attends a ball thrown in her honour chooses whether or not to become mortal. A dysfunctional relationship is not improved by the consequences of lycanthropy. One very brave young mouse questions his identity and redefines feline wiles. From heartbreaking to humorous, these carefully curated stories by Peter S Beagle show the depth and power of his incomparable prose and storytelling. Featuring an original introduction from Jane Yolen and gorgeous illustrations from Stephanie Pui-Mun Law, this elegant collection is a must-have for any fan of classic fantasy. 'For over 40 years, Peter S Beagle has been the gold standard of fantasy.' – *Neil Gaiman.*

Fantasy HC \$52.99

### To Shape a Dragon's Breath

Nampeshiweisit 01

**Blackgoose, Moniquill**

The remote island of Masquapaug has not seen a dragon in many generations – until 15-year-old Anequs finds a dragon's egg and bonds with its hatchling. Her people are delighted, for all remember the tales of the days when dragons lived among them and danced away the storms of autumn, enabling the people to thrive. To them, Anequs is revered as Nampeshiweisit – a person in a unique relationship with a dragon. Unfortunately for Anequs, the English conquerors of her land have different opinions. They have a very specific idea of how a dragon should be raised, and who should be doing the raising – and Anequs does not meet any of their requirements. Only with great reluctance, do they allow Anequs to enrol in a proper English dragon school on the mainland. If she cannot succeed there, her dragon will be killed. For a girl with no formal schooling, a non-English upbringing, and a very different understanding of the history of her land, challenges abound – both socially and academically. But Anequs is smart, determined, and resolved to learn what she needs to help her dragon, even if it means teaching herself. The one thing she refuses to do, however, is become the meek English miss that everyone expects. Anequs and her dragon may be coming of age, but they're also coming to power, and that brings an important realisation: the world needs changing – and they might just be the ones to do it. The first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$39.99

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### Cult Classic

Eric Carter 09

#### Blackmoore, Stephen

Eric Carter has a lot on his plate. He's hunting the Oracle of Las Vegas, a literal talking head that manipulates the future to make its prophecies come true. But it has a new trick. It can change the past, too. Now, Jazz Age Los Angeles is invading the present. Long-gone buildings suddenly restored, decommissioned Red Car trains appearing on paved over tracks, miles of the city changing back to orange groves. Throw in a 100-year-old doomsday cult, time magic, and a terrifyingly powerful spell to raise the dead and it makes for a busy week. Carter knows the Oracle is behind it all, but he can't figure out how. Or why. But he better figure it out soon or he, the city, and everyone he knows might be wiped from existence.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

### Soul Taken

Mercy Thompson 13

#### Briggs, Patricia

The vampire Wulfe is missing. Since he's deadly, possibly insane, and his current idea of 'fun' is stalking me, some may see it as no great loss. But, warned that his disappearance might bring down the carefully constructed alliances that keep our pack safe, my mate and I must find Wulfe – and hope he's still alive. As alive as a vampire can be, anyway. But Wulfe isn't the only one who has disappeared. And now there are bodies, too. Has the Harvester returned to the Tri-Cities, reaping souls with his cursed sickle? Or is he just a character from a B horror movie and our enemy is someone else? The farther I follow Wulfe's trail, the more twisted – and darker – the path becomes. I need to figure out what's going on before the next body on the ground is mine. *We expect to have the UK paperback edition (\$22.99) of Soul Taken in late September.*

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.95

### The Rowan

Bunn, Davis

Prize-winning investigative writer Valentina Garnier loves a good story; so, when she learns that CIA director Agnes Pendalon wants her to travel to Kunashir Island in Russia's easternmost province, she jumps at the chance. Top scientists, political aides, CIA agents and even the vice president's daughter have made mysterious trips to the island in recent weeks, and all have come back changed... When Val arrives in Kunashir, she is mesmerised by a magical rowan tree and its leaves that turn to golden threads, encircling the visitors. Something incredible and transformational is happening in front of her... With the CIA determined to hunt down this unknown force and everyone affected by the rowan, is a new battle for the future of humanity about to commence?

Urban fantasy HC \$64.95

### Sing Me to Sleep

Burton, Gabi

Saoirse Sorkova survives on secrets. As the last siren in her kingdom, she can sing any man to an early grave – but her very existence is illegal, and if her true identity were ever discovered, it would be her life on the line. By day, Saoirse disguises herself as a fae, pretending to be the perfect soldier-in-

training. By night, she satisfies her darker urges working as an assassin for dangerous mercenaries. And all the while, she keeps the biggest secret of all: that she is not always in control of her Siren powers, or her desire to kill. Then a blackmailer threatens her sister, and Saoirse's investigation takes her to the royal palace, and her most dangerous job, yet: personal bodyguard to the Crown Prince. Saoirse expects to despise Prince Hayes. But he is kind, thoughtful, and charming, and she finds herself increasingly drawn to him... until he tasks her with investigating a killer plaguing the kingdom. The problem: the killer is Saoirse. Trapped by her deadly double life, Saoirse can't leave the palace until she saves her sister... but who will save her from herself? The first in a duology.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

### Between Princesses and Other Jobs

Indrajit & Fix 02

#### Butler, D J

Indrajit and Fix are the founding partners of the Protagonists, a jobber company in Kish. Since the seven great families of Kish farm out all tasks they and the city need doing, a jobber might one day unblock a well; the next, man a tollgate for the fair; and on the third, hunt down a murderer on the loose, all in a corrupt old city that isn't so much governed as kept barely in bounds. Indrajit is a poet of a dying race, looking for his successor. Fix is a failed monk, pining for his lost love. They're swordsmen and thinkers, heroes in their hearts and in their deeds. They also recover stolen documents, unravel financial fraud, escort shipwrecked diplomats, and hunt in the ruins beneath the city for missing academics. Meanwhile, the criminals they investigate, rival jobbers, sorcerers, spies, assassins, and other mysterious parties get more and more reason to want the Protagonists dead. Welcome to Kish. The sequel to *In the Palace of Shadow and Joy* (PBK, \$26.95).

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### The Last Great Love Song

Gallan, Paul

*Northern Malaya, 1825.* Princess Toh has been left in charge of the palace, while her brother is away fighting; but her violent husband is causing trouble in her court. Meanwhile, Aashif, who was trekking through the jungle, stumbles upon a girl who has been brutally assaulted and left to die. Back at the palace, the traumatised young man decides to escape and seek freedom; together with Princess Toh's maid, he sets out on a perilous journey. Distraught at this news, Toh pledges to do anything she can to bring the runaways home – even if that means resorting to help from the magical spirits that guard the kingdom. And all the while, a murderer is on the loose...

Historical fantasy TP \$34.99

### Implacable

Lost Fleet: Outlands 03

#### Campbell, Jack

As far from explored space as any human has ever been, Geary and the Alliance fleet are on their own, protecting a diplomatic mission in territory belonging to an alien species with still-unknown motives. His already complex and dangerous mission

is further imperilled by deadly challenges from other human factions seeking to harm or exploit the aliens. When another alien species whose technology is far more advanced than humanity's arrives, the stakes are raised to the highest possible level. Only the most serious danger comes from an unexpected source. Presented with orders to carry out actions he believes not only are mistaken, but would be contrary to the ideals of the Alliance, Geary has to decide whether he must invoke the power that his long-revered name holds – even though this might endanger his entire fleet, tear apart the Alliance, and destroy everything he has fought for. *Campbell's Lost Fleet: Outlands* begins with *Boundless* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera HC \$57.95

### The Archive Undying

Downworld Sequence 01

#### Gandon, Emma Miekko

*When an AI dies, its city dies with it.*

*When a city falls, it leaves a corpse behind.*

*When that corpse runs off, only devotion can bring it back.* When the robotic god of Khuon Mo went mad, it destroyed everything it touched. It killed its priests, its city, and all its wondrous works. But in its final death throes, the god brought one thing back to life: its favourite child, Sunai. For the 17 years since, Sunai has walked the land like a ghost, unable to die, unable to age, and unable to forget the horrors he's seen. He's run as far as he can from the wreckage of his faith, drowning himself in drink, drugs, and men. But, when Sunai wakes up in the bed of the one man he never should have slept with, he finds himself on a path straight back into the world of gods and machines. The first volume of Emma Miekko Gandon's Downworld Sequence, a sci-fi series where AI deities and brutal police states clash, wielding giant robots steered by pilot-priests with corrupted bodies. Come, get in to the robot.

Science fiction HC \$64.95

### The Ghost in Bone

novella

#### Garey, Mike

*'London's exorcists! I have a reward for all of you, a job for one of you. Come to Brierley House, 20th April, 9:00am.'* The newspaper ad is a baited hook and it smells like a three-day old corpse. But hey, it's a grand in hand just for turning up so Felix Castor goes in anyway, alongside the curdled cream of his dubious profession. And once he's in it's hard to get out again. Brierley House is the home of Russian oligarch Gavril Ustinov, now missing, his driven daughter Ksenia Ustinova and their staff of taciturn, sinister domestics. It also hosts an invisible force that attacks exorcists and negates their abilities – a force that seems to be centuries old. Ksenia wants Castor to locate her missing father, alive or dead. Castor wants to find out who set a trap for exorcists back in the late Middle Ages and what else they were up to. For a job, this big, he's got friends he can call on: zombie data-fence Nicky Heath, reformed succubus Juliet Salazar, jaded cop Gary Coldwood and Trudie Pax, the Anathemata's finest warrior. But the ghosts of Brierley are many, and they won't give up their secrets lightly... A pricey, limited edition from Subterranean Press – which may be out of print, on release.

Urban fantasy HC \$79.95

### A Thousand Recipes for Revenge

Chefs of the Five Gods

#### Gato, Beth

Adamantine 'Ada' Garland has an empathic connection to food and wine, a magical perception of aromas, flavours, and ingredients. Invaluable property of the royal court, Ada was in service to the Five Gods and to the Gods-ordained rulers of Verdania – until she had enough of injustice and bloodshed and deserted, seeking to chart her own destiny. When mysterious assassins ferret her out after 16 years in hiding, Ada, now a rogue Chef, and her beloved *Grand-mère* run for their lives, only to find themselves on a path toward an unexpected ally. A foreign princess in a strange court, Solenn unknowingly shares more with Ada, than an epicurean gift. They share blood. With her newfound magical perception, she becomes aware of a plot to kill her fiancé, the prince. It's part of a ploy by adversarial forces in the rival country of Albion to sow conflict, and Solenn is set up to take the blame. As Ada's and Solenn's paths converge, a mother and her long-lost daughter reunite toward a common goal, and against a shadowy enemy from Ada's past who is out for revenge. But what sacrifices must be made? What hope is there when powerful Gods pick sides in a war simmering to eruption? A world on the brink of war and a mother and daughter on the run, in a thrilling novel of swashbuckling adventure, culinary magic, and just desserts.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### A Psalm for the Wild-Built

novella

#### Chambers, Becky

It's been centuries, since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness and laid down their tools; centuries since they wandered, en masse, into the wilderness, never to be seen again; centuries since they faded into myth and urban legend. One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honour the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of 'what do people need?' is answered. But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how. They're going to need to ask it a lot. This 160pp Tor.com novella asks: *in a world where people have what they want, does having more matter?* The first in Chambers' new series – now, finally, in softcover.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

### The Art of Prophecy

War Arts Saga 01

#### Ghu, Wesley

So many stories begin the same way: With a prophecy. A chosen one. And the inevitable quest to slay a villain, save the kingdom, and fulfill a grand destiny. But this is not that kind of story. It does begin with a prophecy: A child will rise to defeat the Eternal Khan, a cruel immortal god-king, and save the kingdom. And that prophecy did anoint a hero, Jian, raised since birth in luxury and splendour, and celebrated before he has won a single battle. But that's when the story hits its first twist: The prophecy is wrong. What follows is a story more wondrous than any prophecy could foresee, and with many unexpected heroes: Taishi, an older woman



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who is the greatest grandmaster of magical martial arts in the kingdom but who thought her adventuring days were all behind her; Sali, a straitlaced warrior who learns the rules may no longer apply when the leader to whom she pledged her life is gone; and Qisami, a chaotic assassin who takes a little too much pleasure in the kill. And Jian, himself, who has to find a way to become what he no longer believes he can be – a hero, after all. ‘An ambitious and touching exploration of disillusionment in faith, tradition, and family – a glorious reinvention of fantasy and *wuxia* tropes.’ – *Naomi Novik*. The first in a new series, now in a locally-printed edition.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Faithless

Magic of the Lost 02

Clark, C L

Touraine and princess Luca must return to Balladaire to reclaim Luca's throne and to face the consequences of dismantling an empire. The rebels have won, and the empire is withdrawing from Qazal. But undoing the tangled web that binds the two nations will not be easy, and Touraine and Luca will face their greatest challenge, yet. Luca needs to oust her uncle from the Balladairan throne once and for all and take her rightful place as Queen. But he won't let go of power, so easily. When he calls for a 'Trial of Competence' and Luca's allies start disappearing from her side, she will need to find a way to prove her might. And she knows someone who can help... Touraine has found a home in the newly-free country of Qazal. But she soon realises that leading a country and leading a revolution are two very different tasks. And, even more importantly, if Luca's uncle doesn't ratify the treaty, the Qazali could end up right back where they started. Together, the two women will have to overcome their enemies, their history, and their heartbreak in order to find a way to secure Luca's power and Touraine's freedom. The sequel to *The Unbroken* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### The Hammer of God

Clarke, Arthur C

Will the world be ended by God's wrath, or saved by the will of science? The year is 2110. Humankind is entering a new golden age. But when an amateur astronomer points his telescope at just the right corner of the night sky, he sees disaster hurtling toward Earth: a chunk of rock that could annihilate civilisation. While a few fanatics welcome the apocalyptic destruction as a sign from God, the greatest scientific minds of Earth desperately search for a way to avoid the inevitable. On board the starship *Goliath*, Captain Robert Singh and his crew must race against time to redirect the meteor from its deadly collision course. Suddenly, they find themselves on the most important mission in human history – a mission whose success may require the ultimate sacrifice.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

### One of the Boys

Cowie, Jayne

Antonia and Bea are sisters, and doting mothers to their sons. But that is where their similarities end. Antonia had her son tested to make sure he didn't possess the 'violent' M gene. Bea refuses to let her son

take the test. She believes his life should not be determined by a positive or negative result. These women will go to any length to protect their sons. But one of them is hiding a monster. And there will be fatal consequences for everybody...

Science fiction TP \$37.95

### Pines

Wayward Pines 01

Grouch, Blake

Secret Service agent Ethan Burke arrives in Wayward Pines, Idaho, with a mission: locate two federal agents who went missing in the bucolic town one month earlier. But within minutes of his arrival, Ethan is involved in a violent accident. He comes to in a hospital, with no ID, no cell phone, and no briefcase. As the days pass, Ethan's investigation turns up more questions than answers: Why can't he get any phone calls through to his wife and son in the outside world? Why doesn't anyone believe he is who he says he is? And what is the purpose of the electrified fences surrounding the town? Are they meant to keep the residents in? Or something else out? Each step closer to the truth takes Ethan farther from the world he knew, from the man he was, until he must face a horrifying fact – he may never get out of Wayward Pines, alive. A reissue of the first book of the Wayward Pines trilogy.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Wayward

Wayward Pines 02

Grouch, Blake

Nestled amid picture-perfect mountains, the idyllic town of Wayward Pines is a modern-day Eden – at least at first glance. Except that within its fences, the residents are told where to work, how to live, and who to marry. None of them know how they got here. Some believe they are dead. Others think they're trapped in an unfathomable experiment. Everyone secretly dreams of leaving, but those who dare face a terrifying surprise. As sheriff, Ethan Burke is tasked with enforcing the town's laws, and he's one of the few entrusted with the truth – even though, for all his knowledge, he's as much a prisoner of Wayward Pines as anyone else. But when a murder investigation draws him deeper into the town's inner workings, Ethan learns that its past is darker than even he suspected – and finds himself faced with an impossible choice. A reissue of the second book of the Wayward Pines trilogy.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### The Last Town

Wayward Pines 03

Grouch, Blake

Welcome to Wayward Pines, the last town. Secret Service agent Ethan Burke arrived in Wayward Pines, Idaho, three weeks ago. In this town, people are told who to marry, where to live, where to work. No one is allowed to leave; even asking questions can get you killed. But Ethan has discovered the astonishing secret of what lies beyond the electrified fence that surrounds Wayward Pines and protects it from the terrifying world beyond. And now that secret is about to come storming through the fence to wipe out this last, fragile remnant of humanity. A reissue of the final book of the Wayward Pines trilogy.

Science fiction (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Silent City

Davis-Goff, Sarah

Orpen has always been an outlier in Phoenix City – the only outsider ever admitted to the ranks of the banshees, the female warriors who enforce order, and protect it from the skrake – the ravaging creatures that have laid waste to the rest of the country, and gather at the city walls. Unrest is building in the city – a deadly sickness is spreading through the workers, while an unspoken disillusionment is creeping amongst the fighting women, weary of enforcing the all-male management's patriarchal rule, and of the cost, to their sisters, and to young new recruits, of upholding this order. Rumour has it that banshees have been taking matters into their own hands, and taking swift and violent revenge. When Orpen's troop leader falls under suspicion it becomes clear that Orpen will need to muster all her courage and prowess if she and her fellow banshees are going to be able to find a way to escape, and rebuild a society worth fighting for.

Dystopia TP \$32.99

### The First Bright Thing

Dawson, J R

Welcome to the Circus of the Fantasticals.

Ringmaster – Rin, to those who know her best – can jump to different moments in time as easily as her wife, Odette, soars from bar to bar on the trapeze. With the scars of World War I feeling more distant as the years pass, Rin is focusing on the brighter things in life. Like the circus she's built and the magical misfits and outcasts – known as Sparks – who've made it their home. Every night, Rin and the Fantasticals enchant a Big Top, packed full with audiences who need to see the impossible. But while the present is bright, threats come at Rin from the past and the future. The future holds an impending war that the Sparks can see barreling toward their Big Top and everyone in it. And Rin's past creeps closer every day, a malevolent shadow Rin can't fully escape. It takes the form of another Spark circus, with tents as black as midnight and a ringmaster who rules over his troupe with a dangerous power. Rin's circus has something he wants, and he won't stop until it's his.

Historical fantasy TP \$34.99

### Shadow Cabinet

Her Majesty's Royal Coven 02

Dawson, Juno

All is not as it seems within the halls of Her Majesty's Royal Coven... Despite thinking they've thwarted the prophecy, the witches are still reeling from the events of the past few months. Ciara, now, occupies her twin sister's body as she prepares to take on the role of High Priestess. But why are the sinister government agents of the Shadow Cabinet so invested in her coronation? And then there's the small matter of Dabney Hale: freshly escaped from Grierlings prison, he's on the hunt for a mythical object that will give him unimaginable power. Leonie's brother is on the trail, but doesn't know the danger he now faces, and so she sets off to bring him home and bring Hale to justice. Meanwhile, Theo and Holly are left to their own devices. Theo to work out how her miraculous transformation took place and Holly to discover what's going on with her

mum and dad. Elle's Instagram-perfect world is about to come crashing down in the most terrifying way. Payback's a witch, as Ciara, Leonie, Elle, Theo, and Holly are about to find out. The follow-up to the sensational *Her Majesty's Royal Coven* (we expect the paperback edition (\$22.99) in August).

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

### Rubicon

Dewes, J S

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

Space opera TP \$32.99

### Barbarian's Mate

Ice Planet Barbarians 06

Dixon, Ruby

Josie has always dreamed of finding The One, but the hunter chosen for her is nothing like what she expected (or wanted) – but he might be exactly what she needs. 'Resonance' is supposed to be a dream – that's when your soulmate is chosen for you. And every woman on the ice planet has hooked up with a big, hunky soulmate of their own – except me. So, do I want a mate? Heck, yeah. More than anything, all I've ever wanted is to be loved by someone. But the soulmate chosen for me? My least favourite person on the darn ice planet. Haeden's the most cranky, disapproving, unpleasant, overbearing male alien... so why is it that my body sings when he gets close? Why is he working so hard to prove to me that he's not as awful as I think he is? I hate him... don't I?

Romantasy TP \$24.99

### Furious Heaven

Sun Chronicles 02

Elliott, Kate

The Republic of Chaonia fleets, under the joint command of Princess Sun and her formidable mother, Queen-Marshal Eirene, have defeated and driven out an invading fleet of the Phene Empire, though not without heavy losses. But the Empire remains undeterred. While Chaonia scrambles to rebuild its military, the Empire's rulers are determined to squash Chaonia, once and for all. They believe their military might is strong enough to defeat the enemy, but they also secure a secret alliance with a deadly religious sect skilled in the use of assassination and covert ops, to destabilise the republic. On the eve of Eirene's bold attack on the rich and populous Karnos System, an unexpected tragedy strikes the republic. Sun must take charge or lose the throne. Will Sun be content with the pragmatic path laid out by her mother for Chaonia's future? Or will she choose to forge her own legend? Can she succeed despite all

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the forces arrayed against her? Kate Elliott's highly-anticipated (as it has been delayed, a year) sequel to the thrilling space adventure *Unconquerable Sun* (PBK, \$22.99)! Recommended.  
Space opera TP \$32.99

### The Madwomen of Paris Epstein, Jennifer Gody

When Josephine arrives at the Salpêtrière asylum, she is covered in blood, badly bruised, and suffering from amnesia. She is quickly diagnosed with what the Paris papers are calling 'the epidemic of the age': hysteria, a disease is so baffling and widespread that Doctor Jean-Martin Charcot, the asylum's famous director, devotes many of his popular public lectures to the malady. Charcot often uses hypnosis to prompt his patients to reproduce their hysterical symptoms, and to his delight, Josephine proves extraordinarily susceptible to this unconscious manipulation. He is soon featuring the young woman on his stage, entrancing her into fantastical acts and hallucinatory fits before enraptured audiences and eager newsmen – many of whom feature her on their papers' front pages. Laure, a ward attendant assigned to care for Charcot's new favourite, knows that Josephine's diagnosis is a godsend. Life in the Salpêtrière's Hysteria ward is far easier than in its dreaded Lunacy division, from which few inmates ever return. But as Josephine's fame grows, her memory starts to return – and with it, images of a terrible crime she's convinced she's committed. Haunted by these visions, and ensnared in Charcot's hypnotic web, she starts spiralling into seeming insanity. Desperate to save the girl she has grown to love, Laure begins to plot their escape from the Salpêtrière and its doctors. First, though, she must confirm whether Josephine is truly a madwoman, doomed to die in the asylum – or a murderer, destined for the guillotine. Both are dark possibilities – but not nearly as dark as what Laure unearths when she sets out to discover the truth.  
Horror HC \$62.95

### Conquer the Kingdom

Gargoyle Queen 03  
Estep, Jennifer  
Time is running out for crown princess Gemma Ripley. Despite being a cunning spy and a powerful mind magier, Gemma hasn't been able to track down the most dangerous enemy her kingdom of Andvari has ever seen. Adding to her worries is the Sword and Shield tournament. With gladiators flocking to the capital city of Glanzen, Gemma can't tell who is friend – or foe. Determined to protect Andvari at any cost, Gemma hatches a bold plan, but things aren't what they seem. Soon, everything she holds dear is being threatened, including her burgeoning relationship with Prince Leonidas Morriconne. With the kingdom she holds dear slipping through her fingers, Gemma will have to conquer her fear and unlock the true secret of her magic – or watch her friends and family die and her beloved Andvari fall... The first in the Gargoyle Queen trilogy is *Capture the Crown* (TP, \$29.99).  
Fantasy TP \$34.99

### Ghostly Game

GhostWalker 19  
Feehan, Christine  
Gideon 'Eagle' Carpenter is used to rolling with the punches life has thrown at him. It's the only thing that's kept him alive. He and his team of GhostWalkers have seen and experienced it all. He does his best to live with all the sins written on his soul. Then he hears the laughter of a woman with the ability to erase – even for a few previous moments – the darkness of his past. Laurel 'Rory' Chappel has always been a nomad. She's accustomed to taking care of herself, despite the physical challenges she lives with. She thinks she's too weak to find real love, but that doesn't stop her interest in Gideon from turning into a full-on addiction. He's all rough edges and danger contrasted with a tenderness that makes her feel safe. Still, after a life spent in motion, she's not sure she knows how to stay in one place. Gideon hopes he can persuade Rory to take a chance on him with every electric touch. But, soon, life conspires against him, forcing the GhostWalker to risk everything to protect the woman he loves...  
Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

### Girl, Goddess, Queen Fitzgerald, Bea

To hell with love, this goddess has other plans... Thousands of years ago, the gods told a lie: how Persephone was a pawn in the politics of other gods. How Hades kidnapped Persephone to be his bride. How her mother, Demeter, was so distraught she caused the Earth to start dying. The real story is much more interesting. Persephone wasn't taken to hell: she jumped. There was no way she was going to be married off, to some smug god... more in love with himself than her. Now, all she has to do is convince the Underworld's annoyingly sexy, arrogant, and – frankly – rude ruler, Hades, to fall in line with her plan. A plan that will shake Mount Olympus to its very core. But consequences can be deadly, especially when you're already in hell... A fierce, fresh, and enormously-fun YA fantasy retelling.  
YA myth retold TP \$27.99

### Boys in the Valley Fracassi, Philip

St Vincent's Orphanage for Boys. Turn of the century, in a remote valley in Pennsylvania. Here, under the watchful eyes of several priests, 30 boys work, learn, and worship. Peter Barlow, orphaned as a child by a gruesome murder, has made a new life here. As he approaches adulthood, he has friends, a future... a family. Then, late one stormy night, a group of men arrive at their door, one of whom is badly wounded, occult symbols carved into his flesh. His death releases an ancient evil that spreads like sickness, infecting St Vincent's, and the children within. Soon, boys begin acting differently, forming groups. Taking sides. Others turn up dead. Now, Peter and those dear to him must choose sides of their own, each of them knowing their lives – and perhaps their eternal souls – are at risk. *The Exorcist* meets *Lord of the Flies*, by way of *Midnight Mass*, this is a chilling folk horror – set in a remote orphanage in turn-of-the-century Pennsylvania.  
Horror PBK \$22.99

### The Gargoyle

Frailton, Zana & Morgan, Ross  
The poignant story of an old gargoyle, forced off his rooftop to make way for a new urban development in a barren cityscape, and the child who encounters him on an overcrowded train, from one of Australia's most critically-acclaimed writers for children. *He's old, this gargoyle. Very old. Older than me. Older than anyone. He looks tired. If I had a seat, I would give it to him. He shuffles past me and stands near the door and watches the city smushing past. I think I hear him sigh. An echoey, achy, hollow sort of sigh, like the wind when it gusts down lanes and through tunnels and in and out of the big drains that stretch under the city.* This is the moving story of an old gargoyle, forced off his rooftop to make way for a new development in a barren cityscape, and the child who encounters him on an overcrowded train. When the gargoyle is ordered off the train, he leaves his suitcase behind. The child opens the case and unleashes the gargoyle's many memories of the city and its inhabitants. When the case crumbles, leaving nothing but a small seed, the child decides to find a place to bring the gargoyle, and the soul of the city, back. An unforgettable story about conservation, ageing and legacies which will leave a forever imprint on your heart.  
Picture book HC \$24.99

### Nightborn

Coldfire Rising 01  
Friedman, GS  
A ship full of colonists arrive on a seemingly hospitable planet, only to discover that it harbors a terrifying secret. Soon the settlers find themselves caught up in a desperate battle for survival against the fae, a natural force with the power to prey upon the human mind itself, bringing a person's greatest fears and darkest nightmares to life. As Colony Commander Leon Case and Chief Medic Lise Perez struggle to find a way to control the fae before more people die, other settlers have ideas of their own... and they may prove more of a threat to colony than the fae, itself. A prequel to the lauded Coldfire trilogy, Friedman's latest novel mixes the best of dark fantasy and chilling sci-fi.  
Space opera HC \$62.95

### The Carnivale of Curiosities Gibbs, Amiee

In Victorian London, where travelling sideshows are the very pinnacle of entertainment, there is no more coveted ticket than Ashe and Pretorius' Carnivale of Curiosities. Each performance is a limited engagement, and London's elite boldly dare the dangerous streets of Southwark to witness the Carnivale's astounding assemblage of marvels. For a select few, however, the real show begins behind the curtain. Rumours abound that the show's proprietor, Aurelius Ashe, is more than an average magician. It's said that for the right price, he can make any wish come true. No one knows the truth of this claim better than Lucien the Lucifer, the Carnivale's star attraction. Born with the ability to create fire, he's dazzled spectators since he was a boy. When Odilon Rose, one of the most notorious men in London, comes calling with a proposition regarding his young and beautiful charge, Charlotte, Ashe is tempted

to refuse. After revealing, however, that Rose holds a secret that threatens the security of the troupe's most vulnerable members, Ashe has no choice but to sign an insidious contract. The stakes grow higher as Lucien finds himself drawn to Charlotte and her to him, an attraction that spurs a perilous course of events.  
Gothic fantasy HC \$62.95

### Mischief Acts Gilbert, Zoe

Herne the hunter, mischief-maker, spirit of the forest, leader of the wild hunt, hurtles through the centuries pursued by his creator. A shapeshifter, Herne dons many guises as he slips and ripples through time – at candlelit Twelfth Night revels, at the spectacular burning of the Crystal Palace, at an acid-laced Sixties party. Wherever he goes, transgression, debauch and enchantment always follow in his wake. But as the forest is increasingly encroached upon by urban sprawl and gentrification, and the world slides into crisis, Herne must find a way to survive – or exact his revenge.  
Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Foul Lady Fortune Gong, Chloe

It's 1931 in Shanghai, and the stage is set for a new decade of intrigue. Four years ago, Rosalind Lang was brought back from the brink of death, but the strange experiment that saved her also stopped her from sleeping and aging – and allows her to heal from any wound. In short, Rosalind cannot die. Now, desperate for redemption for her traitorous past, she uses her abilities as an assassin for her country. Code name: *Fortune*. But when the Japanese Imperial Army begins its invasion march, Rosalind's mission pivots. A series of murders is causing unrest in Shanghai, and the Japanese are under suspicion. Rosalind's new orders are to infiltrate foreign society and identify the culprits behind the terror plot before more of her people are killed. To reduce suspicion, she must pose as the wife of another Nationalist spy, Orion Hong. Although Rosalind finds Orion's cavalier attitude and playboy demeanor infuriating, she is willing to work with him for the greater good. But Orion has an agenda of his own, and Rosalind has secrets that she wants to keep buried. As they both attempt to unravel the conspiracy, the two spies soon find that there are deeper and more horrifying layers to this mystery than they ever imagined.  
YA historical fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The Weaver and the Witch Queen Gornichec, Genevieve

Oddy and Gunnhild meet as children in 10th century Norway, and they could not be more different: Oddy hopes for a quiet life, while Gunnhild burns for power and longs to escape her cruel mother. But after a visiting wisewoman makes an ominous prophecy that involves Oddy, her sister Signy, and Gunnhild, the three girls take a blood oath to help one another, always. When Oddy's farm is destroyed and Signy is kidnapped by Viking raiders, Oddy is set adrift from the life she imagined but determined to save her sister, no matter the cost. Gunnhild, who fled her home years ago to learn the ways

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of a witch in the far north, is on her way to her exalted destiny. But the bonds – both enchanted and emotional – that hold them together are strong, and when they find their way back to each other, these bonds will be tested in ways they could never have foreseen in this rich, searching novel of magic, history, and sworn sisterhood.

YA historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

### **Belladonna Grace, Adalyn**

For as long as Signa Farrow has been alive, the people in her life have fallen like stars... Orphaned as a baby, 19-year-old Signa has been raised by a string of guardians, each more interested in her wealth than her wellbeing – and each has met an untimely end. Her remaining relatives are the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. Its patriarch mourns his late wife through wild parties, while his son grapples for control of the family's waning reputation and his daughter suffers from a mysterious illness. But when their mother's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realises that the family she depends on could be in grave danger, and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer. Signa's best chance of uncovering the murderer, though, is an alliance with Death himself, a fascinating, dangerous shadow who has never been far from her side. Though he's made her life a living hell, Death shows Signa that their growing connection may be more powerful – and more irresistible – than she ever dared imagine. Now in paperback.

YA gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Multiverses: an Anthology of Alternate Realities**

anthology  
**Grassmann, Preston (editor)**  
A mind-blowing anthology of 18 stories bringing you the infinite Earths of the multiverse. *Infinity. Here. Now.* What if every decision you've ever made created a new reality. A new life, a new world of possibilities for what you could become? What if the best of all possible worlds is just around the corner? Or the worst? This anthology brings together an international cast of luminaries to explore the infinite worlds of what could be. The smashed together chaos of multiple Londons piled on top of each other; a world where a tunnel turns Japan and the United States into close neighbours; catastrophic accidents on multidimensional spacecraft; shadowy organisations and the merciless assassins they control; the unstoppable force of your infinite grandmothers. Explore the infinite beauties and terrors of the multiverse with the finest minds writing in science fiction today, and see what could have been... Featuring stories from: Alvaro Zinos-Amaro; Charlie Jane Anders; Eugen Bacon; Clive Barker; Paul Di Filippo; Alix E Harrow; Rumi Kaneko (translated by Preston Grassmann); Ken Liu; Ian McDonald; Annalee Newitz; Yukimi Ogawa; Chana Porter; Alastair Reynolds; Jayaprakash Satyamurthy; D R G Sugawara; Jeffrey Thomas; and Lavie Tidhar.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### **The Gauntlet and the Burning Blade**

Rotstorm O2  
**Green, Ian**  
As the children of the storm carve a bloody swathe across the Northern Marches, the whitestaffs – the Protectorate's healers and sages – have fled, retreating to their island citadel of Riven. Their withdrawal has weakened the realm, and worse, their absence is a death sentence for Floré's daughter Marta. Skein-sick, Marta wastes away from the terrible magic she has inherited from her father and only the whitestaffs have the knowledge that might save her. When Flore is dispatched to reason with the whitestaffs, to bring them back into the fold, she seizes the chance. Her mission could save both the protectorate and her child. But on the island of Iskander, caged and chained, she will only discover the worst betrayal. The follow-up to *The Gauntlet and the Fist Beneath* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **Wild Is the Witch Griffin, Rachel**

After a night of magic turns deadly, Iris Gray vows to never let another person learn she's a witch. It doesn't matter that the Witches' Council found her innocent or that her magic was once viewed as a marvel – that night on the lake changed everything. Now, settled in Washington, Iris hides who she really is and vents her frustrations by writing curses she never intends to cast. And while she loves working at the wildlife refuge she runs with her mother, she loathes Pike Alder, the witch-hating aspiring ornithologist who interns with them. When Pike makes a particularly hurtful comment, Iris concocts a cruel curse for him. But just as she's about to dispel it, an owl swoops down and steals the curse before flying far away from the refuge. The owl is a powerful amplifier, and if it dies, Iris' dark spell will be unleashed not only on Pike but on everyone in the region. Forced to work together, Iris and Pike trek through the wilderness in search of the bird that could cost Pike his life. But Pike doesn't know the truth, and as more dangers arise in the woods, Iris must decide how far she's willing to go to keep her secrets safe.

YA urban fantasy TP \$19.99

### **Mortal Follies Hall, Alexis**

It is the year 1814 and Miss Maelys Mitchelmore finds her entry into the highest society of Bath hindered, by an irritating curse. It begins innocuously enough, with her dress slowly unmaking itself over the course of an evening at the ball of the season, a scandal she only narrowly manages to escape. However, as the curse progresses to more fatal proportions, she realises she must seek out urgent assistance, even if that means mixing with the most undesirable company – and there are few less desirable allies than the brooding Lady Georgiana Landrake – who may or may not have murdered her own father and brothers to inherit their fortune. If one is to believe the gossip, she might be some kind of malign enchantress. Then again, a malign enchantress might be exactly what Miss Mitchelmore needs.

Regency fantasy TP \$32.99

### **Flames of Mira**

Rift Walker O1  
**Harmon, Clay**  
Magic and redemption in a world of fire and ice. Among boiling volcanoes under Mira's frozen lands, people like Ig are forced to undergo life-threatening trials that bind chemical elements to the human body. One of Mira's most powerful elementals, Ig serves as an enforcer for Magnate Sorrelo Adriann, but is cursed with flesh binding magic that will kill him at the first sign of disobedience. When Sorrelo is overthrown, Ig quickly learns he can do far worse than what has been asked of him so far. If he can't escape the flesh binding in time, he will have to kill friend and foe alike to stop his master reclaiming the throne, or sacrifice himself trying.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

### **Trouble with the Cursed**

Hollows 16  
**Harrison, Kim**  
Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has one unspoken rule: take chances, but pay for them yourself. With it, she has turned enemies into allies, found her place with her demon kin, and stepped up as the *subrosa* of Cincinnati – responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line. Life is... good? Even better, her best friend, Ivy Tamwood, is returning home. Nothing's simple, though, and Ivy's not coming alone. The vampires' ruling council insists she escort one of the long undead, hell-bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city. Which, of course, Rachel totally did not do. She only transformed her a little. With Rachel's friends distracted by their own lives and problems, she reaches out to a new ally for help – the demon Hodin. But this trickster has his own agenda. In the end, the only way for Rachel to save herself and the city may be to forge a new understanding with her estranged demon teacher, Al. There's just one problem: Al would sell his own soul to be rid of her...

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.99

### **Wish I Was Here**

an anti-memoir  
**Harrison, M John**  
One of our greatest and most original living writers sets out the perils of the writing life with joyful provocation. 'Late style is when the people who have all your life jumped in front of you waving their arms – No! Careful! – jump out one more time to encourage you to run them down, and this time you do.' M John Harrison has produced one of the greatest bodies of fiction of any living British author, encompassing space opera, speculative fiction, fantasy, magical and literary realism. Every book is subversive of genre and united by restless intelligence, experimentation, and rebelliousness of spirit. This is his first memoir, an 'anti-memoir', written in his mid-70s with aphoristic daring and trademark originality and style, fresh after winning the Goldsmiths Prize in 2020. Many of our most prominent younger writers, now, recognise him as the most significant British writer of his generation. He is 'brilliantly unsettling' (*Olivia Laing*),

'magnificent' (*Neil Gaiman*), 'one of the best writers of fiction currently at work in English' (*Robert Macfarlane*).

Memoir HC \$34.99

### **Threads that Bind Hatzopoulou, Kika**

In the city of Alante, the descendants of the Greek gods live alongside mortals. Io is the youngest of three sisters, descended from the Fates. She is able to see threads: shimmering silver lines connecting every person. When a new relationship is formed, a new thread appears. When a person's life-thread is cut, it's their time to die. Io uses her gifts as a private investigator, trying to make ends meet in a world which treats other-born people like her with suspicion and prejudice. Then Io is witness to a murder – but this is no ordinary murder. Io can clearly see that the killer's life-thread has already been severed. This woman should be long dead. More complicated still, there is another witness: Edei, a member of the Rossi mob – the gangsters who rule Alante. And what Io can see immediately, although Edei cannot, is that there is a bright silver fate-thread connecting them. This boy is her destiny... Filled with mystery, betrayal and powerful, simmering romance, and inspired by Greek mythology, Kika Hatzopoulou's electrifying, genre-defying debut is perfect for fans of Alexandra Bracken's *Lore* (PBK, \$19.99) and Chloe Gong's *These Violent Delights* (PBK, \$17.99).

Myth retold PBK \$19.99

### **The Housekeepers Hay, Alex**

*Upstairs, madam is planning the party of the season. Downstairs, the servants are plotting the heist of the century.* When Mrs King, housekeeper to the most illustrious home in Mayfair, is suddenly dismissed after years of loyal service, she knows just who to recruit to help her take revenge. A black-market queen out to settle her scores. An actress desperate for a magnificent part. A seamstress dreaming of a better life. And Mrs King's predecessor, who has been keeping the dark secrets of Park Lane far too long. Mrs King has an audacious plan in mind, one that will reunite her women in the depths of the house on the night of a magnificent ball – and play out right under the noses of her former employers... *They come from nothing. But they'll leave with everything.*

Gaslamp fantasy heist TP \$32.99

### **The Embroidered Book Heartfield, Kate**

'Power is not something you are given. Power is something you take. When you are a woman, it is a little more difficult, that's all.' 1768. Charlotte, daughter of the Habsburg Empress, arrives in Naples to marry a man she has never met. Her sister Antoine is sent to France; and, in the mirrored corridors of Versailles, they rename her Marie Antoinette. The sisters are alone, but they are not powerless. When they were only children, they discovered a book of spells – spells that work, with dark and unpredictable consequences. In a time of vicious court politics, of discovery and dizzying change, they use the book to take control of their



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lives. But every spell requires a sacrifice. And as love, between the sisters, turns to rivalry, they will send Europe spiralling into revolution. Brimming with romance, betrayal, and enchantment, *The Embroidered Book* reimagines a dazzling period of history as you have never seen it before.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Terminal Peace

Janitors of the Post-Apocalypse 03

#### Hines, Jim C

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 EDFs 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, *Terminal Peace* is the can't-miss conclusion to a sci-fi trilogy of unsung heroes, cleaning up the galaxy one mess at a time. Now in paperback. Janitors of the Post-Apocalypse begins with Terminal Alliance (PBK, \$28.95). *We expect to have this edition of Terminal Peace from its Australian distributors in August, at a lower price.*

Science fiction PBK \$28.95

### Hel's Eight

Ten Low 02

#### Holborn, Stark

*Who controls the future, controls it all...*

Ten 'Doc' Low is a medic with a dark past, riding the wastes of the desert moon Factus, dispensing medicine to the needy and death to those who cross the laws of the mysterious Seekers. Cursed by otherworldly forces, she stays alone to keep herself safe, and to keep others safe from her... But when she experiences a terrifying vision of conflict and the deaths of those she once called friends, she must drag herself back to the land of the living to stop a war before it begins. With rebellion brewing, the Accord's grip on the Outer Moons weakening and a sinister tycoon buying up all land in sight, Ten must find allies where she can and face the past in order to save the future. The cost will be greater than she could ever have imagined... A wild, adrenaline-packed, whip-smart crash of storytelling and shootouts, ideal for fans of Becky Chambers' Wayfarers and Alex White's Salvagers. The sequel to *Ten Low* (PBK, \$19.99).

Western sf PBK \$19.99

### Termush

Faber Editions

#### Holm, Sven

*The day we came up from the shelters four people were found dead on the steps of the hotel.* Welcome to Termush: a luxury coastal resort like no other. All the wealthy guests are survivors: preppers who reserved rooms long before the Disaster. Inside, they embrace exclusive radiation shelters, ambient music, and lavish provisions; outside, radioactive dust falls on the sculpture park, security men step over dead birds, and a reconnaissance party embarks. Despite weathering a nuclear apocalypse, their problems are only just beginning. Soon, the Management begins censoring news; disruptive guests are sedated; initial generosity towards Strangers ceases as fears of contamination and limited resources grow. But as the numbers – and desperation – of external survivors increase, they must decide what it means to forge a new moral code at the end (or beginning?) of the world... Welcome to a luxury hotel at the end of the world, introduced by Jeff VanderMeer, in this post-apocalyptic 1967 dystopia.

Classic sf PBK \$22.99

### Sucker

#### Hornsby, Daniel

Chuck Gross would like nothing more than to prune himself from his family tree. He's already clipped his name, turning Charles Grossheart, Jr – son of a billionaire labour exploiter, weapons manufacturer, and climate change denier – into ordinary good-guy Chuck, the 'self-made' proprietor of an up-and-coming punk label. But when Daddy threatens to cut him off, Chuck is forced to get a 'real job' – and conveniently, an old college friend has just swept back into his life with the perfect opportunity. Famed Harvard dropout and biotech darling Olivia Watts says she is on the verge of totally reinventing the field of medicine, but when Chuck signs on, he soon discovers that things at the vast Kenosis campus are not quite how they appear. Secret labs, vanished employees, and mutated test subjects seem to be as impossible as they are sinister. Is Olivia simply a scammer, or does her technology threaten to usher humanity toward a far bloodier fate? Moreover, does Chuck – who has never accomplished anything, without the aid of Daddy's money – stand a chance of stopping her?

Horror HC \$57.95

### No Love Lost: the Selected Novellas of Rachel Ingalls

#### Ingalls, Rachel

After a one-night stand with the Angel Gabriel, a monk is transformed into a pregnant woman. Lost in the fog, two visitors are lured into a ruined candlelit mansion. A wife confiscates her husband's homemade sex doll, only to demand her own. Great-aunts warn of the deadly skin of the pearlkillers. Rachel Ingalls' incomparable novellas are masterpieces: surrealist, subversive, tragicomic. Prepare to meet what lurks beneath. Introduced by Patricia Lockwood: Gothic tales from the mistress of the weird behind frogman-romance *Mrs Caliban* for fans of Shirley Jackson, Lucia Berlin, and Patricia Highsmith. 'Macabre, fantastic and haunting... One of

the most brilliant practitioners of American Gothic since Poe... Read her at your peril.' – *Independent.*

Gothic tales PBK \$22.99

### The Will of the Many

Hierarchy 01

#### Islington, James

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

Historical fantasy TP \$34.99

### Not Alone

#### Jackson, Sarah K

In a world very close to our own, a mother and her young son desperately fend for themselves in the confinement of their one-bedroom flat. Five years ago, a toxic microplastics storm killed most of the population. Now, Katie must forage and hunt the few surviving animals for meat as she attempts to feed her little boy, to care for him as best she can. At a time when stepping outside could kill you, Harry is kept indoors at all costs, never venturing beyond the entrance to their building, never knowing the truth of how he came to call this place home. Bodies continue to build up around them, inescapable layers of toxic dust hang heavily in the air and Katie is only getting sicker. Then, after years without human contact, Katie and Harry are terrified by the arrival of another survivor and Katie knows she must finally undertake a previously unthinkable journey in search of the man she was supposed to marry. In search of a new life for her son. Outside their safe haven, Katie and Harry encounter a world that is forever changed. There are new threats to their safety here, fellow survivors who are determined to start a new population, to save the world they so desperately misunderstood. Katie is pushed to unimaginable lengths as she pushes ahead in search of a better life and as Harry's safety wavers in the balance. As they travel further north, leaving their once safe haven so far behind them, Katie knows how much harder it will be to return, if things go wrong. This stunning debut is about love, trust, hope, and the looming threat facing us all.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### Dead Eleven

#### Juliano, Jimmy

*Clifford Island.* When Willow Stone finds these words written on the floor of her deceased son's bedroom, she's perplexed. She's never heard of it before, but soon learns it's a tiny island off Wisconsin's Door County peninsula, 200 miles from Willow's home. Why would her son write this on his floor? Determined to find answers, Willow sets out for the island. After a few days on Clifford, Willow realises: This place is not normal. Everyone seems to be stuck in a particular day in 1994: They wear outdated clothing, avoid modern technology, and, perhaps most mystifyingly, watch the O J Simpson car chase every evening. When she asks questions, people are evasive, but she learns one thing: Close your curtains at night. High-schooler Lily Becker has lived on Clifford her entire life, and she is sick of the island's twisted mythology and adhering to the rules. She's been to the mainland, and everyone is normal there, so why is Clifford so weird? Lily is determined to prove that the islanders' beliefs are a sham. But are they? Five weeks after Willow arrives on the island, she disappears. Willow's brother, Harper, comes to Clifford searching for his sister, and when he learns the truth – that this island is far more sinister than anyone could have imagined – he is determined to blow the whole thing open. If he can get out alive...

Horror HC \$57.95

### The Basilisk Throne

#### Keyes, Greg

For centuries, those on the Basilisk Throne have ruled every continent, brutally enslaving the human inhabitants. But, now, after endless wars, the three human empires of Ophion, Velea, and Modjal have pushed the inhuman Drehhu back to their heartland and are united in one final, massive assault to defeat them forever. It's been tried before, but the infernal weapons and dark magic of the Drehhu have always triumphed. Basilisk has never fallen. Commanding his merchant fleet in support of the human forces, Alastor Nevelon and his son Crespin set sail against the enemy – and this time they have their own secret weapons. The Drehhu, however, do not have a monopoly on deceit, or ambition. Alastor is forced to send his daughter Chrysanthe to the capitol city Ophion Magne as a 'token' of his loyalty. He does so freely, for he is certain of treachery within the very empire he serves. After all, whomever controls the Basilisk Throne can control the world. He instructs Chrysanthe to use her considerable intellect to discover whatever plots may be afoot in the heart of Ophion. Chrysanthe agrees, knowing that in doing so she enters a dangerous place where courtly manners hide murderous intentions. While nations collide and the conflict explodes, the true key to defeating the Drehhu may lie in a remote mountain stronghold, a wild rogue known as Hound, and Ammolite, the young slave of a sorcerer more ancient than any nation and whose true loyalties are entirely unknown. *Master and Commander* meets *A Game of Thrones* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Rapid-paced high fantasy with all-out combat on the high seas, and a canny young woman who faces the hidden threats of an imperial court. Yet, the

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key to defeating a sorcerous enemy may lie with a wild rogue and the slave of a maniac.  
Military fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Nothing But Blackened Teeth Khaw, Cassandra

A group of thrill-seeking friends in search of the perfect wedding venue plan to spend the night in a Heian-era mansion. Long abandoned, and unknown to them, this mansion rests on the bones of a bride, and its walls are packed with the remains of the girls sacrificed to keep her company. Their night of food, drinks, and games quickly spirals into a nightmare, as the house welcomes its new guests. For lurking in the shadows is the ghost bride with a black smile and a hungry heart. And she gets lonely down there in the dirt. Effortlessly taking the classic haunted house story and turning it on its head, *Nothing but Blackened Teeth* is a sharp and devastating exploration of grief, the parasitic nature of relationships, and the consequences of our actions.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### The Deep Sky Kitasei, Yume

They left Earth to save humanity. They'll have to save themselves, first. It is the eve of Earth's environmental collapse. A single ship carries humanity's last hope: 80 elite graduates of a competitive program, who will give birth to a generation of children in deep space. But halfway to a distant but liveable planet, a lethal bomb kills three of the crew and knocks *The Phoenix* off course. Asuka, the only surviving witness, is an immediate suspect. As the mystery unfolds on the ship, poignant flashbacks reveal how Asuka came to be picked for the mission. Despite struggling through training back on Earth, she was chosen to represent Japan, a country she only partly knows as a half-Japanese girl raised in America. But estranged from her mother back home, *The Phoenix* is all she has left. With the crew turning on each other, Asuka is determined to find the culprit before they all lose faith in the mission – or worse, the bomber strikes again.

Space opera HC \$62.95

### Wolfsong

Green Creek 01

### Clune, T J

Ox Matheson was 12, when his father taught him a lesson: Ox wasn't worth anything and people would never understand him. Then he left. Ox was 16, when the energetic Bennett family moved in next door, harbouring a secret that would change him forever. For the family are shapeshifters, who can transform into wolves at will. Drawn to their magic, loyalty and enduring friendships, Ox feels a gulf between this extraordinary new world and the quiet life he's known. He also finds an ally in Joe, the youngest Bennett boy. Joe is charming and handsome, but haunted by scars he cannot heal. Ox was 23, when murder came to town, and tore a hole in his heart. Violence flared, tragedy split the pack and Joe left town, leaving Ox behind. Three years later, the boy is back. Except, now, he's a man – and Ox can no longer ignore the song that howls between them. Now in paperback. The first in a series.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Trouble Walked in Kupari, Mike

*A search for a missing woman exposes a conspiracy that could threaten an entire planet.* Cassandra Blake, an employee for the Ascension Planetary Holdings Group – the largest and most powerful corporation in Nova Columbia – has gone missing. And her sister wants to know why. When questions need answering on Nova Columbia, Detective Ezekiel 'Easy' Novak is the man folks turn to. He gets results – one way or another. But what begins as a routine missing person case quickly turns into something much bigger and more sinister, with implications that could affect the entire planet. It seems Cassandra wasn't just investigating her employer. She had uncovered a secret effort to excavate and exploit an ancient alien artefact known only as The Seraph. Soon, Easy finds himself trying to unravel a conspiracy that may implicate not only Ascension, but the cultlike Cosmic Ontological Foundation – and the highest echelons of the Terran Confederation, itself.

Space opera PBK \$26.95

### Everything the Darkness Eats

### LaRocca, Eric

An insidious darkness threatens to devastate a rural New England village when occult forces are conjured and when bigotry is left unrestrained. After a recent string of disappearances in a small Connecticut town, a grieving widower with a grim secret is drawn into a dangerous ritual of dark magic by a powerful and mysterious older gentleman named Heart Crowley. Meanwhile, a member of local law enforcement tasked with uncovering the culprit responsible for the bizarre disappearances soon begins to learn of a current of unbridled hatred simmering beneath the guise of the town's idyllic community – a hatred that will eventually burst and forever change the lives of those who once found peace in the quiet town of Henley's Edge. A haunting supernatural thriller from a new and exciting voice in genre fiction.

Horror PBK \$24.99

### An Astronomer in Love Laurain, Antoine

In 1760, Guillaume le Gentil, real-life astronomer to King Louis XV, sets out for the oceans of India to document the transit of Venus. The weather is turbulent, the seas are rough, and his quest may be more complicated than initially thought. Two hundred and fifty years later, estate agent Xavier Lemercier chases upon Guillaume's telescope in a property he's sold. As he looks out across the rooftops of Paris, he discovers an intriguing woman, with a zebra in her apartment. Then, the woman walks through the doors of his office, and his life changes forever...

Swashbuckling astronomy HC \$34.99

### Robosoldiers: Thank You for Your Servos

anthology

### Lawson, Stephen (editor)

Near future, hard science fiction, and imagined military robotics and artificial intelligence, in all domains of warfare

(land, sea, air, space, and cyber) over the next 50 years. The future of cybernetic warfare. Robosoldiers. They take many forms, from disembodied AI to humanlike androids, and more. But at their cores beat the cybernetic hearts of warriors! In these stories of hard military sf, you will journey to the battlefields of tomorrow with the veterans who have been there and the researchers developing the next phase of battle and get a glimpse into the future of warfare. New stories from David Drake, Richard Fox, Weston Ochse, Martin L Shoemaker, T C McCarthy, Brad R Torgersen, and more!

Military sf PBK \$26.95

### Untethered Sky

novella

### Lee, Fonda

Ester's family was torn apart, when a manticore killed her mother and baby brother – leaving her with nothing but her father's painful silence, and a single, overwhelming need to kill the monsters that took her family. Ester's path leads her to join the King's Royal Mews, where the giant rocs of legend are flown to hunt manticores by their brave and dedicated rukkers. Paired with a fledgling roc named Zahra, Ester finds purpose and acclaim by devoting herself to a calling that demands absolute sacrifice and a creature that will never return her love. The terrifying partnership between woman and roc leads Ester not only on the empire's most dangerous manticore hunt, but on a journey of perseverance and acceptance.

A 160pp Tor.com novella.

Fantasy HC \$34.99

### Salvage Right

Lieden Universe 25

### Lee, Sharon & Miller, Steve

*A door never closes, but a window opens...*

With origins in the Old Universe, the malevolent, acquisitive intelligence of Tinsori Light sought to infect others with itself, and send those agents out into the wide new universe to infect even more. For centuries, two heroes stood between Tinsori Light and the vulnerable universe – Light Keepers Jen Sin yos'Phelium and Lorith of the Sanderat. Just when it seemed that they – merely human – must fail, Tinsori Light, enfeebled by aged systems, succumbed to the stress of a unique spatial event... and died, leaving the station a shell. Luckily, the light keepers have back-up. A mismatched team of arcane specialists are on-station, working non-stop to preserve the Light, build trustworthy systems, and open the refurbished station for business. In fact, ships are already incoming, and it becomes a matter of urgency to sort friend from foe. In particular, the Lyre Institute wishes to acquire Tinsori Light, and will do anything, spend anyone, to achieve that goal. A new Lieden hardcover is always cause for jubilation, here at Pulp. Highly recommended.

Space opera HC \$57.95

### An Amorous Discourse in the Suburbs of Hell Levy, Deborah

A love song between an angel and an accountant in the suburbs of London from the Man Booker-shortlisted Levy. *She* is a shimmering, melancholy angel, flown from

Paradise to save him from the suburbs of hell. *He* an accountant, dreaming of a white Christmas, a little garden and someone to love. *She* attempts to fly him away from his habits and fears, while he holds on tight to all he knows. Deborah Levy whips up a storm of romance and slapstick, of heavenly and earthly delights, in this dystopian philosophical poem about individual freedom, and the search for the good life.

Dystopia TP \$24.99

### The Dragon's Promise

Six Crimson Cranes 02

### Lim, Elizabeth

A dragon's kingdom. A star-crossed love. And a cursed pearl with the power to mend the world, or break it... Princess Shiori made a deathbed promise to return the dragon's pearl to its rightful owner, but keeping that promise is more dangerous than she ever imagined. She must journey to the kingdom of dragons, navigate political intrigue among humans and dragons alike, fend off thieves who covet the pearl for themselves and will go to any lengths to get it, all the while cultivating the appearance of a perfect princess to dissuade those who would see her burned at the stake for the magic that runs in her blood. The pearl, itself, is no ordinary cargo; it thrums with malevolent power, jumping to Shiori's aid one minute, and betraying her the next – threatening to shatter her family and sever the thread of fate that binds her to her true love. It will take every ounce of strength Shiori can muster to defend the life and the love she's fought so hard to win. Shiori's quest continues, in the soaring sequel to the bestselling *Six Crimson Cranes* (PBK, \$19.99). Now in paperback.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### White Cat, Black Dog: Stories collection

### Link, Kelly

Finding seeds of inspiration in the Brothers Grimm, 17th-century French lore, and Scottish ballads, Kelly Link spins classic fairy tales into utterly original stories of seekers – characters on the hunt for love, connection, revenge, or their own sense of purpose. In 'The White Cat's Divorce', an aging billionaire sends his three sons on a series of absurd goose chases to decide which child will become his heir. In 'The Girl Who Did Not Know Fear', a professor with a delicate health condition becomes stranded for days in an airport hotel after a conference, desperate to get home to her wife and young daughter, and in acute danger of being late for an appointment that cannot be missed. In 'Skinder's Veil', a young man agrees to take over a remote housesitting gig for a friend. But what should be a chance to focus on his long-avoided dissertation instead becomes a wildly unexpected journey, as the house seems to be a portal for otherworldly travellers – or perhaps a door into his own mysterious psyche. Twisting and turning in astonishing ways, expertly blending realism and the speculative, witty, empathetic, and never predictable – these stories remind us, once again, of why Kelly Link is incomparable in the realm of short fiction.

Folklore retold TP \$32.99



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### Charming Linwood, Jade

*Brave, Resourceful, Deceitful, Double-Crossing... Charming.* Prince Jean-Marc Charming Arundel, known to friends and enemies alike as 'Prince Charming', is handsome, well-mannered, brave, a peerless swordsman, a cunning tactician – and a liar, a con man, and a fraud. For years, he has been travelling from one kingdom to the next, rescuing endangered princesses and maidens, securing their troths and his place in their fathers' palaces, then looting their treasuries and having it away before dawn. Until a chance meeting of three of his victims – raven-haired Marie Blanche de Neige, the sorceress Doctor Emilia Rapunzel and the long-slumbering Bella Lucia dei' Sogni – suggests a course of revenge... *John Tucker Must Die* meets *Shrek*, in a revenge tale where Princesses save themselves.

Fantasy TP \$37.95

### Dark Water Daughter

Winter Sea 01

#### Long, H M

Mary Firth is a Stormsinger: a woman whose voice can still hurricanes and shatter armadas. Faced with servitude to pirate lord Silvanus Lirr, Mary offers her skills to his arch-rival in exchange for protection – and, more importantly, his help sending Lirr to a watery grave. But her new ally has a vendetta of his own, and Mary's dreams are dark and full of ghistings, spectral creatures who inhabit the ancient forests of her homeland and the figureheads of ships. Samuel Rosser is a disgraced naval officer serving aboard The Hart, an infamous privateer commissioned to bring Lirr to justice. He will stop at nothing to capture Lirr, restore his good name and reclaim the only thing that stands between himself and madness: a talisman stolen by Mary. Finally, driven into the eternal ice at the limits of their world, Mary and Samuel must choose their loyalties and battle forces older and more powerful than the pirates who would make them slaves. Come, sail the Winter Sea, for action-packed, high-stakes adventures, rich characterisation, and epic plots full of intrigue and betrayal. The first in a new series.

YA fantasy TP \$26.99

### They Lurk

novella collection

#### Malfi, Ronald

Five terrifying collected horror novellas newly reissued from the 'modern-day Algernon Blackwood'.

*Skullbelly*: After three teenagers disappear in a forest, a private detective is hired and uncovers a terrible local secret.

*The Separation*: Marcus arrives in Germany to find his friend up-and-coming prize-fighter Charlie in a deep depression.

But, soon, Charlie's behaviour grows increasingly bizarre. Is he suffering from a nervous breakdown, or are otherworldly forces at work?

*The Stranger*: Set a rural Florida parking lot, David returns to his car to find a stranger sat behind the wheel. The doors are locked and there's a gun on the dashboard. And that was when then the insanity started...

*After the Fade*: A girl walked into a small Annapolis tavern, collapsed, and died.

Something had latched itself to the base of her skull. And it didn't arrive alone.

Now, the patrons of The Fulcrum are trapped, held prisoner within the tavern's walls by monstrous things, trying to find their way in. And one more novella to be revealed!

*We expect to have this edition of They Lurk from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Horror PBK \$37.95

### Pairing Up

Wild Cards 31

#### Martin, George R R (editor)

In this fantastical collection of all-new stories: a jewel thief seduces a popular actor just so she can track down a long-lost treasure; a teenager trapped in the body of a giant snail attempts to win his love; a man discovers his purpose in life after meeting a beautiful butterfly woman; a young hero by the name of Hero McHeroface finds solace in the arms of an astrologer hiding her own unique powers Superheroes and villains do battle over the human heart, in this anthology set in the Wild Cards universe. Contributors: Kevin Andrew Murphy, Christopher Rowe, Marko Kloos, Melinda M Snodgrass, Bradley Denton, Walton Simons, Peter Newman, Gwenda Bond, David Anthony Durham.

Wild Cards HC \$62.95

### Be Sure

Wayward Children 01-3

#### McGuire, Seanan

Join the students of Eleanor West, and jump through doors, into worlds both dangerous and extraordinary. Collecting books 1-3: *Every Heart a Doorway*, *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*, and *Beneath the Sugar Sky*. Children have always disappeared, under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Meet Nancy, cast out of her world by the Lord of the Dead; Jack and Jill, each adopted by a monster of the Moors; Sumi and her impossible daughter, Rini. Three worlds, three adventures, three sets of lives destined to intersect. *Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children: No Solicitations, No Visitors, No Quests*. But quests are what these children do best... Where it all began: the first three books in Seanan McGuire's multi-Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Wayward Children series. *We expect to have Be Sure from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Portal fantasy TP/HC \$43.95/\$62.95

### 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 crime HC \$62.95

### The Shadow Sister

#### Meade, Lily

Sometimes people are lost from you, no matter how much you wish they weren't and before you can even begin to know how big of a hole they'll leave behind. Sutton going missing is the worst thing to happen to Casey, to their family. She's trying to help find her sister, but Casey is furious. She knows Sutton is manipulative, meanwhile everyone paints a picture of her perfection. People don't look for missing Black girls – or half-Black girls – without believing there is an angel to be saved. When Sutton reappears, Casey knows she should be relieved. Except, Sutton isn't the same. She remembers nothing about while she was gone – or anything from her old life, including how she made Casey miserable. There's something unsettling about the way she wants to spend time with Casey and watch her goldfish swim for hours. What happened to Sutton? The more Casey starts uncovering her sister's secrets, the more questions she has. Did she really know her sister? Why is no one talking about the other girls who have gone missing in their area? And what will it take to uncover the truth?

YA supernatural thriller HC \$42.95

### The Militia House

#### Milas, John

It's 2010, and the recently promoted Corporal Loyette and his unit are finishing up their deployment at a new base in Kajaki, Afghanistan. Their duties here are straightforward – loading and unloading cargo into and out of helicopters – and their days are a mix of boredom and dread. The Brits, they're replacing, delight in telling them the history of the old barracks just off base, a Soviet-era militia house they claim is haunted, and Loyette and his men don't need much convincing to make a clandestine trip outside the wire to explore it. It's a short, middle-of-the-day adventure, but the men experience a mounting agitation after their visit to the militia house. In the days that follow they try to forget about the strange, unsettling sights and sounds from the house, but things are increasingly... not right. Loyette becomes determined to ignore his and his marines' growing unease, convinced that it's just the strain of war playing tricks on them. But something about the militia house will not let them go.

Horror HC \$55.00

### The Mother Fault Mildenhall, Kate

*You will not recognise me, she thinks, when I find you...* Mim's husband is missing. No one knows where Ben is, but everyone wants to find him – especially The Department. And they should know, the all-seeing government body has fitted the entire population with a universal tracking chip to keep them 'safe'. But, suddenly, Ben can't be tracked. And Mim is questioned, made to surrender her passport and threatened with the unthinkable – her two children being taken into care at the notorious BestLife. Cornered, Mim risks everything to go on the run to find her husband – and a part of herself, long gone, that is brave enough to tackle the journey ahead. From the stark backroads of the Australian outback to a terrifying sea voyage, Mim is forced to shuck off who she was – mother, daughter, wife, sister – and become the woman she needs to be to save her family and herself. Imagining a near-future Australia that is all too disturbingly familiar, *The Mother Fault* is an addictive thriller, a heart-pounding adventure, and a moving portrayal of the lengths a mother will go to save her family.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

### Councilor

Grand Illusion 02

#### Modesitt, L E

Continued poor harvests and steam-powered industrialisation displace and impoverish thousands. Protests grow and gather followers. Against this rising tide of social unrest, Steffan Dekkard, newly appointed to the Council of Sixty-Six, is the first Councilor who is an Isolate, a man invulnerable to the emotional manipulations and emotional surveillance of empaths. This makes him dangerous. As unknown entities seek to assassinate him, Dekkard struggles to master political intrigue and infighting, while introducing radical reforms that threaten entrenched political and corporate interests. It's all about to blow. Following *Isolate* (PBK, \$28.95) in this newest of Modesitt's series.

Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$26.95

### Sons of Darkness

#### Mohanty, Gourav

The Mathuran Republic is on the brink of oblivion. Bled dry by years of war with the Magadhan Empire, only the triple walls of its capital stand between it and annihilation. Now, the Empire's siege engines have fallen silent. Mathura may be out of funds and out of friends, but it is not yet out of fortune. A year-long funerary truce has been declared and Senator Krishna has an outside chance to save the caste-free republic he created. But Krishna is not the only player on the board. While Mathura and Magadh war, the neighbouring kingdoms of Kalinga, Panchal and Hastina jostle for supremacy: naive kings, sinister queens, pious assassins, predatory priests, and strange foreigners dream of conquest, lust, avarice, revenge... and long-forgotten gods prepare to play their hand. The first in a debut series – in which *Game of Thrones* meets the *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*; India's first epic, grimdark fantasy series. 'Remarkable characterisation and vivid worldbuilding... riveting epic fantasy' – *Kirkus*.

Grimdark fantasy TP \$34.99

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy July 2023 (continued)

### **Black Lake Manor** **Morpuss, Guy**

In the former mining town of Black Lake on the west coast of Canada, there is a story about a shipwreck. All those aboard died, except an unnamed man who staggered ashore. His descendants have a unique ability: once in their lives – and only once – they can unwind the events of the previous six hours. More than 200 years later, Ella Manning, marine biologist and part-time police constable, is attending a party at Black Lake Manor, the cliff-top mansion of the town's divisive local billionaire. With a raging storm coming in from the Pacific, she and several other guests find themselves trapped. And when their host is discovered brutally murdered in a locked room, they turn to her to solve the crime. Against the odds, Ella is sure she has identified the killer... but then time is unwound. With no memory of what she discovered before, her investigation begins again, with very different results. Someone is willing to use their gift to protect a killer, and everyone is a suspect...

Supernatural thriller PBK \$22.99

### **The Insatiable Volt Sisters** **Moulton, Rachel Eve**

It's the summer of 1989 and Beatrice and Henrietta Volt are coming of age on remote Fowler Island in Lake Erie, their ancestral home and wild playground. Thicker than thieves, they plot their futures, while their parents pick their marriage apart piece by piece. The girls have no idea that their parents are separating. Or that the plan is to separate them. Ten years pass and Henrie gets a desperate call from her sister – their father has died suddenly and BB needs Henrie to come back to the island for the funeral. When Henrie arrives, the island seems even stranger than she remembers. But the truth is, she doesn't remember much about the island, and nothing at all about the night she left. She just feels a vague and perplexing sense of dread and a sharp fear of the quarry pond behind the house. A lush, enthralling fable about monsters, real and imagined, and the sometimes-painful bonds of sisterhood.

Horror TP \$32.99

### **The High Mountain Court** Five Crowns of Okriith 01

**Mulford, A K**  
Nineteen-year-old Remy knows she is the last red witch alive, and she is determined to stay that way. But the Northern Court King who slaughtered her family has other plans and intends to hunt her kind until none remain. When four fae warriors enter her tavern refuge, Remy tries to flee, but her magic isn't strong enough to stop the obstinate – and handsome – Prince Hale of the Eastern Kingdom. He claims he wants to stop a war with the Northern Court before his kingdom succumbs to the same fate as Remy's. In order to do that, he needs a red witch... and Remy is the only one left. Yet, even as she finds herself drawn to him, she does not know if she can trust him. But, for the chance to save herself, her people, and rid the world of a murderous tyrant, Remy must put her faith in Hale and his companions on a dangerous quest to find lost relics... and discover if she is ready to secure her legacy. Full of romance, intrigue, magic, and passion, the first book of the Five

Crowns of Okriith series begins the journey of the fugitive red witch Remy, as she fights to reclaim her kingdom and discover what's inside her heart. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **The Witches' Blade**

Five Crowns of Okriith 02

**Mulford, A K**  
A magic sword. A powerful curse. An untested, fae princess. And a continent on fire... Eighteen-year-old Ruadora Dammacus now possesses the Immortal Blade, a powerful artefact that might be enough to overthrow the cruel oppression threatening the land. Yet, when Rua discovers the Northern Court King's uncle is not only alive but has cast a curse on the blue witch army, she realises that the battle has only just begun. Venturing into the enemy's court, Rua finds herself working closely with the young king. Her problems are mounting, and the handsome – and, perhaps, evil – royal is only one of them. With the eyes of her new-found family on her, Rua must prove herself worthy of the Immortal Blade if she is to break the spell over the blue witches. But the greatest challenge she will face is her growing connection to the Northern King and what it could mean for her people... and her heart. Now in paperback. The Five Crowns of Okriith begins with *The High Mountain Court* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **The Rogue Crown**

Five Crowns of Okriith 03

**Mulford, A K**  
The young fae warrior Bri investigates the murder of her queen while protecting the beautiful princess she just might be falling for... Determined to unmask the truth behind her queen's murder, Briata Catullus sets out to defeat the witch hunters and keep her princess from their clutches. But when she arrives at the Western Court, things are even worse than she feared among the fae. She is greeted by secret plots and scheming courtiers, an inconvenient prophecy and a princess who does not wish to be saved by anyone, much less Bri. However, as the threat of the witch hunters grows, the two find they must work together if they want to survive. But Bri is determined to forge her own path and not allow for distraction – even if that distraction happens to be a princess. Bri has a duty to the crown, a duty to the Western Court, and a duty to her destiny to fulfil... but what about the duty to her heart? Now in paperback. The Five Crowns of Okriith begins with *The High Mountain Court* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **The Evergreen Heir**

Five Crowns of Okriith 04

**Mulford, A K**  
Neelo Emberspear, heir to the throne and realm, would never leave the library if they could help it. They certainly never asked for a kingdom or a husband to rule it with. But when their mother, the troubled queen, disastrously lights the castle on fire Neelo knows duty can be put off no longer. No matter how charming everyone else finds fae warrior Talhan Catullus, this is not what Neelo chose. Fighting to save their mother's life and throne, Neelo is astonished when the

written word brings them closer than ever to their cavalier new fiancé. But a dark force is rising, which not only threatens their love, but the entire continent. The Five Crowns of Okriith begins with *The High Mountain Court* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### **The Wonder State**

**Murphy, Sara Flannery**

Five friends arrive back in Eternal Springs, the small town they all fled after high-school graduation. Each of them is drawn home by a cryptic, scrawled two-word letter: *You promised*. It has been 15 years since that life-changing summer, and they're anxious to find out why Brandi called them back, especially when they vowed never to return. But Brandi is missing. She'd been acting erratically for months, in and out of rehab, railing at whoever might listen about magic all around them. About a power they can't see. And strange houses that appear only when you need them...

Dark fantasy HC \$62.95

### **Nineteen Eighty-Four**

graphic novel

**Orwell, George**

A spectacular graphic adaptation of the greatest dystopian novel ever written. Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet, he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the all-seeing telescreens and the watchful eye of Big Brother, symbolic head of the Party. In his longing for truth and liberty, Smith begins a secret love affair with a fellow-worker, Julia, but soon discovers the true price of freedom is betrayal.

Classic sf PBK \$26.99

### **The Last Witch of Scotland** **Paris, Philip**

Being a woman was her only crime. *Scottish Highlands, 1727*. In the aftermath of a tragic fire that kills her father, Aila and her mother, Janet, move to the remote village of Loth. Aila, who was badly burned in the fire, attracts the eye of suspicious and superstitious villagers, especially the new Reverend McNeil, a man determined to cleanse the village from evil. Then arrives a motley troupe of travelling entertainers from Edinburgh, led by the charismatic but mysterious Jack, further unsettling peace in the village and stoking something new in Aila – a kind of hope she hasn't known since her father's death. Trouble is brewing, and if Aila and Janet aren't careful, everything may yet end in flames. Inspired by the true story of the last person to be tried and executed as a witch in Britain, *The Last Witch of Scotland* is a harrowing tale shedding light on one of the country's darkest periods in history.

Witch hunts HC \$32.99

### **Sing, Nightingale** **Poitras, Marie Hélène**

When the curtain rises on Malmaison, it reveals a once-enchanting estate, quietly falling into darkness and ruin, and at the heart of it, a father, one of a long line of fathers who have flourished at the expense

of those around them. The silence seems peaceful, but lurking under it is a deep malevolence, scores of ugly and violent secrets kept by cast-off mistresses and abandoned daughters. Ever-greedy, the father brings in Aliénor, a woman who promises to make the lands give even more of themselves; the plants will flourish, the animals will multiply, each feast will be more sumptuous than the last. The father thinks the stage is set to satisfy his every desire, but Aliénor will bring a new script, one in which the hunters are hunted, and a new reign will begin. Peter Greenaway meets Angela Carter: a Gothic tale of secrets and revenge.

Gothic fantasy TP \$27.99

### **Descendant Machine**

ContINUENCE 02

**Powell, Gareth I**

The Grand Mechanism is a machine the size of Saturn's rings that has lain dormant for all recorded history, watched over by the alien Jzat. Now, rogue elements in Jzat and human society conspire to activate it, hoping it will bring them power and opportunity. But the only person who knows the Mechanism's secrets is the Rav'nah Abelisk, a Jzat holy man on sabbatical aboard a vast alien megaship. Believing the Mechanism's activation will bring galactic devastation, Nic Mafalda has to seek out the Abelisk before his sacred knowledge falls into the wrong hands – but only if she can first escape the lethally radioactive remains of her wrecked scout ship. From the award-winning author comes a gripping, fast-paced, and fascinating sf adventure; vividly imagined and sharply written. Fans of Ann Leckie and Becky Chambers will be engrossed. The sequel to *Stars and Bones* (PBK, \$19.99).

Space opera PBK \$22.99

### **The Half Life of Valery K** **Pulley, Natasha**

*The truth must come out*. In 1963, in a Siberian gulag, former nuclear specialist Valery Kolkhanov has mastered what it takes to survive: the right connections to the guards for access to food and cigarettes, the right pair of warm boots to avoid frostbite, and the right attitude toward the small pleasures of life. But on one ordinary day, all that changes: Valery's university mentor steps in and sweeps Valery from the frozen prison camp to a mysterious unnamed town hidden within a forest so damaged it looks like the trees have rusted from within. Here, Valery is Dr Kolkhanov, once more, and he's expected to serve out his prison term studying the effect of radiation on local animals. But as Valery begins his work, he is struck by the questions his research raises: what, exactly, is being hidden from the thousands who live in the town? And if he keeps looking for answers, will he live to serve out his sentence? Based on real events in a surreal Soviet city, and told with bestselling author Natasha Pulley's inimitable style, *The Half Life of Valery K* is a sweeping historical adventure, from the author of *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* (PBK, \$22.99).

Suspense PBK \$22.99

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### Denial

#### Raymond, Jon

The year is 2052. Climate change has had a predictably devastating effect: Venice submerged, cyclones in Oklahoma, megafires in South America. Yet, it could be much worse. Two decades earlier, the global protest movement known as the Upheavals helped break the planet's fossil fuel dependency, and the subsequent Nuremberg-like Toronto Trials convicted the most powerful oil executives and lobbyists for crimes against the environment. Not all of them. A few executives escaped arrest and went into hiding, including pipeline mastermind Robert Cave. Now, a Pacific Northwest journalist named Jack Henry, who works for a struggling media company, has received a tip that Cave is living in Mexico. Hoping the story will save his job, he travels south and, using a fake identity, makes contact with the fugitive. The two men strike up an unexpected friendship, leaving Jack torn about exposing Cave – an uncertainty further compounded by the diagnosis of a life-threatening illness and a new romance with an old acquaintance. Who will really benefit from the unmasking? What is the nature of justice and punishment? How does one contend with mortality when the planet, itself, is dying?

Cli-fi TP \$37.95

### Under the Hollywood Sign: the Collected Stories of

#### Tom Reamy

collection

#### Reamy, Tom

Gathered here for the first time is all of Reamy's professional short fiction, including two previously uncollected pieces: the story 'M is for the Millions' and the screenplay 'Sting!', as well as a previously unpublished novella. Reamy sold his first two stories, 'Beyond the Cleft' and 'Twilla', to Harry Harrison and Damon Knight respectively – on the same day in 1973. 'San Diego Lightfoot Sue' earned Reamy the 1975 Nebula for Best Novelette, and, following more nominations, Reamy won the 1976 John W Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Tragically, he died at the age of 42, in late 1977; his posthumously published novel, *Blind Voices*, garnered further acclaim. George R R Martin noted that, along with John Varley, Reamy was one of 'the two most important new writers of the Seventies', and this definitive retrospective of Reamy's supernova career showcases why. Ranging from the survivalist science fiction of 'Dinosaurs' and '2076: Blue Eyes' to the undeniable horrors of the eponymous story and 'The Detweiler Boy', these dark, consistently seductive tales by a mercurial fantasist easily shift from urban noir to rural romance, from private eyes to cosmic fears, from creature features to slice-of-life, from bittersweet realism to existential slipstream. Closing out the collection, in what we might irreverently call the *pièce de réamystance*, is that long-awaited, never-before-published novella 'Potiphee, Petey, and Me', penned more than 45 years ago and now exclusively available in this volume. Offbeat, disturbing and prescient, it conclusively brings to the fore why, no matter where we might be reading from, we're all living *Under the*

*Hollywood Sign*. A pricey, limited, edition from Subterranean Press – which may be out of print, on release.

Science fiction HC \$99.95

### At the End of Every Day

**Reiche, Arianna**  
Delphi has spent years working at a vast and iconic theme park in California after fleeing a trauma in her rural hometown. But following the disturbing death of a beloved Hollywood starlet on the park grounds, Delphi is tasked with shuttering it for good. Meanwhile, two siblings with ties to the park exchange letters, trying to understand why people who work there have been disappearing. Before long, they learn that there's a reason no one is meant to see behind its carefully guarded curtain... What happens, when the park empties out? And what happens when Delphi, who seems remarkably at one with it, is finally forced to leave?

Horror HC \$62.95

### Cobalt Blue

novella

#### Reilly, Matthew

For 35 years, the United States and Russia each had their own superhero. Three days ago, America's hero died. Today will be bad. In the face of an overwhelming attack, one young woman – unassuming and anonymous – might be America's only hope. Her codename... Cobalt Blue.

Superheroes PBK \$22.99

### Quantum Radio

**Riddle, A G**  
At CERN, a scientist has just made an incredible discovery – a breakthrough that may answer the deepest questions about human existence. But what he's found is far more dangerous than he ever imagined. Dr Tyson Klein is a quantum physicist who has dedicated his entire life to his research. At CERN, he analyses data generated by the Large Hadron Collider, the world's biggest and most powerful particle accelerator. Now, Ty believes he's found a pattern in its output. It looks like an organised data stream, being broadcast over what he calls a quantum radio. Could it be a signal from another universe? A message sent from the future? Or something else entirely? As Ty peels back the layers of his discovery, he learns that what he's found isn't what he thought it was. The encoded message is far more profound. It may alter our understanding of human existence and the universe. But Ty is not the only one looking for it. Someone has been following his research for a long time. And they'll do anything to prevent him from unravelling what is being broadcast, by the quantum radio... Because the first one to discover the truth, may well control the future.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

### Live Free or Die

Troy Rising 01

#### Ringo, John

*Will the people of Earth bow down to alien overlords – or will they fight back?*  
When aliens trundled a gate to other worlds into the Solar System, the world reacted with awe, hope, and fear. The first aliens

to come through, the Glatun, turned out to be peaceful traders, and the world breathed a sigh of relief. When the Horvath came through, they announced their ownership of us, by dropping rocks on three cities and gutting them. Since then, they've held Terra as their own personal fiefdom. With their control of the orbitals, there's no way to win and Earth's governments have accepted the status quo. To free the world from the grip of the Horvath is going to take an unlikely hero. A hero unwilling to back down to alien or human governments, unwilling to live in slavery, and with enough hubris, if not stature, to think he can win. Fortunately, there's Tyler Vernon. And he has bigger plans than just getting rid of the Horvath. *Troy Rising* is a book in three parts – *Live Free or Die* being the first part – detailing the freeing of Earth from alien conquerors, the first steps into space using off-world technologies and the creation of Troy, a thousand-trillion-ton battle station designed to secure the Solar System. A reissue of the novel originally published in 2010.

Space opera (reissue) TP \$39.95

### The Traitor

Covenant of Steel 03

#### Ryan, Anthony

It's been a long journey for Alwyn Scribe. Born a bastard and raised an outlaw, he's now a knight and the most trusted advisor to Lady Evadine Courlain. Together, they've won countless battles and helped to bring order to a fractured kingdom. Yet, Evadine is not the woman Alwyn once knew. As puritanical fury increasingly replaces her benevolent faith, Alwyn begins to question what her true motives really are. As the kingdom braces itself for one final battle, Alwyn's conscience fights its own war with his heart. Now, more than ever, he must decide whose side he's really on. The epic final novel in Anthony Ryan's blockbuster series following the adventures of Alwyn Scribe – an outlaw who will become a champion and shape the fate of the world. The first is *The Pariah* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### The Frugal Wizard's Handbook for Surviving Medieval England

Secret Projects 02

#### Sanderson, Brandon

A man awakes in a clearing in what appears to be medieval England – with no memory of who he is, where he came from, or why he is there. Chased by a group from his own time, his sole hope for survival lies in regaining his missing memories, making allies among the locals, and perhaps even trusting in their superstitious boasts. His only help from the 'real world' should have been a guidebook entitled *The Frugal Wizard's Handbook for Surviving Medieval England*, except his copy exploded during transit. The few fragments he managed to save provide clues to his situation, but can he figure them out in time to survive? Brandon Sanderson meshes Jason Bourne, epic fantasy, and time travel together in a standalone adventure, where an amnesiac wizard's only hope of survival in medieval England lies in recovering his missing memories.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Bored Gay Werewolf

#### Santorella, Tony

Brian, an aimless slacker in his 20s, works double shifts at his waiter job, never cleans his apartment, and gets black-out drunk with his restaurant comrades, Nik and Darby. He's been struggling to manage his transition to adulthood, almost as much as his monthly transitions to a werewolf. Really, he is not great at the whole werewolf thing, and his recent murderous slip-ups have caught the attention of Tyler, a millennial were-entrepreneur determined to explore exponential growth strategies in the mythological wellness market. Tyler has got a plan and he wants Brian to be part of it – weirdly, his brand of self-help punditry actually encourages Brian to shape up and to stop accidentally marking out bad tippers at the restaurant as potential monthly victims. But, as Brian gets closer to Tyler's pack and drifts further away from Nik and Darby, he realises that Tyler's expansion plans are much more nefarious than a little lupine enlightenment...

Paranormal TP \$32.99

### Unquiet

#### Saxey, E

*London, 1893.* Judith lives a solitary life, save for the maid who haunts the family home in which she resides. Mourning the death of her brother-in-law, Sam, who drowned in an accident a year earlier, she distracts herself with art classes, books, and strange rituals, while the rest of her family travel the world. One icy evening, conducting a ritual in her garden she discovers Sam, alive. He has no memory of the past year, and remembers little of the accident that appeared to take his life. Desperate to keep his reappearance a secret until she can discover the truth about what happened to him, Judith journeys outside of the West London Jewish community she calls home, to the scene of Sam's accident. But there are secrets waiting there for Judith, things that have been dormant for so long, and if she is to uncover all of them, she may have to admit to truths that she has been keeping from herself. Perfect for fans of *The Haunting of Hill House* and Sarah Waters. *We expect to have this edition of Unquiet from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Horror PBK \$37.95

### The Future King

Emry Merlin 02

#### Schneider, Robyn

Emry Merlin should be living her best life as a wizard's apprentice. Now that she no longer has to pretend to be her brother to study magic, she and Prince Arthur are closer than ever. Except King Uther has warned her to stay away from his son, and Emry's magic is growing more unpredictable by the day. Meanwhile, Arthur's prophesied future as the One True King is closing in. And as his wedding to Princess Guinevere draws nearer, he discovers she's hiding a shocking secret. When Emry learns that the only hope to fix her increasingly dangerous magic is an eccentric Parisian alchemist, Arthur has his own reasons for accompanying her to French court, and for befriending an infamous crowd of young nobles. But it's going to take a lot more than a depressed gargoyle, some obscenely tight trousers, and



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a deadly sports match to keep our young heroes from their destiny. Can these reluctant royals and wayward wizards set aside their drama and save their kingdom, or is Camelot doomed? The sequel to *The Other Merlin* (PBK, \$19.99).

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

### The City of Dusk

Sim, Tara

*Darkness falls. Gods rise. The Four Realms – Life, Death, Light, and Darkness – all converge on the City of Dusk. For each realm there is a god, and for each god there is an heir. But the gods have withdrawn their favour from the once vibrant and thriving metropolis. And without it, all the realms are dying. Unwilling to stand by and watch the destruction, the four heirs – Angelica, an elementalist with her eyes set on the throne; Risha, a necromancer fighting to keep the peace; Nikolas, a soldier who struggles to see the light; and Taesia, a shadow-wielding rogue with a reckless heart – will become reluctant allies in the quest to save their city. But their rebellion will cost them dearly. The first in a dark epic fantasy trilogy that follows the four heirs of four noble houses – each gifted with a divine power – as they form a tenuous alliance to keep their kingdom from descending into a realm-shattering war. An earlier edition of this had fantastic customer feedback.*

Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Epilog

collection

Simak, Clifford D

A volume of 11 stories from the Hugo Award-winning science fiction author that explore inner space, future worlds, and the peculiar lives of robots. One of the 20th century's most pioneering science fiction authors, Clifford D Simak had a special fondness for robots. Not only did these thinking machines represent the boundless possibilities of technology, they also had the potential to bring – in his words – 'the kindness and the courage that I thought were needed in the world'. The stories in this volume offer a variety of Simak's unique robot visions. In 'Lulu', a robot built for planetary exploration takes on a female identity, causing unforeseen challenges for her three-man crew. An examination of an unknown planet reveals the celestial body to be a single, gigantic computer whose origins and purpose are a mystery, in 'Limiting Factor'. And in the title story, Simak returns to his longest-running robot character, Jenkins, who reflects on all that has come and gone one last time.

Science fiction TP \$55.00

### Castle Full of Blackbirds

graphic novel

Slatter, Angela;

Mignola, Mike; et al

Sara May Blackburn has always been an odd girl. Plagued by mysterious powers her whole life, Sarah heads to New York to seek Miss Brook at the Linton School for Girls. But the school is shrouded in strangeness, and the more secrets Sara discovers, the more dangerous and challenging her studies become. Sarah must reveal the forces that seek to control her power. Join *Hellboy* creator Mike Mignola as he partners with

celebrated Brisbane author Angela Slatter, and artist extraordinaire Valeria Burzo for a new adventure full of witchcraft and magic. New from the world of *Hellboy!* Collects *Castle Full of Blackbirds* #1–4.

Hellboy HC \$44.99

### The Last Dragon King

Kings of Avalier 01

Stone, Leia

*The Dragon King is looking for a wife...*

The news causes a frenzy for the women in my village. The king will be sending out the royal guard to bring women of childbearing age to his castle in Jade City. There is only one requirement: his wife-to-be must carry enough magic to produce an heir for him. I know I won't be chosen: I'm only human, with a mere 10% dragon magic lineage – but, for some reason, the magic sniffers command me to present myself to the king as a possible wife. I'm ready to go to Jade City, until my mother tells me a terrifying secret. A secret that could get me killed... by the king, himself. The first in a quartet.

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

### Season of Skulls

New Management 03

Stross, Charles

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

Urban fantasy HC \$49.99

### Fortuna Sworn

Fortuna Sworn 01

Sutton, K J

Fortuna Sworn is the last of her kind. Her brother has disappeared, leaving her alone. She hides among humans, spending her days working at a bar and her nights searching for him – until she catches the eye of a powerful faerie. Collith desires Fortuna. And if she will bind herself to him, he offers something irresistible. So, Fortuna leaves her safe existence behind, and descends into a world of glamorous creatures and deadly power. She soon realises it's not just her heart she has bargained with – but quite possibly her life. The first in a new, dark, and captivating faerie romance series. We expect to have the sequel, *Restless Slumber* (PBK, \$22.99), in October.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Art of the Hobbit

75th anniversary edition

Tolkien, J R R

& Hammond, Wayne;

Scull, Christina (editors)

A sumptuous full-colour art book containing the complete collection of more than 100 sketches, drawings, paintings, and maps created by J R R Tolkien for *The Hobbit*. When J R R Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit*, he was already an accomplished amateur artist, and drew illustrations for his book while it was still in manuscript. *The Hobbit*, as first printed, had 10 black and white pictures, two maps, and binding and dust-jacket designs by its author. Later, Tolkien also painted five scenes for colour plates which are some of his best works. His illustrations for *The Hobbit* add an extra dimension to that remarkable book, and have long influenced how readers imagine Bilbo Baggins and his world. *The Art of the Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien is the complete collection of the artwork created by the author for his story. Including related pictures, more than 100 sketches, drawings, paintings, maps, and plans are presented here, preliminary and alternate versions and experimental designs as well as finished art. Using fresh digital scans from the Bodleian Libraries in Oxford and Marquette University in Wisconsin, Tolkien's *Hobbit* pictures can be seen more vividly than ever before. Wayne G Hammond and Christina Scull, two of the world's leading Tolkien scholars, have edited the book and provide an expert introduction and comments. Readers who have enjoyed *The Art of the Lord of the Rings* by J R R Tolkien will find much of interest also in *The Art of the Hobbit*.

Tolkien HC \$55.00

### Ink Blood Sister Scribe

Törzs, Emma

*Some books should never be opened.*

Joanna Kalotay lives alone in the woods of Vermont, the sole protector of a collection of rare books; books that will allow someone to walk through walls, or turn water into wine. Books of magic. Her estranged older sister Esther moves between countries and jobs, constantly changing, never staying anywhere longer than a year, desperate to avoid the deadly magic that killed her mother. Currently working on a research base in Antarctica, she has found love and, perhaps, a sort of happiness. But when she finds spots of blood on the mirrors in the research base, she knows someone is coming for her, and that Joanna and her collection are in danger. If they are to survive, she and Joanna must unravel the secrets their parents kept hidden from them – secrets that span centuries and continents, and could cost them their lives... A spellbinding, edge-of-your-seat thriller – following a family tasked with guarding a trove of magical but deadly books, and the shadowy organisation that will do anything to get them back... even murder.

Bibliofantasy TP \$32.99

### The Rain

Turkot, Joseph A

The rain began 19 years ago, and it never stopped: more than a foot of rain per day, until almost the whole of North America was

underwater. Those who survived the first year were forced to take drastic measures, and those who held to the veneer of civilisation were few and very far between. Seventeen-year-old Tanner grew up after the rain began. She and her adoptive caretaker, Russell, have long sought a fabled Colorado refuge, a dream that has kept them going through years of brutal trials as they try to stay one step ahead of the 'face eaters' – people addicted to a mysterious drug that drives them to murder and cannibalism. When the rain began, Rook Wallace was a meteorologist who joined a company called Yasper that, years after its emergency funding dried up, continues its stated mission to help survivors by maintaining a trade network among isolated island communities. But when Rook learns the insidious truth of what keeps the Yasper mission going, he is forced to risk everything that remains of his former life to try to stop it.

Cli-fi HC \$62.95

### The Extractionist

Unger, Kimberly

Eliza McKay is an Extractionist: an expert in the virtual reality space where people's minds are uploaded as digital personas. When rich or important people get stuck in the Swim, for reasons that are sleazy, illegal, or merely unlucky – it's McKay's job to quietly extract them. And McKay's job just got a lot more dangerous. After McKay repels an attack on her Swim persona, hired thugs break into her house to try to hack her cybernetic implants directly. Meanwhile, the corporate executive she was hired to rescue from VR space is surprisingly reluctant to be extracted. Something is lurking in the Swim, and some very powerful people will stop at nothing to keep it secret. This job might be the big break McKay has been waiting for – if she can survive long enough to beat the hackers at their own game. Virtual reality and gaming expert Unger has created an unforgettable cyber-playground – where the rich still make their own rules, but a skilled operator remains the wildcard. Winner of the 2023 Philip K Dick Award.

Cyberpunk TP \$32.99

### The Lies of the Ajungo

Forever Desert 01, novella

Utomi, Moses Ose

Prepare to enter the Forever Desert. *They say there is no water in the City of Lies. They say there are no heroes in the City of Lies. They say there are no friends beyond the City of Lies. But would you believe what they say in the City of Lies?* In the City of Lies, they cut out your tongue when you turn 13, to appease the terrifying Ajungo Empire and make sure it continues sending water. Tutu will be 13 in three days, but his parched mother won't last that long. So, Tutu goes to his oba and makes a deal: she provides water for his mother; and, in exchange, he will travel out into the desert and bring back water for the city. Thus begins Tutu's quest for the salvation of his mother, his city, and himself. *The Lies of the Ajungo* opens the curtains on a tremendous world, and begins the epic fable of the Forever Desert. With every word of this 96pp, Tor.com novella, Moses Ose Utomi weaves magic.

Fantasy HC \$32.99

# Pulp Fiction

## Science Fiction & Fantasy July 2023 (continued)

### **Ebony Gate**

Phoenix Hoard 01

**Vee, Julia & Bebelles, Ken**

Emiko Soong belongs to one of the eight premier magical families of the world. But Emiko never needed any magic. Because she is the Blade of the Soong Clan. Or was. Until she's drenched in blood in the middle of a market in China, surrounded by bodies and the scent of blood and human waste as a lethal perfume. The Butcher of Beijing now lives a quiet life in San Francisco, importing antiques. But when a shinigami, a god of death itself, calls in a family blood debt, Emiko must recover the Ebony Gate that holds back the hungry ghosts of the Yomi underworld. Or forfeit her soul as the anchor. What's a retired assassin to do but save the City by the Bay from an army of the dead? The first in a series.

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

### **The Ghosts of Trappist**

NeoG 03

**Wagers, K B**

Ensign Nell 'Sapphi' Zika has been working hard to get past her trauma, but the unnerving pleas for help she's hearing in the Verge and the song she can't get out of her head are making that increasingly difficult. As *Zuma's Ghost* gears up for a final run at the Boarding Games, their expert hacker is feeling anything but confident. Plus, her chief's robot dog, Doge, is acting weird – a computer problem she can't find an answer to – and the increasing number of missing freighters is putting everyone living on or stationed around Trappist on edge. It doesn't help the NeoG's mission that *Dread Treasure* is sidelined from competing in the Boarding Games, and Commander D'Arcy Montaglione is stuck on the front lines of the mystery of the missing ships while also stuck in his own head. Never good at trusting people to begin with, he's struggling to piece together his new crew in the aftermath of a great betrayal, knowing this may be his final chance at command. The last thing he wants to do is prove his enemies right and end up getting shoved behind a desk and forgotten. The easy answer to missing ships is pirates, but D'Arcy soon realises the easiest answer is rarely the right one out in the vacuum of space. What's worse is that the actual pirates are scared of something out beyond the asteroid belt. Something that's been taking their ships too... As the unknowns multiply, and one of their mysterious enemies escalates by launching an attack on the NeoG, itself, the Interceptor crews must brave both cyber and outer space to hunt down their

foes, but *no one* is prepared for the truth that is revealed or the way it will shake the foundations of everything they believe about the universe. *We expect to have this edition of The Ghosts of Trappist from its Australian distributors in November, at a lower price.*

Space opera HC \$65.95

### **Misrule**

Malice duology 02

**Walter, Heather**

The Dark Grace is dead. Feared and despised for the sinister power in her veins, Alyce has spent 100 years wreaking her revenge on the kingdom that made her an outcast. Once a realm of decadence and beauty, Briar is now wholly Alyce's wicked domain. No one escapes the consequences of her wrath. Not even the one person who holds her heart. Princess Aurora saw through Alyce's thorny facade, earning a love that promised the dawn of a new age. But that love came with a heavy price: Aurora now sleeps under a curse that even Alyce's vast power cannot seem to break, and their dream of the world they would have built together is nothing but ash. Alyce vows to do anything to wake the woman she loves, even if it means descending into the monster Briar believed her to be. But could Aurora ever love the villain Alyce has become? Or is true love only for fairy tales?

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### **Artificial Condition**

Murderbot Diaries 02

**Wells, Martha**

*'As a heartless killing machine, I was a complete failure.'* It has a dark past – one in which a number of humans were killed. A past that caused it to christen itself 'Murderbot'. But it has only vague memories of the massacre that spawned that title, and it wants to know more. Teaming up with a Research Transport vessel named ART (you don't want to know what the 'A' stands for), Murderbot heads to the mining facility where it went rogue. What it discovers will forever change the way it thinks. A perennial favourite, here at Pulp, now in a softcover edition for the first time.

Science fiction novella TP \$24.99

### **Emperor of Ruin**

Burningblade & Silvereye 03

**Wexler, Django**

Gyre and Maya must finally join forces and rally the people to take down the Twilight Order, once and for all. The last surviving Chosen, Ashok, has finally risen up and taken control of the Twilight Order. He promises equality and prosperity, but Gyre and

Maya know the truth. Only death follows in Ashok's wake. To take him down, Gyre will have to unite old allies – from all across The Splinter Kingdoms and the depths of Deepfire. And Maya will have to seek out a legendary weapon hidden in the mountains that could turn the tide in their battle for freedom... The final book of Django Wexler's brilliantly-imagined epic fantasy trilogy – it begins with *Ashes of the Sun* (PBK, \$22.99).

Epic fantasy TP \$32.99

### **The Road to Roswell**

**Willis, Connie**

When level-headed Francie arrives in Roswell, New Mexico, for her college roommate's UFO-themed wedding – complete with a true-believer bridegroom – she can't help but roll her eyes, at all the wide-eyed talk of aliens, which obviously don't exist. Imagine her surprise, then, when she is abducted by one. Odder still, her abductor is far from what the popular media have led her to expect, with a body like a tumbleweed and a mass of lightning-fast tentacles. Nor is Francie the only victim of the alien's abduction spree. Before long, he has acquired a charming con man named Wade; a sweet little old lady, with a casino addiction; a retiree with a huge RV and a love for old Westerns; and a UFO-chasing nut-job, who is thoroughly convinced the alien intends to probe them and/or take over the planet. But the more Francie gets to know the alien, the more convinced she becomes that he's not an invader. That he's in trouble, and she has to help him. Only, she doesn't know how – or even what the trouble is. Part alien-abduction adventure, part road-trip saga, part romantic comedy, *The Road to Roswell* is packed full of Men in Black, Elvis impersonators, tourist traps, rattlesnakes, chemtrails, and Close Encounters of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth kind. Can Francie – stuck in a neon-green bridesmaid's dress – save the world... and still make it back, for the wedding? 'An absolute blast with abundant humour, copious references to old westerns, and... a delightful, intergalactic twist on the romantic comedy.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). We say, always always read Connie Willis!

Science fiction HC \$57.95

### **How Do You Live?**

**Yoshino, Genzaburo**

Published in English, for the very first time, Japan's best-loved classic (and Miyazaki's childhood favourite) tells the story of a young boy's journey to discovering what really

matters in life. The streets of Tokyo swarm below 15-year-old Copper as he gazes out into the city of his childhood. Struck by the thought of the infinite people whose lives play out alongside his own, he begins to wonder, *how do you live?* Considering life's biggest questions for the first time, Copper turns to his dear uncle for heart-warming wisdom. As the old man guides the boy on a journey of philosophical discovery, a timeless tale unfolds, offering a poignant reflection on what it means to be human.

YA fable PBK \$24.99

### **The Icarus Plot**

**Zahn, Timothy**

There wasn't much money to be made as a Trailblazer, searching out new worlds for possible development. Still, it was safer than the bounty-hunter career that had cost Gregory Roarke his left arm, six years ago. And thanks to his Kadolian partner Selene's ultrasensitive sense of smell, they occasionally discovered a medically promising seed or spore they could sell under the table. It was a quiet life, uneventful and mostly legal. Until Roarke was approached by two men with a proposal: track down a mysterious woman named Tera and, through her, locate a secret project called Icarus. The challenge was intriguing. The unlimited budget was tempting. But Roarke had a more personal reason to accept the job. The chance for long-delayed payback.

Space opera PBK \$26.95

### **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**

**Zevin, Gabrielle**

*This is not a romance, but it is about love...* Two kids meet in a hospital gaming room in 1987. One is visiting her sister, the other is recovering from a car crash. The days and months are long there. Their love of video games becomes a shared world – of joy, escape, and fierce competition. But all too soon that time is over, fades from view. When the pair spot each other eight years later in a crowded train station, they are catapulted back to that moment. The spark is immediate, and together they get to work on what they love – making games to delight, challenge and immerse players, finding an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives. Their collaborations make them superstars. This is the story of the perfect worlds Sadie and Sam build, the imperfect world they live in, and of everything that comes after success: Money. Fame. Duplicitous. Tragedy.

Cyberpunk PBK \$22.99