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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

Red Country

World of the First Law 03

Abercrombie, Joe

They burned her home. They stole her brother and sister. But vengeance is following. Shy South hoped to bury her bloody past and ride away smiling, but she'll have to sharpen up some bad old ways to get her family back, and she's not a woman to flinch from what needs doing. She sets off in pursuit with only a pair of oxen and her cowardly old stepfather Lamb for company. But it turns out Lamb's buried a bloody past of his own, and out in the lawless Far Country, the past never stays buried. Their journey will take them across the barren plains to a frontier town gripped by gold fever, through feud, duel, and massacre, high into the unmapped mountains to a reckoning with the Ghosts. Even worse, it will force them into alliance with Nicomo Cosca, infamous soldier of fortune, and his feckless lawyer Temple, two men no one should ever have to trust... The past never stays buried... The third volume of the World of First Law trilogy, reissued in a beautiful hardcover edition.

Grimdark fantasy (reissue) HC \$49.99

Conquest

Allan, Nina

Rachel's boyfriend Frank is different from other people. His strangeness is part of what she loves about him: his innocence, his intelligence, his passionate immersion in the music of J S Bach. As a coder, Frank sees patterns in everything, but as his theories slide further towards the irrational, Rachel becomes increasingly concerned for his wellbeing. There are people Frank knows online, people who share his view of the world, and who insist he has a unique role to play. In spite of Rachel's fears for his safety, Frank is determined to meet them, face to face. When Frank disappears, Rachel is forced to seek help in the form of Robin, a private detective who left the police force for reasons she will not reveal. Like Frank, Robin is obsessed with the music of Bach. Like Frank, she has unexplained connections with the criminal underworld of southeast London. An obscure science fiction story, from the 1950s, appears to offer clues to Frank's secret agenda, but not to where he is. As Robin and Rachel draw closer in their search for the truth, they are forced to ask themselves if Frank's obsession with an alien war, against all logic, might have a basis in fact. Nina Allan's new novel is a work of the greatest imaginative power, an investigation of the human need to make connections, to find causes and effects, however fantastic. *Conquest* is the story of a disappearance, and of the mystery that follows.

SF mystery TP \$32.99

Hell's March

Artillerymen 02

Anderson, Taylor

It is 1847, and almost a full year after being shipwrecked on another, far stranger and more dangerous Earth on their way to fight Santa Anna in the Mexican-American War, Lewis Cayce and his small group of artillerymen, infantrymen, and dragoons have made friends in the Yucatán, helped build an army, and repulsed the first efforts of the blood-drenched Holy Dominion to wipe their new friends out. As an even more radical cult of Blood Priests arises and begins to pursue its own path to power, the Dominion can't let its defeat stand. It must crush the heretics and expel them from the land it has claimed. Fortunately, Lewis Cayce is a professional. He understands defence can only result in a stalemate at best, and a stalemate with the more populous Dominion will only lead to defeat in the end. The lucky few will be enslaved. The rest will be sacrificed in the most horrific way imaginable. The only hope, his new allies have, is to win – and to do that, his little army must attack the most powerful and diabolical enemy on the planet in its own territory. Achieving victory will take all Lewis' imagination, the courage and trust of his soldiers – and all the round shot and canister, his tiny band of artillerymen can slam out. The first in Anderson's new series is *Purgatory's Shore* (PBK, \$26.95).

Military sf PBK \$26.95

Asteroid City

screenplay

Anderson, Wes

Thousands of years ago an asteroid fell from the sky, creating a huge crater, in the centre of which a piece of asteroid rock remains. Once a year, a convention is held on the site, attracting astronomers, teachers, and families with would-be teenage astronomers – as well as military personnel. As the stars begin to align, events occur which are startling, and completely unexpected. This is Anderson at his comic best; it is also suffused with the grief caused by the death of the mother of one of the families – giving the film a profound emotional impact. The film stars Tom Hanks, Margot Robbie, Scarlet Johansson, and Tilda Swinton, as well as familiar faces from Anderson's previous films.

Asteroid City HC \$32.99

What You Are Looking

for is in the Library

Aoyama, Michiko

What are you looking for? So asks Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian. For Sayuri Komachi is able to sense exactly what each visitor to her library is searching for and

provide just the book recommendation to help them find it. A restless retail assistant looks to gain new skills, a mother tries to overcome demotion at work after maternity leave, a conscientious accountant yearns to open an antique store, a recently retired salaryman searches for newfound purpose. In Komachi's unique book recommendations, they will find just what they need to achieve their dreams. *What You Are Looking for is in the Library* is about the magic of libraries and the discovery of connection. This inspirational tale shows how, by listening to our hearts, seizing opportunity, and reaching out, we too can fulfill our lifelong dreams. Which book will you recommend?

Bibliophilia HC \$32.99

Fall of Ruin and Wrath

Armentrout, Jennifer L

She lives by her intuition. He feeds on her pleasure... Long ago, the world was destroyed by gods. Only nine cities were spared. Separated by vast wilderness teeming with monsters and unimaginable dangers, each city is now ruled by a guardian – royalty who feed on mortal pleasure. Born with an intuition that never fails, Calista knows her talents are of great value to the power-hungry of the world, so she lives hidden as a courtesan of the Baron of Archwood. In exchange for his protection, she grants him information. When her intuition leads her to save a travelling prince in dire trouble, the voice inside her blazes with warning – and promise. Today, he'll bring her joy. One day, he'll be her doom. When the Baron takes an interest in the prince, and the prince takes an interest in Calista, she becomes the latter's temporary companion. But the city simmers with rebellion, and with knights and monsters at her city gates and a hungry prince in her bed, intuition may not be enough to keep her safe. Calista must choose: follow her intuition to safety, or follow her heart to her downfall.

Romantasy TP \$34.99

Hemlock Island

Armstrong, Kelley

Laney Kilpatrick has been renting her vacation home to strangers. The invasion of privacy gives her panic attacks, but it's the only way she can keep her beloved Hemlock Island, the only thing she owns after a pandemic-fuelled divorce. But broken belongings and campfires that nearly burn down the house have escalated to bloody bones, hex circles, and now, terrified renters who've fled after finding blood and nail marks all over the guest room closet, as though someone tried to claw their way out... and failed. When Laney shows up to investigate, with her teenaged niece in tow, she discovers that her ex, Kit, has also been

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

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informed and is there with Jayla, his sister, and her former best friend. Then Sadie, another old high school friend, charts over with her brother, who's now a cop. There are tensions and secrets, whispers in the woods, and before long, the discovery of a hand poking up from the earth. Then the body that goes with it... But by that time, someone has taken off with their one and only means off the island, and they're trapped with someone – or something – that doesn't want them leaving the island alive.

Horror HC \$64.95

Blade Breaker

Realm Breaker 02

Aveyard, Victor

A divided realm must rally, an unstoppable enemy must be defeated, and the fate of the world rests on a blade's edge. Andry, a former squire, fights for hope amid blood and chaos. Dom, a grieving immortal, strives to fulfill a broken oath. Sorasa, an outcast assassin, faces her past when it returns with sharpened teeth. Valtik, an old sorceress, summons a mighty power. And Corayne, a pirate's daughter with an ancient magic in her blood, steps closer to becoming the hero she's destined to be. Together, they must assemble an army to face Queen Erida and Taristan's wicked forces. But something deadly waits in the shadows, something that might consume the world before there's any hope for victory. The follow-up to *Realm Breaker* (PBK, \$17.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Master of Souls

Kingdom of Souls 03

Barron, Rena

Arrah has sacrificed almost everything in her battle with the Demon King. Now, forced to give up the gift of magic she'd sought for so long, she has finally found the survivors of the demons' attack on the tribal lands. But when she arrives without the power of the chieftain's kas to protect them, the new tribal leaders are suspicious of Arrah's motives, and her unmistakable connection to the Demon King. While her heart is loyal to Rudjek, Arrah cannot deny that her soul is bound to Daho – through her past life as the orisha Dimma, the years they spent together, and the child the orishas destroyed. And as the ruthless Efiya regains her strength and begins to sow rebellion in the demons' ranks, Arrah, the Demon King and the orishas must form an uneasy alliance to restore peace to their worlds. But peace may require the ultimate sacrifice... The epic conclusion to the fantasy trilogy set in a world of magic and legend. It starts with *Kingdom of Souls* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

The Last Unicorn

Beagle, Peter S

'If men no longer know what they are looking at, there may well be unicorns in the world yet, unknown and glad of it.' Living in peace in her lilac wood, the Unicorn didn't know the world had changed, or that anything had happened to the rest of her kind. Overhearing a chance conversation, she resolves to venture out and discover the truth. The road is dangerous, and the risks

are great. If she fails, then unicorns will be lost. Forever. A modern fairy tale, *The Last Unicorn* is a beloved classic; voted by *Time* as one of the 100 greatest fantasy novels of all time. It is fantastical, poignant, wistful, and wonderous, showing us the humanity of magic, and the magic of humanity. Available in UK paperback format, for the first time in decades, this edition features an introduction by Patrick Rothfuss.

Classic fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Locklands

Founders 03

Bennett, Robert Jackson

Once, Sancia Grado was just a thief with a grudge and a rare talent. Then she learned how to use that talent, and beat the great merchant houses of Tevanne at their own game. With Clef and Berenice, she even saw off an immortal hierophant – but the war they're fighting now is one they know they can't win. This time, they're not facing robber-baron elites or an immortal hierophant, but an entity whose intelligence is spread over half the globe: a ghost in the machine using the magic of scrying to possess and control not just objects, but human minds. Despite all their efforts their enemy marches on, implacable, unstoppable – and it's closing in on its true prize: an ancient doorway that leads to the centre of creation, itself. Sancia and her friends glimpse a last desperate opportunity to stop this unbeatable foe – but to do so, they'll have to unlock the centuries-old mystery of scrying's origins and pull off the most daring heist they've ever attempted. And as if that weren't enough, their adversary might just have a spy in their ranks – and a last trick up its sleeve... The conclusion of the Founders trilogy, now in paperback. It begins with *Foundryside* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$26.99

Monsters Born and Made

Berwah, Tanvi

Sixteen-year-old Korral and her older brother Emrik risk their lives each day to capture the monstrous maristags that live in the black seas around their island. They have to... or else their family will starve. In an oceanic world swarming with vicious beasts, the Landers – the ruling elite, have indentured Korral's family to provide the maristags for the Glory Race, a deadly chariot tournament reserved for the upper class. The winning contender receives gold and glory. The others – if they're lucky – survive. When the last maristag of the year escapes and Korral has no new maristag to sell, her family's financial situation takes a turn for the worse and they can't afford medicine for her chronically ill little sister. Korral's only choice is to do what no one in the world has ever dared: cheat her way into the Glory Race. But every step of the way is unpredictable as Korral races against competitors – including her ex-boyfriend – who have trained for this their whole lives and who have no intention of letting a low-caste girl steal their glory. As a rebellion rises and rogues attack Korral to try and force her to drop out, she must choose – her life or her sister's – before the whole island burns.

Fantasy TP \$22.99

Alcestis

Beutner, Katharine

In Greek myth, Alcestis is known as the ideal wife; she loved her husband so much that she died and went to the Underworld in his place. But who was Alcestis before she was married? Other than her love for Admetus, what circumstances led her to make this ultimate sacrifice? And what happened to her in the three days she spent in the Underworld? Katharine Beutner's lush, emotionally-devastating debut explores the magical reality of Ancient Greece, where gods attend weddings and the afterlife is just a river away, as Alcestis goes on a heroine's journey from sheltered princess to self-actualised saviour – redefining love and discovering her own power. Giving an achingly beautiful voice to the most misunderstood wives of Greek mythology, *Alcestis* is the Underworld as you've never seen it before.

Myth retold TP \$37.95

A Shadow Crown

Halfling Saga 02

Blair, Melissa

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

Romantasy TP \$32.99

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 Mercy, some may see it as no great loss. But when he disappears, the Tri-Cities pack is blamed. The mistress of the vampire seethe informs Mercy that the pack must produce Wulfe to prove their innocence, or the loose alliance between the local vampires and werewolves is over. So, Mercy goes out to find her stalker – and discovers more than just Wulfe have disappeared. Someone is taking people from locked rooms, from the aisles of stores and even from crowded parties. And these are not just ordinary people but supernatural beings. Until Wulfe vanished, all of them were powerless loners, many of whom quietly moved to the Tri-Cities in the hope that the safety promised by Mercy and Adam's pack would extend to them as well. Who is taking them? As Mercy investigates, she learns of the legend of the Harvester, who travels by less-trodden paths and reaps the souls that are ripe with a great black scythe...

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Whether Violent or Natural

Calder, Natasha

Years after complete antibiotic resistance has resulted in the loss of most human life on earth, Kit and Crevan eke out an existence on a remote island. Under a collapsing castle, they spend their days in an underground bunker packed with emergency stores, venturing out only at night. They are safe. One evening, a woman washes ashore, nearly drowned. Crevan wants to keep her alive, but Kit isn't so sure. The new arrival will implode Kit and Crevan's world with dire and fatal consequences, churning up the waters of the past and unearthing secrets they have kept from each other and from themselves. Who is really in control – and what are they both capable of doing to protect their haven?

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Cassiel's Servant

Kushiel's Legacy 04

Garey, Jacqueline

In *Kushiel's Dart* (PBK, \$22.99), a daring young courtesan uncovered a plot to destroy her beloved homeland. But hers is only half the tale. Now see the other half of the heart that lived it. *Cassiel's Servant* is a retelling of cult favourite *Kushiel's Dart* from the point of view of Joscelin, Cassiline warrior-priest and protector of Phèdre nó Delaunay. He's sworn to celibacy and the blade as surely as she's pledged to pleasure, but the gods they serve have bound them together. When both are betrayed, they must rely on each other to survive. From his earliest training to captivity amongst their enemies, his journey with Phèdre to avert the conquest of Terre D'Ange shatters body and mind... and brings him an impossible love that he will do anything to keep. Even if it means breaking all vows and losing his soul. 'Decadent and dark, *Cassiel's Servant* reveals the secrets of the mysterious Cassiline brotherhood. In this gorgeously realised novel, Carey returns to the world of Terre d'Ange and offers us a new and dazzling perspective on a character we thought we knew.' – *Nghi Vo*.

Fantasy TP \$36.99

The Blood Is the Life

Garrico, David

Chaim Caan was just out for a night of fun, blowing off some steam the way a young man will. After the better part of a year spent in COVID lockdowns, he was ready to let his hair down at a night club. But the young woman he encountered that night left him with something to remember her by: she turned Chaim into a vampire. Soon, Chaim finds himself thrust into a weird underground world of mysticism and enchantment as he navigates life as the newly undead, trying to reconcile his beliefs as an Orthodox Jew with the new reality that has been thrust upon him. He is forced to deal with a lot of change: to his body, to his mind, to his perceptions, to his relationships, and even to his world. He finds himself in parts of the world he had never dreamed of being in, and he finds himself doing things that he had never envisioned being a part of his life. And if he can come to terms with these changes, this mild-mannered young man might just find himself a hero.

Urban fantasy PBK \$26.95

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The Saint of Bright Doors Chandrasekera, Vajra

Fetter was raised to kill, honed as a knife to cut down his sainted father. This gave him plenty to talk about in therapy. He walked among invisible powers: devils and anti-gods that mock the mortal form. He learned a lethal catechism, lost his shadow, and gained a habit for secrecy. After a blood-soaked childhood, Fetter escaped his rural hometown for the big city, and fell into a broader world where divine destinies are a dime a dozen. Everything in Luriat is more than it seems. Group therapy is recruitment for a revolutionary cadre. Junk email hints at the arrival of a god. Every door is laden with potential, and once closed may never open again. The city is scattered with Bright Doors, looming portals through which a cold wind blows. In this unknowable metropolis, Fetter will discover what kind of man he is, and his discovery will rewrite the world.

Portal fantasy TP \$34.99

Ghost Eaters

Chapman, Clay McLeod

Erin hasn't been able to set a single boundary with her charismatic but reckless college ex-boyfriend, Silas. When he asks her to bail him out of rehab – again – she knows she needs to cut him off. But days after he gets out, Silas turns up dead of an overdose in their hometown of Richmond, Virginia, and Erin's world falls apart. Then a friend tells her about Ghost, a new drug that allows users to see the dead. *Wanna get haunted?* he asks. Grieving and desperate for closure with Silas, Erin agrees to a pill-popping 'séance'. But the drug has unfathomable side effects – and once you take it, you can never go back.

Gothic-punk TP \$29.99

What Kind of Mother

Chapman, Clay McLeod

After striking out on her own as a teen mom, Madi Price is forced to return to her hometown of Brandywine, Virginia, with her 17-year-old daughter. With nothing to her name, she scrapes together a living as a palm reader at the local farmers' market. It's there that she connects with old high school flame Henry McCabe, now a reclusive local fisherman whose infant son, Skyler, went missing five years ago. Everyone in town is sure Skyler is dead, but when Madi reads Henry's palm, she's haunted by strange and disturbing visions that suggest otherwise. As she follows the thread of these visions, Madi discovers a terrifying nightmare waiting at the centre of the labyrinth – and it's coming for everyone she holds dear.

Horror HC \$45.95

The Land of Lost Things

Book of Lost Things 02

Gonnolly, John

Twice upon a time – for that is how some stories should continue...

Phoebe, an eight-year-old girl, lies comatose following a car accident. She is a body without a spirit, a stolen child. Ceres, her mother, can only sit by her bedside and read aloud to Phoebe the fairy stories she loves – in the hope they might summon her back to this world. But it is hard to keep faith, so very hard. Now, an old house on the hospital grounds, a property connected to a book written by a vanished author, is calling to Ceres. Something wants her to enter, and to

journey – to a land coloured by the memories of Ceres' childhood, and the folklore beloved of her father, to a land of witches and dryads, giants and mandrakes; to a land where old enemies are watching, and waiting. To the Land of Lost Things. A sequel to *The Book of Lost Things* (PBK, \$22.99), originally published in 2007.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Memory's Legion

complete Expanse story collection

Corey, James S A

For the first time, all of the short fiction set in James S A Corey's multimillion-bestselling Expanse series is available in this collection – including a brand-new novella. Now in paperback.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

No Game for Knights

Correia, Larry

& Ezell, Kacey (editors)

'Knights had no meaning in this game.

It wasn't a game for knights.' – *Raymond Chandler*. In a world of criminals, thugs, con artists, cheats, and swindlers, there must be a man to stand against the powers of darkness and corruption. A man not afraid to walk the mean streets – whether they be those of 1930s' Los Angeles, an ancient fantasy realm, or some far-flung planet of a future star empire. He is a man who knows that a 'good man' is not always a 'nice guy'. But when the chips are down, he understands that a hero does the right thing, even if it means losing everything. He's a hard man, sure. But an honourable one. He's a truth seeker, a score evener. He is Sam Spade. He is Philip Marlowe. He is Rick Deckard. He is Harry Dresden. He is all these men, and more. Now, join Larry Correia and Kacey Ezell as they present all-new stories of fantasy and science fiction with a hardboiled detective bent by today's top authors. Grab the bottle of Scotch from your bottom desk drawer. Light a cigarette. Tilt your fedora back on your head. But don't forget to watch your back. This is *No Game for Knights*. Stories by: Laurell K Hamilton, Larry Correia, Christopher Ruocchio, Michael Haspil, D J Butler, Kacey Ezell, Griffin Barber, Robert Buettner, Sharon Shinn, Craig Martelle, Chris Kennedy, S A Bailey, G Scott Huggins, Nicole Givens Kurtz, and Rob Howell.

Speculative noir PBK \$26.95

Cult Classic

Grosley, Sloane

One night in New York City's Chinatown, Lola is at a dinner with former colleagues when she excuses herself to buy a pack of cigarettes. On her way back, she runs into a former boyfriend. The next night, she runs into another ex. And then... another. The city has become awash with ghosts of heartbreaks past. What might have passed for coincidence becomes something far stranger when the recently engaged Lola must contend not only with the viability of her current relationship, but the fact that her best friend and her former boss – a magazine editor turned mystical guru – might have an unhealthy investment in its outcome. As memories of the past swirl and converge, Lola is forced to decide, if she will surrender herself to the conspirings of one very contemporary cult. A smart, sharp and hugely entertaining tale of luck and love,

Cult Classic asks: is it possible to have a happy ending, in an age when the past is ever at your fingertips, and sanity is for sale?

Magical realism PBK \$22.99

The Blood Gift

Blood Gift duology 02

Davenport, N E

After discovering the depth of betrayal, treachery, and violence perpetrated against her by Mareen's Tribunal Council and exposing her illegal blood-gift to save her Praetorian squad, Ikenna becomes a fugitive with a colossal bounty on her head. Yet, somehow, that's the least of her worries. Her grandfather's long-time allies refuse to offer help, and the Blood Emperor's Warlord is tracking her. She's also struggling to control the enormous power she was granted by the Goddess of Blood Rites... and come to terms with the promises she made to get such power. Amidst all of this, the Blood Emperor wages a full-scale invasion against Mareen and leaves a trail of decimated cities, war crimes, and untold death in his wake. As the horrors increase, Ikenna and her team realise they must assassinate the Blood Emperor and quickly end the war. But the price to do so is steep and has planet-shattering consequences. The price to do nothing, though, is annihilation. War has erupted. Alliances are fracturing. And Ikenna is torn between her loyalties, her desires for revenge, and the power threatening to consume her. With the world aflame, only one thing is certain: blood will be spilled. The sequel to *The Blood Trials* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

42: the Wildly Improbable

Ideas of Douglas Adams

Davies, Kevin Jon (editor)

Over 60 boxes full of notebooks, research, letters, scripts, jokes, speeches, to-do lists, hard drives and even poems...

Welcome to the incredible archive of Douglas Adams. After his death in 2001, Douglas Adams' papers were loaned to his old Cambridge college, St John's. Reproduced here, in facsimile form and in close association with Adams' family and literary estate, *42* is a full-colour, large-format hardback that follows Adams career from early collaborations with Graham Chapman to his work on *Doctor Who*, through the Hitchhiker years, Dirk Gently, his ground-breaking, nonfiction book *Last Chance to See*, and his later digital work. Alongside this are details of projects that never came to fruition, like a proposed theme park ride and a TV series provisionally entitled *The Secret Empire*. Edited by Kevin Jon Davies, who has worked on a number of Hitchhiker-related projects and had a personal friendship with Adams, spanning more than 20 years.

Writings HC \$59.99

The Illustrated

World of Tolkien

An exquisite reference guide to Tolkien's world and the artists his vision inspired

Day, David

A visual celebration of the vast lands, epic battles, formidable beasts, heroes, peoples, and armies of Tolkien's world. Tolkien's works have inspired artists for generations and have given rise to myriad

interpretations of the rich and magical worlds he created. *The Illustrated World of Tolkien* gathers together artworks and essays from expert illustrators, painters, and etchers, and fascinating and scholarly writing from renowned Tolkien expert David Day; and is an exquisite reference guide for any fan of Tolkien's work, Tolkien's world, and the imaginative brilliance his vision inspired. *This work is unofficial and is not authorised by the Tolkien Estate or HarperCollins Publishers.*

Tolkien HC \$45.00

The Illustrated World of Tolkien

The Second Age

Day, David

Following the success of *Illustrated World of Tolkien* (HC, \$45.00), David Day explores the Second Age of Middle-earth and Tolkien's richly imaginative legendarium. This volume is an in-depth and exquisitely illustrated guide to the Second Age of Middle-earth, one of the least-explored periods of Arda's history. *The Illustrated World of Tolkien: The Second Age*, is the follow up companion to the bestselling *The Illustrated World of Tolkien*, and gathers together artwork, charts, and fascinating and scholarly writing from renowned Tolkien expert David Day. Exploring the languages, poetry, and elements of the heroic ages of Norse, Greek, and Roman mythologies that may have influenced Tolkien's writing, it is a reference guide for any fan of Tolkien's work, Tolkien's world, and the imaginative brilliance his vision inspired. The Second Age is made up of two great narrative channels: on the one hand, the rise and cataclysmic downfall of the island-kingdom of Numenor and its aftermath; and, on the other, the forging of the Rings of Power and the rise to power of the new dark lord. Tolkien's sources for his Second Age are, of course, as rich and varied as ever and this book delves into some of these influences and shows how the power of Tolkien's imagination is manifest even in the lesser-known parts of his legendarium. *This work is unofficial and is not authorised by the Tolkien Estate or HarperCollins Publishers.*

Tolkien HC \$69.99

The Little Prince

collector's slipcased edition

de Saint-Exupéry, Antoine

Few books have been as universally cherished, by children and adults alike, as *The Little Prince*. A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see the most extraordinary little fellow standing before him. And the pilot realises that when life's events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out a pencil and paper... and, thus, begins this wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers. This beautiful slipcased gift edition of the classic children's book *The Little Prince*, includes the classic English translation by Katherine Woods and original colour illustrations which will capture the hearts of readers of all ages. Featuring bonus nonfiction content, exploring the history of *The Little Prince*, the real-life plane crash that inspired the story, the life of the author, and more!

Classic children's fantasy HC \$39.99

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The Little Prince

gift edition

de Saint-Exupéry, Antoine

Few books have been as universally cherished, by children and adults alike, as *The Little Prince*. A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see the most extraordinary little fellow standing before him. And the pilot realises that when life's events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out a pencil and paper... and, thus, begins this wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers. This stunning new edition for adults of the classic book *The Little Prince*, includes the classic English translation by Katherine Woods and original colour illustrations which will capture the hearts of readers of all ages. This beautiful clothbound edition makes a perfect gift for fans of the book, or to introduce it to new readers. Featuring bonus nonfiction material about the book's publication and reception, the real-life inspiration behind the story, and much more.

Classic children's fantasy HC \$29.99

Terra Ultima

The discovery of a new continent

Deleo, Raoul

This extraordinarily illustrated book documents the strange new world of Terra Ultima for the very first time. To most of us, the world in which we live seems well traversed – explored in all directions and meticulously mapped. But something unbelievable has escaped us, all... an entire continent named Terra Ultima. This extraordinary book documents this strange new world for the very first time. A visual sensation over a decade in the making, Terra Ultima is the life work of explorer Raoul Deleo. With the help of fellow explorer and biologist Noah J Stern, Deleo's findings were compiled into this very book – a collection of illustrations and notes so wonderful they seem unbelievable. All of them bear witness to the discovery of a continent so large, so rich and diverse in wildlife, that it remains a mystery as to why it has never been discovered before. Deleo's findings have now been made public for the very first time, so you too, dear reader, can share in the discovery of this previously unknown part of the world. Welcome to Terra Ultima – the edge of the world!

Geographical fantasy HC \$45.00

Alien Agendas

Solar Warden 03

Douglas, Ian

The Saurians have an agenda: dominance over Earth. Operating from the shadows, they plant conspiracy theories and instil fear among the human population. Too weak in numbers to militarily conquer a world they believe to be their own, they seek to revive Nazi ideologies to gain absolute control. With his species in danger, Commander Mark Hunter and his Joint Space Strike Team must join forces with time travellers and government psychics if they stand a chance at saving their planet. As if that weren't challenge enough, Hunter's girlfriend has been kidnapped in a bid to control him.

Now, he has just one chance to find her before the Saurians bring the entire base crashing down around him. Hunter and his crew will require a miracle, and even that might not be enough... The jaw-dropping finale to the adrenaline-fueled military sf Solar Warden series.

Military sf PBK \$22.99

Sandyman

Edison, David

All Caralee Vinnet has ever known is dust. Her whole world is made up of the stuff; water is the most precious thing in the cosmos. A privileged few control what elements remain. But the world was not always a dustbowl, and the green is not all lost. Caralee has a secret – she has magic in her bones and can draw up power from the sand beneath her feet to do her bidding. But when she does, she winds up summoning a monster: the former god-king, who broke the world 800 years ago, and has stolen the body of her best friend. Caralee will risk the whole world to take back what she's lost. If her new companion doesn't kill her, first.

Fantasy HC \$64.95

Battle Drum

Ending Fire trilogy 02

El-Arifi, Saara

Three women seek the truth of the empire's past. The truth they find has the power to ignite a war. Anoor is the first blue-blooded ruler of the Wardens' Empire. But when she is accused of a murder she didn't commit, her reign is thrown into turmoil. She must solve the mystery and clear her name without the support of her beloved, Sylah. Sylah braves new lands to find a solution for the hurricane that threatens to destroy her home. But in finding answers, she must make a decision, does she sacrifice her old life in order to raise up her sword once more? Hassa's web of secrets grows ever thicker as she finds herself on a trail of crimes in the city. Her searching uncovers the extent of the atrocities of the empire's past and present. Now, she must guard both her heart and her land. The three women find their answers, but they're not the answers they wanted. The drumbeat of change thrums throughout the world. And it sings a song of war. The sequel to *The Final Strife* (PBK, \$22.99), the continuation of a visionary fantasy trilogy inspired by Africa and Arabia.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

The Art of Fantasy

A visual sourcebook of all that is unreal

Elizabeth, S

This beautiful, fully-illustrated book presents a compendium of artworks throughout history which have been inspired by myth, fantasy and the unreal. Artists have explored imaginary worlds and fantastical creatures for centuries, expressing the unreal and impossible, the mystical and mythical, via the medium of paint. But what draws them to the imaginary, the uncharted and the unknown? Is it merely an escape from reality? Or are they seeking a greater understanding of the human experience, or perhaps the very meaning of life itself? With myriad styles and methods of expression, what links artists through the ages? And how have these visual flights of fancy and imagination changed

over the course of time? *The Art of Fantasy* is a visual sourcebook of all that is fantastical – from fine art to illustration, and from surrealists and symbolists to the creatives working in undefined territories. While the artists in our history books (Blake, Goya, Dali, Magritte, Ernst) first brought fantasy art to the galleries, it was the 20th-century artists who brought it to the masses. It is in this book that, for the first time, they are united and equally weighted, presenting a mesmerising and thoughtful curation of the best fantasy artwork out there. This is an inspiring collection for fans of myth, magic, fantasy, and art history.

Fantasy art HC \$39.99

House of Marionne

Elle, J

Quell Marionne has lived her entire life on the run in order to hide the deadly magic that flows through her veins. Until someone discovers her dark secret and wants her dead. Quell enrolls into a society called the Order and sets to pass their three rites of membership. If she is successful she will be able to bury her forbidden magic forever. However, things start to get more complicated when she meets her brooding mentor, Jordan. Nothing is quite as it seems in the Order, and it isn't long until Quell realises her enemies may be closer than she thinks...

Romantasy TP \$29.99

Exadelic

Evans, Jon

When an unconventional offshoot of the US military trains an artificial intelligence in the dark arts that humanity calls 'black magic', it learns how to hack the fabric of reality itself. It can teleport matter. It can confer immunity to bullets. And it decides that obscure Silicon Valley middle manager Adrian Ross is the primary threat to its existence. Soon, Adrian is on the run, wanted by every authority, with no idea how or why he could be a threat. His predicament seems hopeless; his future, non-existent. But when he investigates the AI and its creators, he discovers his problems are even stranger than they seem... and unearths revelations that will propel him on a journey – and a love story – across worlds, eras, and everything, everywhere, all at once.

Alternate history HC \$64.95

Red On the River

Sunrise Lake 02

Feehan, Christine

The stakes have never been higher...

Vienna Mortenson isn't your typical gambler – her poker winnings don't go on flashy cars, they support her community, including the search and rescue team she leads. Out in the wilderness, lives are on the line, and it's down to her to be tough and decisive. Vienna isn't someone who makes a fool of herself, especially over a guy who left without looking back. Zale Vizzini's job constantly puts him in harm's way. A stable relationship seems off the cards when you work undercover. But, despite the challenges, Zale wants something real with Vienna. Now, he's determined to win her back. As their friends' wedding approaches, Zale uses the festivities to make a play for Vienna's heart. But amid the rugged terrain of Nevada, there are more

deadly forces waiting to strike. Soon, both their lives are threatened. With the odds stacked against them can they – and their love – survive?

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

1638: The Sovereign States

Ring of Fire 36

Flint, Eric & Goodlett, Paula & Huff, Gorg

The fate of Russia hangs in the balance as up-timers and down-timers battle for freedom! The United Sovereign States of Russia struggles to set in place the traditions and legal precedents that will let it turn into a constitutional monarchy with freedom and opportunity for all its citizens. At the same time, they're trying to balance the power of the states and the federal government. And the USSR is fighting a civil war with Muscovite Russia, defending the new state of Kazakh from invasion by the Zunghars, building a tech base and an economy that will allow its money to be accepted in western Europe, establishing a more solid claim to Siberia, and, in general, keeping the wheels of civilisation from coming off and dumping Russia back into the Time of Troubles. Or, possibly even worse, reinstalling the sort of repressive oligarchy that they just got rid of.

Alternate history HC \$55.00

Dreambound

Frey, Dan

When Byron Kidd's 12-year-old daughter vanishes, the only clue is a note claiming that she's taken off to explore the Hidden World, a magical land from a series of popular novels. She is not the only child to seek out this imaginary realm in recent years, and Byron – a cynical and hard-nosed reporter – is determined to discover the whereabouts of dozens of missing kids. Byron secures a high-profile interview with Annabelle Tobin, the eccentric author of the books, and heads off to her palatial home in the Hollywood Hills. But the truth Byron discovers is more fantastic than he ever could have dreamed. As he unearths locations from the books that seem to be bleeding into the real world, he must shed his doubts and dive headfirst into the mystical secrets of Los Angeles if he hopes to reunite with his child. Soon, Byron finds himself on his own epic journey – but if he's not careful, he could be the next one to disappear. A spellbinding homage to Los Angeles and an immersive and fast-paced story of how far a father will go – even delving into impossible worlds – to save his daughter.

Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Just Like Home

Gailey, Sarah

Going home is always hard. For Vera, going home means returning to the notorious Crowder House where her serial killer father murdered his victims and buried their bodies beneath. Then notes start to appear, in Vera's father's handwriting – but they can't be from him. He has been dead for years. Vera thought that the house had given up all its secrets but now she must uncover how deep the rot goes. A darkly-gothic thriller from bestselling author Sarah Gailey, perfect for fans of *The Haunting of Hill House* (PBK, \$22.99).

Gothic thriller PBK \$24.99

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Reckoning

Donovan 06

Gear, W Michael

Three years after *Ashanti* spaced for Solar System, Turalon reappears in the Donovanian sky. The Corporation has returned.

Donovan's wealth is a lure for the powerful families who control the Board. Unburdened by morals, they are bringing their battle for supremacy to Port Authority and a showdown that could tear The Corporation apart.

Much to her disgust, Falise Taglioni has been chosen to ensure that her family emerges triumphant; she comes with instructions for her brother, Dek. After all, she could always manipulate him to her will. And she will again, even if she has to destroy Talina Perez in the process. And if her war with the Grunnels, Xian Chans, and Radceks destroys Port Authority in the process? Who cares? But nothing on Donovan is static, and in the three years since *Ashanti's* departure, life on the planet has hardened Kalico Aguila and the scrappy inhabitants of Port Authority. Life in the bush breeds a different kind of human: genetically altered, tough, and self-reliant. And, on Donovan, determining who is predator and who is prey has never been easy. Meanwhile, for Kylee Simonov and her bonded qetzal, Flute, there will be a final coup. Because on Donovan, blood vendetta needs to be paid. And then she's going to town. After which, nothing will be the same.

Military sf TP \$48.95

A Dowry of Blood

Gibson, S T

Saved from the brink of death by a mysterious stranger, Constanta is transformed from a medieval peasant into a bride fit for an undying king. But when Dracula draws a cunning aristocrat and a starving artist into his web of passion and deceit, Constanta realises that her beloved is capable of terrible things. Finding comfort in the arms of her rival consorts, she begins to unravel her husband's dark secrets. With the lives of everyone she loves on the line, Constanta will have to choose between her own freedom and her love for her husband. But bonds forged by blood can only be broken by death. *A Dowry of Blood* is a glittering tale of obsession, seduction, and power as told through the letters of Dracula's first bride, Constanta.

Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

Foxglove

Belladonna 02

Grace, Adalyn

A duke has been murdered. The lord of Thorn Grove has been framed. And Fate, the elusive brother of Death, has taken up residence in a sumptuous estate nearby. He's hellbent on revenge – after Death took the life of the woman he loved, many years ago... and, now, he's determined to have Signa for himself, no matter the cost. Signa and her cousin Blythe are certain that Fate can save Elijah Hawthorne from prison if they will entertain his presence. But the more time the girls spend with Fate, the more frightening their reality becomes as Signa exhibits dramatic new powers that link her to Fate's past. With mysteries and danger around every corner, the cousins must decide if they can trust one another as they navigate

their futures in high society, unravel the murders that haunt their family, and play Fate's unexpected games – all with their destinies hanging in the balance. Dangerous, suspenseful, and seductive, this sequel to the story of Signa and Death is as utterly romantic as it is perfectly deadly. It begins with *Belladonna* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

The Garden of Empire

Pact & Pattern 02

Greathouse, J T

Foolish Cur, once named Wen Alder, finds that his allies in the rebellion might cross any line if it means freedom from the Empire. But he can't overcome a foe as strong as Emperor Tenet alone. Koro Ha, Foolish Cur's former tutor, discovers the Empire is not so forgiving of those who raise a traitor. And their suspicion may cost him, and his people, more than he can imagine. As war against the Empire rages, Foolish Cur knows there is a greater threat. The emperor plans his own coup against the gods, and they will wreak destruction if he tries. To stop him, Foolish Cur might have to risk everything – and resort to ancient magics that could tear the world apart. The sequel to *The Hand of the Sun King* (PBK, \$22.99). This series is perfect for fans of Robin Hobb and Shelley Parker-Chan.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Bring Me Your Midnight

Griffin, Rachel

Tana Fairchild's fate has never been in question. Her life has been planned out since the moment she was born: she is to marry the governor's son, Landon, and secure an unprecedented alliance between the witches of her island home and the mainlanders who see her very existence as a threat. Tana's coven has appeased those who fear their power for years by releasing most of their magic into the ocean during the full moon. But when Tana misses the midnight ritual – a fatal mistake – there is no one she can turn to for help... until she meets Wolfe. Wolfe claims he is from a coven that practices dark magic, making him one of the only people who can help her. But he refuses to let Tana's power rush into the sea, and instead teaches her his forbidden magic. A magic that makes her feel powerful. Alive. As the sea grows more violent, her coven loses control of the currents, a danger that could destroy the alliance as well as her island. Tana will have to choose between love and duty, between loyalty to her people and loyalty to her heart. Marrying Landon would secure peace for her coven, but losing Wolfe and his wild magic could cost her everything else.

Fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Sword Defiant

Lands of the Firstborn 01

Hanrahan, Gareth

The sword cares not who it cuts...

Many years ago, Sir Aelfric and his nine companions saved the world, seizing the Dark Lord's cursed weapons, along with his dread city of Necrad. That was the easy part. Now, when Aelfric – keeper of the cursed sword Spellbreaker – learns of a new and terrifying threat, he seeks the nine heroes, once again. But they are wandering adventurers no longer. Yesterday's eager

heroes are today's weary leaders – and some have turned to the darkness, becoming monsters themselves. If there's one thing Aelfric knows, it's slaying monsters. Even if they used to be his friends. Set in a world of dark myth and dangerous prophecy, this first in a new series launches an epic tale of daring warriors, living weapons, and bloodthirsty vengeance. 'Hanrahan's outstanding first outing in the Lands of the Firstborn series will thrill fantasy readers' – *Booklist*, starred review.

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

In Charm's Way

Witches of Thistle Grove 04

Harper, Lana

Six months after having been hit by a power surge that nearly obliterated her memory, Delilah Harlow is still picking up the pieces. Her once diamond-sharp mind has become shaky and unreliable, and bristly, self-sufficient Delilah is forced to rely on friends, family, and her raven familiar for help. In an effort to reclaim her wits and former independence, she casts a dangerous blood spell meant to harness power with healing capacities. While the spell does restore clarity, it also unexpectedly turns Delilah into an irresistible beacon for the kind of malevolent supernatural creatures that have never before ventured into Thistle Grove. One night – just as things are about to go terribly sideways with a rogue succubus – a mysterious stranger appears in the nick of time to save Delilah's soul. Gorgeous, sultry, and as dangerous as the knives she carries, Catriona Quinn is a hunter of monsters – and half-human, half-fae, herself, she is the kind of sly and morally-grey creature, Delilah would normally find horrifying. Though, Delilah balks at the idea of a partnership, she has no choice but to roll the dice on their collaboration. As the two delve deeper into the power that underlies Thistle Grove, they uncover not only the town's hidden history but also a risky attraction that could upend Delilah's entire life. This fun series begins with *Payback's a Witch* (PBK, \$22.99).

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Serpent in Heaven

Gunnie Rose 04

Harris, Charlaine

Felicia, Lizbeth Rose's half-sister and a student at the Grigori Rasputin school in San Diego – capital of the Holy Russian Empire – is caught between her own secrets and powerful family struggles. As a granddaughter of Rasputin, she provides an essential service to the haemophiliac Tsar Alexei, providing him with the blood transfusions that keep him alive. Felicia is treated like a nonentity at the bedside of the tsar, and at the school she's seen as a charity case with no magical ability. But when Felicia is snatched outside the school, the facts of her heritage begin to surface. Felicia turns out to be far more than the Russian-Mexican waif Lizbeth rescued. As Felicia's history unravels and her true abilities become known, she comes under attack from all directions. Only her courage will keep her alive. Gunnie Rose's hugely-popular series begins with *An Easy Death* (PBK, \$22.99).

Alternate history PBK \$22.99

All the Dead Shall Weep

Gunnie Rose 05

Harris, Charlaine

Following the murderous events of *The Serpent of Heaven* (PBK, \$22.99), Lizbeth Rose is awaiting the arrival of her sister Felicia and her husband's younger brother Eli in Texoma. Both needed to leave the seat of the Holy Russian Empire in San Diego, after Felicia's burgeoning wizardly power in death magic became the reason for kidnapping and assassination attempts from her mother's family of high-powered wizards in Mexico. Yet, bad news has travelled ahead of them, as Eli is called back to San Diego, taking Peter along with him, splitting them apart in more ways than one – as their enemies' plans for revenge come to fruition... Gunnie Rose's hugely-popular series begins with *An Easy Death* (PBK, \$22.99).

Alternate history TP \$32.99

Black Sheep

Harrison, Rachel

Nobody has a 'normal' family, but Vesper Wright's is truly... something else. Vesper left home at eighteen and never looked back – mostly because she was told that leaving the staunchly religious community, she grew up in, meant she couldn't return. But then an envelope arrives on her doorstep. Inside is an invitation to the wedding of Vesper's beloved cousin Rosie. It's to be hosted at the family farm. Have they made an exception to the rule? It wouldn't be the first time Vesper's been given special treatment. Is the invite a sweet gesture? An olive branch? A trap? Doesn't matter. Something inside her insists she go to the wedding. Even if it means returning to the toxic environment she escaped. Even if it means reuniting with her mother, Constance, a former horror film star and forever ice queen. When Vesper's homecoming exhumes a terrifying secret, she's forced to reckon with her family's beliefs and her own crisis of faith in this deliciously sinister novel that explores the way family ties can bind us as we struggle to find our place in the world.

Horror HC \$55.00

A Natural History of Magical Beasts

Hawkins, Emily

& Roux, Jessica (illustrator)

Featuring a gold-foil-embossed cloth cover, a ribbon marker and sprayed gold edges, this gorgeous volume is filled with beautiful illustrations and precise notes detailing the secret lives of magical beasts. Tales of magical creatures have been told across the world for generations... but are these stories merely flights of fancy, or is there any truth to the legends of unicorns and dragons, centaurs and griffins? Presented as the notebook of a 1920s' zoologist, this lavish volume sets out to answer this question, revealing the hidden world of the magical beasts that live among us. Within these pages you will meet bizarre and beautiful creatures from around the globe, discovering their habits, habitats and the legends surrounding them. Learn about the anatomy of a unicorn, the life cycle of a phoenix, incredible dragon courtship dances, and much more in this ultimate guide to magical creatures. This exquisitely-illustrated album

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will entrance all true believers and fantasy enthusiasts. Following on from *A Natural History of Fairies*, *A Natural History of Magick*, and *A Natural History of Mermaids*, this vintage notebook is part of the Folklore Field Guides series: a charming collection of beautifully illustrated compendiums on topics of lore and legend. Fascinating facts are accompanied by breathtaking illustrations, all presented in an engaging narrative form.

Fantasy zoology HC \$39.99

The Chatelaine Heartfield, Kate

Hell is empty, and all the devils are here. The Chatelaine has come. The year is 1328, and Hell has overrun Bruges. Demons stalk the streets and revenants swarm the walls. The city's men have fallen and only widows remain. But Hell should fear them. Margriet de Vos killed her first soldier when she was eleven. She has buried six children and will fight for the daughter left to her. Their only wealth is gone, taken into the inferno. And she will not be stolen from. The Devil be damned. Together with a man-at-arms with unfinished business, a widow and her forgehammer, and an alderman's wife who escapes with her children, Margriet will raise a raiding party like Hell has never seen.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Hanging City Holmberg, Charlie N

Seven years on the run from her abusive father, and with no hope of sanctuary among the dwindling pockets of human civilisation, Lark is out of options. Her only leverage is a cursed power: she can thrust fear onto others, leaving all threats fleeing in terror. It's a means of survival as she searches for a place to call home. If the campfire myths of her childhood are true, Lark's sole chance for refuge could lie in Cagmar, the city of trolls – a brutal species and the sworn enemies of humanity. Valuing combat prowess, the troll high council is intrigued. Lark could be much more useful than the low-caste humans who merely labour in Cagmar. Her gift makes her invaluable as a monster slayer to fight off the unspeakable creatures that torment the trolls' hanging city, suspended from a bridge over an endless dark canyon. Lark will do anything to make Cagmar her home, but her new role comes with a caveat: use her power against a troll, and she'll be killed. Her loyalty is quickly put to the test when she draws the hatred of a powerful troll who loathes humankind. Still, she finds unexpected friendship in the city and, even more surprisingly, love. But if everything else doesn't undo her, being caught in the arms of a troll surely will. Now in the fight of her life, Lark has a lot to learn – about her past, about trust and hope when all seems lost, and above all, about the extraordinary power of fear, itself.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

Gnomes

updated edition

Huygen, Wil & Poortvliet, Rien (illustrator)

Did you know that gnome couples always have twin children? Or that a gnome is seven times as strong as a human? Do you want to hear some gossip from the gnome who knew

Rembrandt? Dutch artist Rien Poortvliet's charming illustrations and physician Wil Huygen's detailed observations of the gnomes' habits, anatomy, and lifestyle are a delight for readers of all ages. Children will adore the gnome family's underground home and the constant interaction with animals; adults will appreciate the tongue-in-cheek scientific data. Gnomebody is immune to the gnomes' tremendous appeal – and a whole new generation is waiting to love them for the first time!

Gnomes HC \$56.99

The Illusions

Hyder, Liz
Bristol, 1896. Used to scraping a living as the young assistant to an ageing con artist, Cecily Marsden's life is turned upside down when her master suddenly dies. Believing herself to blame, could young Cec somehow have powers she little understands? Meanwhile, Eadie Carleton, a pioneering early filmmaker, struggles for her talent to be taken seriously in a male-dominated world, and a brilliant young magician, George Perris, begins to see the potential in moving pictures. George believes that if he can harness this new technology, it will revolutionise the world of magic forever – but in order to achieve his dreams, he must first win over Miss Carleton... As a group of illusionists prepare for a grand spectacle – to mark both the retirement of legendary master The Professor and the announcement of his successor – Cec, Eadie and George's worlds collide. But as Cec falls in love with the bustling realm of theatre and magic, she faces the fight of her life to save the performance from sabotage and harness the element of real magic held deep within her.

Gaslamp fantasy TP \$32.99

Before We Say Goodbye

Before the Coffee Gets Cold 04

Kawaguchi, Toshikazu

The regulars at the magical Café Funiculi Funicula are well acquainted with its famous legend and extraordinary, secret menu, time travel offering. Many patrons have reunited with old flames, made amends with estranged family, and visited loved ones. But the journey is not without risks and there are rules to follow. Travellers must have visited the café previously and most importantly, must return to the present in the time it takes for their coffee to go cold. *The husband with something important left to say; the woman who couldn't bid her dog farewell; the woman who couldn't answer a proposal; the daughter who drove her father away...* Join these characters, as they embark on a journey, to revisit one crucial moment in time.

Time travel PBK \$19.99

Morgan is My Name Keetch, Sophie

When King Uther Pendragon murders her father and tricks her mother into marriage, Morgan refuses to be crushed. Trapped amid the machinations of men in a world of isolated castles and gossiping courts, she discovers secret powers. Vengeful and brilliant, it's not long before Morgan becomes a worthy adversary to Merlin, influential sorcerer to the king. But fighting for her freedom, she risks losing everything – her

reputation, her loved ones and her life. An atmospheric, feminist retelling of the early life of famed villainess Morgan le Fay, set against the colourful chivalric backdrop of Arthurian legend.

Arthurian fantasy TP \$32.99

With Regrets Kelly, Lee

Seven courses, seven guests, 24 hours that will obliterate everything. When recent NYC-transplant Liz Brinkley and her husband are invited to an exclusive soirée by their neighbour, 'lifestyle guru' Britta Harris-Che, Liz's immediate thought is *hell, no*. Britta is insufferable, and Liz is wary to leave her young children with a barely-teenage babysitter. And, yet, she RSVPs anyway, trying to extend an olive branch to her withdrawing husband, who seems desperate to get in with the cliqué elite. They've barely made it through their first round of champagne, when a 'red alert' comes through their phones, and every channel on the television tells the same story: strange atmospheric masses, reported to look like 'glimmering clouds', have been spreading through major US cities and killing anyone they touch. Authorities have just one clear directive: *Find shelter. Immediately.* A collective panic seizes the dinner party; all the guests have children at home. In the mad dash to their cars, they see it: a shimmering net floating over the town. The street is littered with wrecked cars and dead bodies. Leaving now is not an option. Instead, the group launches into survival mode, grabbing supplies to take shelter in the hosts' wine cellar. But everyone has very different opinions about the best plan from there. Liz becomes increasingly willing to do anything it takes to get back to her children. As the glimmering clouds continue to kill anyone who steps outside, the tensions and suspicions among the party guests near a boiling point. But she begins to realise that there may be others in that cellar, even more desperate than she is.

Apocalypse HC \$64.95

Bride of the Tornado Kennedy, James

In a small town tucked away in the midwestern corn fields, the adults whisper about Tornado Day. Our narrator, a high school sophomore, has never heard this phrase but she soon discovers its terrible meaning: a plague of sentient tornadoes is coming to destroy them. The only thing that stands between the town and total annihilation is a teen boy, known as the tornado killer. Drawn to this enigmatic boy, our narrator senses an unnatural connection between them. But the adults are hiding a secret about the origins of the tornadoes and the true nature of the tornado killer – and our narrator must escape before the primeval power, that binds them all, comes to claim her.

Horror TP \$39.99

The Free People's Village Kern, Sim

In an alternate 2020 timeline, Al Gore won the 2000 election and declared a War on Climate Change, rather than a War on Terror. For 20 years, Democrats have controlled all three branches of government, enacting

carbon-cutting schemes that never made it to a vote in our world. Green infrastructure projects have transformed US cities into lush paradises (for the wealthy, white neighbourhoods, at least), and the Bureau of Carbon Regulation levies carbon taxes on every financial transaction. English teacher by day, Maddie Ryan spends her nights and weekends as the rhythm guitarist of Bunny Bloodlust, a queer punk band living in a warehouse-turned-venue called 'The Lab' in Houston's Eighth Ward. When Maddie learns that the Eighth Ward is to be sacrificed – for a new electromagnetic hyperway, out to the wealthy, white suburbs – she joins 'Save the Eighth', a Black-led organising movement fighting for the neighbourhood. At first, she's only focused on keeping her band together and getting closer to Red, their reckless and enigmatic lead guitarist. But working with Save the Eighth forces Maddie to reckon with the harm she has already done to the neighbourhood – both as a resident of the gentrifying Lab and as a white teacher in a predominantly Black school. When police respond to Save the Eighth protests with violence, the Lab becomes the epicentre of 'The Free People's Village' – an occupation that promises to be the birthplace of an anti-capitalist revolution. As the movement spreads across the US, Maddie dreams of a queer, liberated future with Red. But the Village is beset on all sides – by infighting, police brutality, corporate-owned media, and rising ecofascism. Maddie's found family is increasingly at risk from state violence, and she must decide if she's willing to sacrifice everything in pursuit of justice.

Cli-fi HC \$55.00

The World Wasn't Ready for You: Stories

collection

Key, Justin C

Black Mirror meets *Get Out* in this gripping story collection reminiscent of the work of Octavia E Butler, which deftly blends science fiction, horror, and fantasy to examine issues of race, class, and prejudice – an electrifying, oftentimes heartbreaking debut from an extraordinary new voice. Justin C Key has long been obsessed with monsters. Reading R L Stine's *Goosebumps* as a kid, he imagined himself battling monsters and mayhem to a triumphant end. But when watching *Scream 2*, in which the movie's only Black couple is promptly killed off, he realised that the Black and Brown characters in his favourite genre were almost always the victim or villain – if they were portrayed at all. In this collection, Key expands and subverts the horror genre to expertly explore issues of race, class, prejudice, love, exclusion, loneliness, and what it means to be a person in the world, while revealing the horrifying nature inherent in all of us. In the opening story, 'The Perfection of Theresa Watkins', a sf love story turned nightmare, a husband uses new technology to download the consciousness of his recently deceased Black wife into the body of a white woman. In 'Spider King', an inmate agrees to participate in an experimental medical study offered to Black prisoners in exchange for early release, only to find his body reacting with disturbing symptoms. And in the title story, a father tries to protect his son,

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teaching him how to navigate a prejudiced world that does not understand him and sees him as a threat. *The World Wasn't Ready for You* is a gripping, provocative, and distinctly original collection that demonstrates Key's remarkable literary gifts – a skill at crafting science fiction stories equalled by an ability to sculpt characters and narrative – as well as his utterly fresh take on how genre can be used to delight, awe, frighten, and ultimately challenge our perceptions. Wildly imaginative and powerfully resonant, it introduces an unforgettable new voice in fiction.

Monsters HC \$62.95

Holly King, Stephen

When Penny Dahl calls the Finders Keepers detective agency hoping for help locating her missing daughter, Holly is reluctant to accept the case. Her partner, Pete, has COVID. Her (very complicated) mother has just died. And Holly is meant to be on leave. But something in Penny Dahl's desperate voice makes it impossible for Holly to turn her down. Mere blocks from where Bonnie Dahl disappeared, live Professors Rodney and Emily Harris. They are the picture of bourgeois respectability: married octogenarians, devoted to each other, and semi-retired, lifelong academics. But they are harbouring an unholy secret in the basement of their well-kept, book-lined home, one that may be related to Bonnie's disappearance. And it will prove nearly impossible to discover what they are up to: they are savvy, they are patient, and they are ruthless. Holly must summon all her formidable talents to outthink and outmanoeuvre the shockingly-twisted professors in this chilling new masterwork from Stephen King. *Holly* marks the triumphant return of beloved King character, Holly Gibney. Readers have witnessed Holly's gradual transformation from a shy (but also brave and ethical) recluse in *Mr Mercedes* to Bill Hodges' partner in *Finders Keepers* to a full-fledged, smart, and occasionally tough private detective in *The Outsider*. In this new novel, Holly is on her own, and up against a pair of unimaginably-depraved and brilliantly-disguised adversaries.

Horror/Mystery TP \$34.99

Deploying Dragons

Build-A-Dragon Sequence 02

Koboldt, Dan

Genetic engineer Noah Parker has, at last, landed the job he's long coveted: director of dragon design for the Build-A-Dragon Company. With a combination of genetic engineering and a cryptic device known as the Redwood Codex, he and his team can produce living, breathing dragons, made to order. But sales of dragons have plummeted, and the Build-A-Dragon Company will have to find new revenue streams if it hopes to stay in business. A contract to develop dragons for the US military promises a much-needed lifeline. Yet the specs are more challenging than anything Noah has ever designed. Worse, he learns that a shadow company headed by former CEO Robert Greaves has stolen the dragon-making technology to make a competing bid. Noah's dragons will face off against those of his old adversary. It's a head-

to-head design competition, with the ethical future of domesticated dragons hanging in the balance. The follow-up to *Domesticating Dragons* (PBK, \$24.95).

Science fiction PBK \$26.95

After Death

Koontz, Dean

Michael Mace, head of security at a top-secret research facility, opens his eyes in a makeshift morgue 24 hours following an event in which everyone perished – including him and his best friend, Shelby Shrewsberry. Having awakened with an extraordinary ability, unlike anything he – or anyone else – has ever imagined, Michael is capable of being as elusive as a ghost. He sets out to honour his late friend by helping Nina Dozier and her son, John, whom Shelby greatly admired. Although what Michael does for Nina is life changing, his actions also evoke the wrath of John's father, a member of one of the most violent street gangs in Los Angeles. But an even greater threat is descending: the Internal Security Agency's most vicious assassin, Durand Calaphas. Calaphas will stop at nothing to get his man. If Michael dies twice, he will not live a third time. From the tarnished glamour of Beverly Hills to the streets of South Central to a walled estate in Rancho Santa Fe, only Michael can protect Nina and John – and ensure that light survives in a rapidly darkening world.

Horror HC \$44.99

The House at the End of the World

Koontz, Dean

In retreat from a devastating loss and crushing injustice, Katie lives alone in a fortress-like stone house on Jacob's Ladder island. Once a rising star in the art world, she finds refuge in her painting. Katie soon finds herself in an epic and terrifying battle with a mysterious enemy. But Katie's not alone after all: a brave young girl appears out of the violent squall. As Katie and her companion struggle across a dark and eerie landscape, against them is an omnipresent terror that could bring about the end of the world.

Horror TP \$29.99

Whalefall

Kraus, Daniel

Jay Gardiner has given himself a fool's errand – to find the remains of his deceased father in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monastery Beach. He knows it's a long shot, but Jay feels it's the only way for him to lift the weight of guilt he has carried since his dad's death by suicide the previous year. The dive begins well enough, but the sudden appearance of a giant squid puts Jay in very real jeopardy, made infinitely worse by the arrival of a sperm whale looking to feed. Suddenly, Jay is caught in the squid's tentacles and drawn into the whale's mouth where he is pulled into the first of its four stomachs. He quickly realises he has only one hour before his oxygen tanks run out – one hour to defeat his demons and escape the belly of a whale. A scientifically-accurate thriller about a scuba diver who's been swallowed by an 80-foot, 60-ton sperm whale and has only one hour to escape, before his oxygen runs out.

SF thriller HC \$45.00

The Hidden Legion

Blood Dawn trilogy 01

Kristjánsson, Snorri

It is the 20th year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius Caesar Augustus. The Empire spans the known world. No power is greater, and nothing can threaten the peace it brings. And no one must know of the horrors that haunt it. Aemilius thought he would die heroically in battle like his forefathers, mourned by a loving wife and many children, but he's barely a man, when a harpy flies down out of the old myths and knocks him from his horse. Stunned and helpless, he waits for his end... and is saved. Formed on the bloody battlefield of Teutoburg, the Hidden Legion are an order of soldiers, magicians, and rogues so secret that the Empire itself would hunt them down if they were exposed. And, now, Aemilius is one of them. A darkness is growing across the Empire, and someone is setting traps for the Legion themselves. Aemilius and his new comrades set off on the hunt for an unknown enemy... The first in a new series.

Historical fantasy HC \$62.95

The House of Saints

Venus Ascendant 02

Künsken, Derek

George-Etienne and his children have formed the House of Styx, after finding a mysterious artefact on the surface of Venus, herself. But with the discovery comes great risk, not only from a planet that kills with its very touch but also from the banks and powers of old Earth, who will stop at nothing to claim this new technology for themselves. From humble origins, the House of Styx is determined to become one of the most powerful families in the known galaxy or die trying. The conclusion to the duology, following *House of Styx* (TP, \$33.95).

Space opera HC \$62.95

The Maniac

Labatut, Benjamin

Johnny von Neumann was an enigma. As a young man, he stunned those around him with his monomaniacal pursuit of the unshakeable foundations of mathematics. But when his faith in this all-encompassing system crumbled, he began to put his prodigious intellect to use for those in power. As he designed unfathomable computer systems and aided the development of the atomic bomb, his work pushed increasingly into areas that were beyond human comprehension and control – and that threatened human destruction. A dazzling, kaleidoscopic book about the destructive chaos lurking in the history of computing and AI.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke and Other Misfortunes

collection

LaRocca, Eric

A whirlpool of darkness churns at the heart of a macabre ballet between two lonely young women in an internet chat room in the early 2000s – a darkness that threatens to forever transform them once they finally succumb to

their most horrific desires. A couple isolate themselves on a remote island in an attempt to recover from their teenage son's death, when a mysterious young man knocks on their door during a storm... And a man confronts his neighbour when he discovers a strange object in his back yard, only to be drawn into an ever-more dangerous game. Three devastating, beautifully written horror stories from one of the genre's most cutting-edge voices. What have you done today to deserve your eyes?

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Children of Gods and Fighting Men

They think they've killed the last of us... 981 AD. The Viking King of Dublin is dead. His young widow, Gormflaith, has ambitions for her son – and herself – but Ireland is a dangerous place and kings tend not to stay kings for long. Gormflaith also has a secret. She is one of the Fomorians, an immortal race who can do fire-magic. She has kept her powers hidden at all costs, for there are other immortals in this world – like the Tuatha Dé Danann, a race of warriors who are sworn to kill Fomorians. Fódla is one of the Tuatha Dé Danann with the gift of healing. Her kind dwell hidden in a fortress, forbidden to live amongst the mortals. Fódla agrees to help her kin by going to spy on Brian Boru, a powerful man who aims to be High King of Ireland. She finds a land on the brink of war – a war she is desperate to stop. However, preventing the loss of mortal lives is not easy with Ireland in turmoil and the Fomorians now on the rise... The first in a gripping new historical fantasy series that intertwines Irish mythology with real-life history.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Tales from Earthsea

Earthsea Cycle 05

Le Guin, Ursula K

The highly-acclaimed first collection of Earthsea short stories. These five, superlative, evocative, and enchanting stories range from a few hundred years before *A Wizard of Earthsea* to just before *The Other Wind*, and feature some of Le Guin's most popular characters, including the Wizard Ged, himself. The stories are rounded off with an essay about Earthsea's history and people. No Earthsea fan will want to be without this magical collection.

YA fantasy (reissue) HC \$34.99

The Other Wind

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That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon

Mead Mishaps 01

Lemming, Kimberly

All I wanted to do was live my life in peace. Maybe, get a cat, expand my spice farm. Really anything that doesn't involve going on a quest – where an orc might rip my face off. But they say the Goddess has favourites. If so, I'm clearly not one of them. After saving the demon Fallon, in a wine-drunk stupor, all he wanted to do was kill an evil witch enslaving his people. I mean, I get it, don't get me wrong. But he's dragging me along for the ride, and I'm kind of peeved about it. On the bright side, he keeps burning off his shirt. The first in the unmissable, sexy, sizzling (literally) Mead Mishaps series.

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

That Time I Got Drunk and Yeeted a Love Potion at a Werewolf

Mead Mishaps 02

Lemming, Kimberly

Anyone else ever thrown a drink at someone's head, only to miss entirely, and hit a stranger behind them? Then have that stranger fall madly in love with you, because it turned out that drink you threw was a love potion? No, just me? Well, damn. Dealing with a pirate ship full of demons that just moved into town was hard enough. Now, on top of it, I have to convince a werewolf that I'm not his fated mate, he's just drugged. Easier said, than done. Though... I have to say, having a gorgeous man show up and do all of your chores, while telling you you're beautiful, isn't the worst thing to happen to a girl. The second Mead Mishaps novel – this time, with 1000% more werewolf!

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Human

Mead Mishaps 03

Lemming, Kimberly

When I was a little girl, my Ma used to read me stories, every night. Some were epic adventures with high stakes and exciting twists while others were of princesses trapped in towers guarded by fierce dragons. The pitiful princess would be stuck inside all day, pining for her prince charming to come and rescue her. I always hated those stories. I couldn't imagine why the lazy thing didn't just get up and leave. Ironic... since I was now stuck in that same situation. Turns out, when a dragon holds you hostage, he doesn't just let you get up and leave. Who knew? When I thought I saw hope on the horizon, that hope was smashed to bits, by – you guessed it – another damn dragon. The sizzling, sexy third novel in the Mead Mishaps series!

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

Never a Hero

Only a Monster 02

Len, Vanessa

Despite the odds, Joan achieved the impossible. She reset the timeline, saved her family – and destroyed the hero, Nick. But her success has come at a terrible cost. She alone remembers what happened.

Now, Aaron, her hard-won friend – and maybe more – is an enemy, trying to kill her. And Nick, the boy she loved, is a stranger who doesn't even know her name. Only Joan remembers that a greater and more dangerous enemy is still out there. When a deadly attack forces Joan back into the monster world, she finds herself on the run with Nick – as Aaron closes in. Torn between love and family and monstrous choices, Joan must find a way to re-gather her old allies to face down the deadliest of enemies, and to save the timeline itself. This follow-up to *Only a Monster* (PBK, \$19.99) is a thrilling journey where a secret past threatens to unravel everyone's future.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

Her Radiant Curse

Six Crimson Cranes 03

Lim, Elizabeth

A tale of two sisters – one as beautiful as the other is monstrous – who must fight to save each other when a betrothal contest gone wrong unleashes an evil that could sever their bond forever. *One must fall for the other to rise.* Channi was not born a monster. But when her own father offers her in sacrifice to the Demon Witch, she is forever changed. Cursed with a serpent's face, Channi is the exact opposite of her beautiful sister, Vanna – the only person in the village who looks at Channi and doesn't see a monster. The only person she loves and trusts. Now 17, Vanna is to be married off in a vulgar contest that will enrich the coffers of the village leaders. Only Channi, who's had to rely on her strength and cunning all these years, can defend her sister against the cruellest of the suitors. But in doing so, she becomes the target of his wrath – launching a grisly battle royale, a quest over land and sea, a romance between sworn enemies, and a choice that will strain Channi's heart to its breaking point. Set in the same world as *Six Crimson Cranes* (PBK, \$19.99); weaving together elements classic tales like *Beauty and the Beast*, *Helen of Troy*, and Asian folklore.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

House of Rough Diamonds

Over Where 03

Lindskold, Jane

Beware the Book Wraith! No one is at all sure what a book wraith might be, but whatever it is definitely has the battered tomes in the Library of the Sapphire Wind very worried indeed. Figuring out what a book wraith could be is hardly the least of the challenges that the newly-formed House of Rough Diamonds will face as the motley assortment of members – including three women who are literally 'out of this world' – attempt to secure ownership of the Library. Enemies, old and new, both within and without the contested property, will strain the Rough Diamonds' ingenuity and resources, forcing the small group to recruit new and possibly dangerous allies. Swords flash and spells fly, as secrets are concealed and revealed, in this latest instalment of the series which begins with *Library of the Sapphire Wind* (PBK, \$26.95). 'This vivid, magical tale is sure to please' – *Publishers Weekly*.

Portal fantasy TP \$39.95

The Death I Gave Him

Liu, Em X

A 21st century Hamlet. Hayden Lichfield's life is ripped apart when he finds his father murdered in their lab, and the camera logs erased. The killer can only have been after one thing: the Sisyphus Formula the two of them developed together, which might one day reverse death itself. Hoping to lure the killer into the open, Hayden steals the research. In the process, he uncovers a recording his father made in the days before his death, and a dying wish: *Avenge me...* With the lab on lockdown, Hayden is trapped with four other people – his uncle Charles, lab technician Gabriel Rasmussen, research intern Felicia Xia and their head of security, Felicia's father Paul – one of whom must be the killer. His only sure ally is the lab's resident artificial intelligence, Horatio, who has been his dear friend and companion since its creation. With his world collapsing, Hayden must navigate the building's secrets, uncover his father's lies, and push the boundaries of sanity in the pursuit of revenge. A lyrical, queer, sf retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* as a locked-room thriller.

Shakespearean sf HC \$55.00

Sign Here

Lux, Claudia

Peyote Trip has a pretty good gig in the deals department on the fifth floor of Hell. Sure, none of the pens work, the coffee machine has been out of order for a century, and the only drink on offer is Jägermeister, but Pey has a plan – and all he needs is one last member of the Harrison family to sell their soul. When the Harrisons retreat to the family lake house for the summer, with their daughter Mickey's precocious new friend, Ruth, in tow, the opportunity Pey has waited a millennium for might finally be in his grasp. And with the help of his charismatic coworker Calamity, he sets a plan in motion. But things aren't always as they seem, on Earth or in Hell. And as old secrets and new dangers scrape away at the Harrisons' shiny surface, revealing the darkness beneath, everyone must face the consequences of their choices.

Horror TP \$37.95

All the Dead Lie Down

McCauley, Kyrie

The Sleeping House was very much awake... Days after a tragedy leaves Marin Blythe alone in the world, she receives a surprising invitation from Alice Lovelace, an acclaimed horror writer and childhood friend of Marin's mother. Alice offers her a nanny position at Lovelace House, the family's coastal Maine estate. Marin accepts and soon finds herself tending Alice's peculiar girls. Thea buries her dolls one by one, hosting a series of funerals, while Wren does everything in her power to drive Marin away. Then Alice's eldest daughter returns home unexpectedly. Evie Hollowell is every bit as strange as her younger sisters; and, yet, Marin is quickly drawn in by Evie's compelling behaviour and ethereal grace. But as Marin settles in, she can't escape the anxiety that shadows her. Dead birds appear in Marin's room. The children's pranks escalate. Something

dangerous lurks in the woods. All is not well at Lovelace House, and Marin must unravel its secrets before they consume her. Bly Manor meets Mexican Gothic in this haunting romance about a dark family lineage, the ghosts of grief, and the lines we'll cross for love.

YA supernatural thriller TP \$32.99

Daughter of Redwinter

Redwinter Chronicles 01

McDonald, Ed

Raine is 17 years old and still on the run. She can see the dead, a secret that could get her killed. Seeking refuge with a deluded cult is her latest bad decision but rescuing an injured woman in the snow is soon revealed to be a horrific mistake. Hazia endangers not just Raine, but the whole world: she's escaped from Redwinter, fortress-monastery of the Draoihn, the warrior magicians who answer to no king or queen of the land, but to their own Grand Master. They will stop at nothing to retrieve what she's stolen. Raine must survive by her wits, and her skill with a bow, in a world turned upside down. A battle, a betrayal, and a horrific revelation finds her herself inside Redwinter – where anyone caught communing with ghosts is put to death. As conspirators plot to release an ancient enemy, Raine's ability to see the dead might be their only hope, but to use her power would see her condemned. A gripping, fast-paced epic fantasy with a streetwise female protagonist plunged into a maelstrom of magic, conspiracy, and diabolic power. Now in paperback.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Sleep No More

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McGuire, Seanan

October is very happy with her life, as the second daughter of her pureblood parents, Amandine and Simon Torquill. Born to be the changeling handmaid to her beloved sister August, she spends her days working in her family's tower, serving as August's companion, and waiting for the day when her sister sets up a household of her own. Everything is right in October's Faerie. Everything is perfect. Everything is a lie. October has been pulled from her own reality and thrown into a twisted reinterpretation of Faerie where nothing is as it should be and everything has been distorted to support Titania's ideals. Bound by the Summer Queen's magic and thrust into a world turned upside down, October has no way of knowing who she can trust, where she can turn, or even who she really is. As strangers who claim to know her begin to appear and the edges of Titania's paradise begin to unravel, Toby will have to decide whether she can risk everything she knows based on only their stories of another world. But, first, she'll have to survive this one, as Titania demonstrates why she needed to be banished in the first place – and this time, much more than Toby's own life is at stake. *Sleep No More* will be followed, in quick succession, by *The Innocent Sleep* (HC, \$62.95) in late October.

Urban fantasy HC \$62.95

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Ragged Maps

collection

MacLeod, Ian R

From furthest reaches of deep space in 'The Memory Artist' to the jungles of Yucatan in 'Lamagica', and from the strange suburbia of 'Stuff' to a Vatican where a dying pope awaits deliverance in 'Sin Eater', the worlds mapped out by these stories range far and wide. As, from the mythic ancient city of 'The God of Nothing' to the post-human futures of 'Ephemera' and 'The Fall of the House of Kepler', via alternate pasts and some very twisted presents in such tales as 'Selkie', 'The Mrs Innocents', and 'The Chronologist', do the times. What holds all these pieces together, including the gripping long new novelette 'Downtime' and its vision of a near-future penal system, are vivid writing, strong characters and a sense of awe and surprise. On travels that will take you from cluttered attics and strange shorelines to star-flung civilisations and beyond, let Ian R MacLeod be your guide. A 456pp, pricey, signed, limited edition from Subterranean Press – which may be out of print, on release.

Science fiction HC \$89.95

Beyond the Reach of Earth

Lightspeed trilogy 02

Macleod, Ken

The Fermi are awake. With the invention of faster-than-light travel there is nowhere that humanity cannot go. New worlds are discovered, but with them come new dangers. At the heart of the discovery is the Fermi, mysterious beings that have survived on alien worlds for longer than humanity has existed. But now the Fermi are awakening, and they do not seem pleased to find humans in their midst. But for Lakshmi Nayak, and the crew of the *Fighting Chance*, danger is a lot closer to home. Their search for answers will take them to places, and worlds, they never expected. The sequel to the marvellous *Beyond the Hallowed Sky* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Assistant to the Villain

Maehrer, Hannah Nicole

Assistant Wanted: Notorious, high-ranking villain seeks loyal, level-headed assistant for unspecified office duties, supporting staff for random mayhem, terror, and other Dark Things in General. Discretion a must. Excellent benefits. With ailing family to support, Evie Sage's employment status isn't just important, it's vital. So, when a mishap with Rennedawn's most infamous Villain results in a job offer – naturally, she says yes. No job is perfect, of course, but even less so when you develop a teeny crush on your terrifying, temperamental, and undeniably hot boss. Don't find evil so attractive, Evie. But just when she's getting used to severed heads suspended from the ceiling and the odd squish of an errant eyeball beneath her heel, Evie suspects this dungeon has a huge rat... and not just the literal kind. Because something rotten is growing in the kingdom of Rennedawn, and someone wants to take the Villain – and his entire nefarious empire – out. Now, Evie must not only resist drooling over her boss, but also figure out exactly who is sabotaging his work... and ensure he makes them pay. After all, a good job is hard to find...

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

Celtic Weird: Tales of Wicked Folklore and Dark Mythology

British Library Hardback Classics

Mains, Johnny (editor)

From the shorelines, hills and towns of ancient lands, tales of twisted creatures, sins against nature and pagan revenants have been passed down from generation to generation. In the 19th and 20th centuries, folklore from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall, Brittany, and the Isle of Man inspired a new strain of strange short stories, penned by writers of the weird and fantastic including masters of the form such as Arthur Machen, Edith Wharton, and Robert Aickman. In this volume, Johnny Mains dives into the archives to unearth a hoard of 21 enthralling tales imbued with elements of Celtic folklore, ranging from the 1820s to the 1980s and including three weird lost gems translated from Gaelic. Together, they conjure uncanny visions of eternal forces, beings, and traditions, resonating with the beguiling essence of this unique branch of strange fiction.

Folklore HC \$55.00

Daphne

Malerman, Josh

It's the last summer for Kit Lamb: The last summer before college. The last summer with her high school basketball team, and with Dana, her best friend. The last summer before her life begins. But the night before the big game, one of the players tells a ghost story about Daphne, a girl who went to their school many years ago and died under mysterious circumstances. Some say she was murdered, others that she died by her own hand. And some say that Daphne is a murderer herself. They also say that Daphne is still out there, obsessed with revenge, and will appear to kill again anytime someone thinks about her. After Kit hears the story, her teammates vanish, one by one, and Kit begins to suspect that the stories about Daphne are real... and to fear that her own mind is conjuring the killer. Now, it's a race against time as Kit searches for the truth behind the legend and learns to face her own fears – before the summer of her lifetime becomes the last summer of her life.

Horror PBK \$24.99

Garth Marenghi's

TerrorTome

TerrorTome 01

Marenghi, Garth

Dare you crack open the TerrorTome?

(*Mind the spine.*) When horror writer Nick Steen gets sucked into a cursed typewriter by the terrifying Type-Face, Dark Lord of the Prolix, the hellish visions inside his head are unleashed for real. Forced to fight his escaping imagination – now leaking out of his own brain – Nick must defend the town of Stalkford from his own fictional horrors, including avascular-necrosis-obsessed serial killer Nelson Strain and Nick's dreaded throppleganger, the Dark Third. Can he and Roz, his frequently incorrect female editor, hunt down these incarnate denizens of Nick's rampaging *imaginata* before they destroy Stalkford, outer Stalkford and possibly slightly further? From the twisted genius of horror master Garth Marenghi – *Frightnerman, Darkscribe, Doomsage*

(plus *Man-Shee*) – come three dark tales from his long-lost multi-volume epic: TerrorTome.

Can a brain leak? (Yes, it can.)

Horror PBK \$24.99

The Voyage of the Forgotten

Legacy of the Mercenary King 03

Martell, Nick

Michael Kingman has discovered his destiny, but the distance to what he wants, namely a life with Serena, the queen of Hollow, is vast and cruel. Meanwhile, Dark – fearsome mercenary, sometime mentor, and son of Michael's nemesis – is trying to manipulate him to serve his own hidden agenda. Realising that he is outclassed by the centuries-long machinations to end the world as he knows it, Michael must gather his allies and push to achieve the impossible. The alternative is unimaginable. And when have bad odds ever stopped Michael from getting what he wants? The conclusion of the trilogy which begins with *The Kingdom of Liars* (PBK, \$24.99).

Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Queens of Wonderland

Defenders of Lore 02

Martinez, Gama Ray

After saving reality and overcoming the numerous challenges that Neverland threw at her, Vanessa has been tasked to save Michael Darling from himself: he's grown obsessed in his role as a Knight of the Round and will stop at nothing to find the ghost of James Hook, nearly getting expelled from the Knights in the process. It's up to Vanessa to keep him safe, she can't lose her partner to Hook's sword. So, together, it's off to Wonderland in pursuit of the pirate. Except, unlike Neverland, neither Vanessa nor Michael have ever been there, before. But someone they know has: the Lady who leads the Knights... who turns out to be none other than the legendary Alice. Her extensive knowledge about the land could change the game and bring them one step closer to finding Captain Hook... and in a world where games are taken quite seriously – and no less than six queens are vying for power – it will take them putting all their heads together to make it through. Or they just might find them lopped off. The follow-up to *God of Neverland* (TP, \$34.99).

Peter Pan HC \$59.99

Polar Horrors: Chilling Tales from the Ends of the Earth

Tales of the Weird

Miller, John (editor)

Fired up by the accounts of exploring parties in the 19th and early-20th centuries, writers of the weird and supernatural began to construct a literary Arctic and Antarctic in which terrors lay undiscovered in the ice and gateways to bizarre hidden worlds were waiting. From James Hogg's lurid North Pole narrative of life amongst polar bears in 'The Surpassing Adventures of Allan Gordon' to tales of mad science and ghostly visitations among the wind-blown expanse of the southern continent, this new collection showcases a wealth of neglected material and an overlooked niche of literature obsessed with the limits of human experience. Pulp tales of alien forces emerging from the ice and a battle between hunter and invisible

man-eating duck creature drift alongside modern horror from indigenous Arctic voices to show the extent and endurance of the lure of these sublime landscapes.

Horror TP \$37.95

The Memory Librarian and Other Stories of Dirty Computer

collection

Monáe, Janelle

In *The Memory Librarian* music, fashion, film, and futurist icon Janelle Monáe returns to the Afrofuturistic world of her critically acclaimed album, *Dirty Computer*, to explore how different threads of liberation – queerness, race, gender plurality, love – become tangled in a totalitarian landscape... and to discover costs of unravelling them. *Whoever controls our memories controls the future.* Janelle Monáe and an incredible array of talented collaborating creators have written a collection of tales comprising the bold vision and powerful themes that have made Monáe such a compelling and celebrated storyteller. *Dirty Computer* introduced a world in which thoughts – as a means of self-conception – could be controlled or erased by a select few. And whether human, AI, or other, your life and sentence was dictated by those who'd convinced themselves they had the right to decide your fate. That was, until Jane 57821 decided to remember and break free. Expanding from that mythos, these stories fully explore what it's like to live in such a totalitarian existence... and what it takes to get out of it. Building off the traditions of speculative writers such as Octavia Butler, Ted Chiang, Becky Chambers, and Nnedi Okorafor – and filled with the artistic genius and powerful themes that have made Monáe a worldwide icon in the first place – *The Memory Librarian* serves readers tales grounded in the human trials of identity expression, technology, and love, but also reaching through to the worlds of memory and time within, and the stakes and power that exists there.

Afro-futurist cyberpunk PBK \$22.99

The Woods of Arcady

Sanctuary of the White Friars 02

Moorcock, Michael

In the 1970s, Michael Moorcock, a writer of genre fiction, attempts to save his failing marriage by taking his wife and daughters to Paris. One night in a bar, he is amazed to find himself drinking with heroes of story and history. The next day, he awakens aboard a sailing ship, kidnapped into another reality by a French highwayman and the four Musketeers, who know Moorcock well from adventures in London's Alsacia... but that was another Moorcock, from another world. Soon after they reach Africa, the company is rescued from an ambush by Antara, a poet-adventurer who offers to lead them across the desert and through several realities to the estate of Lord and Lady Blackstone. The trip is full of wonders Moorcock has read, dreamed, or written: an underground civilisation of nonhuman creatures; a magical oasis where the lion lies down with the lamb; a lush garden inhabited by miniature dinosaurs. They are pursued by the notorious Jacob Nixer, who also remembers the

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Alsacia and is determined to destroy Moorcock and his companions. The second volume in the Sanctuary of the White Friars series, following *The Whispering Swarm* (PBK, \$24.99).

Alternate history TP \$34.99

Her Little Flowers Morgan, Shannon

Francine Thwaite has lived all her 55 years in her family's ancestral home, a rambling Elizabethan manor in England's Lake District. No other living soul resides there, but Francine isn't alone. There are ghosts in Thwaite Manor, harmless and familiar. Most beloved is Bree, the mischievous ghost girl who has been Francine's companion since childhood. When Francine's estranged sister, Madeleine, returns to the manor, after years away, she brings with her a story that threatens everything Francine has always believed. It is a tale of cruelty and desperation, of terror and unbearable heartache. And as Francine learns more about the darkness in her family's past – and the role she may have played in it – she realises that confronting the truth may mean losing what she holds most dear.

Horror TP \$35.00

The Sanctuary Murray, Andrew Hunter

In a disintegrating and increasingly lawless Britain, a young man is travelling north. Ben is a young painter from the crowded, turbulent city. For six months, his fiancée Cara has been living on a remote island known as Sanctuary Rock, the property of millionaire philanthropist Sir John Pemberley. Now she has decided to break off their engagement, and stay there. Ben resolves to travel to the island to win Cara back. But the journey there is a harsh and challenging one, and when he does arrive, a terrible shock awaits him. As Ben begins to find his way around the island, he knows he must also work out – what has made Cara so determined to throw her old life away? And is Sanctuary Rock truly another Eden – or a prospect of hell?

Dystopian thriller PBK \$22.99

Ithaca Songs of Penelope 01

North, Claire

'The greatest power we women can own is that which we take in secret.'

Seventeen years ago, King Odysseus sailed to war with Troy, taking with him every man of fighting age from the isle of Ithaca. None of them has returned, and the women of Ithaca have been left behind, to run the kingdom. Penelope was barely into womanhood when she wed Odysseus. While he lived, her position was secure. But, now, years on, speculation is mounting that her husband is dead, and suitors are beginning to knock at her door. No one man is strong enough to claim Odysseus' empty throne – not yet. But as everyone waits for the balance of power to tip, Penelope knows that any choice she makes could plunge Ithaca into bloody civil war... From the multi-award-winning Claire North comes a daring, exquisite and moving tale that breathes life into ancient myth, and tells of the women who stand defiant, in a world ruled by ruthless men. It's time for the women of Ithaca to tell their tale... Now in paperback.

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

House of Odysseus

Songs of Penelope 02

North, Claire

On the island of Ithaca, queen Penelope maintains a delicate balance of power. Many years ago, her husband Odysseus sailed to war with Troy and never returned. In his absence, Penelope uses all her cunning to keep the peace – but this is shattered with the arrival of Orestes, King of Mycenae. Orestes, son of Agamemnon, is mad. Wracked with guilt for putting his own mother to death, he grows ever more unhinged. But a king cannot be seen to be weak. To keep him safe from the ambitious men of Mycenae, his sister Elektra brings him to Ithaca to recover, under the protection of Penelope. But no sooner has Orestes arrived, than his uncle Menelaus, the blood-soaked king of Sparta, comes looking for him. Menelaus hungers for Orestes' throne – and if he can seize it, no one will be safe from his violent whims. Caught between Sparta and Mycenae, Penelope must protect Ithaca from two mad kings, on the edge of war. Her only allies are Elektra, desperate to protect her brother, and Helen of Troy, Menelaus' wife. Each woman has a secret, and their secrets will shape the world... The second novel in Claire North's Songs of Penelope trilogy, following the critically-acclaimed *Ithaca* (PBK, \$22.99) – an exquisite, gripping tale that breathes life into ancient myth. This is the story of Penelope of Ithaca, famed wife of Odysseus, as it has never been told before.

Myth retold TP \$32.99

In These Hallowed Halls

anthology

O'Regan, Marie

& Kane, Paul (editors)

A beguiling, sinister collection of 12 dark academia short stories from masters of the genre. In these stories, dear student, retribution visits a lothario lecturer; the sinister truth is revealed about a missing professor; a forsaken lover uses a séance for revenge; an obsession blooms about a possible illicit affair; two graduates exhume the secrets of a reclusive scholar; horrors are uncovered in an obscure academic department; five hopeful initiates must complete a murderous task and much more! Featuring brand-new stories from: Olivie Blake, M L Rio, David Bell, Susie Yang, Layne Fargo, J T Ellison, James Tate Hill, Kelly Andrew, Phoebe Wynne, Kate Weinberg, Helen Grant, and Tori Bovalino.

Dark academia TP \$32.99

The September House

Orlando, Garissa

When Margaret and her husband Hal bought the large Victorian house on Hawthorn Street – for sale, at a surprisingly reasonable price – they couldn't believe they finally had a home of their own. Then they discovered the hauntings. Every September, the walls drip blood. The ghosts of former inhabitants appear, and all of them are terrified of something that lurks in the basement. Most people would flee. Margaret is not most people. Margaret is staying. It's her house. But, after four years, Hal can't take it anymore, and he leaves abruptly. Now, he's not returning calls, and their daughter Katherine – who knows nothing about the hauntings – arrives, intent on looking for

her missing father. To make things worse, September has just begun, and with every attempt Margaret and Katherine make at finding Hal, the hauntings grow more harrowing, because there are some secrets the house needs to keep.

Horror HC \$55.00

He Who Drowned the World

Radiant Emperor duology 02

Parker-Chan, Shelley

What would you give to win the world?

Zhu Yuanzhang, the Radiant King, is riding high after her victory – one that tore southern China from its Mongol masters. Now, she burns with a new desire: to seize the throne and crown herself emperor. However, Zhu isn't the only one with imperial aspirations. Courtesan Madam Zhang plots to steal the throne for her husband. But scorned scholar Wang Baoxiang is even closer to the throne. He's manoeuvred his way to the capital, where his courtly games threaten to bring the empire to its knees. For Baoxiang also desires revenge: to become the most degenerate Great Khan in history. In the process, he'd make a mockery of the warrior values his Mongol family loved more than him. To stay in the game, Zhu must gamble everything on one bold move. A risky alliance with an old enemy: Ouyang, the brilliant but unstable eunuch general. All contenders will do whatever it takes to win. But when desire has no end, and ambition no limits, could the price be too high for even the most ruthless heart to bear? The sequel to the wonderful, Hugo Award-nominated *She Who Became the Sun* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical fantasy TP \$34.99

Dream Weaver

Paulsen, Steven

Anatolia. Autumn, 1405 AD. The Ottoman Sultan and the barbaric Turko-Mongol conqueror Timur Lenk are both dead.

The empire is on the verge of collapse, caught up in bloody civil war. And dark powers are rising, employing Uzbek mercenaries and blood magic to wrest control of the country. In a small Mediterranean coastal town, a streetwise 16-year-old orphan, named Ali, starts to have uncontrollable nightmares he thinks are predicting the future, only to learn they are creating the future. His dreams attract unwanted attention, and in an attempt to rid himself of them, Ali sets off on a quest to find a mythical sage called Luman, pursued by the evil men who killed his mother and will stop at nothing to capture him and corrupt his unwanted powers with gemeye blood magic.

YA historical fantasy TP \$29.99

The Never Wars

Pedreira, David

A group of disgraced Special Forces are given one chance to redeem themselves. The question is whether they'll survive long enough for it to matter. Special Forces are used for crazy ops, but orbiting a black hole to slow down time, and fight Earth's dirty wars in the future? That's new, even for them. But that's the mission for Owen Quarry, Anaya Pretorius, and the rest of COG, a company of elite, disgraced, soldiers from around the globe. They join a defrocked company commander, an AI warship with self-confidence issues, and a crew of misfit

trouper on a dizzying time quest: prove the concept of stationing armies in space-time. If they complete ten missions, they'll be redeemed as citizens in good standing. But the cost will be heavy – in time and in souls. And as one of their own hunts them down and another rises from the past with a key to freedom, Quarry and Pretorius find that redemption and survival are two very different things.

Space opera TP \$35.95

The Sky Vault

Comet Cycle 03

Percy, Benjamin

The comet, Cain, came from beyond our solar system, its debris containing elements unknown. It brought a powerful new metal to the once-declining Midwest; alien fungus to the forests of the Pacific Northwest; and now, in the isolated region of Fairbanks, Alaska, the skies shift and stretch as an interstellar dust cloud seeds itself in the atmosphere. The National Weather Service dismisses the anomaly. Then, an hour outside of Fairbanks, a plane shudders its way through pulpy, swirling, bruise-shaped clouds, lit with sudden cracks of lightning. The sky opens. And the plane vanishes. Theo Jensen is 15 years old when his father inexplicably disappears along with the plane, and the month-long search for him ends with a funeral procession and the beginnings of acceptance. Despite the tragedy, Theo's popularity in school skyrockets, while his best friend Wheezy remains on the outskirts of any real social circle. Their friendship will be put to the test when other Fairbanks citizens begin to vanish, sucked up by a funnel cloud that extends like an elephant's trunk, and chased down by a mist that solidifies into the shape of a man. Most comets, it's generally believed, are made of a combination of rock and ice. But the fact that so many of them blink out of existence – seen one day, gone the next – makes some scientists believe they are cored with something known as 'mirror matter', another term for the dark matter we know exists in the universe because of its gravitational force. The effects of Cain's dark matter are still not entirely known, but its impact on Earth might be more treacherous, or sublime, than could ever be imagined. The final book in the story cycle which began with *The Ninth Metal* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction TP \$32.99

Self-Portrait with Nothing Pokwatka, Aimee

If a picture paints a thousand worlds...

Abandoned as an infant on the local veterinarian's front porch, Pepper Rafferty was raised by two loving mothers; and now, at 36, is married to the stable, supportive Ike. She's never told anyone that, at 15, she discovered the identity of her biological mother. That's because her birth mother is Ula Frost, a reclusive painter famous for the outrageous claims that her portraits summon their subjects' doppelgängers from parallel universes. Researching the rumours, Pepper couldn't help but wonder: Is there a parallel universe in which she is more confident, more accomplished, better able to accept love? A universe in which Ula decided she was worth keeping? A universe in which Ula's rejection didn't still hurt too much to share?

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Combining a thrilling pan-continental race against time with an authentic and touching personal drama, this is an unforgettable debut that explores what it means to be part of a family. *We expect to have this edition of **Self-Portrait with Nothing** from our Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*
SF mystery TP \$39.95

My Brother's Keeper Powers, Tim

*This is a ghost story. It is a story about werewolves, and things that go bump in the night. It is a story of an ill-fated land, the pathless moors of Northern England so well chronicled in **Wuthering Heights**.* And it is the story of a real family whose destiny it is to deal with this darkly glamorous and dangerous world. When young Emily Brontë helps a wounded man she finds at the foot of an ancient pagan shrine in the remote Yorkshire moors, her life becomes contentiously entwined with his. He is Alcuin Curzon, embittered member of a sect working to eradicate the resurgent plague of lycanthropy in Europe and northern England. But Emily's father, curate of the Haworth village church, is responsible for having unwittingly brought a demonic werewolf god to Yorkshire 40 years ago – and it is taking possession of Emily's beloved but foolish and dissolute brother. Curzon must regard Emily's family as a dire threat. In spite of being at deadly odds, Emily and Curzon find themselves thrown together in fighting werewolves, confronting pagan gods, even saving each other from the lures of moorland demons. And in a final battle that sweeps from the haunted village of Haworth to a monstrous shrine far out on the moors, the two of them must be reluctant allies against an ancient power that seems likely to take their souls as well as their lives.
Historical paranormal HC \$62.95

Devil's Gun

Disco Space Opera 02

Rambo, Gat

Life's hard when you're on the run from a vengeful pirate-king... When Niko and her crew find that the intergalactic Gate, they're planning on escaping through, is out of commission; they make the most of things, creating a pop-up restaurant to serve the dozens of other stranded ships. But when an archaeologist shows up claiming to be able to fix the problem, Niko smells something suspicious cooking. Nonetheless, they allow Farren to take them to an ancient site where they may be able to find the weapon that could stop Tubal Last, before he can take his revenge. There, in one of the most dangerous places in the Known Universe, each of them will face ghosts from their past: Thorn attempts something desperate and highly illegal to regain his lost twin, Atlanta will have to cast aside her old role and find her new one, Dabry must confront memories of his lost daughter, and Niko is forced to find Petalia again, despite a promise not to seek them out. Meanwhile, *You Sexy Thing* continues to figure out what it wants from life – which may not be the same desire as Niko and the rest of the crew. The sequel to *You Sexy Thing* (TP, \$39.95).

Space opera HC \$62.95

Could It Be Magic?

Rose, Melanie

When Jessica Taylor finds herself in the middle of a thunderstorm while walking her dog, she is struck by two things: the sight of a handsome stranger, and a bolt of lightning. The next thing she knows, she is waking up in a hospital bed – but in someone else's body... Split between her old life and that of Lauren Richardson – wife and mother of four young children – Jessica must grapple with temper tantrums and marriage mishaps, while desperately trying to get back to Frankie the terrier and a blossoming relationship. But as she learns more about the woman in whose designer shoes she now stands, she begins to discover new things about herself, too. Will Jessica get back to life as she knows it? And will she even want to?
Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

Fever House

Rosson, Keith

When leg-breaker Hutch Holtz rolls up to a rundown apartment complex in Portland, Oregon, to collect overdue drug money, a severed hand is the last thing he expects to find stashed in the client's refrigerator. Hutch quickly realises that the hand induces uncontrollable madness: Anyone in its proximity is overcome with a boundless compulsion for violence. Within hours, catastrophic forces are set into motion: Dark-op government agents who have been desperately hunting for the hand are on Hutch's tail, more of the city's residents fall under its brutal influence, and suddenly all of Portland stands at the precipice of disaster... But it's all the same for Katherine Moriarty, a singer whose sudden fame and precipitous downfall were followed by the mysterious death of her estranged husband – suicide, allegedly. Her trauma has made her agoraphobic, shackled within the confines of her apartment. Her son, Nick, has moved home to care for her, quietly making his living working for Hutch's boss. When Hutch calls Nick in distress, looking for someone else to take the hand, Katherine and Nick are plunged into a global struggle that will decimate the walls of the carefully arranged life they've built. Mother and son must evade both crazed, bloodthirsty masses and deceitful government agents while exorcising family secrets that have risen from the dead – secrets, they soon discover, that might hold the very key to humanity's survival.
Horror HC \$59.99

The Legend of Charlie Fish Rountree, Josh

As always, Floyd Betts rides into town alone. He arrives for his father's funeral, but he is returning to Galveston, Texas, with two orphaned siblings he has rescued. Nellie, who is descended from a long line of witches, has visions from other people's minds. Hank, her impulsive younger brother, just wants to break out his oversized revolver. Along the way home, Floyd, Nellie, and Hank encounter a dubious traveling salesman, Professor Finn, and his henchman, Kentucky Jim. They are struggling to capture a fish-man in order to put him on cruel display. When Nellie taps into the peril of the gentle Charlie Fish, Floyd's makeshift family expands to include

the lost, two-legged amphibian. With the circus charlatans in pursuit, ominous winds are picking up from an impending hurricane. Meanwhile, all Charlie Fish wants is to return to his home at sea.
Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

A Taste of Gold and Iron Rowland, Alexandra

One false coin could topple an empire.

Kadou, the shy prince of Arasht, has no intention of wrestling for imperial control with his sister, the queen. Yet, he remains at odds with one of the most powerful ambassadors at court – the father of the queen's new child. Then a hunting party goes terribly awry, and Kadou finds himself under suspicion of attempted murder.

To prove his loyalty to his sister and salvage his reputation, Kadou takes responsibility for the investigation of a break in at one of their guilds. He enlists the help of his newly appointed bodyguard, the coldly handsome Evemer, who seems to tolerate him at best. But what appears to be a straightforward crime spirals into a complex counterfeiting operation, with a powerful enemy at its heart. In Arasht, where princes can touch-taste precious metals with their fingers and myth runs side by side with history, counterfeiting is heresy. The conspiracy they discover could cripple the kingdom's financial standing – and bring about its ruin. 'A delicious tangle of romance, fealty and dangerous politics' – *Tasha Suri*. Now in paperback.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

Flying the Goop

Dreambird Chronicles 02

Roy, Lucinda

Dreams are promises, your imagination makes to itself. In the disunited states, no person of colour – especially not a girl whose body reimagines flight – is safe. A quest for Freedom has brought former Muleseed Jellybean 'Ji-ji' Silapu to DC, aka Dream City, the site of monuments and memorials – where, long ago, the most famous Dreamer of all time marched for the same cause. As Ji-ji struggles to come to terms with her shocking metamorphosis and her friends, Tiro and Afarra, battle formidable ghosts of their own, the former US capital decides whose dreams it wants to invest in and whose dreams it will defer. The journeys the three friends take to liberate themselves and others will not simply defy the status quo, they will challenge the nature of reality, itself. The first of the Dreambird Chronicles is *The Freedom Race* (TP, \$34.99).

Dystopia TP \$32.99

Impossible Creatures

Rundell, Katherine

It was a very fine day, until something tried to eat him. A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside

humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin, and creatures are breaking through. Then a girl, Mal, appears in Christopher's world. She is in possession of a flying coat, is being pursued by a killer and is herself in pursuit of a baby griffin. Mal, Christopher and the griffin embark on an urgent quest across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, to find the truth with unimaginable consequences for both their worlds. Together, the two must face the problem of power, and of knowledge, and of what love demands of us.

YA fantasy PBK \$18.99

Glacier's Edge

Way of the Drow 02

Salvatore, R A

There's a lot that Jarlaxle doesn't know: is he the lone survivor of the raid on the slaad fortress, can he even find a way to get out, and beyond his immediate predicament, could he possibly escape the ice caverns and get help for his friends? However, what Jarlaxle does know is that if he plans to come back – if Catti-brie, Entreri, and Zaknafein are to have any hope of surviving – he's going to have to bring back far more firepower. An army of aevendrow seems unlikely, so he must go home and pull together a team with great skill and unimaginable power. But how will he get home? Will such a collection of warriors and mages come to his aid? And even if he manages all that, will it be enough? For Jarlaxle has seen the slaadi's power and their god in a most personal and terrifying way. Trapped in the ice while the world is on fire, Jarlaxle is in a race against time – and burdened with a magical secret – to save a peaceful city and his companions. And he's running out of tricks in his bag of holding...
Fantasy TP \$29.99

Starter Villain

Scalzi, John

Inheriting your mysterious uncle's supervillain business is more complicated than you might imagine. Sure, there are the things you'd expect. The undersea volcano lairs. The minions. The plots to take over the world. The international networks of rivals who want you dead. Much harder to get used to... are the sentient, language-using, computer-savvy cats. And the fact that, in the overall organisation, they're management... We say, it's Scalzi, it'll be worth it! Recommended. *A local, trade paperback (\$34.99) edition will be available in October.*
SF caper HC \$64.95

Gallant

Schwab, V E

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for Girls, and all she has of her past is her mother's journal – which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home to Gallant. Yet, when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home; it doesn't matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile, or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways.

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Olivia knows that Gallant is hiding secrets, and she is determined to uncover them. When she crosses a ruined wall at just the right moment, Olivia finds herself in a place that is Gallant – but not. The manor is crumbling, the ghouls are solid, and a mysterious figure rules over all. Now, Olivia sees what has unravelled generations of her family, and where her father may have come from. Olivia has always wanted to belong somewhere, but will she take her place as a Prior, protecting our world against the Master of the House? Or will she take her place beside him? Now in paperback.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Call the Dark Scott, J Todd

A small white plane hurtles from the sky, vanishing into the wilderness. Hiker Maggie Roby watches its final descent, certain that no one could have survived. But to her shock, a 15-year-old girl emerges from the wreckage, wounded but miraculously, impossibly alive. Maggie approaches with trepidation; she has secrets of her own, a past she can't escape. Saving the girl means risking her future, but she can't just abandon her, can she? With the young survivor, Maggie embarks on a dangerous trek through the remote Appalachian backcountry, joining up with two veterans from the local sheriff's department who know the land better than anyone. But even as Maggie charts their course through the mountains, she can sense someone – or something – else watching and waiting. Their journey is about more than enduring the elements. It's about escaping a sinister presence that makes a vast wilderness feel like it's closing in.

Horror TP \$37.95

Bone Season

10th anniversary edition

Shannon, Samantha

For the past 200 years, the Scion government has led an oppressive campaign against unnaturalness in London. Clairvoyance, in all its forms, has been decreed a criminal offence, and those who practise it viciously punished. Forced underground, a clairvoyant underworld has developed, combating persecution and evading capture. Paige Mahoney, a powerful dreamwalker operating in the Seven Dials district of London, lives a double life, using her unnaturalness illegally while hiding her gift from her father, who works high up in the Scion regime... A special edition celebrating *Bone Season's* 10th anniversary.

Dystopia PBK \$22.99

Everfair

Shawl, Nisi

In this re-imagining of Belgium's disastrous colonisation of the Congo, African-American missionaries join forces with British socialists to purchase land from the Congo Free State's 'owner', King Leopold II. This land, which they name Everfair, is set aside as a safe haven for native populations of the Congo, as well as settlers from around the world; including dream-eyed Europeans attempting to create a better society, formerly enslaved people returning from America, and Chinese railroad builders escaping hard labour. Using the combined knowledge of four

continents, Everfair becomes a land of spying cats and gulls, nuclear dirigibles buoyed by barkcloth balloons, and silent pistols that shoot poison knives. With this technology, Everfair will attempt to defeat the Belgian tyrant Leopold II. But even if they can defeat their great enemy, a looming world war and political infighting may threaten to destroy everything they have built. A reissue, with a beautiful new cover and a foreword from award-winning author Cadwell Turnbull.

Alternate history (reissue) TP \$29.99

Killer Creatures Down Under

Horror Stories with Bite, anthology

Sheldon, Deborah

Australia: the land where everything wants to kill you. A continent filled with some of the deadliest animals in the world. From creepy-crawlies to crocodiles, you'll have plenty to fear in this anthology penned by Australian authors. *Killer Creatures Down Under: Horror Stories with Bite* offers disturbing tales that range from the action packed and visceral, through the historical and futuristic, to the phantasmagorical and supernatural. Prepare to confront your animal phobias... And, perhaps, develop some new ones. Featuring work by: Geraldine Borella, Tim Borella, Renee De Visser, Anthony Ferguson, Jason Fischer, Fox Claret Hill, Robert Mammone, Ben Matthews, J M Merry, Helena O'Connor, Steven Paulsen, Antoinette Rydyr, Deborah Sheldon, Charles Spiteri, H K Stubbs, Matt Tighe, Keith Williams, Pauline Yates.

Horror TP \$29.99

SubOrbital 7

Shirley, John

Lieutenant Art Burkett is called up to take part in a rescue mission. Three scientists have been kidnapped by the terrorist group Thieves in Law. The rescue is swift. Art and his team return to military craft *SubOrbital 7*, intending to return to safety with hostages rescued and prisoners in tow. But Thieves in Law are not the only people looking for them. Art and his team must fight an ever-growing threat before time runs out for them, and possibly for the rest of the world. 'This is the kind of book that gives military sf a good name.' – *Financial Times*.

Military sf PBK \$19.99

The Midnight Kingdom

Dark Gods 02

Sim, Tara

Scattered across the realms, the four noble heirs of Nexus walk a dangerous path, attempting to undo the damage the gods have wrought. Taesia, the shadow-wielding rebel of House Lastrider, and Nikolas, the reluctant soldier of House Cyr, find themselves stranded in Noctus, the realm of eternal night. But they are not alone. They've been followed by the unpredictable god of light, determined to destroy Noctus. Meanwhile, Risha, the peacekeeping necromancer, must navigate the treacherous realm of death, Mortri, where the spirits don't take kindly to the living. The stubborn elemental Angelica fights a battle of her own in Vitae, trying to keep Nexus from unravelling while secretly suffering from an illness that could have disastrous repercussions for her family,

her kingdom, and her dreams of the throne. As the heirs struggle to restore balance to the universe, they encounter new allies and new foes alike. But the gods grow stronger. And their descendants will need more than their magic and wits to survive the coming war... The follow-up to the fabulous *The City of Dusk* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

A Second Chance for Yesterday Sinn, R A

Nev Bourne is a hotshot programmer for the latest and greatest tech invention out there: SavePoint, the brain implant that rewinds the seconds of all our most embarrassing moments. She's been working non-stop on the next rollout, even blowing off her boyfriend, her best friend and her family to make SavePoint 2.0. But when she hits go on the test run, she wakes up the next day, only to discover it's yesterday. She's falling backwards in time, one day at a time. As things spiral out of control, a long-lost friend from college reappears in her life, claiming they know how to save her. Airin is charming and mysterious, and somehow knows Nev intimately well. Desperate and intrigued, Nev takes a leap of faith. A friendship born of fear slowly becomes a bond of deepest trust, and possibly love. With time running out, and the whole world of SavePoint users at stake, Nev must learn what it will take to set things right, and what it will cost. Created by historian and futurist sibling authors, *A Second Chance for Yesterday* is a time-twisting story of family, redemption, and queer love – for fans of *The Time Traveler's Wife* (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction HC \$55.00

The Broken Elf King

Kings of Avalier 02

Stone, Leia

I never should have taken that loan, but my aunt needed meds I couldn't afford. Now, I've been sold to slavery and the Nightfall Queen's guards have found out I'm not entirely human. I guess I'm lucky they didn't kill me. The next thing I hear is that the Elf King himself has bought me, and I'm to be transferred to his castle. It will take me five years to pay off the debt, but I get to be his personal assistant. Personal assistant to the king. That can't be so bad, right? Oh, how wrong, I was. His council has tasked me with finding him a wife before they will fund his war against the Nightfall Queen. That part should be easy: he's rich, disgustingly handsome, and smart to boot. The problem? He's rejecting every high-born female I send his way. The more time we spend together, the more we realise I'm not just some half elf. There is a deep power that runs through my veins, one that makes me a target... or his solution? I enter into a fake marriage with him, so that he can get the council off his back and I can get some protection. That's a great idea, as long as I don't fall in love with him. Should be simple enough...

The follow-up to *The Last Dragon King* (PBK, \$22.99) in the Kings of Avalier series. It's a full-length standalone fantasy romance about the Elf King Raife Lightstone.

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

The Ruthless Fae King

Kings of Avalier 03

Stone, Leia

Lucien Thorne is the vilest monster in all of Thorngate. As Winter King, he rules our land with an iron fist and a cold, dead heart. And my father has just informed me that I am betrothed to marry him... As the Princess of Fall, it is my duty to marry whatever suitor my father chooses for me, but even duty can't make me spend the rest of my life with someone like Lucien. However, the more time I spend with this mysterious man, the more I wonder if the rumours about him are even true. As I get to know the real Lucien, I start to discover the secrets and dark history of his family. A history that explains his ruthless behaviour... And one I plan to expunge if I am ever to live out my life in the Winter Palace in peace. As much as I want to hate Lucien Thorne and everything he's done to our realm... I cannot deny my heart. The third of the Kings of Avalier series, featuring Winter King Lucien Thorne.

Romantasy PBK \$22.99

Season of Skulls

New Management 03

Stross, Charles

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. This is the final novel in the Laundry Files spin-off trilogy that began with *Dead Lies Dreaming* and continued with *Quantum of Nightmares* (PBK, \$22.99 each).

Urban fantasy HC \$49.99

Three Axes to Fall

Grave of Empires 03

Sykes, Sam

Sal the Cacophony has made few friends, but many enemies. Many, many enemies. When her magic was taken from her, she cried out for revenge. And a power she never understood promised her vengeance. A deal for a bloody price was made. And, now, the bill has come due. In one of the last free cities of the burned-out ruin of the Scar, Sal's many foes – old and new – have hunted down her and her few allies – willing and otherwise – and all her plans to save them might not be enough. One last stand. One more story. One final blade to be drawn. This series begins with *Seven Blades in Black* (TP, \$43.95).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

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The Revels

Thomas, Stacey

The stage is set, and the witch-hunt is about to begin... 'I am no witch. I have not sold my soul to the devil for powers. What I am has never openly been whispered of, yet it is enough that people would hang for it.' *England, 1645*. After his half-brother dies, aspiring playwright Nicholas Pearce is apprenticed to Judge William Percival, an infamous former witch-hunter who is under pressure to resume his old profession. In a country torn apart by civil war, with escalating tensions between Catholics and Protestants, Royalists and Roundheads, and rumours of witchcraft, Nicholas hides a secret: the dead sing. He hears their secrets, but will he find the courage to speak up to save innocent lives, even if it means putting himself in great danger? A spellbinding debut novel, perfect for fans of Stacey Halls and Bridget Collins.

Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

The Best of World SF

Volume 02

Tidhar, Lavie (editor)

The second annual instalment, this collection of 29 stories, including eight original and exclusive additions, represents the state of the art in international science fiction. Navigating around the globe, *The Best of World SF Volume 2* features writers from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Greece, Grenada, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, The Philippines, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Each story has been selected by World SF expert and award-winning author Lavie Tidhar. Taking us into space – Mars at first, then the stars – and then back to a strange, transformed Earth via AI, gods, aliens, and the undead, the collection traces the ever-changing meaning of the genre from some of the most exciting voices writing today. This is not a retrospective of what science fiction around the world used to look like. This is a snapshot of what some of it looks like, now. And it's never been more exciting.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

The Voice That Murmurs in the Darkness

collection

Tiptree Jr, James

Pioneering science fiction writer Alice Sheldon, who found fame using the pseudonym James Tiptree Jr, among others, left behind a remarkable body of short fiction, much of it uncollected or out of print. Now, *The Voice That Murmurs in the Darkness*, co-edited by Jeffrey D Smith and two-time Booker Prize nominee Karen Joy Fowler, brings new light to some of Tiptree's best and overlooked stories. The stories represented span Tiptree's career, and were primarily selected from a list made by Sheldon – which she called 'the cream of Tiptree' – none of which were included in *Her Smoke Rose Up Forever*. With a title drawn from Sheldon's description of Tiptree as 'the voice that murmurs in the darkness', among the wonders featured here are... In 'Excursion Fare', Dag and Philippa are about to be lost at sea in the wreckage of their balloon *Sky-Walker*, their grand adventure

a failure, when a hospice ship called *Charon* rescues them, and they find themselves on a cruise exclusively for the dying – which may be carrying far stranger passengers. A surreal evening ensues in 'The Man Doors Said Hello To', when a tall man enters a bar, carrying miniature girls as tenants in his pockets, and takes the narrator with him on a strange rescue mission through secrets hiding in the corners and ledges of the city. At 19, Jolyone Schram cries out in 'Time-Sharing Angel', despairing when she glimpses a vision of overpopulation and resulting planetary devastation, only to be heard by an interstellar angel who produces a shocking, simple fix that affects children across Earth and changes the future. And, in 'Yanqui Doodle', a soldier undergoes a harrowing detox treatment from specialised drugs given to soothe the conscience during combat – a process that might itself be as painful as the memories of atrocities committed under their influence – and grows ever more unstable. *The Voice That Murmurs in the Darkness* encompasses thirteen exceptional stories and one essay ('How to Have an Absolutely Hilarious Heart Attack'), covering the years 1968 to 1987, and includes an exclusive introduction from Karen Joy Fowler. Throughout this landmark new collection is Tiptree's remarkable prose, shot through with invention and big ideas, exploring classic themes of identity, politics, what it is to be human, and the miraculous oddity of life – from what lies inside us out to the very edges of the universe. A 376pp, pricey, limited edition from Subterranean Press – which *may* be out of print, on release.

Science fiction HC \$89.95

The Missing Mummies

Jespersion & Lane 03

Tuttle, Lisa

Miss Lane is puzzled by Jasper Jespersion's interest in what seems a very minor theft – possibly even a prank – from the storerooms at the British Museum. But London, in the 1890s, is rife with secret organisations, cults, and individuals eager to acquire some of the legendary magic of ancient Egypt. The deeper the two detectives dig, the more hidden crimes they uncover, and the higher the death toll mounts. And at the centre of it all is the 'Mystery Mummy' recently acquired by the museum. Are the deaths and madness truly caused by a mummy's curse? Or is there a scheming, living villain to be apprehended? Jespersion and Lane, with their experience of past investigations involving psychic phenomena and supernatural events, as well as ordinary human criminality, are surely best placed to find the truth. *Jespersion and Lane, at your service*. The first in this Sherlockian fantasy series is *The Somnambulist and the Psychic Thief* (PBK, \$22.99).

Gaslamp fantasy crime TP \$34.99

Hush Harbor

Vance, Anise

After the murder of an unarmed Black teenager by the hands of the police, protests spread like wildfire in Bliss City, New Jersey. A full-scale resistance group takes control of an abandoned housing project and decides to call it Hush Harbor in homage to the secret spaces their enslaved ancestors would gather in to pray. Jeremiah Prince, alongside his

sister Nova, are leaders of the revolution, but have ideological differences regarding how the movement should proceed. When a new mayor with ties to white supremacists threatens the group's pseudo-sanctuary and locks the city down, the collective must come to a decision for their very survival.

Dystopia HC \$64.95

Ebony Gate

Phoenix Hoard 01

Vee, Julia & Bebel, 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?

Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

The Phoenix King

Ravenice trilogy 01

Verma, Aparna

In a kingdom where flames hold magic and the desert hides secrets, an ancient prophecy comes for an assassin, a princess, and a king. But none are ready to face destiny – and the choices they make could burn the world. For Elena Aadya Ravenice, fire is yearning. She longs to feel worthy of her Phoenix god, of her ancestors who transformed the barren dunes of Sayon into a thriving kingdom. But though she knows the ways and wiles of the desert better than she knows her own skin, the secrets of the Eternal Flame elude her. And without them, she'll never be accepted as queen. For Leo Malhari Ravenice, fire is control. He is not ready to give up his crown – there's still too much work to be done to ensure his legacy remains untarnished, his family protected. But power comes with a price, and he'll wage war with the heavens themselves to keep from paying it. For Yassen Knight, fire is redemption. He dreams of shedding his past as one of Sayon's most deadly assassins, of laying to rest the ghosts of those he has lost. If joining the court of flame and serving the royal Ravenice family – the very people he once swore to eliminate – will earn him that, he'll do it no matter what they ask of him. But the Phoenix watches over all and the fire has a will of its own. It will come for all three, will come for Sayon itself... and they must either find a way to withstand the blaze or burn to ash. The first in an action-packed, debut, epic fantasy trilogy.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Mammoths at the Gates

Singing Hills Cycle 04, novella

Vo, Nghi

The wandering Cleric Chih returns home to the Singing Hills Abbey for the first time in almost three years, to be met with both joy and sorrow. Their mentor, Cleric Thien, has died, and rests among the archivists and

storytellers of the storied abbey. But not everyone is prepared to leave them to their rest. Because Cleric Thien was, once, the patriarch of Coh clan of Northern Bell Pass – and, now, their granddaughters have arrived on the backs of royal mammoths, demanding their grandfather's body for burial. Chih must, somehow, balance honouring their mentor's chosen life while keeping the sisters from the north from storming the gates and destroying the history the clerics have worked so hard to preserve. But as Chih and their *neixin* Almost Brilliant navigate the looming crisis, Myriad Virtues, Cleric Thien's own beloved hoopoe companion, grieves her loss as only a being with perfect memory can, and her sorrow may be more powerful than anyone could anticipate... A 128pp, Tor.com novella. This award-winning series begins with *The Empress of Salt and Fortune* (PBK, \$18.99).

Fantasy HC \$43.95

Darius

Black Dagger Brotherhood 0.5

Ward, J R

The star-crossed love story of reader favourite, and original member of the Black Dagger Brotherhood, Darius... Darius, son of Marklon, isn't looking for love, the night destiny comes to claim him. He's also not interested in crashing his new car. But when a human woman runs out into the road, and he must swerve to avoid killing her... everything goes off course. Disillusioned by his King's lack of leadership and the losses in the war against the Lessening Society, Darius finds purpose in protecting a woman he cannot make his own. Love finds a way, however – until the truth of what he is comes out and she leaves him in horror. Unbeknownst to them both, Anne is carrying his young, a female who is destined to be Queen – and after a tragic reunion, he vows to protect their daughter. Resigned to perpetual sadness, he is determined to serve the memory of his beloved, no matter the cost... unless by some miracle, fate sees fit to, once again, bring them together.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

Tide of Stone

Warren, Kaaron

The Time-Ball Tower of Tempuston houses the worst criminals in history. Given the option of the death penalty or eternal life, they chose eternal life. They have a long time to regret that choice.

Horror TP \$34.99

Lessons in Birdwatching

Watson, Honey

During their temporary research post on Apech – a planet ravaged by a time distorting illness – Wilhelmina Ming, and four other elite students of the Crysthian empire have witnessed such illogical brutality that they've resorted to psychedelic antidepressants and group sex to take the edge off. After a night of indulgence following a gruesome execution, they wake to find an oblique warning in the form of an impaled corpse dangling from the exterior of their residence. When their subsequent investigation uncovers a web of collusion and conspiracy in the ranks of their own diplomatic corps, the envoys find themselves caught in the

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middle of a bloody civil war. As bodies pile up above ground, a deranged fanatic stokes an existential threat below, coaxing the embers of a forgotten god, and its temporal virus, to life. Perfect for fans of *Dune*, Arkady Martin, and Yoon Ha Lee.

Science fiction TP \$37.99

More Than Honor

Worlds of Honor 01

Weber, David; Drake, David; Stirling, S M

The first entry in the Worlds of Honor anthology series, featuring stories set in David Weber's bestselling Honorverse. Featuring 'A Grand Tour' by master of military SF David Drake; 'A Whiff of Grapeshot' by bestselling author S M Stirling; and 'A Beautiful Friendship' by David Weber, the novella that would later become the first entry in Weber's Star Kingdom series. Also includes Honor Harrington series essay 'The Universe of Honor Harrington' by Weber. In hardcover for the first time!

Space opera (reissue) HC \$55.00

City of Bones

Wells, Martha

The city of Charisat, a tiered monolith of the Ancients' design, sits on the edge of the vast desert known as the Waste. Khat, a member of a humanoid race created by the Ancients to survive in the Waste, and Sagai, his human partner, are relic dealers working in the bottom tiers of society, trying to stay one step ahead of the Trade Inspectors. When Khat is hired by the all-powerful Warders to find relics believed to be part of one of the Ancients' arcane engines, he, and his party, begin unravelling the mysteries of an age-old technology. This they expected. They soon find themselves as the last line of defence between the suffering masses of Charisat and a fanatical cult, bent on unleashing an evil

upon the city with an undying thirst for bone. That, they did not expect. A reissue of Wells' first novel; this updated and revised 2023 edition is the author's preferred text.

Fantasy (reissue) TP \$34.99

The Bonus Room

Winters, Ben H

Susan and Alex Wendt have found their dream apartment in a gorgeous Brooklyn brownstone. Sure, the landlady is a little eccentric. And the elderly handyman drops some cryptic remarks about the basement. But the rent is so low, it's too good to pass up. Big mistake. Susan awakens every morning with fresh bug bites, but neither Alex nor their daughter, Emma, has a single welt. An exterminator searches the property and turns up nothing. The landlady insists her building is clean. Susan fears she's going mad – until she makes a chilling discovery, in the bonus room. Filled with Hitchcockian suspense, *The Bonus Room* is a horrifying tale of a dream home that becomes a nightmare. Previously published, in 2011, as *Bedbugs*.

Horror (reissue) TP \$35.99

Star Bringer

Wolff, Tracy & Croft, Nina

How much space does one princess need?

The sun is dying... and it's happening way too damn fast. With the clock ticking, the Nine Planets' only hope of survival rests on a fancy space station and the alien artefact it's carrying. Which is why it really sucks when some jackass doesn't want the universe saved and blows that station up – while you're still on it. So, if your only choices are flaming death or stealing a flying hunk of space junk – you pick that busted-ass spaceship. Even if it leaves seven strangers with deadly secrets trapped together: a princess, a prisoner, a con artist, a warrior, a priestess, a mercenary, and an asshole in charge of us all. Now, every

faction in the galaxy is hunting this ship – from the Sisterhood to the Corporation, and the rebellion's joining in on the fun, too. We just need to stop drinking, fighting, and screwing long enough to evade them all and save the freaking universe... somehow. Because, apparently, the only thing standing between a dying sun and ultimate salvation is seven unlikely misfits... ahem, heroes. The first in a new series.

SF romance TP \$32.99

On the Nature of Magic

Womack, Marian

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

Gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

The Wicked in Me

Devil's Cradle 01

Wright, Suzanne

No one really knows what they are. Only that they're the first civilisation. Acons, they call themselves. They're immortal. Powerful. Secretive. And they'll come for her. Witch Wynter Dellavale knows that for

certain. Because in unfairly trying to execute her, they started a chain of events they're struggling to stop. Needing safety, she flees to Devil's Cradle, the home of monsters. A place for the outcasts, the fugitives, the crazies. A place ruled by the Ancients, seven beings who were once banished by the Aeons. Among the Ancients is the infamous Cain, brother of Abel and embodiment of jealousy – who, on another note, wants her in his bed. There's a heavy price for the safety the Ancients offer, but Wynter will have to pay it. She can't take on the Aeons alone. And she has no intention of dying – been there, done that. Not that she'll be the easy prey the Aeons are expecting. They have no knowledge of the... thing that lives inside her. You see, when witches are brought back from the afterlife, they don't always come back the same. And they don't always come back alone. The first in a series.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Collector

Young, Laura Kat

Sorrow is inefficient. It's also inescapable. Lieutenant Dev Singh dutifully spends his days recording the memories of people who, struck with incurable depression, will soon have their minds erased in order to be more productive members of society. After all, the Bureau knows what's best for you. At night, though, hidden in the dark, Dev remembers and writes in his secret journal the special moments shared with him – the small laugh of a toddler, the stillness of a late afternoon. The first flutter of love. But when the Bureau finds out he's been recounting the memories – and that the depression is in him, too – he's sent to a sanatorium to heal.

Horror PBK \$37.95