

# Pulp Fiction

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Freya Marske  
Christopher Paolini  
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... and many others.

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Until next time, good reading!  
Ron and Leanne

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

### **The Snow Ghost and Other Tales: Classic Japanese Ghost Stories**

Vintage Classics anthology  
Enter the haunted world of Ancient Japan in this spine-tingling collection of ghostly tales told and retold across the centuries. From Goblin-infested caves, and haunted Tombs, to vengeful spirits and strange, sinister happenings, Ancient Japan was a country and culture that lived with between realms: the world of everyday and the world of supernatural. It was a time and place, where men could be brought down by karmic forces or lured into deadly danger by ghostly apparitions, and where the land held sorrowful secrets or stories that long-awaited an opportunity to reveal them and seek reparation. *The Snow Ghost and Other Tales* brings together some of the best and scariest tales that endured across centuries of folk lore in one new beautiful hardback collection. Finally committed to writing during the turn of the 20th century, by a unique set of folklorists, the ghost stories presented in this new anthology will transport readers to a time of magic and mystery, and let them relish in the spine-tingling traditions of Japanese culture largely lost now to modernity.

Ghost stories HC \$34.99

### **Tonight, I Burn**

Thorn Witch 01

#### **Adams, Katharine J**

Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett. Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death, keeping it safe and whole. Each night, one thorn witch – and only one – must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch returns with the help of their magical lifeline. Failure to follow the rules of Death risks them all. When Penny's favourite sister doesn't return from Death, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret. Determined to find her sister, Penny makes a deal with the devastating Lord Malin who she meets in Death. Someone who shouldn't be there at all. This bargain leads her to Alice, a mysterious captive prophet, and to a rebellion against the High Warden brewing in the shadows of their city. Penny soon learns all is not as it seems in Life or Death. And as her world splits between her growing love for the ethereal Alice in Life and her attraction to the seductive Malin in Death she'll face a devastating choice. Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic. All it takes is one witch – and one spark – to set the world ablaze. The first in a series.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### **The Future Alderman, Naomi**

The Future is where the money is. The Future is a few billionaires leading the world to destruction. The Future is a handful of friends hatching a daring plan. The Future is the greatest heist ever? Or the cataclysmic end of civilisation... The Future is here. *The Future* is a white-knuckle *tour de force* and dazzling exploration of the world we have made, and where we are going. 'A rollicking, fun-packed thriller with juicy stakes, constantly escalating twists, and a cast of characters who feel like they already exist somewhere out there in our fragile, free-wheeling present' – *Alastair Reynolds*.  
Dystopian thriller TP \$32.99

### **Skellig**

25th illustrated anniversary edition  
**Almond, David & de Freston, Tom (illustrator)**  
When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. One Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the ramshackle garage of his new home and finds something magical. A strange creature – human? beast? bird? angel? – a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever... *Skellig* won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. David Almond is also winner of the Hans Christian Andersen award, the Nonino International Prize, and has received an OBE for services to literature. This unforgettable book, now has captivating illustrations by Tom de Freston to celebrate its 25th anniversary.  
Children's fantasy HC \$26.99

### **The Splinter in the Sky Ashing-Giwa, Kemi**

The dust may have just settled in the failed war of conquest between the Holy Vaalbaran Empire and the Ominirish Republic, but the last Emperor's surrender means little to a lowly scribe like Enitan. All she wants is to quit her day job, and expand her fledgling tea business. But when her lover is assassinated and her sibling is abducted by Imperial soldiers, Enitan abandons her idyllic plans and weaves her tea tray up through the heart of the Vaalbaran capital. There, she learns just how far she is willing to go to exact vengeance, free her sibling, and perhaps even secure her homeland's freedom. A new space opera, about a young tea expert who is taken as a political prisoner and recruited to spy on government officials – a role that may empower her to win back her nation's independence – perfect for fans of N K Jemisin and Nnedi Okorafor.  
Space opera HC \$45.00

### **The Scarlet Alchemist Baker, Kylie Lee**

Zilan dreams of becoming a royal alchemist, of providing for her family by making alchemical gold and gems for the wealthy to eat in order to stay young forever. But, for now, she's trapped in her impoverished village in southern China, practicing an illegal form of alchemy to keep food on the table – resurrecting the dead, for a price. When Zilan finally has the chance to complete her imperial exams, she ventures to the capital to compete against the best alchemists in the country in tasks she'll be lucky to survive, let alone pass. On top of that, her reputation for raising the dead has followed her, and the Crown Prince himself seeks out her help, suspecting a coming assassination attempt. The more Zilan succeeds in her alchemy, the more she gets caught in the dangerous political games of the royal family. There are monsters lurking within the palace walls, and it's only a matter of time before they – and secrets of Zilan's past – catch up with her. A dark YA fantasy duology, set in an alternate Tang Dynasty China – where alchemy has led to income inequality as the rich eat gold to achieve eternal youth, and a poor biracial girl with the ability to raise the dead gets caught up in the dangerous political games of the royal family.  
YA dark fantasy TP \$24.99

### **Mind Burn**

#### **Bakutis, T E & Bruno, Rhett C**

When your new employer tasks you with investigating the first successful mass shooting in 12 years, it's understandable to be nervous. Fortunately, detective-in-training Cowan Soto has a Personal Brain Assistant – a cybernetic implant – that allows him to firewall pesky emotions like worry and guilt and redact memories of bullet-riddled corpses. Unfortunately, Cowan soon learns it was his suspect's PBA which allowed a ruthless hacker to puppet her into a shooting rampage. Aided by a veteran investigator, a brilliant CFO, a nihilistic cybercriminal, and the best *waiifu* madam in Kearny Mesa, Cowan must wade through a gauntlet of homicidal professional gamers, the Russian mafia, and the board of OneWorld to bring this ruthless puppet master to justice. All the while, the brand-new detective is concealing the fact that he's the exact type of criminal OneWorld has hired him to arrest: a loose circuit – a human unbound by behavioural modification protocols. *Minority Report* meets *Ready Player One* as a new investigator hunts down a dangerous criminal capable of high-jacking and controlling cybernetic implants.

SF thriller TP \$39.95

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### Bookshops and Bonedust

Legends & Lattes 02

#### Baldree, Travis

Viv's career with the renowned mercenary company Rackam's Ravens isn't going as planned. Wounded, during the hunt for a powerful necromancer, she's packed off against her will to recuperate in the sleepy beach town of Murk – so far from the action that she worries she'll never be able to return to it. What's a thwarted soldier of fortune to do? Spending her hours at a struggling bookshop, in the company of its foul-mouthed proprietor, is the last thing Viv would have predicted. Even though it may be exactly what she needs. Still, adventure isn't far away. A suspicious traveller in grey, a gnome with a chip on her shoulder, a summer fling, and an improbable number of skeletons prove Murk to be more eventful than Viv could have ever expected. Sometimes, right things happen at the wrong time. Sometimes, what we need isn't what we seek. And, sometimes, we find ourselves in the stories we experience together. The follow-up to the wonderful *Legends and Lattes* (PBK, \$22.99). Highly recommended.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

### The Culture: the Drawings

#### Banks, Iain M

This extraordinary collection celebrates the dazzling world building of Iain M Banks, one of the most important and influential writers in modern science fiction. Faithfully reproduced from notebooks he kept in the 1970s and '80s, these annotated original illustrations depict the ships, habitats, geography, weapons, and language of Banks' Culture series of novels in incredible detail.

Banks' Culture HC \$110.00

### The Singularities

#### Banville, John

A man with a borrowed name steps from a flashy red sports car? Also borrowed? Onto the estate of his youth. But all is not as it seems. There is a new family living in the draughty old house: the Godleys, descendants of the late, world-famous scientist Adam Godley, whose theory of existence threw the universe into chaos. And this mystery man, who has just completed a prison sentence, feels as if time has stopped, or was torn, or was opened in new and strange ways. He must now vie with the idiosyncratic Godley family, with their harried housekeeper who becomes his landlady, with the recently-commissioned biographer of Godley Sr, and with a wealthy and beautiful woman from his past who comes bearing an unusual request.

Science fiction-ish PBK \$22.99

### Bridge

#### Beukes, Lauren

*There are infinite realities. She's looking for one...* Twenty-four-year-old Bridge is paralysed by choices: all the other lives she could have lived, the decisions she could have made. And, now, who she should be in the wake of her mother's unexpected death. Jo was a maverick neuroscientist fixated on an artifact she called the 'dreamworm' that

she believed could open the doors to other worlds. It was part of Jo's grand delusion, her sickness, and it cost her everything, including her relationship with her daughter. But in packing up Jo's house, Bridge discovers Jo's obsession hidden amongst her things. And the dreamworm works, exactly the way it's supposed to, the way Bridge remembers from when she was a little girl. Suddenly, Bridge can step into other realities, otherselves. In one of them, could she find out what really happened to her mother? What Bridge doesn't know is that there are others hunting for the dreamworm – who will kill to get their hands on it. A highly-original, reality-bending thrill-ride that could only have come from the brilliant mind of award-winning novelist, Lauren Beukes, about mothers and daughters, hunters and seekers, and who we each choose to be. 'Sheer thrilling madness with a big, beating heart that reminds us, we're all connected.' – *Grady Hendrix*.

SF thriller TP \$32.99

### Alone with You in the Ether

#### Blake, Olivie

*Chicago, sometime.* Two people meet in the armoury of the Art Institute by chance. Prior to their encounter, he is a doctoral student who manages his destructive thoughts with compulsive calculations about time travel; she is a bipolar counterfeit artist undergoing court-ordered psychotherapy. After their meeting, those things do not change. Everything else, however, is slightly different. Both obsessive, eccentric personalities, Aldo Damiani and Charlotte Regan struggle to be without each other from the moment they meet. The truth – that he is a clinically-depressed, antisocial theoretician and she is a manipulative liar with a history of self-sabotage – means the deeper they fall in love, the more troubling their reliance on each other becomes. This is a glimpse into what it means to be unwell, and how to love as if you're not broken.

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Hobbit Encyclopaedia

#### Bondi, Damien & Stocker, Vivien

An indispensable and comprehensive guide to J R R Tolkien's *The Hobbit* covering all the characters, places and objects included in the seminal book that first introduced the world of Middle-earth. The prequel to *The Lord of the Rings* (1954), *The Hobbit* (1937) is an extraordinarily rich work that first introduced us to the world of Middle-earth and sets up the fantasy world that would be built upon at greater length in Tolkien's later books. Peter Jackson's trilogy of films based on this single work have helped to create a new generation of Tolkien fans. In this vast, wide-ranging volume there are detailed entries on all the characters, creatures and places encountered in the story, as well as others on the languages, sources of inspiration and the iconic objects and events. Richly illustrated, with original colour drawings, this indispensable guide will allow you to explore Middle-earth in greater depth, decipher the Dwarves' alphabet and discover the legendary sources where Tolkien found his inspiration.

Tolkien HC \$55.00

### Remembrance

Selected Correspondence of Ray Bradbury

#### Bradbury, Ray

#### & Eller, Jonathan R (editor)

Iconic author of *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Martian Chronicles*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, Ray Bradbury believed that, someday, a collection of his letters could illuminate the story of his life in new ways. That story emerges across time and memory from the pages of *Remembrance*. Ray Bradbury was one of the best-known writers and creative dreamers of our time. The many honours he received, which included an Emmy and an Academy Award nomination for adaptations of his work, culminated in the 2000 National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, a 2004 National Medal of Arts, and a 2007 Pulitzer Prize Special Citation. For many years, NASA and the Disney Studio felt the impact of Ray Bradbury's creativity, and his fiction has found its way into hundreds of anthologies, textbooks, and the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read program. His enduring legacy as a storyteller, novelist, and space-age visionary radiated out into popular adaptations for stage, film, and television, and now the fascinating narratives and insights of his personal and professional correspondence are revealed for the first time. *Remembrance* offers the first sustained look at his life in letters from his late teens to his ninth decade.

Bradbury's correspondence was far reaching – he interacted with a rich cross section of 20th-century cultural figures, writers, film directors, editors, and others who simply wanted insights or encouragement from a writer who had enriched their lives through his stories and novels. Bradbury scholar and biographer, Jonathan R Eller, organised this volume into categories of correspondents, showing Bradbury's progression through life as he knew it, and not necessarily as the public perceived him. Letters to and from mentors and other writers are followed by correspondence with such film directors as John Huston, François Truffaut, and Federico Fellini. Letters with publishers and agents are followed by letters that capture moments of national and international recognition, the shadows of war and intolerance that motivated some of his best writing, and the friends and family members who shared the memories of his life. Among the writers whose letters illuminate *Remembrance* are Theodore Sturgeon, Sir Arthur C Clarke, *Twilight Zone* writers Charles Beaumont and Richard Matheson, Dan Chaon, Bernard Berenson, Nobel Laureate Bertrand Russell, Graham Greene, Anais Nin, Gore Vidal, Carl Sandburg, and Jessamy West. *Remembrance* illuminates the most elusive aspect of Ray Bradbury's wide-ranging writing passions – the correspondence he sent and received throughout his long life, each letter originally intended for an audience of one.

Writings HC \$69.95

### Spirit of the Wood

Green Rider novella

#### Britain, Kristen

After years of leading the battle against the vicious Darrow Raiders, Lieutenant-Rider Laren Mapstone has built a fortress around herself to conceal her emotions and the deep scars she carries. When she is made

mentor to Tavin Bankside, a Green Rider trainee on his first message errand, her cold and brooding exterior quickly earns her the moniker the 'Ice Lady'. Only after Laren is severely wounded, in an attack on the North Road by a gang of bandits – including some former Darrow Raiders with vengeance on their minds – do the fortress walls fall. Even as they seek refuge from danger in a Rider waystation, Tavin's natural empathic gift leaves him vulnerable to the assault of the lieutenant's emotions. Tavin must save Lieutenant Mapstone's life and master his empathic gift before it destroys them both. However, an ancient power lurks deep within the Green Cloak, and its aid or hindrance could mean survival for the Riders or the downfall of Sacordia, and all the free lands. Perfect for long-time Green Rider fans eager for more of the world, or new readers discovering the realm of Sacordia for the first time; this action-packed, feminist fantasy is a must read for lovers of the genre.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### Death Valley

#### Broder, Melissa

A darkly-funny novel about grief that becomes a desert survival story. A woman arrives alone at a Best Western, seeking respite from an emptiness that plagues her. She has fled to the California high desert to escape a cloud of sorrow – for both her father in the ICU and a husband whose illness is worsening. What the motel provides, however, is not peace but a path, thanks to a receptionist who recommends a nearby hike. Out on the sun-scorched trail, the woman encounters a towering cactus whose size and shape mean it should not exist in California. Yet, the cactus is there, with a gash through its side that beckons like a familiar door. So, she enters it. What awaits her inside this mystical succulent sets her on a journey, at once desolate and rich, hilarious, and poignant.

Portal fantasy TP \$32.99

### Sister of Starlit Seas

Viridian Deep 03

#### Brooks, Terry

Auris' adoptive sister Char has always been the baby of the family – a position that grates on her, especially when everyone is so intent on telling her exactly what to do and how to do it. Plus, there is her headstrong, impulsive behaviour, which her family has always seen as a liability. But Char is certain that the quality most see as her greatest weakness is actually her greatest strength – her willingness to instantly brave danger and leap to the rescue the minute anyone she loves is threatened. Char knows she can never grow into the woman she was meant to be, under her family's loving but repressive eye; so, a month before she turns 15, she runs away, and ends up joining a human pirate crew in the warm, southerly regions of her world. But three years into her pirate career, her captain – and the man she is convinced she loves – is captured by those in charge of the slave trade he has been fighting. And when Char leaps in to rescue him, she suddenly finds herself thrust into an adventure that will uncover secrets she never suspected about herself. And which will maybe, finally, teach her to look before she leaps. The first in this newest series of Brooks' is *Child of Light* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

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### Penric's Labors

Penric & Desdemona novellas 07–9, omnibus

#### Bujold, Lois McMaster

Penric and Desdemona are back, in three novellas from Grand Master Lois McMaster Bujold. Collecting *Masquerade in Lodi*, *The Orphans of Raspay*, and *The Physicians of Vilnoc*; and including a new introduction, 'outroduction', and suggested reading order by Lois McMaster Bujold!

*Masquerade in Lodi*: Bastard's Eve is a night of celebration for most residents in the canal city of Lodi – but not for sorcerer Learned Penric and his Temple demon Desdemona, who find themselves caught up in the affairs of a ship-lost madman, a dangerous ascendant demon, and a quite unexpected saint of the fifth god.

*The Orphans of Raspay*: When the ship in which they are travelling is captured by Carpagamon island raiders, Temple sorcerer Penric and his resident demon Desdemona find their life complicated by two young orphans, Lencia and Seuka Corva, who are far from home and searching for their missing father. Pen and Des will need all their combined talents of mind and magic to unravel the mysteries of the sisters and escape from the pirate stronghold.

*The Physicians of Vilnoc*: When a mysterious plague breaks out in the army fort guarding Vilnoc, the port capital of the duchy of Orbas, Temple sorcerer Penric and his demon Desdemona are called upon by General Arisaydia to resurrect Penric's medical skills and solve its lethal riddle. In the gruelling days that follow, Pen will find that even his magic is not enough to meet the challenges without help from dedicated new colleagues – and the god of mischief.

Now in paperback. We adore Bujold... just read her.

Fantasy PBK \$26.95

### The Olympian Affair

Cinder Spires 02

#### Butcher, Jim

For centuries, the Cinder Spires have safeguarded humanity, rising far above the deadly surface world. Within their halls, aristocratic houses rule, developing scientific marvels and building fleets of airships for defence and trade. Now, the Spires hover on the brink of open war. Everyone knows it's coming. The guns of the great airship fleets that control the skies between the last bastions of humanity will soon speak in anger, and Spire Albion stands alone against the overwhelming might of Spire Aurora's Armada and its new secret weapon – one capable of destroying the populations of entire Spires. A trading summit at Spire Olympia provides an opportunity for the Spirearch, Lord Albion, to secure alliances that will shape the outcomes of the war, and to that end he dispatches privateer Captain Francis Madison Grimm and the crew of the AMS *Predator* to bolster the Spirearch's diplomatic agents. It will take daring, skill, and no small amount of showmanship to convince the world to stand with Spire Albion – assuming that it is not already too late. The *loong*-awaited second book in the Cinder Spires series, following *The Aeronaut's Windlass* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Girl from Wudang Galdas, P J

*My name is Tigress, and I am immortal.*

*This is my story.* Yinyin, called Tigress, was raised in the sacred mountains of Wudang, where her life was about Tai Chi, the Dao, and trying to balance her yang with yin. Artificial intelligence and neuroscience were things she'd never even heard of. But then her overpowering yang sets her on a course to the Bay Area, to become a professional fighter. For as long as she could remember, Yinyin had been told she was poised to become part of something big, but what 'big' turned out to be was beyond her imagining: a scientific experiment that would allow her to connect her brain to a thing they called 'BRAINET' and become unbeatable. Bonus: the suicidal headaches that had plagued her all her life would cease. But nothing comes without a price, and this connection would give others access to family secrets Yinyin has sworn to protect. Secrets that, at large and in the wrong hands, could be a very dangerous thing. Fans of the legendary cyberpunk novels and gritty sf thrillers of William Gibson and Stieg Larsson will be captivated by this new techno-thriller – a fast-paced blend of action, neuroscience, spirituality, and martial arts. SF thriller TP \$29.99

### Storming Heaven

Age of Bronze 02

#### Cameron, Miles

Before iron helmets and steel swords, when dragons roamed the world, was an age of bronze and stone, when the Gods walked the earth, and people lived in terror. A scribe, a warlord, a dancer, a mute insect and a child should have no chance against the might of the bickering gods and their cruel games. But the gods themselves are old, addicted to their own games of power, and now their fates may lie in the hands of mere mortals... By divine plan a plague of cannibals has been unleashed across the world, forming an armada which preys on all who cross their path. Meanwhile the people who allied against the gods have been divided, each taking their own path to attack the heavens – if they can survive the tide of war which has been sent against them. All they need is the right distraction, and the right opportunity, to deal a blow against the gods themselves... An original, visceral epic weaving together the mythologies of a dozen pantheons of gods and heroes to create something new and magical, this tale of the revolt against the tyranny which began in *Against All Gods* (PBK, \$24.99) is a must read from a master of the fantasy genre.

Fantasy HC \$55.00

### Downfall

Inscape 03

#### Garey, Louise

Tanta and Cole may have stopped the mass murder of InTech's residents, but the cost was severe. Despite their efforts, Harlow 2.0 – the update to InTech's mind-based operating system – fed out. Now, its citizens are compliant zombies, and Tanta and her crew are trapped underground. All except for Fliss, who has no system to update. She alone can go outside, and it's Fliss the crew are relying on to help get them out. For only then can they dismantle the damage Harlow 2.0 has

done. If Tanta, Cole and InTech's residents are to truly be free, it needs to be destroyed. But Tanta knows that task will put her on a collision course with the corporation that raised her, her oldest friends, and the woman who was once her soulmate. And this last mission might ask more of her than she's able to give.

Cyber thriller PBK \$24.99

### Rendezvous with Rama

Best of SF Masterworks

#### Clarke, Arthur C

The multi-award-winning SF masterpiece from one of the greatest SF writers of all time. *Rama* is a vast alien spacecraft that enters the Solar System. A perfect cylinder – some 50 kilometres long – spinning rapidly, racing through space, *Rama* is a technological marvel, a mysterious and deeply enigmatic alien artefact. It is Mankind's first visitor from the stars and must be investigated... Winner of the Hugo Award for best novel, 1974; winner of the Nebula Award for best novel, 1973; winner of the John W Campbell Award for best novel, 1974; winner of the BSFA Award for best novel, 1973. A reissue with eye-catching new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

### The Best Science Fiction of the Year

volume seven (07)

#### Clarke, Neil

From Hugo Award-winning editor Neil Clarke, the best science fiction stories of the year collected in a single paperback volume – the yearly anthology compiled by Hugo and World Fantasy Award-winning editor Neil Clarke. It collects the finest that the genre has to offer, from the biggest names in the field to the most exciting new writers.

Year's Best TP \$34.99

### Wild Spaces

novella

#### Goney, S. L.

A young boy's life is upended after the arrival of his grandfather, who is hiding a terrifying secret... An 11-year-old boy lives an idyllic childhood exploring the remote coastal plains and wetlands of South Carolina alongside his parents and his dog Teach. But when the boy's eerie and estranged grandfather shows up one day with no warning, cracks begin to form as hidden secrets resurface that his parents refuse to explain. The longer his grandfather outstays his welcome, and the greater the tension between the adults grows, the more the boy feels something within him changing – physically – into something his grandfather welcomes and his mother fears. Something abyssal. Something monstrous. Perfect for fans of Cassandra Khaw and John Langan. We've also had some excellent customer feedback for *Wild Spaces*.

Southern gothic HC \$22.99

### House of Roots and Ruin

Sisters of the Salt 02

#### Graig, Erin A

In a manor by the sea, one sister is still cursed. Despite dreams of adventures far beyond the Salann shores, 17-year-old Verity Thaumias has remained at her family's estate, Highmoor, with her older sister Camille,

while their sisters have scattered across Arcannia. When their sister Mercy sends word that the Duchess of Bloem – wife of a celebrated botanist – is interested in having Verity paint a portrait of her son, Alexander, Verity jumps at the chance, but Camille won't allow it. Forced to reveal the secret she's kept for years, Camille tells Verity the truth one day: Verity is still seeing ghosts, she just doesn't know it. Stunned, Verity flees Highmoor that night and – with nowhere else to turn – makes her way to Bloem. At first, she is captivated by the lush, luxurious landscape and is quickly drawn to charming, witty, and impossibly handsome Alexander Laurent. And, soon, to her surprise, a romance... blossoms. But it's not long before Verity is plagued with nightmares, and the darker side of Bloem begins to show through its sickly-sweet façade... The sequel to *House of Salt and Sorrows* (PBK, \$19.99).

YA gothic fantasy PBK \$19.99

### Upgrade Grouch, Blake

*'You are the next step in human evolution...'*

At first, Logan Ramsay isn't sure if anything's different. He just feels a little sharper. Better able to concentrate. Better at multitasking. Reading a bit faster, memorising better, needing less sleep. But before long, he can't deny it: something's happening to his brain. To his body. He's starting to see the world, and those around him, even those he loves most, in whole new ways. The truth is, Logan's genome has been hacked. And there's a reason he's been targeted for this upgrade. A reason that goes back decades to the darkest part of his past, and a horrific family legacy. Worse still, what's happening to him is just the first step in a much larger plan, one to inflict the same changes on humanity at large, and at a terrifying cost. Because of what Logan's becoming, he's the one person in the world capable of stopping what's been set in motion. But to have a chance at winning this war, he'll have to become something other than himself. And even as he's fighting, he can't help wondering: what if humanity's only hope for a future really does lie in engineering our own evolution...

Genetic engineering PBK \$22.99

### Here, and Only Here Dabos, Christelle

Welcome to the School of Here, an unsettling and peculiar place that is nonetheless familiar to us all. A place full of codes and unspoken rules that are passed down from year to year. At Here, society is highly stratified, the pairs, friend groups, and outcasts are all ruled by a godlike prince. This year – as all other years – things are not at all as they seem. A self-effacing first-year student vanishes into thin air. A persecuted outsider delivers himself into permanent exile. A tyrannical upperclassman meets his match. A newly-minted prophethess tests her powers. And, behind the scenes, a cabal of students conducts a top-secret investigation into the unexplained phenomenon at the heart of it all. Back to school season marks the start of a time-honoured cycle of revolution and rebirth in which each must play their part.

YA dark academia TP \$22.99

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### The Red Scholar's Wake

Xuya Universe

**de Bodard, Alette**

Xich Si: bot maker, data analyst, mother, scavenger. But those days are over, now – her ship has just been captured by the Red Banner pirate fleet, famous for their double – dealing and cruelty. Xich Si expects to be tortured to death – only for the pirates' enigmatic leader, Rice Fish, to arrive with a different and shocking proposition: an arranged marriage between Xich Si and herself. Rice Fish: sentient ship, leader of the infamous Red Banner pirate fleet, wife of the Red Scholar. Or, at least, she was the latter before her wife died under suspicious circumstances. Now, isolated and alone, Rice Fish wants Xich Si's help to find out who struck against them and why. Marrying Xich Si means Rice Fish can offer Xich Si protection, in exchange for Xich Si's technical fluency: a business arrangement with nothing more to it. But as the investigation goes on, Rice Fish and Xich Si find themselves falling for each other. As the interstellar war against piracy intensifies and the five fleets start fighting each other, they will have to make a stand – and to decide what kind of future they have together... An exciting space opera and a beautiful romance, from an exceptional sf author. Now in paperback.

Science fiction PBK \$24.99

### The Hunting Moon

Luminaries 02

**Dennard, Susan**

Winnie Wednesday has gotten everything she thought she wanted. She passed the deadly hunter trials, her family has been welcomed back into the Luminaries, and overnight, she has become a local celebrity. *The Girl Who Jumped. The Girl Who Got Bitten.* Unfortunately, it all feels wrong. For one, nobody will believe her about the new nightmare called the Whisperer that's killing hunters each night. Everyone blames the werewolf, even though Winnie is certain the wolf is innocent. On top of that, following her dad's convoluted clues about the Dianas, their magic, and what happened in Hemlock Falls, four years ago, is leaving her with more questions than answers. Then, to complicate it all, there is still only one person who can help her: Jay Friday, the boy with plenty of problems all his own. As bodies and secrets pile up around town, Winnie finds herself questioning what it means to be a true Wednesday and a true Luminary – and also where her fierce-hearted loyalties might ultimately have to lie. A heart-racing, jaw-dropping sequel to *The Luminaries* (PBK, \$22.99).

YA fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Reformatory

**Due, Tananarive**

*Gracetown, Florida. 1950.* Twelve-year-old Robbie Stephens, Jr, is sentenced to six months at the Gracetown School for Boys, a reformatory, for kicking the son of the largest landowner in town in defence of his older sister, Gloria. So begins, Robbie's journey further into the terrors of the Jim Crow South and the very real horror of the school they call The Reformatory. Robbie has

a talent for seeing ghosts, or haints. But what was once a comfort to him after the loss of his mother has become a window to the truth of what happens at the reformatory. Boys forced to work to remediate their so-called crimes have gone missing, but the haints Robbie sees hint at worse things. Through his friends Redbone and Blue, Robbie is learning not just the rules but how to survive. Meanwhile, Gloria is rallying every family member and connection in Florida to find a way to get Robbie out, before it's too late.

Horror HC \$62.95

### Many Thousand Gone

An American Fable

**Fair, Ronald L**

The premise of Ronald Fair's short, parable-like novel, *Many Thousand Gone: An American Fable* (1965), is that in a rural corner of Mississippi – the fictional Jacobs County – slavery did not end in 1865 but continued uninterrupted into the 1960s through the brutal tactics of the local sheriff's office and the willing complicity of surrounding counties. Black outsiders are not allowed into Jacobs County while Black inhabitants attempting to escape are hunted down and killed. All the Black women in the county have been made sexually available to any white man for generations, resulting in the mixed blood of nearly all the enslaved population. When the last all-Black child, 'the Black Prince', is born, he is secreted out of the county by his great-grandmother and a family friend, and eventually makes his way north to join his father. Years later, when the Black Prince becomes a celebrated writer in Chicago, his growing fame puts an unwanted spotlight on Jacobs County, emboldening the enslaved population, exposing the white supremacists' false sense of superiority, and setting in motion a series of events that will change everything. Will the white population change with the times? Or will they willingly see the destruction of Jacobsville – the county's principal town – before sharing power with the Black population?

Fable TP \$35.95

### Sarah Canary

Best of SF Masterworks

**Fowler, Karen J**

Black-cloaked Sarah Canary is the ugliest woman Chin Ah Kin could ever imagine. But after she wanders into a railway camp in the Washington territories in 1873, Chin is ordered by his uncle to escort her away. Far away. What should be simple journey quickly escalates beyond Chin's control, into a series of adventures and misadventures that are at once hilarious, deeply moving, and downright terrifying. Who – or what – is the mysterious Sarah Canary? And why can't Chin leave her, even for his own good? Co-founder of the James Tiptree Jr Award, Karen Joy Fowler is a multi-award-winning novelist. Her accolades include three World Fantasy Awards and two Nebula awards. *Sarah Canary* was her debut novel in 1991, and it was nominated for the Nebula, Locus, and James Tiptree Jr awards, winning the California Book Award Silver Medal. A rerelease of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

### The Invisible World

**Fussner, Nora**

Eve is a frustrated young artist and the owner of what she believes is a haunted house. Sandra is an overworked producer at *Searching for... the Invisible World* – a paranormal investigations show, perpetually on the brink of cancellation. For Eve, *Searching for...* is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for validation; for Sandra, it's another soul-crushing week of work at a dead-end job. But then the impossible happens: shelves collapse, electronics go haywire, a cameraman disappears in the dead of night. And behind the camera, is teenage ghost hunter Caitlin finally glimpsing the other side? As the terror mounts, it's up to Sandra to create order from the madness – or will the madness take her, too?

Horror TP \$35.00

### Two Twisted Crowns

Shepherd King duology 02

**Gillig, Rachel**

Elspeth and Ravyn have gathered most of the 12 Providence Cards, but the last, and most important one remains to be found: the Twin Alders. If they are going to find it before the Solstice and cure the kingdom of the dark magic infecting it, they will need to journey beyond the dangerous mist-cloaked forest that surrounds their kingdom. And the only one who can lead them there is the monster that shares Elspeth's head. The Nightmare. And he's not eager to share any longer. The luscious, dark conclusion to the series that began with *One Dark Window* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Poor Things

film tie-in

**Gray, Alasdair**

A life without freedom to choose is not worth having. Godwin Baxter's scientific ambition to create the perfect companion is realised, when he finds the drowned body of the beautiful Bella – whom he brings back to life in a *Frankenstein*-esque feat. But his dream is thwarted by Dr Archibald McCandless' jealous love for his creation... But what does Bella think? This story of true love and scientific daring whirls the reader from the private operating-theatres of late-Victorian Glasgow through aristocratic casinos, low-life Alexandria, and a Parisian bordello, reaching an interrupted climax in a Scottish church. Winner of the Whitbread Novel Award and the *Guardian* Fiction Prize; soon to be a major film starring Emma Stone.

Gothic sf PBK \$22.99

### Earth Retrograde

First Planets 02

**Greene, R W W**

The United Nations is working to get everyone off Earth by the deadline – set by the planet's true owners, the aliens known as the First. It's a task made somewhat easier by a mysterious virus that rendered, at least, 50% of humanity unable to have children. Meanwhile, the USA and the USSR have set their sights on Mars, claiming half a planet each. Brooklyn Lamontagne doesn't remember saving the world, eight years ago, but he's been paying for it ever since. The conquered Earth governments don't trust him, the Average Joe can't make up their

mind, but they all agree that Brooklyn should stay in space. Now, he's just about covering his bills with junk-food runs to Venus and transporting horny honeymooners to Tycho aboard his aging spaceship, the *Victory*. When a pal asks for a ride to Mars, Brooklyn lands in a solar system's worth of espionage, backroom alliances, ancient treasures and secret plots while encountering a navigation system that just wants to be loved...

The sequel to *Mercury Rising* (TP, \$32.99).  
Space opera TP \$39.99

### The Magicians

Magicians 01

**Grossman, Lev**

Quentin Coldwater is brilliant but miserable. Obsessed with the fantasy novels he read as a child, he finds the real world just doesn't compare. Then one day it happens – he stumbles unexpectedly into a hidden world and is invited to join a very exclusive college, where he will learn the secrets of magic. But something is still missing. And, now, Quentin will do anything to find what he's always been looking for. A rerelease of the first in the series, with new cover art.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Magician King

Magicians 02

**Grossman, Lev**

Quentin and his friends are now the kings and queens of the magical land of Fillory. But he finds himself growing restless. So, when a mystery at the heart of the kingdom is uncovered, Quentin and his old friend Julia charter a sailing ship and set off to the wild outer reaches. But their voyage will take them much further than they imagined and leave them with a choice that could have devastating consequences – for Fillory and for magic itself. A rerelease of the second in the series, with new cover art.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Magician's Land

Magicians 03

**Grossman, Lev**

Quentin has been cast out of Fillory. Alone and adrift, he returns to Brakebills, the school of magic where it all began. But he can't hide from his past. His new path will take him through a world of grey and uncertain magic, from Antarctica to the enchanted Netherlands. But all roads lead back to Fillory. The magical barriers are failing and the realm faces destruction. To save them, Quentin must unlock the secrets of magic and risk sacrificing everything. A rerelease of the third in the series, with new cover art.

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Hurricane Wars

Hurricane Wars 01

**Guanzon, Thea**

Talasin was left on the steps of a Sardovian orphanage as a baby. All she has ever known are the Hurricane Wars, as her people fight for freedom from the tyranny of the Night Emperor Gaheris. But are they, her people? Talasin dreams of, one day, finding where she comes from – her true place, family, and the source of the Lightweave magic that flows through her veins like sunlight. Alaric of House Ossinast, Master of the Shadowforged Legion and Gaheris' only

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son and heir has been forged into a weapon by his father. Tasked with obliterating the Sardovian Allfold alliance with the strength of his armies and mighty Shadow magic, all Alaric can see is their goal: extinguish all threats to the empire. That is until he sees Talasyn burning brightly on the battlefield with the magic that killed his grandfather, turned his father into a monster, and ignited the Hurricane Wars. He tries and fails to kill her, his now greatest enemy slipping through his fingers. But a greater threat is coming. One that will overshadow the Hurricane Wars. Will these mortal enemies be able to come together to confront it or is everything that has been fought over for so long about to be destroyed? This confident, vivid debut is the first in a series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Strangely Enough

Short Stories for Stange Times, anthology  
**Hagenus, Gillian (editor)**

Neglected by society, a group of caravanning 60-somethings encounter a place where time stops. A baby swims in a witch's cauldron. A statue of Jesus grows fat off fish and chips. An ancient Egyptian God swims through the sewers under a suburban street and a desperate family harvests the fingers they find growing in their soil after their final food supplies wither. *Strangely Enough* is a celebration of the far-reaching possibilities of short fiction from some of Australia's most creatively-ambitious minds. Surreal and haunting, funny and gripping, these intensely strange tales encompass what it means to grieve, love, wonder, fear and change, each ultimately offering something entirely unexpected and strangely, deeply human. Contributors include: Leo Alder, Shaeden Berry, Liz Betts, Mikaela Castledine, Az Cosgrove, Dorothy-Jane Daniels, Jake Dean, Rebecca-Anne Do Rozario, Xandra Fowler, Deborah Frenkel, Victoria Griffin, Rowan Heath, Keren Heenan, Matthew Hooton, Katy Knighton, Marian Matta, Sam Mayne, Helena Pantis, Raeden Richardson, Amber K Tilley, R T Wenzel.

Dark fantasy PBK \$24.99

### Slay

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter 30

### Hamilton, Lauren

Considering my dark and dangerous past, I never expected preparations for my wedding to Jean-Claude to go smoothly. We've already faced naysayers and a power-hungry, ancient evil and come out the other side still standing. But now I need to do the one thing that actually scares me – introduce my very religious, very human relatives to my fiancé, the newly crowned vampire king of America. As I try to keep the peace, between the family I left behind and the family I've chosen, dark forces jump at the chance to take advantage of the chaos. With our happy-ever-after and everyone's immortal souls hanging in the balance, it's time to face a hard truth... Blood makes you related, but only loyalty makes you family.

Paranormal romance TP \$32.99

### Ethera Grave

Graven 03

### Hansen, Essa

Caiden has finally been reunited with his sister Leta after 10 years on the run with his unique starship, and has managed to convince

his long-time enemy – Threi – to join his side. But the multiverse isn't safe, yet. Threi's sister Abriss is still the most powerful being in existence. And she still wants to collapse their beautiful, diverse, constellation of multiverses down to one, growing more powerful and more ruthless with each unique universe she destroys. As Abriss' strength grows, her sanity wanes under the burden of the universe's whispers. And Caiden must weigh his final choices against a new risk: if he finally unlocks the ancient Graven abilities lying dormant in his genetics and saves the multiverse, he risks losing himself to the whispers – just as Abriss has. For the last time, Caiden and his makeshift family must carry the fate of all the worlds in their hands. The final book in this dazzling space opera trilogy, which begins with *Nophek Gloss* (PBK, \$24.99). Perfect for fans of the *Expanse* and *A Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* (PBK, \$22.99).

Space opera PBK \$24.99

### Ferren and the Angel

Ferren trilogy 01

### Harland, Richard

An angel falls from the sky and crashes to the ground! Miriael, the 14th Angel of Observance, has been shot down in the 1,000-year war between Heaven and Earth. Damaged and helpless, she prays for extinction. The young tribesman Ferren finds her lying in the grass. She ought to be an enemy, since his people are on the side of the Earth. But seeing her there, unable to fly, his curiosity outweighs every rule and every warning. Ferren knows almost nothing about the terrifying world he's grown up in. Now, he's going to learn the truth about the war, the Humen army camp and what military service really means. His unique friendship with Miriael is about to change the course of history. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### The Dyson File

Gordian Division 05

### Holo, Jacob

When a top engineer on Saturn commits suicide, Detective Isaac Cho and Special Agent Susan Cantrell are called in to review the case. But what seems like an open-and-shut case, spirals into the strange. And if Cho and Cantrell don't solve the mystery soon, they may be the next ones to wind up dead. The Atlas Corporation was all set to tear apart the planet Mercury – converting its resources into a swarm of solar-collecting megastructures – when Esteban Velasco, lead Atlas engineer, is found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Detective Isaac Cho and Special Agent Susan Cantrell, both eager to return to active duty despite close calls on their last case, are sent in to assess the situation. Their superiors expect a simple declaration of suicide, but Velasco's death proves anything but typical. The detectives soon find themselves embroiled in a mystery far more complex – and strange – than anyone expected, leading them to a church for Mercury-loving weirdos, a 'nudist' colony open to Saturn's unbreathable atmosphere, an exclusive park for hunting dinosaurs, and a ghost town where forgotten machines wage war over condo floorplans. What was meant to be an easy return to duty for the detectives takes a sudden dark turn when ruthless mind-hackers

ambush and nearly kill them, making one fact crystal clear: If they don't solve this case soon, it'll be their corpses that turn up next.

Time schism TP \$39.95

### The Bone Roots

Houston, Gabriela

It's been 40 years since the Fox took Kada's brother. Though she ran and kept herself hidden, she fears it may be stalking her again, this time to steal her daughter. Every year, Vedma Kada gives thanks to the bone roots – those that belong to the child-bearing tree who gave Kada her desperately-wanted baby, Secha. Kada lives her life in service of the bone roots and the goddess Zemya, but they cannot keep her daughter safe. Not when Secha's emerging powers, both mysterious and brutish, threaten to out her for who she truly is... Meanwhile, Sladyana, a rich noblewoman, has spent the last 15 years searching for her missing daughter, Luba. She was snatched from their home by the Fox thief and Sladyana has heard nothing from her since. But the one who gave Sladyana her daughter has come within her grasp, once again, and so has the secret of her daughter's fate. Slavic-folklore inspired fantasy that explores how far a mother will go to protect her child...

Fantasy TP \$35.00

### What the River Knows

Secrets of the Nile duology 01

### Ibanez, Isabel

Bolivian-Argentinian Inez Olivera belongs to the glittering upper society of 19th century Buenos Aires, and like the rest of the world, the town is steeped in old world magic that's been largely left behind or forgotten. Inez has everything a girl might want, except for the one thing she yearns for the most: her globetrotting parents – who frequently leave her behind when they venture off on their exploring adventures. When she receives word of their tragic deaths, Inez inherits their massive fortune and a mysterious guardian, an archaeologist in partnership with his Egyptian brother-in-law. Yearning for answers, Inez sails to Cairo, bringing her sketch pads and an ancient golden ring her father sent to her for safekeeping before he died. But upon her arrival, the old-world magic tethered to the ring pulls her down a path where she soon discovers there's more to her parent's disappearance than what her guardian led her to believe. With her guardian's infuriatingly handsome assistant thwarting her at every turn, Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parent's disappearance – or risk becoming a pawn in a larger game that will kill her. *The Mummy* meets *Death on the Nile* in this lush, immersive historical fantasy set in 19th century Egypt, filled with adventure, a rivals-to-lovers romance, and a dangerous race.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

### These Burning Stars

Kindom trilogy 01

### Jacobs, Bethany

Jun Ironway, hacker, con artist, and only occasional thief, has got her hands on a piece of contraband that could set her up for life: evidence that implicates the powerful Nightfoot family in a planet-wide genocide 75 years ago. The Nightfoots control the precious sevite that fuels interplanetary

travel through three star systems. And someone is sure to pay handsomely for anything that could break their hold. Of course, anything valuable is also dangerous. The Kindom, the ruling power of the three star systems, is inextricably tied up in the Nightfoots' monopoly – and they can't afford to let Jun expose the truth. They task two of their most brutal clerics with hunting her down: preternaturally stoic Chono, and brilliant hothead Esek, who also happens to be the heir to the Nightfoot empire. But Chono and Esek are haunted in turn by a figure from their shared past, known only as Six. What Six truly wants is anyone's guess. And the closer they get to finding Jun, the surer Chono is that Six is manipulating them all – and that they are heading for a bloody confrontation that no one will survive unscathed. 'Vivid, violent and visceral: an impressive debut' – *Kate Elliott*, author of *Unconquerable Sun*. Perfect for fans of Ann Leckie and Arkady Martine.

Space opera PBK \$22.99

### The World We Make

Great Cities 02

### Jemisin, N K

Every great city has a soul. A human avatar that embodies their city's heart and wields its magic. New York? She's got six. But all is not well in the city that never sleeps. Though Brooklyn, Manny, Bronca, Venezia, Padmini, and Neek have temporarily managed to stop the Woman in White from invading – and destroying the entire universe in the process – the mysterious capital 'E' Enemy has more subtle powers at her disposal. A new candidate for mayor – wielding the populist rhetoric of gentrification, xenophobia, and 'law and order' – may have what it takes to change the very nature of New York, itself; and take it down from the inside. In order to defeat him, and the Enemy who holds his purse strings, the avatars will have to join together with the other Great Cities of the world in order to bring her down for good and protect their world from complete destruction. The sequel to the fantastic *The City We Became* (PBK, \$22.99). *We lurved* this duology. Highly recommended, as are all of Jemisin's other works. What a legend!

Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

### Thornhedge

Kingfisher, T

There's a princess trapped in a tower. This isn't her story. Meet Toadling. On the day of her birth, she was stolen from her family by the fairies; but she grew up, safe and loved, in the warm waters of faerieland. Once an adult though, the fae ask a favour of Toadling: return to the human world and offer a blessing of protection to a newborn child. Simple, right? But nothing with fairies is ever simple. Centuries later, a knight approaches a towering wall of brambles, where the thorns are as thick as your arm and as sharp as swords. He's heard there's a curse here that needs breaking, but it's a curse Toadling will do anything to uphold... 'The way *Thornhedge* turns all the fairy tales inside out is a sharp-edged delight.' – *Katherine Addison*, author of *The Goblin Emperor* (PBK, \$24.95).

Fantasy HC \$24.99

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### **Dirty Water** **Kratman, Tom**

*1462:* An alien who feasts on the suffering of sentient beings dines off the agonies of Vlad the Impaler's 20,000 victims near Targoviste, Romania.

*1688:* A woman is framed for witchcraft and hanged by the neck in Boston.

*1965:* A toy store that never seems to run out of special toys is suspected of being the location of a temporal portal, the same one used by the agony-feeding alien.

*2022:* A grandfather, showing his young grandchildren what remains of the Boston of his youth, is shown that portal by his granddaughters. And they're off! Off through the gate that grants wishes, off to deal with time travel, off to break and enter, off to endure the pain of seeing afresh loved ones long since departed in their own time. They're off to deal with hardened, murderous criminals and with equally-murderous aliens. And all of that is set around the time of Christmas joy, in old, fine hotels, with presents, fresh loves, Handel's *Messiah*, a department store's enchanted village, old delicacies, modern weapons, lasers... and a very special calico cat.

Time travel HC \$55.00

### **Upon a Frosted Star** **Kuzniar, M A**

*When the snow falls, she will be free...*

The invitations always arrive the same way – without warning, appearing around the city on the first snowfall of the year, simply inscribed with 'Tonight'. When struggling artist, Forster, finds an invitation, he's bewitched by the magic of the evening, swept up in the glamour of this notorious annual party and intrigued as to who is behind them. Determined to find out more about the mysterious host, Forster discovers an abandoned manor house silent with secrets and a cursed woman who is desperate to be free... Another spellbinding literary fairy tale that's *The Great Gatsby* meets *Swan Lake*.

Fairy tale retold TP \$32.99

### **Gryphon in Light**

Kelvren's Saga 01

#### **Lackey, Mercedes**

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

Valdemar HC \$34.99

### **Rovers**

#### **Lange, Richard**

*Summer, 1976.* Jesse and his brother, Edgar, are on the road in search of victims. They're rovers, nearly indestructible nocturnal beings who must consume human blood in order to survive. For 70 years,

they've lurked on the fringes of society, roaming from town to town, dingy motel to dingy motel, stalking the transients, addicts, and prostitutes they feed on. This hardboiled, supernatural hell ride kicks off when the brothers encounter a young woman who disrupts their grim routine, forcing Jesse to confront his past and plunging his present into deadly chaos as he finds himself scrambling to save her life. The story plays out through the eyes of the brothers, a grieving father searching for his son's murderer, and a violent gang of rover bikers, coming to a shattering conclusion in Las Vegas, on the eve of America's Bicentennial.

Supernatural noir TP \$29.99

### **Filthy Rich Vampire** **Lee, Geneva**

Julian Rousseaux has a problem. He's single, and for the world's wealthiest vampires, the social season is about to begin. Julian would rather stake himself, than participate in the marriage market. But as the eldest, eligible Rousseaux he's expected to find a wife, before the season ends – whether he likes it, or not. When cellist Thea literally stumbles into his life at a gala, he knows she's the last person he could ever fall in love with. She's too innocent, too kind, and way too human. But now that she knows about his world, she's also a walking target. She needs protection; he needs a fake girlfriend to discourage overzealous vampire matchmaking. So, Julian makes Thea an irresistible offer: pretend to be his lover, and he'll change her life. For one year, they'll attend the season's social events together in exchange for his protection and a way out of her mother's crippling medical debt. She can't say no. But the vampire world is impossibly decadent and darker than Thea ever imagined, and Julian's filthy rich vampire family wants her out of the way. But with each moment they share, new dangers emerge: a desire as forbidden as their stolen touches, an awakening of a long-dead heart, and secrets that could tear them both apart. The blurb says, '*Twilight* meets *Bridgerton*'.)

Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### **DallerGut Dream** **Department Store** **Lee, Mi-Ye**

In a mysterious town that lies hidden in our collective subconscious, there's a quaint little store where all kinds of dreams are sold... Day and night, visitors both human and animal from all over the world shuffle in sleepily in their pyjamas, lining up to purchase their latest adventure. Each floor in the department store sells a special kind of dream, including nostalgic dreams about your childhood, trips you've taken, and delicious food you've eaten, as well as nightmares and more mysterious dreams. We meet Penny, an enthusiastic new hire; DallerGut, the flamboyant owner of the department store; Mrs Weather, Penny's reliable confidante; Vigo Myers, an employee in the mystery department as well as a cast of curious, funny, and strange clientele who regularly visit the store. When one of the most coveted and expensive forms of dream payment gets stolen during Penny's first week, we follow along with her as she tries to uncover the workings of this wonderfully

whimsical world. A captivating story that will leave a lingering magical feeling in readers' minds, this is the first book in a bestselling duology – for anyone exhausted from the reality of their daily life.

Fantasy TP \$29.99

### **The Last Hero**

First Sister 03

#### **Lewis, Linden**

Astrid is finally free of the Sisterhood – yet, her name carries on. She's called *the Unchained* by those she's inspired and *the Heretic* by those who want her voiceless, once more. Now, Astrid uses knowledge of the Sisterhood's inner workings against them, aiding the moonborn in raids against abbeys and Cathedrals, all the while exploring the mysteries of her forgotten past. The Sisterhood is thriving under the newly appointed Mother Lilian I, now rebuilding the Sisterhood in her own image. But the evil of the Sisterhood can't be purged with anything less than fire... Hiro val Akira is a rebel without an army, a Dagger without a Rapier. As protests rock the streets of Cytherea, Hiro moves in the shadows, driven by grief and vengeance, as they hunt the man responsible for all their pain: their father... Transformed by the Genekey virus, Luce navigates the growing schism within the Asters on Ceres. Hurting in her new body, she works to bridge two worlds seemingly intent on mutual destruction. All while mourning her fallen brother, though Lito sol Lucius' memory may yet live on. Yet, Souji val Akira stands in judgment on them all, plotting the future for all of humanity, and running out of time before war erupts between the Icarii and Geans. But can even the greatest human intellect outwit the Synthetics? The dazzling conclusion to the First Sister trilogy, the acclaimed queer space opera, which begins with *First Sister* (PBK, \$24.99).

Space opera PBK \$26.99

### **If You Could See the Sun** **Liang, Ann**

*No secret is safe.* Alice Sun has always felt invisible at her elite Beijing international boarding school, where she's the only scholarship student in a sea of uber-wealthy classmates. But she has a plan: be top in the class, attend a prestigious university, secure a killer job, and finally lift her family out of poverty. Then, her parents drop a bomb – they can no longer afford her tuition, even with the scholarship. But that's the least of Alice's problems, because she has started uncontrollably turning invisible. As in completely, physically invisible. Alice realises there's an upside to her strange new power – unparalleled access to the secrets of China's most rich and influential teens. Soon, Alice has a new plan: offer her invisibility services to find out what her classmates want to know – for a price. But between balancing schoolwork, a growing relationship with academic-rival-turned-business-partner Henry, and stealing secrets, things start to fall through the cracks. As the tasks escalate from petty scandals to actual crimes, Alice must decide if helping her family is worth losing her conscience – or even her life.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **The Drowned Woods** **Lloyd-Jones, Emily**

*The right cause can topple a kingdom...*

Once upon a time, the kingdoms of Wales were rife with magic and conflict – and Mer is well acquainted with both. For years, she has been running from the prince who bound her into his service – and forced her to kill thousands with her water magic. Now, all Mer truly wants is a quiet life, far from power and politics. But then Mer's old handler offers her a proposal: use her powers to bring down the very prince that abused them both. With the help of a fae-cursed man, a snarky thief, and a corgi that may or may not be a spy, Mer must decide if she's prepared to run for the rest of her life, or to stand and fight for her freedom – and peace... Part heist novel, part dark fairy tale, and rich with Welsh legends, *The Drowned Woods* is perfect for fans of Kristin Cashore and Maria V Snyder.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **Coup de Grâce**

Firefly 08

#### **McCormack, Una**

The *Serenity* crew head to Yell City, one of the settlements on Abel, a moon in the Rim. Their job: track down the killers of a local lawyer shot dead in the streets by a local gang. Their client is Annie Roberts, the 18-year-old daughter of the murdered man. Lucky for them, Annie Roberts is more than capable of handling herself. Unluckily, for them, the job is lot more complicated than they first think. Annie's father is not just the victim of local gang violence, but the target of some powerful men. Taking down a local gang is one thing, but cleaning up a whole city? That's not a job for the *Serenity* crew. But when their ship is impounded, and Mal and the crew find themselves trapped in Yell City, they realise they are already in deeper than they could have ever imagined...

Firefly HC \$39.99

### **Traitor of Redwinter**

Redwinter Chronicles 02

#### **McDonald, Ed**

The power of the Sixth Gate grows stronger within Raine, each day – to control it, she needs lessons no living Draoihn can teach her – but when her master Ulover is struck by a mysterious sickness that slowly saps the vitality from his body, Raine must face her growing darkness alone. And to do so, she must learn the secrets the Draoihn themselves purged from the world. The book can teach her. She doesn't know where she found it, or when exactly, but its ever-changing pages whisper with power that has lain untouched for centuries. But others have plans for Raine too, and as the king's health fails, rebellious lords begin to vie for power. Her former friend Ovitus seeks Raine's support as his clan turns to him for leadership, while the grandmaster seeks to harness Raine's potential as a deadly weapon to be launched right into her enemy's heart as even Redwinter scrambles to hold onto power. Amidst threats old and new, Raine must find her path, weaving her way between a twisted friendship, a dangerous mentor, the dark secrets of the book, and the queen with a crown of feathers to whom Raine has already promised more than she can afford to give... This new series begins with *Daughter of Redwinter* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

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### She's a Killer

**McDougall, Kirsten**

*Alice*: 30-something, IQ of 159 (almost a genius), only communicates with her mother in Morse code. Her imaginary friend is back. *Erika*: 15, daughter of hot 'wealthugee' who loves Russian literature, genuine genius, killer eyeliner, and killer instincts. The climate is in crisis, and wealthy immigrants are flocking to New Zealand for shelter – stealing land, driving up food prices, and taking over. But Alice has far more important things to worry about: hating her best friend's husband, getting free wine, and quiet-quitting her dull day job. Until she meets Erika. Now, Alice is about to find herself drawn into action of the most radical – and dangerous – kind. Just what is a slacker to do? Bold, darkly-funny, and brilliantly-bizarre, New Zealand publishing sensation *She's a Killer* is the satirical dystopian cli-fi thriller you never knew you needed. Until now.

Cli-fi TP \$29.99

### Be Sure

Wayward Children 01–3

**McGuire, Seanan**

Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Meet Nancy, cast out of her world by the Lord of the Dead; Jack and Jill, each adopted by a monster of the Moors; Sumi and her impossible daughter, Rini. Three worlds, three adventures, three sets of lives destined to intersect. *Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children: No Solicitations/No Visitors/No Quests*. But quests are what these children do best... *Where it all began...* the first three books in Seanan McGuire's multi-Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Wayward Children series, in one volume. Join the students of Eleanor West, and jump through doors into worlds both dangerous and extraordinary. *Be Sure* collects *Every Heart a Doorway*, *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*, and *Beneath the Sugar Sky*. Winner of the 2022 Hugo Award for Best Series. Always recommended!

Portal fantasy TP/HC \$34.99/\$59.99

### They Lurk

novella collection

**Malfi, Ronald**

Five terrifying collected horror novellas newly reissued from the 'modern-day Algernon Blackwood'. *Skullbelly*: After three teenagers disappear in a forest, a private detective is hired and uncovers a terrible local secret. *The Separation*: Marcus arrives in Germany to find his friend up-and-coming prize fighter Charlie in a deep depression. But, soon, Charlie's behaviour grows increasingly bizarre. Is he suffering from a nervous breakdown, or are otherworldly forces at work? *The Stranger*: Set a rural Florida parking lot, David returns to his car to find a stranger sat behind the wheel. The doors are locked and there's a gun on the dashboard. And that was when then the insanity started... *After the Fade*: A girl walked into a small

Annapolis tavern, collapsed, and died. Something had latched itself to the base of her skull. And it didn't arrive alone. Now, the patrons of The Fulcrum are trapped, held prisoner within the tavern's walls by monstrous things, trying to find their way in. And... one more novella, to be revealed! Horror PBK \$19.99

### Necronomicon Tarot Deck and Guidebook

**March, Christopher & Bousema, James (illustrator)**

Featuring deluxe custom artwork inspired by H P Lovecraft's *Necronomicon*, this tarot deck is a unique way to experience the popular lore of Lovecraft's weird, science fiction, fantasy, and horror stories. Containing both major and minor arcana, the set also comes with a comprehensive guidebook explaining each card's meaning, as well as suggesting simple spreads for easy readings. Packed in a sturdy, decorative gift box, this compelling tarot deck is perfect for H P Lovecraft fans and tarot enthusiasts, alike. Cthulhuiana KIT \$39.99

### You, Bleeding Childhood

collection

**Mari, Michele**

Italy's great chronicler of the macabre, and hilarious terrors of growing up geeky, arrives in English, at last. Long before the latest vogue for auto fiction, Michele Mari, one of Italy's most beloved authors, cast his mind back to the days of his own childhood, and found it crawling with monsters. Raised on comic books and science fiction, the young Mari constructed an alternate universe for himself untouched by uncomprehending grownups or sadistic peers. Compared to the horrors of real life, Long John Silver and Cthulhu made for positively cuddly company; but little boys raised by beasts may well grow up beastly – or never grow up at all. Waking or sleeping, the obsessions of Mari's youth seem to colour his every adult thought. *You, Bleeding Childhood* stands as his first attempt to catalogue this cabinet of wonders. Cult classics since their first publication, these loosely-connected stories stand as the ideal introduction to an encyclopaedic fantasist on a par with Kafka, Poe, and Borges.

Horror TP \$27.99

### A Power Unbound

Last Binding trilogy 03

**Marske, Freya**

Jack Alston – Lord Hawthorn – would love a nice, safe, comfortable life. He renounced magic after the death of his twin sister. But with the threat of a dangerous ritual risking every magician in Britain, he's drawn reluctantly back into that world. Now, Jack is living in a bizarre puzzle-box of a magical London townhouse, helping its owner Violet track down the final piece of the Last Contract before their enemies can do the same. And to make matters worse, they need the help of writer and thief Alan Ross. Cagey and argumentative, Alan is only in this for the money. He's loud in his hatred of the aristocracy and their unearned power... and, unfortunately, he happens to be everything that Jack wants in one gorgeous, infuriating package. When a plot

to seize unimaginable magic power comes to a head on Jack's own family estate, Jack, Alan, and their allies will become entangled in a night of champagne, secrets and bloody sacrifice – and the foundations of magic in Britain might be torn up by the roots before the end. *A Power Unbound* is the spellbinding conclusion to the Last Binding trilogy by sensational local author, Freya Marske. The first is *A Marvellous Light* (PBK, \$22.99). These have been hugely popular at Pulp, recommended! Gaslamp fantasy TP \$34.99

### Pairing Up

Wild Cards 31

**Martin, George R R (editor)**

An alien virus ravages the world, its results as random as a hand of cards. Those infected either draw the black queen and die, draw an ace and receive superpowers, or draw the joker and are bizarrely mutated. Nevertheless, human nature reigns supreme. And one of the most enduring human drives is the search for love. Aces and jokers, alike, both want to find it, or have lost it... or, perhaps, just want to use it for personal gain. Crazy, unconventional, touching, strange, and oh-so-familiar, this is love, Wild Cards-style. Within these stories: a jewel thief seduces a popular actor, just so she can track down a long-lost treasure; a teenager trapped in the body of a giant snail attempts to win his love à la Cyrano de Bergerac; a man discovers his purpose in life after meeting a beautiful butterfly woman; and a young hero – who has been awarded the hideous name of Hero McHeroface – finds some solace in the arms of an astrologer hiding her own unique powers. *Pairing Up* is the Wild Cards take on love – finding it, seeking it, losing it, or achieving it – as aces and jokers enter into the highest-stake game of all: gambling on their heart's desire. Alternate history HC \$34.99

### The Rebel King

Deviant Kings 02

**Maxwell, Gina L**

All work, and no wicked play, makes Tiernan a very unsatisfied king... Of all the Verran brothers, Tiernan is the least suited to wear the Night Court crown. The Rebel Prince is happy with no responsibilities or accountability – just the freedom to pursue his own dark, lush pleasures in Sin City. Including his secret hunger for a certain smart-mouthed, fiery redhead. Only, the possibility of having Fiona is stripped away when Tiernan is thrust into the one role he never wanted: king. As king of the Dark Fae, wanting – let alone pursuing – anything with a lower-caste fae, like Fiona, would shift from fun... to forbidden. Now, war is emerging from the shadows of Vegas, and Tiernan is caught between who he's meant to be and who he wants. And somewhere in this maelstrom of lust, love, and rebellion is the key to the Dark Fae's survival... even if the cost is more than he can imagine. The follow-up to *Dark King* (TP, \$29.99). Romance TP \$29.99

### Flower and Thorn

**Mehrotra, Rati**

Irinya has wanted to be a flower hunter ever since her mother disappeared into the mysterious mist of the Rann salt flats one

night. Now 17, Irinya uses her knowledge of magical flowers to help her caravan survive in the harsh desert. When her handsome hunting partner and childhood friend finds a priceless silver spider lily – said to be able to tear down kingdoms and defeat entire armies – Irinya knows this is their chance for a better life. Until Irinya is tricked by an attractive impostor. Irinya's fight to recover the priceless flower and fix what she's done takes her on a dangerous journey, one she's not sure she'll survive. She has no choice but to endure it if she hopes to return home and mend the broken heart of the boy she's left behind. YA fantasy TP \$26.99

### They Split the Party

Glintchasers 02

**Menchaca, Elijah**

The Starbreakers were heroes, until a tragedy broke them apart. Only now, years later, have they begun to make peace with each other. The rest of the world is a different story. There has been a breakout in the prison known as Oblivion, and now the worst of the worst have been turned loose on an unsuspecting world. Desperate to contain the crisis, the right hand of the king has called the disgraced Starbreakers back into service. After all, they were the ones who put most of these villains away in the first place. As the Starbreakers scatter to face friends and foes of the past, it's a fight for peace in the kingdom they call home, and a fight to protect the legacy they left behind. It's also exactly the opportunity their enemies have been waiting for. The first in this series is *They Met in a Tavern* (TP, \$32.99). Fantasy TP \$39.99

### Capture the Sun

Starlight's Shadow 03

**Mihalik, Jessie**

As a recovery specialist, Lexi Bowen's jobs typically require more trickery and thievery than honest work. Her former captain might not approve of her flexible morals, but stealing artefacts for rich assholes pays the bills, and Lexi's had enough of war and death. The FHP left her to die once; she doesn't plan to give them a chance to finish the job. Unfortunately, her latest contract takes her to Valovia itself – and right back into the orbit of Nilo Shoren, a Valovian teleporter who already cost her one payday and nearly stole her heart. Armoured against his clever charm, Lexi plans to get in, get the job done, and get out. But when her former crew goes missing in Valovian space, Lexi will have to work with Nilo to figure out what happened – and stop it – before the galaxy's two superpowers can use the disappearance as an excuse to return to war. The thrilling conclusion to the Starlight's Shadow trilogy, which begins with *Hunt the Stars* (TP, \$29.99). Space opera TP \$36.99

### Circe

fifth anniversary edition

**Miller, Madeline**

*Woman. Witch. Myth. Mortal. Outcast. Lover. Destroyer. Survivor. Circe.* In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. Circe is a strange child – not powerful and terrible, like her father, nor gorgeous and mercenary like her

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mother. Scorned and rejected, Circe grows up in the shadows, at home in neither the world of gods or mortals. But Circe has a dark power of her own: witchcraft. When her gift threatens the gods, she is banished to the island of Aiaia where she hones her occult craft, casting spells, gathering strange herbs and taming wild beasts. Yet, a woman who stands alone will never be left in peace, for long – and among her island's guests is an unexpected visitor: the mortal Odysseus, for whom Circe will risk everything. So, Circe sets forth her tale, a vivid, mesmerising epic of family rivalry, love and loss – the defiant, inextinguishable song of woman burning hot and bright through the darkness of a man's world. A special fifth-anniversary edition, featuring a new foreword by the author. Companion to the bestselling special hardback edition of *The Song of Achilles* (HC, \$39.99).

Myth retold HC \$39.99

### The Daughter of Doctor Moreau

**Moreno-Garcia, Silvia**

Luxuria Moreau: growing up in a distant and carolant estate, safe from the conflict and strife of the Yucatan peninsula, she is the only daughter of an eccentric, and dangerous, genius. His experiments, a motley group of hybrid monstrosities, are blindly loyal to their creator. Into Carlota's strange but perfectly balanced world comes Eduardo Lizalde, the charming, careless son of Doctor Moreau's patrons. In the sweltering heat of the jungle, amidst her father's secrets and her own awakening feelings, Carlota will begin asking questions that could ignite a conflagration. A dreamy feminist reimagining of *The Island of Doctor Moreau* set against the backdrop of 19th-century Mexico.

Dark fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Tatami Galaxy

**Morimi, Tomihiko**

An unfulfilled college student hurtles through four parallel realities to explore the what might've been, and the what should never be, in this *Groundhog Day* meets *The Midnight Library*-esque novel from one of Japan's most popular authors. Our protagonist, an unnamed junior at a prestigious university in Kyoto, is on the verge of dropping out. After rebelling against the dictatorial jock president of the film club, he and his worst and only friend, the diabolical creep Ozu, are *personas non grata* on campus. For two years, our protagonist has made all the wrong decisions; and, now, he's about to make another mistake. He and Ozu are preparing for revenge – a fireworks attack at the film club's welcoming party for new members. Then, a chance encounter with a self-proclaimed god sets the confused and distraught young man on a new course. Destiny will bring him together with Akashi, the blunt but charming sophomore he has a crush on – if he's brave enough to make a move. Yet, our protagonist cannot get beyond his profound disillusionment and the moment is lost. But what if there's a universe where he did join the club of his dreams, ditched Ozu for good, and was confident enough to get the girl? A realm of possibility opens up for our protagonist as time rewinds, and from the four-and-a-half-mat tatami floor of his dorm room, he is plunged into a series of

adventures that will take him to four parallel universes. In each universe, he is given the opportunity to start over as a freshman, in search of a rose-coloured campus life. The inspiration behind the much-loved anime series, Tomihiko Morimi's contemporary classic is a fantastic journey through time and space, where a half-eaten *castella* cake, a photograph from Rome, and a giant cavity in a wisdom tooth hold the keys to self-discovery. A time-travelling romp that speaks to everyone who has wondered: *what if...?* *The Tatami Galaxy* will win readers' hearts over... and over... and over again.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

### Novelist as a Vocation

**Murakami, Haruki**

A unique look at the craft of writing from a bestselling master of storytelling. Thoughts and advice on the creative writing process from an international master of literature. In this engaging book, the internationally bestselling author shares with readers what he thinks about being a novelist; his thoughts on the role of the novel in our society; his own origins as a writer; and his musings on the sparks of creativity that inspire other writers, artists, and musicians. Readers who have long wondered where the mysterious novelist gets his ideas and what inspires his strangely surreal worlds will be fascinated by this highly-personal look at the craft of writing.

Memoir/Writing PBK \$27.99

### Kaldoras

Medoran Chronicles epilogue

**Noni, Lynette**

Journey back to the world of Medora to follow Alexandra Jennings and her friends – and enemies – for one last adventure. Spanning four years after the final book in Lynette Noni's series, the Medoran Chronicles, this is an epilogue like no other, full of laughter, tears – and, above all, the unending power of friendship.

YA fantasy TP \$22.99

### Emergent Properties

novella

**Ogden, Aimee**

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

– Sarah Pinsker.  
Science fiction TP \$26.99

### Dark Heir

Dark Rise 02

**Pacat, C S**

The Dark King has risen. The Hall of the Stewards is in ruins. Only a handful of heroes remain to fight. Pursued by dark forces, Will and his allies must travel to the heart of the ancient world, forging new and dangerous ties, and revealing the shocking secrets of the past. But Will is carrying a dark secret of his own – his true identity. Drawn to the beautiful and deadly James St Clair, Will is pulled ever deeper into the web of the past, tempted by the darkness within. As the ancient world threatens to return, can Will and his friends fight their fate? Or will the truths they learn tear their world apart? *Dark Heir* is the explosive and highly-anticipated sequel to the bestselling *Dark Rise* (TP, \$24.99), from local phenomenon C S Pacat.

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

### Murtagh

World of Eragon

**Paolini, Christopher**

The world is no longer safe for the Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon, Thorn. An evil king has been toppled, and they are left to face the consequences of the reluctant role they played in his reign of terror. Now, they are hated and alone, exiled to the outskirts of society. Throughout the land, hushed voices whisper of brittle ground and a faint scent of brimstone in the air – and Murtagh senses that something wicked lurks in the shadows of Alagaësia. So begins, an epic journey into lands both familiar and untravelled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch. A witch who is much more than she seems. Christopher Paolini returns to the World of Eragon in this stunning epic fantasy set a year after the events of the Inheritance Cycle. Starring one of the most popular characters from Christopher Paolini's blockbuster Inheritance Cycle, a Dragon Rider must discover what he stands for in a world that has abandoned him. *Murtagh* is the perfect book to enter the World of Eragon for the first time... or to joyfully return.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

### Eragon

Inheritance 01, illustrated edition

**Paolini, Christopher & Chaturvedi, Sidharth (illustrator)**

Soar high above the ground with Eragon on Saphira's majestic back. Experience narrow escapes from the gruesome Ra'zac. See the wonders of the dwarves' city-mountain, Tronjheim. Rich detail and painterly strokes make each piece by accomplished fantasy artist Sidharth Chaturvedi feel as if it's actually moving. Fifteen-year-old Eragon believes that he is merely a poor farm boy – until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed. Gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Now, his choices could save – or destroy – the Empire. In this extraordinary work of art, Paolini's fantasy masterpiece *Eragon* is brought to life in an entirely new way through Sidharth Chaturvedi's brilliant

illustrations that accompany the complete original text. This is the ideal book to return to the World of Eragon – experience the thrill and exhilaration of becoming a Dragon Rider, all over again! A dazzling oversized edition of *Eragon* with brand-new, full-colour illustrations throughout. This is the perfect must-have gift for both new and long-time Inheritance fans.

YA fantasy HC \$75.00

### Zoey is Too Drunk for This Dystopia

Zoey Ashe 03

**Pargin, Jason (aka Wong, David)**

Tabula Ra\$a is hosting its massive annual music festival in the desert – which, every year, precedes the massive annual drunken riot in the desert. This is all organised by Zoey's people, including the riot – as Will explains, the citizens need a little chaos, now and then; their job is just to keep a lid on it. That will be a problem this year, with history's most ridiculous mayoral election playing out in the background. The city has divided into roughly two camps, supporting each of the major candidates: One is a stern, calculating activist out to restore traditional morality to the city at all costs, the other is Megaboss Alonzo, whose platform is that he will pay you \$10, if you vote for him. When a horrific crime is broadcast live on the all-seeing social network Blink, the former seems poised to reap the benefits in the polls. The Suits suspect the nature and timing of the crime are a little too convenient and may be a carefully-staged hoax. But in a city in which lies are always served in layers, even that explanation will prove to be far too simple. As tensions ratchet tighter, Zoey comes to realise that this is really a battle of narratives: Every culture needs a collective story to believe in, so it's just a matter of coming up with one and then carefully sculpting reality to make it fit. How hard can that be? They have the whole weekend. Zoey Ashe's series begins with *Futuristic Violence and Fancy Suits* (PBK, \$19.99). We expect to have the UK paperback edition of *Zoey is Too Drunk for This Dystopia* from its Australian distributors in February, for \$22.99.

Cosmic horror HC \$64.95

### Out There Screaming

an anthology of new Black Horror

**Peele, Jordan (editor)**

*Out There Screaming* is a master class in horror – featuring an introduction by Jordan Peele and an all-star roster of beloved writers and new voices. Its stories prey on everything we think we know about our world, and redefine what it means to be afraid. Very afraid... A cop begins seeing huge, blinking eyes in place of the headlights of cars that tell him who to pull over. Two freedom riders take a bus that leaves them stranded on a lonely road in Alabama, where several unsettling *somebods* await them. A young girl dives into the watery depths in search of the demon that killed her parents. Here, you'll find monster-hunters fighting monsters, humanoid AIs fighting for their rights, and a young Igbo woman fighting Afjofia na Nnewi. These are just a few of the worlds of *Out There Screaming*. Jordan Peele's anthology of all-new horror stories, by Black writers. Featuring stories by: Erin E Adams, Violet Allen, Lesley Nneka Arimah,



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Maurice Broaddus, Chesya Burke, P Djèli Clark, Ezra Clayton Daniels, Tananarive Due, Nalo Hopkinson, N K Jemisin, Justin C Key, L D Lewis, Nnedi Okorafor, Tochi Onyebuchi, Rebecca Roanhorse, Nicole D Sconiers, Rion Amilcar Scott, Terence Taylor, and Cadwell Turnbull.  
Horror TP \$34.99

### **Tiffany Achings' Guide to Being a Witch Pratchett, Rhianna; Kent, Gabrielle & Kidby, Paul (artist)**

The ultimate illustrated guide to being a witch in the Discworld universe – a must-have for any Terry Pratchett fan. 'They say you don't find witchcraft, it finds you...' An illustrated and practical guide to being a witch in Discworld, covering everything you've ever wanted to know; from telling the bees to magical cheese, from working with other witches to dealing with elves, from tending flocks to fending off forces from other worlds. This beautiful and practical guide has been compiled by Tiffany Achings, herself, including snippets of remembered wisdom from Granny Achings, alongside notes from Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg, Miss Tick, and Rob Anybody – who offer their own unique perspectives on all things witchcraft. Whether you're a herbologist or a headologist, this book will inspire and empower new witches and seasoned practitioners, alike. With colourful illustrations from Paul Kidby, throughout, this brilliant in-world guide is a perfect addition to any Discworld collection.  
Discworld companion HC \$55.00

### **A Stroke of the Pen: the Lost Stories** collection

**Pratchett, Terry**  
A truly unmissable, beautifully-illustrated collection of unearthed stories from the pen of Sir Terry Pratchett: award-winning and bestselling author, and creator of the phenomenally successful Discworld series. Twenty early short stories by one of the world's best loved authors, each accompanied by exquisite original woodcut illustrations. These are rediscovered tales that Pratchett wrote under a pseudonym for newspapers, during the 1970s and 1980s. While none are set in the Discworld, they hint towards the world he would go on to create, containing all of his trademark wit, satirical wisdom and fantastic imagination. Meet Og the inventor, the first caveman to cultivate fire, as he discovers the highs and lows of progress; haunt the Ministry of Nuisances with the defiant, evicted ghosts of Pilgarlic Towers; visit Blackbury, a small market town with weird weather and an otherworldly visitor; and go on a dangerous quest through time and space with hero Kron, which begins in the ancient city of Morpork... *A Stroke of the Pen* is a must-have collection for fans of all ages. A trade paperback edition (\$32.99) is also available.  
Pratchett HC \$59.99

### **The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic**

**Randall, Breanne**  
Revelare witches are cursed. As long as they use their magic, they are doomed to four heartbreaks. So far, Sadie Revelare has experienced three – the devastating departure of her mother and the loss of her brother. And the most painful heartbreak of all: Jake McNealy, her first love. Ever since, Sadie has done everything she can to protect herself from more pain. But, now, Sadie's beloved grandmother is sick. And without her, Sadie isn't sure she will have the strength to keep her family and her magic together. As Sadie's carefully structured life begins to unravel, Jake returns to town after a decade away. And in the face of a final heartbreak that could tear Sadie apart, she must decide, once and for all: is love more important than magic?  
Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

### **Through the Storm**

TransDimensional Hunter 02  
**Ringo, John & Sherrer, Lydia**  
Becoming a global celebrity overnight would make most people happy. Not Lynn Raven. As a teenage gaming prodigy, she's enjoyed years of anonymity behind the virtual mask of Larry Coughlin, war-hardened vet and virtual gaming mercenary. But, now, Lynn has stepped out of the shadows to compete in the cutting-edge augmented reality game TransDimensional Hunter that has taken the world by storm. And she's winning. But with success has come swarms of paparazzi drones, jealous teammates, and a backstabbing rival team that will use any trick in the book to ruin her. Then there's the game itself. At times, the 'augmented' reality seems too real for Lynn's comfort, and strange accidents keep happening. Something is going on; she just has to figure out what. Lynn would much rather fight monsters than do paparazzi interviews; but, somehow, she'll have to master both – and pass her senior year to boot. She managed to step into the real, but will the storm of reality now defeat her for good? The sequel to *Into the Real* (PBK, \$26.95).  
Cyberpunk HC \$62.95

### **The Narrow Road Between Desires**

Kingkiller Chronicle novella  
**Rothfuss, Patrick**  
Patrick Rothfuss returns to the wildly popular Kingkiller Chronicle universe with a stunning reimagining of 'The Lightning Tree'. Bast knows how to bargain. The give and take of a negotiation is as familiar to him, as the in and out of breathing; to watch him trade is to watch an artist at work. But even a master's brush can slip. When he accepts a gift, taking something for nothing, Bast's whole world is knocked askew, for he knows how to bargain – but not how to owe. From dawn to midnight over the course of a single day, follow the Kingkiller Chronicle's most charming fae, as he schemes and sneaks, dancing into trouble and back out again with uncanny grace. *The Narrow Road Between Desires* is Bast's story. In it he

traces the old ways of making and breaking, following his heart even when doing so goes against his better judgement. After all, what good is caution if it keeps him from danger and delight? Expanded to twice its previous length and lavishly illustrated by Nathan Taylor, this touching, standalone story is sure to please new readers and veteran Rothfuss fans, alike. *Look... it's not the new novel, but it's something.* :) Start the series with *The Name of the Wind* (PBK, \$22.99), if you're trying Rothfuss for the first time.  
Fantasy HC \$34.99

### **The Salt-Black Tree**

Dead God's Heart duology 02  
**Saintcrow, Lilith**  
*What happens when you find a way to save your loved one... but the price might not be worth it...?* Nat Drozdova has crossed half the continent, in search of the stolen Dead God's Heart – the only thing powerful enough to trade for her beautiful, voracious, dying mother's life. Yet, now, she knows the secret of her own birth – and that she's been lied to all her young life. The road to the Heart ends at the Salt-Black Tree, but to find it Nat must pay a deadly price. Pursued by mouthless shadows hungry for the blood of new divinity as well as the razor-wielding god of thieves, Nat is on her own. Her journey leads through a wilderness of gods old and new, across a country as restless as its mortal inhabitants, and it's too late to back out now. Blood may not always prevail. Magic might not always work. And the young Drozdova is faced with an impossible choice: Save her mother's very existence... or accept the consequences of her own. The stunning conclusion to Lilith Saintcrow's new duology which begins with *Spring's Arcana* (TP, \$34.99).  
Urban fantasy TP \$34.99

### **Defiant**

Skyward 04  
**Sanderson, Brandon**  
Spensa made it out of the Nowhere, but what she saw in the space between the stars has changed her forever. She came face to face with the Delves, and finally got answers to the questions she's had about her own strange Cytonic gifts. The Superiority didn't stop in its fight for galactic dominance while she was gone, though. Spensa's team, Skyward Flight, was able to hold Winzik off, and even collect allies to help with the cause, but it's only a matter of time until humanity – and the rest of the galaxy – falls. Defeating them will require all the knowledge Spensa gathered while in the Nowhere. But being Cytonic is more complicated than she ever could have imagined. Now, Spensa must ask herself: how far is she willing to go for victory, if it means losing herself – and her friends – in the process. They will free humanity, or see it fall forever. The fourth and final novel in Sanderson's unstoppable, bestselling series, which began with *Skyward* (PBK, \$22.99)!  
Space opera TP \$32.99

### **Unquiet Saxey, E**

*London, 1893.* Judith lives a solitary life, save for the maid who haunts the family home in which she resides. Mourning the death of her

brother-in-law, Sam – who drowned in an accident, a year earlier – she distracts herself with art classes, books, and strange rituals, while the rest of her family travel the world. One icy evening, conducting a ritual in her garden she discovers Sam, alive. He has no memory of the past year, and remembers little of the accident that appeared to take his life. Desperate to keep his reappearance a secret, until she can discover the truth about what happened to him, Judith journeys outside of the West London Jewish community she calls home, to the scene of Sam's accident. But there are secrets waiting there for Judith, things that have been dormant for so long, and if she is to uncover all of them, she may have to admit to truths that she has been keeping from herself.  
Historical dark fantasy PBK \$19.99

### **The Star and the Strange Moon Sayers, Constance**

A vanished star. A haunted film. A mystery only love can unravel... *1968:* Gemma Turner once dreamed of stardom. Now, she's on the cusp of obscurity. When she's offered the lead in a radical new horror film, Gemma believes her luck has changed – but her dream is about to turn into a nightmare. One night, between the shadows of an alleyway, Gemma disappears on set and is never seen again. Yet, she's still alive. She's been pulled into the film. And the script – and the monsters within it – are coming to life. Gemma must play her role perfectly, if she hopes to survive. *2007:* Gemma Turner's disappearance is one of Hollywood's greatest mysteries – one that's haunted film student Christopher Kent ever since he saw *L'Étrange Lune*, for the first time. The screenings only happen once a decade, and each time, there is new, impossible footage of Gemma that shouldn't exist. Curiosity drives Christopher to unravel the truth. But answers to the film's mystery may leave him trapped by it, forever...  
Gothic fantasy TP \$32.99

### **Midnight Showing**

Malice Compendium 02  
**Shepherd, Megan**  
Now, both hunter and prey, Haven travels far and wide to discover the contours of her family curse and escape the worst of her late father's creations. Constantly looking over her shoulder, she fears Uncle Arnold the most. His irresistible whispers compel victims to commit horrifying deeds, and he's hungry to use Haven's abilities to rewrite the world to his liking. Drawn to the desert scrublands and Hollywood mansions of California, Haven discovers a string of murders that point directly to members of her family. Given shelter by a mysterious benefactor, Haven and her sister forge questionable allegiances, using some otherworldly creatures to hunt down others. And when the trail of death ends at a studio from the Golden Age of horror films, reality, and fiction become the strangest of bedfellows indeed. The sequel to *Malice House* (TP, \$39.99).  
Horror TP \$37.99

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### The Salvation Gambit

**Skrutskie, Emily**

Murdock has always believed in Hark, the woman who shaped her from a petty thief and lowlife hacker into a promising con artist. Hark is everything Murdock aspires to be, from her slick fashion sense to her unfailing ability to plan under pressure. Together with Bea, a fearless driver who never walks away from a bet, and Fitz, Murdock's infuriatingly mercurial rival who can sweet-talk the galaxy into spinning around her finger, they form a foursome with a reputation for daring heists, massive payoffs, and never, ever getting caught. Well, until now. Getting caught is one thing. Getting tithed to a sentient warship that's styled itself into a punitive god is a problem this team has never faced before. Aboard the *Justice*, is a world stitched together from the galaxy's sinners – some fighting for survival, some struggling to build a civilised society, and some sacrificing everything to worship the AI at the heart of the ship. The *Justice*'s all-seeing eyes are fixed on its newest acquisitions, Murdock in particular. It has use for a hacker – if it can wrest her devotion away from Hark. And Murdock's faith is already fractured. To escape the *Justice*'s madness, they need a plan, and Hark might not be up to the task. If Hark – brilliant, unflappable Hark – can't plot a way out, Murdock will have to use every last trick she's learned, to outwit the *Justice*, resist its temptation, and get her crew out, alive.

SF thriller TP \$39.99

### Dark Moon, Shallow Sea

Gods of Night & Day 01

**Slayton, David R**

When Phoebe, goddess of the moon, is killed by the knights of the sun god, Hyperion, all who follow her are branded heretics. With Phoebe gone, the souls of the dead are no longer ferried to the underworld, and instead linger on as shades who feast on the blood of the living. Raef is a child of the night. He lives in the shadows, on scraps, eking out a meagre existence as a thief. But when an ornate box is sequestered in the Temple of Hyperion, the chance of a big score proves too great to resist. What he finds within propels him on an odyssey across the sea and back again, altering the course of his life forever. Seth is a knight of the sun. But unlike the others of his order, the fire of Hyperion only brings him pain. He believes he deserves this penance, exacted for his unknown origins. Tasked with recovering the contents of the box, Seth must also venture beyond the horizon if he's to learn the truth about himself. In a dying world divided by the greed of those in power, Raef and Seth find their destinies intertwined – and learn they might have more in common than they ever imagined. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$35.95

### The Witch's Lens

Order of the Seven Stars 01

**Smith, Luanne G**

With her husband off fighting, at World War I's eastern front, Petra Kurková embraces her fleeting freedom, roaming the city at night with her camera. A born witch,

she's discovered that she can capture the souls of the dead, on film. Her supernatural skills don't go unnoticed by the enigmatic Josef Svoboda. He's recruiting a team of sorcerers to infiltrate the front lines, where the bloodshed of combat has resurrected foul creatures. Petra's unique abilities will be needed against the most dangerous enemies of all – those ever present, undead, and unseen. Deep in the cursed Carpathian Mountains, the ragtag team meets with an emissary of an ancient organisation founded to maintain balance between worlds. Photographing the escalating horrors is beyond anything Petra imagined. So, are the secrets among her fellow witches. But Petra can't turn back. Not before she discovers her husband's fate and the myriad ways her magic is manifesting. To defeat an occult foe, Petra must release the power she's been concealing for so long, or risk damning a war-torn world to ashes. The first in a new series.

Historical fantasy TP \$29.99

### When a Dragon Falls

Embraced by Magic 04

**Sparks, Kerrelyn**

Princess Lenushka of Norveshka prides herself on her courage. She's faced down the doubters who think a woman dragon shifter is worth less than a man. She will marry to secure the support of her nobles – and ensure she'll hold the Norveshki throne. A battle-hardened soldier, she's prepared to destroy the Brotherhood of the Sun, who threaten all Aertlan. But she can barely look at Bran Morris, the Raven. His dark, brooding beauty is off limits for a princess, who must wed for advantage. And he has far too many secrets of his own for Lennie to trust him with hers. Bran's quest is for vengeance, against the Brotherhood monsters who killed his brother and abused his sisters. He can't dream about the sharp-eyed woman warrior whose memory haunts him, not even when she appears to rescue him from an unknown dragon shifter. But when Lennie and Bran discover they're Aertlan's last defence against a powerful, murderous mastermind, they can no longer afford to deceive each other – or themselves. And when a dragon's passion is freed, anything is possible...

Paranormal romance TP \$35.00

### Roadside Picnic

Best of SF Masterworks

**Strugatsky, Boris & Arkady**

Red Schuhart is a stalker, one of those strange misfits who are compelled by some unknown force to venture illegally into the Zone and, in spite of the extreme danger, collect the mysterious artefacts that the alien visitors left scattered around. His life is dominated by the Zone and the thriving black market in the alien products. Even the nature of his daughter has been determined by the Zone. And it is for her that Red makes his last, tragic foray into the hazardous and hostile depths. The Strugatsky brothers' poignant and introspective novel of first contact that inspired the classic film, *Stalker*. A reissue of the SF Masterworks edition, with new cover art.

SF Masterworks PBK \$22.99

### H P Lovecraft's

**the Shadow Over Innsmouth**

manga adaptation

**Tanabe, Gou**

In the winter of 1927–28, the isolated coastal settlement of Innsmouth, Massachusetts was assaulted by US government agents – its waterfront burned and dynamited, its people taken away to internment camps. Yet, that was neither the beginning nor the end of the horror uncovered by a young antiquarian who travelled to Innsmouth in search of rumours from the town's dead past, only to find them still very much alive... and find truths lying under water deeper and colder than any earthly grave! A new manga adaptation of the only H P Lovecraft story published as a book during his lifetime, by modern horror master Gou Tanabe!

This book includes a tip-in title page in silver ink and 12 pages in full colour!

Cihulhuiana PBK \$54.99

### Children of Memory

Children of Time 03

**Tchaikovsky, Adrian**

*They dreamed of a new home.*

*They woke to a nightmare.*

On Imir, Captain Holt founded a new colony on an empty world. In the process, he created hope and a new future for humanity. But, generations later, his descendants are struggling to survive. As harvests worsen and equipment fails, strangers appear in a town where everyone knows their neighbour. Now, the inexplicable lurks in the woods and the community fears it's being observed – that they're not alone. They'd be right, as explorers from the stars had arrived in secret to help this lost outpost. Confident of their superior technology, and overseen by the all-knowing construct of Doctor Avrana Kern, they begin to study their long-lost cousins from Earth. Yet, the planet hides deeper mysteries. It seems the visitors aren't the only watchers. And when the starfarers discover the scale of their mistake, it will be far too late to escape. A far-reaching space opera, spanning generations, species, and galaxies, *Children of Memory* follows the extraordinary *Children of Time*, winner of the Arthur C Clarke award, and *Children of Ruin* (PBK, \$22.99 each). It is set in the same universe, with new characters and a thrilling narrative.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

### Camp Damascus

**Tingle, Chuck**

*Love is real. Demons are real. Kill the demons.* Camp Damascus is the world's most effective gay conversion camp. Nestled in the Montana wilderness, parents send their children from around the world to experience the program's 100% success rate. But, this story isn't about that. This story is about Rose Darling, a God-fearing young lady who can't stop puking up flies. It's about her parents who ignore her visions of an eerie woman with sagging, pale skin who watches from the woods. It's about the desires deep inside Rose that don't seem to make any sense, and her waking nightmares that are beginning to feel more like memories. And, maybe, just maybe, it's a little bit about Camp Damascus, after all. A chilling and heartfelt supernatural horror novel about a young woman searching

for love, and the secrets of a demonic gay conversion camp; perfect for readers of Stephen Graham Jones, Hailey Piper, and Lucy A Snyder.

Horror PBK \$19.99

### Letters from

**Father Christmas**

new edition

**Tolkien, J R R**

*'My dear children, I am more shaky than usual this year. The North Polar Bear's fault. It was the biggest bang in the world, and the most monstrous firework there has ever been. It turned the North Pole black!'*

This classic festive book of Tolkien's amazing Father Christmas letters, written to his children between the 1920s and the 1940s, has been reworked into a new hardback edition to match other beloved Tolkien titles. It contains high-quality digital reproductions of his beautiful letters and pictures. The perfect Christmas gift for Tolkien lovers, of all ages.

Tolkien HC \$45.00

### Nevermoor: the Trials

**of Morrigan Crow**

Nevermoor 01, collector's edition

**Townsend, Jessica**

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Born on an unlucky day, she is blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks – and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on Eventide. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor. It's there, that Morrigan discovers Jupiter has chosen her to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. In order to join, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart. Except for Morrigan, who doesn't seem to have any special talent at all. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests – or she'll have to leave the city to confront her deadly fate. Townsend has created a breathtaking, enchanting series, with a uniquely Australian feel to them – we love them! This new special collector's edition would be a perfect Christmas gift... to readers of all ages.

Children's fantasy (reissue) HC \$24.99

### Wundersmith: the Calling

**of Morrigan Crow**

Nevermoor 02, collector's edition

**Townsend, Jessica**

Morrigan Crow has escaped her deadly fate and found a new home in the fantastical city of Nevermoor. She has also discovered that she has a strange and magical ability. But will her unique talent be a blessing or another curse? Now that Morrigan and her best friend Hawthorne are proud scholars in the elite Wondrous Society, she is sure that she's found a place to belong at last, but life is far from perfect. Can Morrigan prove that she deserves to be in the Society – or will an unexpected new enemy ruin her new life? Townsend has created a breathtaking,

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Children's fantasy (reissue) HC \$24.99

### Hollowpox: the Hunt for Morrigan Crow

Nevermoor 03, collector's edition  
**Townsend, Jessica**  
Morrigan Crow and her friends have survived their first year as proud scholars of the elite Wondrous Society, helped bring down the nefarious Ghastly Market, and proven themselves loyal to Unit 919. Now, Morrigan faces a new, exciting challenge: to master the mysterious Wretched Arts of the Accomplished Wundersmith, and control the power that threatens to consume her. But a strange illness has taken hold of Nevermoor, turning its peaceable Wunimals into mindless, vicious unimals on the hunt. As victims of the Hollowpox multiply, panic spreads. And with the city she loves in a state of fear, Morrigan quickly realises it is up to her to find a cure for the Hollowpox, even if it will put her – and the rest of Nevermoor – in more danger than ever before... Townsend has created a breathtaking, enchanting series, with a uniquely Australian feel to them – we love them! This new special collector's edition would be a perfect Christmas gift... to readers of all ages.  
Children's fantasy (reissue) HC \$24.99

### Now and Then

George R R Martin Presents Wild Cards, graphic novel

### Vaughn, Carrie

**& De Liz, Renae (illustrator)**  
In 1946, an alien virus ravaged the world, its results as random as a hand of cards. Those infected either draw the black queen and die, draw an ace and receive superpowers, or draw the joker and are bizarrely mutated. Over a year ago, the UN's Committee for Extraordinary Interventions sent ace heroes Ana Cortez and Kate Brandt – Earth Witch and Curveball – to Brazil to investigate Aurora Mission, a charity that claimed to provide education and medical care for those affected by the Wild Card virus. But local ace and activist Gabriel Silva reported abuses. Ana and Kate helped him get to the truth, which turned out to be far more sinister than anyone expected. Ana and Kate thought that case was closed – but, now, a Brazilian official has questions. Did they do the right thing or overreach their authority? The case amply demonstrates that, even in a world of incredible powers, there will always be victims. Written by author Carrie Vaughn with art by Eisner-nominated creator Renae De Liz, this dynamic story gives readers a new look into the Wild Cards universe, and shows how even those with great powers have their limits.  
Alternate history HC \$54.99

### The Ghosts of Trappist

NeoG 03  
**Wagers, K B**  
Ensign Nell 'Sapphi' Zika has been working hard to get past her trauma, but the unnerving pleas for help she's hearing in the Verge and the song she can't get out

of her head are making that increasingly difficult. As *Zuma's Ghost* gears up for a final run at the Boarding Games, their expert hacker is feeling anything but confident. Plus, her chief's robot dog, Doge, is acting weird – a computer problem, she *can't* find an answer to – and the increasing number of missing freighters is putting everyone living on or stationed around Trappist on edge. It doesn't help the NeoG's mission that *Dread Treasure* is sidelined from competing in the Boarding Games, and Commander D'Arcy Montaglione is stuck on the front lines of the mystery of the missing ships while also stuck in his own head. Never good at trusting people, to begin with – he's struggling to piece together his new crew, in the aftermath of a great betrayal; knowing this may be his final chance at command. The last thing he wants to do is prove his enemies right, and end up getting shoved behind a desk and forgotten. The easy answer to missing ships is pirates, but D'Arcy soon realises the easiest answer is rarely the right one out in the vacuum of space. What's worse is that the actual pirates are scared of something out beyond the asteroid belt. Something that's been taking their ships too... As the unknowns multiply, and one of their mysterious enemies escalates by launching an attack on the NeoG, itself, the Interceptor crews must brave both cyber and outer space to hunt down their foes, but *no one* is prepared for the truth that is revealed or the way it will shake the foundations of everything they believe about the universe. The first of the excellent NeoG novels is *A Pale Light in the Black* (TP, \$32.99).  
Space opera HC \$59.99

### The Darkness Before Them

Soulfire Saga 01  
**Ward, Matthew**  
All paths lead to vengeance. These are dark times for the Kingdom of Khalad. As the magical mists of the Veil devour the land, the populace struggles beneath the rule of ruthless noble houses and their unaring immortal king. Kat doesn't care about any of that. A talented thief, she's pursuing one big score that will settle the debt that destroyed her family. No easy feat in a realm where indentured spirits hold vigil over every vault and treasure room. However, Kat has a unique gift: she can speak to those spirits, and even command them. She'll need every advantage she can get. Kat's not a hero. She just wants to be free. To have her old life back. But as rebellion rekindles and the war for Khalad's future begins, everyone – Kat, included – will have to pick a side. The first in a new series, set in a world of ancient myth and dangerous magic.  
Fantasy PBK \$24.99

### The Valkyrie's Daughter

Helheim Prophecy 01  
**Warner, Tiana**  
Teenage stable hand Sigrid wants to become one of the mighty and fearless valkyries. But with only a wingless gelding as her bonded pair, there's no chance in Hel of that happening. When a vision shows Sigrid leading a valkyrie charge on the legendary eight-legged horse, Sleipnir, a greater destiny becomes possible. Determined to fulfil it, she

makes an alliance with an enemy valkyrie who has nothing to lose, who seems to have an agenda all her own, and who leaves Sigrid more than a little flustered. Together, they cross the nine worlds, battling night elves, riding sea serpents, and hurtling into fire to learn the truth about Sigrid's birthright. An unexpected but powerful friendship forms, and Sigrid hopes even something more. In the deepest realms of the cosmos, Sigrid must decide between a destined fate, or a chosen path.  
YA fantasy TP \$26.99

### The Valkyrie's Shadow

Helheim Prophecy 02  
**Warner, Tiana**  
Being both a valkyrie and a princess isn't turning out quite the way Sigrid imagined. The other valkyries still treat her like a stable hand. Her relationship with Mariam is less 'long distance' and more 'worlds apart'. And, lately, she's been wondering if Sleipnir, her new horse, isn't making her a little bit... well, evil. But Sigrid's first official valkyrie mission sends ripples through the Nine Worlds. She's attracted the wrath of not only the Night Elves but their sinister king, who wants nothing more than to bring darkness down on everyone. Worse yet, Loki might just be interfering with the balance of light and dark... When war threatens the shores of Vanaheim and her friends are in danger of being exiled, Sigrid makes a deal with the new queen. She will ride Sleipnir against their enemies and use his might to defeat them, even as he pulls her closer to that line between good and evil. What she becomes will either save everyone... or unleash disaster upon them all. The sequel to *The Valkyrie's Daughter* (TP, \$26.99).  
YA fantasy HC \$32.99

### System Collapse

Murderbot Diaries 07, novella  
**Wells, Martha**  
Following the events in *Network Effect* (HC, \$42.99), the Barish-Estranza corporation has sent rescue ships to a newly-colonised planet in peril, as well as additional SecUnits. But if there's an ethical corporation out there, Murderbot has yet to find it, and if Barish-Estranza can't have the planet, they're sure as hell not leaving without something. If that something just happens to be an entire colony of humans, well, a free workforce is a decent runner-up prize. But there's something wrong with Murderbot; it isn't running within normal operational parameters. ART's crew and the humans from Preservation are doing everything they can to protect the colonists, but with Barish-Estranza's SecUnit-heavy persuasion teams, they're going to have to hope Murderbot figures out what's wrong with itself, and fast! Yeah, this plan is... not going to work. We can't wait for this new instalment! – Mid-November heralds the simultaneous theatrical release of both the hardcover (\$49.95) and softcover (\$34.99) editions. *We expect to have this same hardcover edition of System Collapse from its Australian distributors in February, at a lower price.*  
Science fiction TP/HC \$34.99/\$49.95

### Black River Orchard

**Wendig, Chuck**  
It's autumn in Harrow, but something is changing in the town besides the season. Because in that town, there is an orchard, and in that orchard grows a new sort of apple: strange and beautiful, with skin so red it's nearly black. Take a bite of one of these apples and you will become stronger. More vital. More yourself, you will believe. But soon your appetite for the apples and their peculiar gifts will keep growing – and become darker. This is what happens, when the townsfolk discover the secret of the orchard. Soon it seems that everyone is consumed by an obsession with the magic of the apples... and what's the harm, if it is making them all happier, more confident, more powerful? But, now, the leaves are falling. The days grow darker. And a stranger has come to town, a stranger who knows Harrow's secrets. Because it's harvest time, and the town will soon reap what it has sown.  
Horror HC \$55.00

### Wayward

**Wendig, Chuck**  
*How do you survive the end of the world?* Five years ago, a group of ordinary Americans fell under the grip of a strange new malady that caused them to sleepwalk across the country. They were followed on their quest by the shepherds: friends and family who gave up everything to protect them. Their destination, Ouray, became one of the last outposts of civilisation, because the sleepwalking epidemic was only the first in a chain of events that led to the end of the world – and the birth of a new one. But the people of Ouray are not the only survivors, and their new world is fragile. Forces of cruelty and brutality are amassing under the leadership of self-proclaimed president Ed Creel. And in the very heart of Ouray, the most powerful survivor of all is plotting its own vision for the new world: Black Swan, the AI who imagined the apocalypse. Against these threats, they have only one hope: one another. Because the only way to survive the end of the world is together. The sequel to *Wanderers* (TP, \$42.95).  
Post-apocalypse PBK \$22.99

### Inanna

Sumerians 01  
**Wilson, Emily H**  
*'Stories are sly things... they can be hard to catch and kill.'* Inanna is an impossibility. The first full Anunnaki born on Earth, in Ancient Mesopotamia. Crowned the goddess of love by the 12 immortal Anunnaki who are worshipped across Sumer, she is destined for greatness. But Inanna is born into a time of war. The Anunnaki have split into warring factions, threatening to tear the world apart. Forced into a marriage to negotiate a peace, she soon realises she has been placed in terrible danger. Gilgamesh, a mortal human son of the Anunnaki, and notorious womaniser, finds himself captured and imprisoned. His captor, King Akka, seeks to distance himself and his people from the gods. Arrogant and selfish, Gilgamesh is given one final chance to prove himself. Ninsubur, a powerful warrior woman, is cast out of her tribe after an act of kindness.

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Hunted by her own people, she escapes across the country, searching for acceptance and a new place in the world. As their journeys push them closer together, and their fates intertwine, they come to realise that together, they may have the power to change to face of the world forever. The first novel in the stunning Sumerians trilogy, this is a gorgeous, epic retelling of one of the oldest surviving works of literature.

Historical fantasy PBK \$22.99

### The Shadow Casket

Darkwater Legacy 02

Wooding, Chris

It's been three years, since Aren seized the Ember Blade. Three years since they struck the spark they hoped would ignite the revolution. But the flame has failed to catch. The Krodans have crushed Ossia in an iron grip of terror. The revolution seems further away than ever. Far in the north, the Dawnwardens seek to unite the fractious clans of the Fell Folk and create a stronghold from which to retake their land. But even if they can overcome the danger of treachery from within, they still have to contend with the dreadknights. Only the druidess Vika can resist these near-unstoppable foes, and there's only one of her. But what if there was a weapon that could destroy the dreadknights? A weapon of such power it could turn the tide? A weapon that, if it fell into the wrong hands, might mean the end of all hope? The Shadow Casket has returned from out of the past, and it will save or damn them, all. A (very) long-awaited sequel to *The Ember Blade* (PBK, \$27.99) – of which, we sold loads – which our customers really loved. 'The Ember Blade is... an epic world full of history, depth and adventure' – Ed McDonald.

Fantasy PBK \$29.99

### The Hunters

Tales of the Plain 01

Wragg, David

She's on the run. They're out to kill. But what happens, when you catch a hunter? Ree is a woman with a violent past – a past she thought she'd left behind. After years of

wandering, she and her niece Javani have finally built a small life for themselves at the edge of the known world. But, sometimes, the past refuses to stay there, and Ree's is about to catch up with her. This time, there will be blood. For the land is in turmoil and professional killers have arrived in their town looking for an older woman and child, setting off a desperate chase through deserts, mountains, and mines. Ree will have to discover her former self if she is to keep them both alive. The first in a thrilling, new trilogy by the author of the hugely-popular *The Black Hawks* (PBK, \$22.99) – full of intrigue, bloodthirsty stakes... and a heroine who just won't quit.

Grimdark fantasy TP \$32.99

### The Genesis of Misery

Yang, Neon

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

Space opera TP \$34.99

### Fourth Wing

Empyrean 01, special limited edition

Yarros, Rebecca

Welcome to the brutal and elite world of Basgiath War College, where everyone has an agenda, and every night could be your last... Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history.

Now, the commanding general – also known as her tough-as-talons mother – has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: *dragon riders*. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away... because dragons don't bond to 'fragile' humans. They incinerate them. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her, just for being her mother's daughter – like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant. She'll need every edge her wits can give her, just to see the next sunrise. Yet, with every day that passes, the war outside grows more deadly, the kingdom's protective wards are failing, and the death toll continues to rise. Even worse, Violet begins to suspect leadership is hiding a terrible secret. Alliances will be forged. Lives will be lost. Traitors will become allies... or even lovers. But sleep with one eye open – because once you enter, there are only two ways out: *graduate or die*. A special limited hardcover edition – with gilded dustjackets, painted foreedges, and black-and-white maps printed on the endpapers.

Fantasy HC \$49.99

### Iron Flame

Empyrean 02

Yarros, Rebecca

'The first year is when some of us lose our lives. The second year is when the rest of us lose our humanity.' – Xaden Riorson. Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College, Violet included. But Threshing was only the first impossible test meant to weed out the weak willed, the unworthy, and the unlucky. Now, the real training begins, and Violet's already wondering how she'll get through. It's not just that it's gruelling and maliciously brutal, or even that it's designed to stretch the riders' capacity for pain beyond endurance. It's the new vice commandant, who's made it his personal mission to teach Violet *exactly* how powerless she is – unless she betrays the man she loves. Although Violet's body

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