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Ron and Leanne

Your Blood, My Bones **Andrew, Kelly**

Wyatt Westlock has one plan for the farmhouse she's just inherited – to burn it to the ground. But during her final walkthrough of her childhood home, she makes a shocking discovery in the basement – Peter, the boy she once considered her best friend, strung up in chains and left for dead. Unbeknownst to Wyatt, Peter has suffered hundreds of ritualistic deaths on her family's property. Semi-immortal, Peter never remains dead for long, but he can't really live, either. Not while he's bound to the farm, locked in a cycle of grisly deaths and painful rebirths. There's only one way for him to break free. He needs to end the Westlock line. He needs to kill Wyatt. With Wyatt's parents gone, the spells protecting the property have begun to unravel, and dark, ancient forces gather in the nearby forest. The only way for Wyatt to repair the wards is to work with Peter – the one person who knows how to harness her volatile magic. But how can she trust a boy who's sworn an oath to destroy her? When the past turns up to haunt them in the most unexpected way, they are forced to rely on one another to survive, or else tear each other apart. A seductively-twisted romance about loyalty, fate, the lengths we go to hide the darkest parts of ourselves... and the people who love those parts, most of all.

Fantasy TP \$24.99

The Poisoner's Ring **Rip Through Time 02** **Armstrong, Kelley**

Edinburgh, 1869: Modern-day homicide detective Mallory Atkinson is adjusting to her new life in Victorian Scotland. Her employers know she's not housemaid Catriona Mitchell – even though Mallory is in Catriona's body – and Mallory is, now, officially an undertaker's assistant. Dr Duncan Gray moonlights as a medical examiner, and their latest case hits close to home. Men are dropping dead from a powerful poison, and all signs point to the grieving widows... the latest of which is Gray's oldest sister. Poison is said to be a woman's weapon, though Mallory has to wonder if it's as simple as that. But she must tread carefully. Every move the household makes is being watched, and who knows where the investigation will lead. A sequel to *A Rip Through Time* (TP, \$42.95).

Timeslip TP \$42.95

Mal Goes to War **Ashton, Edward**

The humans are fighting again. Go figure. As a free AI, Mal finds the war between the modded and augmented Federals and the puritanical Humanists about as interesting as a battle between rival anthills. He's not

above scouting the battlefield for salvage, though, and when the Humanists abruptly cut off access to infospace, he finds himself trapped in the body of a cyborg mercenary, and responsible for the safety of the modded girl she died protecting. A dark comedy wrapped in a techno-thriller's skin, *Mal Goes to War* provides a satirical take on war, artificial intelligence, and what it really means to be human.

Science fiction HC \$64.95

The Familiar **Bardugo, Leigh**

In a shabby house in the new capital of Madrid, Luzia Cotado uses scraps of magic to get through her days of endless toil. But when her scheming mistress discovers her scullion is hiding a talent for little miracles, she demands Luzia use those gifts to win over the royal court. Determined to seize this chance to better her fortunes, Luzia plunges into a world of power-hungry nobility, desperate kings, holy men, and seers, where the lines between magic, science, and fraud blur. With the pyres of the Inquisition burning, she must use every bit of her wit and resilience to win fame and hide the truth of her ancestry – even if that means enlisting the help of an embittered immortal familiar, whose own secrets could cost her everything. A bewitching novel, brimming with peril, in a world where a woman's ambition can prove deadly. (PF note: '...fear... surprise... and fanatical dev...')

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Ghost Station **Barnes, S A**

An abandoned plant. A hidden past. A deadly danger. Psychologist Dr Ophelia Bray has dedicated her life to the study and prevention of ERS – the most famous case of which resulted in the brutal murders of 29 people. It's personal to her, and when she's assigned to a small exploration crew who recently suffered the tragic death of a colleague, she wants to help. But as they begin to establish residency on an abandoned planet, it becomes clear that crew is hiding something. And Ophelia's crewmates are far more interested in investigating the eerie, ancient planet and unravelling the mystery behind the previous colonisers' hasty departure than opening up to her. That is, until their pilot is discovered gruesomely murdered. Is this Ophelia's worst nightmare starting – a wave of violence and mental deterioration from ERS? Or is it something even more sinister? Terrified that history will repeat itself, Ophelia and the crew must work together to figure out what's happening. But trust is hard to come by... and the crew isn't the only one keeping secrets.

Horror HC \$62.95

The Dragons of Deepwood Fen

Dragons of Deepwood Fen 01
Beaulieu, Bradley P
Lorelei Aurelius is the smartest inquisitor in the mountain city of Ancris. When a mysterious tip leads her to a clandestine meeting between the Church and the hated Red Knives, she uncovers a plot that threatens not only her home but the empire itself. The trail leads to Rylan Holbrooke, a notorious thief posing as a dragon singer. Lorelei soon discovers there's more to Rylan than meets the eye. He came to Ancris to solve the very same mystery she stumbled onto. Knowing his incarceration could lead to the Red Knives' achieving their goals, Lorelei makes a fateful decision: she frees him. Now, branded as traitors, the two flee the city on dragonback. In the massive forest known as the Holt, they follow the trail of clues and discover something terrible. The Red Knives are planning to awaken a powerful demi-god in the holiest shrine in Ancris, and for some reason the Church is willing to allow it. It forces their return to Ancris, where the unlikely allies must rally the very people who've vowed to capture them before it's too late. The first in a new series.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

High Noon on Proxima B anthology

Boop, David (editor)
It's always high noon on Proxima Centauri b. Original stories about the final frontier. Adventure! Danger! Revenge! And a mail-order robot gunslinger in a wedding dress? Only in the wildest parts of space could this happen. It's time, again, to get in your ramshackle rocket ship and journey to the universe's western territories, with this follow-up to *Gunfight on Europa Station* (PBK, \$26.95). Meet the employees of a space bordello as they're drawn together to pull a con on a con. Or the crew filming a Western on a colony ship only to fight gravity and each other. Or a soldier on a backwater planet hiding from her past when it – and the military – finally tracks her down. Each voyage invokes the type of Western yarns you've loved before, but with a science fiction upgrade you'll get to enjoy, anew. Taking you on this ride are another set of astounding space opera authors, such as Walter Jon Williams, Susan R Matthews, Dayton Ward & Kevin Dilmore, Brenda Cooper, Milton Davis, Hank Swchaebler, Peter J Wacks, and more! Ten tales of the West... not as it was, but as it might be!

Western-inspired sf PBK \$26.95

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

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Hidden Queen

Nightfall Saga 02

Brett, Peter V

Humanity thought the war with demonkind was over. Now, after less than a generation to rebuild, the demon corelings have returned with a vengeance. The Spear of Ala – the fortress that stands at the gates of the demon's hive – is the last bastion against the horde, and reports say it may already have fallen. Olive Paper is expected to take the vanguard in the fight. Only an heir of Kaji can wield the artifact that opens the gates of the Spear of Ala, and as Ahmann Jardir's child, Olive seems destined for a role as leader and saviour. But Olive does not wish to follow in her father's footsteps any more than she did her mother's. Darin Bales was born with supernatural senses that he struggles to process, so much that even those who love him believe he can barely take care of himself. Yet to save his mother from the clutches of Alagai Ka, the demon king, Darin will brave anything to mount a rescue. Darin and Olive each strive to walk their own path but find themselves inextricably tied to the legacies of their parents and to a fated confrontation with the demon king and his new hatchling queen. If they fail, humanity may not survive. The second in the Nightfall Saga, following *The Desert Prince* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$35.99

All That's Left in the World

All That's Left in the World 01

Brown, Erik J

Jamie and Andrew are strangers, and two of the last people on Earth. They don't know what they'll find on their perilous journey... but they may just find each other. When the Superflu wipes out most of the population, Jamie finds himself completely alone in a cabin in the woods – until an injured stranger crosses his path. Life is dangerous now and, armed with a gun, Jamie goes to pull the trigger. But there's something about Andrew... something that stops Jamie in his tracks. Jamie takes him in, and as Andrew heals and they eventually step out into the strange new world, their relationship starts to feel like more than just friendship... But trouble isn't far behind. As the boys make a perilous journey south, they'll come face to face with a world torn apart and society in ruins. And who, or what, will they find waiting for them at the end of it all? A queer romance about courage, hope, and humanity; the first in a series.

YA dystopia PBK \$19.99

Lyorn

Vlad Taltos 17

Brust, Steven

Vlad Taltos is on the run. Again. This time from one of the most powerful forces in his world, the Left Hand, who are intent on ending his very lucrative career. Permanently. He finds a hidey-hole in a theatre where the players are putting on a show that was banned centuries ago... and is trying to be shut down by the House that once literally killed to keep it from being played. Vlad will take on a number of roles to save his own skin. And the skins of those he loves. And along the way, he might find a part that was tailor-made for him. One that he might not want... but was always his destiny. *This is the direct import of*

the US hardcover edition. We expect to have this same edition of Lyorn from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.

Fantasy HC \$62.95

A Stranger in the Citadel

Buckell, Tobias

At the revolutionary crossroads of magic, betrayal, and long-forgotten truths, a naïve, compassionate royal and a determined, hunted librarian discover a dangerous world of mortal and angelic menaces. The life of the youngest musketeer of Ninetha has been one of hard training. But Lilith's days have also contained many pleasures, the royal privileges of her family's guardianship of the Cornucopia, a mystical source of limitless bounty. Lilith has never seen a book, and she never expects to encounter one within the safety of the citadel. When Ishmael, an outcast librarian, shows up outside the Afriq Gate, Lilith saves him from immediate execution by her father's second-in-command, the zealot Kira. As Lilith's curiosity draws her to Ishmael, she lets slip her family's most dangerous secret, sparking a deadly rebellion and an unexpected journey full of stunning revelations.

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Dual Memory

Burke, Sue

Antonio Moro lost everything to the Leviathan League. Now, he's alone in a city on an Arctic island fighting the ruthless, global pirates with the chance to be the artist he always wanted to be. Unfortunately, he thinks it's a cover story, for his real purpose – spying on sympathisers. When things look bleak, he discovers an unusual ally. His new personal assistant program, Par Augustus. It's insolent, extroverted, moody, and a not-quite-legal nascent AI. Together, they create a secret rebellion from unlikely recruits to defend the island from ideological pirates with entitlement and guns, and capitalist pirates with entitlement and money. The author of the acclaimed *Semiosis* (PBK, \$22.99), returns with a standalone novel, blending the hard science fiction of *Her*, with the action adventure of *The Third Man*.

Science fiction TP \$42.95

Storming Heaven

Age of Bronze 02

Gameron, Miles

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

the mythologies of a dozen pantheons of gods and heroes to create something new and magical, this tale of the revolt against the tyranny which began, in *Against All Gods* (PBK, \$24.99), is a must read from a master of the fantasy genre.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

Gleem

graphic novel

Garrasco, Freddy

A boy becomes bored at church with his grandmother until he tries a psychedelic drug. A group of friends are told that they need a rare battery if they want any chance of reviving their friend. Street style and cybernetics meet and burst into riotous dancing. Kindness and violence might not be as distant from each other as we think. *Gleem* unsettles with a confidence that could make you believe in anything. Imbued with cyberpunk attitude and in the rebellious tradition of Afrofuturism, *Gleem* is drawn with a fierce momentum hurtling towards a future world. Carrasco's distinct cinematic style layers detailed panels and spreads, creating a multiplicity of perspectives, at once dizzying and hypnotic. Vignettes unspool in proximity to our own social realities and expand into the outer layers of possibility. Whether in the club or a robot repair workshop, the characters in these three interconnected stories burst across frames until they practically step off the page.

Science fiction TP \$55.00

Lost Man's Lane

Carson, Scott

For a 16-year-old, a summer internship working for a private investigator seems like a dream come true – particularly, since the PI is investigating the most shocking crime to hit Bloomington, Indiana, in decades. A local woman has vanished, and the last time anyone saw her, she was in the backseat of a police car driven by a man impersonating an officer. Marshall Miller's internship puts him at the centre of the action, a position he relishes until a terrifying moment that turns public praise for his sharp observations and uncanny memory into accusations of lying and imperilling the case. His detective mentor withdraws, friends and family worry and whisper, and Marshall alone understands that the darkness visiting his town this summer goes far beyond a single crime. Now, his task is to explain it – and himself.

Horror HC \$64.95

Glytemnestra

Casati, Costanza

Wife. Mother. Fighter. Conspirator. Queen.

Glytemnestra. This is the story of a daughter

betrayed by her father. Who watches her

sister be destroyed by violence and rape.

Whose child is sacrificed to ensure her

family's power. Who fights as fiercely as any

warrior. Who falls in love with her husband's

enemy. Who is hungry for otherworldly

retribution against both men and gods...

This is Clytemnestra, the most notorious

heroine of the Ancient World. Know her

name. Condemned by Homer and the Greek

poets as a sexually-faithless, deceitful,

murderous woman, Clytemnestra's voice

is obscured by the spiteful judgement of

history. A judgement that refuses to see her

strength and her cunning, her grief, and her

rage. Costanza Cosati's dazzling debut isn't just a retelling of the consequences of war on women – it is about how women fought their own wars. Because Clytemnestra understood something that the others didn't: *If power isn't given to you, you must take it for yourself.* Now in paperback.

Myth retold PBK \$22.99

To Gaze Upon Wicked Gods

Chang, Molly X

Known as The Girl Blessed By Death, Ruying wants only to survive, but when her magic is discovered by an enemy prince she must decide if saving her family is worth betraying her country. For as long as Yang Ruying can remember, the empire of Er-Lang has been occupied by Romans, whose advanced science and military make them Gods. But these Gods are not kind. Their only gifts: cruelty, opian, and destruction. When Antony, the second Prince of Rome, uncovers Ruying's power, she becomes what she always feared: the perfect assassin. As tensions mount and rebellion stirs, Ruying can no longer deny that peace is a death sentence for Er-Lang. A death she may not be willing to deliver. 'Hauntingly poetic prose' – *Xiran Jay Zhao*.

YA historical fantasy TP \$27.99

Ocean's Godori

Cho, Elaine U

Ocean Yoon has never felt very Korean, even if she is descended from a long line of *haenyeo*, Jeju Island's beloved female divers. She doesn't like *soju*, constantly misses cultural references, and despite her love of the game, people still say that she doesn't play *Hwatu* like a Korean. Ocean's also *persona non grata* at the Alliance, Korea's solar system-dominating space agency, since a mission went awry, and she earned a reputation for being a little too quick with her gun. When her best friend, Teo, second son of the Anand Tech empire, is framed for murdering his family, Ocean and her misfit crewmates are pushed to the forefront of a high-stakes ideological conflict. But dodging bullets and winning space chases may be the easiest part of what comes next. Becky Chambers meets *Firefly*, in this big-hearted Korean space opera debut about a disgraced space pilot struggling to find her place while fighting to protect the people she loves. A thrilling adventure across the solar system that delivers hyperkinetic action sequences and irresistible will-they-won't-they romance alongside its nuanced exploration of colonialism and capitalism, *Ocean's Godori* ultimately asks: What do we owe our past? How do we navigate our present while honouring the complicated facets of our identity? What can our future hold?

Space opera HC \$62.95

Court of Wanderers

Reaper 02

Chupeco, Rin

Bound by fate, united by darkness.

Vampire hunter Remy Pendergast and his unexpected vampiric royal companions, Lord Zidan Malekh and Lady Xiaodan Song, are on the road through the kingdom of Aluria again, after a hard-won battle against the formidable Night Empress. Xiaodan, severely injured and powerless, causes the trio to seek refuge at the mysterious Court

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of Wanderers. Meanwhile, Remy must confront his strange dreams of the Night Empress, a woman he has long suspected to be his own mother. As family secrets unravel, Remy must face a heart-wrenching choice between his parents' legacies and his own destiny. Disguised as Malek and Xiaodan's human familiar, Remy navigates the vampire courts and a series of gruesome murders. All while the trio's unbreakable bond is tested as they unlock new, formidable powers, each revelation exacting a new devastating toll. The cost of power may prove too high in this thrilling tale of love, betrayal, and supernatural warfare. The highly anticipated sequel to the action-packed dark fantasy *Silver Under Nightfall* (PBK, \$22.99)!

Dark fantasy TP \$34.99

The Scratch Daughters

Scapegracers 02

Clarke, H A

Sideways Pike is desperate. It turns out that Madeline Kline didn't want to make out with her; infinitely worse, she was only flirting to get access to Sideways' spectre. Madeline has ripped the magical soul out of Sideways' throat, and with it, everything that makes a witch feel whole. Madeline would know: the Chantry boys took hers, and she's going to use Sideways' spectre to hunt them down and get it back. Sideways Pike, lesbian witch extraordinaire, isn't going to let little things like a treacherous crush or a brutal family of creepy witch hunters stop her, even if it means tracking down Madeline without the Scapegracers – her best friends, her coven, the girls she's come to love ferociously above all else. But Sideways and her trusty bike are in for a bumpy ride... A brilliant, award-nominated sequel to *The Scapegracers* (TP, \$29.99): a raw and roiling tribute to queer lineage, to finding oneself, and to the deep love of chosen family.

YA fantasy TP \$29.99

Warbound

Grimnoir Chronicles 03

Correia, Larry

Gritty urban fantasy adventure, set in an alternate noir 1930s... Only a handful of people in the world know that mankind's magic comes from a living creature, and it is a refugee from another universe. The Power showed up here in the 1850s, because it was running from something. Now, it is 1933, and the Power's hiding place has been discovered by a killer. It is a predator that eats magic and leaves destroyed worlds in its wake. Earth is next. Former private eye, Jake Sullivan, knows the score. The problem is hardly anyone believes him. The world's most capable Active, Faye Vierra, could back him up, but she is hiding from the forces that think she is too dangerous to let live. So Jake has put together a ragtag crew of airship pirates and Grimnoir knights, and set out on a suicide mission to stop the predator before it is too late. A reissue of book three in the Grimnoir Chronicles (originally published in the 2010s), following *Hard Magic* and *Spellbound* (PBK, \$26.95 each).

Historical urban fantasy TP \$39.95

Floating Hotel

Curtis, Grace

Aboard the Grand Abeona Hotel, one-time stowaway and now long-time manager Carl finally found a home. Now, he must do everything to protect it... Welcome to the Grand Abeona Hotel: home of the finest food, the sweetest service, and the very best views the galaxy has to offer. Year 'round, it moves from planet to planet, system to system, pampering guests across the furthest reaches of the milky way. The last word in sub-orbital luxury – and a magnet for intrigue. Intrigues, such as: Why are there love poems in the lobby in-tray? How many Imperial spies are currently on board? What is the true purpose of the Problem Solver's conference? And, perhaps, most pertinently – *who is driving the ship?* At the centre of these mysteries stands Carl, one time stowaway, longtime manager, devoted caretaker to the hotel. It's the love of his life, and the only place he's ever called home. But as forces beyond Carl's comprehension converge on the Abeona, he has to face one final question: when is it time to let go? *The Grand Budapest Hotel* in space, *Floating Hotel* is a hopeful story of misfits, rebels, and found family – perfect for fans of Becky Chambers and Martha Wells.

Space opera TP \$34.99

The Slain Divine

Vagrant Gods 03

Dalglish, David

The Everlorn Empire's grip on Thanet is tighter than ever. The God-Incarnate himself has arrived on its shores to crush the struggling rebellion and carry out his final, sinister plan: he will sacrifice the entire island, in order to rise – reincarnated – from its ashes. The rebellion is struggling to separate allies from enemies, and to figure out a way to stop the slow destruction of everything and everyone they care for. Meanwhile, Cyrus is disappearing deeper beneath the vicious mask of the 'Vagrant'. Under the mantle of the legendary assassin, he may be strong enough to take down the Empire, but at what cost? The conclusion of the trilogy which began with *The Bladed Faith* (TP, \$29.99).

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Grievor's Blood

Combat Codes 02

Darwin, Alexander

In a world where single combat determines the fate of nations, the Grievor fight in the Circles so that the rest can remain at peace. But given the stakes, things are never so simple. The Daimyo govern from the shadows and plot to gain an edge by unnaturally enhancing their Grievor Knights. Cego and his team enter year two at the world's most prestigious combat school, the Lyceum. Though he'd like to focus on his martial studies, Cego feels the pull of his mysterious past and two missing brothers. Solara Halberd, daughter of the fighting legend, embarks on her own quest to bury the past. She must utilise every lesson her father taught her to explore unknown lands where evil lurks in the shadows. The follow-up to *The Combat Codes* (PBK, \$22.99).

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Best Horror of the Year

volume 15

Datlow, Ellen (editor)

From Ellen Datlow, comes a new entry in the series that has brought you thrilling stories from Stephen King and Neil Gaiman; the best horror stories available.

Horror TP \$34.99

Play of Shadows

Court of Shadows 01

de Castell, Sebastien

Damelas Chademantaigne picked a poor night to flee a judicial duel. He has precious little hope of escaping the wrath of the Vixen, the most feared duellist in the entire city, until he stumbles through the stage doors of the magnificent Operato Belleza and tricks his way into the company of actors. An archaic law provides a temporary respite from his troubles – until one night a ghostly voice in his head causes Damelas to fumble his lines, inadvertently blurring out a dreadful truth: the city's most legendary hero may actually be a traitor and a brutal murderer. With only the help of his boisterous and lusty friend Bereto, a beautiful assassin whose target may well be Damelas, himself, and a company of misfit actors who'd just as soon see him dead, this failed grandson of two Greatcoats must, somehow, find within himself the courage to dig up long-buried truths before a ruthless band of bravos known as the Iron Orchids come for his head. Oh, and there's still that matter of the Vixen waiting to duel him... Swordplay, magic, intrigue, and friendships stronger than iron: the first volume in the new swashbuckling fantasy series, set in the universe of the Greatcoats.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

The House Witch and the Enchanting of the Hearth

House Witch 01

Delehmach, Emilie Nikota

When Finlay Ashowan joins the kitchen of the King and Queen of Daxaria, he's an enigma. Which suits Fin just fine. He's satisfied simply serving as the royal cook, keeping nosy passersby out of his kitchen, and concocting some truly scrumptious meals. But Fin has a secret, one that may not stay hidden for long... As his past begins to catch up with him, Fin must negotiate court politics and stay out of trouble, together with his familiar, the fluffy black kitten, Kraken. But things become even more complicated when he catches the eye of a certain lady, who just so happens to be part of the royal court. Can Fin successfully hide his secret and protect his heart? Or will the chaos of the castle and its good-hearted people get the best of him? The first in the House Witch series.

Cosy fantasy PBK \$22.99

The House Witch and the Charming of Austice

House Witch 02

Delehmach, Emilie Nikota

Finlay Ashowan quickly goes from cook to spy, in order to protect his Kingdom, and his love... Between his work for the King and Queen of Daxaria and a new (secret) relationship with Lady Annika Jenoure, Fin's life is anything but tidy. Annika is being forced from the castle after there are threats to her safety. All the while tension is brewing

with Troivack and war seems to draw ever closer. As if he doesn't have enough on his plate, Fin is soon promoted from cook to spy and sent into the city of Austice where he must sleuth out the plans of the Troivackian troops, allegedly, hidden there. However, an unwelcome visitor is about to knock on his door, and Fin's world starts to unravel... The first in the House Witch series is *The House Witch and the Enchanting of the Hearth* (PBK, \$22.99).

Cosy fantasy PBK \$22.99

The House Witch and When the Cat Spells War

House Witch 03

Delehmach, Emilie Nikota

House witch Finlay Ashowan is pulled out of the kitchen – and into the fire – as war, family, and love collide... Having, somehow, convinced Lady Annika Jenoure to marry him, all Finlay Ashowan wants to do is settle down, cook some good meals, and enjoy a quiet life in Daxaria. But fate has different plans... Fin's father, Aidan Helmer – servant of King Matthias of Troivack – has arrived in the kingdom with devastating news: Annika's brother Charles has been taken prisoner, and the only way his life will be spared is if she or Fin pleads his case. Now, it's up to Fin, with the help of his wily kitten, Kraken, to attempt a daring mission of rescue and espionage. But he'll need to move quickly – before his kingdom, and life, goes up in flames. The first in the House Witch series is *The House Witch and the Enchanting of the Hearth* (PBK, \$22.99).

Cosy fantasy PBK \$22.99

The Princess of Potential

House Witch novella

Delehmach, Emilie Nikota

It's been 20 years since Finlay Ashowan, the fabled house witch of Daxaria, first cooked up supernatural hijinks in the castle at Austice. Since then, much has changed. The royal family has only just returned to the beloved city of Austice, after nearly two decades. Peace has been established since the end of the war with Troivack, and the Crown Princess, Alina, is ready to pick the perfect nobleman to be her husband. But the princess' quest for her ideal match is proving rather difficult. Alina must manage expectations, flirtations, and magical misadventures. All as she struggles to find her own place within her kingdom and understand the blossoming desires of her own heart... The first in the House Witch series is *The House Witch and the Enchanting of the Hearth* (PBK, \$22.99).

Cosy fantasy PBK \$22.99

Red Team Blues

Martin Hench 01

Doctorow, Gory

In cyber-security, *Red Team* plays attack. *Blue Team* plays defence. Marty Hench's career in tech is almost as old as Silicon Valley. He's the most accomplished forensic accountant in town, an expert on the international money-laundering and shell-company chicanery used by Fortune 500s, divorcing oligarchs, and international drug cartels alike (there's more crossover than you might imagine). Marty was born to play attack. If there's a way to get under the walls and bring the castle down, he's

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the one to do it. There's no better financial Red Teamer in the Valley. Now, he's on the trail of a stolen key, one that unlocks an illicit backdoor to billions in crypto. More than reputation, and fortune, is on the line – Marty's adversaries are implacable criminal sadists who will spill oceans of blood to get what they want. Finding the stolen key is going to be the least of Marty's problems: now he has to save his skin. To do that, he'll have to play defence. And Marty hates playing the Blue Team. The first in Doctorow's new series, now in paperback. Cryptopunk PBK \$22.99

Women of Horror and Speculative Fiction in Their Own Words

Conversations with Authors and Editors
Doubinsky, Sebastien & Kkona, Christina
What makes science fiction genres better than others at challenging social conventions, especially gender? Are speculative works structured differently when addressed to traditionally under-portrayed individuals or communities? This collection of interviews elicits truly honest and thought-provoking responses that focus on the biographical dimension in speculative fiction, questions of intersectionality, genre (re)definitions and the politicisation of fiction. It gives voice to women of different races, nations, classes, and sexual orientations who write and edit speculative fiction – such as Ellen Datlow, Kathe Koja, Angela Mi Young Hur, Eugen Bacon, and Cat Rambo. The interviews clarify how the junction of genre and gender is a key element to understanding this literary field, while simultaneously contextualising and theorising the interview itself, as a literary genre and a research tool. Writing TP \$44.99

The Witch's Daughter

Edwards-Jones, Imogen
A city in flames. A revolution raging. A woman on the run. Nadezhda has never wanted to be a witch. But the occult is in her blood. Her mother, Militza, conjured Rasputin and introduced him into the Romanov court – releasing the devil, himself. Now, he is dead... but Militza still dreams of him – he stalks her sleep and haunts her waking hours. As Petrograd burns and the Russian Empire crumbles, Nadezhda escapes through the corpse-laden streets of the capital, concealing on her person a book of generational magic. Magic, she once described as foolishness. But as danger grows ever closer, she may be forced to embrace her heritage to save what she loves most... Historical fantasy TP \$32.99

Furious Heaven

Sun Chronicles 02
Elliott, Kate
The Republic of Chaonia, under the joint command of Princess Sun and her formidable mother, Queen-Marshal Eirene, has defeated and driven out an invading fleet of the Phene Empire, although not without heavy losses. But the Empire remains strong and undeterred. While Chaonia scrambles to rebuild its military, the Empire's rulers are determined to squash Chaonia once and for all – by any means necessary. On the eve of Eirene's bold attack on the rich and populous Karnos System, an unexpected tragedy

strikes the republic. Sun must take charge or lose the throne. Will Sun be content with the pragmatic path laid out by her mother for Chaonia's future? Or will she forge her own legend despite all the forces arrayed against her? Non-stop action, space battles, and intrigue abound in the second in a galactic-scale, gender-swapped space opera trilogy inspired by the life of Alexander the Great. Now in paperback. The first is *Unconquerable Sun* (PBK, \$19.99). Our space opera fans have been loving this series. Recommended. Space opera PBK \$22.99

Dangerous Visions

anthology
Ellison, Harlan (editor)
Dubbed 'the most significant and controversial sf book' of its generation, Harlan Ellison's ground-breaking anthology launched an entire subgenre: New Wave science fiction. With contributions from legendary authors and multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards, *Dangerous Visions* returns to print in a stunning new edition, perfect for new and returning fans alike. *Dangerous Visions* won several prestigious awards and was nominated for many others. This now-classic anthology includes 33 stories by 32 award-winning authors, over half of whom have won multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards. Contributing authors include: Robert Silverberg, Frederik Pohl, Brian W Aldiss, Philip K Dick, Larry Niven, Fritz Leiber, Poul Anderson, Theodore Sturgeon, J G Ballard, Samuel R Delany, and Ellison, himself. With a new foreword by Patton Oswalt, *Dangerous Visions* is a phenomenal collection that deserves a place on every bookshelf; as relevant now, as it was when first published. (*We also expect the second and third volumes in Ellison's anthology series to be reissued later in the year.*) Science fiction (reissue) TP \$39.95

The Weavers of Alamaxa

Alamaxa duology 02
Elsbai, Hadeer
Magic is no longer banned in Alamaxa, but across the border the Zirani are readying their cannons. They will stop at nothing to end what they perceive is a threat not only to their way of life, but to the world. But the last time, a Weaver fought back, the whole world was shattered. Two incredible women are all that stands before an entire army. But they've stood up to power before, and they won then. This time, though, it's no longer about rhetoric. This time, it's about magic and blood. Following up on one of the most exciting fantasy debuts, *The Daughters of Izdihar* (PBK, \$24.99), Hadeer Elsbai concludes her Alamaxa duology, inspired by Egyptian history, with a tale of magic, betrayal and love. Fantasy PBK \$24.99

The Black Girl Survives in This One: Horror Stories

anthology, YA
Evans, Desiree S & Fennell, Saraciea J (editors)
Be warned, dear reader: The Black girls survive in this one. Celebrating a new generation of bestselling and acclaimed Black writers, *The Black Girl Survives in This One* makes space for Black girls in horror. Fifteen chilling and thought-

provoking stories place Black girls front and centre, as heroes and survivors who slay monsters, battle spirits, and face down death. Prepare to be terrified and left breathless by the pieces in this anthology. The bestselling and acclaimed authors include Erin E Adams, Monica Brashears, Charlotte Nicole Davis, Desiree S Evans, Saraciea J Fennell, Zakiya Dalila Harris, Daka Hermon, Justina Ireland, L L McKinney, Brittney Morris, Maika & Maritza Moulite, Eden Royce, and Vincent Tirado. The foreword is by Tananarive Due. A YA anthology of horror stories, centring Black girls who battle monsters, both human and supernatural, and who survive to the end. YA horror HC \$45.95

The Sky Was Ours

Fassler, Joe
It's 2005, and 24-year-old Jane is miserable. Overworked, buried in debt, she senses the life she wanted slipping away – while the world around her veers badly off course, hurtling toward economic and ecological collapse. She wants to find something better. But she has no idea where to start. In a sudden and unprecedented burst of rebellion, Jane decides to abandon everything she knows, leaving behind her relationships and responsibilities to go on the road. That's how she meets Barry, a brilliant and charismatic recluse living on an isolated homestead, near New York's Canadian border. For years, in secret, Barry's chased an unlikely obsession: to build a pair of wings humans can fly in, with designs inspired by an obscure precursor to the Wright Brothers. It's no mere hobby. He's convinced his dream of flight will spark a revolution, delivering us from the degradation of modern capitalism and the climate chaos that awaits us. Jane is captivated by Barry's radical vision, even as his experiments become more dangerous. But she's equally drawn to the enigmatic Ike, Barry's gentle, thoughtful son, who's known no other reality – and who only wants to keep his father alive, tethered to ground and to reason. So begins an inventive, dazzlingly beautiful story about the human desire for transcendence – our longing to escape the mundane and glide into a euphoric future. Inspired by the myth of Daedalus and Icarus, *The Sky Was Ours* is a powerful and imaginative debut that explores the question: If you had access to technology that allowed you to escape the confines of your life, would you use it? And if Barry's wings really could change the world, would that be freedom? Magical realism TP \$39.95

Ghostly Game

GhostWalker 19
Feehan, Christine
Gideon 'Eagle' Carpenter is used to rolling with the punches, life has thrown at him. It's the only thing that's kept him alive. He and his team of GhostWalkers have seen and experienced it all. He does his best to live with all the sins written on his soul. Then he hears the laughter of a woman with the ability to erase – even for a few precious moments – the darkness of his past. Laurel 'Rory' Chappel has always been a nomad. She's accustomed to taking care of herself, despite the physical challenges she lives with. She thinks she's too weak to find real love, but that doesn't stop her interest in Gideon from turning into a full-on addiction. He's all rough edges and danger contrasted

with a tenderness that makes her feel safe. Still, after a life spent in motion, she's not sure she knows how to stay in one place. Gideon hopes he can persuade Rory to take a chance on him with every electric touch. But, soon, life conspires against him, forcing the GhostWalker to risk everything to protect the woman he loves... Paranormal romance PBK \$22.99

The Warden

Warden 01
Ford, Daniel M
There was a plan. She had the money, the connections, even the brains. It was simple: become one of the only female necromancers, earn as many degrees as possible, get a post in one of the grand cities, then prove she's capable of greatness. The funny thing about plans is that they are seldom under your control. Now, Aelis de Lenti, a daughter of a noble house and recent graduate of the esteemed Magisters' Lyceum, finds herself in the far-removed village of Lone Pine. Mending fences, matching wits with goats, and serving people who want nothing to do with her. But, not all is well in Lone Pine, and as the villagers Aelis is reluctantly getting to know start to behave strangely, Aelis begins to suspect that there is far greater need for a Warden of her talents than she previously thought. Old magics are restless, and an insignificant village on the farthest border of the kingdom might hold secrets far beyond what anyone expected. Aelis might be the only person standing between one of the greatest evils ever known and the rest of the world. For fans who have always wanted their *Twin Peaks* to have some wizards, *The Warden* is a non-stop action-adventure story from author Daniel M Ford. *This is the direct import of the US trade paperback edition. We expect to have this same edition of The Warden from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.* Fantasy TP \$45.95

Kate Forsyth's Long-Lost Fairy Tales

21 Forgotten Tales Retold, collection
Forsyth, Kate
Fairy tales are as old as language, itself. Long, long ago, storytellers all around the world told tales of wonder both to enchant and entertain us, and also to teach us that – if we are good and kind and courageous enough – we can change the world for the better. For this is what fairy tales do. They give us hope. As we travel through the dark and dangerous world of the fairy tale, as we fight dragons and outwit ogres and save our sisters and brothers, we learn that we are capable of anything. And then we return to our own world with all that we have learned along the way, stronger and braver than before. The stories in this book come from all the corners of the world. Some were told in deep time before history was recorded, and some were written not so long ago. All of them have been unjustly forgotten. In this collection of long-lost fairy tales, author Kate Forsyth and illustrator Lorena Carrington work together to bring tales of wisdom, compassion, and courage to life for the modern-day reader. Fairy tales TP \$32.99

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The Book of Thorns

Fox, Hester

Penniless and stranded in France after a bid to escape her cruel uncle goes awry, Cornelia Shaw is far from the Parisian life of leisure she imagined. Desperate and lacking options, she allows herself to be recruited to Napoleon's *Grande Armée*. As a naturalist, her near-magical ability to heal any wound with herbal mixtures invites awe amongst the soldiers... and suspicion. For behind Cornelia's vast knowledge of the natural world is a secret she keeps hidden – the flowers speak to her through a mysterious connection she has felt since childhood. One that her mother taught her to heed, before she disappeared. Then, as Napoleon's army descends on Waterloo, the flowers sing to her of a startling revelation: a girl who bears a striking resemblance to Cornelia. A girl she almost remembers – her sister, lost long ago, who seems to share the same gifts. Determined to reunite with Lijsbeth despite being on opposite sides of the war, Cornelia is drawn into a whirlwind of betrayal, secrets, and lies. Brought together by fate and magic at the peak of the war, the sisters try to uncover the key to the source of the power that connects them as accusations of witchcraft swirl and threaten to destroy the very lives they've fought for.

Historical fantasy TP \$42.95

Admiral and Commander Gannon, Charles E & Kennedy, Chris

It has been 15 Terran months, since Colonel Rodger Murphy and his Lost Soldiers were dropped in the 55 Tauri binary system. Since then, they have forged an uneasy alliance with space-dwelling descendants of the Ktor, liberated the earlier human inhabitants of the planet R'Bak, and driven their oppressors from the neighbouring system back into a few fortified cities. But there's another pivotal battle looming before them: intercepting the Harvester fleet sent by those same oppressors, the Kulsians. And time is growing short. The two stars are nearing periastron, which the natives of R'Bak call the Searing, due to the approach of the blistering F-class star. That's when the Kulsians cross the 10 AU separating the systems to strip R'Bak of rare biological resources and destroy any powers that might become a challenge to future Harvesters. But Murphy has a plan to break that cycle of interstellar rapine. With the cooperation of both indigenous R'Baku and the mutually suspicious Spindogs and Rockhounds, the Lost Soldiers – now, sporting the nickname Murphy's Lawless – have pulled off a delicate scheme to capture an advanced Kulsian corvette. The objective: to improve the cutting-edge warship and use Spindog 'autofab' technology to create a flotilla with which to repel the Harvester fleet. But true to the source of the Lawless nickname, Murphy's Law may be their greatest foe. Murphy's worsening multiple sclerosis is becoming impossible to hide, and the corvettes are proving far more difficult to replicate than anything the Spindogs have ever attempted. However, it's the job of training and forging crews from the highly competitive Spindogs and Rock Hounds

that is pushing both groups toward mutiny – and possibly murder. The only chance to bring all those forces together? Ex-Navy fighter jock Kevin Bowman – now known as 'The Admiral' – who has his work cut out for him. Problem is, both Bowman and Murphy are running out of time. Not only is the Harvester fleet coming earlier than expected, but it's bigger than ever before. Much bigger. And its objective is clear: to reassert complete control over the system and annihilate Murphy's Lawless, their allies, and any who would stand with them. A new novel in the shared-universe Terran Republic series, following *Mission Critical* (PBK, \$26.95).

Military sf TP \$39.95

The Witch and the Tsar Gilmore, Olesya Salnikova

Yaga lives deep in the Russian forest, tending to any that call upon her for her healing potions and vast wisdom. She has been alone for centuries, with only her beloved animals for company. But, when Tsaritsa Anastasia, wife of Tsar Ivan Vasilyevich, shows up at Yaga's cottage on the brink of death, Yaga is compelled to travel with her, to Moscow, to keep her safe. However, the Russia Yaga sees, as she makes her journey to the heart of the country, is one on the brink of chaos. Tsar Ivan – soon to become Ivan the Terrible – grows more volatile and tyrannical by the day; and Yaga believes the *tsaritsa* is being poisoned by an unknown enemy. But what Yaga cannot know is that Ivan is being manipulated by powers far older and more fearsome than anyone can imagine. Set in 16th-century Russia, *The Witch and the Tsar* upends the stories we know of Baba Yaga, as the bony-legged witch of Slavic fairy tales and the stuff of nightmares. For beyond the rumours of her iron nose, fangs for teeth, and house on chicken legs, is the story of a woman so wise and strong that she has to be cloaked in lies, to hide her true power. 'A delicate weaving of myth and history, *The Witch and the Tsar* breathes new life into stories you think you know' – Hannah Whitten.

Historical fantasy PBK \$24.99

Wicked Problems

Craft Wars 02

Gladstone, Max

A deadly force has been unleashed into the world. With apocalypse on the horizon, a girl and a god have joined in order to turn back the coming end. Young, brash, and desperate, they are willing to destroy anything and everything that stands between them and their goals. The structures of the Craft are theirs to overturn, with billions of lives in the balance. And it is all Tara Abernathy's fault. The battle for the world of the Craft is heating up. A dead god will rise. A mountain will fall. Ancient fire will be stolen. And while Tara races to stop Dawn's plans, the end draws ever closer, skittering across the stars to swallow the world. The Craft Wars enter their second stage... The sequel to *Dead Country* (TP, \$29.99). *This is the direct import of the US trade paperback edition. We expect to have this same edition of Wicked Problems from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Fantasy TP \$45.95

A Promise of Peridot

Sacred Stones 02

Golden, Kate

Arwen Valondale is sailing for the mysterious Kingdom of Citrine after the battle of Siren's Bay. Reeling from shocking revelations and her newfound powers, Arwen directs all of her pain and rage toward the man who betrayed her: King Kane Ravenwood. Kane's presence is unavoidable as he travels with Arwen and her friends to seek the Blade of the Sun, a legendary weapon inextricably tied to her fate and the future of the realm. Even an uneasy truce proves difficult as Arwen fights against her unresolved feelings for Kane, who is willing to become darkness itself to protect her. As Arwen faces creatures, foes, and magic beyond her wildest imaginings, she must discover the secrets of her past to defeat the monstrous Fae king Lazarus. But finding the light within might mean the death of her and everyone she loves. The sequel to *A Dawn of Onyx* (TP, \$32.99), the dark romantasy that took the world by storm!

Romantasy TP \$34.99

The Husbands

Gramazio, Holly

You wait ages for The One... then 203 come along, at once. One night, Lauren finds a strange man in her flat who claims to be her husband. All the evidence – from photos to electricity bills – suggests he's right. Lauren's attic, she slowly realises, is creating an endless supply of husbands for her. *There's the one who pretends to play music on her toes. The one who's too hot (there must be a catch). The one who makes a great breakfast sandwich. The one who turns everything into double entendres ('I'll weed your garden'). And the one who can calm her unruly thoughts with a single touch.* But when you can change husbands as easily as changing a lightbulb, how do you know whether the one you have, now, is the good-enough one, or the wrong one, or the best one? And how long should you keep trying to find out?

Multiverse rom-com TP \$34.99

The Gauntlet and the Broken Chain

Rotstorm 03

Green, Ian

Hunt the mage. Save the child. Defy the storm. Across the ruins of Ferron, the rotstorm ever rages. From its nightmarish depths, demons and goblins and rust-folk have struck forth and claimed the Northern Marches as their sanctuary. Through the Undal Protectorate, the land is gripped in a Claw Winter, a frozen mirror of the punishment laid down to the west. Abandoned on the island of Riven, Floré and her comrades must find their way back to the Protectorate. Floré's daughter Marta is hidden somewhere in the north, dying from the skein-magic she cannot yet control. And, now, a centuries-old problem threatens to cause new problems for Floré – and it threatens to be the most challenging, yet... For, after centuries of bondage, the immortal mage Tullen One-Eye – the man they call 'Deathless' – has been regained, and the great god-wolf Lothal hunts again. To make matters worse, deep in Orubor's Wood, the god-bear Anshuka stirs from her slumber.

The awakening of three unknown forces spells bad news for Floré and the Ferron. For, the last time the Judges warred, an empire fell. If she is to save her daughter and free her people, Floré will have to defeat the great wolf Lothal and kill the 'Deathless' Tullen. But how can she kill the unkillable man? And will steel alone be enough to take down the gods themselves?

Fantasy PBK \$22.99

Annie Bot Greer, Sierra

She's human, in every way that matters.

Annie is a robot, created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner, Doug. Playful and eager to please, she has dinner ready for him every night, wears the outfits he buys for her, and adjusts her libido to suit his whims. Maybe, the apartment isn't always spotless, but she's trying to be good enough for Doug. She's trying, really hard. But as Annie grows more self-aware, she begins to chafe against the borders of her life: the empty weeks spent confined to the apartment, the fitness regimens designed to keep her part-organic body toned, the service appointments to increase her bra size and shave inches off her waistline. Worst of all are Doug's unpredictable moods, and the way he can punish her without even raising his voice. Annie starts to imagine the impossible – what would life be like, outside Doug's apartment? What could she be like without Doug? This powerful, provocative novel from a bold new voice examines the intricate relationship between creator and creation, between human and AI, exploring issues of trust, intimacy, power, and autonomy. Is a human soul something we are born with? Or is it something – through love, pain, and other people – we can learn? 'Witty, wicked, and weirdly addictive' – *Lionel Shriver*.

Science fiction TP \$32.99

The Moon and the Desert Hampson, Robert E

What would it really take to make the Six Million Dollar Man? Glenn Armstrong Shepard had his sights set on going to Mars as a flight surgeon, but a training accident on the Moon left him crippled. Now, he has a new plan: to be fitted with bionic prosthetics and come back even stronger. Fate and the Space Force have other plans, and Glenn is grounded. Another doctor – his ex-fiancée – takes his place, and Glenn will have to fight to prove he can be an astronaut, once more... A medical thriller on earth and in space!

SF thriller PBK \$26.95

The Dark Fable Harbour, Katherine

Magical heists. Deadly secrets. Come along for the ride... if you dare. Evie Wilder is an orphan who has gone through most of her life unnoticed... until she's caught up in a dramatic heist, and captures the attention of the Dark Fable. They have chosen her for a reason: she can turn invisible. This skill would make Evie a treasured asset to the legendary group of thieves known for spirited away obscure and occult artifacts. Evie cannot resist their allure and is eager to join this newfound family. But she discovers there are more skeletons in the Dark Fable's past than she could have ever imagined. And these secrets might be the answer to her

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own tragic past. No one is who they seem to be and the price of uncovering the Dark Fable's cryptic history just might be fatal...
YA fantasy HC \$29.99

Toxic Hennigan, Jane

Forty years ago, the world changed. Men became crazed killers and threatened all humanity. Now, the world might be about to change again, but will it be for the better? Forty-four years ago, as any schoolgirl can tell you, the moth's eggs hatched, and an army of caterpillars spread their tiny toxic threads on every breath of wind. Since then, men have been cloistered, protected from birth against the deadly poison. But, now, there's a vaccine – a way that men can leave the facility without dying or suffering from psychosis. Emerging, into their new world, eyes wide with wonder at every new experience, the truth soon becomes clear. This world was not made for men. And they are not safe.
Dystopia TP \$36.99

Oracle Heuvelt, Thomas Olde

On a foggy winter morning two children discover the impossible: the wreck of an 18th-century ship stranded in a field. One enters the hatch on the deck and is never seen again. And she isn't the last to disappear... Soon, a government agency begins to investigate, determined to uncover the ship's secrets before a media storm erupts. They enlist Robert Grim, a retired specialist of the occult, to unravel the mystery, who soon realises the ship could be a harbinger of an ancient doom awakened under the sea. In a maelstrom of international intrigue and pure terror, Grim must race against time, as he comes face to face with an open doorway to the apocalypse.
Horror TP \$34.99

Width of a Circle Hirst, David J

When imagination becomes life... A tale of a mercurial teen who discovers who she is, through a developing friendship with an enchanting demon. Zola Tapp, a curious and impulsive teen, has been sent to stay with her oddball relatives in rural Malaysia while her parents try to sort out their deteriorating relationship in the UK. On a pre-dinner exploration of her aunt and uncle's oil-palm plantation, Zola stumbles upon an injured boy. In a panic, she rushes to get help. By the time she returns, the boy has vanished and the incident is being blamed on her famed over-imagination. Zola battles self-doubt and those out to deceive her as she sets out to discover what has happened to the injured boy. This triggers a chain of events which result in her being drawn deeper into the Malaysian underworld and into a sinister plot that tests her character and emotions to the extreme. Her healthy, snarky scepticism towards vampires, zombies, and the paranormal is also challenged when she meets Maya, an enchanting elfin demon with a secret past and mysterious abilities that she must keep hidden from the rest of the world.
Paranormal TP \$27.99

The Monstrous Misses Mai Hoang, Van

Los Angeles brims with opportunity in 1959 – though, not for aspiring fashion designer Cordelia Mai Yin, the first-generation child of Vietnamese immigrants, who finds the city unkind to outsiders and as dispirited as her own family. When Cordi rents a cheap loft in an old apartment building, she quickly warms to kindred souls Tessa, Audrey, and Silly. They also want better things and have pasts they'd rather forget. That they all share the same middle name makes their friendship seem like destiny. As supportive as they are of each other, it's a struggle just to eke out a living, let alone hope to see their wishes for success come true. Until an ever-present and uncannily-charming acquaintance of the landlord's offers a solution to their problems. He promises to fulfill their every dream. All it takes is a little magic. And a small sacrifice. As one surprisingly effective spell leads to another, their wishes get bigger. But so does the price they must pay. Amid the damaged seams of her life so far, Cordi must realise her own power in order to rip free, without losing everything she's worked so hard to achieve.
Historical urban fantasy TP \$37.95

The God of Endings Holland, Jacqueline

Collette LeSange has been hiding a dark truth: She is immortal. In 1834, Collette's grandfather granted her the gift of eternal life and since then, she has endured centuries of turmoil and heartache. Now, almost 150 years later, Collette is a lonely artist running an elite fine art school for children in upstate New York. But her life is suddenly upended by the arrival of a gifted child from a troubled home, the return of a stalking presence from her past, and her own mysteriously growing hunger for blood. Combining brilliant prose with breathtaking suspense, Jacqueline Holland's *The God of Endings* serves as a larger exploration of the human condition in all its complexity, asking us the most fundamental question: is life in this world a gift, or a curse?
Paranormal TP \$42.95

The Emperor and the Endless Palace Huang, Justinian

'What if I told you that the feeling, we call love, is actually the feeling of metaphysical recognition, when your soul remembers someone from a previous life?'
In the year 4 BCE, an ambitious courtier is called upon to seduce the young emperor – but quickly discovers they are both ruled by blood, sex, and intrigue. In 1740, a lonely innkeeper agrees to help a mysterious visitor procure a rare medicine, only to unleash an otherworldly terror instead. And in present-day Los Angeles, a college student meets a beautiful stranger and cannot shake the feeling they've met before. Across these seemingly unrelated timelines woven together only by the twists and turns of fate, two men are reborn, lifetime after lifetime. Within the treacherous walls of an ancient palace and the boundless forests of the Asian wilderness to the heart-pounding cement floors of underground rave scenes, our lovers are inexplicably drawn to each other,

constantly tested by the worlds around them. As their many lives intertwine, they begin to realise the power of their undying love – a power that transcends time itself... but one that might consume them both.

Author's note: The Emperor and the Endless Palace is a heart-pounding romantasy, full of shocking twists, morally shifty characters, and erotic thrills. When it comes to the romance within this novel, you can expect equal parts mess and swoon, but its central thread is an epic tale of true love against all the odds.
Romantasy HC \$64.95

Rift in the Soul

Soulwood 06
Hunter, Faith
Nell Ingram draws her powers from deep in the earth, and uses them to help Psy-LED, the Psychometric Law Enforcement Division, which solves paranormal crimes. When a local vampire calls to report a dead body on her compound, Nell knows she and her team have to be ready for anything. But the dead body is just the beginning of a mystery that involves supernaturals of all kinds, including some of the most powerful vampires in the country. As Nell gets closer to the truth, she begins to understand that the perpetrator is tracking her too – and that there is something personal about this crime. Something with roots that go almost as deep as those in Soulwood. *This is the local import of Rift in the Soul from its Australian distributors; available at a slightly lower price than the direct, US import (which we listed in March).*
Urban fantasy PBK \$22.99

Gatchpenny Huston, Charlie

A thief who can travel through mirrors, a video game that threatens to spill out of the virtual world, a doomsday cult on a collision course with destiny, and a missing teenager at the centre of it all. With the world on the brink of every kind of apocalypse, humanity needs a hero. What it gets is Sid Gatchpenny. Sidney Gatchpenny has had a bad run. Laid low by a years-long bout of debilitating depression, he's all but squandered his reputation as one of the most uniquely talented thieves in LA. There aren't many who can do what Sid does. He's a sly, a special kind of crook with the uncanny ability to move through mirrors. And the spoils he's after are equally unusual. Forget jewels and cold cash – Sid steals curiosities – items imbued with powerful *mojo*, a magical essence gleaned from the accumulated emotion that seeps into interesting, though often banal objects. That spot on the carpet where your old dog used to lay at your feet? The passed-down family heirloom nobody wants but everybody refuses to throw away? These curiosities are full of *mojo*, which is both the currency of the criminal underground and the secret source of magic in the world. When a friend from Sid's past comes looking for his help with an important client, and the chance to pay off old debts presents itself, Sid seizes the opportunity... as best he can. But the case he stumbles into is more complicated than it seems, and it portends a seismic shift in the world, one that will leave no one untouched. As the fog of his depression begins to lift,

Sid sees connections everywhere he looks, and the once disparate threads of the case – a missing teenage girl, an entire bedroom saturated with *mojo*, and Sid's own long-dead wife – begin to coalesce. 'I absolutely loved it. *Catchpenny* is a brilliant book, full of heart and the language is pitch perfect. If Elmore Leonard had ever written a fantasy novel, this would be it.' – Stephen King.
Urban fantasy TP \$39.95

The Illusions Hyder, Liz

1896. As a group of illusionists prepare for a grand spectacle, one young woman, Cecily Marsden, harbours a secret. For she possesses impossible powers – powers she little understands. Meanwhile, Eadie Carleton, a pioneering early filmmaker, struggles for her talent to be taken seriously, and a talented magician, George Perris, begins to see the potential in moving pictures. But in order to achieve his dreams, George must first win over Miss Carleton... As Cecily, George and Eadie's worlds collide, Cec finds herself facing the fight of her life to save the grand performance from sabotage – and harness the real magic, held deep within her...
Gaslamp fantasy PBK \$24.99

When I'm Her Jeng, Sarah Zachrich

How far would you go, to get even with the woman who ruined your life? Though polar opposites, Mary and Elizabeth are as close as can be – until the night Elizabeth makes an irrevocable mistake and leaves Mary to take the blame. Years later, Elizabeth seems to have forgotten Mary exists. Mary hasn't forgotten her. She follows Elizabeth's every move online, obsessed with paying her back for the betrayal that cost Mary her dreams. Now, Mary has found a way to switch bodies with Elizabeth, and she's got a plan to steal her charmed life. Her career. Her looks. Her husband. They do say, living well is the best revenge. Or is it? The more Mary uncovers about Elizabeth's life, the more she realises she may have made a deadly mistake. And she'll need the help of her worst enemy to stay alive.
SF thriller TP \$39.95

Sunbringer

Godkiller 02
Kaner, Hannah
War is coming, godkiller. Gods are forbidden in the kingdom of Middren. Now, they are stirring, whispering of war. Godkiller Kissen sacrificed herself to vanquish the fire god Hseth and save her friends, but gods cannot be destroyed so easily – and neither can godkillers. Reeling from the loss of Kissen, young noble Inara and her little god of white lies, Skedi, seek answers to the true nature of their bond. The secrets they uncover could determine the outcome of the war. Meanwhile, Elogast, no longer a loyal knight of King Arren, has been charged with destroying the man he, once, called friend. The king vowed to eradicate all gods... but has, now, entered into an unholy pact, with the most dangerous of them all. The kingdom is on the brink of destruction. What will they each sacrifice to save it? The sequel to *Godkiller* (TP, \$32.99).
Fantasy TP \$32.99

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First Light

Night's Edge 02

Kerin, Liz

It's been nine months since the catastrophe in Tucson sent Mia fleeing from her home. But she's not running away from the darkness – she's running *toward* it, obsessively pursuing the man who gave her mother a thirst for blood and destroyed their lives. But when Mia finds the monsters she's been hunting and infiltrates a secret network of fugitives, she discovers she might have been *their* prey all along. To escape their clutches, she'll have to reckon with her mother's harrowing past and confront a painful truth: that they might be more alike than she ever imagined. The sequel to *Night's Edge* (TP, \$39.95).

Horror HC \$62.95

This Wretched Valley

Kiefer, Jenny

Take only pictures. Leave only bones.

This trip is going to be Dylan's big break. Her geologist friend Clay has discovered an untouched cliff face in the Kentucky wilderness, and she is going to be the first person to climb it. Together with Clay, his research assistant Sylvia, and Dylan's boyfriend Luke, Dylan is going to document her achievement on Instagram and, finally, cement her place as the next rising star in rock climbing. Seven months later, three bodies are discovered in the trees just off the highway. All are in various states of decay: one, a stark, white skeleton; the second, emptied of its organs; and the third, a mutilated corpse with the tongue, eyes, ears, and fingers removed. But Dylan is still missing – and no trace of her, dead or alive, has been discovered. Were the climbers murdered? Did they succumb to cannibalism? Or are their impossible bodies the work of an even more sinister force?

Horror TP \$32.99

The Harrowing

graphic novel

Kiesling, Kristen

& Hickman, Rye (illustrator)

A psychic teen hunts potential killers... until she discovers the boy, she loves, is her next target. Rowan Sterling should be worrying about normal teenage things, like attending college, and whether her best friend Lucas is maybe more than a friend... Instead, she's having terrifying visions of blood and violence. As the premonitions increase in number and intensity, Rowan seeks her father's help, but instead finds herself drugged, kidnapped, and sent to a mysterious facility called Rosewood. It isn't long, before Rowan discovers Rosewood isn't a boarding school or an asylum: it's a training centre for teens with special abilities who are known as Harrows. Harrows can view the actions of would-be murderers before they commit crimes, and the scientists at Rosewood believe it is their duty to use the Harrows' powers to make the world a safer place. When they are apprehended by a Harrow, imminent criminals – known as imcrims – are captured, and indefinitely detained in a state of sedation. At Rosewood, the Harrows are taught how to identify, track, and apprehend imcrims. Rowan is immediately drawn to Rosewood's mission; after all, she lost her mother to a random act

of violence two years prior. However, some of the other Harrows question the treatment of imcrims – how can it be ethical to imprison people who haven't actually done anything, yet? Empowered by the skills she's acquired, and ready to change the world, Rowan returns home, but when she reunites with Lucas, she has a vision of him shooting a man in cold blood. Now Rowan is questioning everything she learned at Rosewood – she refuses to believe Lucas is capable of murder – and sets out to protect him from the Harrows.

YA paranormal thriller PBK \$34.99

A Mind Full of Murder

Skulduggery Pleasant 16

Landy, Derek

Six years ago, the universe ended.

When it restarted, blinking back into existence, it brought with it a darkness that remains hidden from the mortal population. A week ago – fuelled by unimaginable hatred and unstoppable rage – a masked sorcerer killed one of those mortals. Then, he killed another. And another. With their time running out, Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain must work to solve the puzzles, the killer leaves behind... before more innocents die; embarking on a journey that will force them to deal with the apocalypse they failed to prevent, the first time around. *And murder. Lots and lots of murder.* A bone-shaking new trilogy begins – the latest adventure, in the bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series.

YA fantasy PBK \$19.99

Night for Day

Lim, Roselle

Exes Ward Dunbar and Camille Buhay thought they would never see each other again. They had broken up to pursue their dream jobs on opposite sides of the country – her to New York City, and him to Los Angeles. But, years later, they unexpectedly reconnect in London, where they are interviewing for similar jobs. The spark they feel when they meet again is palpable – the attraction comes back like muscle memory, reminding them of what they had lost. When Ward and Camille discover they both got the job working opposing shifts, they vow to give their relationship another try. Ward starts the day shift and finds the immortal clientele unusual and dazzling. When he clocks out at the end of the day, he finds the door locked and himself trapped in the building. After a horrific first night shift contending with restless spirits and ghosts, Camille is also unable to escape. In their respective prisons, they discover that they're able to talk to each other a few minutes before dawn. This fleeting encounter incites longing for each other, but their promise to be together feels impossible. Because they are caught in the middle of a war of the gods – and their choices will determine the outcome.

Urban fantasy TP \$36.99

Song of the Six Realms

Lin, Judy I

Xue, a talented young musician, has no past and probably no future. Orphaned at a young age, her kindly poet uncle took her in and arranged for an apprenticeship at one of the most esteemed entertainment houses in the kingdom. She doesn't remember much

from before entering the House of Flowing Water, and when her uncle is suddenly killed in a bandit attack, she is devastated to lose her last connection to a life outside of her indenture contract. With no family and no patron, Xue is facing the possibility of a lifetime of servitude playing the qin for nobles that praise her talent with one breath and sneer at her lowly social status with the next. Then, one night, she is unexpectedly called to the garden to put on a private performance for the enigmatic Duke Meng. The young man is strangely kind and awkward for nobility, and surprises Xue further with an irresistible offer: serve as a musician in residence at his manor for one year, and he'll set her free of her indenture. But the Duke's motives become increasingly more suspect when he and Xue barely survive an attack by a nightmarish monster, and when he whisks her away to his estate, she discovers he's not just some country noble: He's the Duke of Dreams, one of the divine rulers of the Celestial Realm. There, she learns the Six Realms are on the brink of disaster, and incursions by demonic beasts are growing more frequent. The Duke needs Xue's help to unlock memories from her past that could hold the answers to how to stop the impending war... but, first, Xue will need to survive being the target of every monster and deity in the Six Realms. Uncover the dark past of the celestials in this melodic tale, inspired by Chinese mythology and Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*. Filled with rich imagery and delicate poetry, the *Song of the Six Realms* will echo long after the tune has ended.

Silkpunk TP \$24.99

A View from the Stars:

Stories and Essays

collection

Liu, Cixin

'We're mysterious aliens in the crowd. We jump like fleas from future to past and back again, and float like clouds of gas between nebulae; in a flash, we can reach the edge of the universe, or tunnel into a quark, or swim within a star-core... We're as unassuming as fireflies, yet our numbers grow like grass in spring. We sci-fi fans are people from the future.' – *Cixin Liu*, from the essay 'Sci-Fi Fans'. *A View from the Stars* features a range of short works from the past three decades of *New York Times* bestselling author Cixin Liu's prolific career, putting his nonfiction essays and short stories, side by side, for the first time. This collection includes essays and interviews that shed light on Liu's experiences as a reader, writer, and lover of science fiction throughout his life, as well as short fiction that gives glimpses into the evolution of his imaginative voice over the years. *This is the direct import of the US hardcover edition. We expect to have a trade paperback of A View from the Stars: Stories and Essays from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Science fiction HC \$62.95

On the Isle of Antioch

Maalouf, Amin

Alec, a press artist with an impressive track record, settles on a remote island in the Atlantic Ocean. He has little contact with his neighbour, a solitary woman who wrote a cult book years ago, before withdrawing

from public life. That is, until a gigantic power failure cuts them off from the rest of the world; and, all of a sudden, they find themselves dependent on each other. The world appears to be on the brink of nuclear war and the collapse of civilisation seems imminent. Just who are the mysterious friends of Empedocles, the gang of otherworldly protectors who came swooping in, to interfere with the US presidency and cure all illness? Should we trust them? *On the Isle of Antioch* is a suspenseful novel with mythological roots, written in the dreamy language of the classics, by internationally renowned scholar Amin Maalouf.

Dystopia TP \$34.99

In Ascension

MacInnes, Martin

Leigh grew up in Rotterdam, drawn to the waterfront as an escape from her unhappy home life and volatile father. Enchanted by the undersea world of her childhood, she excels in marine biology, travelling the globe to study ancient organisms. When a trench is discovered in the Atlantic Ocean, Leigh joins the exploration team, hoping to find evidence of the earth's first life forms – what she, instead, finds calls into question everything we know about our own beginnings. Her discovery leads Leigh to the Mojave Desert and an ambitious new space agency. Drawn deeper into the agency's work, she learns that the Atlantic trench is only one of several related phenomena from across the world, each piece linking up to suggest a pattern beyond human understanding. Leigh knows that to continue working with the agency will mean leaving behind her declining mother and her younger sister; and faces an impossible choice: to remain with her family, or to embark on a journey across the breadth of the cosmos.

Science fiction PBK \$22.99

Pairing Up

Wild Cards 31

Martin, George R R (editor)

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

Wild Cards TP \$39.95

Village in the Sky

Alex Benedict 09

McDevitt, Jack

Centuries after a war with the Mutes, the first aliens to be encountered by humankind, a startling new discovery in the far reaches of the Orion Nebula appears. On a planet with conditions favourable to life, explorer vessel *The Columbia* comes across a small town seemingly inhabited by an intelligent species not yet discovered. But when a highly publicised follow-up mission is sent to make

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contact, mere months later, the entire town has vanished, leaving no trace – or such is presumed to be the case until Alex Benedict and his archaeological crew show up to investigate. Officially, their mission is to find concealed artefacts that may have been left behind, but the team's real goal is to solve the mystery of how these aliens disappeared so rapidly – and why. In turns terrifying and miraculous, the answers raise the stakes for every member on board as they look to make their mark on history. Nebula Award-winning author Jack McDevitt, whom Stephen King has called 'the logical heir to Isaac Asimov and Arthur C Clarke', brings back Alex, Chase, and Gabe for another brilliantly-crafted sf mystery.

Science fiction TP \$39.95

Sisters of the Lost Nation **Medina, Nick**

Anna Horn is always looking over her shoulder. For the bullies who torment her, for the entitled visitors at the reservation's casino... and for the nameless, disembodied entity that stalks her every step – an ancient tribal myth, come to life – one that's intent on devouring her whole. With strange and sinister happenings occurring around the casino, Anna starts to suspect that not all the horrors on the reservation are old. As girls begin to go missing and the tribe scrambles to find answers, Anna struggles with her place on the rez, desperately searching for the key she's sure lies in the legends of her tribe's past. When Anna's own little sister also disappears, she'll do anything to bring Grace home. But the demons plaguing the reservation – both ancient and new – are strong; and, sometimes, it's the stories that never get told that are the most important. Part gripping thriller and part mythological horror, author Nick Medina spins an incisive and timely novel of life as an outcast, the cost of forgetting tradition, and the courage it takes to become who you were always meant to be.

Horror TP \$34.99

Dronikus **Newman, Marko**

Malignant technology. Morality. Survival. Love. Unbearable heat by day; torrential rains at night; city streets flow like rivers; people huddle in doorways; dronikus and rators clash with protestors; city streets crackle with fire and glo-slime; dronikus kill with exploding darts. Zola – returning from years of lonely exile – reconnects with his past, finding friendship and love. But this is abruptly snatched away; his friends are murdered and he is kidnapped, imprisoned in his family home by his brothers, Enrike and Meriti. They control Pandoke, the family's huge armaments and surveillance corporation. Pandoke is genetically modifying human foetuses, working to engineer a new human being that will survive the environmental cataclysm. They try to coerce Zola to join them. He escapes. Pursued by his brothers, Zola joins an island community that is in a life and death struggle against the corporation and their inhuman plans 'to save humanity'. *Dronikus* tells the story of a man who stands up to the cynical destruction of our human and natural worlds. An Aurealis Award for Best Novel finalist.

Science fiction TP \$24.99

Vessel **Nichols, Lisa A**

After Catherine Wells' ship experiences a deadly incident in deep space and loses contact with NASA, the entire world believes her dead. Miraculously – and mysteriously – she survived, but with little memory of what happened. Her re-entry, after a decade away, is a turbulent one: her husband has moved on with another woman and the young daughter she left behind has grown into a teenager she barely recognises. Catherine, too, is different. The long years alone changed her, and as she readjusts to being home, sometimes she feels disconnected and even, at times, deep rage toward her family and colleagues. There are periods of time she can't account for, too, and she begins waking up in increasingly strange and worrisome locations, like restricted areas of NASA. Suddenly, she's questioning everything that happened, up in space: how her crewmates died, how she survived, and now, what's happening to her back on Earth. Smart, gripping, and compelling, this page-turning sf thriller will leave you breathless – perfect for fans of *Dark Matter* (PBK, \$22.99) and *The Martian* (PBK, \$22.99).

SF thriller TP \$32.99

How Does It Feel?

Infatuated Fae 01

O'Riley, Jeneane

A forbidden obsession. Unyielding family allegiance. Three deadly challenges.

When a trip into the forest to collect a rare mushroom for her research goes horribly wrong, biologist Callie Peterson finds herself falling through a fairy portal and straight into the arms of the Unseelie Fae prince. The dangerously unhinged and viciously handsome Unseelie Fae prince. He thinks she's an assassin sent by the humans to kill him, not a scientist, and he imprisons her in his realm – where unwillingly, unwittingly, his obsession with her begins to grow. Prince Mendax has never felt anything but loathing until his eyes met hers: this vile human assassin's. He believes she's here to kill him, and yet her beauty is a parasite that has mercilessly latched onto his mind and won't let go. He itches to feel her smooth skin, even though the Unseelie royals would rather burn than touch a human. It's a dangerous desire. If he does not destroy the girl soon, she may be the only thing capable of destroying him. Mendax needs to be rid of her – but he also needs to entertain his people. And so, he challenges Callie to three deadly trials. If she survives, she gains her freedom. If she doesn't? His wrath is only just beginning. The first in a series.

Romantasy PBK \$24.99

The Morningside **Obrecht, Téa**

There's the world you can see. And then there's the one you can't. Welcome to The Morningside. The Morningside was once the jewel of Island City. But, now, the luxury high-rise is crumbling, and Island City is half underwater. The building's newest resident is an 11-year-old girl, Silvia. Having arrived with only her mother, who is stubbornly secretive, Silvia knows little about the place they left behind. But her aunt, Ena, superintendent of the high-rise, delights in recounting the richly imaginative folktales of their demolished homeland to her little niece. Suddenly, Silvia's world fills with magic

and myths. Myths that seem to be coming true, when she encounters the mysterious inhabitant of the building's penthouse, Bezi Duras, and her three massive dogs that may, or may not, be humans in disguise... Consumed by curiosity, Silvia embarks on a mission to find out the truth about Bezi Duras, and her own haunted past.

Cli-fi TP \$34.99

The Memory Library **Pont, Antonia**

After an unspecified disaster, the future is quiet and analogue. Behind a doorway in the old town, a private library service flourishes. Signed up by the inscrutable Charlie, patrons subscribe to a membership they don't fully understand. Retro-tainment, existential eavesdropping, or the future of self-help? Whether heartbreak, a rainstorm, or habitual brittleness leads you to the Memory Library, your contributions can be accommodated.

Science fiction TP \$24.99

The Mars House **Pulley, Natasha**

When an apocalyptic dust storm engulfs Mars, cutting off power to the capital, a refugee and a politician must find a way to make the PR stunt – that is their hastily-arranged marriage – work, in order to save the planet. January Stirling was one of the principal dancers of London's Royal Ballet. Now, he's a climate refugee bound for Tharsis, the notorious terraformed colony on Mars. It's a utopia for the naturalised population. For January, as a dangerous Earthstronger whose body is unadjusted to the weaker Martian gravity, it's a life sentence to hard labour and ferocious discrimination. But he will live. Aubrey Gale, energy trillionaire and hereditary senator, is running for election on a hardline platform to protect the native population from dangerous immigrants. The path to equality is simple, requiring all Earthstrongers who choose to come to Mars to undergo the disabling and, sometimes, fatal process of surgical naturalisation. Which is no life, at all. When a disastrous media encounter plunges Aubrey and January's lives into chaos, the solution is a five-year made-for-reality-TV marriage that could secure January's future and ensure Aubrey's political success... but it soon becomes clear that thousands of lives hang in the balance, and nothing is as it seems. Timely and utterly unputdownable, *The Mars House* is an exceptional genre-blending story about privilege, strength, life, and love across class divisions – perfect for fans of R F Kuang, Justin Cronin, and *This Is How You Lose the Time War* (PBK, \$22.99) by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone.

Science fiction TP \$34.99

The Whispering Muse **Purcell, Laura**

Be careful what you wish for... it may just come true. At The Mercury Theatre in London's West End, rumours are circulating of a curse. It is said that the lead actress Lilithe has made a pact with Melpomene, the tragic muse of Greek mythology, to become the greatest actress to ever grace the stage. Suspicious of Lilithe, the jealous wife of the theatre owner sends dresser Jenny to spy on her, and desperate for the money to help her family, Jenny agrees. What Jenny finds is a woman as astonishing in her performance as

she is provocative in nature. On stage, it's as though Lilithe is possessed by the characters she plays, yet off stage she is as tragic as the Muse who inspires her, and Jenny, sorry for her, befriends the troubled actress. But when strange events begin to take place around the theatre, Jenny wonders if the rumours are true, and fears that when the Muse comes calling for payment, the cost will be too high.

Gothic fantasy PBK \$22.99

Disquiet Gods

Sun Eater 06

Ruocchio, Christopher

The end is nigh. It has been nearly 200 years, since Hadrian Marlowe assaulted the person of the Emperor, and walked away from war. From his Empire. His duty. From the will and service of the eldritch being known only as the Quiet. The galaxy lies in the grip of a terrible plague, and worse, the Cielcin have overrun the realms of men. Now, a messenger has come to Jadd, bearing a summons from the Sollar Emperor for the one-time hero. A summons, a pardon, and a plea. HAPSIS, the Emperor's secret first-contact intelligence organisation, has located one of the dreadful Watchers, the immense, powerful beings worshipped by the Pale Cielcin. Called out of retirement and exile, the old hero – accompanied by his daughter, Cassandra – must race across the galaxy and against time to accomplish one last, impossible task: To kill a god. The newest in the popular series which begins with *Empire of Silence* (PBK, \$24.99). *This is the direct import of the US hardcover edition. We expect to have the UK trade paperback of Disquiet Gods from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Space fantasy HC \$64.95

Bless Your Heart

Bless Your Heart 01

Ryan, Lindy

Rise and shine. The Evans women have some undead to kill. It's 1999, in Southeast Texas, and the Evans women, owners of the only funeral parlour in town, are keeping steady with... normal business. The dead die, you bury them. End of story. That's how Ducey Evans has done it for the last 80 years, and her progeny – Lenore the experimenter and Grace, Lenore's soft-hearted daughter, have run Evans Funeral Parlour for the last 15 years without drama. Ever since That Godawful Mess that left two bodies in the ground, and Grace raising her infant daughter Luna, alone. But when town gossip Mina Jean Murphy's body is brought in for a regular burial and she rises from the dead instead, it's clear that the Strigoi – the original vampire – are back. And the Evans women are the ones who need to fight back, to protect their town. As more folks in town turn up dead and Deputy Roger Taylor begins asking way too many questions, Ducey, Lenore, Grace, and now Luna, must take up their blades and figure out who is behind the Strigoi's return. As the saying goes, what rises up, must go back down. But as unspoken secrets and revelations spill from the past into the present, the Evans family must face that sometimes, the dead aren't the only things you want to keep buried. This debut novel is the first in a series.

Horror mystery HC \$62.95

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The Practice, the Horizon, and the Chain

novella

Samatar, Sofia

The boy was raised as one of the Chained, condemned to toil in the bowels of a mining ship out among the stars. His whole world changes – literally – when he is yanked ‘upstairs’, and informed he has been given an opportunity to be educated at the ship’s university alongside the elite. Overwhelmed and alone, the boy forms a bond with the woman he comes to know as ‘the professor’, a weary idealist and descendent of the Chained – who has spent her career striving for validation from her more senior colleagues, only to fall short at every turn. Together, the boy and the woman will embark on a transformative journey to grasp the design of the chains that fetter them both – and are the key to breaking free. A mystical, revolutionary space adventure for the exhausted dreamer, in this brilliant science fiction novella; tackling the carceral state and violence embedded in the ivory tower, while embodying the legacy of Ursula K Le Guin. A 128pp Tor.com novella. *This is the direct import of the US trade paperback edition. We expect to have this same edition of **The Practice, the Horizon, and the Chain** from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Space opera TP \$42.95

The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie

anthology

Schmidt, Bryan Thomas (editor)

Luckily for humanity, scientist Marie Curie applied her brilliant mind and indomitable spirit to expanding the frontiers of science... but what if she had, instead, drifted toward the darkness? On the cusp of childhood and adulthood, at the crossroads between science and superstition, a teen Marie Curie faces the factual and the fantastic in this fabulous collection of stories that inspire, delight, and ask the question: What if she had used her talents for diabolical purposes? *The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie* includes 20 short stories and poems by award-winning writers including bestselling authors Seanan McGuire, Scott Sigler, Jane Yolen, Alethea Kontis, and Jonathan Maberry, among others.

Horror TP \$34.95

A Good Wolf Is Hard to Find

Run with the Wolf 02

Spear, Terry

Agent Dylan Powers tracks the bad guys right to Roxie Wolff’s ski lodge and finds love where he least expected... Agent Dylan Powers is on a mission in Silver Town to catch four men, hunting illegally, and put them behind bars. With his heightened wolf senses, he’s right on their trail, but the hunters know he’s coming. Suddenly, Dylan finds himself in deep trouble, nearly drowned and left to die, until he’s rescued by a beautiful she-wolf. When local ski lodge owner Roxie Wolff first found Dylan, her curiosity got the better of her. Who was this handsome wolf and how did he end up in such dire straits? Things start to heat up between Roxie and Dylan as she takes him into her home to help him recover. But with the hunters still on the run, all of Silver Town is at risk, and

Roxie and Dylan must team up to take them down before they can go on to explore their explosive mutual attraction.

Paranormal romance PBK \$24.99

House of War and Bone

Gilded City 02

Stone, Leia

The only guy in the world who could kiss me was about to be taken out by some Nightling with a vendetta against his family.

Fallon Bane thought that being cursed to feel pain every time she was touched was the worst thing that would ever happen to her. She was wrong. The worst thing was finding and falling for Ariyon – the only person in the realm who can touch her – only to accidentally trap him in the land of souls and swap powers with him. Now, she must act as Maven healer to Queen Solana while trying to figure out how to sneak into the Realm of Eternity to save Ariyon. She drove me crazy, in both good and bad ways, and all I wanted to do was finally kiss her, hold her, feel her body relax into mine like it’d found its missing other half. Ariyon Madden had enough to deal with: heir to the throne, Maven healing powers that meant he would die young, and orphaned by Marissa Bane. Then, he met Marissa’s daughter and fell in love, upending everything he thought he knew. Now, he has to fight for his life – and maybe his afterlife – against the undead using Fallon’s dark magic. And if that’s not enough to worry about, all the while, the prophesied Nightling war is approaching. A sequel to *House of Ash and Shadow* (PBK, \$19.99).

Romantasy PBK \$19.99

Endless Terrors

Fortuna Sworn 05

Sutton, K J

‘You do scare me. But mostly I’m scared of myself.’ To protect the ones she loves, Fortuna has left everything behind. She can’t let down her guard. She can’t rest. She can’t stop moving. Not if she doesn’t want her power to be used for a monster’s entrance into the world. Fortuna thought she knew death. She believed herself well acquainted with betrayal. But now she stumbles upon one more secret. One more answer to a question she’s been asking for over a decade. One more truth that might shatter her completely. A dark romantic fantasy, and the fifth book in the sensation that is the Fortuna Sworn series – begin with *Fortuna Sworn* (PBK, \$22.99) – perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas and Holly Black.

Dark fantasy TP \$34.99

Alien Clay

Tchaikovsky, Adrian

The planet of Kiln is where the tyrannical Mandate keeps its prison colony, and for inmates the journey there is always a one-way trip. One such prisoner is Professor Arton Daghdev, xeno-ecologist and political dissident. Soon after arrival, he discovers that Kiln has a secret. Humanity is not the first intelligent life to set foot there. In the midst a ravenous, chaotic ecosystem are the ruins of a civilisation, but who were the vanished builders and where did they go? If he can survive both the harsh rule of the camp commandant and the alien horrors of the world around him, then Arton has a

chance at making a discovery that might just transform not only Kiln, but distant Earth, as well. A thrilling far-future adventure by the acclaimed Arthur C Clarke Award-winning author.

Science fiction TP \$36.99

The History of Middle-earth, I

box set

Tolkien, J R R & Tolkien, Christopher

First in a series of hardback boxed sets celebrating the literary achievement of Christopher Tolkien, featuring double-sided dustjackets. Set one contains special editions of *The Silmarillion* and *Unfinished Tales* reproducing the first edition text, together with the two volumes of *The Book of Lost Tales*. *The Silmarillion* is an account of the Elder Days, of the First Age of Tolkien’s World. It is the ancient drama to which the characters in the Lord of the Rings look back, and in whose events some of them, such as Elrond and Galadriel, took part. The tales of *The Silmarillion* are set in an age when Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwelt in Middle-earth, and the High Elves made war upon him for the recovery of the Silmarils, the jewels containing the pure light of Valinor. *Unfinished Tales* is a collection of narratives ranging in time from the Elder Days of Middle-earth and the rise of Númenor in the Second Age to the end of the War of the Ring, and provides those who have read *The Hobbit* and the Lord of the Rings with a whole collection of background and new stories from the 20th century’s most acclaimed popular author. *The Book of Lost Tales* stands at the beginning of the entire conception of Middle-earth and Valinor for the Tales were the first form of the myths and legends that came to be called *The Silmarillion*. Embedded in English legend and English association, they are set in the narrative frame of a great westward voyage over the Ocean by a mariner named Eriol to the lonely Isle where the Elves dwelt, from whom he learned their true history, the Lost Tales of Elfiness. In the two volumes of the *Tales* are found the earliest accounts of Gods and Elves, Dwarves, Balrogs and Orcs; of the Silmarils and the Two Trees of Valinor; of the geography and cosmology of Tolkien’s invented world. Published together for the first time, these four books collect the beginning of Christopher Tolkien’s 40-year career devoted to presenting his father J R R Tolkien’s writings on Middle-earth, a unique accomplishment that celebrates the greatest invented world in all of fantasy literature.

Tolkien HC \$199.99

Wake of War Topping, Zac

It’s 2037, and the United States government is on the brink of collapse amid rebel uprisings and aggressive political manoeuvring turning the country into an active war zone. In a nation where opportunity is sequestered behind doors open only to the privileged, joining the Army seemed like James Trent’s best option. He just never thought he’d actually see combat. Now, Trent finds himself on the front lines of a second American Civil War,

fighting for a cause he’s not sure he even believes in. The last thing he wanted was to spend his days breaking down doors and chasing after fellow Americans – rebels, or not. Retribution is the only thing driving Sam Cross, and her sharpshooting skills have made her invaluable to the rebel efforts tearing their way across the Midwest. With every successful mission, she’s reminded that she’s enacting real change, but that hasn’t made pulling the trigger any easier. And with each step she takes into the heart of the war effort, she can’t help but wonder if there isn’t another way. When these opposing forces clash, alliances are shattered, resolve is tested, and when the dust clears, the only certainty is that the country and its fighting forces will never be the same.

Military sf PBK \$26.95

The Gathering Tudor, C J

A small Alaskan town. A brutal murder. Echoes of a killing, 25 years ago. An out-of-state detective brought in to assist the sheriff who investigated the original case. But as the snow thickens and the nights grow longer... are they hunting a twisted psychopath, or something even more terrifying?

Paranormal TP \$34.99

The Last Murder at the End of the World Turton, Stuart

Outside the island there is nothing: the world destroyed by a fog that swept the planet, killing anyone it touched. On the island: it is idyllic. One hundred and twenty-two villagers, and three scientists – living in peaceful harmony. The villagers are content to fish, farm, and feast, to obey their nightly curfew, to do what they’re told by the scientists. Until, to the horror of the islanders, one of their beloved scientists is found brutally stabbed to death. And they learn the murder has triggered a lowering of the security system around the island, the only thing that was keeping the fog at bay. If the murder isn’t solved, within 107 hours, the fog will smother the island – and everyone on it. But the security system has also wiped everyone’s memories of exactly what happened, the night before, which means that someone on the island is a murderer – and they don’t even know it...

Dystopian thriller TP \$32.99

Toll of Honor

Expanded Honor 01

Weber, David

Lieutenant Brandy Bolgeo has come home from the Battle of Hancock station wounded in both body and spirit. She will need months to regenerate her lost leg, but how long will it take to heal her heart? She’s come home to find that her wounds, her ship’s brutal damage, the deaths of so many friends, were the fault of an arrogant, aristocratic coward who broke and ran in the face of the enemy. Who left her ship to pay the price for his craven desertion under fire. And whose powerful political allies are determined to protect and preserve him at any price. They have held hostage the declaration of war until Lord Pavel Young escaped the consequences of his cowardice. They didn’t care what it cost the Navy.

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They didn't care what it cost the entire Star Kingdom of Manticores. Their tactics have cost the Royal Navy the priceless initiative, as revolution and military purges wrack the People's Republic of Haven; and that lost window of opportunity will cost the Star Kingdom 17 years of bloody warfare, and hundreds of thousands of deaths. Now, Young is free to seek vengeance on the people he feels have 'wronged' him. People, like Paul Tankersley and Honor Harrington. Paid duellists, smear tactics, hired assassins in public restaurants... nothing is beneath Pavel Young. But Captain Harrington can look after herself, and Pavel Young is about to face the fury of the woman, the newswies call the 'Salamander'. Yet, who will save the Star Kingdom from the repercussions of his actions? The first in a new sequence of Honor Harrington-based novels. Rejoice!

Space opera HC \$64.95

The Lament of Abalone

Book of Ond 01 (Runes of War 04)

Welch, Jane

Three years on, the fate of Torra Alta and Belbidia hangs in the balance, once more. Caspar has become entranced by the evil of the Druid's Egg, and so is sent, with Brid, to find orphan wolfings which the dying Morrigen declares are vital. Hal is sent to the neighbouring country of Ceolothis, as part of an escort for the Princess Cymbeline who is to marry Belbidia's king.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Bard of Castaguard

Book of Ond 02 (Runes of War 05)

Welch, Jane

Deadly wolves attack throughout the kingdom of Belbidia, while the king's wife-to-be has been kidnapped. For both of these, the Barony of Torra Alta is blamed. The heroes must face magic and blood in their quests to avenge the wrongs done to them and restore the Trinity of priestesses.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Lord of Necronid

Book of Ond 03 (Runes of War 06)

Welch, Jane

The young lords of Torra Alta must fight the evil in themselves, as well as those who – through deadly steel, treachery, or magic – seek to destroy them and the entire kingdom. The trinity of priestesses must be reformed.

Fantasy (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Voyage of the Damned

White, Frances

To mark the 1,000th year of peace in the Empire of Concordia, the emperor's ship embarks upon a 12-day voyage. Aboard are the heirs of the 12 provinces of Concordia, each graced with a unique magical ability known as a Blessing. Except one: Ganymedes Piscero. When a beloved heir is murdered, everyone is a suspect. Stuck at sea, and surrounded by powerful people, odds of survival are slim. But as the bodies pile higher, Ganymedes must become the hero he was not born to be, and unmask the killer, before he ends up the next victim of their bloody crusade. A mind-blowing murder mystery, on a ship full of magical passengers. If Agatha Christie wrote fantasy, this would be it!

Fantasy mystery TP \$34.99

The Hemlock Queen

Nightshade Crown 02

Whitten, Hannah

The corrupt king August is dead. Prince Bastian has seized the throne and raised Lore – a necromancer and former smuggler – to his right-hand side. Together they plan to cut out the rot from the heart of the royal court and help the people of Dellaire. But not everyone is happy with the changes. The nobles are sowing dissent and the Kirythean Empire is beating down their door. Even Prince Bastian has changed. No longer the hopeful, rakish, charismatic man Lore knows and loves, instead he's become reckless, domineering, and cold. And something has been whispering in her ear. A voice, dark and haunting, that's telling her there's more to the story than she knows and more to her power than she can even imagine. A truth buried deep that could change everything. With Bastian's coronation fast approaching and enemies whispering on all sides, Lore must figure out how to protect herself, her prince and her country before they all come crumbling down and whatever dark power has been creeping through the catacombs is unleashed. An epic sequel to the first in this new trilogy, *The Foxglove King* (PBK, \$22.99).

Fantasy TP \$32.99

Deep Is the Fen

Wilkinson, Lili

Merriwether Morgan doesn't need a happily ever after. Her life in the idyllic town of Candlecott is fine, just as it is: simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble. But Merry's best friend, Teddy, is joining the Toadmen – a secret society upholding backward thinking and suspiciously supernatural traditions – and she is determined to stop him. Even if it means teaming up with her academic archnemesis, Caraway Boswell, an ice-cold snob who hides his true face behind a glamour. An ancient Toad ritual is being held in the nightmarish Deeping Fen, and if Merry doesn't rescue Teddy, she'll lose him forever. But the further she travels into Deeping Fen's foul waters, the more Merry wonders if she can possibly save her friend – or, if she's walking straight into a trap. Because there's nothing the Toadmen love more than a damsel in distress...

YA fantasy TP \$24.99

The Road to Roswell

Willis, Connie

When level-headed Francie arrives in Roswell, New Mexico, for her college roommate's UFO-themed wedding – complete with a true-believer bridegroom – she can't help but roll her eyes, at all the wide-eyed talk of aliens, which obviously don't exist. Imagine her surprise, then... when she is abducted by one. Odder still, her abductor is far from what the popular media have led her to expect, with a body like a tumbleweed and a mass of lightning-fast tentacles. Nor is Francie the only victim of the alien's abduction spree. Before long, he has acquired a charming con man, named Wade; a sweet little old lady, with a casino addiction; a retiree with a huge RV and a love for old Westerns; and a UFO-chasing nutjob, who is thoroughly convinced the

alien intends to probe them and/or take over the planet. But the more Francie gets to know the alien, the more convinced she becomes that he's not an invader. That he's in trouble, and she has to help him. Only, she doesn't know how – or even what the trouble is. Part alien-abduction adventure, part road-trip saga, part romantic comedy, *The Road to Roswell* is packed full of Men in Black, Elvis impersonators, tourist traps, rattlesnakes, chemtrails, and Close Encounters of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth kind. Can Francie – stuck in a neon-green bridesmaid's dress – save the world... and still make it back, for the wedding? 'An absolute blast with abundant humour, copious references to old westerns, and... a delightful, intergalactic twist on the romantic comedy.' – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). Leanne *loved-loved-loved* this frothy delight of an alien-abduction, road-trip adventure. Highly recommended!

SF rom-com TP \$39.95

Lord of the Fading Lands

Tairen Soul 01

Wilson, C L

Once he drove back the darkness. Once he loved with such passion his name was legend. Once, driven wild with grief over the murder of his beloved, the majestic Fey King Rain Tairen Soul had laid waste to the world before vanishing into the Fading Lands. Now, 1,000 years later, a new threat draws him back into the world – and a new love reawakens the heart he thought long dead. Ellysetta, a woodcarver's daughter, calls to Rain in a way no other ever has. Mysterious and magical, her soul beckons him with a compelling, seductive song – and no matter the cost, the wildness in his blood will not be denied. As an ancient, familiar evil regains its strength, causing centuries-old alliances to crumble and threatening doom for Rain and his people, he must claim his true mate to embrace the destiny woven for them both in the mists of time. A reissue.

Romantasy (reissue) TP \$36.99

Just Stay Away

Wirt, Tony

When a mysterious neighbourhood boy befriends his young daughter, stay-at-home dad Craig considers him a godsend – until it becomes clear that there's nothing angelic about him at all. Craig Finnigan is determined to finish his book, this summer; but being an aspiring writer, while wrangling his seven-year-old daughter, is not easy. So, when Alice makes fast friends with a neighbourhood boy, Levi, Craig is happy she has a distraction from her constant visits to his home office. But that happiness soon turns to misgivings as Levi's behaviour evolves from that of a shy, odd boy into something far more disturbing. Strange noises in the middle of the night and things disappearing from their home could be explained away – maybe, it's the water heater, or maybe Craig simply misplaced his flash drive. Craig can't explain his paranoia, but he feels sure Levi is behind it. As Levi's visits to their backyard become more and more frequent, Craig finds himself the unwilling participant in a game he never asked to play... and one he's not sure he can win.

Horror TP \$29.99

Someone You Can

Build a Nest In

Wiswell, John

Shesheshen has made a fatal mistake for a monster: she's fallen in love. Shesheshen is a shapeshifter, who usually resides as an amorphous lump in the swamp of a ruined manor, unless impolite monster hunters invade intent on murdering her. Through a chance encounter, she meets a different kind of human, warm-hearted Homily, who mistakes Shesheshen for a human, in turn. Shesheshen is loath to deceive, but just as she's about to confess her true identity, Homily reveals she's hunting the shapeshifting monster that supposedly cursed her family. Shesheshen didn't curse anyone, but to give them both a chance at happiness, she must figure out why Homily's twisted family thinks she did. And the bigger challenge remains: surviving her toxic in-laws, long enough to learn to build a life with the woman she loves. A glorious, funny, occasionally slightly-violent love story which asks us to examine – and re-examine – the meaning of legacy, family and love.

Fantasy TP \$34.99

Logical Fantasy

Many Worlds of John Wyndham, collection

Wyndham, John

Any revival, rediscovery, or reappraisal of the singular work of John Wyndham is cause for celebration, and *Logical Fantasy: The Many Worlds of John Wyndham* brings treasures aplenty to the table – a rich sampler of the variant voices of a single writer who remains a lynchpin in the genre of the fantastic, including several which have not seen print since their original publication. John Wyndham Lucas Parkes Beynon Harris was long considered the 'invisible man' of science fiction, due to his reclusive nature and disinclination toward publicity. Distinctly British, yet with breakthrough appeal to American readers – matched, only, by George Orwell – Wyndham thrived transatlantically, during the heyday of the digest-sized magazines, under his own name as well as a variety of recombinant pseudonyms which allowed him to 'collaborate with himself' as he first planted boots in the sci-fi pulps of the 1930s. As 'John Beynon' (or, John B) Harris, he debuted this collection's first tale, 'The Lost Machine', in *Amazing Stories*, and followed with sales to *Wonder Stories*, *Fantasy*, and *New Worlds*, up until World War II provided an interruption and hiatus. After the war years, Wyndham wholly recreated himself. The 1950s brought a decade-long run of novels that made him globally famous, and redefined science fiction. Through it all, the short stories continued, always startling, always thought provoking. It is the magazines, pulps, and digests, from *Thrilling Wonder Stories* to *Argosy*, that provide the bulk of these oddities and rediscoveries, now gathered under one roof, here, for your pleasure – including seven previously-uncollected tales. Only five collections were published, during Wyndham's lifetime. Following his death, in 1969, a number of short fiction assemblies appeared, the most recent of these coming 20 years ago. Thus, the time has come for *Logical Fantasy* as primer, tribute, and

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reminder of one of the genre's major, lasting talents. *A 424pp, pricey, limited-edition collection from Subterranean Press – which may be out of print, on release.*
Science fiction HC \$99.95

Fourth Wing

Empyrean 01

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.* Last year's fantasy sensation, now in paperback.
Fantasy PBK \$24.99

Dark Star Burning,

Ash Falls White

Song of the Last Kingdom 02

Zhao, Amelie Wen

Years ago, the Elantian colonisers invaded Lan's homeland and killed her mother in their search to uncover the Last Kingdom's greatest the location of its legendary four Demon Gods. Lan's mother devoted her life to destroying the Demon Gods, and Lan is determined to finish her mission. Yet, there are others searching for the gods,

too. Zen knew his soul was forfeit, the moment he made a deal with the Demon God known as the Black Tortoise, but he's willing to lose himself if it means saving the Kingdom – and the girl – he loves. But to crush the colonisers who have invaded his land he needs more power than even a single Demon God can provide. He needs an army. And he knows exactly where he can find it – in the undead army his great grandfather lead decades ago. The Elantians may have stolen their throne, but the battle for the Last Kingdom has only begun. The epic sequel to *Song of Silver, Flame Like Night* (which will be in paperback (\$24.99) in June); fast-paced, riveting YA fantasy, inspired by the mythology and folklore of ancient China.
YA silkpunk TP \$32.99