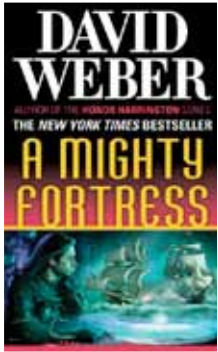


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### A Mighty Fortress

*Safehold #4.* As a mighty fleet gathers to sail against Cayleb and the Charisian Empire, Merlin Athrawes and a handful of extraordinary humans stand in its path, ready for a battle that just may hold the fate of Safehold - the last human planet - in the balance. 1,000pp Pb \$14.95



**PATRICK ROTHFUSS**

### The Wise Man's Fear

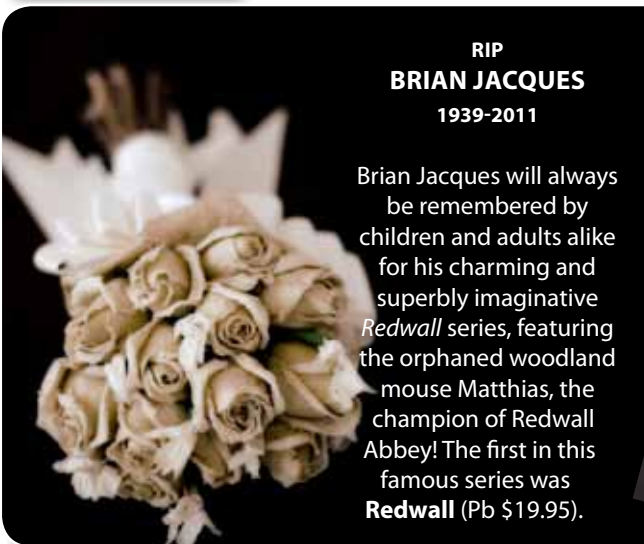
*Kingkiller Chronicle #2.* Picking up the tale of Kvothe Kingkiller, we follow him into exile, political intrigue, courtship, adventure, love and magic... and further along the path that has turned Kvothe - the mightiest magician of his age and a legend in his own time - into Kote, the unassuming pub landlord. 1,008pp Tp \$35



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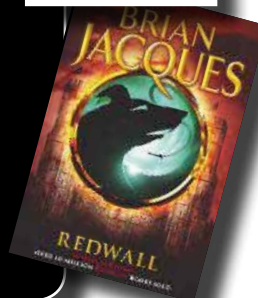


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**BRIAN JACQUES**

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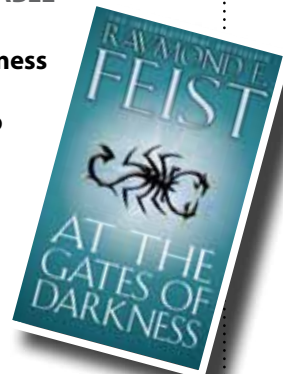
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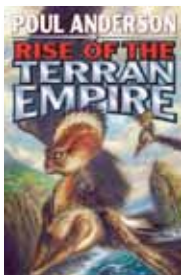


# SCIENCE FICTION



## POUL ANDERSON Rise of the Terran Empire

*Technic Civilization #3.* Nicholas van Rijn, of the Polesotechnic League of star traders, sees dark times ahead. An unlikely planet has revealed a secret fleet of armed starships, intent on building an empire. Even if Van Rijn and his right-hand man David Falkayn can find a way to stop this aggression, the glory days of the League are over. To protect itself against alien marauders, Earth must maintain a strong military fleet... 512pp Pb \$13.95



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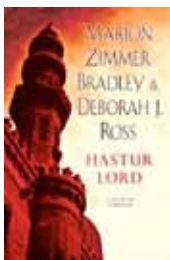


**JOHN BARNES**  
**Daybreak Zero**  
*Daybreak #2.* A year has passed since the catastrophic event known as 'Daybreak' began, killing seven billion people and vaporising Washington. Since then, rival governments have emerged in Athens, Georgia and Olympia, Washington. The two governments of the former US found themselves on the brink of war. But while war has narrowly been averted and Athens and Olympia have made a pact to cooperate, Daybreak is not over... 400pp Hb \$41.95



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Set in a future Alaska, young skydiver Orr Sitka wants no more from life than the woman he loves and the chance to dive. When he is courted by corporations aiming to exploit his talent to make him a sports star, his loving girlfriend Dyce is wooed away by a promising job in the thriving underground city of Seattle. Soon Orr and Dyce are sucked into separate nightmares, exacting a terrible toll from them both... 336pp Hb \$41.95  
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Retra doesn't want to go to Ixion, the island of ever-night. She doesn't crave parties and pleasure like others. But her brother left for Ixion two years ago, and Retra is determined to find him. Escaping the only home she's ever known, Retra finds herself drawn into Ixion, to discover that the intoxicating world has its pleasures - but its secrets are deadly... Pb \$18.95



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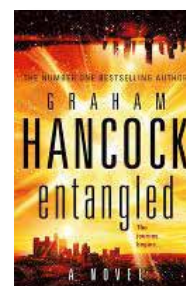
## ADRIAN D'HAGE The Maya Codex

Deep in the Guatemalan jungle lies the Maya Codex, an ancient document containing a terrible and catastrophic warning for civilisation, which has been predicted by the Mayans to take effect during the Winter solstice of December 2012. Archaeologist Dr Aleta Weizman and CIA agent Curtis O'Connor are desperately searching for the codex, but powerful forces in Washington and Rome will do anything to stop them! 456pp Pb \$24.95



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Leoni, a teen from 21st century LA, is thrown into disarray when a drug overdose catapults her into a parallel dimension. There she meets Ria, who is also suspended on the edge of time. Ria's world is violent and desolate in a way Leoni has never experienced, but together they can stop the powerful demon Sulpa, the Eater of Souls, and stop him from annihilating mankind. 448pp Pb \$24.95



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## FAVE NEW

### The Undivided

#### Riftrunners #1

by Jennifer Fallon



This is the first Jennifer Fallon book I've ever read. It tells of the clash of two separate worlds: our modern society and another Dark Age world ruled by Druids and Tuatha (the Fey).

A psychic set of twins, the Undivided, are the magical rulers of the druids and the source of druid magic. It was foreseen by the Tuatha that the twins, Darragh and Ronan, would destroy their world. To prevent this, the Tuatha manipulate a Druid in sending Ronan to be exiled into our

world as a young child, so Ronan grows up never knowing where he came from. Ronan is adopted by an Irish movie star and grows up a privileged child in full view of the press, constantly associated with his mother's success. In an act of rebellion, two Tuatha spies - Trása and Plunkett - who spot Ronan on TV conspire to have him locked away for life, minimising the possibility that Ronan will find his way back to the Druid world. Meanwhile, Darragh is planning to rescue his twin and sends riftrunners through to Dublin to bring Ronan back. If he cannot retrieve Ronan by the Autumn Equinox, then they will both die when the Druids drain their powers into another set of psychic twins.

There is a curious balance of modern and Gaelic terms as the story bounces between the two different worlds. The author uses Gaelic words as often as she can, without confusing the reader. This really adds to the story, setting the scene quite convincingly, especially in the Druid world, considering their language is a form of Gaelic. The glossary at the back of the book was very helpful in this regard, as the terms used in the story were some I'd never encountered before.

Some of the weirdest and funniest parts of the story had to be when the Druids or the Tuatha appeared in our world, especially when seen through the eyes of Ronan. The complete lack of understanding was described perfectly, making it very amusing! The frequent references to the mechanical nature of our world and its consequent lack of magic meant there weren't any 'easy way out' clauses for our heroes, which I really liked; it provided a refreshing feel to the novel, distinguishing it from most other Young Adult fiction that I've read. Nor was there an 'easy quick fix' at the end or a 'surprising' great triumph that conveniently just happens when the heroes' luck is running out. As the story progresses to its climax, I was left feeling quite anxious, as I had no idea how our heroes could possibly escape with bullets flying, police in hot pursuit... and a trap waiting just ahead!

I won't ruin the ending - you'll just have to find out what happens when you read it! - *Chrissi*

## FAVE CLASSIC

### The Name of the Wind

#### Kingkiller Chronicle #1

by Patrick Rothfuss



So you've been reading Fantasy for years, dividing your limited time between rereading old favourites, tentatively trying new authors and waiting for the proverbial 'next book' to be written in the series. You're constantly reading books that are good, but it's been a long time since you've read something truly great, and often you walk away feeling slightly unsatisfied? Or a bit short-changed? Then pick up this novel and thank me later.

Within moments, you'll realise this is something special, something you've been waiting on for the longest time. You will not walk away from this book feeling the price you paid in time and effort was not quite rewarded by what was served up.

Rothfuss is a true craftsman. His style manages to be beautiful, engrossingly lyrical, yet cleverly economic. Every word is of service to the story. It's a fairly big book, but it's a much bigger story. He's been working on this series for nearly 14 years and it shows. This is Fantasy Literature.

This tale is rich in the usual ingredients: a school of magic and a world ripe with superstitions and plagued by evil. A young boy, suffering terrible tragedy, is driven by rage, confusion, torment and alienation to take on the world. But there is much more to this. Rothfuss shows respect for these cliché ingredients, but doesn't use them gently or shyly. He embraces the reason we love their flavour in a story. He goes so much further, stewing and subtly seasoning the tale, so the dish he serves up is another thing entirely. The story is tightly plotted, rich in realism and finely flavoured in humanity. It is honest and profound. Rothfuss works hard to make this real.

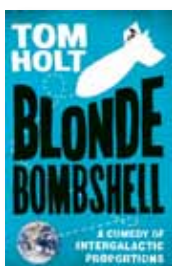
The story begins in third-person style, where we meet a curious innkeeper called Kote; his odd, strangely pretty, male associate Bast; and the Chronicler, an old man hunting for the greatest true story of all time. Before long, the story boldly changes to first-person, as our main character Kvothe (mighty hero, friend to Fae, chaser of Demons, Minstrel, lover, legend and the subject of many a story told late at night in roadside inns across the realm), relates the true story of his life to the Chronicler. But enough said already - I don't want to spoil anything for you.

Book #1 of a planned trilogy, this is the tale of Kvothe as a boy. Book #2, **The Wise Man's Fear** (Tp \$35), is due this month. Rothfuss says the books are quite different as Kvothe is no longer a boy, but a young man trying to make his way in an uncompromising world, learning to fight, understanding his friends and finding the Fae, learning a little about women (and less about sex) and trying to understand the mysteries of a complicated world... - *Craig*

**TOM HOLT**

**Blonde Bombshell**

It's 2017. Lucy Pavlov is the CEO of PavSoft Industries, home of a revolutionary operating system that every computer in the world runs on. Her personal wealth is immeasurable, her intelligence is unfathomable, and her beauty is incomparable. She has it all... but something is not right in Lucy's life. She doesn't realise it, but she is actually a bomb - a very big and very smart bomb. Her mission: blow up planet Earth! 400pp Pb \$22.99



**BEN HORTON**

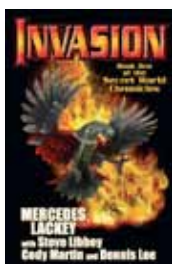
**The Judas Code**

*Monster Republic #2.* The explosion during the Prime Minister's visit to Long Harbour means the cover of the Monster Republic is blown and they are forced deep into hiding. Lazarus Fry turns his tactics to infiltration and is confident of their swift crushing. Plus his new pets, the Blood Hawks, are hungry to get their talons into some fresh kill. But Fry hasn't counted on this band of rebel kids' awesome will for survival... 304pp Pb \$17.95

**MERCEDES LACKEY**

**Invasion**

*Secret World Chronicles #1.* Metahumans work with governments as high-powered peace officers, fighting crime. Then suddenly all world governments are simultaneously attacked by soldiers in giant mecha-robotic suits with the swastika symbol on their arms. If these are Nazis, where have they been hiding since the end of WWII? And where did they obtain armour and weapons so advanced that even metahumans are helpless? 512pp Hb \$39.95



**PATRICK LEE**

**The Breach**

*Breach #1.* In the Alaskan wilderness, Travis Chase stumbles upon a wrecked 747. Among the bodies is the First Lady of the US. When Travis realises hostages are being held at gunpoint, the tough former cop is determined to rescue the prisoners. But nothing is as it seems and Travis finds himself caught in a decades-old government conspiracy involving the greatest scientific and technological advances known to man... 384pp Pb \$19.99

**PATRICK LEE**

**Ghost Country**

*Breach #2.* A plot has been unleashed, reaching the highest levels of government - and even Tangent isn't immune to the fallout. Paige has been kidnapped and the President has declared war. The very future of the world is at stake, but Travis Chase may have the means to change that by using 'the Breach.' However, the people who aim to destroy the world have one of their own... and they know how to use it! 342pp Pb \$22.99

**M J LOCKE**

**Up Against It**

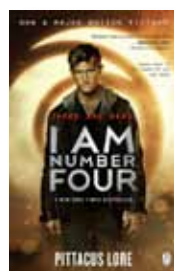
Young Geoff lives in Phocaea, a distant asteroid colony on the Solar System's frontier. When a mysterious act of sabotage kills his brother Carl, it seems the whole thing has been cooked up by the Martian mafia, as a means of executing a coup and turning Phocaea into a client-state. Meanwhile, century-old Jane - the colony's resource manager - is torn between the demands of the colony and the political realities. 416pp Hb \$39.95 *Due mid-Mar*



**PITTACUS LORE**

**I am Number Four**

Teenaged John Smith regularly moves from town to town, changing his identity, and avoiding those who are hunting him. When he stops in Paradise, Ohio, John decides to settle down - and for the first time he makes real friends - something he has never had before. But it's a matter of time before John's secret is revealed. John is one of nine. Three are dead. He is Number Four. He knows he is next... 400pp Pb \$16.95



**SOPHIE MCKENZIE**

**The Hostage**

*The Medusa Project #2.* 14 years ago, four babies were implanted with the Medusa gene - enabling psychic abilities. Now teenagers, Nico, Ketty, Ed and Dylan have been brought together by government agents to create a secret crime-fighting force - The Medusa Project. But Ketty's brother Lex has stumbled into a dangerous game... and it's up to Ketty to save him without blowing her or the Medusa Project's cover! 256pp Pb \$17.99



**ROD REES**

**Winter**

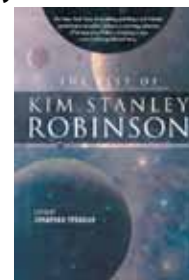
*Demi Monde #1.* The Demi-Monde is an advanced computer simulation, created to prepare soldiers for the reality of warfare. It is a virtual world locked in eternal civil war. But something has gone awry, and the US President's daughter is trapped inside the Demi-Monde. 18-year-old Ella Thomas is tasked with her rescue. But Ella discovers that the virtual world is struggling to contain its evil... and now, the Real World is under threat! 576pp Tp \$32.99



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**Agent 21**

When Zak Darke's parents die in a mass murder, he is left alone in the world. That is until he is sought out by a mysterious man working for a government agency that has kept their eye on Zak for a long time. And so Zak becomes Agent 21. What happened to the 20 agents before him is something he'll never know. What he does know is, his life is about to change forever! 352pp Pb \$16.95



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**Flashback**

The US is near total collapse. The population is addicted to flashback - a drug enabling users to re-experience a happier past. When ex-detective Nick Bottom's wife died, he became dependent on the drug. But he's still a good cop, so he is hired to investigate the murder of a top governmental advisor's son. Nick may be the one man who can change the course of an entire nation falling into despair... 600pp Hb \$49.99



**CHARLES STROSS**

**The Trade of Queens**

*Merchant Princes #6.* After the US President is killed by a nuclear explosion in Washington DC, a dissident faction of the Clan from an alternate universe joins a faction of the US government in a political takeover. There is no safe place for the pregnant Queen Miriam and her Clan except in the third alternate world of New Britain, which has just had a revolution and a nuclear incident of its own. 384pp Pb \$13.95



**LIZZIE WILCOCK**

**Extinction: The Day the World Ended**

13-year-old twins Mac and Annie awake one morning to discover that everyone in the world has been wiped out. Then they discover that three other sets of twins, scattered across the planet, have survived. Given a chance to prevent mass extinction by their newfound ability to travel backwards through time, Mac and Annie search for the other twins and try to solve the mystery of why the human race was wiped out. 240pp Pb \$15.99



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*Peter Grant #2.* When London constable and sorcerer's apprentice Peter Grant examines the corpse of part-time jazz drummer Cyrus Wilkins, he realises the man's death is supernatural. With the help of Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, and the beautiful jazz aficionado Simone Fitzwilliam, Peter will uncover a deadly magical menace - one that leads right to his own doorstep... and to Peter's dear old dad! 304pp Pb \$13.95



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**Demon Song**

*Blood Song #3.* Surviving an attack that has rendered her half-vampire and awakened her latent Siren abilities, bodyguard Celia Graves must use her unique talents to close an ancient rift between the demonic dimension and her own world - before demons intent on destroying humanity are unleashed. To succeed, Celia must join forces with people she no longer trusts... and put those she cares about in harm's way. 432pp Pb \$24.95



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Abundant with tales of quiet heroism, life-changing decisions, and determined searches for deep answers, this extraordinary collection of contemporary fantasy explores the realms between this world and the next. From the top of the Berlin Wall to the depths of the darkest seas, gods and monsters battle their enemies and innermost fears... yet mere mortals make the truly difficult choices. A mesmerising collection! 288pp Pb \$24.95



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**The Faeman Quest**

*Faerie Wars #5.* Mella is the daughter of Lord Henry and Queen Holly Blue - she is half faerie, half human and all trouble. When Mella accidentally travels to the country of Haleklind, she discovers that rebel forces are preparing an invasion using a terrifying new weapon: magical manticores. Now it's up to Mella - with her stubborn streak and her feisty daring - to save the faerie realm from mass destruction! 368pp Pb \$15.95



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*Demon Cycle #2.* Voracious demons prey upon a dwindling human population forced to cower behind half-forgotten symbols of power. But out of the desert rides Ahmann Jardir - claiming the title 'Deliverer' - who has forged the desert tribes into a demon-killing army. Yet as old allegiances are tested and fresh alliances forged, all are unaware of a new breed of demon, deadlier than any that have come before... 672pp Pb \$13.95



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*Green Rider #1.* When a horse bearing a fatally wounded rider bursts through the woodland - charging straight for Karigan G'ladheon - she finds herself embroiled in a world of deadly danger and complex magic. Sworn to fulfil his mission as a Green Rider, the dying man entrusts to Karigan a task: pursued by an unknown assassin, following a path only her horse seems to know, Karigan must deliver a message to King Zachary... 592pp Pb \$22.99 REPRINT



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**First Rider's Call**

*Green Rider #2.* Karigan wants to leave the dangerous world of tainted magic and ancient magicians and return home. But she is destined to serve as a Green Rider. For 1,000 years the D'Yer Wall - a magical barrier protecting the land from the ancient, corrupted Blackveil Forest - has contained Sacorida's greatest enemies. Not any more. The wall has been and unnatural creatures are finding their way into Sacorida! 736pp Pb \$22.99 REPRINT



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**The High King's Tomb**

*Green Rider #3.* With the ghostly help of the First Rider, Karigan G'ladheon had transported the corrupt spirit of Mornhavon the Black into the future, buying valuable time for her king and country. Though the D'Yer Wall remains breached, it is not the only danger. Mornhavon may have gone for now, but the descendants of his people remain - and they're ready to claim the land that their forefathers failed to conquer... 768pp Pb \$22.99 REPRINT



**KRISTEN BRITAIN**

**Blackveil**

*Green Rider #4.* Karigan has learnt to wield the magic of her Green Rider brooch, defying the most terrifying dark magicians of the age. But while Mornhavon the Black has gone, he's not defeated. His restless spirit haunts the lethal, corrupt forest of Blackveil. Karigan's destiny is leading her there, and when her King requests she join a mission to Blackveil, she has little choice but to follow... 800pp Tp \$29.99



**MICHAEL BUCKLEY**

**Once Upon a Crime**

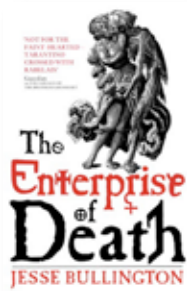
*Sisters Grim #4.* For the first time since their parents were kidnapped, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm return to New York City, to find Puck's family. But this isn't the same city that Sabrina remembers spending happy days among her family. As the sisters Grimm investigate the death of an important Everafter, they learn their mother kept a secret that could lead to the heart of the evil organisation, the Scarlet Hand. 288pp Pb \$15.99



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### **The Enterprise of Death**

As the witch-pyres of the Spanish Inquisition blanket Renaissance Europe in a moral haze, a young African slave is unwillingly apprenticed to an ancient necromancer. Her tormentor has bound her with a curse forged from blood and spirit. But salvation could lie in the arcane writings that her tutor has hidden on the war-torn continent... 480pp Pb \$22.99



**JIM BUTCHER**

### **Changes**

*Dresden Files #12.* Long ago, Susan Rodriguez was Harry Dresden's lover - until she was attacked and left struggling with the bloodlust of the vampiric Red Court. Now, she needs Harry's help, because Harry's enemy - Arianna Ortega, Duchess of the Red Court - has discovered the secret that Susan has hidden for so long. Harry must unleash the full fury of his untapped power... because this time, he's fighting to save his child. 560pp Pb \$16.95



**TRUDI CANAVAN**

### **The Ambassador's Mission**

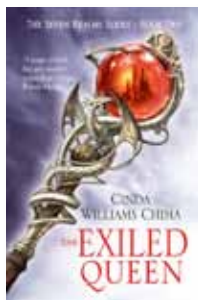
*Traitor Spy #1.* When Lord Danyl takes the position of Guild Ambassador to Sachaka, Lorkin - son of late High Lord Akkarin and Black Magician Sonea - volunteers to be his assistant. When news arrives that Lorkin is in danger, Sonea is forced to place her trust in Danyl to protect him; Black Magicians are forbidden to leave Imardin. Besides, her old friend Cery needs her, because it seems a rogue magician is assassinating Thieves... 560pp Pb \$22.99



**CINDA WILLIAMS CHIMA**

### **The Exiled Queen**

*Seven Realms #2.* As Han Alister journeys south to begin his schooling at Mystwerk House in Oden's Ford, he is hunted by the Bayars - a powerful wizarding family set on reclaiming the amulet stolen by Han. Meanwhile, Princess Raisa ana'Marianna runs from a forced marriage in the Fells, intent on reaching Wein House, in hopes of finding the sanctuary and the education she needs to succeed as the next Gray Wolf queen. 592pp Tp \$32.99



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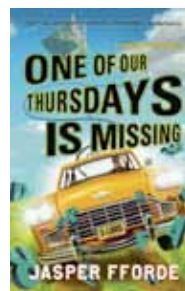
*Nathaniel Cade #1.* Zach Barrows is a cocky, ambitious White House employee - until he's abruptly transferred and partnered with Nathaniel Cade, a secret agent sworn to protect the president. But Cade is no ordinary civil servant. Bound 140 years ago by a special blood oath, Nathaniel Cade is a vampire, tasked to defend the nation against enemies far more dangerous than Zach could ever have imagined... 400pp Pb \$19.99



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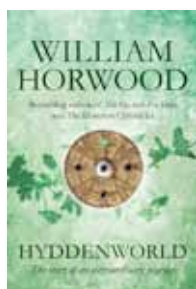
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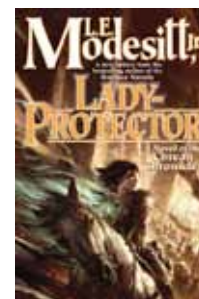
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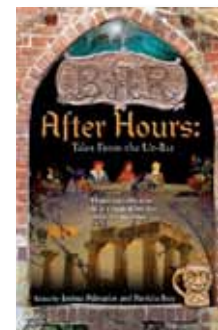
**Arms-Commander**

*Recluce #16.* The keep of Westwind faces attack by the adjoining land of Gallos. Arthanos, son and heir to the Prefect of Gallos, is intent on destroying Westwind, where a land ruled by women rule is anathema to him. Saryn, Arms-Commander of Westwind, is dispatched to the neighbouring Lornth, to seek support against the Gallosians. But Lornth is riven with intrigue, and the fate of Westwind will rest on Saryn's actions... 736pp Pb \$13.95



**JOSHUA PALMATIER & PATRICIA BRAY [EDITORS]**  
**After Hours: Tales from Ur-Bar**

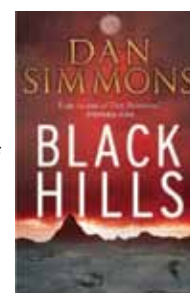
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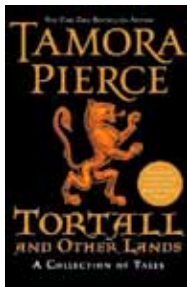


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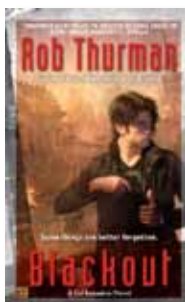


**ROB THURMAN**

**Blackout**

*Cal Leandros #6.*

When half-human Cal Leandros wakes up on a beach littered with the slaughtered remains of hideous creatures, he's not that concerned. In fact, he can't remember anything, not even who he is! And that's just the way his deadly enemies like it... Constantly battling with his mortal soul and the horror of his otherworldly heritage, Cal finds himself losing the good fight when the killer within is unleashed... 352pp Pb \$13.95



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**Angelology**

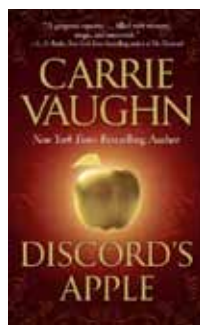
When Sister Evangeline stumbles across a mysterious correspondence with Abigail Rockefeller in the archive, it reveals that angels walk among us. This discovery plunges Evangeline into the dangerous world of the Angelologists - a secret society battling to prevent the ascendancy of the Nephilim, the angels' descendants on Earth. Also within Evangeline's grasp is a secret about her past - a secret which could prove fatal... 656pp Pb \$24.95



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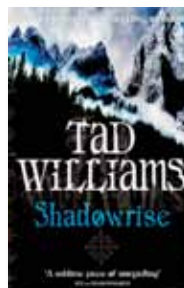
16-year-old Jill has fought in dozens of fencing tournaments. When she finds a corroded sword piece on a Caribbean beach, she pockets it as her own personal treasure. Yet the broken tip transports Jill through time to the deck of a pirate ship, where she is forced to sign on as crew. Determined, Jill forms a desperate scheme to get home... involving a duel to the death with a villainous pirate captain! 304pp Hb \$27.95 *Due mid-Mar*



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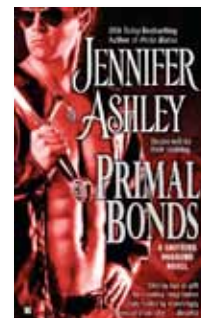
**A Vampire's Penance**

Penance, Ohio, is a town that no one enters or leaves. Graf McDonald is the first visitor in more than five years, and having been isolated for so long, its inhabitants don't take kindly to strangers. Jessa is the only one who trusts Graf, and she's desperate for the kind of protection that a vampire like him can provide. There's a monster lurking in the woods, new men are hard to come by in the lonesome town, and this handsome stranger might be Jessa's hope for salvation. Pb \$22.99

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*Shifters Unbound #2.* When a female Shifter comes to town seeking refuge, Feline Shifter Sean Morrissey finds a fearless beautiful woman who looks him straight in the eye, stirring the mating frenzy within him. To relocate to a new Shifertown, half-Fae, half-Shifter Andrea Gray must accept a new mate. But Andrea's attraction to Sean is something she never expected - a perilous complication for a troubled woman... 320pp Pb \$13.95



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*Wizards of Nevermore #1.* Welcome to Nevermore, Texas, population 503, where witches and wizards live side by side with humans and where witch Lucy Rackmore is in trouble. Ever since her former lover snuffed out her magical abilities, everyone is looking to settle a score with her family. Her only hope may be her ex-brother-in-law, whom her sister nearly killed... 320pp Pb \$13.95



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*Accidentally Paranormal #5.* Katie Woods is 41 and divorced. To start fresh, Katie uproots her veterinary practice to upstate New York. When an unconscious cougar appears at her clinic, the next morning, she finds a specimen of young, sexy man in its place. Soon, Katie must deal with more than her animal attraction to the guy; she has to figure how to stop herself from becoming a cougar of the four-legged variety! 368pp Pb \$24.95



**LAURELL K HAMILTON**

**Flirt**

*Anita Blake #18.* When Anita Blake meets with prospective client Tony Bennington, he is desperate for Anita to reanimate his recently deceased wife. Though she is sympathetic, Anita she knows that her skills as a necromancer won't be the miracle he desires - though Tony is unwilling to be convinced. The creature that Anita could coerce to step out of Mrs Bennington's grave won't be the lovely Mrs Bennington - not for long... 224pp Pb \$22.99



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*Rachel Morgan #9.* Condemned and shunned for black magic, Rachel Morgan has three days to get to the annual witches' conference to clear her name - or be trapped in the demon world... forever. After centuries of torment, a fearsome demon walks in the sunlight, free to devour the souls of the innocent. But his ultimate goal is Rachel Morgan, and even her own demonic nature may not be enough to save her... 448pp Hb \$41.95



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Theia Alderson has led a sheltered life, but when a handsome boy appears at her school, she feels every urge she's denied burning through her at his slightest glance. Theia does not understand why she dreamed of Haden Black before they met, but knows she cannot resist him - even when she discovers what he truly is... even though the cost of that knowledge is her soul! 336pp Pb \$16.95



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After her father's suspicious death in his Washington DC office, 28-year-old Kira is swept into his congressional seat, becoming the youngest female congresswoman in history... and the crucial swing vote just as Iran becomes a nuclear threat. Bent on ushering in a nuclear apocalypse, Lucifer sends a fallen angel to steer Kira off course. Young, intelligent and handsome, the fallen angel sweeps Kira off her feet! 336pp Pb \$24.99



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Branded an outcast by his werewolf clan, Cort Renier comes to San Francisco seeking fortune and vengeance. Instead, he finds a mysterious turquoise-eyed beauty who won't reveal who she truly is. Aria di Reinardus has reasons for concealing her identity, but Cort's kisses convince her to go along with his plan to transform her into a missing heiress and return her to her family. But there are others seeking vengeance, and Cort and Aria are about to discover that some destinies can't be outrun... Pb \$22.99

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*Dark Elite #2.* Lily Parker is new to St Sophia's School for Girls, but she's already learned that magic can be your best friend - or worst enemy. That's why Lily must learn to control her newly-discovered abilities. When Lily is invited to a private meeting with the sexy and powerful Sebastian, he offers to help her harness her magic. Sebastian is a Reaper, and Lily is suspicious of his offer... But she needs his help. 256pp Pb \$22.99



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**Shimmer**

*Radiance #2.* Riley, Buttercup, and Bodhi are enjoying some time-off. But then Riley encounters a young ghost named Rebecca. Despite Rebecca's sweet appearance, Riley learns she's the daughter of a former plantation owner, and is furious about her murder during the slave revolt of 1733. Her rage has trapped other ghosts in a shimmering bubble. And when Bodhi and Buttercup fall into Rebecca's trap, Riley must save them! 208pp Pb \$14.99



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*Maximum Ride #6.* Maximum Ride is a survivor - but nothing comes as close to destroying her as a prophecy foretelling Fang's death. Fang is Max's soulmate; a life without him is unimaginable. But when a newly created winged boy - the magnificent Dylan - is introduced into the flock, their world is upended. Created in a lab, Dylan is designed to be Max's perfect other half. And meanwhile... the apocalypse is coming! 336pp Pb \$17.95



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*Maximum Ride #7.* Is this the end of Max and Fang? And the beginning of Max and Dylan? The flock faces a threat unlike any they have ever faced before, and now Fang is gone. He's creating his own gang that will replace everyone, including the heartbroken Max. Is Max destined to be with Dylan? She can't deny the intensity between them. As the flock race to Paris to stop a threat to humanity, she must trust him... 320pp Pb \$24.95



**MARA PURNHAGEN**

**One Hundred Candles**

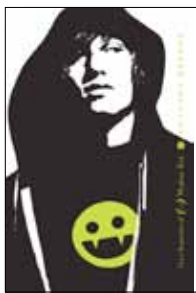
What better way to be 'normal' than going on a date with a popular football star, like Harris Abbott? But my new life takes a disturbing turn when Harris brings me to a party, and we play a game called 'One Hundred Candles'. It seems like harmless, ghostly fun... until spirits unleashed by the game start showing up at my school. Friends and family are in real danger, and the door that I've opened into another realm may yield deadly consequences... Pb \$19.99

## HORROR

**HEATHER BREWER**

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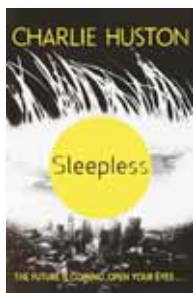
*Vladimir Tod #5.* Time is running out for half-vampire, half-human Vlad Tod. The Elysian Council has given him only weeks to live, and that's if the Slayer Society doesn't get him first. Then there's the issue of Vlad's father, who may or may not be still alive. Not to mention the Pravus prophecy, which foresees Vlad ruling vampire-kind and enslaving the entire human race. Plus, Vlad can't see a college course that tickles his fancy... 336pp Pb \$14.95



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An insomnia epidemic has swept LA, causing psychosis. As people begin to lose their minds, the line between reality and nightmare blurs. LAPD officer Parker Haas goes undercover to find the source of 'Dreamer' - the black market drug that gives the afflicted the relief of sleep. But Park's also battling a personal nightmare. His wife has been sleepless for months, and the final phase of the disease - 'the suffering' - is close... 368pp Pb \$22.99



**MICHELE JAFFE**

### **Rosebush**

Instead of celebrating Memorial Day weekend, Jane is found amongst a rosebush, almost dead, having been a victim of a hit and run. But as she's convalescing, she realises that her friends' stories and her memories of what happened that night don't seem to add up. Nearly everyone in her life is suspect - her boyfriend, her friends and her admirers. She knows one of them tried to kill her. The truth is harsh with thorns... 336pp Pb \$18.99



**MICHAEL KORYTA**

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When the beautiful Alyssa Bradford approaches Eric Shaw to unearth the life story of her father-in-law, Campbell Bradford - a 95-year-old billionaire whose childhood is wrapped in mystery - Eric grabs the job. In Bradford's hometown, Eric discovers a glorious and recently-restored hotel where movie stars, presidents, athletes and mobsters once intermingled. But something else has been restored too - a long forgotten evil intent on settling a decades-old score. 528pp Pb \$22.99



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In Victorian London, lowly clerk Constance believes she has found her the ideal husband and protector in Joseph Barton. But after three miscarriages and the troubled birth of their daughter Angelica, things change. Constance fears her husband's potentially murderous hatred of her, and his efforts to alienate her from their child. Sensing the presence of supernatural evil in the house, she calls upon a spiritualist to save them all... 352pp Tp \$29.95



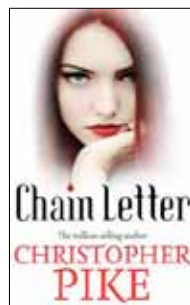
**CHRISTOPHER PIKE**

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*Chain Letter:* When Alison and her friends start receiving chain letters demanding dangerous and impossible deeds from them, they figure it is just a sick joke. Until one by one they start to go missing...

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When Trevor's childhood friend Ben commits suicide, he and the remainder of their friendship group must return to Grimshaw - the town of their youth. But they cannot escape the memory of a brutal murder that remained in Grimshaw with Ben... Soon, the four remaining friends must confront the eerie and derelict house that sits directly opposite Ben's parental home. There is something inside that must not escape... 368pp Tp \$32.99



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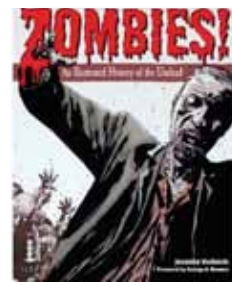
*Zombie Apocalypse #3.* Annah knows she has a twin sister, who disappeared when they played in the Forest of Hands and Teeth. Afterwards, there was no going back to the village. Life's been hard, but Elias has taken care of her. But when Elias disappears, life isn't worth much more than the walking dead who roam the wasted world. Then she meets Catcher... but Catcher has secrets that link him to a past she longs to forget... 384pp Pb \$22.99



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*Warhammer.* The armies of Hochland are at breaking point. Beset on all sides by the feral beastmen, mercenary Captain Eriksson looks to capitalise on the conflict, buying the freedom of a group of prisoners to form a new free company. The criminals are delighted to be released, but this comes at a terrible price - to fight and die in the upcoming conflict. Eriksson must place his faith in those who gave up their honour long ago... 416pp Pb \$18



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*Warhammer 40K: White Scars #2.* The Imperium is moving against the forces of the Greater Good. The White Scars lead a furious ground assault against the tau, gaining ground against their enemies. Meanwhile, the members of the Crusade Council are embroiled in political intrigue, jeopardising the war effort. But the Inquisitor Grand has more extreme measures in mind, and the White Scars must move quickly. 416pp Pb \$18

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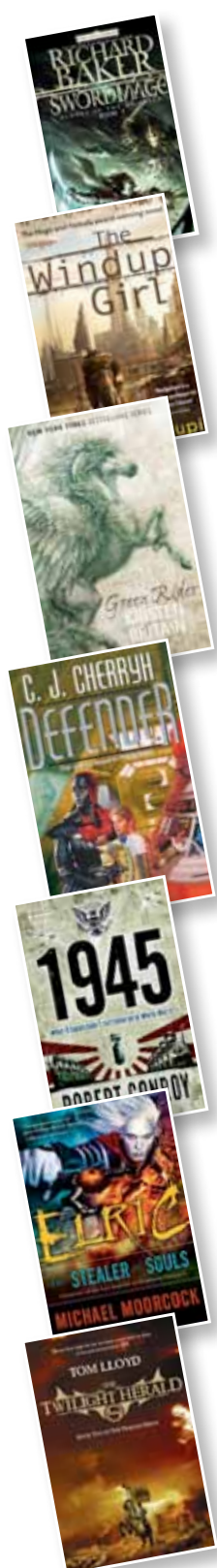
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**The Windup Girl** by Paolo Bacigalupi (Pb \$21.99). I'm a Fantasy reader. Strictly. But I decided to read this to expand my horizons and, somewhat annoyingly, this is a really good non-Fantasy book! Unlike most Sci-Fi, Paolo doesn't halt the flow of the story to explain the science behind everything, instead explaining it via a thing's name or using the story itself. A very smart, believable, quirky and raw peek at a scarily-possible near-future! - *Craig*

**Green Rider** (*Green Rider #1*) by Kristen Britain (Pb \$14.95). This is a great tale, an easy read and an enjoyable book (and series!) to plough through and be very satisfied with. It doesn't necessarily break new ground, but it is quite wonderful, with an engrossing storyline, characters who quickly become old friends you love spending time with, and antagonists you love to hate... I enjoyed it all! The 4th instalment in this series, **Blackveil** (Tp \$29.99) is due this month. - *Craig*

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**Elric: The Stealer of Souls** by Michael Moorcock (Pb \$26.95). Another volume in the collected adventures of the albino emperor of Melnibone and his vampiric runesword Stormbringer. This is great, rollicking dark fantasy with sorcerers and demonic creatures aplenty! Elric's destiny comes closer to fruition as he encounters triumphs and tragedies in equal measure. Contains **The Stealer of Souls, Stormbringer**, as well as other sundry material. - *David*

**The Twilight Herald** (*Twilight Reign #2*) by Tom Lloyd (Pb \$22.99). Following the climactic events of **The Stormcaller** (Pb \$22.99), Lloyd throws the reader back into the world of the white-eye Isak, determined to take the throne of Farlan. Filled with immortals and demi-gods, something about this tale reminds me of Erikson's *Malazan* books, yet it stands completely on its own. Rich with history, prophecy, battles and magic, this epic saga gets better with each book! - *Mark*

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