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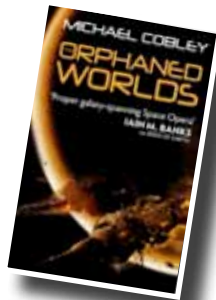
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Michael Cobley

The Orphaned Worlds

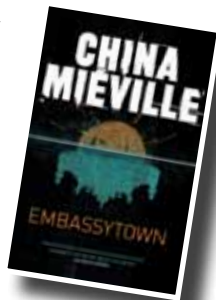
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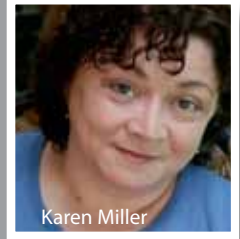
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New from James Axler!

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When a sadistic new queen raises the dead from the swamps of Louisiana, Kane, Grant and Brigid must somehow kill the undead or this crazed voodoo priestess will destroy all life on earth with a pre-dark biological weapon - sending humanity to an early grave! 320pp Pb \$11.95



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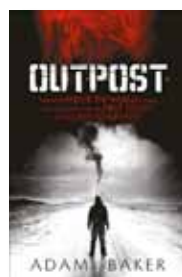
Deathlands #98.
Utah's Great Salt Lake Desert remains a death pit. Ryan Cawdor and his group survive the trek there, only to be drugged, robbed, and left for the slave trade. Managing to escape their captors, the companions must rely on a plan to infiltrate the enemy and take back what belongs to them! 320pp Pb \$11.95



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A starship hurtles through space, its destination unknown. One man wakes up, finding himself wet, naked, and freezing to death. The dark halls are full of monsters - but trusting the other survivors might be more dangerous. All he has are questions. Who is he? Where are they going? What happened to his life? What happened to the woman he loved? What happened to Hull 03? All will be answered... if he can survive. 320pp Tp \$32.99



Jack Campbell

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Lost Fleet. The Alliance woke Captain John Geary from cryogenic sleep to take command of the fleet in the conflict against the Syndicate Worlds. His victory has earned him the adoration of the people - but Geary knows that members of the military high command and the government question his loyalty. Now, he can't help but wonder if the newly christened First Fleet is being sent off on a suicide mission... 368pp Hb \$39.95

Lauren Destefano

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Thanks to modern science, males live to age 25 and females live to age 20. Young girls are forced into polygamous marriages to keep the population from dying out. When 16-year-old Rhine Ellery is forced to become a bride, she enters a world of wealth and privilege. Despite her husband Linden's genuine love for her, Rhine has one purpose: to find her twin brother and escape... 320pp Pb \$24.99



Richard Harland

Liberator

World Shaker #2. The battle continues as the Filthies take over the juggernaut Worldshaker and rename it Liberator. A world of deception and betrayal ensues as the revolution turns radical. With Col now in the minority with his Swank friends, what will happen to his relationship with Riff, as they both face the reality of a world changing its shape forever? 456pp Pb \$19.99



James Jaros

Burn Down the Sky

After the Wicca virus drove billions to madness and sent civilisation into ruins, female children have become a valuable commodity. When well-armed marauders attack a compound of survivors, Jessie can do nothing to prevent the abduction of innocents - including her youngest child. Along with her teenage daughter, Jessie embarks on a journey to storm the fortress of a twisted religion, and reclaim the children. 336pp Pb \$13.95



Krystyna Kuhn

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Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

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FAVE NEW

The Curious Case of the Clockwork Man

by Mark Hodder



Yes, I know I reviewed **The Strange Affair of Spring Heeled Jack** (\$26.95) just recently, but Mark Hodder has made me a very happy woman by releasing this brilliant follow-up MUCH sooner than I thought. Again, the cover is breathtakingly beautiful and the story is well-paced, with just enough pulp and plenty of steampunk action.

Burton and Swinburne are back, still romping around in the grimy, soot-blackened streets of a re-imagined London. Within mere pages of the opening of this brilliant adventure, the heroes encounter a clockwork robot, described in loving detail with Hodder's obvious enthusiasm for all things copper and mechanical. Soon the chase is on - not just for answers, but for the mythical Naga stones located near the Mountains of the Moon. The trail leads Burton back to his darkest memories of Africa, where he acquired his cheek-piercing scar, which is why it's important for you to have read **Spring Heeled Jack** first. Later there are mysterious events at the haunted Tichborne homestead, where a man presumed long dead has been hiding amidst wraiths. From there, even more Victoriana madness ensues, but to reveal more would be to kill the fun. Just remember that this version of our past has some truth to it and séances were all the rage in that time. Too bad they're being conducted by a blue-lightning-shooting super-witch who has a very powerful secret ally...

And on that note, the ending isn't really an ending, as there will clearly be another book after this one. The events of the past two stories will come full circle and I suspect all three stories will fit together like the scattered puzzle pieces that Burton has been stumbling upon throughout the tale. It's not all serious though; Hodder skilfully blends action with humour, especially in the form of Pox, Burton's new sidekick. Fans of Hodder will realise that the little fellow doesn't mean to shout obscenities, it just happens. As does Algy's drinking, followed by the singing of many a bawdy Victorian pub song. And it's worth mentioning that Algy spends even more time in this book nursing a serious hangover. Boy, can that poet drink!

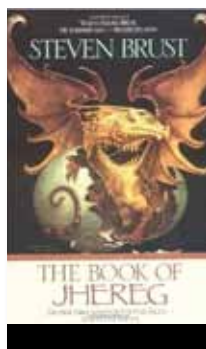
Features like these make this book more enjoyable than its predecessor. The first volume had the info-dump to set up Hodder's world, explaining the different groups of society, like the Libertines and the Rakes; and the careful descriptions of steampunk technologies and genetically altered animals. Having already set up the dominoes in the first book, Hodder now has fun knocking them down. This instalment races along more quickly, but all the features we have come to expect are there. And even when the fate of the British Empire hangs in the balance, Hodder still finds the time for a dry one-liner here and there.

This was wonderful to read! It is everything the first book is, but the stakes are higher and the twists more convoluted. It's a bumpy ride down the cobble-stoned streets for Burton, but who said the life of the King's Agent would be easy? Tp \$26.95 – Sofia

FAVE CLASSIC

The Book of Jhereg (Vlad Taltos)

by Steven Brust



This is the first omnibus of Brust's brilliant *Vlad Taltos* series (pronounced 'Tal-tosh'; apparently this is how Brust knows if you're a real fan). It includes the first three books, **Jhereg**, **Yendi** and **Teckla**. Brust deliberately wrote the series in a non-linear fashion that jumps back and forth in time. This makes for interesting reading and Brust recommends they be read in written order, not timeline order.

The series follows Vlad Taltos, an Easterner, which is basically anyone 'human' or not Dragaeran. The Dragaerans are the 18 houses or family clans that take turns ruling the Empire. You get the sense there is a caste system in place. As an Easterner, Vlad comes from a peasant background. His father buys him membership into the Jhereg clan - the lowest of the Dragaeran houses. Vlad is shunned by humans for selling out, and shunned by Dragaerans because his title wasn't a birth right. Vlad trains as both a witch and a sorcerer, and also becomes a skilled assassin, leading to his involvement in organised crime. As the series progresses, he rises in the crime organisation, and the list of high-ranking Dragaerans whom he calls 'friends' (or are just scared sh*tless of him) increases. He has a dragon familiar named Loioch, with whom he communicates telepathically. Because of his involvement in organised crime, he ends up in a crime-solving situation, all the while dealing with 18 clans, some of which have the mother of all attitudes, and social rules and niceties that would give anyone a migraine. Not to mention the numerous attempts on his life (including one by his own wife) and some attempts by Dragaerans with 'great' weapons (you know the sort – whopping big ones with fancy names).

It's been a long time since I first read these novels and there are a few things which struck home. Firstly, Vlad Taltos and Harry Dresden could be brothers. I don't know what it says about me, but I just love these smart mouthed, not-really-a-bad-boy-but-not-squeaky-clean characters with a penchant for trouble, or at the very least doing things the hard way. Secondly, Brust's writing is first class. His ability to do first person with line after line of dialogue and not lose the reader is seriously impressive. If you had asked me when I first read them years ago, I would have said they were straight Fantasy. I would also have said the Dragaerans were an elf race, but now I'm not so sure. I'd have also said the world feels 'Earth-like', but now I no longer think it is.

This series is literally laugh-out-loud funny and the wit, banter and bitching exchanged between Vlad and Loioch is hilarious. Despite this, the tone changes as the series progresses. There is social upheaval and unrest, and some books are quite sombre. I think fans of Jim Butcher's *Harry Dresden* series would get a lot out of these novels, due to the similarity between the protagonists and the storytelling style. I think Fantasy fans who want to read something a little outside the box would also enjoy these. Time spent in a Brust novel is time well spent! Tp \$26.95 – Steph

Ian McDonald

Necroville

In the LA ghetto of Necroville, the yearly celebration of the Night of the Dead - where the dead are resurrected through the miracle of nanotechnology and live their second lives as non-citizens - becomes a journey of discovery and revelation for five individuals on the run from their pasts. This is a story that confronts the central quandary of human existence: the essence of non-being. 368pp Pb \$22.99



Paul McEuen

Spiral

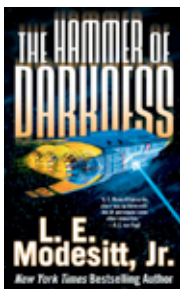
Pacific Ocean, 1946. Liam Connor, an expert on germ warfare, is sent to help the US Navy foil an attempt by the Japanese to unleash the world's first biological super-weapon called 'Spiral'. New York, present day: Spiral is back. Connor, now a Nobel Prize-winning nano-scientist, holds the key to its cure. Those who seek Spiral will stop at nothing to obtain Connor's knowledge, even if it means his death. 320pp Tp \$29.99



L E Modesitt, Jr

The Hammer of Darkness

After discovering he has unusual powers, Martin Martel is banished from the planet Karnak. Martin is thrust into the seemingly tranquil world of Aurore, where in reality the gods are cruel and indifferent to the chaos they cause. Are they really gods, or just men and woman with larger-than-life powers? Martin must challenge their supremacy to defend his life, love... and the fate of all mankind! 288pp Pb \$11.95



Simon Morden

Theories of Flight

Samuil Petrovich #2. Samuil Petrovitch keeps a sentient computer program on a secret server farm - the same program that nearly destroyed the Metrozone a few months back. The people of the OutZone want what citizens of the Metrozone have. Now, with the heart of the city destroyed by the New Machine Jihad, the Outies see their chance. Meanwhile, someone wants Petrovitch dead, and they'll sink the whole city to do it! 368pp Pb \$13.95



John Ringo

The Hot Gate

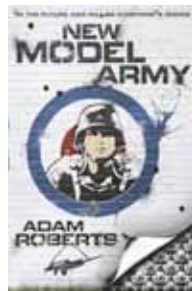
Troy Rising #3. Tyler Vernon and his troops aboard the gigantic battle station, Troy, must face the ultimate battle with the forces of galactic extraterrestrial tyranny. And the very survival of the Earth and its people is not the only thing at stake. The galaxy itself must choose to live in freedom or to die - and if the tyrants win, darkness will fall across the galaxy for millennia to come. 400pp Hb \$39.95



Adam Roberts

New Model Army

A civil war is tearing the UK apart as new technologies allow the world's first truly democratic army to take on the British army, wresting control from the powers that be. Taking advances in modern communication and the new eagerness for power from the bottom upwards, the author has produced a novel that is simultaneously an exciting war novel, and a philosophical examination of war and democracy. 288pp Pb \$22.99



Robert J Sawyer

Watch

WWW #2. It calls itself Webmind. An emerging consciousness within the World Wide Web, it has befriended Caitlin Decter and grown eager to learn about her world. But Webmind has also come to the attention of WATCH, the secret United States government agency that monitors the Internet for any potential threats. And the agency wants Webmind purged from cyberspace... 336pp Pb \$13.95



John Scalzi

Fuzzy Nation

178 light-years from Earth, Jack Holloway is a contractor for ZaraCorp. On the verdant planet of Zarathustra - exploited by ZaraCorp on the basis that it is uninhabited by sentient beings - a very furry and cute creature shows up at Jack's home, followed by its family. Jack realises that ZaraCorp's claim to exploiting Zarathustra is flimsy... and that ZaraCorp will eliminate the species before their existence becomes widely known. 304pp Hb \$39.95 *Due mid May*



Harry Turtledove (ed)

Blue vs Grey: Alternate History Tales from the Front Lines of the American Civil War

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Steve White & Charles E Gannon

Extremis

Humans, Orions, Ophiuchi and Gorm once struck an alliance to defeat alien invaders. Decades later, their alliance has grown complacent... until a huge alien fleet arrives - fleeing the loss of its home planet when its star went nova - and intent on exterminating humankind and its allies. The would-be alien conquerors have learned much from human technology, and only the old alliance can stop them from reigning supreme... 448pp Hb \$37.95



FANTASY



Ben Aaronovitch

Moon Over Soho

Rivers of London #2. When Dr Walid calls Peter Grant down to the morgue to 'listen' to a corpse, Peter recognises the tune as 'Body and Soul'. Something supernatural has struck the victim - something strong enough to leave its musical imprint on the corpse. The body belongs to Cyrus Wilkinson, part-time jazz saxophonist and full-time accountant, who dropped dead after finishing a gig in a Soho jazz club. He isn't the first... 384pp Tp \$29.99



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R Scott Bakker

The White Luck Warrior

Aspect Emperor #2. As Anasurimbor Kellhus and his Great Ordeal march deep into the wastes of the Ancient North, Esmenet finds herself at war with the Gods and her own family. Achamian, meanwhile, leads his own ragtag expedition to the legendary ruins of Sauglish, and to a truth he may not survive. Into this tumult walks the White Luck Warrior - assassin and messiah both - executing a mission as old as the World's making... 608pp Tp \$32.99



Holly Black

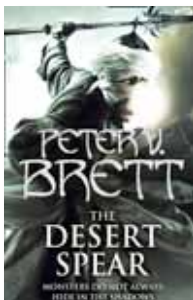
The White Cat

Curse Workers #1. Cassel is cursed by the memory of the 14-year-old girl he murdered, and the fact that he's the only one in his family who isn't a magic worker. Ever since magic was prohibited in 1929 magic workers have been driven underground. Times have been hard. His granddad is driven to drink, his mother is in prison, and his brothers detest him. But Cassel is about to inherit a terrifying family secret... 336pp Pb \$22.99

Peter V Brett

The Desert Spear

Demon Cycle #2. Arlen Bales has grown up in a world where demons stalk the night and humanity is trapped by its own fear. He chose to fight apathy, and became a reluctant saviour. But the figure emerging from the desert who calls himself 'the Deliverer' is not Arlen. He is a friend, a betrayer, and the leader of an army intent on a holy war against the demon plague... and anyone else who stands in his way. 560pp Pb \$20.99



Col Buchanan

Farlander

Farlander #1. For 50 years, the Holy Empire of Mann - lead by the Holy Matriarch Sasheen - has conquered nation after nation. In the besieged city of Bar-Khos, Ash is a member of the Roshun, elite assassins offering protection through the threat of vendetta. When Sahseen's son murders a woman under the protection of the Roshun, Ash and his apprentice Nico must fulfil their orders, taking them into the very heart of the conflict... 400pp Pb \$22.99



Trudi Canavan

The Rogue

Traitor Spy #2. Living among the Sachakan rebels, Lorkin thinks they have bigger plans. Sonea searches for Cery, but the rogue's influence over the city's underworld is far greater than she feared. In Sachaka, Dannyl has lost the respect of the Sachakan elite for permitting Lorkin to join the Traitors. And in the University, two female novices will remind the Guild that sometimes their greatest enemy is found within... 512pp Tp \$32.99



Mark Chadbourn

The Sword of Albion

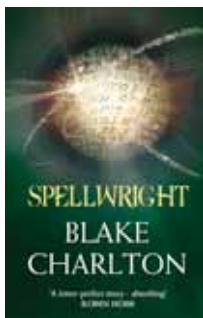
Sword of Albion #1. 1588. As the Spanish Armada prepares to sail, rumours abound of a doomsday device that could destroy England and her bastard queen once and for all. Enter Will Swyfte, one of Walsingham's spies. Armed with little more than courage, wit, and an array of cunning gadgets created by sorcerer Dr Dee, Will and his colleagues must secure this mysterious device before it is too late! 608pp Pb \$24.95



Blake Charlton

Spellwright

Spellwright #1. Nicodemus Weal is a cacographer, unable to reproduce even simple magical texts without 'misspelling' - a mistake which can have deadly consequences. Restricted to menial tasks, he is unable to live up to the prophecy of being a powerful magic-user. But some factions believe Nicodemus could be used for evil - and they are determined to find Nicodemus and bend him to their will! 464pp Pb \$24.99



Larry Correia

Hard Magic

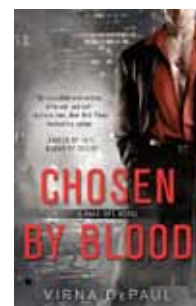
Grimnoir Chronicles #1. Jake Sullivan can alter the force of gravity, and the Bureau of Investigation calls on him when they need his help in apprehending criminals who possess their own magical talents. His last operation went completely wrong, but it's worse than Jake imagined. A secret war is being waged by magic-users, and Jake has attracted the attention of some who think he is far too dangerous to let live... 400pp Pb \$24.95



Virna DePaul

Chosen by Blood

Para-Ops #1. After years of civil war, humans and creatures with superhuman DNA are struggling to maintain peace. To ensure the rights of all, the FBI has formed a Para-Ops team. Leading a hand-selected team on a mission to reclaim the stolen antidote that could save his people, half-breed vampire Knox Devereaux comes face to face with Para-Ops Agent Felicia Locke, the beautiful human he's craved since their first meeting... 384pp Pb \$13.95



Stephen Deas

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Thief Taker #1. Young Berren makes his way as a city thief, paying tribute of his earnings to the master of their band. When he observes the execution of three thieves, he attempts to steal the thief-taker's reward - and fails. But the thief-taker spots something in Berren, and he becomes his apprentice - where he is introduced to a world of shadows, deceit, corruption... and the dark world of political plotting and murder. 288pp Pb \$19.99



Sara Douglass

The Devil's Diadem

12th century Europe. Evelyn Langtofte joins an aristocratic household to attend Adelle, the wife of the Earl of Pengraic and Lord of the Marches. When a plague sweeping Europe overtakes England, Evelyn will discover that the horrors she survived at Pengraic Castle are just a prelude to the terrifying maelstrom enveloping her. Hell has come to desecrate England, and only the wits of one lonely, isolated, terrified woman can stop it! 544pp Tp \$27.99



Sara Douglass

The Infinity Gate

Darkglass Mountain #3. Three heroes have stepped forward: Ishbel Brunelle, priestess of the Serpent Coil; Isaiah, the Tyrant of Isembaard; and Maximilian, the Lord of Elcho Falling. Yet despite their efforts, the Dark God Kanubai has risen. As war approaches - backed by the insidious DarkGlass Mountain - hordes of insatiable Skraelings ravage the land. While the trio struggles to keep its alliances strong, the SunSoars are about to face other challenges... Pb \$22.99



Neil Gaiman & Al Sarrantonio [eds]

Stories

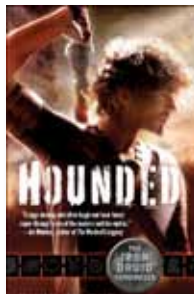
Rather than being dictated by genre, co-editors Gaiman and Sarrantonio believe there is only one true distinction in fiction: the one dividing realistic and imaginative fiction. This volume is a collection of the very best original fiction from some of the most imaginative writers in the world, as well as a showcase for some of fiction's newer stars. These exciting stories will become a uniting force for readers of all forms of imaginative fiction! 512pp Pb \$22.99



Kevin Hearne

Hounded

Iron Druid #1. Atticus O'Sullivan, last of the Druids, lives peacefully in Arizona, running an occult bookshop and shape-shifting in his spare time. He is 21 centuries old and wields a magical sword known as Fragarach. But a very angry Celtic god wants that sword, and Atticus will need all his power, plus the help of a few supernaturals and some good old-fashioned Irish luck to kick some Celtic butt and deliver himself from evil! 320pp Pb \$13.95



C J Henderson

Central Park Knight

Piers Knight #2. Professor Piers Knight of the Brooklyn Museum specialises in archaeology and the use of magical artefacts. When Knight receives a message from his ex-lover, Tian Lu, it would appear that dragons are reawakening. And one diabolical dragon is set on eliminating the others and conquering the world. As civilisation plunges into panic, Knight must use all his resources to stop the destruction - before it's too late! 368pp Pb \$26.95 *Due mid May*



Paul Hoffman

The Last Four Things

Angel of Death #2. Returning to the Sanctuary of the Redeemers, Thomas Cale is told by the Lord Militant that the destruction of mankind is necessary, and that fate has painted him as the Left Hand of God, and the Angel of Death. But it would seem that the Redeemers' power over Cale might not be enough. Annihilation is in Cale's hands - but his soul is far stranger than the Redeemers could ever realise... 422pp Tp \$32.95



NEW FROM COLLEEN HOUCK!

Tiger's Curse

Tiger #1. The last thing Kelsey Hayes thought she'd be doing this summer was trying to break a 300-year-old Indian curse, alongside a mysterious white tiger named Ren. Face-to-face with dark forces, spellbinding magic, and mystical worlds where nothing is what it seems, Kelsey risks everything to piece together an ancient prophecy that could break the curse forever! 508pp Pb \$16.99

Tiger's Quest

Tiger #2. Back in Oregon, Kelsey tries to pick up the pieces of her life and push aside her feelings for Ren. But danger lurks around the corner, forcing her to return to India where she must embark on a second quest - this time with Ren's dark, bad-boy brother Kishan, who has also fallen prey to the Tiger's Curse... 496pp Pb \$16.99

Celia Jerome

Night Mares in the Hamptons

Willow Tate #2. Willow Tate is gifted with supernatural abilities, just like her eccentric relatives. When magical mayhem strikes Paumanok Harbor in the form of three mares searching for their missing colt - whose distress is causing sleeping nights, bad tempers, and dangerous brawls among the gifted but peculiar residents - Willow is called upon, once again, to rescue the small town in the Hamptons! 320pp Pb \$13.95



E E Knight

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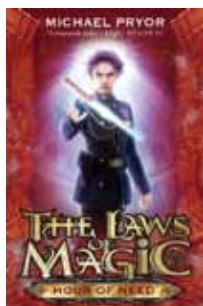
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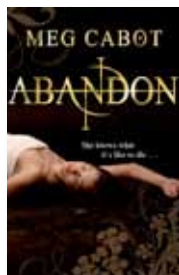
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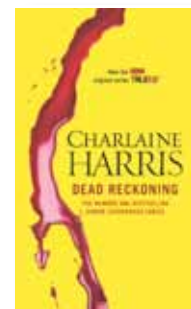
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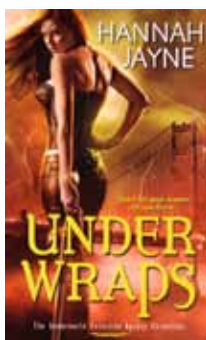
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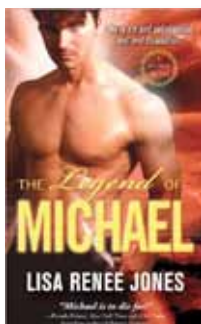
Jenn has lived and trained at Spain's 'Sacred Heart Academy Against the Cursed Ones', pledging to defend humanity against vampires. Forced to return home, Jenn discovers that San Francisco is a vampire stronghold. Isolated, Jenn craves the company of her fighting partner, Antonio. Then Jenn is betrayed by one who was once bound to protect her, causing her to doubt all she had held as true... 496pp Pb \$16.95

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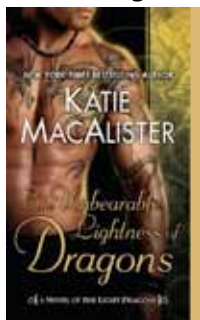
When Dr Luke Findley turns up to his hospital shift in the small town of St Andrews, Maine, he's expecting just another evening of minor injuries. Instead, Lanore McIlvrae walks into his life - and changes it forever. Lanny's story of love and betrayal cannot end until her demons are put to rest. Her 200 years on this earth have seen her seduced by decadence and brutality - but she has stayed true to the one love of her life. Until now... 448pp Tp \$32.95

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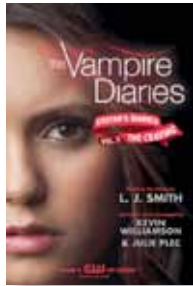
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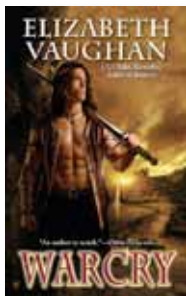
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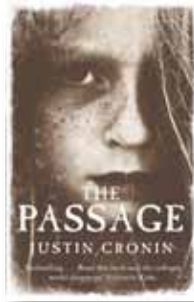


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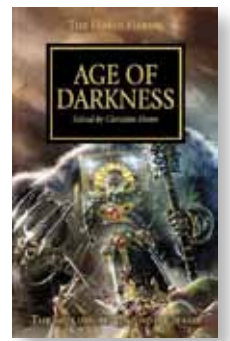
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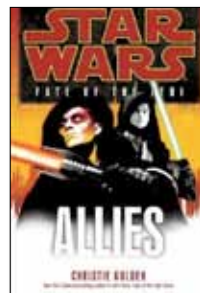
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WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING

I Shall Wear Midnight (*Discworld Universe*) by Terry Pratchett (Hb \$49.95). As we have come to expect with everything by Pratchett, this is another gem. Although theoretically aimed at younger readers, it still pokes a stick at some heavy issues of human essence, even if the stick has an amusing bell on the blunt end. I like this series; I feel at home with the crazy mischief of the Nac Mac Feegles, while the cameos of Nanny Ogg and Mistress Weatherwax always add 'perspective' to the scene. Worth a read! – *Craig*

The Steel Remains (*Land Fit for Heroes #1*) by Richard Morgan (Pb \$22.99). Wow! This was a pleasant surprise. In the style of Joe Abercrombie, this story is permeated with a gaggle of bloody moments, but also some fairly explicit homosexual sex scenes. As with many Fantasy novels, there's more than one storyline going on in alternate chapters, but I can honestly say I really like the protagonist in each. For a unique change, one of the main protagonists is a gay man, which throws a different perspective on how a heroic character, who just happens to be gay, stubbornly refuses to be shy about his sexuality in a society where it is punishable by death. – *Craig*

The Kings of Eternity by Eric Brown (Pb \$13.95). My first foray into this author's work. The story is divided between writer Jonathon Langham in 1935 London as he and his friends experience strange events in the forest of a colleague's country home; and the paranoid existence of novelist Daniel Langham on a Greek island in 1999. Daniel is Jonathon, and he hasn't aged a day since 1935. The story has characters you really warm to, as the events are demystified. I can't say I loved it, but it was an enjoyable read. – *Steph*

How to Survive a Horror Movie by Seth Grahame-Smith (Pb \$24.95). The funniest thing I've ever read! It outlines everything you need to survive a real-life horror movie, including: how to defeat a killer doll, what to do if your corn has children in it, and how to survive a global alien attack. If you like horror films or mock horror films, this is the book for you! – *Chrissi*

Agatha H and the Airship City (*Girl Genius*) by Phil & Kaja Foglio (Hb \$39.95). Set in a steampunk world ruled by the Sparks, this is the novelisation of the first three graphic novels in the Girl Genius series, given wonderful form by the larger-than-life imaginations of Phil and Kaja Foglio. A funny and exciting page turner, only diminished by the loss of its comic pictures, although compensated by extra story details! – *CM*

The Wise Man's Fear (*Kingkiller Chronicles #2*) by Patrick Rothfuss (Tp \$32.99). I'm about a third of the way through this at the moment and, as with *The Name of the Wind* (Pb \$24.99), I am relishing this author's fantastic writing and storytelling. If you haven't already done so, then get started on one of the best fantasy series around! – *David*

Dark Matter by Michelle Paver (Pb \$26.99). A scientific research team journeys to the frozen north of the world in 1937 and one man discovers something lurking in the dark... The sense of isolation and mounting terror of the unknown is very well conveyed and you can easily imagine being freezing cold, without natural light for months at a time and stalked by a supernatural entity. Think H P Lovecraft without the monsters. – *David*

The Last Wish by Andrzej Sapkowski (Pb \$22.99). This story follows the potion-enhanced mutant as he travels the lands solving (and destroying) the 'monster troubles' that plague the various locals he encounters. Although some content may have been lost in translation, I can honestly say it got better and better as it progressed, finishing nicely with the best tale of all, *The Last Wish*. If you enjoy retellings of classic fairy tales check this out! – *Tamara*

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