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TRIVIAL PURSUIT: THE LORD OF THE RINGS MOVIE TRILOGY EDITION

Classic Trivial Pursuit game play with 1,800 *The Lord of the Rings* questions based on the movie trilogy. Answer correctly to collect all the scoring wedges. Then race to the centre of the gameboard to win! Includes 4 collectible pewter tokens and special advanced fan gameplay rules. 2-6 players. \$120.00

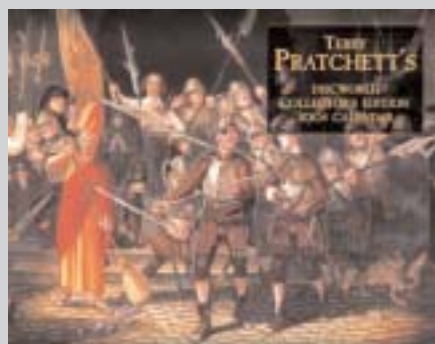


MONOPOLY: THE LORD OF THE RINGS MOVIE TRILOGY EDITION

Make the journey with the Fellowship and claim the territories of Middle-Earth in this special edition of the classic Monopoly game. Gather power as you move in and out of these territories, building strongholds and fortresses to secure your holdings. You may even acquire relics such as the staffs of the wizards. Become the most powerful player throughout Middle-Earth to be the winner. Includes 6 collectible *The Lord of the Rings* tokens. \$89.95

ARIANE & CHRISTIAN DELACAMPAGNE HERE BE DRAGONS: A FANTASTIC BEASTIARY

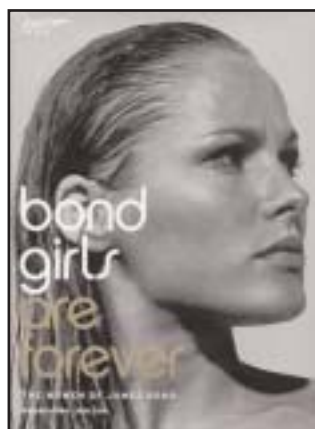
This is a lavishly illustrated compendium of the marvellous menagerie of imaginary animals that humans have conjured up over the ages. The authors take us on a visually and intellectually riveting journey through 5,000 years of art, examining the symbolic meanings of such creatures and what they say about the unconscious life of the human mind. In the first book to explore this subject with such cross-cultural and chronological range, the authors identify five basic structures (unicorn, human-headed animal, animal-headed human, flying quadruped and dragon), whose stories they relate from prehistory to the present day. They also provide sociological and psychoanalytical insight into the processes through which artists have created these astonishing animals and how they have been transmitted from culture to culture. Hb \$95.00



TERRY PRATCHETT'S DISCWORD 2004 WALL CALENDAR

This year, award-winning children's illustrators join *Discworld* favourites like Paul Kidby and David Wyatt with their own interpretations of Terry Pratchett's phenomenal *Discworld*. Each full-page illustration also appears on the back; there are biographies of the artists, as well as the author, on the inside front page. The calendar dates are exhaustively researched and include major real-time calendrical data for the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Artists briefed include Sandy Nightingale, Chris Riddell, David Frankland, Mark Edwards, Angelo Rinaldi, Mel Grant, Stephen Player, David Wyatt, Gino D'Achille, Stuart Williams, Jackie Morris and James Mayhew. \$27.95

MARYAM D'ABO & JOHN CORK BOND GIRLS ARE FOREVER: THE WOMEN OF JAMES BOND



This is the first official book by a Bond girl that highlights the Bond girl phenomenon. How has the iconic status of the Bond girl endured for so long? The authors explore how the archetype of the Bond girl has evolved over the last 40 years and reveals how she became, and continues to be, one of the strongest and most resilient symbols of 20th century pop culture. They describe how Bond girls have reflected and defined the changing image of women in the real world. Some of the most striking and memorable of the actresses who took on the Bond challenge - from Ursula Andress to Judi Dench - will also reveal for the first time the true stories behind the role that changed their lives. With archive images of 40 years of the Bond girl phenomenon and with contributions from the women behind the Bond girls themselves, this is a beautifully produced tribute to a cultural icon that is both rebel and role model. Hb \$82.50 191pp



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SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY




ROBERT ASPRIN & JODY LYNN NYE

MYTH ALLIANCES

 *Myth Adventures #1*. This is the first novel in a brand new *Myth Adventures* series with Skeeve, Aahz, Tanda and the rest of the gang. Tp \$34.00 262pp


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 *Thieves' World*. Contains all of the stories of the first two *Thieves' World* anthologies (**Thieves' World** and **Tales of the Vulgar Unicorn**), with additional material. Classic stories by Robert Asprin, Lynn Abbey, Poul Anderson, Marion Zimmer Bradley, David Drake, Philip Jose Farmer, Joe Haldeman, Andrew Offutt and A E van Vogt. Tp \$36.00 460pp


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POPPY AND RYE

 *Dimwood Forest #2*. Upset and sad over the death of her friend Ragweed, Poppy once again journeys through the vast and dark Dimwood Forest to bring the tragic news to Ragweed's family. But when Poppy and her prickly pal, Ereth the porcupine, arrive they find Ragweed's family already in turmoil. The serene valley where Ragweed lived has been flooded by beavers and the mice forced to move for fear of drowning. Pb \$14.95 214pp

JAMES AXLER

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Deathlands #63: Scorpion God #1. Leading his band of wayfarers to the war-torn site of the former Washington, DC, Ryan Cawdor faces double jeopardy when he comes face-to-face with a barbaric baron and the terrifying forces of post-nuclear nature. Pb \$17.95 346pp

JAMES BARCLAY

 **SHADOWHEART**

Legends of the Raven #2. The author has never been afraid of killing off favourite characters, but now, in the latest of his all-action heroic fantasies he puts The Raven through a trial that all of them will be hard pressed to survive. Hb \$55.00 Tp \$29.95 421pp

PHILIP BARUTH

 **THE X PRESIDENT**

In 2055, America is entangled in a devastating world war. As the threat of homeland invasion grows stronger, the United States is desperate to change the tide, anyway it can. Enter Sal Hayden, official biographer of a former president known as BC, now 109 years old and all but forgotten. Charismatic, controversial and always willing to feel another person's pain, BC's political career, like his personal life, is marked by both uncanny triumphs and key blunders. Recording his story has not always been easy, but it has been straightforward. That is, until the day Sal is asked to rewrite it and not just on the page. For Sal will be granted a biographer's most fantastic dream, one that will thrust her into the greatest moral dilemma of her life and the world's most daring, dangerous and spectacular spin job... Tp \$29.95 369pp

MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY

  **HEARTLIGHT**

Working behind the scenes for 30 years, Toller Hasloch subtly manipulates politics and the economy to turn America away from the Light. Colin MacLaren, has been busy saving lives and teaching the next generation of psychic warriors, but now he is the only one who can face Hasloch and the hellhounds the younger man has unleashed. He must fight on, while the fate of America, and perhaps all mankind, hangs in the balance. Pb \$19.95 564pp

CHAZ BRENCHLEY

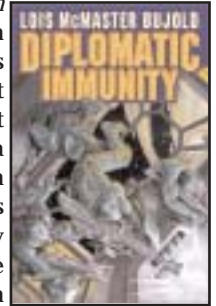
 **THE END OF ALL ROADS**

Outremer #6. The conclusion to this critically acclaimed series finds warriors from both the Knights Ransomer and the Sharai confronting the King on Mount Ascariel. Pb \$17.95 293pp

LOIS McMASTER BUJOLD

 **DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY**

Miles Vorkosigan #12. A rich Komarran merchant fleet has been impounded at Graf Station in distant Quaddiespace, after a bloody incident on the station docks involving a security officer from the convoy's Barrayaran military escort. Just the sort of situation that calls for the attention of the Imperial Auditors, Barrayar's special, high-level trouble-shooters. As luck would have it, Miles Vorkosigan, the empire's youngest Auditor, just happens to be in the area. Of course, he and his wife, Lady Ekaterin, have other things on their minds, such as getting home in time to attend the long awaited births of their first children. But when duty calls Miles has no choice but to answer. Pb \$18.95 367pp



MIKHAIL BULGAKOV

 **THE FATAL EGGS**








Quite by chance, Professor Persikov discovers a new form of light ray which, when directed at living cells, accelerates growth in organisms. But when this ray is shone on the wrong batch of eggs, the professor finds himself both the unwilling creator of giant hybrids and the focus of a merciless press campaign. For it seems the propaganda machine has turned its gaze on him, distorting his nature in the very way his 'innocent' tampering created the monster snakes and crocodiles that now terrorise the neighbourhood. Pb \$21.95 110pp

LEWIS CARROLL

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND & THROUGH THE

 **LOOKING GLASS AND WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE**

Famed worldwide for his *Gormenghast* trilogy, Mervyn Peake was commissioned to produce a set of 70 pen-and-ink drawings to accompany these two classics. Unavailable in any edition since 1978, these extraordinary illustrations, many of which were drawn on poor quality wartime paper, have been restored to their former clarity and crispness by a combination of old-fashioned craft and the latest computer technology. They are now meticulously reproduced, for the first time, as they were meant to be seen. Pb \$19.95 385pp

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ILIUM

Dan Simmons

Hb \$49.95 Tp \$32.95 315pp

It has been a long time between drinks, but Dan Simmons has finally returned (after forays into the crime and horror genre) with a science fiction epic that has been highly anticipated by everyone. Thankfully, all the waiting has been worthwhile, for **Ilium** is one brilliant novel that not only lives up to the hype, but even manages to deliver more than we expected.

Hundreds of years into the future, Mars is terraformed and occupied by a mysterious group of meta-humans. What's even stranger is the fact that these meta-humans have decided to use their nanotechnology to alter their forms to resemble the gods of Greek mythology - complete with what appears to be god-like powers (cue flying chariots, lightning bolts at whim). To make the whole experience even more complete, they have filled Mars with warring Greeks and Trojans. Over time, the events of mere-mortals begin to bear resemblance to the ancient poem, *The Iliad*. Zeus, god of all gods, is aware of this, and has resurrected specialist scholars to keep track of how accurate the events recorded by Homer were. One such scholar is Thomas Hockenberry, a tired and jaded 20th century professor from mid-western America, who longs to leave his post (even though this will mean his Muse will instantly vaporise him). As he contemplates leaving his role for good, Hockenberry is approached by the goddess Aphrodite to take part in a plan that will throw Mount Olympus into utter chaos. At the same time, two different groups embark on two different journeys. On Jupiter, a group of robots prepare to travel to Mars to investigate the irregular number of quantum activities that might just tear a hole in the universe, whilst on Earth, a group of humans embark on a journey to contact the mysterious hive mind which controls all facets of life on Earth. Three different story arcs will lead to an ultimate showdown of unprecedented bloodshed.

Having read most of Simmons' previous novels, it comes as no surprise to me that he has aimed to do something that is spectacularly different and ambitious within the realms of genre fiction. That he has chosen to "re-imagine" an ancient classic and place it within a sci-fi context sounds like pure stupidity, but in **Ilium**, Simmons has come up tops to produce one of the best sci-fi novels for a long time. What is striking is the way he avoids making **Ilium** a one-trick pony. The idea of placing an ancient civilisation with advanced technology has been done before, but he avoids the clichés through his understanding and appreciation of his source (*The Iliad*). He has drawn out the important themes of *The Iliad* and planted them into his wonderfully creative world. **Ilium** explores the question of fate and destiny - how can humans comprehend their own destiny when even the gods themselves do not know what is in store for them? If this is the case, then who is ultimately in control of our destiny?

What also makes **Ilium** so good is that it is so well-written. From the powerful battle scenes of ancient Greece, to the mysterious journeys through a near-empty Earth, the reader is spoilt by a very talented storyteller. More importantly, Simmons has managed not to isolate those who are unfamiliar with *The Iliad*. You don't need a thorough understanding of *The Iliad's* history and background to gain full enjoyment from **Ilium**.

If you have not noticed by now, I am thoroughly impressed with this novel. I believe that in **Ilium**, a new benchmark has been created for other sci-fi novels to come. It is a superbly crafted novel that leaves the reader absolutely gobsmacked. If **Olympus**, the concluding volume, is as strong as the first, then Simmons has bettered his previous efforts in his classic, **Hyperion** (Pb \$21.95). - John

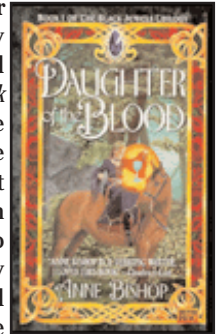
FAVE OLD

DAUGHTER OF THE BLOOD
(THE BLACK JEWELS TRILOGY #1)

Anne Bishop

Pb \$17.95 456pp

From the moment I opened **Daughter of the Blood**, I was absolutely captivated by this brilliant, dark and original story. The first in *The Black Jewels Trilogy*, this book sets up the world and history of the Blood. The Blood are members from the different races of the three realms who are born with innate magical abilities and are to be the caretakers of the realms. Usually their power is identified by a coloured jewel; the darker the jewel, the more powerful the person. Over time, the ideals of the Blood have been twisted by greed and ambition and many no longer understand what their power is truly for. This is encouraged by two women, Hekatah and Dorethea, both hungering to rule the realms, but not powerful enough to be queens. They have used their powers to break and control Blood males, who in turn vent their anger, fear and frustration on other women, ensuring there is no one to challenge the two Priestesses. But three men have dreams of the birth of Witch, a queen more powerful than any other, able to destroy Hekatah and Dorethea and return the Blood to their original path.



Saetan SaDiablo, High Lord of the realm of Hell, has withdrawn from the other realms and waits, weak and crippled, for some sort of release. He loathes what is happening to the Blood, but due to a promise made to the coven of Black Widows, he is powerless to stop his ex-wife Hekatah. Daemon Sadi and Lucivar Yaslana are each forced to obey Dorethea by the Ring of Obedience they wear and are trotted out for her pet queens and witches, to be used for their pleasure. But they are their father's sons and together they invoke destruction on many courts and prove they are not easily controlled or broken.

After several centuries, their wish is finally answered, but in the form of a seven-year-old girl. Jaenelle is beautiful, innocent, frustrating and impertinent, and each man will stop at nothing to protect her until she comes to power. But Jaenelle is hiding a dark, terrible secret and the men who love her may not be able to save her from her own family.

This is an amazing story and told so well that I had a great deal of trouble putting it down and devoured the series in no time. The characters are terrific and lovingly brought to life. I absolutely adored the three male lead characters and their interaction with Jaenelle is the highlight of the story. I must warn you that the story does go to very dark places and there are scenes of violence, rape and torture. If you can stomach that, you will find beneath a wonderful story of love, hope and redemption with unforgettable characters and lots of suspense and action. The two other novels in this series, **Heir to the Shadows** (Pb \$18.95) and **Queen of the Darkness** (Pb \$18.95), are also available and the trilogy has been collected in an omnibus called *The Black Jewels Trilogy* (Tp \$43.00). 9/10 - Sian

JANET CHAPMAN



**WEDDING THE
HIGHLANDER**

Highlander #3. Talented surgeon Libby Hart is fleeing to Pine Creek, Maine, when her car spins out of control and crashes into a pond. She is rescued by Michael MacBain, a medieval highlander trapped in the modern world by a wizard's spell. Wounded in love once before by a modern woman, Michael wants nothing to do with Libby, but he can't resist the intense desire she stirs within him. Can this proud warrior pledge his heart to a woman whose secret threatens to change their lives forever? Pb \$14.95 348pp



**DEBORAH CHESTER
THE KING BETRAYED**

It has been seven years since the half-elven Dain took his rightful place upon the throne of Nether, with the warrior-woman Alexeika beside him. Their rule has ushered in an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity... But Dain's legacy is not secure. His many enemies have formed an unholy alliance and put into motion a plot which could shatter his life forever and destroy the one thing that has sustained him throughout the years - the love of his Queen Alexeika... Pb \$19.95 408pp

KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND



KING OF THE MIDDLE MARCH

Arthur #3. Venice, 1201. Thousands of soldiers are mustering in readiness for what will be the Fourth Crusade. Young Arthur de Caldicot, squire to Lord Stephen, is among them. It is thrilling to be part of this great gathering; but his eyes are soon opened to the realities of warfare and politics. The Arthur who returns home two years later has looked in his seeing stone and realised that the exploits of King Arthur and his knights are no more glorious than those of the crusaders, and that the Holy Grail is elusive. Hb \$29.95 396pp

JACK DANN & GARDNER DOZOIS (EDS)



FUTURE CRIMES

An anthology of classic and critically acclaimed stories about the felonies and offences law enforcement authorities will face in a future that's closer than we realise. Pb \$17.95 276pp

GORDON DICKSON



THE HUMAN EDGE

The universe is not a nice neighbourhood, and the neighbours may be downright hostile - but you can't keep a good human down! Getting along in the universe can be pretty tricky, but those monkey-boys and girls from Earth can be pretty tricky themselves when the situation requires it. Pb \$17.95 406pp



CORY DOCTOROW



**A PLACE SO FOREIGN AND
EIGHT MORE**

Considered one of the most promising science fiction writers, Doctorow's name is already mentioned with such SF greats as J G Ballard, Michael Moorcock, William Gibson and Bruce Sterling. He was awarded the *John W Campbell Award for Best New Science Fiction Writer* at the 2000 Hugo Awards. Doctorow's singular tales push the boundaries of the genre, exploring pop culture, trash, nerd pride and the nexus of technology and social change. Additional stories include *Craphound*, *All Day Sucker*, *Shadow of the Mothship*, *The Superman and the Bugout*, *Home Again*, *Home Again*, and *Return to the Pleasure Island*. Tp \$34.00 243pp

SARA DOUGLASS



GOD'S CONCUBINE

The Troy Game #2. It has been 2000 years since Cornelia, wife of Brutus, brought the Troy Game to a wrenching halt by murdering Genvissa, the Mistress of the Labyrinth. But now everyone is back, reborn into 11th-century Europe so they can play out their part in the Game. Asterion lurks within the court of Edward the Confessor, plotting with malevolence. Cornelia lives, older and wiser, but trapped in another loveless and desperate marriage. Genvissa returns, driven by spite and ambition. And in his stronghold on the coast of Normandy, waits Brutus, reborn as one of the mightiest warrior-kings of all time... Hb \$45.00 643pp

DAVID DRAKE



PAYING THE PIPER

Hammer's Slammers. A young subaltern finds himself confused and conflicted between his responsibilities to his troops, his unit and the people for whom he is fighting, when their backers prove unworthy of his loyalty. Pb \$19.95 469pp

MICHAEL GERBER



**BARRY TROTTER AND THE
UNNECESSARY SEQUEL**

Barry Trotter, now 38 (going on 11), has returned to the Hogwash School for Wizardry and Witchcrap. He and his wife, Ermine Cringer, are there to deposit their Muddle-loving son Nigel, 11 (going on 38), and about as magical as a plastic fork. Just as Barry and Ermine are set to leave, Headmister Dorco Malfeasance dies. Barry and Ermine are installed as interim heads of the School, but then, in the sort of plot twist that could only happen in a cheap novel designed to leech off a massive pop culture phenomenon, Barry develops youthnesia. He begins a steady march backwards in age and reliving the horrors of adolescence may not be the end of it. Hb \$19.95 328pp

PETER HAINING (ED)



WIZARD'S DEN

Wizards have always had a magical place in the world of fiction. Here is a spellbinding collection of the most magical wizard tales of the 20th century, including the good, the bad and the comical. The stories are written by leading children's authors including Philip Pullman, Roald Dahl, Jacqueline Wilson, Diana Wynne Jones and many more. There is also a rare story by Edith Nesbit, a writer that J K Rowling has acknowledged as a major influence. Pb \$19.95 255pp

M JOHN HARRISON



LIGHT

Beneath the unbearable light of the Kefahuchi Tract a huge, fulminating ocean of radiant energy deep in the galaxy three objects lie on the barren surface of an asteroid: an abandoned spacecraft, a pair of what look like bone dice and a human skeleton. In the here and now is Michael Kearney, destined to take part in a discovery which will make possible interstellar travel, but at present a tortured individual confronted by a strange and possibly alien entity known as the Shrandar. In the future there are Seria Mau Genlicher, spaceship pilot, surgically and biologically modified to interact directly with her ship, the White Cat and Ed Chianese, drifter and sensation seeker, currently down and out in New Venusport, with everybody in the universe apparently keen to take from him what he owes. Pb \$17.95 320pp

ROBIN HOBB



FOOL'S FATE

Tawny Man #3. The only hopes for an end to war and insurrection in the Six Duchies rests in the hands of the small party that are embarked on a desperate quest to the frozen island of Aslevjal. Here, so legend says, lies the sleeping form of the legendary great black dragon, Icefyre. The beast is of holy significance to the people of the OutIslands, a powerful talisman, but it is this dragon that their Narcheska has challenged Prince Dutiful to kill. All he has to help him in this is the company of his small coterie - the mercurial old assassin, Chade, the gifted but slow-witted servant boy, Thick, and their Skillmaster, Fitz. Hb \$54.95 Tp \$29.95 805pp

NALO HOPKINSON



THE SALT ROADS

When three Caribbean slave women gather one night to bury a stillborn baby, their collected mournings braid into a powerful calling, and a deity is born. So begins the epic journey of a spirit who, in a desperate bid to discover her nature and identity, defies the limitations of time and place to inhabit the minds of living women throughout history. Hb \$55.00 394pp

BRIAN JACQUES

 **A REDWALL WINTER'S TALE**

Featuring faces old and new and sumptuous illustrations, this book makes a perfect gift for any Redwall fan. A winter feast fit for Redwall appetites, along with mole clowns, juggling otters, flying squirrels and a hedgehog magician, send the Abbey babes fast asleep. All except Bungo who catches sight of the great Snow Badger - Lord of Wintertide. Packed with songs, rhymes, cheer and stunning full-colour illustrations, this special Redwall storybook is one to treasure. Pb \$16.95 20pp

 **MICE**

The Tribes of Redwall. The creatures of the Redwall sequence - from mice and badgers to otters and squirrels - hail from many different clans, but it is not the vermin hordes that produce heroes of note; it is the tribes of valiant beasts that breed the likes of Martin the Warrior, Cregga Rose Eyes and Deyna, the legendary otter. Every book in this wonderful series reveals the secrets of the great Redwall creatures, tribe by tribe, and includes a full-colour, pull-out poster, an introduction by Brian Jacques, the tribes' traits, a close look at the greatest heroes and a quiz to test the most ardent Redwall followers. Pb \$16.95 24pp

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 **THE BOOK OF AIR**

Dragon Quartet #4. The four elemental dragons and their human companions are on a desperate quest to free Air from her as-yet-undiscovered prison - and stop Fire before his devastating reign destroys the world. Pb \$17.95 507pp

JACKIE FRENCH KOLLER

 **A WIZARD NAMED NELL**

The Keepers #1. The present Imperial Wizard, Keeper of the Light that protects Eldearth, is aging and ill. If a new apprentice is not found soon, Eldearth may succumb to the evil powers of the dark Lord Graieconn. There is a long tradition in Eldearth that the keeper must be a Wizard, and only boys can be Wizards, but so far, all the boys who have attempted the difficult quest to become Apprentice Keeper have failed. Time is running out. Princess Arenelle, a promising young Witch, has just reached 11, the age of Magic, and wishes to undertake the quest. Against the King's wishes, Nell sets out into the unknown with her pet demidragon, Minna. Aided by folk she meets along the way and an albino dragon that she rescues from near death, Nell battles the fearsome forces of nature, evil and ignorance that are amassed against her. Pb \$9.95 180pp



MERCEDES LACKEY, RACHEL LEE &

 **CATHERINE ASARO
CHARMED DESTINIES**

In *Counting Crows* by Mercedes Lackey, Lady Gwynhefar's only ally is noble Sir Elloran, a warrior willing to fight for her honour. But would her powerful spell capture his heart - or tumble the kingdom into chaos? In *Drusilla's Dream* by Rachel Lee, Drusilla Morgan dreams of courageous and handsome Miles Kennedy. Their quest: to battle evil and find true love. Yet when the sun rises, will Drusilla's fantasy man become a reality? In *Moonglow* by Catherine Asaro, in a world where kings marry for magic, Iris Larkspur is required to wed the prince - despite the spell that keeps him deaf, mute and blind. Healing her bridegroom will take a power greater than any she's ever known - one only two bonded hearts could provide! Pb \$17.95 377pp

MERCEDES LACKEY (Ed)

 **SUN IN GLORY AND OTHER
TALES OF VALDEMAR**

A Valdemar Collection. An all-new original short fiction anthology featuring the editor's heroic Heralds and their horselike companions. Contributors include Judith Tarr, Michelle West, Fiona Patton and others. Pb \$17.95 349pp

GLENDA LARKE

 **THE AWARE**

The Isles of Glory #1. Blaze Halfbreed doesn't like Gorthan Spit, but she's being paid to find an enslaved Cirkasian woman - a woman needed by the Keepers to further their political ambitions. When Blaze sees dunmagic running over the floor in the taproom of The Drunken Plaice, she knows trouble is not far away. Could it be in the form of the three tall, very handsome men at other tables? Just what is their business here? Her search for the Cirkasian takes Blaze deep into Gorthan Spit, and she is horrified to unravel a threat to all the Isles of Glory... and a more immediate threat to her own life. Could the key to it all lie with an ancient legend of vanished islands? Pb \$18.95 498pp

KATHRYN LASKY

 **THE JOURNEY**

Guardians of Ga'hoole #2. Soren, Gylfie, Twilight and Digger travel to the Great Ga'Hoole Tree, a mythical place where an order of owls rises each night to perform noble deeds. Soren and his group are seeking help to fight the evil they discovered in the owl world. After a harrowing journey, they arrive at the Great Ga'Hoole Tree and learn they will need to stay to receive training from the Ga'Hoolian elders. During his time at the Great Ga'Hoole Tree, Soren finds (and loses) a great mentor and he is reunited with his beloved sister. Pb \$9.95 244pp

ELIZABETH LYNN

 **DRAGON'S TREASURE**

Dragon #2. In the province of Ippa, the twin sons of Kojiro, the Black Dragon, warred with sorcery and fire to decide which of them would rule their father's kingdom. After his brother's death, Karadur, who inherited his dangerous father's shape-changing gift, becomes the master of Dragon's County. Hb \$65.00 329pp

ANNE McCAFFREY & JODY LYNN NYE

 **THE SHIP WHO SAVED THE
WORLDS**

Omnibus edition containing *The Ship Who Won* and *The Ship Errant*. Hb \$52.00 600pp

ANNE & TODD McCAFFREY

  **DRAGON'S KIN**

A Dragons of Pern novel. Young Kindan has no expectations other than joining his father in the mines of Camp Natalon, a coal mining settlement struggling to turn a profit far from the great Holds where the presence of dragons and their riders means safety and civilisation. Then disaster strikes. In one terrible instant, Kindan loses his family and the camp loses its watch-her. Kindan is taken in by the camp's new Harper and finds a measure of solace in a burgeoning musical talent... and in a new friendship with Nuella, a mysterious girl no one seems to know exists. Meanwhile, sparked by the tragedy, long-simmering tensions are dividing the camp. Hb \$59.95 292pp

DIANA MARCELLAS

 **THE SEA LARK'S SONG**

Sharia #2. Young Brierley was a healer, until she was betrayed by one she trusted, and her secret heritage as a Sh'ari healer was exposed. On the run from those who would destroy her as they did the rest of her race, Brierley discovered



the shocking truth about what really happened to her people... and fell in love. Now Brierley hides in the mountains, working her way through a tangled nest of secrets and lies in an attempt to bring her people, and their power for good, back into the world. While she does this, her true love has a daunting task: it is up to him to convince his countrymen to find their way past centuries of hate and distrust. For if he cannot do so, not only will Brierley and her dreams for the future be lost to him forever, but his own people may well face the same sort of destruction they wreaked upon the Sh'ari... Pb \$19.95 471pp

CAROL McLEAN-CARR

FAIRY DREAMS

Discover the magic of a fairy wonderland and see if you can find the fairies' hidden treasures! Tp \$14.95 36pp

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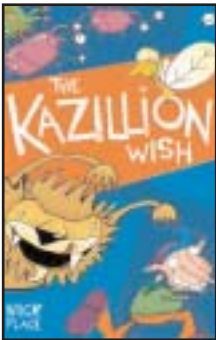
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
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
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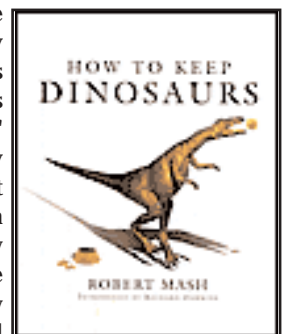
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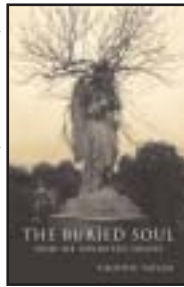


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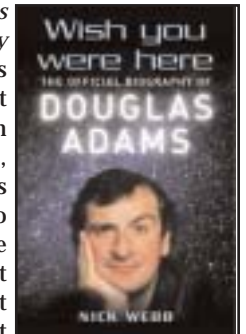
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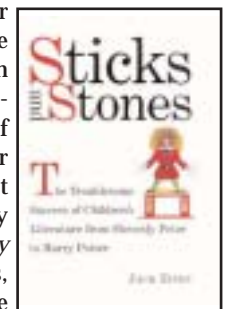
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy launched Douglas Adams to instant superstardom when it came out in 1978, becoming a success as a novel, radio and TV series. Like all his best work it was funny, but seriously funny. But Adams the comic writer, who worked with Monty Python among others, is only part of the story. He had a probing scientific mind and was happy discussing ideas with the likes of Richard Dawkins or Stephen Pinker. And his ideas helped inspire the techies of the IT revolution. Here is a portrait of a larger-than-life character who is still mourned by his millions of fans around the world. Tp \$39.95 370pp



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WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING...

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This is the follow-up to **Mortal Engines** (Pb \$15.95), and it's even better. A tale of an apocalyptic earth on a grand scale, this is a story with great vision and action for young adults, but can be enjoyed by all.
- David

Shadows Over Innsmouth edited by Stephen Jones (Tp \$34.00). This Lovecraft anthology centres around the port town of Innsmouth, with lots of bizarre fishy goings on and creatures from the deep. If you know Lovecraft you'll enjoy this collection which includes Neil Gaiman, Ramsay Campbell and Kim Newman - and by the end be dreaming of dark brackish waters... - David



This month I read the first book in the *Voodoo Moon* trilogy by Cheri Scotch, **The Werewolf's Kiss** (Pb \$16.95). Set in Louisiana, this novel introduces us to the seductive world of werewolves and voodoo. Lieutenant Achille Broussard is a member of the New Orleans Police Department and leader of the local werewolves. He is also the lover of the city's newly appointed Voodoo queen, Mae. Achille has a couple of problems. The daughter of his old friend Andrew Marley, has begun to feel the pull of the moon and her pain and confusion is felt by the werewolves, but Andrew is in denial about what Sylvie is. Achille has to help Sylvie learn about herself and make a decision that could destroy her father. There is also a rival to Mae's position who will stop at nothing to take the power he believes he deserves, including drugs, sacrifices and murder. When Antoine learns of Sylvie's awakening powers, he knows he needs her to beat Mae and consolidate his position.

Fun, violent and sexy, this is a great werewolf story and I am eager to start on the next book. Scotch has created her own mythology for her werewolves and it is nice to see something different. Although not as action packed as the *Anita Blake* series, this book sets up the mythology and history so I think the other books will be paced a little faster. 8/10 - Sian

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