



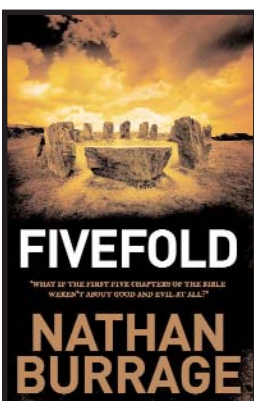
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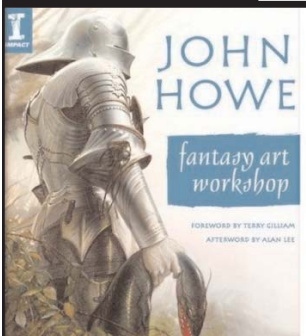
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What if we got it wrong? What if the first five chapters of the Bible weren't about good and evil at all? What if they contained a hidden meaning, evidence of a divine grand plan? Throughout history, a select few have been entrusted with the knowledge that the future of human civilisation boils down to a single test. A test that's conducted every second century and just happens to coincide with major turning points in human history. What if the choices you made determined the outcome? Five ordinary people from London who stumble across a hidden set of ruins are about to find out. Tp \$32.95



FANTASY ART WORKSHOP JOHN HOWE

John Howe is one of the world's most renowned fantasy artists and has for many years worked as a leading illustrator of Tolkien's works and peripheral products. John increased his extensive fan base working alongside Alan Lee as Conceptual Designer of *The Lord Of The Rings* movie trilogy. This is his first ever practical art book,

presenting a wide selection of his work, practical demonstrations and a foreword by Terry Gilliam. "Here's how I do it, and why": this is the premise behind his very first practical exploration of his artistic inspirations, approaches and techniques. Perfect for practical artists and fans of his work, this book provides step-by-step demonstrations, sketches and finished paintings, some of which were designed specifically for this book. The book covers a wide range of subjects including materials and the creative process, as well as drawing and painting humans, beasts, landscapes and architecture. Tp \$49.95 121pp

FANTASY ART NOW THE VERY BEST IN CONTEMPORARY FANTASY ART MARTIN MCKENNA

The resurgence of interest in fantasy art sees some of the finest, freshest and most exciting talents in the world of fantasy illustration brought together for the first time in one luxurious showcase volume. Creators from across the globe are represented in a book that looks forward rather than back in its approach to fantasy art. Clint Langley, Greg Staples, Glenn Fabry, James Rayman, Linda Bergkvist, Liam Sharp, Jason Chan, Aly Fell, Aaron Sng and Robert Chang are just a few of the new generation of fantasy artists included. This is not a book of retrospectives, but examines what illustrators and painters are creating now – whether it's for the latest graphic novel, book cover, trading card set or computer game. Heralding the new wave of contemporary fantasy creators and their endlessly adaptable new media, this is must for all fantasy art aficionados. Hb \$59.95 192pp



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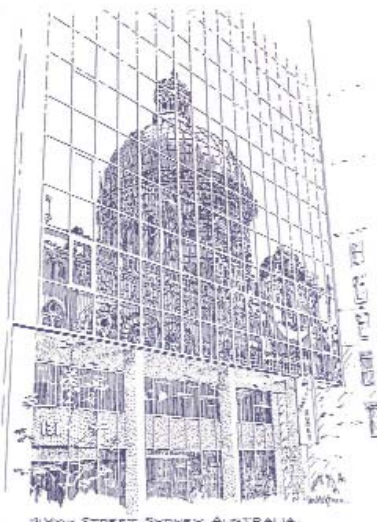
In 1968, Ron Abbey and I were living in Brisbane. Ron was deputy manager of the shipping department at Ampol Refinery. Our children - Donald, Jane and Alan - were at Camp Hill Primary School and I was keeping the home fires burning. I went down to Sydney at Easter to visit Ron's sister Jean. Ron said, "While you're down there, see if you can't find a space for a bookshop." Ron was always a good delegator.

I visited our friend Jim Thorburn at his Pocket Bookshop in Pitt Street. When I came out, I saw that the Rural Bank Building opposite was vacant - due for demolition. Two months later, we had taken a temporary lease of the premises.

That was the very first Abbey's Bookshop at 115 Pitt Street. Jim was not pleased, but we've always believed it's beneficial for several bookshops to be near each other, just as there is now with the Sydney Book Quarter on our block here in York Street. One of the things that customers liked about us was that we were mavericks who sold cheap remainders at the front of the shop. Now, 40 YEARS LATER, there is much more of this story to tell, including the opening of Galaxy Bookshop in 1975.

Ron was always a big fan of Charles Dickens, so in the fine tradition of Pickwick Papers, please await further instalments...

- Eve Abbey



 **SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY** 

DANIEL ABRAHAM

 **SHADOW AND BETRAYAL**

The Long Price #1. The powerful city-state of Saraykeht is a bastion of peace and culture, a major centre of commerce and trade. Enter the Galts, a juggernaut of an empire committed to laying waste to all lands with their ferocious army. Saraykeht, though, has always been too strong for the Galts to attack, but now they see an opportunity. If they can dispose of Heshai, Seedless's bonded poet-sorcerer, Seedless will perish and the entire city will fall. Recruited to act as a bodyguard for his girlfriend's boss at a secret meeting, Otah inadvertently learns of the Galtish plot and finds himself as the sole hope of Saraykeht. Tp \$35.00 608pp

ALEX ARCHER

 **WARRIOR SPIRIT**

Rogue Angel #8. While vacationing in Tokyo, archaeologist Annja Creed is approached by Kennichi Ogawa, the last descendant of an ancient warrior family. He is trying to locate a stolen artefact. Legend has it that the vajra was mystically endowed by a warrior's spirit to help the Yumegakure-ryu family forever be a source for good. But the vajra could help the forces of evil if it gets into the wrong hands and now the bloodthirsty Yakuza and a group of hired ninja are after it. As Annja and Kennichi trek through the Iga province to find the relic, they must also outsmart the Yakuza and ninja who are dangerously close to uncovering the vajra first... Pb \$13.95 352pp

ALEX ARCHER

 **SERPENT'S KISS**

Rogue Angel #9. Working on a dig on the southern coast of India, the last thing Annja Creed expects is to be hit by a tsunami, or to strike archaeological gold, but that's exactly what happens when several objects wash ashore in the storm. The relics carry unfamiliar markings that hint at a legendary city. Excited by the prospect of discovering a culture believed lost to civilisation, Annja embarks on a perilous journey deep into the heart of danger. Just as Annja's grail comes into view, she must ward off an even greater evil, because deep in the Nilgiris mountains is a race of people that the world forgot - and they don't like strangers. Pb \$13.95 352pp *Due Jan*

CATHERINE ASARO

 **THE RUBY DICE**

Skolian Empire #3. Two men, two empires. Jaibriol rules the Eubian Concord - over two trillion people across more than a 1,000 worlds and habitats. Kelric rules the Skolian Imperiate. Each hides a secret that, if revealed, might be his downfall. Jaibriol is a secret psion with telepathic abilities. To be a psion in the Eubian Concord is to be a slave, eventually to be tortured for the pleasure of the slave's owner. Kelric, years ago, disappeared for nearly two decades. He was a prisoner and slave on the planet Coban, part of neither empire, until he managed to escape. Neither man knows how long he can keep his secret - nor how much longer they can hold back the threat of a war that could incinerate hundreds of inhabited worlds. Hb \$46.00 400pp *Due Jan*

SARAH ASH

 **TRACING THE SHADOW**

Alchemist Legacy #1. The kingdom of Francia has purged its magi. But when a young Guerrier rescues an orphaned street waif, little does he know that she is the daughter of a magus who met his end on their pyres, or that she is guarded by an aethyric spirit and driven by the name of the traitor who condemned her father to flames. With the gift of song infused within her, the child's voice will bring her before the most powerful heads of state and she will craft herself into a weapon aimed at the heart of the man she despises. From the alchemist's apprentice whose discovery leads him into a dark partnership to a girl who will become the toast of three nations, a new magic will grant powers and ignite dangers beyond all reckoning. Hb \$48.00 576pp *Due Jan*



ISAAC ASIMOV

  **PEBBLE IN THE SKY**

One moment Joseph Schwartz is a happily retired tailor in Chicago, 1949. The next he's a helpless stranger on Earth during the heyday of the first Galactic Empire. Earth, as he soon learns, is a backwater, just a pebble in the sky, despised by all the other 200 million planets of the Empire because its people dare to claim it's the original home of man. And Earth is poor, with great areas of radioactivity ruining much of its soil - so poor that everyone is sentenced to death at the age of 60. Joseph Schwartz is 62. This is Asimov's first novel, full of wonders and ideas, the book that launched the novels of the *Galactic Empire*, culminating in the *Foundation* series. This is Golden Age SF at its finest. Hb \$49.95 256pp *Due Jan*

JAMES AXLER

 **DARK GODDESS**

Outlanders #43. In her chrysalis state, Baroness Beausoleil was an arch foe of mankind. Now, her metamorphosis into Overlord Lilitu poses a far greater menace, but she needs human help in a plot to overthrow her brethren and seize control of the last remaining Anunnaki stronghold on Earth. Buried deep in the sands of the Sinai, a secret port can unleash the dangerous mysteries of an alien race, unless the Cerberus rebels can outwit a she-god with an army at her disposal... and the cunning and cruelty to wrest Earth for herself. Pb \$13.95 352pp

WILL CHRISTOPHER BAER



 **GODSPEED**

There is no heaven or hell. There is only the next world, a lawless purgatory called the Presidio. Populated by the dead, the undead, angels, monsters and immortals, the Presidio is located a heartbeat away from this world for those who know how to get there. Ryder Fell, a kind-hearted thief cursed with visions of the future, is contracted to kidnap Polly Lee James, a sweet 16-year-old orphan who is not what she seems. Polly is an exile from the Presidio and her kidnapping will take Ryder on a collision course with the twisted denizens of purgatory. Tp \$27.95 250pp *Due Jan*

KAGE BAKER

 **GODS AND PAWNS**

Stories of the Company. These eight stories delve further into the history and exploits of the Company. The book opens with the novella, *To the Land Beyond the Sunset*, starring Lewis and Mendoza. *Standing in His Light* features Van Druten's role in the career of the artist Jan Vermeer. Other stories include *Welcome to Olympus*, *Mr. Hearst*, which opens up intriguing questions about The Company and the original novelette, *Hellfire at Twilight*, tells of Lewis infiltrating the famous Hellfire Club in 18th century England. Tp \$29.95 336pp *Due Jan*

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
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	AUSTRALIAN
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NEW TITLE

THE RIVEN KINGDOM

GODSPEAKER #2

KAREN MILLER

PB \$21.00 581pp

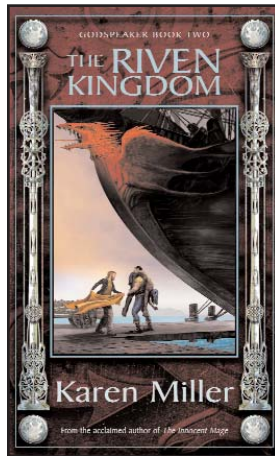
In Miller's **Empress of Mijak** we readers were thrust into the brutal and unforgiving sands of Mijak, through the eyes of Hekat, a peasant who became a slave, a slave who became a warrior, a warrior who married a warlord and became the Empress. If you have read **Empress**, you ought to examine the cover of **The Riven Kingdom** and see if there's something very familiar about a certain man...

In **The Riven Kingdom**, readers are introduced to a powerful, but vulnerable, island kingdom called Ethrea. It is a peaceful and wealthy monarchy ruled by King Eberg, who is dying and has no male sons to carry on his bloodline. He has a daughter though, Rhian, proud, strong and noble, who will not be forced to do as the Church commands. At the same time, a broken man is being nursed back to health and, across the ocean, a vicious army is amassing and preparing to destroy or conquer everything in its path.

Miller carefully intertwines the Church and State, creating a volatile political situation which mirrors our own world's blurred lines of morality. She also makes subtle social commentary in contrasting the resolute faith of the 'peasants' of Mijak against the machinations of the Church in Ethrea. The devotion of the savage people of Muijak gives them strength as a people, and every action they make is for the glory of God. The Church of Ethrea is a political and social vehicle of power for the stability of the nation.

Despite creating two lands utterly different from each other, Miller skilfully reveals how the face of evil can lurk behind many different masks. The writing has a compelling edge and Miller again demonstrates her knack for character's dialogue contrasted against their inner thoughts. Also she has created an utterly lovable character in Dexterity Jones, a recently widowed toy-maker, who is 'haunted' by his dead wife, Hattie. He still loves her dearly and she serves him as sort of spirit guide. It is a testament to the author's skill in characterisation that Jones' portions of the story are such a pleasure to read.

There's just something about Miller's writing that is very appealing and easy to read. Once it was in my hand, the chapters of **Empress of Mijak** just flew by, so I was compelled to read the next one to find out what would happen. Hekat has become more unstable, dangerous and even more madly ambitious, convinced she sits in the God's Eye and that she should rule the world. Those who haven't tried **Empress** should not simply skip to **The Riven Kingdom**, as you would be depriving yourself of the savagery and grandeur of that story. I am very much looking forward to immersing myself in **Hammer of God**, the third instalment in this excellent series. - Sofia



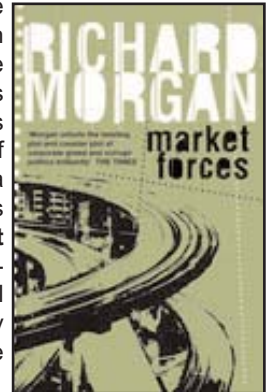
CLASSIC TITLE

MARKET FORCES

RICHARD MORGAN

PB \$19.95 496pp

If you think about it, most of the speculated visions of our future in science fiction are often bleak or feature dystopic societies. Richard Morgan is one of the main culprits and all of his novels should come with a bottle of hard liquor: there is a need to down a stiff drink after reading Morgan's speculations of a hard future. In **Market Forces**, Morgan takes us to a not-too-distant future, where global corporations have become intensely bloody, and road rage has become the norm.



In 2049, major corporations have moved into the lucrative field of conflict investment. Financial support is given to groups or parties who plan to overthrow a government and the corporations receive a percentage of a state's GDP when the new government is successful.

Such greed has meant that the divide between the rich and the poor has never been greater. Whilst the poor are living in segregated ghettos, the rich are living it up and zooming around on empty motorways (due to insanely high fuel prices). The motorways are also the place where bids between rival companies are made for contracts: instead of having the best sales pitch, rival executives duel it out to the death in their modified European cars to win the contract.

Chris Faulkner is the new star at Shorn Associates. Having grown up literally on the wrong side of the tracks, Faulkner is desperate not to return to where he came from and will do anything to hold on to his new-found wealth and power. As Faulkner begins contract renewal negotiations with an ageing Colombian dictator, Faulkner must be ruthless to ensure that the deal is sealed and, more importantly, that he stays alive.


Full of faults and offered a chance at redemption, Faulkner is your classic anti-hero. But does Faulkner want redemption or is he addicted to living life on the insane edge? As the business side of work becomes more ruthless and cutthroat, and his relationship with his wife and loved ones suffers, we see Faulkner's soul slowly being destroyed.

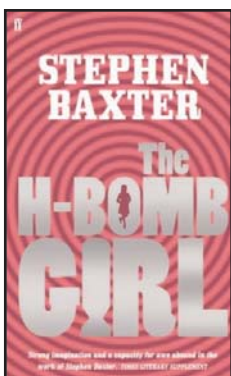
For all the politics and social commentary that Morgan throws around (a reading list is given in the novel), the story actually flows at a breakneck pace. It is a credit to Morgan's writing style that he can comment on the greed of global corporations and mix it in with *Mad Max*-esque ultra-violence without any clashes in style or pace. The tone of the novel is over the top - ultra-violence, insanely greedy suits and pitch-black bleakness for the majority creates a safe distance between fact and fiction. However, it is easy to imagine society getting out of hand quickly and playing out like Morgan speculates here.

Even though this won the *John W Campbell Award* in 2005 for best novel, it is still an under-rated novel. An intense look at a possibly bleak future, the only upbeat thing is that it is a work of fiction. Just remember to have a stiff drink handy when reading it! - John

STEPHEN BAXTER


THE H-BOMB GIRL

 Liverpool 1962. A place and time of danger and passion. A thrilling new music is bursting on to the grey streets of the post-war city, a music that electrifies and promises to change everything. But in Cuba, on the other side of the earth, nuclear tensions are at breaking point. The end of the whole world could be just days away. At the heart of it all is 14-year-old Laura Mann. She's on the run, hunted by strange forces fighting over the future of humanity and Laura's about to discover that her own life is at stake - in ways she could never have imagined... Hb \$27.95 256pp




ELIZABETH BEAR

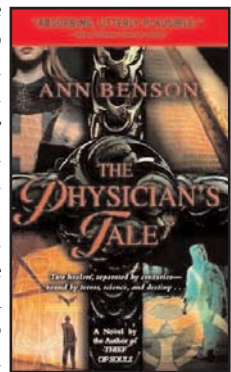
DUST

 A wandering space colony struggles to survive and to retain order as it orbits a doomed sun. Pb \$13.95 416pp *Due Jan*

ANN BENSON


THE PHYSICIAN'S TALE

 This is the saga of two healers separated by six centuries, both facing terror and trials, bound together by history, science and destiny. In the near future, in the hills of the American Northeast, a group of men, women and children band together for survival against nature and human enemies, huddling in the only corner of the world they know. Among these people is Janie Crowe, a physician whose son is her greatest hope and deepest secret. Etched into Janie's memory is the ancient journal of a Jewish man of medicine - a man who fought for survival in his own age of plague. In Europe, in the age of the Black Death, Alejandro Canches must hide his identity - and break his oath as a physician for the sake of his and his loved ones' lives. Pb \$18.95 672pp



CAROL BERG

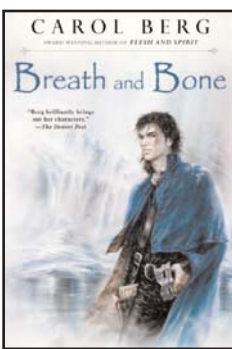
FLESH AND SPIRIT

 *Lighthouse* #1. The rebellious Valen has spent his life trying to escape his family legacy, but his fate is sealed when he winds up half-dead, addicted to an enchantment which leads him into a world he could never possibly imagine... Pb \$15.95 512pp *Due Jan*

CAROL BERG


BREATH AND BONE

 *Lighthouse* #2. As the land of Navronne sinks deeper into civil war and perilous winter, everyone wants to get their hands on the rebellious sorcerer Valen - a murderous priestess, a prince who steals dead men's eyes and even the Danae guardians, whose magic nurtures the earth and whose attention could prove the most costly of all. Addicted to an enchantment that turns pain into pleasure and bound by oaths he refuses to abandon, Valen risks body and soul to rescue one child, seek justice for another and bring the dying land its rightful king. Yet no one is who they seem and Valen's search for healing grace leads him from Harrower dungeons to alien shores. Only at the heart of the world does he discover the glorious, terrible price of the land's redemption - and his own. Tp \$29.95 432pp *Due Jan*




TOBY BISHOP

AIRS AND GRACES

 *Horsemistress* #2. Since bonding with a winged foal by accident, Larkyn Hamley has risen from a wild country girl to become one of the finest students at the Academy of the Air. But Duke William, the new ruler of Oc, is obsessed with riding a winged horse himself and his madness leads him to ignore his traditional duties to protect the Duchy. Now it's Larkyn who must take flight to save her country, her Academy and her own life. Pb \$13.95 336pp


HOLLY BLACK & TONY DITERLIZZI

THE NIXIE'S SONG

 *Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles* #1. 11-year-old Nicholas Vargas moves with his newly remarried father into the soon-to-be-completed Mangrove Hollow in Florida, but an expedition to a nearby lake turns up a little nixie with a giant problem. Hb \$16.95 192pp


HOLLY BLACK & TONY DITERLIZZI

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES: A GRAND TOUR OF THE ENCHANTED WORLD

 Take a tour with Thimbletack, resident and caretaker of the Spiderwick mansion, as he guides you through his scrapbook and personal collection of faerie artefacts. Learn the history of the Spiderwick estate and its former occupants, peruse lost letters that uncover long-hidden secrets, browse through personal items from the Grace kids and read clips of stories from around the world about other encounters with strange and mythical creatures. Also included are pullouts, pop-ups, foldouts and more. Hb \$34.95 32pp


ALEX BLEDSOE

THE SWORD-EDGED BLONDE

 It should have been a case like any other - a missing princess, a king willing to pay in gold for her return. But before he realises it, private investigator Eddie LaCrosse, a slightly shopworn sword jockey with a talent for discretion and detection, is swept up in a web of mystery and deceit involving a brutally murdered royal heir, a queen accused of an unspeakable crime and the tragic past he thought he'd left behind. Hb \$49.95 256pp


LUCY BOSTON

RIVER AT GREEN KNOWE

 Ida, Oscar and Ping are staying with Ida's great-aunt at the ancient, river-encircled house of Green Knowe. They set out to chart the river in the canoe and soon discover that it has some surprising and mysterious secrets. Pb \$14.95 112pp


PATRICIA BRIGGS

IRON KISSED

 *Mercy Thompson* #3. When her former boss and mentor is arrested for murder and left to rot behind bars by his own kind, it's up to shape-shifting car mechanic, Mercy Thompson, to clear his name, whether he wants her to or not. And she'll have to choose between the two werewolves in her life - whether she wants to or not. Pb \$15.95 304pp *Due Jan*


JACK CAMPBELL

COURAGEOUS

 *Lost Fleet* #3. Captain Jon "Black Jack" Gray, jumping from system to system to keep one step ahead of the Syndics, stumbles upon fragments of intelligence that expose the existence of another potential player in a war that has the means to destroy the human race. Pb \$15.95 320pp

PATRICK CARMAN

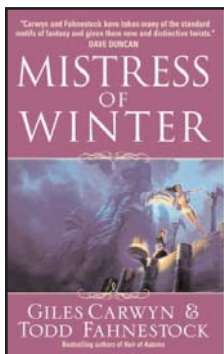
INTO THE MIST

 *The Land of Elyon*. Follow young Thomas Warvold and his brother as they journey through Elyon, discovering new mysteries, new challenges and new magical creatures that will alter the history of the land. Hb \$20.00 304pp

GILES CARWYN

**& TODD FAHNESTOCK
MISTRESS OF WINTER**

Ohndarien #2. The Nightmare Battle was won thanks to the noble sacrifice of the Heir of Autumn. Since then, the sorceress-concubine Shara has spent many fruitless years in her quest to free her beloved Brophy from the magical slumber that keeps the sinister magic of the Black Emmeria at bay. But an unending river of tormented dreams has twisted Brophy into a monster. And once awakened by the powerful Arefaine Morgeon, Brophy cruelly abandons his steadfast lover, joining instead the ambitious young enchantress in her scheme to return the notoriously savage City of Sorcerers to its former dark glory. Betrayed and abandoned, her heart irreparably shattered, Shara drowns her grief in a single-minded pursuit of pleasure and power, seduced into a deadly clash with a magical master of pain as the world slides ever-closer to destruction. Pb \$15.95 624pp *Due Jan*



DAVID CLEMENT-DAVIES

FELL

Sight #2. Fell, the dark-furred twin brother to Larka, must face life without his sister or the rest of his loving pack. He's a lone wolf now, a "kerl," an outcast from his kind, who shares his sister's fatal gift for seeing the future and the thoughts of others. This gift leads him to befriend a young girl, also an outcast from her people. This time, wolf and girl must fight together to free the land from a tyrannical ruler, based on the real Count Dracula. Pb \$19.95 432pp

DAVID B COE

WEAVERS OF WAR

Winds of the Forelands #5. For years the magical Qirsi people who live among the Eandi courts of the Forelands have conspired, weakening alliances among the realms. The renegades are led by a mysterious Weaver named Dusaan with powers that allow him to appear in the dreams of his followers and to bind the magic of many Qirsi into a single weapon more potent than any the Eandi have faced in 1,000 years. Now, his planning begins to bear fruit. He reveals himself to friend and foe alike, knowing that none can stand against him. Grinsa, another Weaver, fights for the king. At last, the two Weavers do battle, Dusaan leading his army of Qirsi sorcerers, Grinsa standing with an alliance of Eandi nobles and warriors. Whichever side wins will bear a heavy cost for victory. Pb \$15.95 624pp *Due Jan*

GLEN COOK

**LORD OF THE SILENT
KINGDOM**

The Instrumentalities of the Night #2. It's cold. The wells of power are weakening and the forces of Night grow strong. The gods are real and still have some power, mostly to do harm. The Instrumentalities of the Night are the worst of these. Piper Hecht, born Else Tage, survived a battle with the Instrumentalities. Now he's Captain-General of the armies fighting a crusade for Patriarch Sublime V. Sieges, explosions, betrayals, Anti-Patriarchs and suspicious deaths will ensue as the great chess game plays itself out, with Piper Hecht at the centre of it all... Pb \$15.95 624pp *Due Jan*

JULIE CZERNEDA (Ed)

FANTASTIC COMPANIONS

Finalist for the 2006 *Prix Aurora Best Work in English Award*, this is an anthology of 19 original short stories, chosen to illustrate the use of anthropomorphism in fantasy. Individual stories range from more traditional techniques, such as talking animals, to more unusual, such as the personification of constellations, ancient gods and story itself. Tp \$36.00 400pp

JAMES F DAVID

THUNDER OF TIME

Ten years ago, the prehistoric past collided with the present as time itself underwent a tremendous disruption, transporting huge swaths of the Cretaceous Period into the world of the 20th century. Entire neighbourhoods and cities were replaced by primeval jungles and humanity suddenly found itself sharing the earth with dinosaurs. In the end, desperate measures were taken to halt the disruptions and the crisis appeared to be over. Until now. Slowly at first, but with increasing frequency, time begins to unravel once more. What's worse, Nick Paulson, Director of the newly-formed Office of Security Science, discovers that the time displacements are being manipulated by unknown parties, utilising a mysterious new technology. Indeed, the very integrity of the space-time continuum appears to be at risk. Pb \$15.95 416pp *Due Jan*

PHILIP K DICK

**VOICES FROM THE
STREET**

Stuart Hadley is a radio electronics salesman in the 1950s. He has what many would consider the ideal life - a nice house, a pretty wife, a decent job, but he still feels unfulfilled. Something is missing from his life. He reacts to the love of his wife and the kindness of his employer with anxiety and fear. He tries to fill his void first with drinking and then with an affair and finally with religious fanaticism, but nothing seems to be working and it is driving him crazy. Tp \$29.95 304pp

WILLIAM C DIETZ

LOGOS RUN

Jak Rebo #2. Runner Jak Rebo is on a mission to deliver the legendary AI known as Logos to a mysterious backwater planet. Once there, Logos can restore the system of star gates that once knitted the settled worlds of the universe together. But as the Techno Society wars with murderous anti-technics, Rebo gets caught in the middle and all he can do is run. Pb \$15.95 368pp

JOANNE DUNCALF

**THE ZOOKEEPER'S
MENAGERIE**

After delivering a controversial speech on religious freedom, high school valedictorian Mariel Stone upsets a lot of people in her small, provincial town of Green Valley. But there is one person she does impress - the mysterious Zookeeper, who sends a messenger on a white horse to escort her to his phantasmagorical land, a place called the Menagerie. And as soon as Mariel arrives, she realises she is in for one amazing ride. Long ago, the animals inhabiting the Menagerie walled out the Zookeeper, throwing him into exile and their world into chaos. Now, invading packs of marauding wolves deal out their own brand of justice, deadly snakes have taken over the Reptilian Paradise and worst of all, a terrifying dragon now rules the Capital City. Mariel must join forces with the peaceful creatures of the land in a quest to uproot these sinister evil beasts and restore the Zookeeper to his rightful position before the Menagerie is forever lost to darkness. Tp \$32.00 208pp *Due Jan*



P N ELROD

**MY BIG FAT
SUPERNATURAL
HONEYMOON**

Werewolves, vampires, witches, voodoo, Elvis and weddings. An 'ordinary' wedding can get crazy enough, so can you imagine what happens when otherworldly creatures are involved? Nine of the hottest authors of paranormal fiction answer that question in this collection of supernatural wedding stories. What's the seating plan when rival clans of werewolves and vampires meet under the same roof? How can a couple in the throes of love overcome traps set by feuding relatives, who are experts at voodoo? Will you have a good marriage if your high-seas wedding is held on a cursed ship? Contributors include L A Banks, Jim Butcher, Rachel Caine, Esther M Friesner, Lori Handeland, Sherrilyn Kenyon and Susan Krinard. Tp \$27.95 310pp *Due Jan*

KATE ELLIOTT

SPRIT GATE

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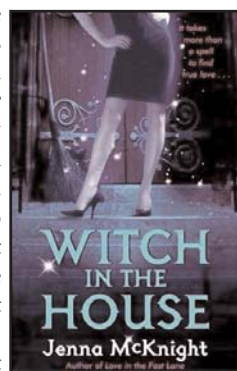
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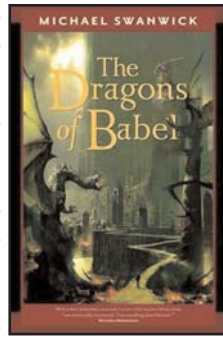
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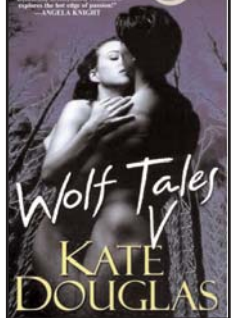
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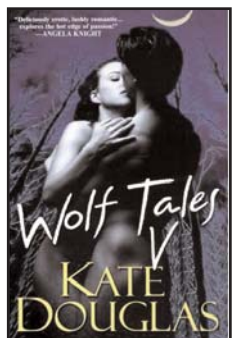
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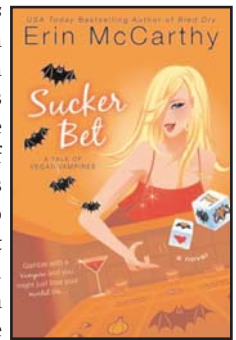
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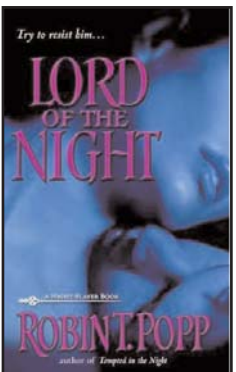
neon glow of Las Vegas - especially when there's a whole online group of vampire slayers bent on dealing you your last hand. A wild night with a stranger was not in the cards for Gwenna. But that's what happened when she met the ruggedly handsome detective Nate Thomas. Their passion made her feel alive again, but when Donatelli catches wind of the tryst, he's determined to clean house, with Nate the first on his to-off list. Tp \$27.95 336pp *Due Jan*

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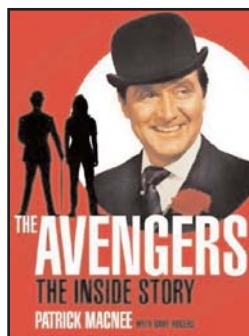
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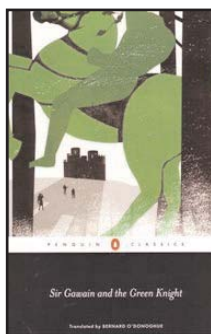
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What We've Been Reading...



Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Bernard O'Donoghue (Pb \$19.95). "It was Christmas at Camelot and there was a king".... Ok, so I'm mixing business with pleasure. I had to read this text for uni, but I had such a ball with it that it felt more like fun than work. Now that **Beowulf** has been made into a film, I think more people should be made aware of the amazing-ness of the early Anglo-Saxon writings. This was written back in the 14th century and surprisingly (surprising to me, that is) it is an easy and interesting read. Basically, the Sir Gawain (of King Arthur's court) decapitates a mysterious Green Knight, who then walks away unharmed and says he will return the blow the year after. Sir Gawain then bravely enters a land that is part real, part Faerie in order to try to honour the deal he made. One little thing I should mention is the verse-translation. This is not a novel, it is a long, epic poem without rhyming, translated from the earliest form of English. Dull, you say? Nay! Read it and be surprised! - *Sofia*



The Name of the Wind (Kingkiller Chronicle #1) by Patrick Rothfuss (Tp \$35.00). This book had me intrigued from the promotional material and that didn't do it justice. This is BRILLIANT! Where a first-time author gets off writing a book so polished is beyond me. For a decent-sized book, it coped well with being picked up/put down every few pages (the only way I get to read these days). This was just fantastic. I think this is an author to watch. 9/10 - *Steph*

Cybele's Secret (Other Kingdom #2) by Juliet Marillier (Pb \$16.95). This didn't have the same feel as **Wildwood Dancing** (\$16.95), which was a fairytale. This is more an adventure/romance that picks up Paula as she travels to the East with her father in search of an ancient artefact. I did enjoy it - it just wasn't quite what I was expecting. - *Steph*

20th Century Ghosts by Joe Hill (Hb \$49.95). I've never been a fan of short stories, but the reviews of this have been glowing to say the least, so I decided to put my prejudices behind me. I'd love to say I finished it - but the first damn story gave me a serious case of the wiggins and I had to put it down. Call me a wuss, but I'm blaming the book! This will get read. - *Steph*



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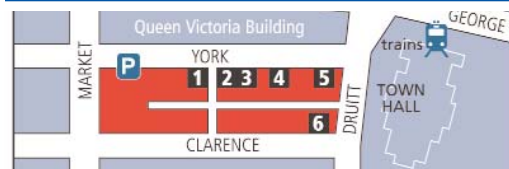
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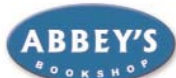
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