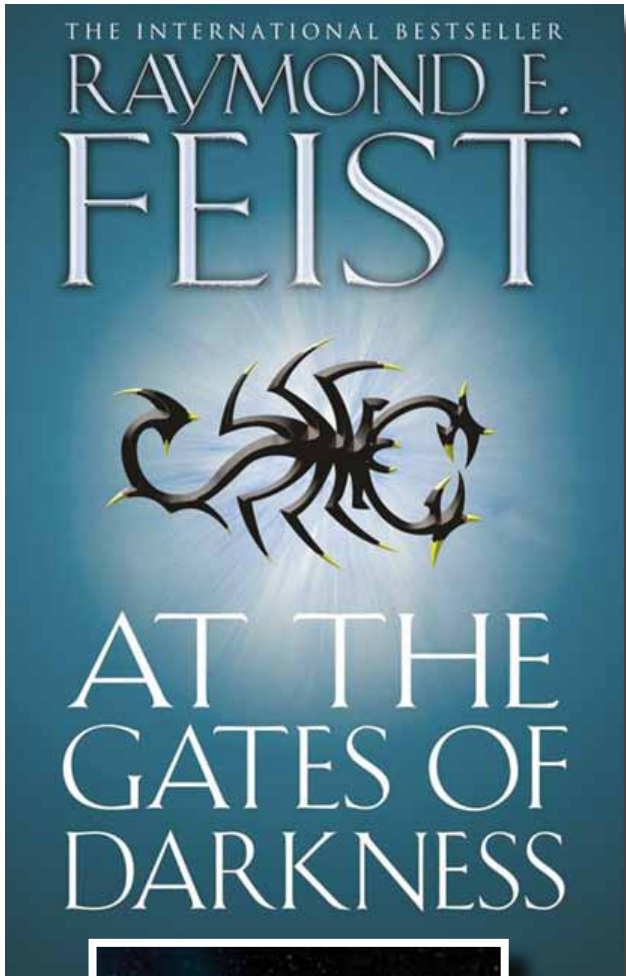


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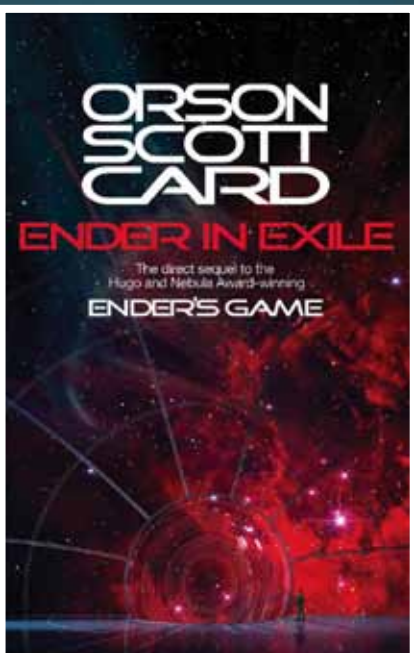
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### BEST NOVELLA

**IF ANGELS FIGHT** BY RICHARD BOWES

### BEST SHORT STORY

**26 MONKEYS, ALSO THE ABYSS**  
BY KIJ JOHNSON

### BEST ANTHOLOGY

**PAPER CITIES: AN ANTHOLOGY OF URBAN FANTASY** BY EKATERINA SEDIA (Ed)

### BEST COLLECTION

**THE DROWNED LIFE** BY JEFFREY FORD

### BEST ARTIST

**SHAUN TAN**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE (THU 31 DEC)**  
8.30AM - 5PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY (FRI 1 JAN)**  
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*Collegia #01.* The failed student of magic, Portier de Savin-Duplais, is reduced to tending the library at Sabria's last collegia magica, where he fights off despair with scholarship. But when the King of Sabria charges him to investigate an attempted murder that has disturbing magical resonances, Portier believes his dreams of a greater destiny might at last be fulfilled... 480pp Tp \$32



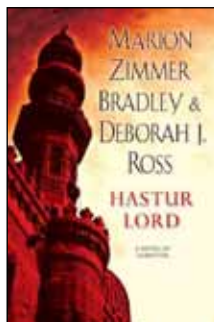
### HOLLY BLACK Valiant

*Modern Tale of Faerie #2.* When 17-year-old Valerie Russell discovers her boyfriend is secretly screwing her mother, she flees to NYC where she takes up with a community of isolated fey, who have offended their Courts and been sentenced to live out their banishment in the city. Ravus the troll is one such, and when Lolli steals from him, Val becomes bound to his service in recompense. They become friends, and when an old enemy threatens him, no price is too high for Val to save him. 320pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Jan*



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**Hastur Lord**  
*Darkover.* The world of Darkover has long-avoided joining the technologically-advanced Terran Empire. But Regis Hastur, one of the most powerful lords of Darkover, learns the Empire is about to become a Federation, and is extending an invitation for every world to join. The offer seems tempting to his people, but Regis knows that Darkover would only become a military base, sapped of its resources. He must stop at nothing to save his world... 432pp Hb \$48.00 *Due Jan*



### STEVEN BRUST Iorich

*Vlad Taltos #12.* House Jhereg, Dragaera's organised-crime syndicate, is still hunting Vlad Taltos. There's a big price on his head. When he discovers his long-time friend and ally, Alera, has been arrested by the Empire on a charge of practicing elder sorcery, it doesn't make sense. Everybody knows Alera's been dabbling in elder sorcery for ages. Why is the Empire after her now? It would be dangerous of Vlad to jump into this situation... and that's exactly why he's going to! 320pp Hb \$48.00 *Due Jan*



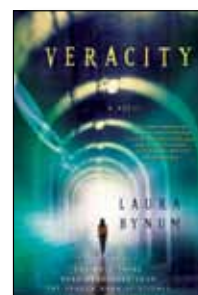
### Lois McMaster BUJOLD Horizen

*The Sharing Knife #4.* The concluding volume in the epic fantasy saga, from the multiple Hugo Award-winning author! 448pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Jan*



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In 2012, an act of viral terrorism wiped out half the country's population. Out of the ashes rose a new government, the 'Confederation of the Willing', dedicated to maintaining order... at any cost. But there are those who resisted the Confederation's regime. The newest member of the resistance movement is Harper – a woman driven by memories of a daughter lost. And Harper possesses a power that could make her the movement's ultimate weapon – or the instrument of their destruction... 384pp Hb \$48.00 *Due Jan*



### ORSON SCOTT CARD Ender in Exile

*Ender's Game #1.5.* Andrew Wiggin – called Ender by everyone – can't live on Earth. He is a hero, a military genius whose allegiance is sought by every nation of the newly shattered Earth Hegemony. He is offered the choice of living under the Hegemon's control, a pawn in his brother Peter's political games. Or he can join the colony ships and go out to settle one of the new worlds. The story of those years on the colony worlds has never been told... until now. 400pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Jan*



# ★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

## FAVE NEW

### Earth to Hell

Journey to Wudang #1

Kylie CHAN Pb \$22.99



When we left Emma in the *Dark Heaven* trilogy, she had survived Simon Wong (aka 122) and lost Leo and John (Xuan Wu) – but she had managed to save Simone, and escape the Demon King with the eventual promise that John would return to her. Now eight years in the future, Emma has had to step up to help manage the Northern Heavens and run the Wudang school, whilst hiding her true nature from her students and retainers.

This novel is based around getting Leo back after eight years. We follow our characters through Heaven and Hell as they try and convince Leo to accept immortality and rejoin them in the mortal plane. Plans go awry when the Leo held in Celestial Hell is proven to be a fake, and a desperate search ensues. It seems that after Simon Wong was destroyed, his closest demon consorts continued their experiments – and it's up to Emma and Simone to stop them, with help from Michael, Bai Hu, Kwan Yin, Jade and Gold along with many more 'new' and old Shen (immortals).

There have been many changes to Kylie's writing style – the most obvious being the increase in general description through the main body of the story, with less being told from one character to another. As can be expected, there is a lot of reintroduction in the first few chapters – which is especially important, considering that well-known characters from *Dark Heaven* have been brought back and have undergone drastic changes since the last book. Nevertheless, the story rushes quickly to the conflict within these chapters, preventing the story from seeming slow-paced. There is still much delving into ancient Chinese texts, which Chan uses to provide her characters with depth – most noticeably, offering insight into John's past and true nature, and explaining some of Simone's strange quirks. There is a moderate amount of fighting, but it is confined mostly to the Shen, and observed by Emma rather than experienced by her. This is a departure from her previous novels, but at the same time is completely understandable, in light of Emma's imprisonment by Simon Wong at the end of **Blue Dragon** (\$21.99).

Overall this was an amazing read. Just a reminder to readers that **Earth to Hell** is not Book Four of the *Dark Heavens* trilogy; this is Book One of *Journey to Wudang*, and it is something completely new and different. I think Kylie is off to another great start for this trilogy and I can't wait for the next one to come out!  
– Chrissi

## FAVE CLASSIC

### Guilty Pleasures

Anita Blake #1

Laurell K HAMILTON Pb \$15.95

In a world full of sparkly vampires and their lovelorn girlfriends, I can't help but wonder if the Twilight-inspired trend towards impossible romances aimed at teenagers is just so unassailably saccharine that it will soon self-destruct. What then of vampires? What is left of the former savage, soulless entertainment which vampire-lovers fear to lose? In short, when the Twi-hards depart for the next sparkly trend, what will capture the readers who still want vampire-action – and who want vampires that aren't just a big bunch of sissies? (Sorry Edward, but you got nothin' on Jean Claude. Or any of the Black Dagger Brotherhood for that matter!).

I can recommend none other than the necromancer/federal marshal/occasional nymphomaniac Anita Blake and her vivid, unapologetic adventures with man or beast, dead or alive. I have one main reason for this: her writing style has yet to be equalled in Urban Fantasy/Paranormal Romance. Yes, there are many imitations – but Anita is the original tough-bitch heroine operating in a world where the living and the dead have to live alongside each other. Like the popular *True Blood*/*Sookie Stackhouse* books, the vampires in this world are out of the coffin – so every aspect of human life has changed in order to incorporate them, which of course can lead to problems. Add to that a menagerie of shape-shifters, a vampire master in love with Anita, and Anita's own bottomless rage – and you have one very explosive and interesting set of books. Hamilton is unmatched in her blood-soaked, vivid descriptions, razor-sharp attitudes and her complete inability to shy away from difficult subjects. A lot may change during this series, but one thing remains the same: whatever the problem, Anita looks it in the eye, sizes it up and shoots it in the face without a blink.

In fact, Anita's hard-boiled toughness is one of the features that make this series race along at such an exciting pace; the stories are engrossing, and to date no one writes a paranormal romance like her. And they absolutely must be read in order, so start at Book One or don't start at all. Also, in recommending Anita Blake, there is a very strict 16-and-over caveat (maybe even 18, if the teen in question is the sheltered type), as there are certain things you just don't want a person under 16 reading. This becomes especially true when Anita discovers the life-giving sexual force of the ardeur and its many repercussions – but that isn't until the later books. However, **Guilty Pleasures** is completely devoid of the unfortunate smuttery that casts a shadow over some of the later titles.

**Guilty Pleasures** is excellent and an inspiration to the genre! Paranormal Romance, my genre of choice, would not be where it is now without the five-foot-tall half-Latina who always had a gun on her somewhere. Go Anita! – Sofia



**KYLIE CHAN**  
**Earth to Hell**

*Journey to Wudang #1.* Emma and Simone face a new threat. Simon Wong's demon associates have linked up with Kitty Kwok and the Hong Kong underworld, and have kidnapped Emma's students. Emma and Simone must defeat the demon-underworld alliance and enter the gates of Hell – without being captured and defeated themselves! 624pp Pb \$22.99



**HJALTI DANIELSSON**  
**The Burning Life**

*EVE #2.* The capsuleers are the immortal pilots who string together the vast intergalactic empire of the universe called EVE. Drem has reason to hate them, after a capsuleer attack killed his family. Ralea hates them too, after working as a capsuleer agent, embarking on missions that lead to countless deaths. Drem seeks revenge; Ralea, redemption. Both will find that their quests are intertwined and will lead to an unexpected place... 400pp Tp \$32.99 *Due May*



**MARK DEL FRANCO**  
**Unperfect Souls**

*Connor Grey #4.* In the Boston neighbourhood known as 'the Weird', a decapitated body floats out of the sewer, and former Guild investigator Connor Grey uncovers a conspiracy that may bring down the city's most powerful elite. As the violence escalates, Connor is determined to stop it – with help from one of the most dangerous beings of Faerie. Even if it means unleashing the darkness that burns within him... 352pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Jan*



**DAVE DUNCAN**  
**III Met in the Arena**

The nobles of Aureity have been breeding their children for psychic powers for generations. Young noblemen make their fortune by competing in psychic gladiatorial contests, displaying their powers to impress women of high rank. When Quirt, an older man with obvious skill but no record, first enters the arena, he is almost eclipsed by the young Humate, who has been entering competitions anonymously and winning them all. When Humate is bested by Quirt, he insists on finding out where Quirt came from. The answer reaches far beyond his birth: back to a familial scandal generations deep... 320pp Pb \$15.95



**SARAH BETH DURST**  
**Ice**

When Cassie was little her grandmother would tell her stories about the Arctic – and about her mother, who made a deal with the Polar Bear King and was swept away to the ends of the earth to become a prisoner of the trolls. Cassie is older now and has no time for fairytales and talking animals, or lies about her dead mother. Living with her father at the Arctic research centre, she is determined to become a scientist and researcher. But when Cassie comes face to face with a mysterious polar bear, one that defies all scientific fact or knowledge, she begins realise that the fairytales could actually be true... 320pp Pb \$17.99 *Due Jan*



**NANCY FARMER**  
**The Land of the Silver Apples**

*Sea of Trolls #2.* When Jack's sister Lucy is unceremoniously carried off by the Lady of the Lake, Jack gives chase and follows her through the Hollow Road which lies underground. Aided by his friend, Thorgil the berserker Pega the and slave girl, Jack uncovers an unexpected world of fallen angels who steal human children and torment them... Could this be the fate of his sister? Underground, Jack discovers that his actions will determine the fate of both worlds... 528pp Pb \$16.99 *Due Jan*



**NANCY FARMER**  
**The Islands of the Blessed**

*Sea of Trolls #3.* The malevolent spirit of a vengeful mermaid is wreaking havoc on Jack's village and it's up to him to confront and vanquish the restless draugr. But the task will not be easy and the three find themselves travelling once more with Thorgil's northman brother and his crew into the most dangerous of waters. Their quest to right old wrongs leads them from a village plagued by a hogboon to the fin folk land of Notland. Can they escape the perils they face and return in time to help undead spirit to find peace? 496pp Pb \$17.99 *Due Jan*



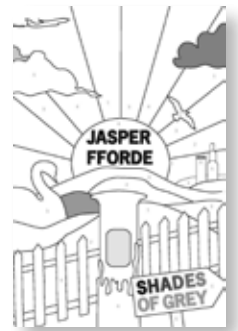
**RAYMOND E FEIST**  
**At the Gates of Darkness**

*Demonwar Saga #2.* Recent events have devastated the Conclave of Shadows - the discovery of the Demon horde following the elven invaders of Midkemia and the personal cost paid by Pug and his family. But grief must wait. The Demon prince's followers have almost succeeded in bringing him through the dimensions. The Conclave must regroup and find a way to meet the approaching evil... 336pp Hb \$49.99 *Due Jan*



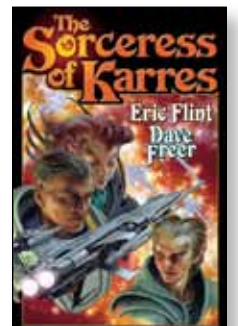
**JASPER FFORDE**  
**Shades of Grey**

No one could cheat the Colourman and the colour test. What you got was what you were, forever, as decreed by the 'Rulebook'. Eddie Russett lives comfortably in a world where fortune, career and ultimate destiny are dictated by the colours you can see. Until he falls in love with a Grey named Jane, and starts to question every aspect of the Rulebook. Why are spoons illegal? And what actually happens to all those people who are sent to the Emerald City to Reboot? 448pp Hb \$49.95, Tp \$32.99



**ERIC FLINT & DAVE FREER**  
**The Sorceress of Karres**

*Karres #3.* The long-suffering Captain Pausert and the two young Karres witches, Goth and The Leewit, are being sent off to investigate mysterious events in the notorious Chaladoor region of space. Goth soon becomes aware that unknown forces are tracking them, and in order to foil them, takes a route to travel back in time and meet Pausert as a young boy. Meanwhile, the Captain and the Leewit find themselves in the middle of their own desperate situation in the Chaladoor. 320pp Hb \$47.00 *Due Jan*



**CELIA FRIEDMAN**  
**Feast of Souls**

*Magister #1.* King Aurelius has summoned magisters from across the known world to heal his dying son, who has fallen victim to an incurable disease. It's clear to the initiated that a magister is responsible – so the order remains quiet and organises a manhunt to silence the culprit. Meanwhile, an ancient evil is rising in the north, but the old warnings are long forgotten. Only those carrying the Protector bloodline feel fear and their numbers are few. The powerful will soon find themselves playing a dangerous game... 608pp Pb \$22.99



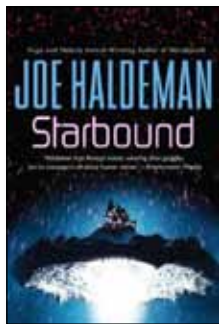
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 **CELIA FRIEDMAN**  
**Wings of Wrath**

*Magister #2.* In a world where the price of magic is life itself, a group of seemingly immortal sorcerers, called Magisters, appear to have cheated the system. But only one man knows the true origin of their power, or understands what it may soon cost them. Meanwhile, an ancient Evil that was thought to be destroyed long ago stirs anew, corrupting kings, shattering alliances, and ultimately threatening to un-weave the very fabric of human civilisation... 416pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Jan*

 **JOE HALDEMAN**  
**Starbound**

*Marsbound #2.* Carmen Dula and her husband have spent six years travelling to a distant solar system in the hopes of forging a delicate truce with the alien race known as 'The Others'. Carmen and her party return 50



relative years later – and the Earthlings have not been idle, building a massive flotilla of warships to defend Earth against the alien race. But The Others have more power than any could imagine – and they will brook no insolence from upstart humans. 304pp Hb \$48

 **C J HENDERSON**  
**Brooklyn Knight**

The portfolio of Professor Piers Knight, an esteemed curator at the Brooklyn Museum, includes lost civilisations, arcane cultures ... and magic and mysticism! His colleagues don't know he is schooled in the uses of magical artefacts, the teachings of forgotten deities, and the threats of unseen dangers. When a mysterious object surfaces, Professor Knight makes it his job to figure it out. What looks like an ordinary inscribed stone may unlock an otherworldly Armageddon that certain dark powers are all too eager to bring about – and only Piers Knight stands in their way. 336pp Tp \$29.95 *Due Jan*

 **PAUL HOFFMAN**  
**The Left Hand of God**

*Angel of Death #1.* The Sanctuary of the Redeemers is a vast and desolate place – a place without joy or hope. Most of its occupants were taken there as boys and for years have endured the brutal regime of the Lord Redeemers whose cruelty and violence have one singular purpose – to serve in the name of the One True Faith. 438pp Tp \$32.95 *Due Jan*

I just finished reading this one. Wow, it's amazing! Can't wait for Book #2. - Adam

 **NANCY HOLZNER**  
**Deadtown**

Deadtown is the city's quarantined section for inhuman and undead residents. Most humans star far from its borders – but Victory Vaughn, Boston's only professional demon slayer, isn't exactly human... 336pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Jan*

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**Brain Thief**

When Bernal Haydon-Rumi discovers his wealthy socialite boss Muriel has stolen a car and vanished, the AI designed for planetary exploration that she's been funding turns out to be odder than it should be. In figuring out what's going on, Bernal has to deal with an anti-AI activist toting a homemade electronic arsenal, a local serial killer, a drug dealer with a business problem, a cryonic therapist stalked by past mistakes – and someone who specifically wants Bernal dead. 384pp Hb \$48.00 *Due Jan*

 **JULIE KENNER**  
**Turned Blood**

*Blood Lily Chronicles #3.* When Lily Carlyle died in an act of vengeance, she came back as an assassin for the light. But then she discovered her masters' true darkness and decided to choose the right side for once – her own. With her cover blown, Lily has no choice but to go underground. She takes along a cadre of warriors: humans, angels, demons, and other trusted creatures. Their only hope is to stop the forces who are attempting to use the Ninth Gate as a wedge that will unleash the fury of Hell... 304pp Pb \$15.95

 **KAZU KIBUISHI**  
**The Stonekeeper's Curse**

*Amulet #2.* Emily and her brother Navin head for Kanalis, a beautiful and mysterious city of waterfalls, where they hope to find the antidote for the poison that felled their mother. That cure lies in the eggs of a giant serpent atop Demon's Head Mountain, but the kids' arch-enemy, Trellis, is also headed for the peak. A battle that will engulf all of Kanalis is looming. It's up to Em to triumph over evil while controlling the amulet's power... without losing herself! 224pp Pb \$16.99

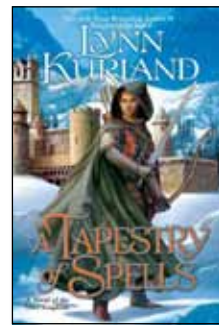


 **CELINE KIERNAN**  
**The Crowded Shadows**

*Moorehawk Trilogy #2.* Wynter Moorehawke finds herself caught in confusing formalities and politics, very different to life back at court. It seems that every tyrant or bully who has ever threatened the kingdom is sending delegates to meet with the Rebel Prince, and Wynter is growing increasingly nervous. Razi and her beloved Christopher soon make an appearance, but where friends go, old enemies soon follow, and Wynter finds herself confronted with the infamous Loups-Garous. It is to Christopher's adopted people, the nomadic Merron, who she must now turn for sanctuary... 528pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Jan*

 **LYNN KURLAND**  
**A Tapestry of Spells**

*Nine Kingdoms #4.* Sarah's brother has embraced the dark arts, vowing to destroy the Nine Kingdoms, and she doesn't have the power to stop him. Now she must risk everything to thwart his plans. After seeing his entire family slain by magic, Ruithneadh swore never to use his power again. But when Sarah pleads for his help, he's thrust back into a life of enchantments and peril, and a quest capable of unravelling the entire fabric of the Nine Kingdoms. 368pp Pb \$29.95

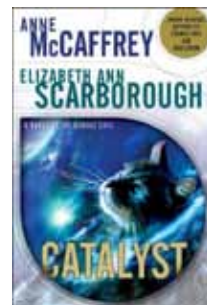


 **DUNCAN LAY**  
**The Risen Queen**

*Dragon Sword Histories #2.* Martil and the Rallorans seek control of the north for their rebel queen, Merren. But the people are turning against them because bards are painting them as murderous barbarians. Martil wins a key battle but the usurper, Count Gello, escapes to Berellia with the remnants of his supporters. With his new allies and their fearpriests, he prepares a massive invasion of Norstalos. Desperate, Merren comes up with what may be the only solution – to side with the goblins! 640pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Jan*

 **ANNE McCAFFREY & ELIZABETH ANN SCARBOROUGH**  
**Catalyst**

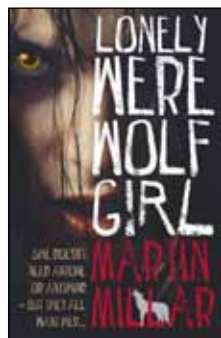
*Barque Cats #1.* Pilot, navigator, engineer, doctor, scientist – ship's cat? All are essential to the well-staffed space vessel. Even among the so-called Barque Cats, Chessie is something special. Her pedigree, skills, and



intelligence add to her value. And Chessie's newborn kittens turn out to be even more extraordinary than their mother! But a widespread epidemic affecting livestock on numerous planets throws their future into doubt. Suddenly the galactic government announces a plan to impound and possibly destroy all exposed animals. Not even the Barque Cats will be spared! 272pp Hb \$49.95 *Due Jan*

 **Martin MILLAR**  
**Lonely Werewolf Girl**

As teenage werewolf Kalix MacRinnalch is pursued through the streets of London by murderous hunters, her sister, the Werewolf Enchantress, is busy designing clothes for the Fire Queen. Meanwhile, in the Scottish Highlands,



the MacRinnalch Clan is plotting and feuding after the head of the clan suddenly dies intestate. As the court intrigue threatens to explode in all-out civil war, the competing factions determine that Kalix is the swing vote necessary to assume leadership of the clan. Unfortunately, Kalix isn't really into clan politics... 608pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Jan*

 **Miyuki MIYABE**  
**The Book of Heroes**

When her brother Hiroki disappears after a violent altercation with school bullies, the young Yukiro finds a magical book in her brother's room. The book leads her to another world where she learns that Hiroki has been possessed by a spirit from the Book of Heroes. She visits the magical Nameless Land, where she is told how to save her brother. Sent back to Earth, Yuri must piece together the mystery of Horiko, and has a library of powerful magic books at her disposal to do so! 400pp Hb \$47.00


 **L E MODESITT JR**  
**Arms Commander**

*Recluce #16*. The keep of Westwind, in the cold mountainous heights called the Roof of the World, is facing attack by the adjoining land of Gallos. Arthanos, son and heir to the ailing Prefect of Gallos, wishes to destroy Westwind because the idea of a land where women rule is total anathema to him. Saryn, Arms-Commander of Westwind, is dispatched to a neighbouring land, Lornth, to seek support against the Gallosians. But Zeldyan, regent of Lornth, has problems in her family. The fate of four lands, including Westwind, rests on Saryn's actions. 560pp Hb \$54.00 *Due Jan*

 **PIERRE PEVEL**  
**The Cardinal's Blades**

Paris, 1633. Louis XIII reigns over France... and Cardinal Richelieu governs the country. One of the most dangerous men in Europe, Richelieu keeps a sharp eye on France's enemies. But he's up against Spain... and the Black Claw sect, who draws on dragons as they once were: ancient, terrible, and utterly merciless. Faced with this threat, Richelieu summons Captain la Fargue, an exceptional swordsman, devoted officer and brilliant leader. If he's to turn aside the Black Claw's schemes, La Fargue and his legendary company of swashbucklers and rogues must be persuaded to risk their lives... 384pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Jan*

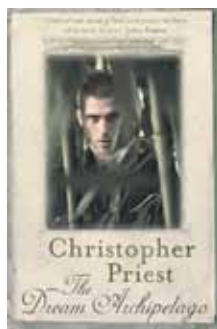


 **DOUGLAS PRESTON**  
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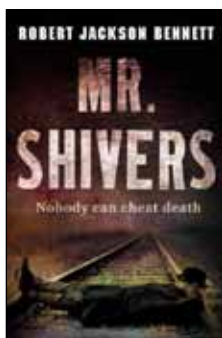
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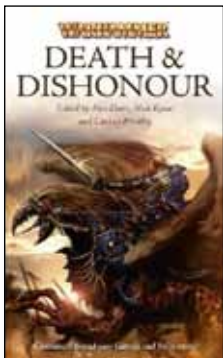


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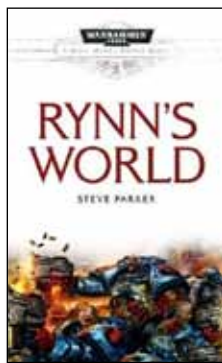
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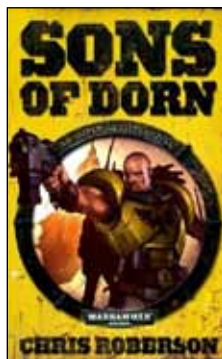
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## REFERENCE

JOSEPH LAYCOCK

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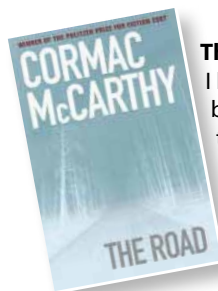
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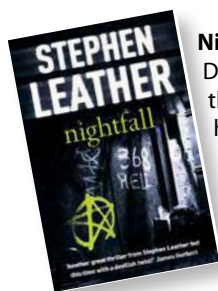
**Eisenhorn Omnibus** (*Warhammer 40K*) by Dan Abnett (Pb \$27.95). When heresy breaks out across the Helican Sub-Sector, it's up to Gregor Eisenhorn to track down the source of the corruption, and the man with the blank eyes who haunts his dreams. Will Eisenhorn be able to defeat the forces of chaos and the Xenos threat? Or is the power of the Inquisition insufficient to save the hardworking citizens of the Imperium? – *Matt*



**The Road** (*Film Tie-in*) by Cormac McCarthy (Pb \$15.95). Words fail me. I can't say I loved this book – I just don't think you can love a story like this, because it's too bleak and sad – but I am in complete awe. Set in a post-apocalyptic world in the throes of a nuclear winter, this is the story of a man and his young son as they walk across America in search of a warmer climate and a little hope. They are each other's world; there are no animals, the world is literally grey, and they are constantly freezing and on the brink of dying of starvation. Yet we never discover their names... They live in constant fear of bands of roving cannibals and slave-traders, and the father is ill. Even though the father claims they are the 'good guys', his actions show that his child has more humanity, even though the boy may have been born after all hell broke loose... This is one of the most powerful books I've ever read! – *Steph*

**Her Majesty's Hero** (*Triumff #1*) by Dan Abnett (Pb \$20.99). On a much lighter note (and I'm only halfway through) this is really tickling my funny bone. It's *Black Adder* with magic – *Steph*

**On the Edge** (*The Edge #1*) by Ilona Andrews (Pb \$15.95). This is a paranormal romance – but the story hinges on the mystery of the psychopath and his nightmarish creatures that are attacking the locals... – *Steph*



**Nightfall** (*Jack Nightingale #1*) by Stephen Leather (Tp \$32.95). Mix some Harry Dresden with John Taylor and add a dash of Felix Castor, and you come close to the type of character that is Jack Nightingale and the secretive world of magick he inherits from a father he didn't know he had. This is a tightly woven novel with a high-speed plot that kept me up very late; Leather offers urban fantasy packed with devil worshippers and the darker side of the Occult, grounded in solid police procedure and told with a fine flair for dramatic tension. I read this in a day and can't wait for the next instalment! – *Mark*

**Leviathan** by Scott Westerfeld (Hb \$29.95). As a growing niche in the science-fiction genre, this steampunk adventure – set in an alternate World War Two – is sure to be popular. With events culminating in a climactic ending, there is room left open for a sequel, which I am certainly hoping for. It's a fun, fresh and a decidedly unique tale. Don't miss it! – *Adam*

**Maze Runners** by James Dashner (Hb \$34) is a science-fiction dystopia that compares favourably to **The Hunger Games** (Pb \$18.99) by Suzanne Collins. Simply put, it's about a group of boys that have their minds wiped and get stuck inside a labyrinthine maze that has so far proved impossible to solve. There's only one safe spot – a couple of acres in the centre – that closes off from the rest of the maze every night. Every day when the boys wake up, the walls have changed and the maze is different. For years they've tried to think their way out and have made little to no progress. Then Thomas arrives and things begin to change... – *Adam*

**Annotated Legends Omnibus** (*Dragonlance: Legends Trilogy*) by Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman (Pb \$48). The twin brothers Raistlin and Caramon continue their ongoing struggles: Raistlin pursues power to defeat the evil Dragon Queen Takhisis, whilst Caramon seeks to save Raistlin from himself and his own ambitions. With the help of Tasslehoff Burrfoot the Kender, Caramon travels through time, altering the very history of Krynn to thwart his brother's intentions to supplant the Dragon Queen... – *CM*

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