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AUREALIS AWARDS SHORTLIST

Awarded by Chimaera Publications, publishers of Aurealis Magazine, to recognise the achievements of Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror writers.

DIVISION A: SCIENCE FICTION

NOVEL

Fallen Gods by Jon Blum and Kate Orman

Wyrmhole by Jay Caselberg

Terminator Gene by Ian Irvine

Blue Box by Kate Orman

Orphans of Earth

by Sean Williams and Shane Dix

SHORT STORY

Acquired Tastes by Stephen Dedman

Louder Echo by Brendan Duffy

Amy's Stars by Sue Isle

Sigmund Freud and the Feral Freeway

by Martin Livings

State of Oblivion by Kaaron Warren

DIVISION B: FANTASY

NOVEL

The Etched City by K J Bishop

Grass for his Pillow by Lian Hearn

The Aware by Glenda Larke

Voyage of the Shadowmoon by Sean McMullen

Abhorsen by Garth Nix

SHORT STORY

Tireki and the Wind by Lily Chrywenstrom

In the Bookshadow by Marianne de Pierres

Hope Chest by Garth Nix

La Sentinelle by Lucy Sussex

DIVISION C: HORROR

NOVEL

Born of the Sea by Victor Kelleher

The Lamplighter by Anthony O'Neill

The Autumn Castle by Kim Wilkins

SHORT STORY

Love is a Stone by Simon Brown

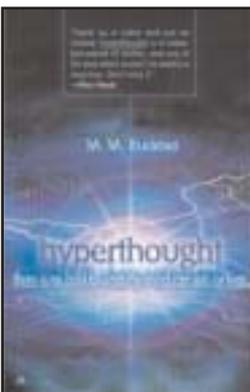
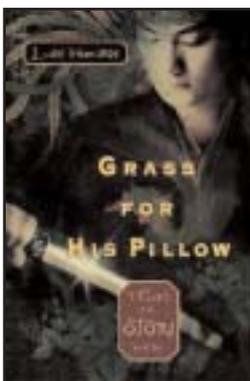
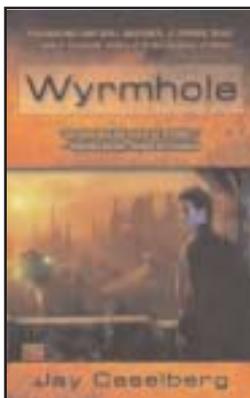
The Wind Shall Blow For Ever Mair

by Stephen Dedman

Amy's Stars by Sue Isle

Kijin Tea by Kyla Ward

Blake's Angel by Janeen Webb



DIVISION D: YOUNG ADULT

NOVEL

Abhorsen by Garth Nix

The Silken Road to Samarkand by Janeen Webb

Dragonkeeper by Carole Wilkinson

SHORT STORY

No Award

DIVISION E: CHILDREN'S (8-12 YEARS)

LONG FICTION

Max Remy Superspy: The Hollywood Mission

by Deborah Abela

Eustace by Catherine Jinks

Mister Monday by Garth Nix

Jumpman Rule 2 by James Valentine

Dragonkeeper by Carole Wilkinson

SHORT FICTION

Emily Eyefinger and the Balloon Bandits

by Duncan Ball

Wolfchild by Roseanne Hawke

Tashi and the Royal Tombs

by Anna and Barbara Fienberg and Kim Gamble

Lily Quench and the Lighthouse of Skellig Mor

by Natalie Jane Prior

Lily Quench and the Magicians' Pyramid

by Natalie Jane Prior

SAPPHIRE AWARD NOMINEES

This award recognises the year's best work in fiction that combines science fiction or fantasy and romance as critical components of the plot.

Dance With the Devil by Sherrilyn Kenyon

Heart Thief by Robin Owens

Skyfall by Catherine Asaro

The Star Princess by Susan Grant

Tinker by Wen Spencer

PHILIP K DICK AWARD

NOMINEES

This award honours distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the US.

Hyperthought by M M Buckner

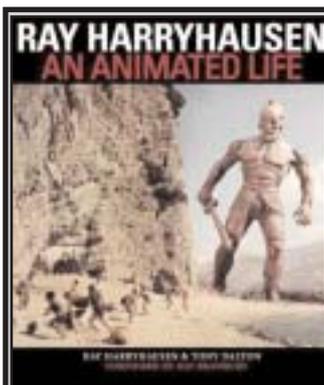
Clade by Mark Budz

Dante's Equation by Jane Jensen

Altered Carbon by Richard K Morgan

Spin State by Chris Moriarty

Steel Helix by Ann Tonsor Zeddies



RAY HARRYHAUSEN: AN ANIMATED LIFE

RAY HARRYHAUSEN & TONY DALTON

Inspired by the film *King Kong*, at the age of 13, Ray Harryhausen knew his future lay in special effects. Following on from his mentor Willis O'Brien, creator of Kong, Ray took the art and skill of stop-motion animation one step further, weaving his magic on dinosaurs, aliens and mythological creatures alike. From humble beginnings working in his father's garage animating a selection of fairy tales, to blockbuster movies on location in the Yemen, Italy, Malta and Spain, Ray has seen and done it all. The last great animator before the introduction of CGI, he takes us through the pleasures and pitfalls of 60 years of bringing inanimate objects to life. This book features hundreds of photographs from Ray's personal archive. It explains the basics of special effects and stop-motion animation, what working with the film stars of the day was like (Laurence Olivier, Maggie Smith and Lionel Jeffries, to name but a few) and how his creations were really the stars of the movies. Hb \$79.95 303pp



SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

LYNN ABBEY (Ed)

 **TURNING POINTS**

Thieves' World. Meet Halott the Necromancer, Latilla, daughter of the legendary artist Lalo the Limner, Dysan the short and scrappy thief, Jake the Rat and a host of others who inhabit Sanctuary, a lawless city governed by evil forces, powerful magic and political intrigue. Pb \$17.95 354pp

ROGER McBRIDE ALLEN

 **SHORES OF TOMORROW**

Human space is contracting at a startling rate, threatening to wipe out all living worlds, including Earth. The only answer lies in the hands of the founder of the planet Solace - Oskar DeSilvo. But as the work begins, agents of the Chronologic Patrol step in to prevent interference with the past. Thwarted at every turn, DeSilvo and his onetime nemesis, Anton Koffield, propose one last wildly grandiose idea, but if the only choice lies between madness and certain catastrophe, is there any choice at all? Pb \$17.95 493pp

STEVE ALTMAN

 **DEPRIVERS**

In the future, there will be a new reason to be paranoid - Sensory Deprivation Syndrome. Tp \$32.00 359pp

ED BAKER

 **DRAGON'S BREATH**

Sequel to The Frog Princess. From a trip to the bottom of the fishbowl sea, to an incredible adventure at the Dragon Olympics, Emma and her not-so-froggy prince, Eadric, defy the wily witches and wizards of the magical world and prove that Emma is a witch very much worthy of her inherited powers. Pb \$15.95 292pp

ASHOK K BANKER

 **SIEGE OF MITHILA**

Ramayana #2. The prophecy of annihilation has been made and events are moving to their inexorable conclusion. The fate of the world hangs in the balance and the slightest mistake will lead to the certain destruction of all. The original Ramayana was written in Sanskrit by a reformed thief-turned-sage named Valmiki, possibly as long ago as 2,000 BC. Pb \$19.95 531pp

STEPHEN BAXTER

 **COALESCENT**

Children of Destiny #1. Joined by his boyhood friend Peter McLachlan, who arrives in Rome with a dark secret of his own, George uncovers evidence suggesting that the women of the Order have embarked on a divergent evolutionary path. But they are not just a new kind of human. They are a better kind, genetically superior, equipped with all the tools necessary to render hominids as extinct as the Neanderthals. And George and Peter soon have reason to fear that this colony is preparing to leave its overcrowded underground nest. Hb \$62.00 485pp Tp \$32.95 473pp

JOHN GREGORY BETANCOURT

 **THE DRAGON SORCERER**

Fel Blackmane is a pirate, rogue and scoundrel, but he also has a sense of adventure second to none, and every year he vows to do one impossible thing. This time he plans to sail his ship to the annual fair, sell ill-gotten booty back to its original owners and make off with a new fortune. Unfortunately, Blackmane's deeds haven't gone unnoticed. Someone powerful is looking for vengeance - the dreaded Dragon Sorcerer, with an army of monsters under his control, is hot on his heels! Pb \$16.95 319pp

ANNE BISHOP

 **THE BLACK JEWELS TRILOGY**

The critically-acclaimed **Black Jewels Trilogy** is the saga of a young, but still innocent Queen, more powerful than even the High Lord of Hell - and the three sworn enemies determined to win her and gain a prize that could be terrible beyond imagining... Tp \$39.95 1204pp



HOLLY BLACK & TONY DiTERLIZZI

 **LUCINDA'S SECRET**

The Spiderwick Chronicles #3. Things at the Grace residence are getting completely out of hand. As if being attacked by goblins and almost eaten by a bridge troll wasn't enough, now the house boggart, Thimbletack, is out to get Jared, Simon has a very hungry griffon recuperating in the carriage house and Mallory is convinced that the only way to stop the madness is to get rid of the Guide. Hb \$14.95 114pp

BEN BOVA

 **TALES OF THE GRAND TOUR**

A collection of short fiction featuring characters from some of the authors' novels - Sam Gunn, Martin Humphries, Klaus Fuchs, Dan Randolph, the Asteroid Wars - collected in book form for the first time. Hb \$54.00 382pp

RAY BRADBURY

 **LET'S ALL KILL CONSTANCE**

On a dismal evening in the previous century, an unnamed writer in Venice, California, answers a furious pounding at his beachfront bungalow door and again admits Constance Rattigan into his life. An aging, once-glamorous Hollywood star, Constance is running in fear from something she dares not acknowledge - and vanishes as suddenly as she appeared, leaving the narrator two macabre books: twin listings of the Tinseltown dead and soon to be dead, with Constance's name included among them. Pb \$17.95 242pp

MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY

 **A WORLD DIVIDED**

Darkover Omnibus #5. Contains **Star of Danger, The Bloody Sun and Winds of Darkover**, three novels which tell of two men of mixed Darkovan ancestry, who must choose where their true allegiances lie. Pb \$19.95 686pp

MARK BUDZ

 **CLADE**

In the San Jose of tomorrow, all of nature is engineered - from the warm-blooded plants to the designer people. But even in a rigidly controlled biosystem, with its pheromone-induced social order, the American dream is still the American dream. Caught between these new-old worlds, Rigo is on his way up. Written off as a sellout on the streets of his old 'hood, Rigo's got his own ap in an aplex, a 9-to-5er and a girl. He's got opportunity. If he works hard, his job with a heavyweight politicorp could give him a chance to move up in the clades. But when he's chosen as part of a team to construct a new colony on a nearby comet, Rigo smells a setup. And when disaster strikes, he learns that if there's a way to bend the rules, there's also a way to break them... Pb \$17.95 372pp

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Fave Raves

our favourites - new & old

FAVE NEW

COYOTE

Allen Steele

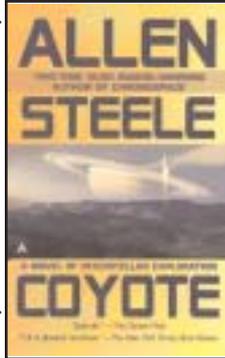
Pb \$15.95

A tale of mankind's first interstellar colony, Coyote is the fourth moon of a gas giant in a star system 46 light years from earth. This will be the destination of the colony ship URSS Alabama and its rather interesting crew of hijackers, soldiers and colonists. Seventy years in the future, the United States is witness to a third revolution and the new regime is an oppressive government that has limited all rights except for those of the party faithful. The Alabama is a testament to this new system, with those in power pouring enormous resources into its construction, while two thirds of the population lives below the poverty line.

Captain Robert E Lee (a great, great grandson of the Confederate General) conspires to launch the Alabama with a slightly different crew than that envisaged by the current government. After some difficulty, they succeed and commence a 230-year journey to Coyote.

The story is told from many different points of view: from the aforementioned Lee; to the story of an erstwhile crewman during the interstellar voyage; to the frontier tale of a teenager on a new world. The young people, in particular, have to find their own ideas and beliefs in a dangerous but exciting environment; their discovery of what they can do individually, as well as what they contribute to the group, nicely illustrates the name Lee has given their settlement: Liberty. These vignettes were originally published as short stories in a number of different periodical publications, but the author succeeds in meshing them into a cohesive story. My one quibble with the believability in the story would be with the limited ecology on the moon.

Coyote is both inviting and deadly. The background of the all-too-plausible events on Earth combined with the challenges the colonists face from the planet and from the stars make this an excellent read. - Adam



FAVE OLD

IF CHINS COULD KILL:

CONFESSIONS OF A B-GRADE MOVIE ACTOR

Bruce Campbell

Tp \$34.00 344pp

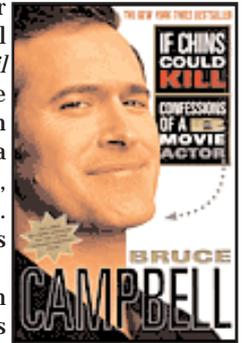
The name might not instantly ring any bells for you, but take a look at that chin, and you will soon remember him from such movies as *Evil Dead*, *Spiderman* and TV's *Hercules*. This is Bruce Campbell's account of his film career - from independent film-maker, to leading man in a Hollywood television series, and in-between, countless B-grade trash (*Maniac Cop* anyone?). With such a diverse resume, Campbell's tale is definitely humorous and colourful.

We follow Campbell's first foray into film making as he and fellow high school friends turn what was first a hobby into a career. With buddies such as Sam Raimi (director of *Evil Dead* and *Spiderman*), John Cameron (producer of the Coen Brothers movies) and Rob Tapert (producer of *Hercules* and *Xena: Warrior Princess*), Campbell starts out working on basic Super-8 productions that consisted of a flimsy and chaotic story and Three Stooges-like gags. With the group realising that money can be made from their film projects (plus the reality of zero job opportunities,) they embark on making their first feature film. This film ended up being *Evil Dead*, a low-budget horror movie that ended up becoming a horror cult-classic for its breakneck pace and abundant blood and gore. Made with a budget of around \$250,000, *Evil Dead* became a successful film-franchise, launching two sequels and the careers of Campbell, Raimi and others.

I generally don't read biographies because, more often than not, they end up being a smug exercise in self-appraisal. However, Campbell's style corrects that. This is an honest recount of the highs and lows of being an actor. Throughout the book, he never glorifies or dresses up any particular aspects of his trade. Here is a man who first and foremost practices the art of acting. Thus, we get Campbell writing honestly on what it is like to be an actor, rather than being a celebrity. Most of the book reads like a guide on how to get roles in productions, and what to do when things are looking bleak. Of course, he speaks with experience, so it sometimes becomes depressing and daunting for those wanting to want to be involved in any aspect of moviemaking.

What is enjoyable is that Campbell humbly accepts his role as a B-grade actor. He relishes the surprising amount of opportunities such status offers and his very funny stories illustrate this point.

For those who want to be involved in moviemaking, this is an essential read from a guy who's been there and done that. For the rest of us, this is a very "groovy" tale of a normal guy who happens to be an actor with a very big chin. - John



JOE BUFF

CRUSH DEPTH

Reactionary enemy regimes have brutally taken command in South Africa and Germany. U.S. and European shipping lanes are suddenly under attack. World War is at hand - and for the ruthless Berlin-Boer Axis, the devastating weapons of choice will be tactical nukes used at sea. The Voortrekker, a deep-diving state-of-the-art German submarine, is on the prowl, carrying more onboard firepower than many of the world's nations possess - and the crippled sub USS Challenger is the only weapon in America's arsenal that can match up with the silent killer, which is in dry dock. Pb \$17.95 501pp

LOIS McMASTER BUJOLD

PALADIN OF SOULS

The Golden General's curse has been lifted from the royal family and Cazaril can now rest easy and enjoy his new life with his bride Betriz. However, life for Ista, the Dowager Royina has not improved. With the death of her mother, the Provincara, and with her surviving child Iselle now ruling Chalion from the Capital Cardegross, she is left without purpose. Her brother's family still think she's mad and aim to keep her locked up safely to avoid embarrassment, but she craves freedom and escape and plans how this may become reality. Tp \$29.95 456pp

A S BYATT

 **THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF STORIES**

Leaves rustle underfoot in a dark wood: two middle-aged women walk into a forest, as they did when they were girls, confronting their childhood fears and memories and the strange thing they saw, or thought they saw, long ago. A distinguished male obstetrician and a young woman artist meet in a hospital. But both of them have very different ideas about body parts, birth and death. An innocent member of an evening class turns out to have her own decided views on how to use raw material. Hb \$39.95 279pp

RACHEL CAINE

 **ILL WIND**

Weather Warden #1. Joanne Baldwin is a Weather Warden. Usually, all it takes is a wave of her hand to tame the most violent weather. But now, she's trying to outrun another kind of storm - accusations of corruption and murder. So she's resorting to the very human tactic of running for her life... Her only hope is Lewis, the most powerful warden known. Unfortunately, he's stolen not one but three bottles of Djinn, making him the most wanted man on earth. Still, she's racing hard to find him, before the bad weather closes in fast... Pb \$17.95 337pp

ARTHUR C CLARKE

 **THE WIND FROM THE SUN**

This volume contains all of the 18 short stories written by the author in the sixties. They depict a future in which technology is beginning to dictate man's life style - even to demand life for themselves. Pb \$17.95 193pp

MICHAEL CRICHTON

 **PREY**

Deep in the Nevada desert, the Xymos Corporation has built a state-of-the-art fabrication plant, surrounded by nothing but cactus and coyotes for miles. Inside, eight people are trapped - because outside, waiting for them is a predatory swarm of micro-particles that they created. The swarm is getting bigger and more powerful by the hour and they must find a way to stop it before it gets inside - unless it's already too late. Pb \$19.95 465pp

DEE DAVIS

  **WILD HIGHLAND ROSE**

15 years after the murder of her parents at the hands of the rival Cameron clan, Ewen Cameron, the man Marjory was forced to marry, has perished in a rockslide. But, when Marjory goes to retrieve Ewen's body, she finds a living breathing man, covered in blood, talking strangely but very much alive. Whether he was a kinder Ewen or another who, as he claimed, had been transplanted from the future, the man she'd found was the key, a strange twist of fate that reseeded Marjory's future. Pb \$15.95 353pp

PAMELA DEAN

  **THE WHIM OF THE DRAGON**

Hidden Lands #3. Three things have the power to destroy the Secret Country - the Border Magic, the Crystal of Earth and the whim of the dragon. The cousins have faced the first two, now they face the third. Pb \$15.95 389pp

L SPRAGUE DECAMP, LIN CARTER & BJORN NYBERG

  **SAGAS OF CONAN**

Omnibus edition containing Conan the Swordsman, Conan the Liberator and Conan and the Spider God. Imagine a world of gods and demons, where men are warriors, women are beautiful, life is a fantastic adventure and the fate of kingdoms balances on the bloody blade of a fabulous hero: Conan of the Iron Thews, the blue-eyed barbarian giant who towers above the savage Hyborian world. This is the work that relaunched Conan in both the seventies and eighties back in print after more than a decade. Tp \$39.95 476pp

PHILIP K DICK

  **TIME OUT OF JOINT**

SF Masterworks #55. Ragle Gumm is an ordinary man living an ordinary life, except that he makes his living by entering - and winning - a newspaper contest every day. But he gradually begins to suspect that his life - indeed his whole world - is an illusion, constructed around him for the express purpose of keeping him docile and happy. But if that is the case, what is his real world like, and what is he actually doing every day when he thinks he is guessing 'Where Will The Little Green Man Be Next?' Pb \$19.95 220pp

  **THE WORLD JONES MADE**

Floyd Jones is quite possibly mad, but he really can see exactly one year into the future. And this talent means that in a very short time he rises from being a disgruntled carnival fortune-teller to convulse an entire planet. For Jones becomes a demagogue, whipping up the ideal-starved population into a frenzy against the threat of the 'drifters', enormous single-cell protoplasm that may be landing on Earth soon. Pb \$21.95 199pp

DAVID DRAKE

  **THE REACHES**

Omnibus containing Igniting the Reaches, Through the Breach and Fireships. 1,000 years ago, the human empire collapsed. Now mankind is reclaiming the galaxy and ships hurtle between the stars, hoping to reap the rich opportunities of this new age of trade and exploration. Hb \$49.95 874pp

SHANNON DRAKE

  **WHEN WE TOUCH**

Men! If they aren't accusing Lady Maggie Graham of witchcraft or murder, they're marrying her off to old men who drop dead at the altar. And now she's going to have to save her unruly stepdaughter from a band of thieving, lustful street ruffians (men, again) with the help of the most infuriating man of all... Lord Jamie. Pb \$15.95 444pp

GARDNER DOZOIS

 **MAMMOTH BOOK OF BEST NEW SF**

#16. This volume presents more than two dozen SF stories and includes stories by Michael Cassott, Nancy Kress, Michael Swanwick, Charles Stross and many others, as well as the usual summation of the year and recommended reading lists. Tp \$29.95 719pp

NELSON ERLICK

 **GERMLINE**

Dr. Kevin Kincaid is on the verge of a major breakthrough. He has developed a biological vector that can introduce new genes into the DNA of unborn children - and all their descendants. He hopes to eradicate a wide variety of genetic defects, but others see more sinister uses for this new technology. Who will control mankind's genetic destiny? The government? The medical establishment? Or an international conspiracy of the rich and powerful? Pb \$17.95 421pp

DONNA FLETCHER

  **REMEMBER THE MAGIC**

It's been 500 years since broken-hearted witch Sydney Wyrrd fled from the Scottish Highlands, fearing her presence would bring harm to her beloved. Only through divine intervention has she been able to return to 1564, but will the brave chieftain who captured her heart remember their love? Pb \$13.95 327pp

ERIC FLINT (ED)

 **RING OF FIRE**

A 1632 anthology. Continuing the story begun in **1632** (Pb \$19.95) and **1633** (Pb \$19.95) David Weber, Mercedes Lackey, K D Wentworth, Dave Freer and Eric Flint himself combine their talents in this shared-universe volume. Hb \$49.95 518pp

ALAN DEAN FOSTER

  **ORPHAN STAR**

Flinx's extraordinary powers lead him into the clutches of one of the most depraved men in the galaxy, the only one who knows the truth behind his mysterious origins. Pb \$17.95 232pp

CHARLIE HAMILTON-JAMES

 **THE MATEWIX**

An unauthorised, utterly silly spoof of *The Matrix*, this stars the ineffectual computer geek Newo. Hb \$18.95 282pp

MARCUS HERNIMAN

THE FALL OF LAUTUN

 *Arrandin Trilogy #3.* Unrest grows in the Lautun Empire as more Souther armies arrive to guard against another attack from the East. Erkal Dortrean must hold the Souther to peace, while the lives of his family are threatened by the Emperor's treachery. The Council of Magi, still divided between followers of the old gods and the new, may have to take action to prevent the Southerers seizing control. Erkal's son Kellarn pursues his quest to prevent the greater threat of the demon Lo-Khuma's return, and enlists the Magi's help. Pb \$17.95 493pp

ROBERT E HOWARD

THE COMING OF CONAN THE CIMMERIAN

 Collected in this volume and illustrated by artist Mark Schultz, are the author's first 13 Conan stories, appearing in their original versions, in some cases for the first time in more than 70 years, and in the order they were written. Tp \$32.95 463pp

CONN IGGULDEN

THE DEATH OF KINGS

 *Emperor #2.* After rapidly learning the ropes of life on board ship, Julius displays his leadership qualities as his crew gains a fearsome reputation patrolling the southern Mediterranean. But these are dangerous waters and no sooner has he led a memorable victory at Mytilene than the ship is captured by pirates. Tp \$29.95 551pp

GWYNETH JONES

MIDNIGHT LAMP

 *Ax, Sage and Fiorinda #3.* Rufus O'Niall is dead and the green Nazi occupation has been defeated, but at a huge cost to three extraordinary people. Shattered and deeply changed by the sacrifices each of them had to make, Fiorinda, Axe and Sage are in hiding on the Pacific coast of Mexico when they're tracked down by an emissary of Fred Eiffrich, President of the United States. He's got an offer they can't refuse. It's about a movie, allegedly. Hb \$55.00 326pp

ROBERT JORDAN

NEW SPRING

 *Wheel of Time Prequel #1.* For three days battle has raged in the snow around the great city of Tar Valon. In the city, a Foretelling of the future is uttered. On the slopes of Dragonmount, the immense mountain that looms over the city, is born an infant prophesied to change the world. That child must be found before the forces of the Shadow have an opportunity to kill him. Moiraine Damodred, a young Accepted soon to be raised to Aes Sedai and Lan Mandragoran, a soldier fighting in the battle, are set on paths that will bind their lives together. But those paths are filled with complications and dangers as their lives are threatened by the plots of those seeking power. Hb \$49.95 334pp

TOM KRATMAN

STATE OF DISOBEDIENCE

 2060 in the so-called United States of America. A body politic transformed into a bloody stage for partisan revenge and state-controlled terror. One President vying for dictatorial power. One mild-manner governor determined to stop the madness, yet not sacrifice democracy in the process. Like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln before her, Juanita Seguin is a leader slow to anger. But, like them, once pushed to the limit, she is indomitable in her resolve - and relentless in the fight for freedom. Hb \$48.00 314pp

NANCY KRESS

PROBABILITY SPACE

 *The Probability Trilogy #2.* Humanity is losing the war against the alien Fallers. Our foes ignore all attempts at communication and take no prisoners. Our only hope lies with an unlikely coalition - Major Lyle Kaufman, retired warrior, Marbet Grant, the Sensitive who's involved with Kaufman, Amanda, a very confused 14-year-old girl and Magdalena, one of the biggest power brokers in all of human space. As the action moves from Earth to Mars to the farthest reaches of known space, with civil unrest back home and alien war in deep space, four humans try to enter the Fallers' home star system. It's a desperate gamble and the fate of the entire universe may hang in the balance. Pb \$15.95 367pp

MERCEDES LACKEY

THE FAIRY GODMOTHER

 In the land of Five Hundred Kingdoms, if you can't carry out your legendary role, life is no fairy tale... Elena was supposed to be her kingdom's Cinderella - until an accident of fate left her with a completely inappropriate prince! So Elena set out to get a new job and ended up becoming the Fairy Godmother. True, she didn't have to sleep in the chimney, but she had to deal with arrogant, stuffed-shirt princes who kept trying to rise above their place in the tale. Hb \$54.00 417pp

MERCEDES LACKEY, ERIC FLINT & DAVE FREER

THIS ROUGH MAGIC

 *Sequel to Shadow of the Lion.* Chernobog had come within a hair of seizing absolute power in Venice, but was thwarted by the guardian Lion-spirit, who awoke to protect his city from the power-mad demon. But the power of the Lion is limited to Venice and Chernobog has a new ally in the King of Hungary, who has besieged the island of Corfu. Trapped on the island is the small band of heroes who awoke the Lion and thwarted Chernobog before. Manfred and Erik lead guerrillas against the foe and Maria discovers ancient magical powers on the island. She may be able to repel the invaders, but not without paying a bitter personal price. Hb \$62.00 822pp

MICHAEL LAWRENCE

A CRACK IN THE LINE

 *Aldous Lexicon #1.* 16-year-old Alaric lives with his father in Withern Rise, a huge old house that was once home to Aldous Underwood, a Victorian clergyman now buried in the garden beneath a great oak tree. Two years ago Alaric's mother, Alex, died in a terrible accident and Alaric's world fell apart. Then, one snowy winter's day, Alaric finds himself drawn into a parallel world in Withern Rise - a world in which his mother didn't die. The only problem is that in this alternative world, she has a daughter, not a son, and this girl, Naia Underwood, seems to be living Alaric's life... Hb \$24.95 279pp

JONATHAN LETHEM

THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

 From the funky-up, messed up Brooklyn of the 1970s to the present day, this novel spans 30 years in the life of two best friends, Dylan and Mingus, their families and an entire neighbourhood. From their stories come the history of soul music, graffiti art, comic books and experimental film Tp \$29.95 511pp

ANNE MCCAFFREY

THE MYSTERY OF IRETA

 *Omnibus edition including Dinosaur Planet and Dinosaur Planet: Survivors.* The crew of shipbred technicians sent to the planet Ireta were prepared for a routine mission to catalogue flora and fauna and search for new energy sources, but the result of their investigations is totally unexpected. When their rescue ship mysteriously disappears, they suddenly find themselves surrounded by giant swamp creatures, deadly predators, and terrifying dinosaurs. Pb \$17.95 472pp

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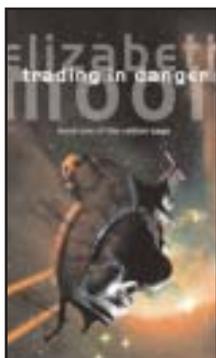
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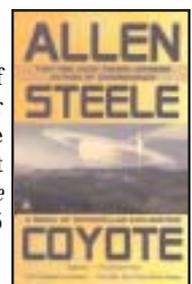
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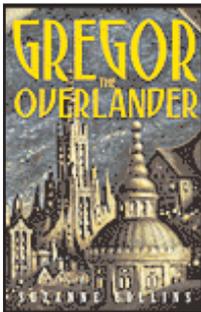
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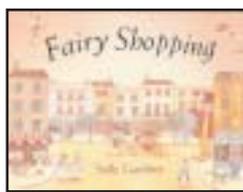
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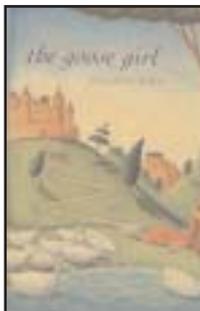
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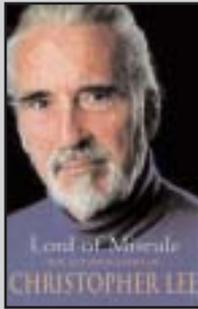
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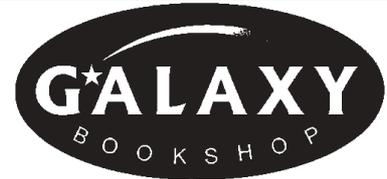
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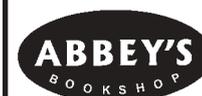
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