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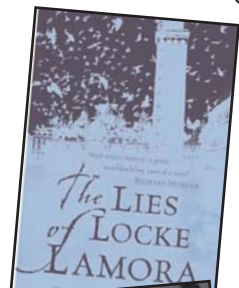
author of the phenomenal (and rib-crackingly funny) **Discworld series**

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- Bonehunters** by Steven Erikson
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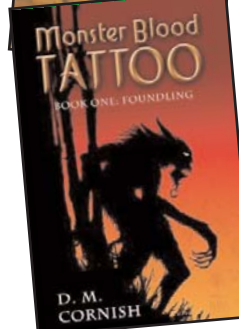
Stephanie...

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- Harbingers** by F Paul Wilson
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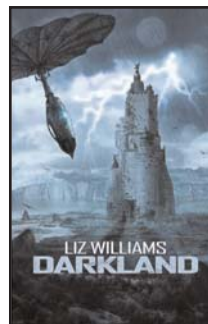
- Bonehunters** by Steven Erikson
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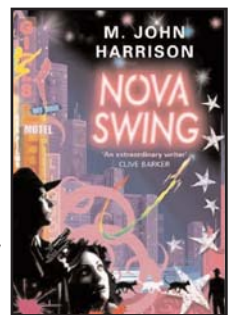
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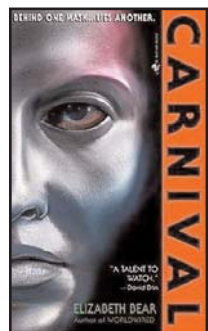
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Robert Anton Wilson, born 1932, died January 11, at the age of 74. He was best known for the Illuminatus novels written with Robert Shea.

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**CHRISTOPHER ANVIL  
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**LUCY M BOSTON  
THE CHILDREN OF GREEN KNOWE**

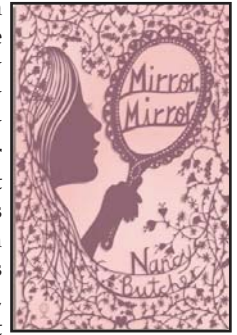
*Green Knowe #1.* Tolly's great grandmother isn't a witch, but both she and her old house, Green Knowe, are full of a very special kind of magic. There are other children in the house, children who were happy there centuries before. Running around Green Knowe's moat, gardens and mysterious rooms, Tolly slowly discovers them, their toys and animals and their wonderful stories... Pb \$14.95 123pp

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When Queen Veda sets up the Queen's Academy for Girls, the pretty students happily accept a wonder beauty pill, but Princess Ana is suspicious and, as a sinister illness sweeps the school, she must confront the truth to save her friends. Echoes of the classic fairy tale *Snow White* are entwined with contemporary notions of beauty and acceptance. Pb \$15.00 205pp



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The realm of the dead is built from the dreams and nightmares of the living. Octopuses drive buses. God is a polar bear and a crowded highway literally leads to hell. Once before, Vincent Ettrich and his lover, Isabelle Neukor, crossed over from life to death and back again. Now Isabelle bears a very special child, who may someday restore the ever-changing mosaic that is reality. Unless the agents of Chaos can lure her back to the land of the dead and trap her there forever. Tp \$29.95 317pp

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Heartbroken when her beloved Brophy awakens from a curse, only to abandon her in favour of Arefaine Morgeon's plot to restore the notorious City of Sorcerers, concubine-sorceress Shara is seduced into a deadly confrontation with a pain-hungry mage. Hb 480pp \$56.00

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## NEW TITLE

### HELL TO PAY

NIGHTSIDE #7

SIMON R GREEN

Pb \$16.95 264pp

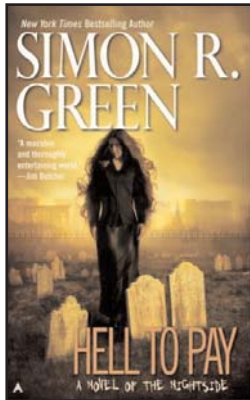
I must start this review with an apology to anyone I may have misinformed. The *Nightside* series is not over, it's back, and with more tenacity and bite than ever, before

**Hell to Pay** picks up after the now legendary Lilith wars. For those who haven't read it, he reads a bit like a British Harry Dresden, only more noir. He's a detective, but not quite as 'figuring-it-out' as others of his ilk. He's all instinct and action. Let me explain. The little book-movie that runs through the head of fans is like a vision of Sin City, only better. He can't avoid trouble, has a smart mouth and a real attitude and that's just perfect for the perverted world of the *Nightside*, where Shadows, Gore, Atmosphere, Black Humour, Pop Culture and Brutality are the key words.

He's on the trail of a missing girl and his Sight is being blocked off at intervals, meaning there's some major power after him. Add to that some rampaging nuns and a family of immortals with a hidden agenda and the usual mischief of the previous novels ensues.

**Hell to Pay** almost re-starts the series with its new elements. John and Suzie Shooter are now an item and he refers to her as 'my Suzie', an endearment I can't seem to associate with a leather-clad, gun-nut, warrior chick. But she and all of John's some-time posse are back, especially Dead Boy, who takes undead mischief to a new level. The re-start feel to the story comes from the power vacuum that has been left behind by the upheaval of the authorities. The one who remains is Walker, ever a grey figure, now slightly more menacing, because he's unbound, though he's holding back for reasons unknown. Who, where and what is going on, exactly, is not answered in this book, but there's the promise that it will be, maybe, but we all know he can work a slow reveal to a tee.

There's also a sense of evil enjoyment in John's sense of humour. When faced with danger, fans will recognise his trademark wit, peppered with the underlying doubt that his bluff may not work this time. That's what makes every scrape cheer-worthy and personally, it's what keeps me reading it at frantic speed - which brings me to my only issue with this book - the speed at which I was compelled to read it. I've seen the term 'roller-coaster ride' applied to lots of books that often don't deserve it, but every book in the *Nightside* series does. In a bubble of British noir, it's a punchy adventure that just doesn't last long enough... so I read it twice. I suggest action-starved Green fans do the same. If you haven't read any of them, start with **Something From the Nightside** (Pb \$16.95) and get in on the wickedly dark fun! -Sofia



## CLASSIC TITLE

### QUEEN'S OWN FOOL

A NOVEL OF MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

JANE YOLEN & ROBERT HARRIS

Pb \$18.95 390pp

I know I'm loving a book when, instead of going back to sleep after Zoë's 3am feed (like anyone with half a brain would), I decide 'I'll just read for 10 minutes, knowing full well this is going to stretch out for over an hour...

English history has never been my preference as far as history goes. The historical elements of **Queens Own Fool** is 'based deeply in fact,' according to the *Kirkus Review* on the back cover and Yolen's website explains that Mary's story is based on fact – it is Nicola's story that is so hazy and therefore fictionalised.

The story starts in France in 1559 with the Troup Brufort - a family of travelling acrobats. Nicola is the narrator of the story, recently orphaned, a dancer and cousin (and unwanted niece) to the Brufort family. She is quick-witted for a girl of 12, often speaking truths people (especially her uncle) don't want to hear. With the recent death of his father, Francis is now King, with his Scottish wife, Queen Mary (a Princess in her own right). Mary has the troupe bought to the palace for entertainment. Nicola has a bit of a mishap and ends up speaking directly to (and charming) Queen Mary, whom indefinitely 'buys' her services from her uncle. The story sets a cracking pace as Nicola is made the *Queens Own Fool*, promising to ever tell Mary the truth in all things, even when it is something she thinks Mary doesn't want, but needs, to hear. Nicola is cleaned up and begins her new life. Driven by characters and circumstances, the royal court moves constantly from place to place, especially because of the religious conflict between the Catholics and the Huguenots. Francis metes out some questionable justice on some insurgents, forever affecting both Mary and Nicola. Never being in the best of health to start with, it is not long after this that he falls ill and dies, leaving Mary in the unenviable position of being relegated to the backwaters, or being married off to the most suitable potential ally, even if he is barely a teenager. She decides, instead, to return home to Scotland, with a retinue of staff and, of course, Nicola.

Mary has just traded one bad situation for another (actually Scotland was probably worse). She'd left before she was 13, it had a succession issue, her returning could cause friction with the English and there was serious conflict between the Protestants (led by the very pious John Knox – who becomes one of the Queen's most vocal opponents) and the Catholics. There is political turmoil when she marries a man of shady character and for the first time Nicola fails to keep her promise. The story then follows the Mary's downward spiralling situation after she is again widowed, then imprisoned and finally beheaded.

While we see history, as it happens, through the eyes of Nicola – and, in fact, get a very fleshed out character, the story is about Mary – and it is a compelling and infinitely readable one. I was completely engrossed and wishing I had time to read some reference works on Mary and this period. The characters are beautifully written and this was quite an educational read. I loved it. I think you could get someone who isn't overly fussed on history interested with a wonderful book like this. I'm giving it 9/10. -Steph

DAVID 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 Dusaan, a mysterious Weaver 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. Dusaan takes control of the Empire and begins his march toward war, enlisting those who serve him in other realms to join the battle, as the ranks of his army swell. Hb \$59.95 432pp

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ROBERT COOVER

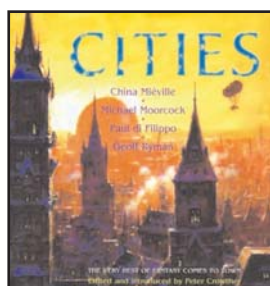
 **A CHILD AGAIN**

Casey returns to bat. The Pied Piper pipes again. Little Red Riding Hood is not safe yet. In this new collection of short fiction, the author re-examines our shared narrative heritage - myths, fairy tales and favourite childhood stories - and unearths the underlying hope, fear and wonder at their core. Hb \$48.00 276pp

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Called to duty at last, Lieutenant John Nevis faces his assignment with trepidation. Boarding the USS *Nicodemus*, a sloop of war built in a single night at the top of the world, Nevis wonders uneasily at its strange aura of power, its cannonballs of virgin brass... and its uncanny ability to glide swiftly through the waters without steam or sail. As great armies clash all around them, the mission of Lieutenant Nevis and the *Nicodemus* crew is shrouded in an impenetrable grey mist of magic and malevolence. For a fearsome adversary waits on roiling waves, an awesomely powerful vessel fuelled by cruelty and terror - a demon raider driven by an insatiable lust for blood. Pb \$18.95 304pp

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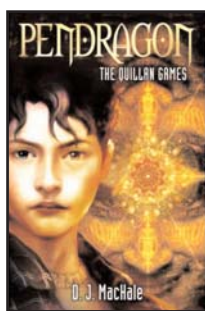
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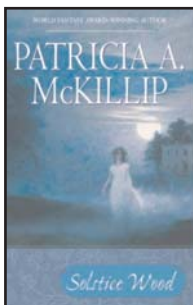
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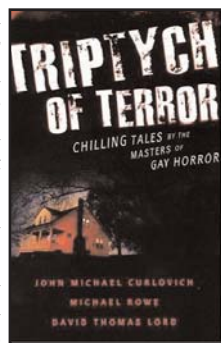
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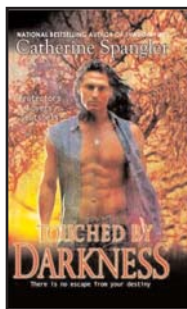
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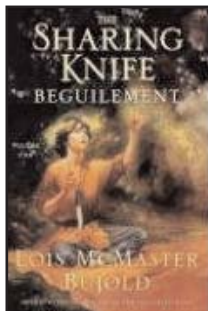
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I have made some great reading choices lately if I do say so myself... **Beguilement** (*Sharing Knife #1*) by Lois McMaster Bujold (Hb \$56.00). I will read anything Bujold writes - she's that good. This, while very different to her multi-award winning Vor series and different again from her Chalion books, is just brilliant. The story is almost completely focused on the two protagonists - Dag, a patroller, and Fawn, a young runaway, their differences in culture and a blossoming romance between them.



The mystery that surrounds the Sharing Knife of the title is set up here to be dealt with in the sequel. I can't wait to read it!! - *Steph*

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine (Pb \$16.95) With lots of people excited about the sequel **Fairest** (Hb \$25.00) being released at Christmas, I thought I'd try this. Since this type of story (fairy-tales with a twist) is one of my favourites, I don't know how I missed it until now. For the first half, I was enjoying the book and quite happily reading it - but just not quite getting what all the fuss was about. Then I got it! What a fantastic book. **Fairest** is now at the top of my to-be-read pile. - *Steph*



**The Lovely Bones** by Alice Sebold (Pb \$22). I had been told this was an important read and it is completely true. It is the sad story of a girl murdered by her neighbour, who then watches her family grieve for her. The metaphors are beautiful and Susie's descriptions of her world and that of the living are poetic and touching. I cried a little at times, because you can't help but reflect on the nature of death and how we mourn. - *Sofia*

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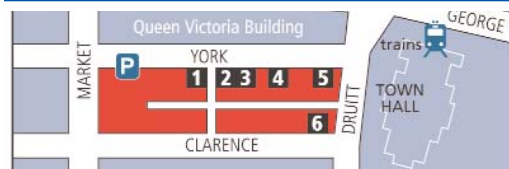
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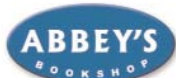
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