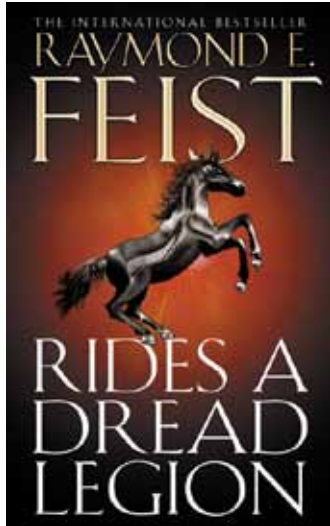


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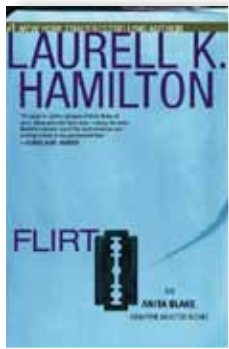
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**RAYMOND E FEIST****RIDES A DREAD LEGION**

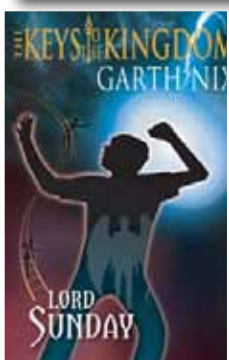
*Demonwar Saga #1.* A lost race of elves - the taredhel or people of the stars - have found a way across the universe to reach Midkemia. On their current home world, these elves are hard-pressed by a ravaging demon horde, and what was once a huge empire has been reduced to a handful of survivors. The cornerstone of taredhel lore is the tale of their lost origins in the world they call simply Home - a place lost in the mists of time. Now the taredhel are convinced that Midkemia is that place - and they are coming to reclaim it. Ruthless and arrogant, the taredhel intend to let nothing stand in their way; but before long, Pug and the Conclave realise that it's not the elves, but the demon horde that pursues them, which is where the true danger lies. And hanging over Pug is the prophecy that he will be doomed to watch everyone he loves die before him... Pb \$20.99 *Due Feb*

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**GARTH NIX****LORD SUNDAY**

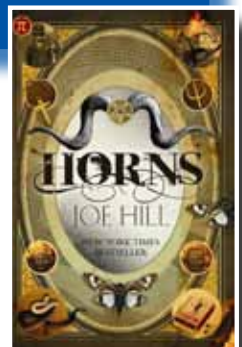
*The Keys to the Kingdom #7.* Lord Sunday, the most powerful Denizen in the house, is a fierce opponent. And Arthur is running out of time. With everything falling to pieces around him, Arthur must be quick if he is to stem the tide of Nothing and save the House and the Secondary Realms. But he is beset by worries. Will he ever get home to his family? Is he even really human any more? And perhaps most urgent of all: what will be revealed when the Will of the Architect is finally made whole? 324pp Pb \$15.99 *Due Feb*

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3. **SETH GRAHAME-SMITH (& JANE AUSTIN)**
4. **DAN ABNETT**
5. **JACK CAMPBELL**
6. **PATRICIA BRIGGS**
7. **CHARLAINE HARRIS**
8. **DAVID WEBER**
9. **TERRY PRATCHETT**
10. **RAYMOND E FEIST**

**JOE HILL****HORNS**

Ignatius Perrish spent the night drunk and doing terrible things. He woke up the next morning with one hell of a hangover, a raging headache... and a pair of horns growing from his temples. Once Ig lived the life of the blessed: born into privilege, Ig had it all and more - the love of Merrin Williams. Then Merrin was gone - raped and murdered, under inexplicable circumstances - with Ig the only suspect. Now Ig is possessed with a terrible new power and he means to use it to find the man who killed Merrin and destroyed his life. Being good and praying for the best got him nowhere. It's time for a little revenge; it's time the devil had his due! 448pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Feb*



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Nicodemus Weal is a cacographer, unable to reproduce even simple magical texts without misspelling – a mistake which can have deadly consequences. He was supposed to be the Halcyon, a powerful magic-user, destined to save the world; instead he is restricted to menial tasks, and mocked for his failure to live up to the prophecy. But not everyone interprets prophecy in the same way. So when two of the wizards closest to Nicodemus are found dead, it's clear that someone will stop at nothing to find the apprentice and bend him to their will... Tp \$32.99 *Due Feb*

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*Blood of the Southlands #3.* A bitter old woman's curse has set in motion events that have felled innocent lives across an already war-weary land. Qirsi across the Southlands are dying from a plague that turns their own magic against them, allowing an Eandi army from Stelpana to boldly march into their territory. But the Qirsi aren't the only ones cursed; even as Stelpana's force wins battles, an insidious magic has corrupted the spells of their sorcerers, and what began as a military triumph is suddenly jeopardised. The future of the Southlands hangs in the balance... 368pp Hb \$54.00 *Due Feb*

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## FAVE NEW

### Dynasty of Evil

Star Wars Darth Bane #3

Drew Karpyschyn Hb \$52



The story takes up with Darth Bane and his apprentice Zannah, 20 years after the demise of the old Sith ways. With the loss to the Mind Bomb of all the known Sith Dark Side users, and a great many Jedi too, Darth Bane is left to administer his new and very different view of the Dark Side training and philosophy - the new Rule of Two.

Zannah now has the ability to challenge Darth Bane, but has yet to do so. The story revolves around the challenge in character of these two protagonists, to their duty to the new

Philosophies, and the difficulties in seeing them through to fruition. Should they fail, the Sith Order will die with them.

Darth Bane is in failing health and worried that Zannah may lack the necessary skill or cunning to challenge and replace him. He seeks ways through ancient dark teachings to prolong his life long enough to complete Zannah's training, and possibly provide him with immortality as well.

Zannah senses that Bane is hiding information crucial to her continued training and ability to take his mantle as master. Only a Sith who has taken down their own Master can become the one, true, Dark Lord of the Sith. She decides to take an apprentice herself - a fallen Dark Jedi - and to orchestrate a confrontation with Bane after their separate missions come to a conclusion, as she thinks he has already secretly replaced her with another secret apprentice.

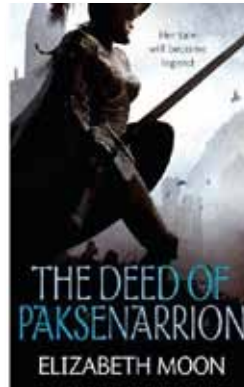
I greatly enjoyed this third volume of Darth Bane, a rollicking adventure style of story that careens from one disaster to the next. A must read if you enjoyed the first two parts in the series - **Path of Destruction** and **Rule of Two** (both Pb \$15.95). The backstabbing nature of the Sith lends itself to conflict and intrigue, with layers of bad people trying to outwit one another and the good guys taking an ancillary role as padding for the story. The antagonists make Darth Bane's struggles all the more enjoyable as he has to outwit vengeful Princesses, a cunning apprentice, a merciless bounty hunter and an assortment of Dark Cultist minions and Jedi authorities, all while trying to procure the Ancient writings that lead to a Holocron, which may provide the secret to life eternal.

The author also manages to drop hints and clues throughout the story that lead to all sorts of future twists in the story. Could Darth Bane actually be the teacher of Darth Sidious, who acquired the ability to stave off death and gain immortality? Read on, you know you want to... – CM

## FAVE CLASSIC

### The Deed of Paksenarrion

Elizabeth Moon Tp \$36



Elizabeth Moon is more recently recognised for her epic military space operas, rather than her fantasy fiction, but military-style fantasy is where she launched her career as a bestselling novelist 21 years ago. *The Sheepfarmer's Daughter*, her first novel, is where we first meet Paksenarrion Dorthandotter and the world of the Eight Kingdoms.

**The Deed of Paksenarrion** is an omnibus comprising *The Sheepfarmer's Daughter*, *Divided Allegiances* and *Oath of Gold*. This classic coming-of-age tale

centres on the character Paksenarrion, who rebels against her father and runs away to avoid an arranged marriage. She joins a mercenary company and becomes a soldier, where we follow her on a journey from naivety to worldliness. Populated with a wide cast of characters, the land of the Eight Kingdoms bears a weighty feel of deep history, yet this epic is primarily about the journey of a single character, and grippingly so. Although often compared to **The Lord of the Rings**, Moon's work leans more towards military fantasy than high fantasy. She draws deeply on her own experiences in the marines to provide a powerful picture of military life, and while such a thing would not appeal to me at all, Moon fills her world with magical creatures and powerful gods, both good and evil, as well as enough magic that, while never overpowering, offers a subtle balance to her martial themes, proving to me just how gifted a writer she is.

The plot of this tale is not groundbreaking within the context of its genre, but Moon's strength lies in characterisation and world-building. Paksenarrion grows before our eyes from a simple farm girl with a dream to a seasoned warrior of the 'gods of light'. While her life experiences deepen her character and make her a more complex person (Moon doesn't shy away from the harder realities that a female soldier may face), 'Paks' always seems to retain an innocence of spirit that shines brightly on the page and in the mind. To my mind, this omnibus is a true classic and a worthy addition to the bookshelf of any avid reader of fantasy fiction, or even simply good fiction.

For the last 20-odd years, Moon has been asked by her faithful followers if she will be writing any new Paks books. She has said many times that she does not have any new Paks stories to write, but she has embarked on a new journey in the world of the Eight Kingdoms, the first book of which is due in April and looks to pick up where **The Deed of Paksenarrion** left off. The information I have suggests Paks' presence in the story, although we'll see her through the eyes of different characters.

I love reading this tome as much as I did the first time and I can't wait to read the Eight Kingdoms instalments! – Mark



**SEAN CREGAN**  
**The Levels**

On the outskirts of Newport lies an abandoned, feral housing project called the 'Levels'. Inhabited by Newport's forgotten homeless population, the Levels are run as a personal fiefdom by the all-powerful



Sorrow. Ex-CIA agent Nate Turner is in the Levels to find out who has just tried to kill him, when he meets 14-year-old Ghost. Ghost is one of Sorrow's trained, drug-addicted assassins looking for a way back to her normal life. Then there is Kate, a suspended cop, who has been told that she has only days to live after being attacked and infected by the Beast, a serial killer working the streets. Ghost is trying to escape Sorrow, Kate is looking for the Beast, and Turner is looking for answers. One thing's for sure, some people aren't going to survive the fallout! 320pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Feb*



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*Jump 225 #3.* The Defense and Wellness Council is enmeshed in full-scale civil war between Len Borda and the mysterious Magan Kai Lee. The quest for the truth will lead to the edges of civilisation, from the tumultuous society of the Pacific Islands to the lawless orbital colony of 49th Heaven; and from the hidden agenda of the Surina family to the real truth behind the Autonomous Revolt that devastated humanity hundreds of years ago. Meanwhile, Natch must make the ultimate decision – whether to save a world that has scorned and discarded him, or to save himself. 500pp Tp \$32.00 *Due Feb*



**GREG EGAN**  
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Egan's short fiction is at the cutting edge of the genre. His stories range from near future predictions to far future, far space improvisations. His grasp of the latest scientific breakthroughs is unparalleled in science fiction. This collection featuring ten stories, nine which are previously unpublished in book form, including 'Transition Dreams', 'Cocoon', 'Our Lady of Chernobyl', and 'The Planck Drive'. These stories range from the farther shores of chaos theory and black hole science to bio-technology and cloning. 336pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Feb*



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**Strange Attractors**

*Quantum Enchantments #3.* Corsanon's warriors are a vanished race, defeated in the temple was long ago – or so Rosette thought. She changes her mind when the portal drops her in the middle of



an armed legion. Before she and Drayco can escape, Teg is injured and the Sword Master imprisoned. The glamour she spins to rescue her father sets in motion a series of events that may sunder Earth and Gaela forever... 576pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Feb*



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With the long-chained dragon now free and the rebels' invasion smashed by her exultant fury, the balance of power has changed. Young emperor Chien Hua is no longer struggling for survival and his increasingly godlike powers are making him rash. But with the dragon patrolling the skies above and the strait beneath, the emperor's forces have no hope of launching a counterattack – until a goddess moves to interfere. The fate of the war lies in the blood-deep bonds between the dragon and the boy Han, her jailer and her liberator – and both will pay for their freedom. 432pp Tp \$32.00 *Due Feb*



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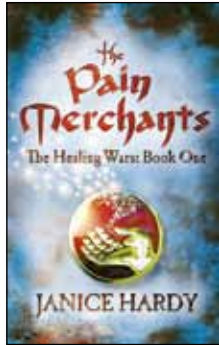
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**Falconfar**

*Falconfar Saga #3.* Fantasy writer Rod Everlar is now hopelessly lost in the magical world he once thought he'd created, as he searches for his only friend and the guide who brought him there – the maimed warrior-woman Taeauna. She has been captured by the evil wizard Malraun, who has taken her to his bed. Beset by the wizards, their armies, and the dragon-like monsters they command, Rod finds his luck running out as his ruthless foes discover a new world to conquer: Earth. 384pp Hb \$48.00 *Due Feb*



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*Healing Wars #1.* 15-year-old Nya is a Taker, a healer who can pull pain and injury from others. Trouble is, unlike normal Takers who become Healers' league apprentices, she can't dump that pain into pynvium – the enchanted



metal used to store it. Nevertheless, a ferry accident floods the city of Geveg with injured, and Nya's talent is suddenly in demand. But her principles and endurance are tested to the limit when her talent turns out to be the only thing that can save her sister's life... Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*



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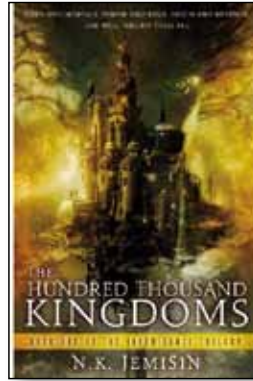
The isolated island of Jago is the only place Hannah Conquest has ever known as home. But Hannah's carefree existence comes to an abrupt halt when her guardian, Archbishop Alice Gray, is murdered in her own cathedral. Someone wants to suppress a secret kept by the archbishop – and they believe Alice passed the knowledge onto Hannah, because now they're after her too. A power struggle is brewing on Jago, involving rival factions in

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When Andrew Hope's magician grandfather dies, he leaves his house to his grandson. Andrew remembers how his grandfather used to put the inedible large vegetables on the roof of the shed, where they'd have vanished in the morning. He also remembers the very colourful stained glass window in the kitchen door. Into this mix comes young Adrian Crane, who turns up from the orphanage asking for safety. Who he is remains unclear, but there is a strong connection between the two. There is a mystery to be solved, and nothing is as it appears to be! Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*



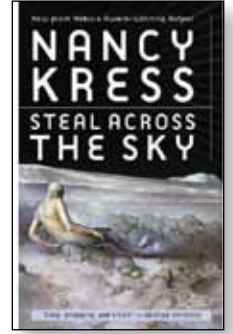
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Bibi is the sole survivor of a massacre. Lady Nef, the General's wife, stops the General taking her as a concubine, winning Bibi's devotion. Years later, a diplomatic mission to a supposedly friendly planet ends in disaster. Bibi, a junior officer in Lady Nef's household, is incarcerated with her mistress in the high-security prison on Fenmu. When Lady Nef dies in prison, she bequeaths to Bibi her rank. Then Bibi uses Lady Nef's death to escape Fenmu, where she finds Spirit – an instantaneous-transit space pod – and follows Lady Nef's co-ordinates to a treasure beyond price: a virgin, perfect, uninhabited planet... 480pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Feb*



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**K E MILLS**  
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*Rogue Agent #3.* Melissande and co are shocked to receive a visit from a Monk Markham who comes from an alternate version of their own world. The second Monk has created a portal that allows travel between realities, and he's come to them for help. The Gerald in his world has turned into a raving tyrannical despot as a result of actions taken during their version of the Kallarapi crisis. The second Monk is convinced that the only person who can stop Gerald... is Gerald! But Gerald's disappeared! 464pp Pb \$24.99 *Due Feb*



**JEFFREY OVERSTREET**  
**Raven's Ladder**

*The Auralia Thread.* Following the beacon of Auralia's colours, King Cal-raven of Abascar has discovered a destination for his weary crowd of refugees, a city only imagined in legendary tales. But when Cal-raven is waylaid by fortune hunters, his people become vulnerable to a danger more powerful than the prowling beastmen - House Bel Amica. If there is any hope for the people of Abascar, it lies in the courage of Cyndere, daughter of Bel Amica's queen; the strength of Jordam the beastman; and the fiery gifts of the ale boy. 400pp Pb \$27.95 *Due Feb*



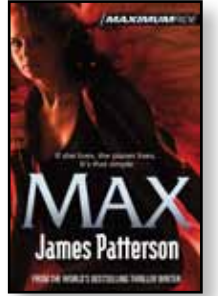
**K J PARKER**  
**The Folding Knife**

*Basso the Magnificent.* Basso the Great. Basso the Wise. The First Citizen of the Vesani Republic is an extraordinary man. He is ruthless, cunning, and above all, lucky. He brings wealth, power and prestige to his people. But with power comes unwanted attention, and Basso must defend his nation and himself from threats, both foreign and domestic. In a lifetime of crucial decisions, he's only ever made one mistake. One mistake, though, can be enough... 464pp Tp \$29.95 *Due Feb*



**JAMES PATTERSON**  
**Max**

*Maximum Ride #5.* Max and the Flock have lived a lonely existence; always on the run, they remain at the fringes of society. But times are changing. The Flock have finally found acceptance for their extraordinary skills. And now everyone wants to see just what the avian hybrids can do. But fame and fortune come at a price, and something deadly is lurking in the depths of the ocean. The Flock have uncovered a deadly secret that threatens the world, a disaster that could be too tough for even them to tackle! 336pp Pb \$19.95 *Due Feb*



**JAMES PATTERSON**  
**Fang**

*Maximum Ride #6.* Fang is Max's best friend, her soul mate, her partner in leadership of her flock of winged children. Max's desperate desire to protect Fang brings the two closer than ever. But their world is turned upside down when the Flock meet a wealthy scientist who has a great interest in the birdkids. He introduces them to another winged boy - the beautiful Dylan - raised in a lab like the Flock, and created to be Max's perfect other half. Now, a battle of science against soul, perfection versus passion unfolds... and meanwhile, the apocalypse is coming! 336pp Tp \$32.95 *Due Feb*



**JAMES PATTERSON**  
**Maximum Ride Omnibus**

Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, the Gasman, and Angel. Six kids who are pretty normal in most ways - except that they're 98 percent human, 2 percent bird. This omnibus edition contains the first three books in James Patterson's thrilling series for children: *The Angel Experiment*, *School's Out Forever*, and *Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports*. 560pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Feb*



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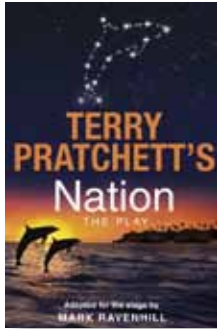
**ALEXEY PEHOV**  
**Shadow Prowler**

*Chronicle of Siala #1.* After centuries of calm, the Nameless One is stirring. An army is gathering; thousands of giants, ogres, and other creatures are joining forces from all across the Desolate Lands, united for the first time in history under a black banner. By the spring, or perhaps sooner, the Nameless One and his forces will be at the walls of the great city of Avendoom. Unless Shadow Harold, master thief, can find some way to stop them... 400pp Hb \$48.00 Due Feb



**TERRY PRATCHETT**  
**Nation: The Play**

A parallel world, 1860. Two teenagers thrown together by a tsunami that has destroyed Mau's village and left Daphne shipwrecked on his South Pacific island, thousands of miles from home. One wears next to nothing, the other a long white dress; neither speaks the other's language; somehow they must learn to survive. As starving refugees gather, Daphne delivers a baby, milks a pig, brews beer and does battle with a mutineer. Mau fights cannibal Raiders, discovers the world is round and questions the reality of his tribe's fiercely patriarchal gods. And together, they come of age. 144pp Pb \$27.95 Due Feb



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**ROBERT RANKIN**  
**Retromancer**

History has been changed. The Germans have won WWII. America is a nuclear wasteland. And worst of all, the breakfast menu at The Wife's Legs Cafe in Brentford is serving Bratwurst! Something is not right. And when the world needs setting right, who're you gonna call? Hugo Rune, that's who! A man who offers the world his genius, and asks only that the world cover his expenses. And so, with the aid of his faithful acolyte and companion Rizla, the guru's guru, the Lad Himself and the Retromancer, Hugo sets out to rewrite history the way it should be. 352pp Tp \$32.99 Due Feb



**PAULA REED**  
**Hester: The Missing Years of the Scarlet Letter**

From the moment the widow, Hester Prynne, donned the famous scarlet letter she was instilled with the power to see the sins and hypocrisy of others – an ability not lost on the Puritan Oliver Cromwell. To Cromwell, Hester's sight is either a sign of sorcery or a divine gift that Hester must use to assist the divinely chosen in his scheming to control England. Since sorcery carries a death sentence, Hester is compelled against her will to use her sight to assist Cromwell. She soon finds herself entangled in a web of political intrigue, espionage, and forbidden love. 320pp Hb \$48.00 Due Feb



**JOHN RINGO**  
**Live Free or Die**

*Troy Rising #1.* To free the world from the grip of the Horvath is going to take an unlikely hero. A hero unwilling to back down to alien or human governments, unwilling to live in slavery, and with enough hubris, if not stature, to think he can win. Fortunately, there's Tyler Vernon. And he has bigger plans than just getting rid of Horvath! 400pp Hb \$49.95 Due Feb



**BRANDON SANDERSON**  
**The Well of Ascension**

*Mistborn #2.* The Lord Ruler has been vanquished, and Kelsier – the man who masterminded the triumph – is dead. The awesome task of rebuilding the world has been left to his protégé Vin. Once a street urchin, she is now the most powerful Mistborn in the land. Worryingly for Vin, she has become the focus of a new religion, a development that leaves her uneasy. Since the Lord ruler died, the mists have become unpredictable, and a strange vaporous entity is stalking Vin. And only the mysterious legend of the Well of Ascension offers hope... 800pp Pb \$24.99 Due Feb



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**The Taborin Scale**

George Taborin – numismatist, collector, and solid citizen – travels to the valley on his annual vacation. There, he encounters a sex worker named Sylvia and acquires a tiny dragon's scale with unexpected properties. With shocking suddenness, George is removed from his everyday life and thrust into a primal world of violence and cruelty. In the course of an adventure that will change his life in fundamental ways, he is forced to bear witness to the gradual unfolding of a vast, implacable design. 104pp Hb \$65. Due Feb



**DAN SIMMONS**  
**Black Hills**

When young Sioux warrior Paha Sapa 'counts coup' on General George Armstrong Custer, as Custer lies dying on the battlefield at the Little Bighorn, the legendary general's ghost enters him – and his voice will speak to him for the rest of his event-filled life. Seamlessly weaving together the stories of Paha Sapa, Custer, and the American West, Simmons depicts a tumultuous time in the history of both Native and white Americans. 496pp Hb \$49.95 & Tp \$32.99 Due Feb



**JUSTIN STANCHFIELD**  
**Time Walker**

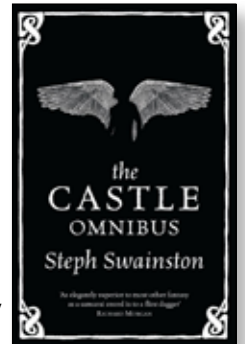
When the sleepy town of Antler is filled with rumours of crop circles, cattle mutilation and strange lights in the sky, brothers Sean and Trick are determined to investigate. Sleepwalking on a lonely road, Sean meets a strange girl who is pursued by a deadly organisation known as the Paradise Project. He and Trick are determined to protect the girl, but the head of the Paradise Project will not rest until he discovers and destroys the genetic source of her power to teleport through time. Unfortunately for Sean, the source is closer than he realises... 320pp Pb \$14.99 Due Feb



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**The Castle Omnibus: The Year of Our War / No Present Like Time / The Modern World**

Chosen by the emperor, 50 immortals lead humanity in an endless war against hordes of giant insects. Their immortality, conferred on them by the emperor, can be taken away if they lose a challenge.

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**K J TAYLOR**  
**The Griffin's Flight**

*Fallen Moon #2.* Arren Cardockson is dead... but something won't let him rest. Hated and hunted, Arrens only ally is Skandar, the monstrous man-eating griffin. Together they must reach the cold North, where they can hide from Erian, vengeful son of the murdered Lord Rannagon. Then Arren meets the mysterious Skade, and he begins to believe that she might know the way to lift his curse and make his dead heart beat again. And all the while, the dark Night God is watching... 640pp Pb \$22.99 Due Feb



**ROB THURMAN**  
**Roadkill**

*Cal Leandros #5.* Once, while half-human Cal Leandros and his brother Niko were working on a case, an ancient gypsy queen gave them a good old-fashioned backstabbing. Now, just as their PI business hits a slow patch, the old crone shows up with a job. She wants them to find a stolen coffin that contains a blight that makes the Black Death seem like a fond memory. But the thief has already left town, so the Leandros brothers are going on the road. And if they're lucky, there might even be a return trip... 352pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*



**LAVIE TIDHAR**  
**The Bookman**

A masked terrorist has brought London to its knees – there are bombs inside books, and nobody knows which ones! On the day of the launch of the first expedition to Mars, by giant cannon, he outdoes himself with an audacious attack. For young poet Orphan, trapped in the screaming audience, it seems his destiny is entwined with that of the shadowy terrorist, but how? 416pp Pb \$20.99 *Due Feb*



**MICHELLE WEST**  
**City of Night**

*House Wars #2.* Demonic activity has escalated in the Undercity as the worshipers of the Lord of the Hells strive to complete the rituals that will return their god to the mortal realm at the city's surface. As Rath joins with mages and the Twin Kings' agents to wage a secret battle against this nearly unstoppable foe, he gives Jewel Markess and her den of orphans the opportunity to escape the chaos, by providing them with an introduction to the head of House Terafin – where Jewel will discover her destiny. 624pp Hb \$49.95 *Due Feb*



**LIZ WILLIAMS & JON FOSTER**  
**The Shadow Pavilion**

*Inspector Chen #4.* When Chen's partner, the demon Seneschal Zhu Irzh, disappears, along with Chen's wife and Inari's guardian badger, Chen must enlist all of his allies and assets in order to locate them! Journey through the strange streets of Singapore Three to the rough and tumble world of Bollywood, where money flows fast and emotions flare even faster; from the realms of the Celestial to the haunts of the Infernal – and all the spaces in-between! 256pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*



**JANE YOLEN & MIDORI SNYDER**  
**Except the Queen**

Sisters, Serena and Meteora, were once proud members of the high court of the Fairy Queen – until they angered her highness. Banished to the mortal realm of Earth, they must survive in a strange world where they have no power. But there is more to their new home than they first suspect, and signs point to a rising power that threatens to tear asunder both fairy and human worlds. The sisters realise that perhaps the queen cast them from their homes not out of anger – but because they were the only ones who could do what must be done... 384pp Hb \$47.00 *Due Feb*

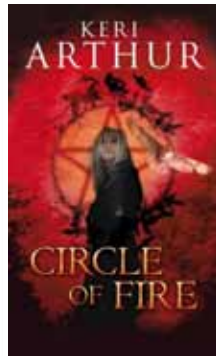


**PARANORMAL ROMANCE**



**KERI ARTHUR**  
**Circle of Fire**

*Damask Circle #1.* 16 teenagers taken from their homes. 11 bodies recovered, each completely drained of blood. Some believe vampires are responsible. Jon Barnett knows it's something far worse, and quickly becomes enmeshed in a web of black magic. He needs help but fate gives him only one choice. Madeline Smith has retreated to an isolated farmhouse, afraid of the abilities she cannot control. But when her nephew goes missing, Maddie must leave her haven. Yet the greatest danger to them Maddie and Jon could be the feelings they refuse to acknowledge... 304pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*



**KERI ARTHUR**  
**Circle of Death**

*Damask Circle #2.* In one vicious night, Kirby Brown's world is torn apart. Her best friend has been killed by a madman who is now after Kirby, and she has no idea why. Doyle Fitzgerald has been sent to Melbourne to hunt down the killer but what he doesn't expect to find is a circle of witches, and a sorceress determined to take that power for herself. And he certainly isn't expecting to play bodyguard to a woman who is more than she seems. But, while inexplicably drawn to Doyle, Kirby fears the magic that lies in Doyle's soul... 304pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*

**KERI ARTHUR**  
**Circle of Desire**

*Damask Circle #3.* In ten years of working for the Damask Circle, shapeshifter Katherine Tanner has never come across anything like this child-murdering monster. And the last thing she needs is interference from a naïve cop. But Ethan Morgan's niece is missing and he's determined to bring her back alive. Forced to cooperate, Ethan and Kat struggle to uncover clues that will lead them to the monster's lair. But it soon becomes clear that the greatest threat to Kat might not come from the forces of darkness, but from the man she is beginning to love... 304pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*

**AMBER BENSON**  
**Cat's Claw**

*Calliope Reaper-Jones #2.* Calliope is Death's Daughter. She owes a debt to Cerberus, the three-headed dog who guards the gates of hell – a debt that involves a trip to Purgatory, Las Vegas, ancient Egypt, and a discount department store that's more frightening than any supernatural creature she'll ever encounter! 320pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**KRESLEY COLE**  
**Pleasure of a Dark Prince**

It isn't safe for mysterious Lucia the Huntress to be with Garreth MacRieve, yet whenever she sees the fierce werewolf with his smouldering eyes, she finds herself surrendering to his kiss... From the shadows, Garreth, prince of the Lykae, has long watched over Lucia, the lovely little Valkyrie who alternately maddens him and inflames his lust. He aches to claim the seductive creature as his own and keep her safe from harm, but first he must convince her to accept him as her guardian. To do that, he'll exploit Lucia's greatest weakness – her desire for him... 352pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**JEANIENE FROST**  
**First Drop of Crimson**

*Night Huntress World #1.* Denise MacGregor's past is wrapped in secrets and shrouded in darkness – and a demon shapeshifter has marked Denise as prey. Now her survival depends on an immortal who lusts for a taste of her. He is Spade, a powerful, mysterious vampire who has walked the earth for centuries and is now duty-bound to protect this endangered, alluring human – even if it means destroying his own kind. Denise may arouse his deepest hungers, but Spade knows he must fight his urge to have her as they face the nightmare together... 384pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*



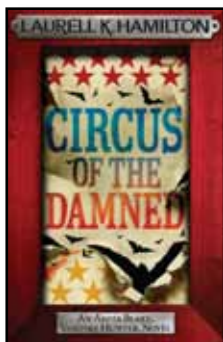


**CLAUDIA GRAY****Hourglass**

*Evernight #3.* Bianca has found refuge again with the Black Cross, and she and Lucas work desperately to keep her secret. In this company, being a vampire is a death sentence, and the two of them live and train alongside the hunters without anyone noticing her increasing blood-thirst. Even though she's with the boy she loves more than anyone else in the world, Bianca can't help worrying about the family and friends she left behind. Caught between three feuding worlds, it's starting to feel as though she'll never be entirely at peace again... 352pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*


**LAURELL K HAMILTON**  
**Circus of the Damned**

*Anita Blake #3.* Most women complain that there are no single straight men left. Anita Blake would just like to meet one that's human. Anita Blake is an expert on creatures of the night; she's dined with shapeshifters, danced with werewolves, and been wooed but not won by Jean-Claude, the Vampire Master of the City. And now a darkly dangerous vampire named Alejandro has hit town. He wants her for his human servant. A war of the undead has begun... over Anita! 384pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Feb*


**CHARLAINE HARRIS**  
**True Blood**
**Boxed Set**

Sookie Stackhouse is a cocktail waitress in a little bar in Bon Temps, a small town deep in Louisiana. She's funny and pretty and well-mannered, but she doesn't have that many close friends... Mind you, that's not so surprising when you consider how few people can appreciate her abilities as a mind-reader. It's not a quality that has the guys beating down her door, unless they're vampires or werewolves and such... But they're not just supernatural freaks; some of them are friends, even family. Boxed set contains *Dead Until Dark*, *Living Dead in Dallas*, *Club Dead*, *Dead to the World*, *Dead as a Doornail*, *Definitely Dead* and *From Dead to Worse*. 800pp Pb \$89.99 *Due Feb*



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*A Steampunk Romance.* When one of Jack Fletcher's nanoelectromechanical system experiments is jostled in his lab, the resulting explosion sends him into the world of his favourite novel – a seemingly Victorian-era world of steampower, aether guns, corsets, and goggles. A world where the lovely and intrepid Octavia Pye captains her airship straight into his heart... 352pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**LUCY MONROE****Moon Craving**

*Children of the New Moon #2.* When lord of the Sinclair clan and leader of his werewolf pack, Talorc, must wed an Englishwoman, he's shocked to find that she is his mate. Deaf since childhood, Abigail hopes to keep her affliction from Talorc as long as possible, just as he has no intention of telling her that he's a werewolf. But when Abigail learns that the husband she's begun to love has deceived her, it will take his entire warrior's strength – and his wolf's cunning – to win his wife back. 320pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**DIANA ROWLAND****Blood of the Demon**

Welcome to the world of Kara Gillian, a cop with a gift. Not only does she have the power of 'othersight', but she's become the summoner of a demon lord. Or maybe it's the other way around. Either way, with two tough cases on her docket and a handsome FBI agent under her skin, Kara needs the help of insatiable Lord Rhyzkahl more than he needs her. Two victims, linked by suspicious coincidence, haven't just been murdered. Something has eaten their souls. As the killings continue, Kara realises how much there's still to learn about demons – and men! 384pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**NALINI SINGH****Archangel's Kiss**

*Guild Hunter #2.* Vampire hunter Elena Deveraux wakes from a year-long coma to find that she has become an angel – and that her lover, the stunningly dangerous archangel Raphael, likes having her under his control. But almost immediately, Raphael must ready Elena for a flight to Beijing, to attend a ball thrown by the archangel Lijuan. Ancient and without conscience, Lijuan's power lies with the dead. And she has organised the most perfect and most vicious of welcomes for Elena... 352pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**JERI SMITH-READY****Bad to the Bone**

*WVMP Radio #2.* Ciara Griffin manages a radio station, and it's her job to keep the undead rocking, the ratings rolling, and the fan base alive. For Halloween, WVMP is throwing a bash sure to raise the dead. What could go wrong? For starters, a religious firebrand ranting against the evils of the occult pre-empts the station's midnight broadcast. When Ciara tracks down the illegal transmission, the broadcast tower is guarded by a canine vampire! And behind it all is a group of self-righteous radicals who think vampires suck – and are willing to stake their lives on it! 432pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**VICKI LEWIS THOMPSON****Blonde With a Wand**

*Babes on Brooms #1.* Sexy witch Anica Revere has one rule: never under any circumstances get involved with a man before telling him she's a witch. Still, what's one silly rule? Especially when the guy in question is as cute as Jasper Danes. But when Anica and Jasper have a spat, she breaks an ever bigger rule of witchcraft and turns him into a cat. Bad news for him. Worse for her! 336pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**RACHEL VINCENT****My Soul to Take**

*Soul Screamers #1.* Something is wrong with Kaylee Cavanaugh... She doesn't see dead people, but she senses when someone near her is about to die. And when that happens, a force beyond her control compels her to scream bloody murder. Kaylee just wants to enjoy having caught the attention of the hottest guy in school. But Nash seems to know more about her need to scream than she does. And when classmates start dropping dead for no apparent reason, only Kaylee knows who'll be next... 288pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Feb*

**JOSS WARE****Embrace the Night Eternal**

When civilisation is all but destroyed, Simon Japp sees his chance to redeem his violent past. Blessed with a 'gift', he's determined to help the resistance against the Strangers, the mysterious force that stalks them at every turn. He can't afford to be distracted – even by the stunning, soft-spoken woman fighting by his side... Sage Corrigan is cautious, but she sees something good in Simon. Posing as lovers to infiltrate a group, they find their staged affection develops into a desire that will leave them fighting for their lives in the night eternal! 384pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**EILEEN WILKS****Blood Magic***World of the Lupi #6.*

Lily Yu and Lupi prince Rule Turner have a bigger problem than their families not accepting their impending human/werewolf mixed marriage. A powerful ancient nemesis of

Lily's grandmother has come to San Diego to turn the city into a feeding ground!

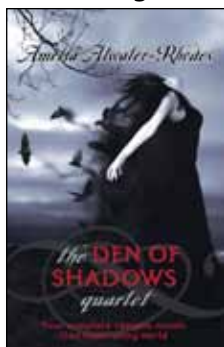
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**HORROR****GUY ADAMS****The World House**

In a room, there is a box. Inside that box is a door. Beyond that door is a house... And inside that house is an entire world. The house is not of our reality or time. People get in but they do not get out. In some rooms, forests grow while others suffer from seasonal downpours or encroaching icy tundra. It's filled with dangers, but also answers to all the secrets of the ages. Who dares venture inside? 416pp Pb \$20.99

**AMELIA ATWATER-RHODES**
**The Den of Shadows Quartet: In the Forests of the Night / Demon in My View / Shattered Mirror / Midnight Predator**

*In the Forests of the Night:* 300 years ago Risika had a family – a brother and a father who loved her. 300 years ago she was human. Now she is a vampire – a powerful one. And her past has come back to torment her... *Demon in My View:* Jessica is a high school student – and an acclaimed author of vampire fiction. Now two new students at her high school remind her of her favourite characters. But those characters only live in her imagination, right? *Shattered Mirror:* Christopher Raneva and Sarah Vida seem like a normal high school couple, but he's a vampire and she's a powerful vampire-hunting witch. If that's not enough to prevent their love, his past and her future collide when they get tangled up with Nikolas, one of the most reviled vampires ever. *Midnight Predator:* Once a happy teenager, Turquoise Draka is now a vampire hunter. Her current assignment is to assassinate Jeshickah, one of the cruellest vampires in history. But to do that, she'll have to enter Midnight, a fabled vampire realm, as a human slave... 608pp Pb \$24.95 *Due Feb*

**L A BANKS****The Thirteenth**

*Vampire Huntress #12.* The entire Neteru Guardian team is on the run. The Anti-Christ is positioned for emergence, the powers of darkness have released the pale horse of the apocalypse, and half the Neteru team is pregnant. Plagues from hell that ravage the country are being cited as stemming from bio-terrorism. The nation is under martial law. The Neteru and their team are underground. If things weren't bad enough the Dark Realm breaks the sixth Biblical seal, which plunges the world into perpetual darkness... and irrevocably into the Armageddon! 336pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**ROBERT JACKSON BENNETT****Mr Shivers**

It is the time of the Great Depression. The dustbowl has turned the western skies red and thousands leave their homes seeking a better life. Marcus Connelly seeks not a new life, but death for the mysterious scarred man who murdered his daughter. But countless others have lost someone to the scarred man. They band together to track him, and as they get closer, Connelly begins to suspect that the man they are hunting is more than human. As the pursuit becomes desperate, Connelly must decide how much he is willing to sacrifice for vengeance. 336pp Tp \$29.99 *Due Feb*

**WALTER GREATSHELL****Apocalyptic**

*Xombies.* Survivors of a cataclysmic zombie-making plague leave a temporary safety of a refitted nuclear sub to scavenge for food and supplies on land. But they soon find themselves facing new horrors on the surface, and mutiny below... 320pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

**CHARLIE HUSTON****My Dead Body**

*Joe Pitt #5.* Joe has spent a year splashing around in the city's sewer system, protecting the the ground on which his love, Evie, now lives. Above ground, Manhattan's Vampire clans have finally sprung fully for each others' throats. As Vampyre civil war rages, Joe is pulled back to the surface. The questions that have driven him will be answered – and the friends and foes who have defined his world will either be put in the ground or will claw their way to survival. But when the blood stops flowing, what side will Joe Pitt be on? 320pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Feb*

**STEPHEN LEATHER****Nightfall***Jack Nightingale #1.*

The life of struggling private detective Jack Nightingale is turned upside down the day that he inherits a mansion with a priceless library; it comes from a man who claims to be his father, and it comes with a warning: Nightingale's soul was sold at birth and a devil will come to claim it on his 33rd birthday – just three weeks away. Jack doesn't believe in Hell or Heaven. But when people close to him start to horribly die, he is led to the inescapable conclusion that real evil may be at work... 500pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Feb*

**DAVID MOODY****Hater**

Society is rocked by a sudden increase in the number of violent assaults on individuals. Christened 'Haters' by the media, the attackers strike without warning. The assaults are brutal, remorseless and extreme: within seconds, normally rational, self-controlled people become maddened, vicious killers. Indiscriminately, everyone has the potential to become a victim – or a Hater. Society is paralysed by fear; any moment friends and even close family could turn with murderous intent. By the end of today you could be dead. 272pp Pb \$22.99

**DARREN SHAN****Dark Calling***The Demonata #9.*

The Disciples are being manipulated by beings older than time. Only Kernel Fleck knows that something is wrong. But he is in the grip of a creature that cares nothing for the fate of humanity. Voices are calling to him from the darkness and he's powerless to resist. Kernel has already been to hell and back. Now he's about to go further... 224pp Pb \$14.99 *Due Feb*



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*Simon Canderous #3.* The spirit populace of Manhattan doesn't appreciate its well-deserved RIP being disturbed, and Department of Extraordinary Affairs Agent Simon Canderous is sent in to do damage control. Meanwhile, his vacationing partner, Connor Christos, is in a sorry state, and he tells Simon that each night he's being haunted by visions of his long-lost brother at his window. Simon is worried that his partner may be going crazy – or worse, maybe he's not... 336pp Pb \$15.95 *Due Feb*

## GAME WORLDS

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#### Sons of Liberty

*Metal Gear Solid #2.* Former FOXHOUND agent Solid Snake stands on the George Washington Bridge – ready to launch himself to the deck of the USS Discovery as it passes below. But in the next hour, Snake's world explodes. Two years later, a young, unproven agent codenamed Raiden must



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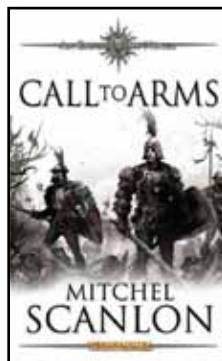
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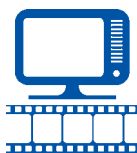
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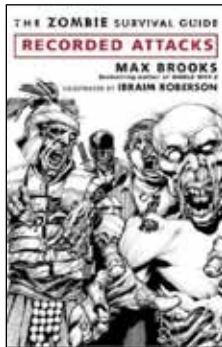
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**Hearts Blood** by Juliet Marillier (Tp \$32.99). A beautiful retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* set in Ireland during the Norman raids. I just love the way Marillier writes, and I found myself completely lost in the scenes and the story. - Steph

**Horns** by Joe Hill (Tp \$32.99). Having chickened out of reading Hill's short story collection, **20th Century Ghosts** (Pb \$22.99), I decided to grow some you-know-what and give this novel a go! This is similar to the short story collection in that it is a contemporary, 'when-real-life-gets-seriously-screwy' kind of horror. The story slowly unravels backwards to reveal what actually happened... and then the protagonist gets to give a nice serving of revenge. I really enjoyed this! - Steph

**Nightfall** (*Jack Nightingale #1*) by Stephen Leather (Tp \$32.99). Wow – this was fantastic! Barely a word wasted and it had me gripped from the (rather sad) beginning. Some of it was quite intense. I can't wait for the next in the series! - Steph

**The Clone Republic** (*Clone #1*) by Steven L Kent (Pb \$15.95). This novel is the first in a series following the deployment of Wayson Harris, a Marine amongst clones in a universe where seeking your own identity is a heavily discouraged (and potentially lethal) endeavour. Set in 2508 and viewed through the eyes of Harris, the story makes an intriguing and enjoyable read. If you are a military science fiction fan who enjoys a good 'man against the odds' tale and a government conspiracy, then this is definitely a book to investigate. - Tamara

**Just Another Judgement Day** (*Nightside #9*) by Simon R Green (Pb \$15.95). I love Green's brilliant *Nightside* series and book #9 is finally out in paperback. You never know what will happen to the wildest detective in the *Nightside*, who wouldn't recognise a clue if it bit him on the... well, you know! If you've never read them before, then there's no better time to start. But you must start with book #1, **Something from the Nightside** (\$15.95) and do not read ahead – that's naughty! - Sofia

**The Trouble with Demons** by Lisa Shearin (Pb \$16.95). Quick-witted and quirky! That's the only way to describe Shearin's world and characters. Once again Raine has managed to find herself in the thick of things, hunted by everything and anything, all wanting to possess the evil, soul-sucking stone that she is bound to. A must read for fans of Jim C Hines! - Chrissi

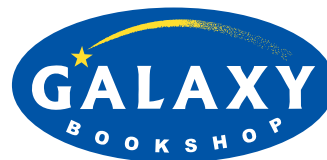
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