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STAFF NEWS...

After 12 years of full-time, full-on, wonderful work at Galaxy, I have decided to step down as Manager. I've discovered (as I suspect many parents do) the sad state of our child care system and looking after our son Wyatt (who will be one next month) is the most demanding, time consuming and yet wonderful job I think I'll ever have (and I didn't think anything could beat Galaxy). I can't bear to leave completely - too many of you have become friends - so I'll be working Monday & Wednesday in the store (and I suspect stocktakes... groan, I could live without those) and doing a few things from home, so I hope to see you in the shop. - *Steph*

Adam Tall is Galaxy Bookshop's new Manager, while David Lynton is Deputy Manager.

AUTHORS

Jack Chalker passed away on 11 February after a long illness, aged 60. Chalker was responsible for some great SF and fantasy novels, including *The Well of Souls* series and *The Dancing Gods* series.

FM Busby passed away on 17 February. Busby was the author of more than 20 novels, including the *Rissa Kerguelan* trilogy.

NEW AWARD

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America have created the *Andre Norton Award*, which will honour outstanding science fiction and fantasy written for young adults. The nomination process will be similar to that of the *Nebula Award*. The award will first be presented in 2006.

UPCOMING SIGNINGS

There'll be a few authors visiting Galaxy this year. Here's what we have so far!

June Anne Bishop

July Neil Gaiman

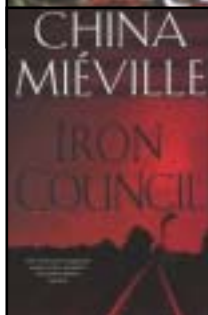
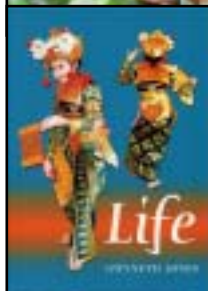
July 21 Robin Hobb

October Jeff Vandermeer



EASTER HOURS

Good Fri closed
Easter Sat (Pub Hol) 8:30am - 6:00pm
Easter Sun 10:00am - 5:00pm
Easter Mon (Pub Hol) 10:00am - 5:00pm



AUREALIS AWARD WINNERS

The Aurealis Awards for Excellence in Australian Speculative Fiction were established to recognise the achievements of Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror writers.

Science Fiction (novel)

Less than Human by Maxine McArthur

Science Fiction (short story)

Come to Daddy by Brendan Duffy

Fantasy (novel)

The Crooked Letter by Sean Williams

Fantasy (short story)

Catabolic Magic by Richard Harland

Weavers of Twilight by Louise Katz

Horror (novel)

The Black Crusade by Richard Harland

Horror (short story)

The Last Days of Kali Yuga by Paul Haines

Young Adult (novel)

Midnighters: The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld

Young Adult (short story)

Singing my Sister Down by Margo Lanagan

Children's (novel)

How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson

Childrens' (short story)

Beneath the Surface by Gary Crew & Stephen Woolman

ARTHUR C CLARKE NOMINEES

River of Gods by Ian McDonald

Iron Council by China Miéville

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell

Market Forces by Richard Morgan

The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

The System of the World by Neal Stephenson

NEBULA AWARD NOMINEES

Paladin of Souls by Lois McMaster Bujold

Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom by Cory Doctorow

Omega by Jack McDevitt

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell

Perfect Circle by Sean Stewart

The Knight by Gene Wolfe

PHILIP K DICK NOMINEES

The Coyote Kings of the Space-Age Bachelor Pad
by Minister Faust

Stable Strategies and Others by Eileen Gunn

Life by Gwyneth Jones

Apocalypse Array by Lyda Morehouse

Air by Geoff Ryman

City of Pearl by Karen Traviss

Banner of Souls by Liz Williams



SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY



LLOYD ALEXANDER



THE BLACK CAULDRON

The Chronicles of Prydain #2. The evil death-lord Arawn is once again threatening the peaceful land of Prydain. Taran, the pig-keeper must help find and destroy the powerful black cauldron. Arawn's cauldron creates an army of warriors, who cannot be killed as they have no life. Can Taran overcome the huntsman of Annvin and the enchantresses Orddu, Orwen and Orgoch to fulfil his mission and protect Prydain? Pb \$14.95 223pp



PIERCE ASKEGREN

HUMAN RESOURCE

The Inconstant Moon Trilogy #1. All Erik Morrison wants is to earn enough as EnTek Corporation's new Site Coordinator so he can return to earth as soon as possible, but he's about to uncover a shocking revelation that some want exposed, and that some will do anything to keep to themselves. Pb \$16.95 280pp

ROBERT ASPRIN & JODY LYNN NYE

MYTH-TAKEN IDENTITY

Myth #12. Aahz gets an unwelcome visit from two blue-skinned bruisers and a small magician wanting Skeeve to cough up the dough for an extremely large bill that he skipped out on. Knowing that Skeeve has many faults, but welshing on a debt is not one of them, he enlists the aid of Chumley and Massha to go with him to the last place any self respecting Pervert would ever visit... the mall! Once there, they discover that the mall rats have created a scheme to steal customers' credit cards. Realising that Skeeve is a victim of identity theft, they set out to set matters right and to clear their friend's name... Tp \$32.95 294pp

STEVE AUGARDE

THE VARIOUS

This is the story of Midge, abandoned with her eccentric uncle during the holidays, and her adventures with the Various, a band of earthly realistic fairies. The existence of the Various, who are strange, wild and sometimes even deadly, has been kept secret since the beginning of time, but when their world begins to clash with that of human beings, their livelihood is threatened with extinction. Pb \$22.95 447pp

KAGE BAKER

THE GRAVEYARD GAME

The Company #4. You wouldn't take Lewis for an immortal cyborg - he looks like a dapper character from a Noel Coward play. And Joseph - short and stocky in his Armani suit, with a neatly trimmed black moustache and beard that give him a cheerfully villainous look - you'd never guess that his parents drew the Neolithic cave paintings in the Cevennes. What are these two operatives of the Company doing in an amusement arcade in San Francisco in 1996? They're looking for Mendoza, fellow cyborg of Dr Zeus Incorporated, who has been banished. Soon they will begin uncovering some extremely hush-hush stuff about what the Company has been doing with the cyborgs it no longer wants in the field. Tp \$32.95 298pp

M A R BARKER

A DEATH OF KINGS

Tekumel Universe. Hársan voyages out to the Far Eastern coast of Salarvyá, which is in chaos as various factions fight for power after the death of the Mad King, Griggatsétsa. Hársan and his companions struggle through the riot-torn streets of the capital, Tsatsayágga and then on to distant Jækanta. On their voyage, they obtain new insights into the mysterious College at the End of Time, the Undying Wizards and the Unstraightened City. Tp \$38.95 208pp

STEVE BARLOW & STEVE SKIDMORE

KNYGHTMARE!

Tales of the Dark Forest #4. Will and Rose, who roam the Dark Forest freely, are used to its quirks and hidden trickiness. Yet, when they both wake up from an identical dream about a Knyght in black armour on a fire-breathing steed, they both know that something seriously scary is happening! Pb \$14.95 253pp

STEPHEN BAXTER

BEHEMOTH

Omnibus edition containing Mammoth, Long Tusk and Icebones. They have measured the slow pulse of the seasons, as the Earth spins its stately annual dance. Their memories stretch back across the million-year cycles of the ice sheets. Their stories tell of the making of the world and as the millennia have passed, their legends have served them well. A thousand years from now, on a different world, they will be the difference between life and death, between extinction and a future as long as the past. Pb \$24.95 793pp

GREG BEAR

DEAD LINES

Peter Russell lost a daughter to a serial killer. His marriage was the next casualty. Now he gets by as Mr Fixit for a film millionaire with a young wife on a big Hollywood estate infamous for its association with a historical scandal. The millionaire invests in a new kind of phone, the Trans. The problem with the Trans is that not only can you talk to your friends on it, you can also talk to the dead. The Trans has disrupted the exit routines of the recently dead to wherever they should have gone. Harried near to death himself by his murdered child, Russell must find out who killed her and find a way to put an end to it all, if it kills him. Pb \$18.95 295pp

GREGORY BENFORD

FURIOUS GULF

The Galactic Centre #5. Containing the remnants of humanity from the planet Snowglade, the spaceship Argo hurtles toward its uncertain destiny, with Captain Killeen at its helm, convinced his people's one hope of survival lies in the True Centre. The ship's gardens are failing, its voyagers face starvation and there is talk of mutiny. Even his own son Toby, is beginning to question his father's command. Like the others in this family of voyagers, Toby's spine contains microchip implants holding the memories of his race. But just as the technology designed to save his people may tear Toby himself apart, so his father's desperate gamble to save the Argo may plunge the ship and its inhabitants into a cosmic pit of all-consuming fire. Pb \$16.95 436pp



SCIENCE FICTION



FANTASY



ROMANCE



AWARD WINNER



AUSTRALIAN



ACTION



REPRINT

AC AUDIO CASSETTE

CD COMPACT DISC

PB PAPERBACK

HB HARDBACK

TP TRADE PAPERBACK

FAVE RAVES

OUR FAVOURITES - NEW & CLASSIC

NEW TITLE

TOOTH AND CLAW

JO WALTON

PB \$16.95 304PP

It is always nice to find something a little different to break up your usual fantasy and **Tooth and Claw** is definitely different. No young men tramping across various landscapes looking for the magical item of some legend to fulfil a prophecy. No young women who suddenly discover they have magical abilities and must fight an evil overlord and find true love. No elves. No dwarves. There are, however, dragons. In fact, the entire cast of characters are dragons.

The best (and only) way to describe this book is to imagine if Jane Austen wrote fantasy. Now, by saying that, I know this book is not going to be to everyone's taste, but it is well written and very clever.

In Walton's book, dragons are the dominant species. They once had a barbaric, violent and horrific society. To preserve the veneer of civilisation, they must stick tightly to a set of very strict, Victorian rules. Walton says this is how she got the idea for the novel. What if these rules are set up, not because of the times or the culture, but because of biology? Dragons must eat other dragons to gain in size and power, so these rules were created to protect weaker dragons. The poorer dragons often run property that is owned by the aristocracy, or are servants and are, therefore, under the protection of more powerful families. Female dragons are born with delicate hands, not talons, so they cannot easily defend themselves. They need the protection of a male, whether it be a father, brother or husband. They also change from a maidenly gold to a blushing pink when they are to be mated, which can be forced on them by lecherous males, so again they must be chaperoned to keep them safe.

The book follows the lives of the Agornin family. The patriarch, Bon Agornin, came from very humble beginnings, but built a fortune and married into aristocracy. As the book opens, he is on his deathbed and his children have gathered around for his last moments. After he dies, his wealth and his body are divided up among the children, but his son-in-law, Daverak, claims the majority of the flesh for himself and his family. This leaves the younger children at a disadvantage in such a frightening world. The eldest son, Penn, is a priest and therefore protected by the bindings on his wings that signify his status. However, the younger son, Avan, is only a clerk and there is not much left of his father's fortune. There are also two younger, unmarried sisters, who are to leave their home. Haner is to live with Daverak and their sister Berend, while Selendra is to live with Penn and his wife.

The novel closely follows the traditions of a Victorian novel. We see Avan living the life of a young bachelor in the city, trying to take Daverak to court over the eating of his father's body. We watch the two young sisters dealing with unwanted advances, an introduction to society, attending dances and, of course, meeting romantic interests. There is a focus on things like gossip, fashion, status and proper behaviour, all done so authentically that you forget you're reading about dragons until a reference to something, like their size, reminds you with a jolt.

I really enjoyed this book and I'm hoping Walton decides to revisit this universe. It is a fun, clever idea that is well executed and truly displays Walton's talent. If you want something out of the norm and don't mind this style of writing, this is the perfect book. 8/10 - Sian

CLASSIC TITLE

THE TRAVELLING VAMPIRE SHOW

RICHARD LAYMON

PB \$18.95 442PP

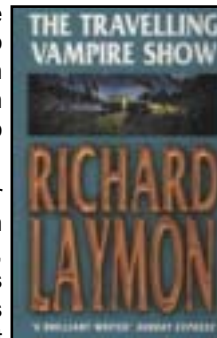
There was a time in the past when the periodic visits of the circus or fair proved to be the highlight of the year for any child. In the twisted world of Richard Laymon, such a simple event has to have an evil edge to it...

It is the late summer of 1963 and for Dwight, Rusty and Slim - three teenagers in the small American town of Grandville, where nothing much happens - life remains pretty boring. Their summer holiday is drawing to an end and they begin to get bored and restless, struggling to find something to pass their time. That is, until the show arrives. Not just any run of the mill circus, but one that promises "...the one and only known vampire in captivity, gorgeous, beguiling and lethal!" Warning bells would be ringing for anyone with half an ounce of common sense, but for three green teenagers, this is the best thing to ever happen. Nothing in the world will stop them from going, not even the pricey admission fee or the fact that the show starts well after their curfew or the fact that, while there might really be a vampire who is gorgeous and beguiling, she might also prove to be lethal.

Laymon has made a name for himself in the horror genre for writing books that are filled with excessive sex and violence that thunders through like a speeding train. In this book, he adds to the usual sex and violence with a slow build-up of a tense atmosphere, counter-played with the sexual tensions between the three teens. As we follow their plight in getting into the show, we slowly get drawn into the tightening story that threatens to explode with the novel's ferocious climax. We also follow their adventures in a 'borrowed' car across a moonlit highway, which brings them close to the evil that unfortunately lurks among our everyday lives.

Laymon creates a scary read that succeeds in its delicate creation of tense anticipation for the vampire show and its no-holds-barred release of blood and guts. At its heart, however, this is a coming-of-age novel, with the vampire show being a metaphor for the all-devouring real world that awaits those leaving adolescence and entering adulthood. Laymon has created a fine trio of characters in Dwight, Rusty and Slim, and any reader can relate them to their own childhood.


This is equal parts scary and fun, but it is also a beautiful ode to those glorious summers of our youth where we could freely explore the world without a worry. Except that in the world of Richard Laymon, it is populated by a travelling vampire show. - John



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JOHN GREGORY BETANCOURT

THE BLIND ARCHER

 In a distant time, when Earth was flat and ruled by magic, wizards knew well the perils of sorcery. It was a lesson young Ker Orrum had yet to learn, for he had just discovered the flame of power within him and he yearned to wield it. When the Oracle spoke of a journey and of a gem, Ker Orrum's fate was sealed - he would wrest the Great Ruby from the mighty god called the Blind Archer. Many others had tried, none had succeeded. Yet Ker Orrum was determined to fulfil his destiny, ignorant of the awesome forces he was about to unleash. Pb \$16.95 233pp


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 Everyone knows something about Odysseus and he turns up everywhere from Homer's original epics, Tennyson's poem *Ulysses* and Joyce's literary masterpiece of the same name, to the recent Coen brothers film *O Brother Where Art Thou*, which was based on his adventures. But no one has until now chronicled Odysseus's life from start to finish. In this entertaining 'biography', Beye does just that. Tp \$29.95 197pp

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MIKE BROTHERTON

STAR DRAGON

 The SS *Cygni* probe sent back hours of video, but only a few minutes mattered - the four minutes that showed a creature made of fire living in the plasma fire of the double star's accretion disk. A dragon made of star stuff so alien, that only a human expedition to observe and perhaps capture it, could truly understand them. But SS *Cygni* is 245 light-years from Earth and, even though only two years' subjective time will pass on board the *Karamojo*, the crew will return to an Earth where 500 years have passed. As the Biolathe AI said, uncertain 500-year round trips don't attract the most stable personalities, but somehow they'll have to learn to get along with each other, if they're to catch their dragon and come home again. The crew of the *Karamojo* - human and AI alike - will risk everything to capture it - and it will take all their technology, skill and courage to come home alive. Pb \$16.95 352pp

DIA CALHOUN



ARIA OF THE SEA

 Cerinthe Gale is a folk healer who dreams of being a dancer. When her mother falls ill, Cerinthe fights to save her - but fails. She blames herself for her mother's death, gives up healing and decides to pursue dance. She travels across Windward to the School of the Royal Dancers, which accepts her even though she is a commoner, but still she is not content. A disagreement with a young man, a rivalry with an aristocratic classmate, Elliana and a meeting with a mederi - a healer with magical powers - add to her anguish. When a terrible accident leaves Elliana's life in the balance, Cerinthe faces the same awful choice she had faced with her mother: Should she try to heal Elliana herself or hope that the mederi arrives in time? Pb \$18.95 264pp




ISOBELLE CARMODY

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DAVID B COE

BONDS OF VENGEANCE

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SUZANNE COLLINS

GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

 *The Underland Chronicles* #1. When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats and cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it - until he realises it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever. Pb \$9.95 311pp


GARDNER DOZOIS (ED)

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 *The Year's Best Science Fiction* has been the most widely read short science fiction anthology of its kind for many years. Now, after 21 annual collections, comes this ultimate science fiction anthology, in which the editor selects the very best short stories. Some notable stories include *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K Le Guin, *The Winter Market* by William Gibson, *Trinity* by Nancy Kress. Hb \$70.00 655pp


DAVID & LEIGH EDDINGS

THE ELDER GODS

 *Dreamers #1.* They are called the Dreamers. They look like sleeping children. They are, in fact, Gods. There are eight elder Gods, four awake, four asleep, by turns. When they sleep, they sleep for eons. The only time the Gods are vulnerable is when the sleepers awake. Knowing this, the Ruler of the Wasteland, ambitious to become a God by destroying Gods, watches and waits, marshalling troops for war. The sleeping Gods are stirring. When they wake the battle will begin. There will be trickery and deception. Tribes of humans, creatures of the deep, the sea itself and the earth, the weather and the divinities, all will play their part in the epic struggle against the Ruler of the Wasteland. Pb \$18.95 424pp


SYLVIA ENGDAHL

THE FAR SIDE OF EVIL

 *Stars #2.* Elana, newly graduated from the Federation Anthropological Service Academy, is sent immediately into danger on the planet Toris - a world poised on the brink of nuclear war. She is ordered to merely observe and must not reveal her alien origin or interfere with the planet's natural course of evolution. But how can she stand by and watch? Her fellow agent, Randil, is not properly trained to work in the field and his compassion for the Torisians may lead him to intervene. Yet his very actions may bring about the holocaust that he is so desperately trying to prevent. Elana must make a crucial decision - side with a renegade agent, or stop him at any cost... Pb \$16.95 324pp


DAVID FARLAND

THE LAIR OF BONES

 *Runelords #4.* Prince Gaborn, the Earth King, has defeated the forces arrayed against him before. Now there must be final confrontations, both on the field of battle, with the supernatural creature that Raj Ahten has become, and underground, in the cavernous homeland of the Reavers, where the sorcerous One True Master who rules them all lies in wait. The survival of the human race on Earth is at stake. Pb \$18.95 466pp


JEAN FERRIS

ONCE UPON A MARIGOLD

 A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things, leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar and discovers a plot against her and her father. Pb \$14.95 275pp


JUDE FISHER

THE ROSE OF THE WORLD

 *Fool's Gold #3.* The three temperamental gods that rule this world are bound under a renegade magician. In their struggle to break free, they will change their world, affecting the fates of their peoples. Hb \$49.95 576pp


MARY GENTLE

1610: A SUNDIAL IN A GRAVE

 Valentin Rochefort, professional duellist and down-at-heels aristocrat, arranges the assassination of Henri IV, King of France. Fleeing from the consequences, he makes for England, on the way picking up two companions. Rochefort is blackmailed into arranging the death of King James at the performance of a Hermetic magic play. As the play's performance and the assassination approach, Rochefort's dreams of the future that may spring from this crucial year grow increasingly stranger and more contradictory. He realises he must act - but, how? What is the right choice? And how much of the future will depend on what he does? Pb \$27.95 704pp


TERRY GOODKIND

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 *Sword of Truth #9.* Reluctant hero turned magical warrior, Richard Rahl, has long since learned the wizard's first rule and accepted his fate. With his beloved Kahlan Amnell, the last Mother Confessor, he has battled unearthly adversaries, military foes, the Underworld, the malign and wild magic of the Old World, even the elements themselves. Tp \$29.95 665pp

MITCHELL GRAHAM

THE ANCIENT LEGACY

 *Fifth Ring #3.* For three years, the world has believed Mat Lewin dead, slain by Teanna, the mysterious Nyngary princess who stole his rose gold ring. Now he has been drawn out of hiding by a long-awaited opportunity to retrieve what is rightfully his, thereby reclaiming the power to free his enslaved homeland. However, the world he's returning to has changed. The Orlocks have risen aboveground, led by their queen Shakira, possessor of another of the rings, a mighty army and a dark dream: the annihilation of humanity. Only by joining forces with his adversary can Mat stop the doom that confronts the world and save a future that may already be lost. Pb \$18.95 513pp

ANDREW M GREELEY (ED)


EMERALD MAGIC:

GREAT TALES OF IRISH FANTASY

Though the Emerald Isle is no stranger to tales of the fantastic, most of the fantasy works dealing with Ireland have limited themselves to ancient history/Celtic legends and lore, sentimental tales of wee folk, or ghostly tales of hauntings in old deserted castles. Needless to say, there is more to the history and culture of Ireland. This anthology presents the entire cavalcade of Eire, from its earliest beginnings right up to the current climate, as the backdrop for a collection of all new stories of the fantastic. Pb \$16.95 339pp

SIMON R GREEN


DEATHSTALKER CODA

 *Deathstalker #8.* As foretold, Owen Deathstalker has returned to save the Empire from the mysterious entity known as the Terror, leaving his descendant Lewis with the task of leading an army against the legions of the madman who has usurped the throne. Hb \$49.95 377pp


KAREN HABER

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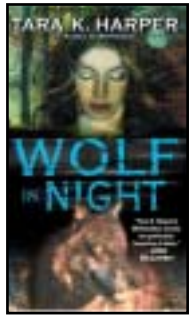
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TARA K HARPER


WOLF IN NIGHT

 *Wolfwalkers #6.* Raised on a foreign world, where telepathic wolves hunt in the mountains and mysterious aliens guard against the encroachment of humanity, Nori has grown up scouting in the wilderness, searching for dangers that could devastate the isolated towns scattered across the countryside. But the wolves have already encountered those forces. Now, disturbed by the sense of death along the broken cliffs of Ariye, they reach out to one who can help them. Unsuspecting, Nori answers the Grey Ones' call, only to find herself mentally bonded to a half-grown, ferocious wolf. Caught between the wolves and the horror of plague and with hired hunters at her heels, Nori is hounded deep into the wilderness to begin a journey that must end in victory... or death. Pb \$16.95 481pp




M JOHN HARRISON

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 Three high school students formed the Galileo Club to share their interests in science and space exploration, but they never imagined they would team up with a nuclear physicist to construct and crew a rocket bound for the moon and they never expected to gain some powerful enemies in the process. Pb \$16.95 211pp


NANCY HOLDER

SPIRITED

 In the forest, Wusamequin, the young and handsome medicine man, looks to avenge the death of his wife and child at the hands of British soldiers. When Wusamequin spots Isabella and her father, he alerts his warriors to capture them. But Wusamequin is quite taken with how bravely Isabella battles. He orders the warriors to spare her and her father and they are dragged back to their village. However, many members of the Mohican tribe still want them to be killed. In a desperate plea to Wusamequin, Isabella vows to stay as his hostage if he lets her father go. Pb \$12.95 253pp


DIANA WYNNE JONES

THE TOUGH GUIDE TO FANTASY LAND

 This authoritative A-Z constitutes an essential source of information for all who dare to venture into the imaginative hinterlands. It provides acute insights into such mysteries as the varying types of virgin and the importance of cloaks. Features include a map, lively background on those you will meet, including: barbarian hordes and elves, who claim they did not evolve like humans (certainly there seems to be no such thing as the Elvish ancestral ape). Hb \$19.95 246pp


GWYNETH JONES

MIDNIGHT LAMP

 *Ax, Sage & Fiorinda* #3. Rufus O’Niall is dead and the green nazi occupation has been defeated, but at a huge cost to the three extraordinary people who saved England from the dark. Shattered and deeply changed by the sacrifices they had to make, they are in hiding from their friends and fans in 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... Pb \$18.95 326pp



MARVIN KAYE (ED)

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
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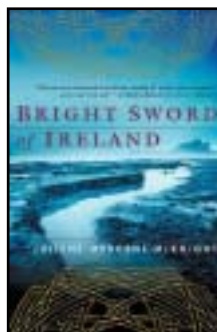
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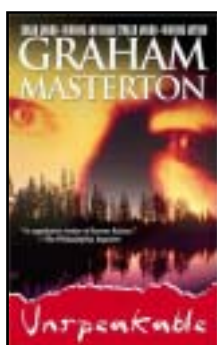


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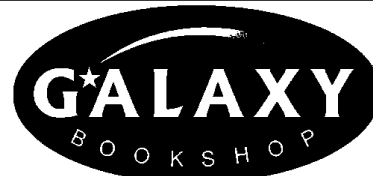
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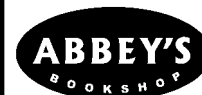
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