

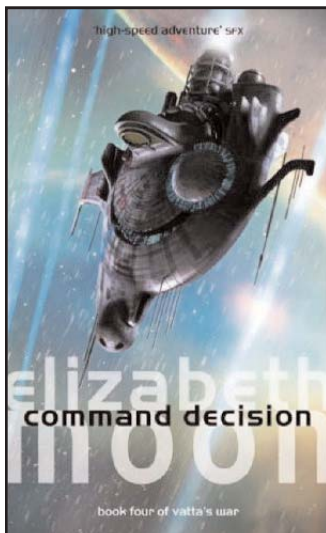


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SCIENCE FICTION ● FANTASY ● HORROR



ELIZABETH MOON

Nebula Award-winning author of *The Speed of Dark*
in-store

**WED 11 APRIL
FROM 5 - 7pm**

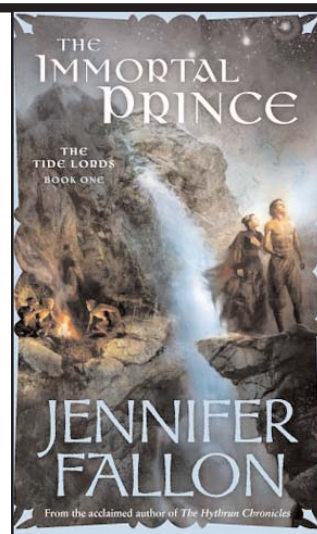
to celebrate the release of
COMMAND DECISION
Vattas' War #4

JENNIFER FALLON

bestselling author of *The Hythrun Chronicles*
in-store

THURS 19 APRIL FROM 5PM

to celebrate the release of
THE IMMORTAL PRINCE
Book One of her new Tide Lords quartet



CLARKE AWARD NOMINEES

Named for the legendary SF author, these awards recognise the best science fiction novel first published in Great Britain during the previous year.

- Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Learning the World** by Ken MacLeod
- Pushing Ice** by Alastair Reynolds
- Air** by Geoff Ryman
- Accelerando** by Charles Stross
- Banner of Souls** by Liz Williams

BRAM STOKER NOMINEES

These awards recognise superior achievement in horror writing and are named for the author of the seminal horror work *Dracula*. Nominees include:

BEST NOVEL

- Headstone City** by Tom Piccirilli
- Lisey's Story** by Stephen King
- Ghost Road Blues** by Jonathan Maberry
- Pressure** by Jeff Strand
- Prodigal Blues** by Gary A Braunbeck

FIRST NOVEL

- Ghost Road Blues** by Jonathan Maberry
- The Keeper** by Sarah Langan
- Bloodstone** by Nate Kenyon
- The Harrowing** by Alexandra Sokoloff



COLLECTION

- Destinations Unknown** by Gary Braunbeck
- American Morons** by Glen Hirshberg
- The Commandments** by Angeline Hawkes
- The Empire of Ice Cream** by Jeffrey Ford
- Basic Black:**
- Tales of Appropriate Fear** by Terry Dowling

PUBLIC HOLIDAY HOURS

6	Good Fri	closed
7	Easter Sat	8:30am - 6:00pm
8	Easter Sun	10:00am - 5:00pm
9	Easter Mon	10:00am - 5:00pm
25	Anzac Day	10:00am - 5:00pm

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

SYLVESTER ABANTERIBA

POETIC RETRIBUTION FROM MARS

In a bid to divert attention from its deficiencies, a country sends a world-renowned scientist to the moon for a year of make-believe research. After a year of space travel, the ship finally lands on Mars. What the scientist finds, however, is dramatically at odds with what was previously known about this planet... there is life on Mars. Tp \$29.95 572pp

ALEX ARCHER

THE CHOSEN

Rogue Angel #4. Archaeologist Annja Creed believes there's more to the apparitions of *Santo Niño*, the Holy Child, luring thousands of pilgrims to Santa Fe. Other sightings of strange and anomalous creatures in the area indicate a mystery more profane than sacred, with links, perhaps, to Annja's own fate. But she is not alone in her quest to separate reliquaries from unholy minds who dare to harness sinister power. A dangerous, yet enigmatic, Jesuit sworn to protect the Vatican at any cost, a brilliant young artist whose genius portrays a truth too potent for words and a famed monster hunter with a terrifying agenda are the keys to the secrets that lie in the heart of Los Alamos and unlocking the door to the very fabric of time itself... Pb \$16.95 347pp

NEAL ASHER

AFRICA ZERO

The Collector rampages across a far future Africa populated with gene-spliced vampires, resurrected mammoth and nutters with APWs... Tp \$29.00 169pp

TONY BALLANTYNE

CAPACITY

Society in the 23rd century runs smoothly and peacefully with the aid of Social Care operatives such as Judy 3. Meanwhile, benevolent AIs, under the control of the near mythical Watcher, seem to have solved all mankind's problems and, with their aid, humans have begun to explore the surrounding universe. But why does every AI that visits the planet Gateway commit suicide within just hours of arriving there? Justinian Sibelius has arrived on the planet to find a reason. But how can someone with merely human intelligence solve a puzzle that has defeated minds far greater than his own? And what if it should turn out that the Watcher is not as benevolent as people once believed? Pb \$19.95 437pp

KAGE BAKER

GODS AND PAWNS: STORIES OF THE COMPANY

These eight stories, reprinted for the first time, delve further into the history and exploits of the Company and its operatives, including Mendoza, Lewis and Alec. Hb \$54.00 335pp

DEREK BENZ & J S LEWIS

RISE OF THE BLACK WOLF

Grey Griffins #2. Max and his fellow Grey Griffins, Ernie, Harley and Natalia, set off on another extraordinary adventure - travelling to Scotland to visit Max's dad for the winter holidays. Once again, the Grey Griffins must do battle with the forces of evil - Fireball Pixes, Werewolves and Morgan the Black Witch. And when Max's dad disappears, it's up to the Grey Griffins to rescue him, with the help of Knights of Templar. Hb \$20.00 309pp

ANNE BISHOP

BELLADONNA

Ephemera #2. Through the twilight of waking dreams come these words: 'Heart's hope lies within belladonna.' For Michael, an Elandar magician, the riddle is the first step on a journey that will reveal the true nature of the power he wields and will lead him to the woman who haunts his dreams - Glorianna Belladonna. For Glorianna, the arrival of Michael and his sister Caitlin opens doors to other landscapes and shows her the possibilities that live within her own heart. But Michael is more than a potential lover. He holds the key to saving Ephemera from the Eater of the World. Will he keep his secret in order to save the woman he loves, or will he give Glorianna the key to saving the world - and destroying herself? Pb \$21.00 448pp

BEN BOVA

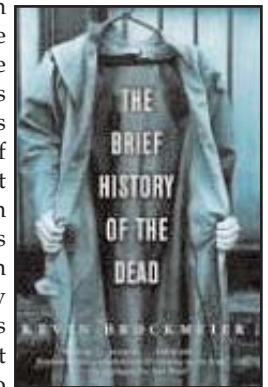
POWERSAT

America needs energy and Dan Randolph is determined to provide it. He dreams of an array of geosynchronous powersats, satellites which would gather solar energy and beam it to generators on Earth - a daring new program. But, after his experimental low-orbit space plane to breaks up on re-entry, he's left on the edge of bankruptcy. Worse, Dan discovers that saboteurs are responsible for knocking the space plane out of the sky... and are willing and able to kill again to keep it grounded. Pb \$16.95 434pp

KEVIN BROCKMEIER

THE BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEAD

Laura Byrd is in trouble. Three weeks ago she and her friends found themselves alone in one of the coldest, most remote places on earth. Her friends set out in search of help and now Laura realises that they are not coming back. So she gathers her remaining supplies and sets out on an extraordinary journey. Meanwhile in another city, more and more people arrive every day. Each has a different story to tell, but their accounts have one thing in common - it was their final journey. Pb \$22.00 252pp



MICHAEL BUCKLEY

THE PROBLEM CHILD

The Sisters Grimm #3. For Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, the latest in a long line of fairytale detectives, there is one mystery they want to solve more than any other - who kidnapped their parents? With the help of her little sister, Sabrina finds a powerful weapon for fighting her enemies and discovers that magic has a high price. Hb \$20.00 292pp

JACK CAMPBELL









FEARLESS

The Lost Fleet #2. Captain John 'Black Jack' Geary tries a desperate gamble to lead the Alliance Fleet home through enemy-occupied space, only to lose half the Fleet to an unexpected mutiny. Pb \$16.95 295pp

MICHAEL CARROLL

SAKKARA

New Heroes #2. As Colin, Danny and Renata struggle to come to terms with their new-found super powers, evil megalomaniac Victor Cross finds help in the form of a horrifically scarred villain... Pb \$15.00 336pp

	
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	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	AWARD WINNER
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HB	HARDBACK
TP	TRADE PAPERBACK

★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

NEW TITLE

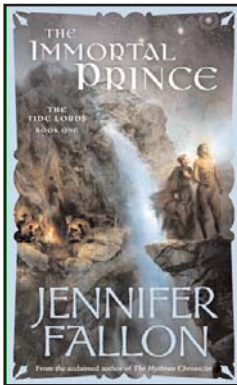
IMMORTAL PRINCE

TIDE LORDS #1

JENNIFER FALLON

Pb \$21 400pp

Many things make a writer stand out amongst the crowd - depth of vision, creative imagination, the ability to handle intricate plots, characterisation and of course being able to 'tell a good yarn'. Tick all the boxes and you have bestselling author Jennifer Fallon, who - having established herself at the forefront of Australian Fantasy Fiction with her previous nine novels - embarks on what promises to be her most ambitious project to date. With each successive trilogy she has written Fallon has challenged herself and her craft to deliver a book better than the last and **The Immortal Prince**, Book One of *The Tide Lords*, is no exception as she asks how an immortal, tired of immortality, might find his way to death.



The history of the world of Amyrantha is littered with unexplainable cataclysms that have changed its face many times over. Kingdoms and Empires have risen and fallen, land masses have disappeared and somewhere along the way the Crasii, a part-animal, part-human race have evolved to serve humanity as its slaves. Across the world, the myth of the Tide Lords, beings of incredible power and immortality, litters folklore and superstition, but such fancies are scoffed at by the scientific and academic minds of Glaeba, the most civilised Kingdom of Amyrantha; until Kyle Lakesh, sentenced to death for murder, doesn't die when he is hanged.

Eager to disprove the man's claims of actually being Cayal, the Tide Lord known in legend as the Immortal Prince, the authorities call on Arkady Desean, the foremost authority on the myths of the Crasii – and the Duchess of Lebec. In a world dominated by men, Arkady has struggled against the discrimination of women in academia and the fawning that her noble marriage brings her; desperate to prove herself, she is determined to expose him for the fraud he must be.

Behind the scenes lurk the mysterious Cabal, a group of men and women who are the inheritors of humanity's battle against the deprivations of Tide Lords. Charged with finding a way to protect mankind, the organisation has existed for centuries as the Tide Star has waxed and waned and the Tide Lords' power has waxed and waned with it. Now the Tide has turned and they must begin to gather their strength as their ruthless and immortal enemies begin to emerge from a thousand years of hiding.

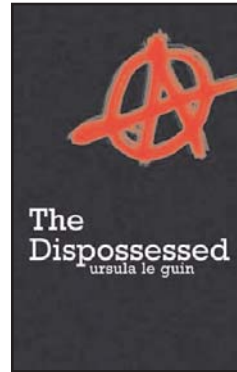
Thus begins a rollercoaster ride of mortal and immortal machinations that are truly epic in scope. This story pushes more boundaries than any of Fallon's previous works and bursts with passion and adventure, romance and warfare, magic and science, as well as her trademark style of vivid settings and snappy dialogue. **The Immortal Prince** will have you begging for more! – Mark

CLASSIC TITLE

THE DISPOSSESSED

URSULA LE GUIN

Pb \$21.95 336pp



An alienated physicist is driven from his home planet to another world and finds many of his beliefs challenged as he attempts to reunite the two worlds. Its pace is typical of Le Guin (if you found the Wizard of Earthsea slow, you won't like this) and it's certainly lacking in space battles and giant cosmic explosions. It is however, very good. It won the Hugo and Nebula Awards in 1975, so I'm not alone in this opinion. The basic premise goes something like this:

The protagonist Shevek lives in an anarchistic and spartan society which has existed on the moon of Anarres for 200 years. In this society, property and ownership are forbidden. There is no centralised government and no one can make you do something you don't want to: Sort of. The colony was created when the Odoists, (similar to unionists and commies) of Urras, the sister planet of Anarres, revolted. To appease them, they were given the arid moon to live upon as they saw fit, allowing capitalism to continue unimpeded back home.

Physicist Shevek runs into trouble when the theories that he is developing have practical applications which would be both life changing and lucrative to all worlds, if he can finish them.

He finds himself increasingly isolated from his countrymen as he observes the hypocrisy rife within his society. Adherence to mob mentality has grown to be almost as strong as any formalised laws.

Shevek attempts to challenge and expose these failings, but rocking the anarchist boat does not make him any friends. As the powers that be (which aren't supposed to exist in the first place) attempt to hinder his research, Shevek decides that the best place for him to continue his work is to leave his home planet and travel to Urras. Life on an arid commune on the moon has not sufficiently prepared him for life in the fast lane, and it isn't too long before he comes to appreciate the home from which he left on such bad terms.

The physicist also comes to suspect that, should he complete his work, it may be kept as the private property of the elite of Urras, rather than being universal public domain as he had always intended.

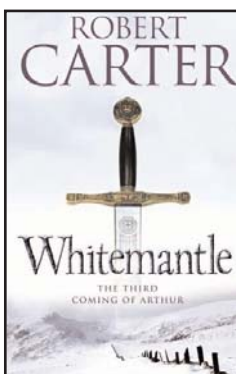
Part of the beauty of this book is in the realisation of the characters. Shevek's relationships with people from across the two worlds are complicated and real. Le Guin is a master of empathy and you can certainly relate with the characters, as they are all given fair representation, leaving the reader to form their own opinions.

Another aspect that appealed to me is the work that Shevek is struggling to complete is suitably life changing, whilst not falling into the standard SF clichés (say, a new space bomb). If you're in the mood for a different kind of SF, certainly give this one a look. - Geoff

ROBERT CARTER

 **WHITEMANTLE**

Language of Stones #3. As civil war tears the Realm apart, the sorcerer Maskull's plans to bring about a catastrophe that will rob the world of magic are coming to fruition. The wizard Gwydion knows



that the only hope for the future lies with Willand, the young man he believes to be the reincarnation of King Arthur. But Will is beset with doubts. He is being stalked by the Dark Child, the twin from whom he was separated at birth and who now serves Maskull. And, as the magic gradually begins to fade from the world, the powers of Gwydion, his mentor and friend, seem to be fading too, leading Will to despair that the destruction of the war will ever be halted, or Maskull ever defeated. Pb \$20.00 496pp

KYLIE CHAN

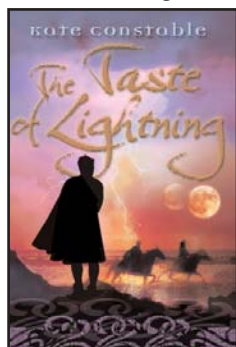
  **RED PHOENIX**

Dark Heaven #2. When Emma Donahoe took the position of nanny to John Chen's daughter Simone, she never expected to be caring for the child of a Chinese god and she didn't expect that demons would want him dead. Nor has moving from nanny to partner in his heavenly realm made Emma's life any easier. Now a powerful race of demons has been created to hunt her and her family from Hong Kong to Europe and she and Simone have become targets - pawns to be used in a deadly celestial power play. Pb \$21.00 563pp

KATE CONSTABLE

 **THE TASTE OF LIGHTNING**

Tansy, Perrin, and Skir could hardly be more different - a laundry-maid, a swordsman and a young Priest-King, whose countries are at war. But their frantic escape from Arvestel thrusts them together. Pursued by soldiers, haunted by the Witch-Woman's sinister magic, they ride for their lives through hostile lands. To survive they must learn to trust each other, strip away the layers of deception that surround Skir and challenge the tyranny of the Witch-Woman. But what will happen if all truths are revealed? And will the power of the Priest-King be enough to bring peace to the Threelands? Pb \$15.95 276pp



M F W CURRAN

 **THE SECRET WAR**

For thousands of years a secret war has been fought between Heaven and Hell. Daemons and angels, vampyres and knights, clash for the future of mankind and, as the two sides wage war across the world, innocent people are caught up in the conflict - men like Captain William Saxon and Lieutenant Kieran Harte, two great friends who have recently survived the horrors of the Battle of Waterloo. Now, they face a greater struggle against the daemonic forces of Count Ordrane and the clandestine ambitions of the Vatican. Their only allies are an old man, a fading secret organisation in the Church and an enigmatic warrior, who may hold the key not only to the friends' fates, but to the fate of all mankind. Hb \$45.00 407pp

TERRY DEARY

 **THE FIRE THIEF**

Prometheus stole fire from Zeus and gave it to humans. Zeus and the gods then punished Prometheus by chaining him to a rock and having an eagle tear out his liver every day and every night his liver grew back. After 8000 years of agony, Prometheus has finally broken free of his chains. His delight at his new freedom doesn't last long though, for the gods send the Eagle after him and hunt him down. Desperate to escape his vicious pursuer, Prometheus realises there is one great escape route - to travel through time. Prometheus travels to Eden City, falling in with a motley band of rogues. His new friends get in trouble and he wants to use his titanic powers to help them, but here's the big catch - if he uses his powers the Eagle can sense his presence through time and track him down. Will Prometheus save his friends and risk his liver-loving enemy finding him? Hb \$20.00 253pp

MARK DEL FRANCO

 **UNSHAPELY THINGS**

In the alleys of the decrepit Boston neighbourhood known as the Weird, fairy prostitutes are turning up dead. The crime scenes show signs of residual magic, but the Guild, which polices the fey, has more important crimes to investigate and dumps the case on human law enforcement. Boston police call in Connor Grey, a druid and former hotshot Guild investigator, whose magical abilities were crippled after a run-in with a radical environmentalist elf. As Connor battles red tape and his own shortcomings, he realises that the murders are not random, but part of an ancient magical ritual and if Connor can't figure out the killer's MO, the culmination of the spell might just bring about a worldwide cataclysm. Pb \$18.95 305pp

PHILIP K DICK

  **VOICES FROM THE STREET**

Stuart Hadley is a young radio electronics salesman in early 1950s Oakland, California. He has what many would consider the ideal life - a nice house, a pretty wife and a decent job with prospects for advancement. Yet he still feels unfulfilled - something is missing from his life. Hadley is an angry young manan artist, a dreamer, a screw-up. He tries to fill his void first with drinking and sex and then with religious fanaticism, but nothing seems to be working and it is driving him crazy. He reacts to the love of his wife and the kindness of his employer with anxiety and fear. Hb \$54.00 301pp

CAMERON DOKEY

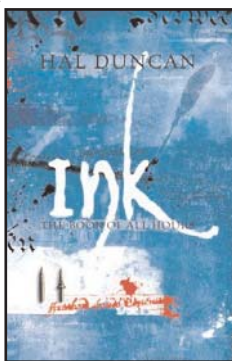
 **BEAUTY SLEEP**

A Once Upon a Time novel. Cursed at birth, Aurore is fated to prick her finger at the age of 16 and sleep for 100 years, until a prince awakens her with a kiss. So, to protect her, Aurore's loving parents forbid any task requiring a needle. Unable to sew or embroider like most little princesses, Aurore instead explores the castle grounds and beyond, where her warmth and generosity soon endear her to the townspeople. On her 16th birthday, Aurore learns that the impending curse will harm not only her, but the entire kingdom as well. Unwilling to cause suffering, she will embark on a quest to end the evil magic. The princess's bravery will be rewarded as she finds adventure, enchantment, a handsome prince and ultimately her destiny. Pb \$9.95 186pp

HAL DUNCAN

 **INK**


The Book of All Hours #2. It's 20 years since the Evenfall swept across the Vellum and the bitmites took reality apart. Across the folds of time and space, rogues and rebels are rising up against the Empire. From a mediaeval



fortress where wandering mummers stage a Harlequin play, to Kentigern where another Harlequin, Jack Flash, wreaks havoc on a fascist state that thought him dead. From a 1939 Paris where Jack Carter and Seamus Finnan, heroes of the International Brigades, seek to rewrite history, to a 1929 Berlin where a very different Jack seeks to save the world from a history he has helped make real. Locked in an eternal battle of chaos and order, it seems everyone must play their part now, as rebel or tyrant, hero or villain. Hb \$59.95 600pp

JENNIFER FALLON

 **IMMORTAL PRINCE**

 *Tide Lords #1.* On the world of Amyrantha, the immortals have power over the natural elements, their power peaking every 1,000 years at the high tide of the Tide Star. At the time of the 10,000-year King Tide there is an opportunity for one Tide Lord to gain supremacy... and this time is fast approaching. Arkady, a historian, stumbles across Cayal, a madman claiming to be a Tide Lord. Amyrantha is in the throes of a scientific renaissance and men of science have a new Theory of Human Evolution which does not admit magic. But Cayal introduces Arkady to the other members of his race - the Tide Lords... Over the aeons, their power struggles have annihilated entire populations and a final crisis looms for the immortals and the human and part-human populations. Pb \$21.00 400pp


MINISTER FAUST

 **FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF DR BRAIN**

They're Earth's mightiest superteam and dysfunctional as hell. Omnipotent Man: a body with the density of steel and a brain to match. The Flying Squirrel: aging playboy industrialist by day, avenging krypto-fascist by night. Iron Lass: mythology's greatest warrior, but the world might be safer if she had a husband. X-Man: Formerly of the League of Angry Blackmen... but not formerly enough. The Brotherfly: Radioactively fly. Power Grrrl: Perpetually deciding between fighting crime or promoting her latest album, clothing line, or sex scandal. Having finally defeated all archenemies, the members of the Fantastic Order of Justice are reduced to engaging in toxic office politics that could very well lead to a superpowered civil war. Only one woman can save them from themselves - Dr Eva Brain-Silverman, aka Dr Brain, the world's leading therapist for the extraordinarily-abled. Tp \$29.95 390pp

KATE FORSYTH

 **HERB OF GRACE**

 *Chain of Charms #3.* It is the fifth year of the Lord Protector's rule and not safe nor seemly to love bright colours, nor music, nor dancing, nor magic, nor any of the things that the gypsies most loved and which made them who they were. But now life for the Finch tribe has gone even more horribly wrong, they have been thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are Emilia and her cousin Luka. They have been entrusted to find the six charms - then, perhaps, the gypsies could once again have some luck. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm and that the cost may prove too high... Hb \$16.95 256pp

W MICHAEL GEAR

 **COYOTE SUMMER**

Eastern education will not help Richard Hamilton as he faces the brutal winter wilderness on the frontier, alone and armed with only his and the determination to discover the elusive truth about his love, Heals Like a Willow. Pb \$16.95 672pp

MARY GENTLE

 **ILARIO: THE LION'S EYE**

Ash Universe. Ilario is born hermaphrodite, a true genetic chimera. Found abandoned on the steps of a chapel of the Green Christ, in one of the minor Iberian kingdoms, Ilario is fostered by Federico, an impoverished Iberian noble, who plans to gift Ilario to the king, hoping to gain favour at court. At the age of 15, Ilario joins King Roderigo as the King's Freak, but then Rosamunda, Ilario's birth mother, arrives. The secret of Ilario's shameful birth must be kept hidden, lest the resulting scandal ruin Rosamunda's husband, Videric, the king's most powerful advisor. When Ilario is freed by the king, he/she is summoned by Rosamunda and when her attempt to murder her child fails, Rosamunda whispers 'Run...' And Ilario does, across the Mediterranean, to Carthage. Hb \$59.95 663pp Tp \$39.95 663pp

ADELE GERAS

 **TROY**

The most famous war in history is brought to life through the eyes of two sisters. Marpessa is gifted with God-sight, Xanthe has the healing touch. But then, Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, decides to play with their hearts... and contrives for them to fall in love with the same young warrior. Pb \$17.00 362pp

MICHAEL GERBER

 **THE CHRONICLES OF BLARNIA**

First there was the parody, Bored of the Rings, then Barry Trotter, now *The Chronicles of Narnia* get the same treatment. Pb \$19.95 264pp

LAURA ANNE GILMAN

 **MORGAIN'S REVENGE**


Grail Quest #2. King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table are preparing once again to set out in search of the legendary Holy Grail. This time Morgain le Fay is determined to stop them at any cost and she knows exactly who is standing in her way. When she kidnaps Ailis, the servant girl whose untrained magical powers grow stronger with every passing day, her vengeance seems to be taking a terrifying turn. Gerard and Newt must work together again to rescue their best friend before it's too late, before Morgain turns Ailis to evil, before Ailis helps Morgain destroy Camelot. Hb \$20.00 280pp

ROB GRANT

 **FAT**

A satire of our obsession with body image and of how the media makes us what we are. Grenville is a fat man at his wits end with the need to be thin. Hayleigh is a teenage girl obsessed with her terror of being fat. Jeremy is a self-absorbed, self-adoring 'conceptualist' employed to promote the government's new 'Fat Farms'. As Grenville deals with the humiliation and daily indignity of being fat, Hayleigh struggles to deal with her anorexia and Jeremy comes to terms with the dangerous lies at the centre of the government's new health regime, this satire takes readers on a journey through society's all-consuming obsession with fat. Tp \$32.95 304pp

THOMAS GREANIAS
RAISING ATLANTIS

 In Antarctica, a glacial earthquake swallows up a team of scientists and exposes a mysterious monument older than the Earth itself. In Peru, archaeologist Dr Conrad Yeats is apprehended by US Special Forces to unlock the final key to the origins of the human race. In Rome, the Pope summons environmental activist Dr Serena Serghetti to the Vatican - and reveals a terrifying vision of apocalyptic disaster. These are the end times, when the agendas of a lost civilisation and the prophecies of the world's great religions lead a man and a woman to the shattering discovery that will change the face of humankind. Pb \$18.95 337pp

MICHAEL HAGUE

  **THE BOOK OF FAIRIES**

Travel through the lands of fairies, goblins, brownies and elves in this rich and varied collection of stories and poems. This renowned fantasy illustrator combines full-colour and black-and-white artwork with the classic works of J M Barrie, Hans Christian Andersen, Christina Rossetti and others to bring the magical world of fairies vividly to life. Tp \$20.00 125pp

ANDREA HAIRSTON

 **MINDSCAPE**

For 115 years, an extraterrestrial, epi-dimensional entity has divided the earth into warring zones. Although a treaty to end the interzonal wars has been hammered out, power-hungry politicians, gangsters and spiritual fundamentalists are determined to thwart it. Celestina, the treaty's architect, is assassinated and her protégé, Elleni, a talented renegade and one of the few able to negotiate the Barrier, takes up her mantle. Now Elleni and a motley crew of allies risk their lives to make the treaty work. Can they repair their fractured world before the Barrier devours them completely? Tp \$49.95 445pp

ELIZABETH HAND

 **SAFFRON AND BRIMSTONE :
STRANGE STORIES**

This collection includes such tales as *The Least Trumps*, in which a lonely woman reaches out to the world through symbols and *Pavane for a Prince of the Air*, in which a recently departed soul experiences unrest after being subjected to neo-pagan rituals. Tp \$32.95 240pp

DAVID G HARTWELL
& KATHRYN CRAMER (Eds)

 **YEAR'S BEST FANTASY #6**

Whether learning garden magic, battling trolls, or discovering one's relative mortality, these wondrous stories tell of epic heroes and ordinary people performing feats of glory, honour and occasional



ridiculousness. This year's contributors include Timothy J Anderson, Laird Barron, Deborah Coates, Candace Jane Dorsey, Esther Friesner, Neil Gaiman, Gavin J Grant, Ann Harris, Alaya Dawn Johnson, Claude Lalumiere, Yoon Ha Lee, Kelly Link, Garth Nix, Tim Pratt, Patrick Samphire, Heather Shaw, Delia Sherman, Bruce Sterling, Jonathan Sullivan, Greg Van Eekhout, Jeff Vandermeer, Liz Williams, Connie Willis and Gene Wolfe. Tp \$32.95 355pp

ELIZABETH HAYDEN

 **THE ASSASSIN KING**

Symphony of Ages #6. The Assassin King opens with the arrival of a mysterious hunter, a man of ancient race and purpose, who endlessly chants the names of the pantheon of demons that are his intended victims, as well as one other - Ysk, the original name of Achmed, the Assassin King of Ylorc. Hb \$56.00 384pp

AMANDA HEMINGWAY

 **POISONED CROWN**

Sangreal #3. Whilst Nathan grows and Bartlemy continues to watch over the small family, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone and set with jewels. When it was lost, the family's fortune soon followed suit. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis during the war it has now turned up at Sotheby's and the last of the Thorns is determined to get it back by proving the original sale false. Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, in her campaign. But, the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby and begins to experience disturbing visions involving the cup itself. Tp \$30.00 500pp

TRACY & LAURA HICKMAN

 **MYSTIC EMPIRE**

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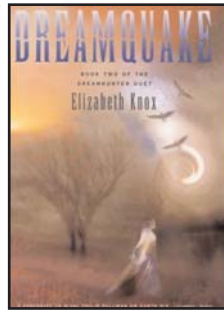
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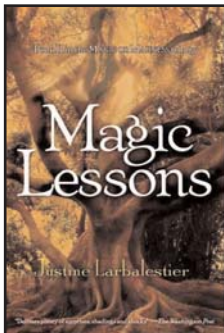
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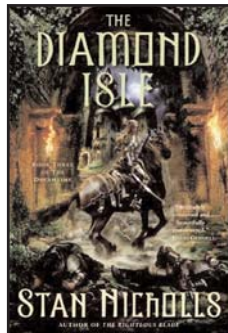
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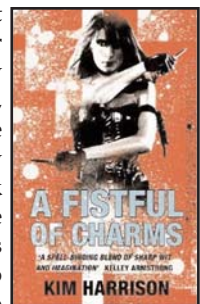
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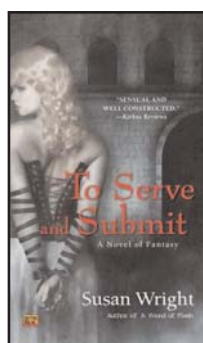
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What We've Been Reading...

Dead and Dateless by Kimberly Raye (Pb \$16.95). Fans of the spooky love genre (Horror Romance) should try Kimberly Raye's (so far) two books on Countess Lil Marchette. Yes, Lil's constant references to clothing and shoe brands are irritating, but there's enough sexual tension and humour to block it out. In **Dead End Dating**, (*Lil Marchette #1* Pb \$16.95), we find out she runs a dating agency. In **Dead and Dateless**, (*Lil Marchette #2*), her latest assignment is to find unsuspecting alpha males for 27 soon-to-be-on-heat female werewolves. And then, on top of that, she's been framed for murder and has to seek refuge with a certain sexy bounty hunter. I give it 3.5/5 pink hearts! - *Sofia*

To Serve and Submit by Susan Wright (Pb \$16.95). I didn't think I'd like this, particularly because I could tell just from the cover that this author has a penchant for S & M and that creeped me out initially. But it's a surprising, almost classy, take on the subject, mostly because there's a political plot and careful world-building which earns it 4 out of 5 hearts.

In a Norse-like setting, Marja is sold to the owners of a slave-training academy, where she learns the art of pleasure. Then when she is given her freedom, her eyes are opened to the cruelty of the real world. But there's more to Marja than meets the eye, as she can communicate freely with the little 'olf' spirits of the land. Soon she is a key player in a political struggle/love story, as her heart's desire is to be reunited with her one true love in a land slowly collapsing into war. Jacqueline Carey fans will either love it or hate it, because the style is either homage, or none-to-subtle rip-off of the *Kushiel* series. - *Sofia*



Gil's All Fright Diner by A Lee Martinez (Pb \$14.95). If Monty Python were going to write/do a movie of a horror novel, this would be it! There were scenes I could clearly see them acting out. This has a bit of fun with the familiar story of a small American town in economic decline being possessed by demons and other naughty people. A lot of fun. - *Steph*

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine (Hb \$25.00). Set in the same world as **Ella Enchanted** (Pb \$16.95), but without any of the previous characters, this was just lovely. Recommended for fans of fairy tale retellings. - *Steph*

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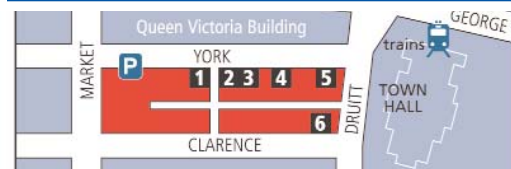
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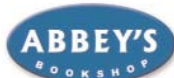
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