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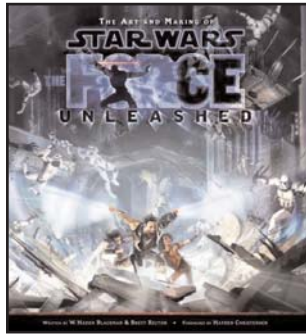
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SCIENCE FICTION ● FANTASY ● HORROR

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THE FORCE UNLEASHED: ART OF THE GAME
HADEN BLACKMAN & BRETT RECTOR

The *Star Wars* saga continues! This title chronicles the four-year development of the anxiously awaited, action-packed video game developed by LucasArts from conception to completion. The book reveals innovative game design concepts and images, three-dimensional renders and behind-the-scenes photos. The game casts players as Darth Vader's 'Secret Apprentice' and promises to unveil new revelations about the Star Wars galaxy. The expansive story, created under direction from George Lucas, is set during the unexplored era between *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* and *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*. The game re-imagines the scope and scale of the Force by taking full advantage of new technologies that will be seen and experienced for the first time. Well before its release, this game is already buzzing on blogs and gamer websites, at gamer conferences and among Star Wars fans. Tp \$59.95 224pp *Due March*

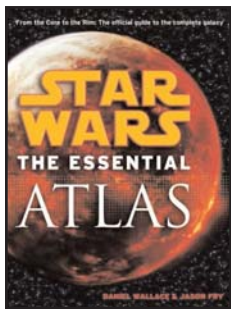
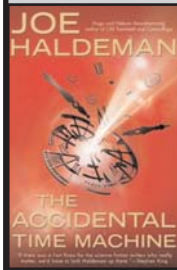


NEBULA AWARD NOMINEES

These awards are voted on by members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

BEST NOVEL

- The Accidental Time Machine**
by Joe Haldeman
- The New Moon's Arms**
by Nalo Hopkinson
- Odyssey** by Jack McDevitt
- Ragamuffin** by Tobias S Buckell
- The Yiddish Policeman's Union**
by Michael Chabon

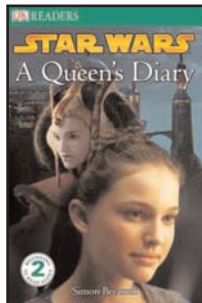


STAR WARS: THE ESSENTIAL ATLAS
DANIEL WALLACE & JASON FRY

Mapping the entire *Star Wars* universe, this illustrated reference encompasses material from the films, comic books, video games and other sources to describe a host of planets, star systems, trade routes, political divisions, settlements and galactic trouble spots, accompanied by essays and illustrations describing the characters and their travels. Pb \$49.95 256pp

A QUEEN'S DIARY

Star Wars: Reader Level 2. Now that Padme Amidala has become Queen of Naboo she's decided to write a diary. Find out all about Padme's world and how she feels about being a young queen in this action-packed reader. Filled with exciting pictures from her life, it's an out-of-this world read. And don't forget, there's a galaxy-full of DK *Star Wars* books to collect. Pb \$8.95 32pp



Abbey's Turns 40
A Continuing Retrospective - Part 3

In 1977, preparing for our inevitable final day in the Queen Victoria Building, we took out a lease on three floors - basement, ground and mezzanine - at 66 King Street (on the corner of King and York), once again a space that had been vacated by a bank. Artistry Furnishings had also been a tenant and I had some difficulty selling off the magnificent Bohemian crystal chandeliers left behind in the basement, which didn't really suit the theme of our Bargain Bookshop! Our office was on the mezzanine, while on the ground floor we started our third Penguin Bookshop (after Rowe Street and Oxford Street, Paddington), stocking every title available from the Penguin warehouse, which then included Faber Books. Alongside this we opened Oxford Bookshop, which stocked every title from Oxford University Press. This later became Oxford & Cambridge Bookshop, stocking all titles from both these famous Presses - the first such shop in the world.



We had some mixed technology for recording sales. In Penguin, we tapped the ISBN into an adding machine and used the paper print-out as our order form. In Oxford & Cambridge, we wrote down every Author, Title, Format and Price on a piece of paper! OUP and CUP supplied us with sample copies of every book, which we paid for only when we sold them, so some very expensive and unusual books found their way onto the shelves of a city bookshop - a big plus for both the reader and the publisher.

It was another six years before we finally had to move Abbey's out of the QVB, the last tenant to leave before its restoration. We squeezed Oxford & Cambridge Bookshop into the mezzanine at 66 King Street and Abbey's moved into the ground floor, with Penguin Bookshop still beside it. Despite the perils of moving a bookshop away from street level, we had many famous customers up on the mezzanine, including Clive James, Kathryn Greiner and Gough Whitlam.



66 King St, home to Abbey's from 1983 to 1986 (now Red Eye Records)

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Easter Hours

Good Friday	21 Mar	(Public Holiday)	Closed
Saturday	22 Mar	(Public Holiday)	8.30am - 6pm
Sunday	23 Mar		10am - 5pm
Monday	24 Mar	(Public Holiday)	10am - 5pm

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

JOHN JOSEPH ADAMS, (ED)

WASTELANDS: STORIES OF THE APOCALYPSE

Famine, Death, War and Pestilence, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the harbingers of Armageddon - these are our guides through the Wastelands... From the Book of Revelations to the Road Warrior; from *A Canticle for Leibowitz* to *The Road*, storytellers have long imagined the end of the world, weaving tales of catastrophe, chaos and calamity. Gathering together the best post-apocalyptic literature of the last two decades from many of today's most renowned authors of speculative fiction, including George R R Martin, Gene Wolfe, Orson Scott Card, Carol Emshwiller, Jonathan Lethem, Octavia E Butler and Stephen King, this anthology explores the scientific, psychological and philosophical questions of what it means to remain human in the wake of Armageddon. Tp \$32.00 352pp

ANN AGUIRRE

GRIMSPACE

As the carrier of a rare gene, Sirantha Jax has the ability to jump ships through grimspace - a talent which makes her a highly prized navigator for the Corp. Then a crash landing kills everyone on board, leaving Jax in a jail cell with no memory of the crash, but her fun's not over. A group of rogue fighters frees her... for a price - her help in overthrowing the established order. Pb \$15.95 320pp

BRIAN ALDISS (ED)

SCIENCE FICTION OMNIBUS

This new edition of Brian Aldiss' classic anthology brings together a diverse selection of science fiction spanning over 60 years, from Isaac Asimov's *Nightfall*, first published in 1941, to the 2006 story *Friends in Need* by Eliza Blair. Including authors such as Clifford Simak, Harry Harrison, Bruce Sterling, A E Van Vogt and Brian Aldiss himself, these stories portray struggles against machines, epic journeys, genetic experiments, time travellers and alien races. Pb \$26.95 592pp

DOUGLAS ANDERSON (ED)

TALES BEFORE NARNIA: THE ROOTS OF MODERN FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

A collection of more than 20 classic fantasy and science fiction tales that had a profound influence on Oxford scholar and author C S Lewis and his creation of the *Narnia* novels includes such works as *The Wood that Time Forgot* by Roger Lancelyn, E Nesbit's *The Aunt and Annabel* and other works by such by such authors Charles Williams, H G Wells and J R R Tolkien. Pb \$29.95 448pp *Due March*

ALEX ARCHER

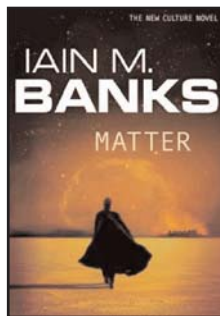
PROVENANCE

Rogue Angel #11. When a mysterious man orchestrates an attack on archaeologist Annja Creed and then offers her an assignment, Annja is baffled. However, the mission is too intriguing for her to refuse. She must find an object that possesses a sacred and powerful secret offering atonement to anyone who uncovers it, or wreaking havoc on the world. Pb \$13.95 352pp *Due March*

IAIN M BANKS

MATTER

A Culture novel. A crime within a war... For one brother it means a desperate flight and a search for the one, maybe two, people who could clear his name. For his brother, it means a life lived under constant threat of treachery and murder. And for their sister, it means returning to a place she'd thought abandoned forever. Only the sister is not what she once was; Djan Seriy Anaplitan has become an agent of the Culture's Special Circumstances section, charged with high-level interference in civilisations throughout the greater galaxy. In the world to which Anaplitan returns, nothing is quite as it seems and determining the appropriate level of interference in someone else's war is never a simple matter. Hb \$55.00 Tp \$35.00 544pp



JAMES BARCLAY

SHOUT FOR THE DEAD

Ascendents of Estorea #2. Ten years have passed and Estorea is consumed by war and the four ascendents have chosen different sides in the conflict. As the armies muster and the final conflict draws close, the ascendents are only now coming to their full power and soon summoned armies of the dead will march against the living. Pb \$23.00 640pp

STEPHEN BAXTER

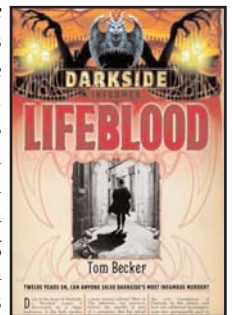
CONQUEROR

Times Tapestry #2. It begins with the death of the last Roman and ends with the crowning of a king, the birth of a new order. As the centuries between these two events pass, as Britain emerges from the ruins of Roman rule to become a vibrant, rich power in its own right, as invasions ebb and flow and Kings rule and die, a single thread is spun and stretched. A prophecy found in the shadow of Hadrian's crumbling wall that speaks of the cross, of dragons from the north. Of a new world and of a new empire. A prophecy fulfilled in one remarkable year - 1066. Pb \$23.00 320pp

TOM BECKER

LIFEBLOOD

A Darkside novel. Darkside's mean streets are getting meaner. There's a vicious killer abroad and Jonathan and Carnegie aren't even close to catching him. But when Jonathan discovers his mother was investigating a similar crime on the day she disappeared, the trail leads uncomfortably close to home. Soon he finds himself embroiled in the borough's most dangerous secret - and its most dangerous family. Pb \$16.00 240pp



MIKE BROTHERTON

SPIDER STAR

The human colony on the planet Argo has long explored and exploited the technology left behind by an alien race, a race gone for hundreds of thousands of years. But then an archaeology team accidentally activates a terrible weapon - a weapon that will destroy the entire colony and its star, if they cannot deactivate it. Evidence at the site suggests that the weapon was created for the ancient Argonauts by another race, a race of traders and within that evidence is a map of their interstellar trading empire and the coordinates of their main trading station. Although the information is a 100,000 years out of date, the only hope for Argo is to send a ship and crew into the unknown, to try to negotiate for a way to shut down the weapon. Hb \$54.00 464pp *Due March*

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	EROTICA
	AWARD WINNER
	AUSTRALIAN
	ACTION
	REPRINT
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HB	HARDBACK

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NEW TITLE

THE SKY PEOPLE

S M STIRLING

PB \$13.95 323PP

It's 1988. Russia and the Free West are duking it out in space, racing for dominance of Venus. All other Earth conflicts have been shelved in order to concentrate on this interplanetary rivalry.

In Stirling's alternate world, science has shown that Venus is not only inhabitable by life, but is currently home to millions of Homo Sapiens, Neanderthals and dinosaurs, among other wildlife, thriving in a lush jungle setting. Early Russian probes reveal tantalising footage of fur bikini-clad space women battling hordes of Neanderthal savages.

In this Edger Rice Burroughs-esque world, our heroes, adventurers from the US and allied forces, have set down in Jamestown, the US's frontier-town styled base of operations. We're greeted by roaming packs of vicious dinosaurs, as well as a bronze age city of superstitious locals with a penchant for mob violence. It's these locals who dub the space travellers the 'Sky People.'

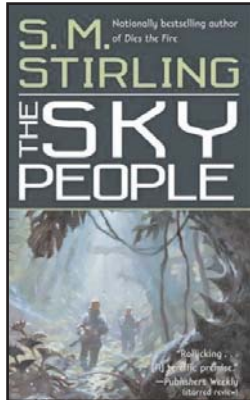
Lt. Marc Vitrac is sent with a new batch of recruits to help survey the planet. Scarcely having time to acclimatise to the alien environment, Marc is called upon for a rescue mission.

The Russians have established a base thousands of kilometres away named Cosmograd. Being blundering east-bloc stereotypes, they have lost one of their crude interplanetary space craft deep in unexplored territory. A distress beacon set off from the impact site is their only lead, and reluctantly they ask the US forces to help them out of this jam.

Of course the only way to locate the remains of the ship is via zeppelin. A crack team including our man Marc, Cynthia Whitlock, an African American geologist, Christopher Blair, the anthropologist and stiff upper lip British stereotype, and some other no-note crew are assembled and the dirigible sets forth to adventure.

The ensuing events pit them in a struggle against dinosaurs and AK-47 armed Neanderthals. Finally Marc and his surviving posse encounter the noble savages whom we glimpsed in the early probe footage. Their leader, the bronzed and beautiful Teesa, inadvertently reveals some super-advanced technology which could be a clue as to the mysterious parallel development of Venus and Earth.

Initially the dinosaurs and bikini-babe natives had me somewhat concerned about the scientific plausibility of this book. However, after abandoning my harder sci-fi expectations, I enjoyed the retro sci-fi-ness, which older readers who grew up with Burroughs will no doubt appreciate. A rollicking action adventure. - Geoff



CLASSIC TITLE

THE MIDWICH CUCKOOS

JOHN WYNDHAM

PB \$19.95

September 26th: The small and entirely normal town of Midwich is trapped by a sudden and all-consuming sleep. Something has knocked out the entire population. Anyone who crosses the invisible circle instantly falls prey to under the same condition. All attempts to understand the divide are fruitless. Lieutenant Alan Hughes is quoted as saying:

"The line seems to be quite sharp - and stationary. Whoever heard of a perfectly stationary gas?"

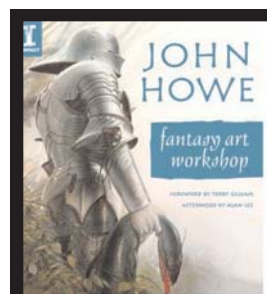
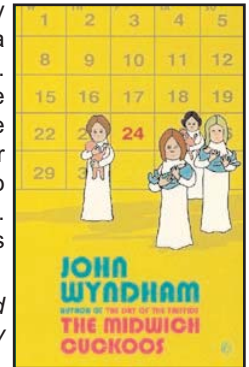
24 hours later, when the townsfolk awaken from their mysterious sleep, they find every woman capable of carrying a child, is! Like the Cuckoo birds, who lay their eggs in the nests of other birds, these Children are not from Midwich, nor are they from this planet. And as they grow, they make their will frighteningly clear: *"We are responsible for defending ourselves."*

What follows is a brief but suspenseful exploration of the events following the 'Dayout', as it comes to be known. Stylistically, John Wyndham's concise method mirrors the rationality of the average people of Midwich dealing with the unwelcome anomaly of the Children. He is frank and succinct and this enhances the forward way he deals with the strange subject matter at hand, through the eyes of the very normal townspeople. Against this calm background, the potential evil of the Children echoes throughout the story, building towards a final, memorable end.

"Cruelty is as old as life itself".

This story is also a reflection of the times, as another town behind the Iron Curtain is mentioned as having the same outbreak of Children as those of Midwich. However, these being Cold War times, the government dealt with *that* Dayout in a rather drastic way. Do the inhabitants of Midwich deserve similar? Through the narrator's eyes, we see the rest of the world is unaware of the quietly terrible events of Midwich, but for how long? Wyndham uses the fears of the time with a light hand, never saying more than necessary, baiting the reader with the mere suggestion of the Children's power. It is enough that the threat walks among them, with the face of a child.

If you like the classics from the *SF Masterworks*, give this a go. This is the sort of solid, classic read that everyone should have on their shelf. It is just long enough to be enjoyed in an afternoon and is so entrancing that the story flows nicely from page one. – Sofia



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for entry details

KATHLEEN BRYAN

 **THE GOLDEN ROSE**

The War of the Rose Trilogy #2. Beautiful Averil is now the Duchess of Quitaine, but to keep her people safe, she made a vow to the traitor King of Lys. After a year, she would come to his Court in Lutece and choose a husband from the men he offers her. But Averil's heart is in the keeping of a powerful young Knight of the Rose, Gerient. The two share a bond of magecraft as well as love, for between them lies the power to raise the Wild Magic of the world, the only force that can defeat the King's quest to release the Serpent God of Chaos from his mystic prison. When Averil learns that the King is building a fleet to attack the Ladies of the Isle, she rebels against her sworn duty and flees to Gerient's side. Together they will raise their powers to protect both the Isle and the remnants of the Rose. Pb \$29.95 288pp *Due March*

ANDREW BUTCHER

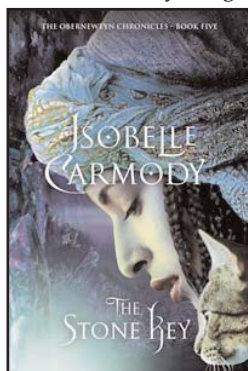
 **SLAVE HARVEST**

The Sickness that ravaged the world is complete and only the children are left. Having failed to resist the Scytharene alien attack, Travis and his friends are beamed aboard spaceships, along with many other children - to become slaves. Just when it seems that there is no hope, help arrives from two unexpected sources - Darion, one of the Scytharene, who despises the destructiveness of his race and a group of scientists, the last remaining adults, who have been hiding underground and have access to some serious weapons. A mission like this will involve great sacrifice, but will it be enough to end the terror of the Scytharene? Pb \$17.00 384pp

ISOBELLE CARMODY

  **THE STONE KEY**

Obernewtyn #5. When Farseeker Guildmistress Espeth Gordie sets out from Obernewtyn to travel to Sutrium at the end of Wintertime, she quickly learns that not everyone welcomes the changes brought about by the rebellion. Captured by an old and vicious enemy, she is drawn deep into the heart of the Herder Faction, where she learns of a terrible plot to destroy the west coast. To stop it, Elspeth must risk everything, knowing that if she dies, she will never complete her quest to find the weaponmachines that destroyed the Beforetime. But if she succeeds, her journey will lead her to the last of the signs left for her by the seer Kasanda... Tp \$32.95 1000pp



ADAM TROY CASTRO

 **EMISSARIES FROM THE DEAD**

Andrea Cort #1. Two murders have occurred on One One One, an artificial ecosystem created by the universe's dominant AIs to house several engineered species. Under order from the Diplomatic Corps, Counselor Andrea Cort has come to this cylinder world where an indentured human community hangs suspended high above a poisoned, acid atmosphere. Her assignment is to choose a suitable homicide suspect from among those who have sold their futures to escape existences even worse than this one. She must do *nothing* to implicate the hosts, who hold the power to obliterate humankind in an instant. But Andrea Cort is not about to hold back in her hunt for a killer, for she has nothing to lose and harbours no love for her masters or fellow indentures and she herself has felt the terrible exhilaration of taking life. Pb \$15.95 448pp *Due March*

C J CHERRYH

  **ALLIANCE SPACE**

Contains two classic novels set in the Union-Alliance universe - **Merchanter's Luck & Forty Thousand in Gehenna**, in which the colonists on Gehenna, abandoned for political reasons, join forces with the planet's native reptilian calibans to survive. Pb \$17.95 608pp

EWIN COLFER

 **AIRMAN**

Conor Broekhart was born to fly. Or more accurately, he was born flying. Little wonder he became what he became. In an age of discovery and invention, many dreamed of flying, but for Conor flight was more than just a dream, it was his destiny. In one dark night on the island of Great Saltee, a cruel and cunning betrayal destroyed his life and stole his future. Now Conor must win the race for flight, to save his family and right a terrible wrong. Pb \$19.95 320pp

DEBORAH COOKE

 **KISS OF FIRE**

A Dragonfire novel. When Sara Keegan decides to settle down and run her quirky aunt's New Age bookstore, she's not looking for adventure. She doesn't believe in fate or the magic of the tarot, but when she's saved from a vicious attack by a man who has the ability to turn into a fire-breathing dragon, she questions whether she's losing her mind - or about to lose her heart... Quinn Tyrrell has long been distrustful of his fellow Pyr and a self-reliant loner. So when he feels the firestorm that signals his destined mate, he's determined to protect and possess Sara, regardless of the cost to himself. Then Sara's true destiny is revealed and Quinn realises he must risk everything to fulfil their entwined fates... Pb \$13.95 352pp

MARK DEL FRANCO

 **UNQUIET DREAMS**

Connor Grey #2. Fuelled by a mysterious new drug, Celtic fairies and Teutonic elves battle for turf and power with humans caught in the middle. As the body count rises, Connor Grey uncovers a vast conspiracy that threatens to destroy not only the city, but the world. Pb \$15.95 304pp

GORDON R DICKSON

& DAVID W WIXON

 **ANTAGONIST**

A Childe Cycle novel. Bleys is a man with a clear vision of the struggle in which he's involved, but an increasingly deficient sense of human values. He and his organisation, the Others, are tracking down an elusive interplanetary opposition. Meanwhile, Bleys' own intricate conspiracies and his quest for power, which began with the best of motives, have become something darker and fiercer. He's committed to his plans. They may bring about the advent of *Homo superior*... and they may destroy the human race. Pb \$15.95 608pp *Due March*



PAUL DiFILLIPO

 **HARP, PIPE & SYMPHONY**

Searching for true happiness, Thomas Rhymer, after a great tragedy, stumbles into the realm of the Faerie where his quest becomes even more complicated when he is visited by the Faerie Queen Mab and her bestial assistant, Lug. Pb \$13.95 320pp

DAVID DRAKE

  **COMPLETE HAMMERS SLAMMERS**

Volume #3. This volume features the final two Slammers novels, *The Sharp End* and *Paying the Piper*, as well as an original novelette, *The Darkness*. Hb \$65.00 550pp

 **WHEN THE TIDE RISES**

Lt Leary #6. When the Republic of Cinnabar doesn't have enough battleships to deal with all the crises in its war with the Alliance, it sends the next best thing - Commander Daniel Leary and his friend, the spy Adele Mundy. This time they're off to help the Bagarian cluster in its rebellion against the Alliance, but they'll quickly find that the worst threats to the rebels are the treacherous politicians leading them. Leary and Mundy use electronic espionage, sub-machine guns and shipkilling missiles to outwit political rivals, put down mutiny and capture an Alliance fortress. Hb \$49.95 416pp *Due March*

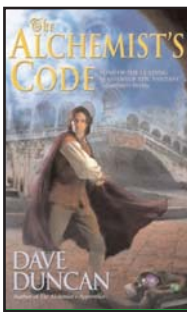
DAVE DUNCAN

 **THE ALCHEMIST'S APPRENTICE**

Alchemist #1. For Nostradamus, the future is forever in motion. But for his young apprentice, Alfeo Zeno, the present is a bore-until a friend of the prince dies after Nostradamus casts him an ominous horoscope. Some say the mystic poisoned the victim to enhance his own reputation-and Nostradamus charges Alfeo with clearing his name. Now Alfeo must unravel a web of magic and murder if he is to have a future of his own. Pb \$15.95 320pp

 **THE ALCHEMIST'S CODE**

Alchemist #2. The legendary Maestro Nostradamus may be able to glimpse the ever-changing future, but even he cannot see the danger that is about to envelop him and his daring apprentice Alfeo when Nostradamus is hired to find a foreign spy by Venice's ruling Council of Ten. The only clues they can offer him are the spy's intercepted messages, encoded in a seemingly unbreakable cipher. But Nostradamus soon detects evil influences working against him and realises the spy can only be caught by occult means. He turns to his able apprentice, the young swordsman Alfeo Zeno, whose unique talents may prove essential to unravelling the truth. Pb \$27.95 320pp



 **MOTHER OF LIES**

Dodec #2. Celebre's walls have been breached and its Doge humiliated by the evil Bloodlord Stralg, all four of its heirs kidnapped and taken over the Edge to Vigaelia, its Dogaressa forcibly impregnated by Stralg and left to rule over a city teeming with Stralg's troops. And if you think Stralg is bad, wait until you meet his sister Saltaja, a fanatic who sees no human cost as too great to keep the Hrag dynasty in power and her goddess - evil Xaran, the Mother of Lies - appeased. But there are a few great hopes for the future of the city - the Mutineer, Marno Cavotti, who will not stand to see his hometown destroyed and is massing a powerful liberation movement mere inches beyond Stralg's grasp. Pb \$15.95 432pp *Due March*

PHILIP JOSE FARMER

  **STRANGE RELATIONS OMNIBUS**

The Lovers, Flesh, Strange Relations. Contains two complete novels and five novelettes that broke new ground in science fiction and established Philip Jose Farmer as a master of the genre. Pb \$15.95 720pp

ERIC FLINT & MIKE RESNICK

 **THE DRAGON DONE IT**

When the Republic of Cinnabar doesn't have enough battleships to deal with all the crises in its war with the Alliance, it sends the next best thing - Commander Daniel Leary and his friend, the spy Adele Mundy. This time they're off to help the Bagarian cluster in its rebellion against the Alliance, but they'll quickly find that the worst threats to the rebels are the treacherous politicians leading them. Hb \$48.00 400pp *Due March*

MARY GENTLE

 **ILARIO**

Set in the 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, on a freezing snowy night, 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 while learning the ways of the court, Ilario has another lesson to study - abandonment and betrayal. Rosamunda, Ilario's birth mother, has arrived - and the secret of Ilario's birth must be kept hidden, lest the resulting scandal ruin her husband, Videric, the king's most powerful advisor. Pb \$25.00 608pp

CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN

 **THE LOST ONES**

The Veil #3. In the world of the legendary, every myth and folktale is real. That is what Oliver Bascombe learned on the other side of the Veil, where humanity's legends have hidden away for centuries. But even legends have legends and Oliver has learned of a prophecy that many believe he and his sister, Collette, have come to the Two Kingdoms to fulfil. Before they can discover the truth, the Bascombe siblings must help to stop an apocalyptic war that threatens to destroy the Two Kingdoms, unravel a conspiracy and prevent a powerful sorcerer from severing the world of humans from the realm of the legendary forever. Pb \$23.95 400pp *Due March*

JO GRAHAM

 **BLACK SHIPS**

The world is ending. One by one the mighty cities are falling, to earthquakes, to flood, to raiders on both land and sea. In a time of war and doubt, Gull is an oracle. Daughter of a slave taken from fallen Troy, chosen at the age of seven to be the voice of the Lady of the Dead, it is her destiny to counsel kings. When nine black ships appear, captained by an exiled Trojan prince, Gull must decide between the life she has been destined for and the most perilous adventure - to join the remnant of her mother's people in their desperate flight. Pb \$29.95 384pp *Due March*

MARTIN H GREENBERG

& SARAH HOYT (EDS)

 **SOMETHING MAGIC THIS WAY COMES**

In this original fantasy anthology, 20 masters of the genre present their unique takes on the magical possibilities that still exist all around us. From a boy out to terrify his best friend by convincing him that werewolves are real, to a mysterious gathering of cats at Cape Canaveral, from a young woman unexpectedly gifted with a family familiar, to a teenager who paints his way out of trouble, these all-new stories will chill, thrill and fascinate anyone interested in the levels of paranormal experience beyond conventional 'reality.' Pb \$15.95 320pp

JIM C HINES

 **GOBLIN WAR**

Jig #3. After barely surviving an adventure he never wanted, and being blessed with the power of healing thanks to the forgotten god he worships, the scrawny little nearsighted goblin called Jig is now known as Jig Dragonslayer - a name he'd be happy to get rid of, since now everyone expects him to be a big-time hero. But when he's caught between two armies, both sides want Jig dead. Yet both sides are happy to 'recruit' Jig and his friends to work for them and though Jig has a habit of coming out alive in the end, the same can't be said for those closest to him... Pb \$15.95 352pp

COLBY HODGE

  **STAR SHADOWS**

When Boone, the man she believes is responsible for her brother's death, is shot down over a faraway planet, Elle is determined to forget him, until a vision reveals that her brother and Boone are alive and are being held captive by witches. Pb \$14.95 358pp

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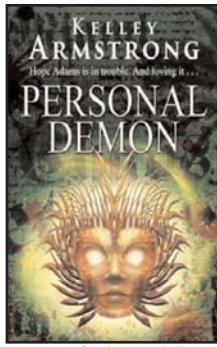
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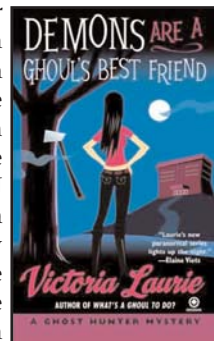
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Star Trek Next Generation: Q&A by Keith R A Decandido (Pb \$16.95). This anniversary story in the *Next Generation* series brings us around full circle. Q has followed humanity from the mud of creation to their first leap into the stars and has taken particular interest in the Enterprise and its crew. We are led on a tell-almost-all tale about everything Q hasn't previously been upfront with. And all those loose threads of unaccountable Q-esque antics become clear... sort of. We finally meet the beings that even the Q are answerable to. - *CM*

Chronicles of the Black Company (Omnibus Vol. #1-#3) by Glen Cook (Tp \$32.00). The first three books of the series, complete the first story arc of the oft-maligned, but usually-get-the-job-done, mercenary company. The company take a commission from The Lady; the powerful leader of the "bad guys". The insurgents and the loyalists are all as bad as each other and things are made worse by the fact that the not-quite-dead previous oppressor wants his job back... Steven Erikson (author of the *Malazan* series) rates the author highly and I can see why. - *Adam*



Flesh and Spirit (Lighthouse #1) by Carol Berg (Pb \$15.95). I've had one of those months that have left me with almost no reading time. I don't know if the protagonist classifies as an anti-hero, but he's not squeaky clean... I love the background Berg has created with a caste-based society and with magic (for some at least) being akin to drug addiction. - *Steph*

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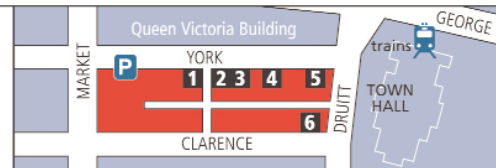
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