

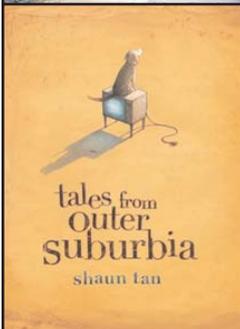
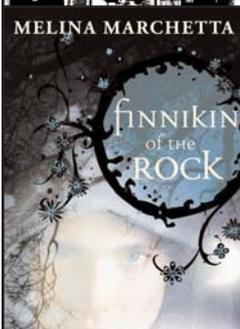
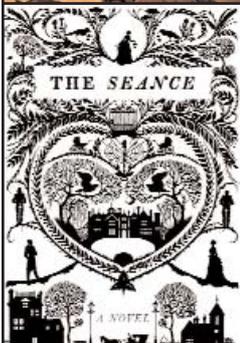
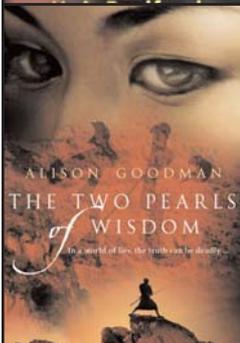
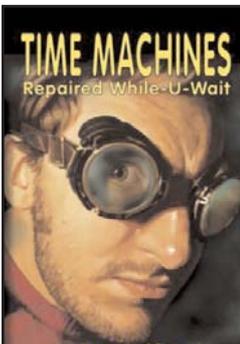


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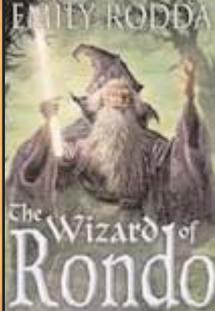
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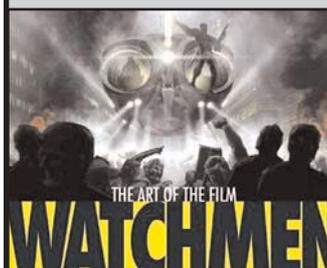


The most eagerly awaited comics-to-film adaptation of them all! The graphic novel that changed an industry is now a film,

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WATCHMEN: THE ART OF THE FILM

PETER APERLO



Discover how director Zack Snyder and his crew faithfully recreated the intricately detailed world and characters of

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Also available: the Hugo Award-winning graphic novel, **Watchmen** (Hb \$65.00, Pb \$39.95) by Dave Gibbons and Alan Moore. **Watching the Watchmen** (Hb \$49.95), Dave Gibbons' account of the genesis of **Watchmen**.

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JAMES AXLER

DARK RESURRECTION

 *Deathlands #85*. Post-nuclear America has changed little since the primal levelling of the 21st century. Warrior survivalists Ryan Cawdor and his band live by a code that honours the kind of absolute freedom only a raw frontier can provide - until rumours of a wider, more prosperous world than the Deathlands thriving deep in Mexico, untouched by the nukocaust, lure them into uncharted waters. Pb \$16.95 320pp *Due Mar*

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MATTER

 *A Culture novel*. In a world renowned within a galaxy full of wonders, a crime within a war. For one man 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 Anaplian has become an agent of the Culture's Special Circumstances section, charged with high-level interference in civilisations throughout the greater galaxy. Concealing her new identity and her particular set of abilities might be a dangerous strategy. In the world to which Anaplian returns, nothing is quite as it seems and determining the appropriate level of interference in someone else's war is never a simple matter. Pb \$24.99 656pp

STEPHEN BAXTER

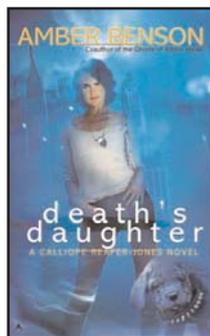
WEAVER

 *Time's Tapestry #4*. The Luftwaffe have pushed the RAF to the brink and the invasion barges have reached the beaches of Sussex and Kent. Britain wakes up to the nightmare of the Wermacht unleashed in Southern England. As the desperate battle to hold up the invasion rages it is left to a few individuals caught up in the panic and chaos to piece together what has really happened - is this the culmination of a plan that has taken centuries to play out, a plot from the future to change the past forever? Pb \$22.99 336pp

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DEATH'S DAUGHTER

 *Calliope Reaper-Jones #1*. Calliope Reaper-Jones so just wanted a normal life: buying designer shoes on sale, dating guys from Craig's List, web-surfing for organic dim-sum for her boss... But when her father - who happens to be Death himself - is kidnapped and the Devil's Protégé embarks on a hostile takeover of the family business, Death, Inc., Callie returns home to assume the CEO mantle - only to discover she must complete three nearly impossible tasks in the realm of the afterlife first. Pb \$18.95 368pp *Due Mar*



ANNE BISHOP

THE SHADOW QUEEN

 *The Black Jewels #7*. Dena Nehele is a land decimated by its past. Once it was ruled by corrupt Queens who were wiped out when the land was cleansed of tainted Blood. Now, only 100 Warlord Princes stand - without a leader and without hope. Theran Grayhaven is the last of his line, desperate to find the key that reveals a treasure great enough to restore Dena Nehele. First he needs to find a Queen who remembers the Blood's code of honour and lives by the Old Ways. The woman chosen to rule Dena Nehele, Lady Cassidy, is not beautiful and believes she is not strong. But she may be the only one able to convince bitter men to serve once again. Hb \$55.00 448pp *Due Mar*

BEN BOVA

AFTERMATH

 *Asteroid War #4*. The Second Asteroid War climaxed with the destruction of Chrysalis: hundreds of people on the miners' habitat died terrible deaths in the vacuum of the asteroid belt, but one ship escaped destruction. Low on fuel, her communications destroyed, the ore ship Syracuse fled towards deep space with 15-year-old Theo Zacharias at the helm. Three years later, the war long over, Syracuse still drifts through the void. Meanwhile the man who now calls himself Dorn, the destroyer of Chrysalis, roams space gathering up the bodies of his victims. He encounters Theo Zacharias in a clash of purposes, hopes and fury... Pb \$22.99 480pp

KATHLEEN BRYAN

THE LAST PALADIN

 *War of the Rose #3*. Averil, once hunted across the land and sea by her uncle the king, is now the Queen Lys, but if she cannot defeat her late uncle's sorcerous masters, she will never live to be crowned. Tp \$34.00 272pp *Due Mar*

ROBERT BUETTNER

ORPHAN'S ALLIANCE

 *Jason Wander #3*. Jason's army defeated the slugs on Bren and now, 15 years later, he finds himself once more commanding an invasion force. This time they must expel the Slugs from a small moon, where they decimated the human inhabitants. And although Earth has finally begun to mobilise against the aggressors, a new and problematic faction has arisen. The totalitarian government of Tressel, a strategically-situated planet, is willing to defeat the Slugs at any cost - regardless of the human casualties. Unfortunately for Jason, his godson, Jude, is attracted to Tressel's total-war policies. As the struggle continues, Jason is not only fighting for the survival of the human race, but for his relationship with the only family he has left. Pb \$18.95 320pp

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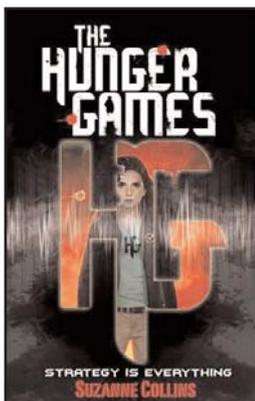
Suzanne Collins
PB \$17.95

OMG. This was incredible... This is set in what feels like the not-too-distant future in a post-apocalyptic, dystopian USA, now called Panem. Panem has been divided into 13 regions, of which only 12 remain, as the 13th revolted against the Government and was wiped out. Each region differentiates itself from the others through its produce – mining, agriculture, etc - yet what they all have in common is that they are poor, underfed and suppressed (except for the region where the Capitol is, which is pretty decadent). Each year the 12 districts are required to produce two contestants (one of each gender) for the Hunger Games - the annual televised 'fight to the death' that makes *Survivor* look like *Playschool*. They compete in the Arena, where the last person alive wins; their region for the following year is showered with extra food rations and the winner is a celebrity for life.

Katniss is 16, her father is dead and she has been responsible for feeding herself and her mother and 12-year-old sister for several years. She hunts with an illegal weapon in an area that, if caught, she could be killed. She's tough, street-smart and yet still a naïve 16-year-old girl. When her sister's name is chosen for the Games, Katniss takes her place. She and Peeta, the baker's son, head for the Capitol to begin their training - including preening and grooming to make themselves presentable for the TV audience, and for sponsors who can mean the difference between life and death. They, along with the other contestants, are released into the Arena and the battle begins, with the expected conflict between contestants (especially those from wealthier districts who train all their young lives for the chance to compete) - and conflict within Katniss as she struggles with her new friendship with Peeta and the possibility of having to kill him. The Government, ever mindful of producing thrilling viewing, manipulates the conditions and changes the rules to keep the Games rolling.

This was truly incredible. It is labelled as 'young adult' but is far more than that. There is romance (between Peeta and Katniss) but there is also serious violence, sometimes described, but sometimes not (which I think can be even scarier at times). The tension is incredible – I was gripping my copy after the first few pages - I don't think I'd give this to a pre-teen! Obviously there are a lot of deaths, with a twist at the end that was both surprising and disturbing. The contrasts in the story were incredible. Here, we have people who must forage for food, who lack medical care... But every home has a TV, and everyone watches it - especially the Hunger Games. Katniss is wise beyond her years, yet only a mid-teen, and while being somewhat ruthless is a likable character that you sympathise with.

Collins examines what some people are willing to give up to survive, and what other people aren't willing to give up in order to stand for a higher principle. This book reminded me of *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card (Pb \$19.99), in that children are put in the most appalling conditions and situations, and as a reader, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that they are just kids. It is the first instalment of a series with the sequel due later this year. I think this book is going to be BIG. Highly, highly recommended! - Steph



CLASSIC TITLE

SURVIVAL

Species Imperative #1
Julie E Czerneda
PB \$18.95 475PP

What if, for one species to evolve, another species must become extinct? The author attempts to resolve that question by focusing on the unique, but dangerous relationship that evolutionary biologist Dr Mackenzie Connor ('Mac' to anyone she cares about) forges with Brymn, a Dhryn archaeologist and the first of his race to visit Earth, in this imaginative, not-so-distant-future novel set in the Pacific Northwest and the far reaches

of space. The story comes alive whenever the workaholic, emotionally stunted Mac interacts with the seven-armed Brymn, 'a giant bear-like being,' who, at one point, applies makeup to go diving with salmon! Trouble arrives in the form of the alien Ro, who kidnap a colleague of Mac's at the Norcoast Salmon Research Facility. The Ro have been blamed for creating the Chasm, a zone of space littered with worlds that have been sucked dry of all life forms millennia ago, and they also want Brymn and Mac. The Interspecies Union's representative is Nikolai 'Nik' Trojanowski, whose mysterious attraction to the straight-laced Mac adds romantic heat to the proceedings and helps the two escape to Haven - the Dhryn homeworld. Unfortunately, Brymn and Mac soon discover no place is safe from one species' imperative to survive at any cost.

The book starts off fairly sedately, but the momentum builds to a satisfying, albeit clearly to-be-continued, finale.

Mac must learn the truth behind that ancient slaughter, whilst also dealing with alien attacks, betrayals, and the day-to-day details of surviving on an alien world, (like finding shower facilities that won't burn human flesh, for instance)...

Czerneda is a former researcher in biology, and this background is evident in the many similarities and differences the aliens of this book have with humans. As she herself says, "As a biologist, the twists and tricks of living things always fascinate me. We live in a world of hang-gliding spiders, forests consisting of a single tree and fish that sing. I can't imagine a universe that didn't contain different forms of life."

Migration and Regeneration (Pb \$18.95 each) continue this storyline. Rest assured both are on my reading pile... - Adam



JULIE E CZERNADA &

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Jed DeLanda, a descendant of the Maya living in the year 2012, is a math prodigy who spends his time raking in profits from online trading. Jed's life is thrown into chaos when his former mentor, the game theorist Taro, and a mysterious woman named Marena Park, invite him to give his opinion on a newly discovered Mayan codex. Soon scientists are replicating his brain waves and sending them through a wormhole, straight into the mind of a Mayan king... Only something goes wrong. Instead of becoming a king, Jed arrives inside a ballplayer named Chacal who is seconds away from throwing himself down the temple steps as a human sacrifice. If Jed can live through the next few minutes, he might just save the world. Hb \$65.00 656pp *Due Mar*

CHARLES DE LINT

 **THE MYSTERY OF GRACE**

On the Day of the Dead, the Solona Music Hall is jumping. That's where Altigracia Quintero meets John Burns, just two weeks too late. Altigracia - her friends call her Grace - has a tattoo of Nuestra Señora de Altigracia on her shoulder, she's got a Ford Motor Company tattoo running down her leg and she has grease worked so deep into her hands that it'll never wash out. Grace works at Sanchez Motorworks, customising hot rods. A few blocks around the Alverson Arms is all her world, but she's got unfinished business keeping her close to home. Grace loves John and John loves her - and that would be wonderful, except that John, like Grace, has unfinished business - he's haunted by the childhood death of his younger brother. Like Grace in her way, John is an artist and before their relationship can find its resolution, the two of them will have to teach each other about life and love, about hot rods and Elvis Presley, and about why it's necessary to let some things go. Hb \$55.00 320pp *Due Mar*

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Alchemist #2. On the trail of a foreign spy, Maestro Nostradamus and his apprentice, the swordsman Alfeo Zenó, are up against occult forces that could mean the end of both master and apprentice. Pb \$18.95 320pp

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Alchemist #3. Hampered by arthritis, Nostradamus is in no mood for granting favours or running about looking for trouble, but when his apprentice Alfeo's mistress asks him to investigate the murder of her beloved courtesan mentor and promises a fortune in payment, he comes around. It appears that someone is murdering the courtesans of Venice. While Nostradamus attempts to use the dark arts to solve riddles which confound explanation, Alfeo finds himself led by a possibly demonic force through a maze of deceit and death. And when the master and apprentice come to the end of their intertwined paths, there may be hell to pay. Pb \$34.00 320pp *Due Mar*

KATE ELLIOTT

 **SHADOW GATE**

Crossroads #2. Marit was pretty sure she had been murdered. She vividly recalled the assassin's dagger and her dying vision had shown her the next world - but her spirit had not made the journey. She woke alone, sprawled on a Guardian's altar, with more questions than answers. As she searches for meanings in a changed world, she finds her old love Joss and the Outlander Anji struggling to maintain order amidst chaos. But her enemies are drawing close. Marit tries to untangle the web of betrayals that connect her murder with the razing of the countryside, but she can't run forever. She will be found and there will be choices: complicity or death. Pb \$22.99 688pp

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Demonwar Saga #1. A lost race of elves, the taredhel or 'people of the stars', have found a way across the universe to reach Midkemia. On their current home world, these elves are hard pressed by a ravaging demon horde and what was once a huge empire has been reduced to a handful of survivors. The cornerstone of taredhel lore is the tale of their lost origins in the world they call simply 'Home', a place lost in the mists of time. Now they are convinced that Midkemia is that place and they are coming to reclaim it. Ruthless and arrogant, the taredhel intend to let nothing stand in their way, but before long, Pug and the Conclave realise that it's not necessarily the elves, but the demon horde pursuing them where the true danger lies. Hb \$49.99 384pp *Due Mar*

WILLIAM FORSTCHEN

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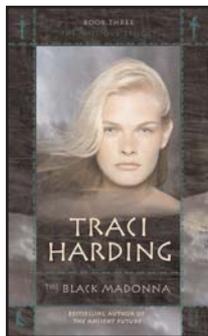
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THE MAGICIANS

Quentin Coldwater, a brilliant but miserable high school senior, is still preoccupied with a series of fantasy novels he read as a child, set in a magical land called Fillory. Imagine his surprise when he finds himself unexpectedly admitted to a secret, exclusive college of magic in upstate New York, where he receives a thorough and rigorous education in the craft of modern sorcery. Something is missing, though. Magic doesn't bring Quentin the happiness and adventure he dreamed it would. After graduation he and his friends make a stunning discovery: Fillory is real. But the land of his fantasies turns out to be more dangerous than he could have imagined. His childhood dream becomes a nightmare with a shocking truth at its heart. Hb \$58.00 416pp *Due Mar*

TRACI HARDING

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Mystique

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RICHARD A LUPOFF

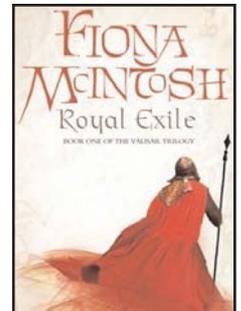
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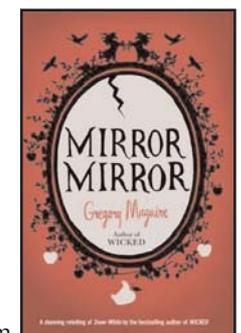


Penraven, having already overthrown its two neighbouring realms, leaving a trail of devastation and broken lives in their wake. Penraven is Loethar's most desired prize, not only because of its wealth, safe harbour, extensive coastline and abundant natural resources. Driven by dreams of empire, fuelled by his increasing obsession with magic, Loethar's plan to overthrow King Brennus of Penraven, 9th of the Valisars, was cemented when he learned that Brennus possessed the power of coercion. Loethar is convinced that if he consumes these empowered people he will then be imbued with their skills and magics... and be unstoppable. Hb \$45.00 456pp

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MELISSA MAYHUE

 **A HIGHLANDER OF HER OWN**

Daughters of the Glen #4. Texas, present day. Ellie Denton's world has spiralled out of control. A strange new birthmark, animals talking to her and her mother's ex-husband laying claim to the family ranch have her thinking life can't get more complicated. But Ellie doesn't know the birthmark's connection to her Faerie ancestors. *Complicated* takes on a whole new meaning with her innocent wish to find her true love. Scotland, 1304. Caden MacAlister has more trouble than he can handle. With his brother held for ransom and the laird missing, the last thing he needs is another problem. But the Fae have other plans. A mysterious woman shows up in his stables, sent by Faerie Magic to find her true love. Fighting his attraction, Caden insists she's meant for one of his brothers. With his history, he has no desire for a woman in his life, especially a woman sent by the Fae. Pb \$16.95 336pp

L E MODESITT JR.

 **IMAGER**

The Imager Portfolio #1. Although Rhennthyl is the son of a leading wool merchant in L'Excelsis, the capital of Solidar, the most powerful nation on Terahnar, he has spent years becoming a journeyman artist and is skilled and diligent enough to be considered for the status of master artisan in another two years. Then, in a single moment, his entire life is transformed when his master patron is killed in a flash fire and Rhenn discovers he is an imager - one of the few in the entire world of Terahnar who can visualise things and make them real. He must leave his family and join the Collegium of Imagisle. Imagers live separately from the rest of society because of their abilities (they can do accidental magic even while asleep), and because they are both feared and vulnerable. In this new life, Rhenn discovers that all too many of the truths he knew were nothing of the sort. Every day brings a new threat to his life. He makes a powerful enemy while righting a wrong and begins to learn to do magic in secret. Hb \$58.95 464pp *Due Mar*

MICHAEL MOORCOCK

 **DUKE ELRIC**

Chronicles of the Last Emperor of Melniboné #4. Elric the albino, weary of life and enamoured of death, bearer of the soul-devouring black sword Stormbringer, cursed to betray all he loves and to save that which he despises. In the unending battle between the forces of Law and Chaos, he is the wildest card of all. Pb \$34.00 368pp *Due Mar*

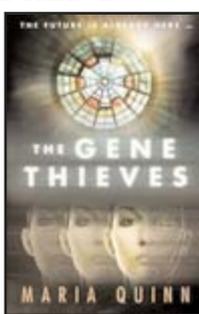
STAN NICHOLLS

 **WEAPONS OF MAGICAL DESTRUCTION**

Orcs: Bad Blood #1. Stryke and his band of Orcs have found the ancestral Orc home hidden in another dimension. This is the story of their hectic adventures in the other dimensions as they attempt to find peace for their race and escape the ever greedy, savage expansion of mankind. Pb \$32.99 288pp

MARIA QUINN

 **THE GENE THIEVES**

 Lonely genetic scientist, Piggy Brown, is desperate for a child, but he needs a lawyer to help him. Dancer is used to contracts which push the envelope of the law and he has his own reasons for wanting to find a way to grant Brown's wish. The Conjugal-Contract lawyer visits The Nest, the official centre for surrogates and inveigles them into recommending someone they have used before, someone who won't ask too many questions. But choosing a surrogate can be risky, and this one, Angela, comes with baggage: her own child, Molly... a six-year-old who has already seen too much of her mother's world. When a grotesque kidnapping happens, everyone's life is thrown into chaos and Jack Lee, Chief Investigator for UN Ethical Science Council, decides it's time to take charge, for the sake of the future. Pb \$24.99

ROBERT RANKIN

 **NECROPHENIA**

One in every three people living is actually dead! It is a matter of historical record that during the latter part of World War II, England's top-secret Ministry of Serendipity enlisted the services of arch-magician Aleister Crowley to create a Homunculus. Why? Well that's a long story, spanning almost seven decades as it follows the life and career of Tyler, rock star, private eye - and notable for the fact that he almost saved Mankind. The cast of millions also includes Mick Jagger, Mama Cass, Elvis Presley and Lazlo Woodbine. And Tyler's brother, Andy, who impersonates animals. And a lady named Clara from Croydon, who unlocked the meta-phenomena of the Multiverse. And a corner shopkeeper from Brentford, who created a sitting room for God. And a great many living dead. Oh yes, and it also involves a monster in human form whose intention it is to turn the Earth into a Necrosphere, a planet totally devoid of life. Tp \$35.00 368pp

JUDITH REEVES-STEVENS

 **GARFIELD REEVES-STEVENS THE WHITE ISLAND**

Three families are caught up in a maelstrom involving a 9,000-year-old conspiracy linked to provocative theories about ancient astronauts, sunken empires and startling theories on the origin of human civilisation. Hb \$58.00 336pp *Due Mar*

ALASTAIR REYNOLDS

 **HOUSE OF SUNS**

Six million years ago, at the dawn of the starfaring era, Abigail Gentian fractured herself into 1,000 male and female clones - the shatterlings. Sent out into the galaxy, they have stood aloof as they document the rise and fall of countless human empires. They meet every 200,000 years, to exchange news and memories. Campion and Purslane are not only late for their 32nd reunion, but they have brought along an amnesiac golden robot for a guest. The wayward shatterlings get more than the scolding they expect - they face the discovery that someone has a very serious grudge against the Gentian line and there is a very real possibility of traitors in their midst. Pb \$24.99 512pp *Due Mar*

ADAM ROBERTS

 **SWIFTLY**

1848: the British Empire has grown rich exploiting Lilliputian slaves - the finesse of their working allowing unheard of feats of miniature engineering; even Babbage's computing device has been made to work. But now the French have formed a regiment of previously peaceful Brobdingnagian giants and invasion looms. In a world where humanity is both smaller and larger than it once was, mankind discovers itself at the centre of scale. Lilliputians are 12 times smaller than us but there are those 12 times smaller than them and 12 times smaller again and so on. And the scale of being goes up from Swift's giants also... Pb \$22.99 368pp *Due Mar*

YELLOW BLUE TIBIA

 In Russia, 1946, Stalin gathers top Soviet science fiction authors in the countryside somewhere. Convinced that the Soviet Union needs a massive external threat to hold it together, to give it purpose and direction, he tells the writers: 'I want you to concoct a story about aliens poised to invade earth... I want it to be completely believable.' The writers spend months working on it, only to be told, months later to drop the project. So they do. They get on with their lives; some of them survive the remainder of Stalin's rule. And then, in the aftermath of Chernobyl, the survivors gather again, because something strange has started to happen. The story they invented in 1946 is starting to come true... Tp \$35.00 336pp *Due Mar*

ROBERT SILVERBERG

THE 13TH IMMORTAL

Unable to remember his past, Dale Kesley believes that the answer to his believes that the answer to his life's riddle is in Antarctica – the now forbidden continent – and, with a price on his head, searches for the one person who can help him find the truth. Pb \$16.95 272pp

JERI SMITH-READY

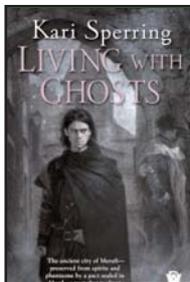
WICKED GAME

WVMP Radio #1. Recovering con artist Ciara Griffin takes an internship at a local radio station, whose late-night time-warp format features 1940s blues, '60s psychedelia, '80s goth, and more, all with an uncannily authentic flair. Ciara soon discovers just how the DJs maintain their cred: they're vampires, stuck forever in the eras in which they were turned. A communications giant wants to buy WVMP and turn it into just another hit-playing clone, Without the station - and the link it provides to their original Life Times - the vampires would 'fade,' becoming little more than mindless ghosts of the past. Suddenly a routine corporate takeover is a matter of life and undead. Soon the stakes are higher - and the perils graver - than any con game Ciara's ever played.... Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Mar*

KARI SPERRING

LIVING WITH GHOSTS

Drawn into the city of Merafi, yet barred from entering by an ancient pact sealed in blood, hungry haunts await their opportunity to break through the magical border and wreak havoc on the city's innocent denizens. And as a priestess and prince weave a sorcerous plot to shatter the pact and bring ruin on Merafi, only a failed assassin-priest who is now a courtesan, a noble lord married into the ruling family of Merafi, an officer of the city guard, a woman warrior who was the former lover of a now-dead lord and the ghost of that lord himself stand between Merafi and the tidal wave of magic that may bring ruin flooding down upon the city. Pb \$18.95 496pp



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ALLEN STEELE

GALAXY BLUES

Coyote #5. Since being expelled from the Union Astronautica space fleet, Jules Truffant isn't having the best of luck. His first attempt at starting a new life lands him in prison on Coyote. But now, instead of being deported back to Earth, he's offered another chance to get his act together – on a diplomatic mission that puts him squarely in the path of a black hole. Pb \$18.95 304pp *Due Mar*

ALLEN STEELE

COYOTE HORIZON

Coyote #5. The planet of Coyote has become the last, best hope of humankind, but it has also become the principal point of contact with the *hjadd*, the alien race encountered by a European starship many years earlier. Although the *hjadd* have built an embassy near the original colony, they remain a mystery. And as the colonists make preparations to explore the rest of the new world, ex-convict Hawk Thompson discovers more about the *hjadd* than anyone has learned before and his knowledge will change human history... Hb \$55.00 336pp *Due Mar*

S ANDREW SWANN

PROPHETS

Apotheosis #1. It's been nearly 200 years since the collapse of the Confederacy, the last government to claim humanity's colonies. So when signals come in revealing lost human colonies that could shift the power balance, the race is on between the Caliphate ships and a small team of scientists and mercenaries, but what awaits them all is a threat far beyond the scope of any human government. Pb \$18.95 384pp *Due Mar*

CAROLYN TURGEON

GODMOTHER:

THE SECRET CINDERELLA STORY
Lil spends her days shelving rare books in a tiny bookstore and lonely nights at home in her apartment. But Lil has a secret... Wings – the only key to who she once was: the fairy godmother responsible for getting Cinderella to the ball to unite with her Prince Charming. But Lil allowed herself to fall in love with the prince herself, going to the ball in place of Cinderella. For her unforgivable mistake, she was banished to live among humans. One day she meets Veronica and suddenly it becomes clear to Lil that she's been given a chance at redemption. If she can find a soul mate for Veronica, she may right her wrong and return to the fairy world... Pb \$32.00 288pp *Due Mar*

MICHELLE WEST

THE HIDDEN CITY

House Wars #1. Orphaned and left to fend for herself in the slums of Averalaan, Jay meets Rath, a man who prowls the ruins of the undercity in search of artefacts and treasure. Nursing Jay back to health is an unusual act for a man who renounced his own family long ago and the situation becomes stranger still when Jay begins to form a den of other rescued children in Rath's home. But worse perils lurk beneath the slums: the demons that once nearly destroyed the Essalieyan Empire are stirring again and soon Rath and Jay will find themselves targets of these deadly and ruthless beings. Pb \$19.95 496pp *Due Mar*

WALTER JON WILLIAMS

THIS IS NOT A GAME

Dagmar is a game designer trapped in Jakarta in the middle of a revolution. The city is tearing itself apart around her and she needs to get out. Her boss Charlie has his own problems - 4.3 billion of them, to be precise, hidden in an off-shore account. Austin is the businessman - the VC. He's the one with the plan and the one to keep the geeks in line. BJ was there from the start, but while Charlie's star rose, BJ sank into the depths of customer service. He pads his hours at the call-centre slaying on-line orcs, stealing your loot and selling it on the internet. But when one of them is gunned down in a parking lot, the survivors become players in a very different kind of game. Caught between the dangerous worlds of the Russian Mafia and international finance, Dagmar must draw on all her resources - not least millions of online gamers- to track down the killer. Hb \$55.00 384pp *Due Mar*

GENE WOLFE

THE BEST OF GENE WOLFE:

A DEFINITIVE RETROSPECTIVE OF HIS FINEST SHORT FICTION

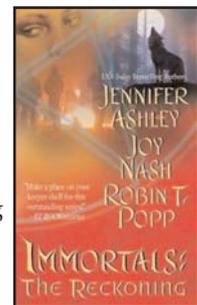
The author has selected the short fiction he considers his finest into one volume. There are many award winners and many that have been selected for various Year's Best anthologies among the 31 stories, which include: *Petting Zoo, The Tree Is My Hat, The Island of Dr. Death and Other Stories, The Hero as Werewolf, Seven American Nights, The Fifth Head of Cerberus, The Detective of Dreams* and *A Cabin on the Coast*. This is the first retrospective collection of his entire career. Hb \$62.00 544pp *Due Mar*

PARANORMAL ROMANCE



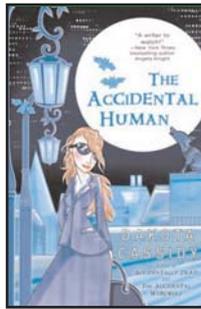
JENNIFER ASHLEY, JOY NASH & ROBIN POPP
THE RECKONING

Immortals #8. A lone werewolf defies everything he's ever known to protect a demon woman from the Wolf Hunt. A vampire thirsts to claim a Blood Debt from the two beings responsible for his nightmare: the Old One who turned him and the Sidhe muse who killed him. Haunted by her past and reeling from her sister's murder, one woman turns to a sexy spirit-walker on a ghostly cruise ship that takes them Beyond the Mist. Together, three USA Today bestselling authors pool their vast talents and fantastic world-building to bring you... *The Reckoning*. Pb \$18.95 352pp *Due Mar*



DAKOTA CASSIDY
THE ACCIDENTAL HUMAN

Accidental Friends #3. Wanda Schwartz is raking in the dough selling Bobbie-Sue Cosmetics and she's a pro at recruiting new saleswomen. So, she's shocked when a man comes to one of her in-home parties - a very hot man. Heath



Jefferson is sure to put some extra spin into a lot of women's colour wheels. When Wanda is diagnosed with a terminal illness, it doesn't have to be a death sentence. With a werewolf and a vampire for best friends, she has options that most ordinary people wouldn't. As Wanda ponders what to do about her mortality, Heath reveals he has secrets, and one of them is that his former bloodlust has turned into an old-fashioned lust - for Wanda. And he's already given up too much to lose the love of his lifetimes. Pb \$32.00 352pp
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JACQUELYN FRANK
ECSTASY: THE SHADOW DWELLERS

Shadowdwellers #1. Among the Shadow dwellers, Trace holds power that some are willing to kill for. Without a stranger's aid, one rival would surely have succeeded, but Trace's brush with death is less surprising to him than his reaction to the beautiful, fragile human who heals him. By rights, Trace should hardly even register Ashla's existence within the realms of Shadowscape, but instead he is drawn to everything about her. The bond between Ashla and Trace is a mystery to both, but searching for answers will mean confronting long-hidden secrets, and uncovering a threat that could destroy everything Trace holds precious. Pb \$16.95 352pp

COLLEEN GLEASON
AS SHADOWS FADE

The Gardella Vampire Chronicles. Victoria, a direct descendant of the very first vampire hunter must join forces with the enemy when demons find their way to the earth. She must pay a high price when the queen of the vampires offers her help in exchange for the man that Victoria loves. Pb \$18.95 368pp
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MOLLY HARPER
NICE GIRLS DON'T HAVE FANGS

Gardella Vampires #5. Turned into a vampire by a handsome stranger at the peak of a cascade of misfortune that includes the lost of her librarian job and her unlucky shooting by a drunken hunter, Jane struggles to adjust to her new nature while working to find employment and clear her name for a murder rap. Pb \$18.95 384pp

ALEXANDRA IVY
DARKNESS REVEALED

Guardians of Eternity #4. 200 years have passed since Anna Randal gave herself to Conde Cezar in a night of relentless passion. Since then, Anna has become filled with unearthly power she can't begin to comprehend. And the sexy, charming vampire responsible has eluded all of her efforts to track him down, until now... Commanded by the Oracles to keep watch over Anna, Cezar finds himself torn between his need to protect her - and to possess her... Someone wants Anna dead. Pb \$16.95 384pp
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BRENDA JOYCE
DARK VICTORY

The Masters of Time #4. A dark, ruthless Highlander, the Black Macleod has refused his destiny. His life is revenge for the massacre of his family. His enemies' insults only amuse him. But fate is impatient and when a woman from another time dares to summon him, he cannot resist her powers - or her. A schoolteacher by day, Tabitha Rose uses her magic to protect others by night. When the vision of a dark Highlander, bloody and burned, appears to Tabby, she knows she has been called to help him, no matter how frightening he might be. But what Tabby doesn't expect is to be taken against her will to his dark, violent time... Pb \$18.95 384pp
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ERIN MCCARTHY
BLEED DRY

A Tale of Vegas Vampires #3. Hooking up with a vampire has its risks, but getting pregnant usually isn't one of them. Tell that to Brittany Baldizzi, who finds herself in the family way with no father in sight. After their one night of passion, vampire Corbin Jean Michel disappeared off the face of the earth, or at least off the Vegas strip. Corbin is a vampire with a cause, secretly trying to find a cure for his condition. But when he finds out Brittany is pregnant with his child, Corbin can't keep his paternal instincts from trumping his bloodsucking ones. Even when showing his hand could cost him the woman he can't help but love. Pb \$18.95 304pp
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GENA SHOWALTER
THE VAMPIRE'S BRIDE

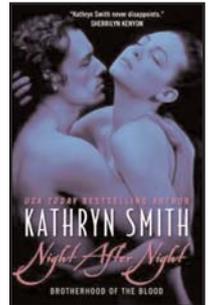
Atlantis #4. He is Layel, king of the vampires, a master seducer no woman can deny. But since a rogue horde of dragons killed his beloved over two centuries ago, Layel has existed only for vengeance... until he meets Delilah. Wary of love, the beautiful Amazon wants nothing to do with the tormented vampire. Yet there is no denying their consuming desire every time he nears her. Neither trusts the other nor can they survive alone... Pb \$16.95 384pp
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NALINI SINGH
ANGEL'S BLOOD

Guild Hunter #1. Hired by the archangel Raphael, a lethal being, vampire hunter Elena Devereaux, realising that failure is not an option, must track down a rogue archangel on a killing spree - a job that leads her into Raphael's seductive - and deadly - embrace. Pb \$18.95 368pp
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KATHRYN SMITH
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT

Brotherhood of the Blood #5. "Centuries ago, this magnificent chalice sealed my fate as a vampire and now I am its protector. Many have hunted me for it, but only Vivian has accomplished the task. Strong, lovely, haunted... I am more attracted to her than I should be, yet her loyalty lies with a man determined to bring about my destruction. But I am not so easily locked in a cage, and now the captive has become the captor. Though her stormy eyes tempt me, there is too much at stake - not merely my life, but the lives of my vampire Brotherhood. The battle to end all battles is just beginning, and I must fight, if I could only let my desire be damned." Pb \$16.95 384pp



JENNIFER ST GILES
KISS OF DARKNESS

Shadowmen #3. When Sam succumbs to an attack by the dark forces of Cinatas, Emerald enlists the help of their friends and a pair of Shadowmen shapeshifters in order to save Sam's life. Pb \$18.95 384pp
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NATALE STENZEL
BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HEART PLACE

Pandora #3. Daphne Forbes always knew the world was an odd place. Unlike most CPAs, she grew up the daughter of a druid. Unlike her father, she eschewed the supernatural. But magic was coming to trip her up. In the form of an enchanted cornerstone, it was set to knock Daphne's socks off, or at least one of her shoes, and the rest of her clothes were soon to follow. Magic filled Daphne, empowered her, shifted her shape and raged wild as a summer storm. Enter Tremayne. Whether the tormented newcomer was truly her guardian or something more sinister, one thing he wanted was clear. Daphne wanted him, too. She had spent her whole life with control but little power; this was just the opposite. She was suddenly between a magic stone and... someplace harder. Pb \$16.95 320pp

CHARLENE TEGLIA
ANIMAL ATTRACTION

Chandra Walker has a secret hidden in her genes - she's a rare female werewolf. Now that her all-male pack has located her, it's her destiny to sample each man's pleasures and choose a mate from among them - a mate who will become pack leader. Soon the strongest alphas are competing to bring Chandra the most ecstasy, but only one man will claim her. Pb \$32.00 320pp *Due Mar*



MARIO ACEVEDO
JAILBAIT ZOMBIE

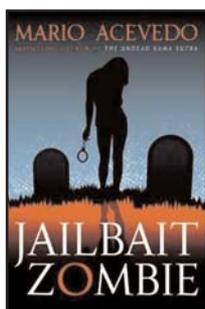
Felix Gomez #4.

Vampires versus
Zombies, round one...

Vampire detective
Felix Gomez has seen
a lot of weird things
since becoming one of
the undead -

nymphomaniacs,
aliens and X-rated
bloodsuckers, just to

name a few - but now he comes face-to-face with the worst sort of undead. To stop a ravenous army of zombies, Gomez must team up with a precocious teen with clairvoyant powers whose cooperation comes at a price: she won't help unless Felix makes her a vampire, if the zombies don't get her first. Tp \$34.00 384pp



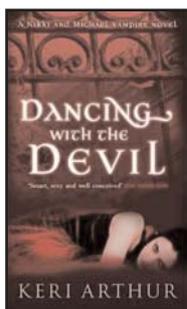
KERI ARTHUR
DANCING WITH THE DEVIL

Nikki & Michael #1.

Private Investigator
Nikki James grew up
on the tough streets of
Lyndhurst and believes
there is nothing left to
surprise her. That

changes the night she
follows teenager
Monica Trevgard and
becomes a pawn

caught in a war between two very different men. One fills her mind with his madness, the other pushes his way into her heart. Nikki knows how dangerous love can be but, if she wants to survive, she must place her trust in a man who could destroy her. For 300 years, Michael Kelly has existed in the shadows, learning to control the death cravings of a vampire. Nikki not only breaches his formidable barriers with her psychic abilities, but makes Michael believe he may finally have found a woman strong enough to walk by his side and to ease the loneliness in his heart. Pb \$19.99 304pp



S G BROWNE
BREATHERS: A ZOMBIE'S LAMENT

Meet Andy Warner, a recently deceased everyman and newly minted zombie. Resented by his parents and reviled by a society that no longer considers him human, Andy is having a bit of trouble adjusting to his new existence. But all that changes when he goes to an Undead Anonymous meeting and finds kindred souls in Rita, a sexy recent suicide with a taste for formaldehyde and Jerry, a car-crash victim with an exposed brain and a penchant for Renaissance pornography. When the group meets a rogue zombie who teaches them the joys of human flesh, things start to get messy and Andy embarks on a journey of self-discovery that will take him from his casket to the SPCA to a media-driven class-action lawsuit on behalf of the rights of zombies everywhere. Pb \$32.00 304pp *Due Mar*

JIM BUTCHER
SMALL FAVOUR

Dresden Files #10. Harry Dresden's life finally seems to be calming down, until a shadow from the past returns. Mab, monarch of the Sidhe Winter Court, calls in an old favour from Harry, one small favour that will trap him between a nightmarish foe and an equally deadly ally and that will strain his skills and loyalties to their very limits. Pb \$23.95 496pp

F G COTTAM
DARK ECHO

She is a seductive ship: a magnificent sailing yacht built for an American playboy. Yet her history is full of fatal accidents and three of Dark Echo's owners met tragic, violent deaths. Now she has been rebuilt, crossing the Atlantic with new owners. Only the truth about Harry Spalding, the man who built her, can save them from the same fate. It is a story of an evil man, an incredibly brave woman and a secret more powerful than any of them. Pb \$32.99

ELLEN DATLOW (ED)
INFERNO

The editor asked her favourite authors for stories that would "provide the reader with a frisson of shock, or a moment of dread so powerful it might cause the reader outright physical discomfort; or a sensation of fear so palpable that the reader feels compelled to turn on the bright lights and play music or seek the company of others to dispel the fear." As a result, here is a collection filled with some of the most powerful voices in the field: Pat Cadigan, Terry Dowling, Jeffrey Ford, Christopher Fowler, K W Jeter, Joyce Carol Oates and Lucius Shepard, to name a few. Each author approaches fear in a different way, but all of the stories' characters toil within their own hell. Pb \$36.00 384pp *Due Mar*

CHRIS MARIE GREEN
A DROP OF RED

Vampire Babylon #4. Hollywood stuntwoman-turned-vampire-hunter Dawn Madison, along with her comrades, managed to wipe out the Los Angeles Vampire Underground- and uncovered not only her own dark family heritage, but also a terrible truth about the man she loves. Now she's determined to find the next vampire lair, hoping it will help her to make more sense out of her life. When a new Underground is found in England, Dawn and a vampire-fighting team are dispatched to carry the fight to the enemy in London where she will discover that it's not only the beautiful people of Hollywood who are willing to bargain with evil. Pb \$34.00 320pp *Due Mar*

RAVEN HART
THE VAMPIRE'S REVENGE

Savannah Vampire #5. Jack McShane: lover, killer, family man and vampire. In the shadows of Savannah, with its hip nightspots and moss-draped oak trees, Jack is trying to save humankind from a threat it doesn't know it faces: an explosion of the otherworldly, the weird, the wanton and the wicked. Tourists are heading to Savannah for St Patrick's Day and Jack is racing through tunnels below the city to the edge of Hell itself to hold off a plot posed by the double-dead and demented. But Jack must also hold off his own desire for Connie Jones, the beautiful cop he turned into a vampire slayer... Pb \$16.95 336pp

MARK HENRY
ROAD TRIP OF THE LIVING DEAD

Amanda Feral #2. What's a zombie chick to do when her 'Mommie Dearest' gets sick? If you're Amanda Feral, you can either ignore the wicked old witch - or bury the past by visiting Ethel before she kicks it. So they hit the highway - their way. Of course, they'll have to navigate past some neo-Nazi skinheads, a horny dust devil, a hunky werewolf cop and an unsightly horde of supermarket shoppers. This trip is about to take a dangerous detour that could give road kill a brand new meaning. Pb \$34.00 288pp *Due Mar*

BRIAN KEENE
CASTAWAYS

They came to the lush, deserted island to compete on a popular reality TV show. Each one hoped to be the last to leave. Now they're just hoping to stay alive. It seems the island isn't deserted after all. Contestants and crew members are disappearing, but they aren't being eliminated by the game. They're being taken by the monstrous half-human creatures that live in the jungle. The men will be slaughtered. The women will be kept alive as captives. Night is falling, the creatures are coming, and rescue is so far away... Pb \$18.95 285pp

STEPHEN KING

STEPHEN KING GOES TO THE MOVIES

For the first time in one volume, come the stories of *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*, *Hearts in Atlantis (Low Men in Yellow Coats)*, *1408*, *The Mangler* and *Children of the Corn*. These five classic tales were turned into successful films starring some of the world's most famous actors from Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins in *The Shawshank Redemption* through Anthony Hopkins in *Hearts in Atlantis* to John Cusack in *1408*. Pb \$24.99 400pp

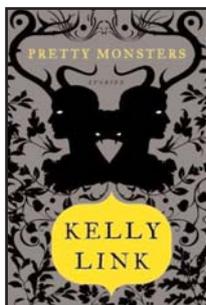
J F LEWIS STAKED

Void City #2. Eric has lost his strip club, his Mustang and even Marilyn, the elderly love of his (mortal) life. Even his body was obliterated. In short, they almost got him. But when you're a vampire, almost is a very important word. With a little magical help from his friends, Eric is restored to corporeal form, but his treasured Mustang gets caught up in the sorcery and winds up with an un-life of its own. Now, along with 'Fang the 'Stang,' he's out to save Marilyn from one of *Void City's* most powerful soul-stealing demons. Pb \$34.00 352pp *Due Mar*

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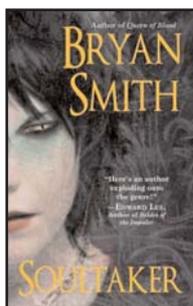


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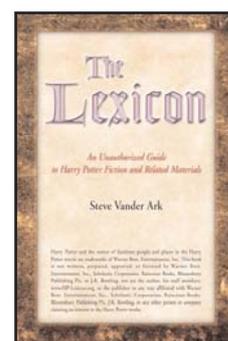
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Fool Moon (Dresden Files #2) by Jim Butcher (Pb \$19.99). Strangely enough, I didn't enjoy the first book in this series, **Storm Front**, (Pb \$19.99) but at my colleague's insistence I went ahead and gave the second book a try... and loved it! Butcher's narrative had improved and, as with any good ongoing series, these books are made up of loosely entwined story arcs, as well as the main plot dropping hints of past and future that had me reading each successive book as quickly as possible. I know I'm late to get on the Butcher bandwagon with my praise, but if you are a fan of urban fantasy, action and mystery, give the *Dresden Files* a go! - *Mark*

Evernight by Claudia Gray (Pb \$19.99, *Due April*). This is being touted as the next **Twilight** (there's a bit of that going around), which I have to say I didn't think it was, but I did really enjoy it and it had a twist that I did not see coming... - *Steph*

The Wolfman by Nicholas Pekearo (Hb \$48.00). I loved this! It's a werewolf story with a bit of a twist. Marlowe Higgins is the werewolf in question, a loner in trouble with the law, forced to move frequently because of his need to kill - and yet he is a likeable anti-hero. To assuage his guilt he only kills bad people, and when a serial killer moves into the town he lives in, he tries to do justice, with mixed results. I picked this up because of some pretty amazing reviews I'd read online. - *Steph*

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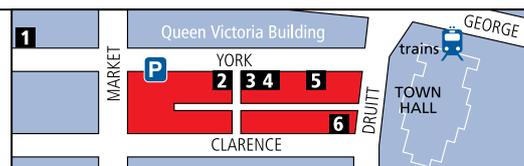
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