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NEBULA AWARD NOMINEES

Awarded annually by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America
Best Novel

- Farthing** by Jo Walton
From the Files of the Time Rangers by Richard Bowes
- The Girl in the Glass** by Jeffrey Ford
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- Seeker** by Jack McDevitt
- To Crush the Moon** by Wil McCarthy

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- Touching Darkness** by Scott Westerfeld
- Peeps** by Scott Westerfeld

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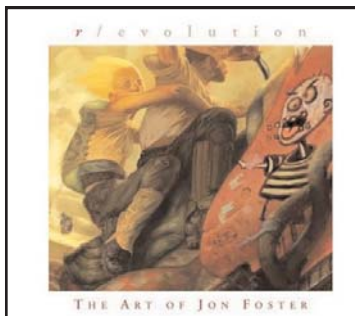
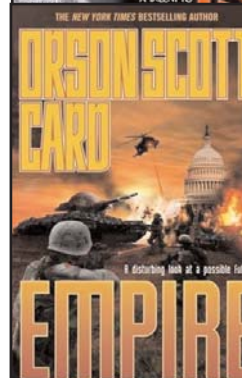
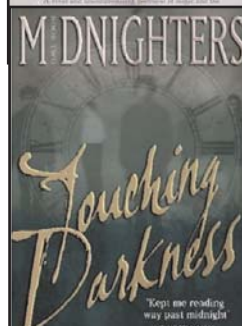
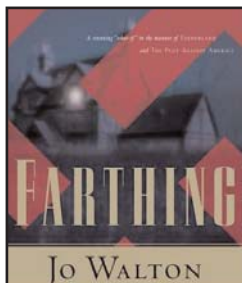
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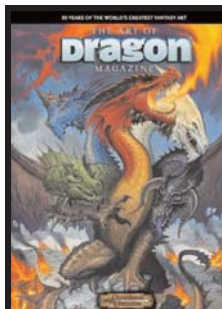
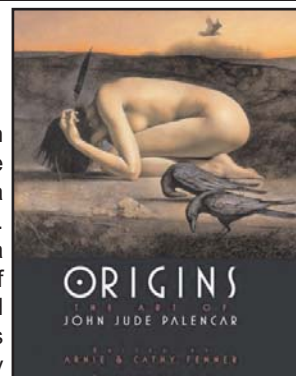
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JON ARMSTRONG

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For Michael Rivers, life is perfect. He is tall, handsome and worshipped by billions of fans around the globe. He is wealthy beyond measure, the heir apparent to one of the high-tech corporations that controls the world. He is fashionable, setting trends with his wardrobe of immaculate designer suits. And he is in love with Nora, his beautiful, witty and equally perfect fiancée. When an assassin's bullets pierce Michael's body before the cameras at a press junket, everything changes. Forcibly separated from Nora, his illusions shattered, Michael seeks to uncover the reasons behind the attempted assassination. Michael delves deep into his past, finding that all paths lead to a time when he was the golden boy, dancing furiously to the beat of notorious all-night Rage parties thrown by his father. Tp \$32.95 240pp

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Outlanders #40. The baronial civilisation that ruled postapocalyptic America stands on the threshold of a much more sinister plot - the complete domination of Earth. Pb \$16.95 349pp

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The Wopuld family built its fortune on a board game called *Empire*, now a hugely successful computer game. Young renegade Alban, who has been evading the family clutches for years, is run to ground and persuaded to attend the forthcoming family gathering - part birthday party, part Extraordinary General Meeting - convened by Win, Wopuld's matriarch and most powerful member of the board, at Garbadale, the family's highland castle. Being drawn back into the bosom of the clan brings an inevitable and disconcerting confrontation with Alban's past. What drove his mother to take her own life? And is he yet ready to see Sophie, his beautiful, enchanting cousin and teenage love, at the EGM? Grandmother Win's revelations will radically alter Alban's perspective for ever. Tp \$32.95 390pp

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Shannara #1. Long ago, the world of the Four Lands was torn apart by the wars of ancient Evil. But in the Vale, the half-human, half-elfin Shea Ohmsford now lives in peace, until the mysterious, forbidding figure of the druid Allanon appears, to reveal that the supposedly long dead Warlock Lord lives again. Shea must embark upon a quest to find the only weapon powerful enough to keep the creatures of darkness at bay: the fabled Sword of Shannara. Hb \$24.95 664pp

THE ELFSTONES OF SHANNARA

Shannara #2. Ancient, ultimate evil threatened the Elves and the Races of Man. For the Ellcrys, the tree of long-lost Elven magic, was dying, loosing the spell of Forbidding that locked the hordes of Demons away from Earth. Already the fearsome Reaper was free. Only one source had the power to stop it: the Elfstones of Shannara. Hb \$24.95 614pp

THE WISHSONG OF SHANNARA

Shannara #3. Horror stalks the Four Lands. The Ildatch, immemorial book of evil spells, has stirred to eldritch life, sending its foul Mord Wraiths to accomplish at last Mankind's destruction. Once again Allanon, ancient Druid Protector of the Races, must seek the help of a descendant of Jerle Shannara. Hb \$24.95 566pp

ANGELA CARTER

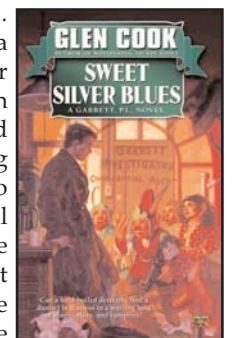
FIREWORKS









In this collection of short stories, the city of Tokyo turns into a mirrored chamber reflecting the impossible longings of an exiled Englishwoman abandoned by her Japanese lover, an itinerant puppet show becomes a theatre of murderous lust and a walk through the forest ends in a nightmarish encounter with a gun-toting nymph and her hermaphrodite 'aunt'. Pb \$22.95 153pp

GLEN COOK

SWEET SILVER BLUES

Garrett #1. It should have been a simple job. But for Garrett, a human detective in a world of gnomes, tracking down the woman to whom his dead pal Danny left a fortune in silver is no slight task. Even with the aid of Morley, the toughest half-elf around, Garrett isn't sure he'll make it out alive from a land where magic can be murder, the dead still talk and vampires are always hungry for human blood. Pb \$16.95 311pp



	
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The Sharing Knife #1

LOIS McMASTER BUJOLD

Pb \$18.95 384pp

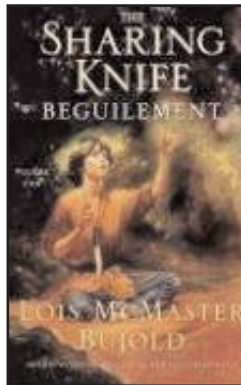
I can only think of a few authors who can turn their hand (and do it well) to so many genres. Bujold is one of them... This is a rare fantasy from this author – and a romance to boot.

Fawn is young and pregnant. The father is a cad (I'd love to use stronger language) and she is too scared and embarrassed at her gullibility to tell her family – so she runs away. Stopping at an inn and hiding in a tree, she witnesses Lakewalkers for the first time. These are a nomadic army of sorts. They supposedly carry weapons made from human bones and are themselves shrouded in mystery, rumour and old wives tales. They wield little-understood-magics to defeat creatures called Malices - although their existence could just be the stuff of scary stories as well, as far as Fawn is concerned. Fawn continues her trek to the city, but soon after is kidnapped by two men – one is definitely human – the other she's not so sure of. The not quite human one turns out to be a Malice. She is taken to a cave and is about to be killed when Dag (one of the Lakewalkers she saw at the inn) who has been tracking this particular Malice bursts in. In the ensuing melee, it isn't Dag who kills it, but Fawn, using Dag's Sharing Knife – an enchanted weapon and the only thing (when in the hands of a Lakewalker) capable of killing a Malice.

Fawn is in pretty bad shape after this and it takes several days for her to recuperate under the care of Dag. When she is well enough to travel, she and Dag rejoin his patrol in a nearby town.

The rest of the novel follows the two principal characters as we learn more about their pasts (Dag's in particular) and as the relationship between them develops. This relationship is met with a lot of scepticism and warnings, as not only do Lakewalkers rarely marry outside their own (in fact they have been accused of ensorcelling young women in the past), but Dag is old enough to be her father. The decision is made to take Fawn back to her family to let them know she is ok and to seek answers about what to do with the knife. Things get even more tense when Dag meets her family. I must say I love it when revenge is served cold...

I suspect this will be a 'love it or hate it' book for Bujold fans – there won't be much middle ground. It isn't a complicated story and it does feel like a set-up novel for the second book. The mystery of what to do with Dag's Sharing Knife that Fawn used to kill the Malice (and that she is now unquestionably linked to), and the magic that the Lakewalkers possess, isn't fully explained. I loved Fawn and Dag, the peripheral characters and the setting. I'm hanging out for the sequel to get some answers! - Stephanie



CLASSIC TITLE

THE LIST OF SEVEN

MARK FROST

Pb \$18.95 401pp

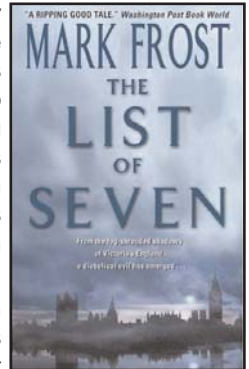
What was interesting, when I met my wife, was not how many of the same interests we both enjoyed, but the things she already enjoyed that I had yet to discover....One of those things being **Carrion Comfort** by Dan Simmons (this should be permanently in print – damn the publishers). Another is Mark Frost's duology about Arthur Conan Doyle, with the first book being **The List of Seven**.

History supposes that Arthur Conan Doyle based Sherlock Holmes on his med-school teacher Dr Joseph Bell. Not so, imagines Frost (co-creator of *Twin Peaks*) in his exciting and energetically theatrical first novel: *his* Holmes' template was Jack Sparks, a secret agent in the employ of Queen Victoria, who enlists Doyle as his Watson to combat a conspiracy aimed at nothing less than incarnating an Evil in human form.

Doyle is a young MD and writer who takes delivery of an anonymous missive imploring him to save "an innocent's life" from "fraudulent" practitioners of the "spiritual arts"; a letter phrased in the same Victorian language that Frost uses to tell his tale, and one appealing to the doctor's interest in psychic phenomena. It's this interest that has prompted Doyle to write about a Dark Brotherhood in a novel that has attracted the attention of the "7"; a real-life cabal of the black arts. The letter, sent by the cabal, takes Doyle to a séance where a demon manifests and several are slain, and from which Doyle escapes with the help of the aforementioned Jack Sparks, who for his deductive powers, violin playing and cocaine addiction, might just as well be called "Holmes".

The game is afoot as Sparks and Doyle race from one cliffhanger to the next, mixing it up with zombies, villains and femmes fatales; exploring secret tunnels and a walled castle; crossing paths with Bram Stoker, Madame Blavatsky, Jack the Ripper and Victoria Regina - even as The Dweller on the Threshold awaits its birth.... Unashamedly corny, but an enjoyable adventure yarn even so.

The second book, **The Six Messiahs**, (Pb \$18.95) is also a fine read although, to my mind, not quite up to the standard of the first. **The List of Seven** 9/10, **The Six Messiahs** 7.5/10 - Adam



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In a futuristic American wasteland in which families are fleeing to Europe, an injured Franklin Lopez joins forces with Margaret, a woman suffering from a deadly infection and confined to the Pesthouse to either recover or die alone, as the two discover that their dreams of a safe and secure future mean following an unexpected path. Tp \$32.95 304pp

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Isabelle's visionary art frees ancient spirits. As a student of the cruel, brilliant artist Vincent Rushkin, she discovered she could paint images so vividly real they brought her wildest fantasies to life. But when the forces she unleashed brought tragedy to those she loved, she turned her back on her talent and on her dreams. Now, 20 years later, Isabelle must unlock the slumbering power of her brush and, in a dark reckoning with her old master, she must find the courage to live out her dreams and bring the magic back to life. Tp \$35.00 400pp

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TOBIAS DRUITT

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DAVE DUNCAN

 **THE ALCHEMISTS APPRENTICE**

To the legendary Nostradamus, the future is forever in motion. But for young swordsman Alfeo Zeno, his apprentice and protector, the present is hard enough to contend with. His days are spent poring over astrology charts and making calculations, his nights learning arcane magic or transcribing Nostradamus's prophecies. Then the Council of Ten arrives to take the seer into custody. It seems that a friend of the prince died under mysterious circumstances after Nostradamus cast his horoscope. Rumours are swirling that he poisoned the victim to enhance his reputation. Nostradamus refuses to flee and instead charges Alfeo with the task of clearing his name. Now, Alfeo must unravel a web of magic and murder if he is to have any future of his own. Tp \$29.95 313pp

 **MOTHER OF LIES**

Famliy #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. Stralg's sister Saltaja is 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. And the four heirs of Celebre, each with god-given expertise in their respective fields of artistry, combat, wisdom, or death, are wending their way back over the Edge to their birthplace. Hb \$54.00 336pp

DAVID & LEIGH EDDINGS

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The Dreamers #4. Tribes of humans, the sea and the earth, the weather and creatures of the deep will all play their part in the epic struggle against the hive mentality of the Lord of the Wasteland. But the world is out of kilter, it is being dreamed, and the awakening of gods is no simple transition. Pb \$18.95 420pp

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This story centres on a mysterious enclave protecting a lost culture, a hidden city in the wilderness where stranded aliens struggle to preserve their fragile society. Hoping for a better life, many have fled the Secret City in favour of trying to survive in the harsh human world, others remain concealed, living out a fading memory in hope of deliverance. When the mythical rescuers suddenly arrive, insisting on an immediate interplanetary return, these very-human aliens discover that neither world is truly their own. Tp \$32.95 209pp

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This is the story of Ramstan, captain of al-Buraq, a rare model starship. It is capable of alaraf drive: instantaneous travel between two points of space. Three of these special ships were built to explore and make contact with the many sentient races inhabiting the universe. Suddenly, one of the ships mysteriously disappears. And then it is discovered that an unidentifiable creature is marauding through the universe, totally annihilating intelligent life on planet after planet. Ranstan, a thoughtful and moral man, becomes a fascinated, yet reluctant, pawn in the hands of the strange forces which arise to fight the deadly destroyer. Ultimately, he is the one man who, in a fearful race against time, can stop the destruction. But what price must he pay for becoming the saviour of intelligent-kind? Tp \$29.95 243pp

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 **INTIMATE DANGER**

Scientist Clancy McRae is furious to learn that the nanotechnology she developed to enhance animal capabilities has been tested on humans, especially when the animal test subjects begin to go berserk. Compelled to warn and help the soldiers involved in the experiment, she meets Mike Gannon, who has no idea he's received the dangerous implant. Mike has always operated in a world of black and white, good and evil, unwilling to let anyone close enough to him to get hurt. Now he and Clancy must team up against those who would do anything and hurt anyone to keep the experiment a secret... Tp \$29.95 345pp

ELIOT FINTUSHEL

 **BREAKFAST WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE**

Meet Lea Tillim, aka Cadaver Dimples, Star of Morgues and Emergency Rooms. Scarecrow thin, with a sharp crew cut and a dead face, Lea's a girl with a talent. She can think you into a heart attack if you cross her, or, if she's feeling kind, just a bad case of indigestion. She has only one friend in the world, her cat, Tule. You see, a girl like Lea can't be too careful whom she shows her talent to. In her experience, it only leads to troubles and tragedies. Now it's led her to Jack Konar, who's secretly building something strange and wonderful in an abandoned section of the local Sears and Roebuck. According to Jack, it's all part of a master plan to rescue the Chosen from this godforsaken planet. But the agents of the Evil Ones, cleverly disguised as ordinary people and sometimes even cats, are trying to stop him. Tp \$27.00 275pp

DAVE FREER

 **A MANKIND WITCH**

Princess Signy is the King's older stepsister. Everyone believes her to be the thief, a witch and murderess. Everyone but Cair, her stable-thrall, an ocean-plucked man with a hidden past. Cair doesn't believe in witches or magic, let alone that Signy could steal and murder. And if he has to drag the foremost knight of the age and his bodyguard kicking and screaming through the entire Norse underworld to prove it, he'll do it. He doesn't believe in this superstitious rubbish. He's a man of science and he's used that to fake his way into being feared as magic-worker. But for Signy, he'll be all of mankind's witches. He'll have to be. Because that's what it'll take to defeat the dark magic's massed against her. Pb \$18.95 499pp



KATHLEEN O'NEAL GEAR

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Keira, warrior-queen of the galaxy, is as famous for her beauty, as she is for avoiding marriage. But when an upstart little planet called Earth threatens her world with its fleet of spaceships, the fate of her people lies in her hands. She must bind herself to a barbarian from the rogue world, or face the destruction of her own. Pb \$16.95 378pp

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JOE HALDEMAN

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BRENT HARTINGER

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Tales of Slumberia #1. 11-year-old Julie Fray is living a nightmare. Her parents are fighting so much she can't even escape when she goes to sleep. Every night she has horrible dreams, and all she wants is for them to stop. Then one night she wakes up *inside* her dream, in the studio where her dreams are produced. There is even a star who looks just like Julie who plays her in her dreams. Julie learns that if she can somehow find the people responsible for producing her dreams, she might be able to make them less scary. But it won't be easy: the tiny tear in the fabric of her consciousness that let her fall into the dream studio in the first place is closing fast... and she could be trapped inside her own head forever! Even worse, it turns out that when Julie fell into her dreams, Vivian, the actress who plays Julie in her dreams, escaped into the waking world and the fake Julie will stop at nothing to take over Julie's life. Hb \$37.00 160pp

JESSICA INCLAN

  **BELIEVE IN ME**

Felix Valasay, one of a powerful clan of telepaths and healers, lives a charmed life of blender drinks and pleasuring women. He's less than thrilled to be interrupted mid-hookup by notorious Croyant straight arrow, Sayblee Safipour, who has always proved immune to Felix's efforts to impress her. To set a trap for a powerful dark sorcerer, Felix and Sayblee must pose as an ordinary, non-magical couple. For Sayblee, keeping her mind shut against the dark forces trying to find them is tough, but resisting Felix's hot body and sexy smiles is nearly impossible. And sometimes, the only thing to do with temptation is to yield to it...Tp \$29.00 264pp

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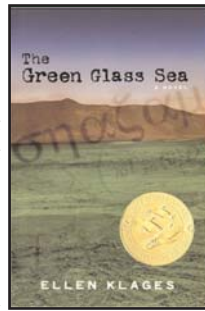
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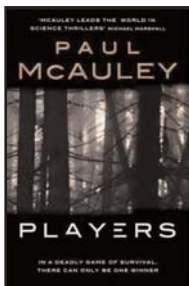
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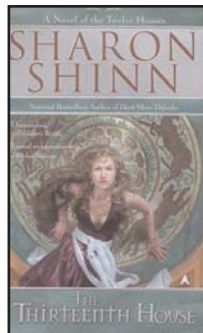
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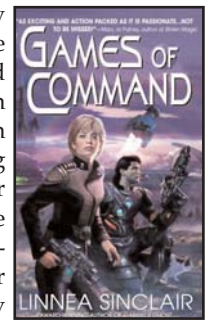
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Case Lambert is a real estate prospector who restores old houses, then sells them for profit. He has just bought a dilapidated mansion so amazing that he wants to keep it for himself, but the house appears to be haunted. A few inquiries lead him to Megan Barrows. Megan at first refuses to help, but Case is a master of persuasion. Moving into the mansion, they discover that one of the ghosts has a thing for Case and there may be even more amorous spirits inside this veritable paranormal vortex. But it soon becomes clear that no one - dead or alive - can stop Megan and Case from ending up in each other's arms... Pb \$16.95 340pp

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Dark-hunter #9. Susan Michaels is a reporter on a mission to resurrect her professional reputation and she only has to brave her cat allergy at a local animal shelter to follow the lead that could get her off the tabloid beat forever, but she gets more than she bargained for when she inadvertently adopts one of the cats... As soon as she gets home the cat turns into a gorgeous naked man. Ravyn is entirely unique, a Were-Hunter who became a Dark-Hunter as well. Suddenly, Susan is pulled into Ravyn's mysterious world - one full of danger and magic. And, despite the way he makes her sneeze, despite the danger that swirls around him, she can't resist him... Pb \$19.95 322pp

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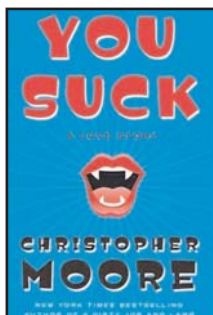
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Being dead sucks. Make that being undead sucks. Literally. Just ask Thomas C Flood. Waking up after a fantastic night unlike anything he's ever experienced, he discovers that his girlfriend, Jody - the woman of his dreams - is a vampire. And surprise! Now he's one, too. For some couples, the whole biting-and-blood thing would have been a deal breaker. But Tommy and Jody are in love and they vow to work through their issues. Making the relationship work, however, is the least of Jody and Tommy's problems. Word has it that the vampire who nibbled on Jody wasn't supposed to be recruiting any new members into the club. Even worse, Tommy's erstwhile turkey-bowling pals are out to get him, at the urging of a blue-dyed Las Vegas call girl named (duh) Blue. And that really sucks. Hb \$48.00 328pp



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Shortly after World War I, a troubled man accepts a solitary assignment as a 'weather official' on a tiny, remote island on the edge of the Antarctic. When he arrives, the predecessor he is meant to replace is missing and a deeply disturbed stranger is barricaded in a heavily fortified lighthouse. Gruner, the man inhabiting the lighthouse, approaches the newcomer at first as an adversary and obstacle to his continued survival. As night falls, though, the two find that their tenuous partnership may be the only way they survive the onslaught of the unspeakably horrific reptilian creatures that ravage the island at night, attacking the lighthouse in their organised efforts to find warm-blooded food. Pb \$29.00 233pp

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Demonata #3. When a legendary cult director calls in Dervish as consultant for a new horror movie, it seems a perfect excuse for a break from routine and a chance for some fun. But being on the set of a town called Slawter stirs up more than memories for Grubbs and his friend Bill-E. Pb \$15.00 240pp

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The men on board, Her Britannic Majesty's Ships Terror and Erebus had every expectation of triumph. They were part of Sir John Franklin's 1845 expedition, as scientifically advanced an enterprise as had ever set forth, and theirs were the first steam-driven vessels to go in search of the fabled North-West Passage. But the ships have now been trapped in the Arctic ice for nearly two years. Coal and provisions are running low. Yet the real threat isn't the constantly shifting landscape of white or the flesh-numbing temperatures, dwindling supplies or the vessels being slowly crushed by the unyielding grip of the frozen ocean. No, the real threat is far more terrifying. There is something out there that haunts the frigid darkness, which stalks the ships, snatching one man at a time - mutilating, devouring. A nameless thing, at once nowhere and everywhere, this terror has become the expedition's nemesis. Tp \$32.95 769pp

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After saving the world from his fiendish father's side of the family, Cal Leandros and his stalwart half-brother Niko have settled down with new digs and a new gig-bodyguard and detective work. And in New York City, where preternatural beings stalk the streets just like normal folk, business is good. Their latest case has them going undercover for the Kin - the werewolf Mafia. A low-level Kin boss thinks a rival is setting him up for a fall and wants proof. The place to start is the back room of Moonshine, a gambling club for non-humans. Cal thinks it's a simple in-and-out job. But Cal is very, very wrong. Cal and Niko are being set up themselves-and the people behind it have a bite much worse than their bark... Pb \$16.95 338pp

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NEW MOON

Marshall #4. Landscape architect Logan Marshall is out for a jog in his werewolf form, when a trap catches his paw. He is saved by a female werewolf, Rinna, a shapeshifter from another dimension, whose enemy seeks to destroy her - and earth. Pb \$18.95 323pp

What We've Been Reading...

Ysabel by Guy Gavriel Kay (Hb \$54.00). My love for this author won't shock anyone. This was a good book. It would have been a great book, if it hadn't taken me two weeks to read it. It took Phil to remind me that one of the characters is directly out of the *Fionavar Tapestry*, is just plain embarrassing, but I blame sleep deprivation. - *Steph*

The Ladies of Grace Adieu by Susanna Clarke (Hb \$45.00). This beautiful hardcover contains eight stories, evoking a style of fairytale in the vein of Neil Gaiman and Charles De Lint. Indeed, one story is set in the world of Gaiman's *Stardust*, while another references characters from *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*. A bit like Jane Austen in Faerie, this is a fine collection and is recommended for devotees of fairytales. The icing on the cake are the illustrations by Charles Vess. - *David*

The Somnambulist by Jonathan Barnes (Tp \$32.95). Combining a mystery with a dash of the fantastic, think Sherlock Holmes crossed with H G Wells and the BBC's *League of Gentlemen*, and you'll have an idea of what this debut novel concerning Victorian England and a supernatural plot to bring chaos to London is all about.

Private detective Edward Moon discovers a most unlikely enemy lurking underneath the city and with a cast of colourful characters to propel his story along, this book, while not amazing, is well worth the read. - *David*

Lover Revealed (Black Dagger Brotherhood #4) (Pb \$18.95) by J R Ward. I've given this 4.5 hearts! Ward is a fantastic spooky-love writer and if you're not reading her, you are seriously missing out. Devotees will know this was one to watch out for.

It's the story of Butch and Marissa... and Butch is the only human in the brotherhood and Marissa is practically an aristocrat! I de-VOURED this book in about 2 hours and I was so glued to the page, I didn't even get a cup of tea! It's a good story, with all the romantic tension, violence and snappy dialogue fans would expect, only this book is liberally peppered with heart-warming, smile-making moments, because Butch is painfully in love, but classically unable to express it. Also, this book totally met my expectations and then surpassed them by adding a whole new layer of awesome to the mythology behind the love story. Oh and thank you to the dozens of fans who called the store on the days leading up to the release. I hadn't seen that level of frantic anticipation since **Danse Macabre** and we sold out of **Lover Revealed** WAY faster! Bring on book 5, **Lover Unbound** (Due October)! - *Sofia*

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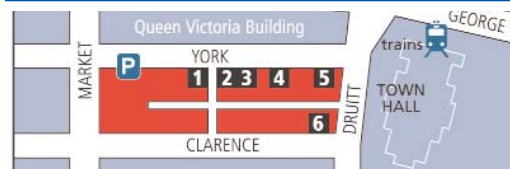
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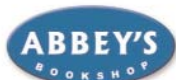
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