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BEST NOVEL

Saturn Returns by Sean Williams

BEST NOVELLA/NOVELETTE

A Lady of Adestan by Cat Sparks

BEST SHORT STORY

The Dark and What It Said by Rick Kennett

BEST COLLECTED WORK (TIE)

The New Space Opera

edited by Jonathan Strahan & Gardner Dozois

Fantastic Wonder Stories

edited by Russell B Farr

BEST ART WORK

Nick Stathopolous for the **Rynemonn** cover

BEST FAN WRITER

Robert Hood

BEST FAN ART

'Exterminate!' Dalek Postcards

by Kathryn Linge

BEST FAN PRODUCTION

2007 Snapshot Project by Alisa Krasnostein, Ben Payne, Alexandra Pierce, Tansy Rayner Roberts, Kathryn Linge, Kaaron Warren and Rosie Clarke

BEST FANZINE

Not If You Were the Last Short Story on Earth

edited by Alisa Krasnostein, Ben Payne, Alexandra Pierce, Tansy Rayner Roberts.

BEST PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Andromeda Spaceways Publishing

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BEST FAN ACHIEVEMENT

Alisa Krasnostein for *ASiF!*

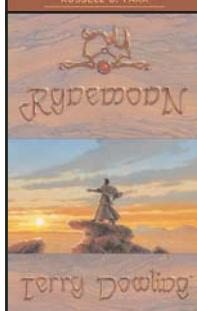
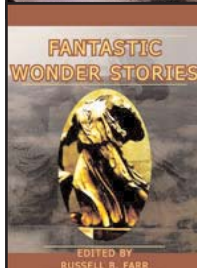
(Australian Speculative Fiction in Focus!)

BEST NEW TALENT

Tehani Wessely

WILLIAM ATHELING JR AWARD

Grant Watson for *The Bad Film Diaries*



HUGO AWARD NOMINEES

BEST NOVEL

Brasyl by Ian McDonald

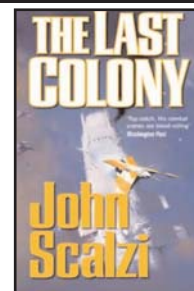
Halting State by Charles Stross

The Last Colony by John Scalzi

Rollback by Robert J Sawyer

The Yiddish Policemen's Union

by Michael Chabon



PHILIP K DICK AWARD WINNER

Nova Swing by M John Harrison



Anzac Day

Friday 25 Apr (Public Holiday)

10am - 5pm

Abbey's Turns 40

A Continuing Retrospective - Part 4

Along the way, we opened various specialist bookshops to enhance the range of books we offered. We opened Galaxy Bookshop - specialising in science fiction, fantasy and horror - in Bathurst Street in 1975. Over the years, this shop moved to Castlereagh Street, Clarence Street and now York Street, just five doors away from Abbey's.

We started Language Book Centre in 1976 at 129 York Street having taken it over from Mrs Irom's E F & G Bookshop (English, Foreign & General) and thereby hangs a long tale in itself! We also had another general bookshop, intended for swinging young people, in the brand new Centrepont, but that was a dire failure.

Our version of Vanity Publishing (I call it Vanity Bookselling) was Henry Lawson's Bookshop, which we opened in 1973 in the newly refurbished Royal Arcade beneath the Sydney Hilton. Some years later we moved this beautiful shop - complete with specially designed, Federation-style fixtures and interesting historical memorabilia - to York Street, next to Language Book Centre. We carried only Australian books and books on the Pacific, including many Natural History books, since the shop's manager, David McPhee, was a renowned expert on snakes! We made very little profit from Henry Lawson's, but we were intensely proud of it. In a way, the successful growth of Australian publishing overtook the need for this specialist shop, which is a good thing. We held our first annual Zonta Meet the Author Event at Henry Lawson's in 1982 as part of the Women and Arts Festival. Authors attending were Blanche D'Alpuget, Jessica Anderson, Barbara Jefferis, Sandra Hall, Elizabeth Riddell and Fay Zwicky.

Eve Abbey

Henry Lawson's Bookshop, circa 1979



BRITISH SF ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS

NOVEL

Brasyl by Ian McDonald

SHORT FICTION

Lighting Out by Ken MacLeod

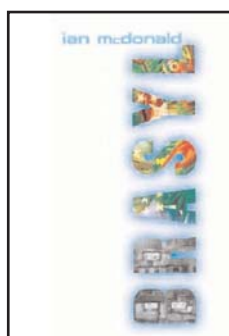
ARTWORK

Cracked World (the cover of **disLocations** ed by Ian Whates) by Andy Bigwood

BEST NOVEL OF 1958

a special category celebrating the BSFA's 50th anniversary



Non-Stop by Brian Aldiss



SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY


ALEXANDRA ADORNETTO

LAMPO CIRCUS

  *Strangest Adventures #2.* Lured by the bright lights and the Big Tent, the children of Drabville are transported to the grim world of the Conjurers' Realm and thrown into a gladiatorial school where they must endure gruelling routines and inedible meals. Worse, it seems that Lord Aldor has returned and assisted by Ringmaster Lampo and the vicious Contessa Bombasta is plotting to conquer the fairy province of Mirth. With new-found allies, the children embark on a quest to warn the Queen of Mirth. Hb \$20.00 208pp


STEPHEN ALTER

ISLAND OF THE PHANTOMS

 When three children break into the town library to read from a book of sorcery, little do they realise they are about to raise the dead. But the ghosts they conjure up aren't your average ghosts. These spirits were captured long ago on an island in the middle of the Indian Ocean - Ilhas dos Fantasmas - a place where the living and the dead once co-existed peacefully. But all that ended when a visiting missionary trapped the image of the spirits with a special camera nearly 80 years ago. Now confined to the pages of a few dozen library books, the ghosts must rely on the three children and a determined librarian to work out how to free them. Pb \$15.95 288pp


DAVID AMBROSE

THE MAN WHO TURNED INTO HIMSELF

 In the middle of an important meeting, businessman Rick Hamilton has a terrible premonition - his wife is about to die. Racing to save her, he finds her lifeless body in the road, her car crushed by a truck. The light dwindles from his eyes... and then she is alive again, begging for help and Rick Hamilton no longer is himself, but another man with another life and a different history. Pb \$25.95 208pp *Due Apr*



ILONA ANDREWS

MAGIC BURNS

 *Kate Daniels #2.* As a mercenary who cleans up after magic gone wrong, Kate Daniels knows how waves of paranormal energy ebb and flow across Atlanta like a tide. But once every seven years, a flare comes, a time when magic runs rampant. When Kate sets out to retrieve a set of stolen maps for the Pack, Atlanta's paramilitary clan of shape shifters, she quickly realises much more is at stake. The stolen maps are only the opening gambit in an epic tug of war between two gods hoping for rebirth and if Kate can't stop the cataclysmic showdown, the city may not survive. Pb \$13.95 800pp


CATHERINE ASARO

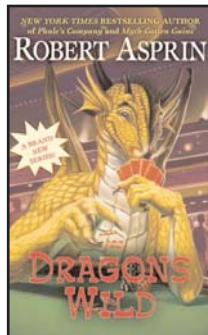
THE LAST HAWK

  *Saga of the Skolian #3.* When Kelric, a scion of the imperial family of Skolia, crash-lands his fighter on the off-limits planet of Coba, he figures it will be only a short time before he makes his way home. But he fails to account for the powerful matriarchy of Coba, the mistresses of the great estates who do not want the Empire to know about their recent cultural advances. First they take him prisoner. Then, one by one, the most powerful women on the planet fall in love with him! Pb \$15.95 480pp *Due Apr*

ROBERT ASPRIN



DRAGON'S WILD

 A low-stakes con artist and killer poker player, Griffen 'Grifter' McCandles graduated college fully expecting his wealthy family to have a job waiting for him. Instead, his mysterious uncle reveals a strange family secret - Griffen and his sister, Valerie, are actually dragons. Unwilling to let Uncle Mal take him under his wing, so to speak, Griffen heads to New Orleans with Valerie to make a living the only way he knows how and even the criminal underworld of the French Quarter will heat up when Griffen lands in town. Pb \$27.95 320pp




AMELIA ATWATER-RHODES

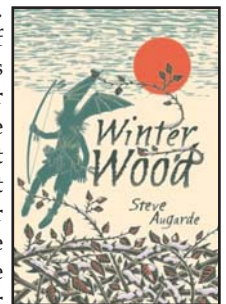
WOLFCRY

  *Kiesha Ra #4.* Oliza Shardae Cobriana is heir to Wyvern's Court, home of the avians and serpente, whose war with each other ended just before Oliza was born. But hatred is slow to die and not everyone likes the expressive way in which Urban, a serpente dancer, is courting Oliza, especially not Marus, her reserved avian suitor. And when Urban is found beaten in avian land, Oliza is filled with despair. How can she be expected to lead a unified society if her people still cannot live peacefully together? Before Oliza can try to mend the rift in Wyvern's Court, she is kidnapped by mercenaries, who take her deep into wolves' territory. As Wyvern princess, all Oliza has ever wanted is to see a future where she can find love and take a mate without inciting another war. Pb \$15.95 208pp *Due Apr*

STEVE AUGARDE


WINTER WOOD

 *Various #3.* Midge's discovery of the hidden tribes is like a dream to her now, their existence all but forgotten - but then a voice calls out to her in the winter darkness. The Various have returned and their desperation has made them all the more dangerous. They must travel to Elysse or perish. The only way that Midge can help the little people is by tracing the whereabouts of her great-great-aunt Celandine. But Celandine must be long dead, surely? Hb \$32.95 512pp




CHAZ BRENCHLEY

RIVER OF THE WORLD

 *Selling Water by the River #2.* Born to be enemies, Issel of the Sund and Jendre of the Maras have joined forces to save both their peoples and lands from the tyranny of a regime, but Issel's magical power over water may consume him before he can save them all. Pb \$15.95 320pp

BEN BOVA (ED)

NEBULA AWARDS SHOWCASE 2008

 This annual tradition from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America collects the best of the year's stories, as well as essays and commentary on the current state of the genre and predictions for future science fiction and fantasy films, art and more. This year's award-winning authors include Jack McDevitt, James Patrick Kelly, Peter S Beagle, Elizabeth Hand and more. The anthology also features essays from celebrated science fiction authors Orson Scott Card and Mike Resnick. Pb \$32.95 400pp

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
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NEW TITLE

THE ACCIDENTAL SORCERER

ROGUE AGENT #1

K E MILLS

PB \$25.00

During a routine inspection of Stuttley's Superior Staff Factory, Gerald Dunwoody, an inexperienced wizard from the town of Nether Wallop, accidentally aids an explosion which should have turned him from person into smouldering crater, but he inexplicably survives. This is not a good thing, as it just means they now have someone to blame.

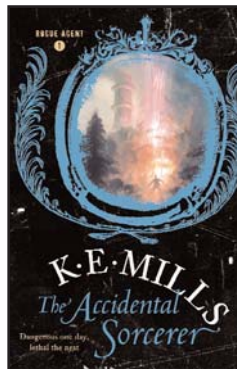
He then gets fired from his miserable, low level, bureaucratic joke of a job and crawls home to his chamber pot, his bed with the busted springs and his can of baked beans.

Meanwhile, in the not-too-distant city of New Ottosland, Princess Melissande is just barely coping with her two older brothers, the butterfly-mad Rupert, and the just plain mad King Lionel. Although having been on the throne less than a year, Lionel has already dismissed the council members and gone through several court wizards. Melly (Melissande) is one of the least princess-like characters in recent memory, a multi-faceted heroine with plenty of promise. Lionel then adds the responsibility of Prime Minister to her duties under the reasoning: Well, it's only a small kingdom, how hard can it be?

This is an excellent read. Most of the time it's a light adventure with an unfortunate wizarding wannabe, but after certain events the story hits the level of unputdownable and you just have to finish it. The tone changes, the magic is suddenly more dangerous and the plot rushes headlong into a very satisfying ending which opens all sorts of doors and provides material for the rest of the books in the series. The characterisation is also very well done. Every character is an interesting person and this really propels the story forward. Reg, the side-kick talking bird, is a brilliant creation. She possesses more magical knowledge than Gerald and hints at a mysterious past as a royal, not to mention the fact that she never shuts up.

That having been said, the lesser characters of Lionel and Rupert are just as interesting. The author seems to suggest that if eccentric royals were confined simply to their bizarre hobbies, like butterfly-raising, there would be less war and less chaos in general in the world. There is much more to Lionel than first meets the eye though. The key lies in his royal blood and the powers held by the former News Ottosland kings. Generations of have reduced their former powers to parlour tricks, but what if dangerously unbalanced Lionel found a way to recover his powers?

I can readily foresee Mills accumulating fans very quickly. Pratchett fans will enjoy her for the unconventional and cheerful parody in her narration. Also this is one to try if you have ever read Jim C Hines or Jasper Fforde. Incidentally, Mills is a pseudonym for another well-known author, maybe even the one that K E Mills sits next to on the shelves here at Galaxy. - Sofia



NEW TITLE

BONE SONG

TRISTOPOLIS #1

JOHN MEANEY

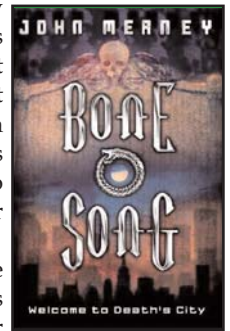
PB \$23.00

I will be the first to admit this is a highly unusual choice of book for me. I was putting its sequel onto the system and it really piqued my interest, so I picked it up. I admit that I could have put it down in the first ten pages or so – as mentioned this isn't my usual reading fare – but decided to read outside the box and was rewarded for it.

In a far future society called Tristopolis, the dead are stored in underground facilities and their psychic energy is used to power the generators that power the city – their souls tortured for eternity. Above-ground is a bustling, futuristic city with a gothic feel. Gargoyles (that sometimes move) adorn buildings and many things we are familiar with (lights, elevators, etc) are powered by indentured semi-living wraiths, beings with no rights and nothing to do but their job. Cars and bikes can house one of these wraiths, allowing the vehicle to respond to the driver's thoughts and to morph to varying degrees.


Donal Riordan is a Police Lieutenant – and a good one. When an international Opera Diva is scheduled to arrive in Tristopolis, he is to head her protection detail. In recent times there have been a series of high-profile murders. Someone is killing artists – singers, poets, painters – and collecting their bones. The bones contain an incredibly strong psychic resonance of the people they come from (as Donal discovers when he goes to the catacombs and gets too close to a clean-up team decked out for our equivalent of a nuclear cleanup and who are holding the smallest sliver of a human bone from one of the generators). Donal's job is to keep her alive – and things go to hell in a handbasket pretty quickly. She's killed, Donal is put under a psychic spell and absconds with the body, only to have a special-ops team led by Commander Laura Steele bust in and Donal ends up in an unusual hospital having his head put back together. The story then digresses as Donal joins Laura's team, who are investigating a secret society called the Black Circle. Suspected of being behind the murders, its members are thought to be high-ranking political figures, possibly even the head of the police department. Laura is another class of citizen – a zombie. She was killed and reanimated, and eventually she and Donal become involved. As the team investigates the secret society, the case just seems to keep expanding, until it's brought back in with a tidy conclusion. Having put its sequel onto the database, I knew (at least in part) what happens – but I won't spoil it.

It's a bit of a platypus of a book. Far future SF, dark fantasy, sort of noir-mystery (but not quite dystopia) with a bit of romance to boot. A bit of the imagery didn't gel for me, but wow – most of it did. I was seriously impressed by this as my brain doesn't do well with far-future SF in general. In some ways it sort of reminded me of watching *Bladerunner*. The city, buildings, vehicles, catacombs, even the non-corporeal wraiths were just incredible. I just love the way Meaney has mixed such different elements. I am really looking forward to reading the sequel **Dark Blood** (Tp \$33.00, due May). - Steph




ROBERT BUETTNER

ORPHAN'S JOURNEY

 *Orphan #3.*In the years since the last Slug War, Jason's command style hasn't made him any friends in the Army. Now, in an effort to keep him out of trouble, the Army has sent Jason to the vast, Earth-orbiting resort called New Moon. At the core of this enormous space station is a starship, a relic from the last war. When a test run of the ship goes wrong, Jason, along with a handful of others, will be torn from orbit and thrust into space. Now, stranded on an alien planet, Jason realises that not only are his friends are looking to him for rescue, but an entire planet sees him as their only hope. Pb \$13.95 496pp


ALAN CAMPBELL

IRON ANGEL

 *The Deepgate Codex #2.* After a destructive battle, the ancient swaying city of Deepgate has been overtaken. Most of the chains that suspend it have given way, toxic fumes are emanating from blazing structures and the temple once inhabited by the ruling Presbyter now dangles upside down above the once-uncharted abyss. The victorious Spine have initiated martial law and are ruthlessly pursuing all who attempt to leave. Amid the turmoil, two captives are returned. Arriving by ship are the young angel Dill, now toughened by war and traitor assassin Rachel Hael. Incarcerated in the slowly crumbling temple, the two await their fate, while from the abyss beneath them ghosts rise for the death of the god Ulcis has left open the gates to Hell. Hb \$49.95 432pp *Due Apr*


ORSON SCOTT CARD

KEEPER OF DREAMS

 This huge new collection of the short stories of one of science fiction's most beloved and popular writers is sure to please his millions of fans. The volume contains 24 stories, Card's new introductions for each story and commentary on his life and work. Like the earlier *Maps in a Mirror*, this collection is a definitive retrospective of the short fiction career of the writer that *The Houston Post* called "the best writer science fiction has to offer." Hb \$56.00 400pp *Due April*

CASSANDRA CLARE

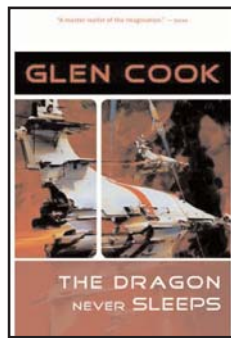
CITY OF ASHES

 *The Mortal Instruments #2.* Clary Fray just wishes that her life would go back to normal. But what's normal when you're a demon-slaying Shadowhunter, your mother is in a magically induced coma and you can suddenly see Downworlders like werewolves, vampires, and faeries? Clary's only chance to help her mother is to track down rogue Shadowhunter Valentine, who is probably insane, certainly evil - and also her father. To complicate matters, someone in New York City is murdering Downworlder children. Is Valentine behind the killings - and if he is, what is he trying to do? Hb \$36.00 432pp

GLEN COOK


DRAGON NEVER SLEEPS

  For 4,000 years, the Guardships have ruled Canon Space - immortal ships with an immortal crew, dealing swiftly and harshly with any mercantile houses or alien races that threaten the status quo. But now the House Tregesser has an edge. A force from outside Canon Space offers them the resources to throw off Guardship rule. This precipitates an avalanche of unexpected outcomes, including the emergence of Kez Maeefe, one of the few remaining generals of the Ku Warrior race - the only race to ever seriously threaten Guardship hegemony. Kez Maeefe and a motley group of aliens, biological constructs and scheming aristocrats find themselves at the centre of the conflict. Maeefe must choose which side he will support, the Guardships, who defeated and destroyed his race, or the unknown forces outside Canon Space that promise more death and destruction. Tp \$29.95 288pp



JULIE E CZERNEDA (Ed)


MISSPELLED

 17 tales of spells gone awry. When it comes to magic, skipping the directions, changing the ingredients, or garbling the words of a spell can lead to unusual consequences - sometimes dire, sometimes comical. Included in these stories are just a few of the possible results - a cybermancer has her spell disk corrupted by some unexpected input, two students brewing up spells outside the curriculum forgo a critical ingredient, a young woman orders a fairy-tale life, but forgets to read the fine print. Now they're really spellbound... Pb \$15.95 320pp *Due Apr*

ELLEN DATLOW (Ed)


THE DEL REY BOOK OF

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY: 16 ORIGINAL WORKS BY SPECULATIVE FICTION'S FINEST VOICES

 Exemplifying the best in contemporary science fiction and fantasy, an anthology of short fiction and fantasy, an anthology of original short fiction features such authors as *John Campbell Award* winner, Elizabeth Bear, *World Fantasy Award* winner Jeffrey Ford and new author Margo Lanagan. Pb \$29.95 416pp *Due Apr*


KIMBERLY DEAN

WHAT SHE WANTS AT MIDNIGHT

 The man of Devon's dreams unfortunately exists only when she's asleep. Worse, Devon is prohibited from touching him even in her dreams! But after she casts a love spell that promises to deliver her heart's desire, her dream man can now seduce her in the privacy of her dreams and in the heat of night. Unfortunately her witchery is affecting the people around her. All of a sudden no one is able to sleep and the insomniacs are causing havoc around the city. Then Devon runs into Cael during the day and she knows that he is connected to all of this unrest. Could Devon's dreams be everyone else's worst nightmare? Pb \$19.95 304pp *Due Apr*


KEVIN DOCKERY & DOUGLAS NILES

OPERATION ORION

 *Starstrike #2.* An elite squadron of space commandos battles against the deadliest dangers the galaxy has to offer. Pb \$15.95 304pp


MARISSA DOYLE

BEWITCHING SEASON

 In 1837, as 17-year-old twins, Persephone and Penelope, are starting their first Season in London they find their beloved governess, who has taught them everything they know about magic, has disappeared. Hb \$34.00 320pp *Due April*

WILLIAM H DRINKARD

ELOM

 Geerna knows that the time has come for her to become a woman and take up the tasks to keep her people safe. She waits in the Awakening Place, fearful and hopeful as her ordeals come to an end. Then a shining light descends upon her and her world is torn asunder. Eons have passed. Cycle upon cycle the Way of the People have remain unchanged: women are artists, men are hunters. Geerna's Law is the covenant by which humans live in harmony and peace. But all is about to change. The People are about to meet the mysterious creatures who selected Geerna so long ago and how much the pact that Geerna made so long ago has cost them. And they will have to confront the choices that might help them to finally know true freedom. Hb \$45.00 544pp

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JENNIFER FALLON

 **PALACE OF IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS**

Tide Lords #3. The Tide Lords - 22 men and women who, thousands of years ago, traded their humanity for immortality... only to discover it is a double-edged sword. Jaxyn and Diala have murdered Mathu and Diala is now ruling Gleaba. Stellan is in hiding and Arkady is a slave. Declan is still trying to find her, while juggling all the other problems he has to deal with as the Queen's spymaster. Meanwhile, Stellan has taken charge of the Scard Army and is starting to whip it into shape. Pb \$21.00 581pp

RAYMOND E FEIST

 **WRATH OF A MAD GOD**

Darkwar Saga #3. The Darkwar has fallen upon the worlds of Kelewan and Midkemia, a time of heroes, trials and destruction. Following their dangerous mission to the realm of the alien Dasati, Magnus and the other members of the Conclave must now find a way to use what they discovered to help save their own people from the wrath of a mad god. Hb \$50.00 528pp

CHARLIE FLETCHER

 **STONEHEART**

The Stoneheart Trilogy #1. A city has many lives and layers. London has more than most. Not all the layers are underground and not all the lives belong to the living. 12-year-old George Chapman is about to find this out the hard way. When, in a tiny act of rebellion, George breaks the head off a stone dragon outside the Natural History Museum, he awakes an ancient power. This power has been dormant for centuries, but the results are instant and terrifying - a stone pterodactyl unpeels from the wall and starts chasing George. He runs for his life, but no-one can see what he's running from, except Edie, who is also trapped in this strange world. And this is just the beginning, as the statues of London awake... Pb \$15.95 464pp *Due Apr*

ERIC FLINT & ANDREW DENNIS

 **1635: THE CANNON LAW**

1632 #4. Rome, 1635: Grantville's diplomatic team, headed by Sharon Nichols, are making scant headway now it has become politically inexpedient for Pope Urban VIII to talk to them any more. Sharon doesn't mind, she has a wedding to plan. Frank Stone has moved to Rome and is attempting to bring about the revolution one pizza at a time. Cardinal Borja is gathering votes to bring the Church's reformers to a halt in their tracks, on the orders of the King of Spain, but Borja has more ambitions than his masters know about and has the assistance of Spain's most notorious secret agent to bring about his sinister designs. Pb \$15.95 496pp

DAVID P FRIEDMAN

 **HARALD**

Harald is a family man, a teller of tales, who happens to be the most powerful general of his people, home of the cataphracts, much feared warriors. Some, like the young king of the neighbouring kingdom, James of Kaerlia, underestimate him because he doesn't bother bedeck himself in the court garb to which he was entitled. Four times in the past 20 years the Empire has invaded Kaerlia's land, seeking to bring it under their rule. Four times were they sent home with their tails between their legs. Now the Empire is sending its best legions again to the north. But young James has picked a fight with the Order, picked a fight with Harald himself. Young men are not always wise, nor fond of peace. The new king wants war again. And again, the ravens will drink. Pb \$15.95 384pp

DEBBIE GALLAGHER

 **SPIDER'S BRIDE**

It begins with a severed finger and with a gift in Winter. Not realising that she is being courted by a faery suitor, the bride enters the cold and sparkling world of the Prince of Spiders. She takes the severed finger, unaware that such gifts carry consequences and finds herself trapped. The Prince of Spiders rules this land of dreams, lost in glittering snow. As a Winter King, he should end his reign by dying at the coming of Spring. Until now he has delayed this by offering the blood of artists and poets to the ancient spirits of the land, eking out his season long beyond its time. But now he has a more daring plan in his heart... a plan that is thwarted by the disappearance of his human bride. Tp \$25.95 248pp

STEVEN GOULD

 **REFLEX**

Davy has always been alone. He believes that he's the only person in the world who can teleport. But what if he isn't? A mysterious group of people has taken Davy captive. They don't want to hire him and they don't have any hope of appealing to him to help them. What they want is to own him. They want to use his abilities for their own purposes, whether Davy agrees to it or not. And so they set about brainwashing him and conditioning him. They have even found a way to keep a teleport captive. But there's one thing that they don't know. No one knows it, not even Davy. And it might save his life... Pb \$15.95 384pp *Due Apr*

DAVID GUNN

 **DEATH'S HEAD: MAXIMUM DENIABILITY**

Aux #2. This instalment continues the perilous adventures and exploits of Sven Tveskoeg, an antisocial antihero with a nasty attitude and an intelligent handgun. Hb \$49.95 352pp *Due Apr*

MATT HAIG

 **SHADOW FOREST**

Samuel Blink is the hero of this story, but he doesn't know it yet. Right now, he and his sister Martha are in the back of his parent's car. He has no idea a giant log is about to fall from the sky and change his life forever. He doesn't know that he and Martha will be forced to move to Norway and eat their Aunt Eda's smelly brown cheese. He hasn't the slightest clue Martha will disappear into Shadow Forest which is full of one-eyed trolls, the sinister huldre-folk, deadly Truth Pixies, a witch who steals shadows and is ruled by the evil Changemaker. No. Samuel Blink doesn't know any of this. So don't tell him. It might ruin the book... Pb \$17.95 416pp

SARAH HALL

 **DAUGHTERS OF THE NORTH**

England is in a state of environmental crisis and economic collapse. There has been a census and all citizens have been herded into urban centres. Reproduction has become a lottery, with contraceptive coils fitted to every female of childbearing age. A girl who will become known only as 'Sister' escapes the confines of her repressive marriage to find an isolated group of women living as 'un-officials' in Carhullan, a remote northern farm, where she must find out whether she has it in herself to become a rebel fighter. Pb \$27.95 272pp *Due Apr*

ELIZABETH HAYDON

 **THE FLOATING ISLAND**

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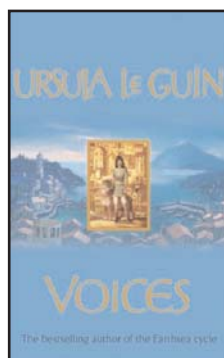
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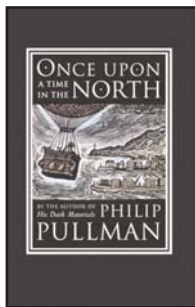
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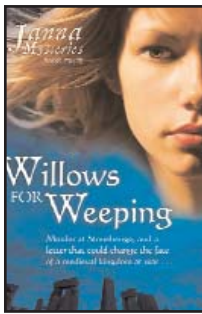


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JONATHAN STRAHAN (ED)

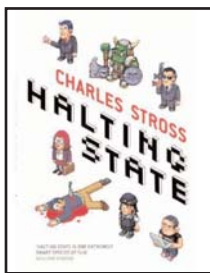
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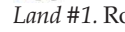
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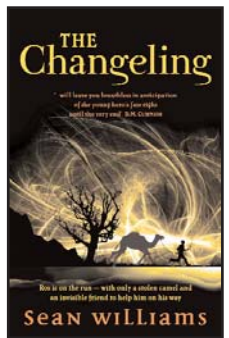
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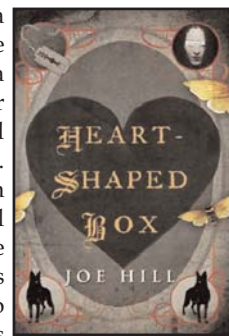
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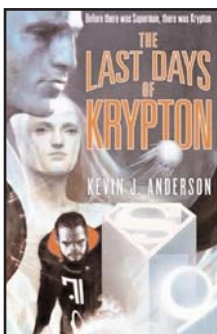
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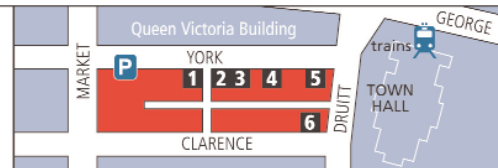
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