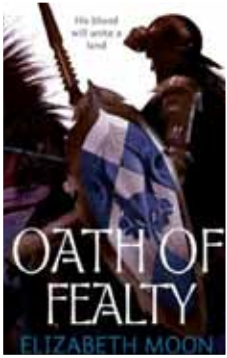


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ELIZABETH MOON

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Paladin's Legacy #1. A death has made soldier Kieri Phelan king of Lyona, where humans and elves live in uneasy peace. Harmony has never been more important – or elusive. An older evil also threatens. The Verrakai family has been practicing forbidden blood magic for generations, and its scions are becoming bold. When they infiltrate a foreign court and assassinate key nobles, it's clear they must be controlled or eradicated. Phelan will send Dorrin, the only Verrakai he can trust, on this mission. She must overcome her abhorrence of the power that is her birthright and awaken her own hidden magic... 512pp Pb \$22.99 Due Apr



JIM BUTCHER

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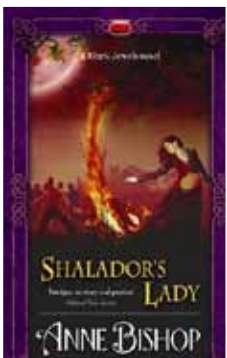
Dresden Files #12. Arianna Ortega, Red Court vampire, blames Harry for her husband's death – and she's after revenge. So her discovery that Susan Rodriguez had borne Harry a daughter was an unexpected gift. Arianna's next step was to kidnap the girl and she plans to use her blood in a violent ritual sacrifice designed to kill Harry, Susan and their daughter. With the White Council of Wizards and the Red Court in a state of detente, Harry finds himself alone except for a handful of allies. With the life of his child at stake, Dresden must find a new source of strength... 448pp Tp \$34.90 Due Apr



JIM BUTCHER

Turn Coat

Dresden Files #11. Harry Dresden, professional wizard, has done his best to keep his nose clean where the White Council of Wizards is concerned. Even so, his past misdeeds have cast a constant shadow of suspicion over him in the eyes of the Wardens, those wizards responsible for enforcing the Laws of Magic. Now Dresden finds himself faced with a nightmarish dilemma: Morgan, formerly his chief persecutor among the Wardens, has been wrongly accused of treason against the White Council – and has come to Harry for help. Dresden faces a daunting task and a single mistake could mean heads will roll... 544pp Pb \$19.99 Due Apr



Anne BISHOP

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Black Jewels #8. Cassidy, the new Queen of Dena Nehele, has taken the first steps to heal the rifts between Blood and the land that was long-neglected by the tainted Queens who had ruled. Despite the hope taking root in her court and the rest of the people, Theran Grayhaven still believes that a different kind of Queen would serve Dena Nehele better. And when a rival Queen comes to Grayhaven for a visit, Cassidy has to decide if running away or staying to fight will give her people the best chance of surviving. 576pp Pb \$22.99 Due Apr

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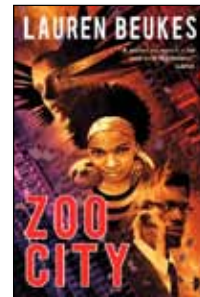
Greig BECK Return of the Prophet

Alex Hunter and his team are dropped into the ruins of Persepolis to investigate the presence of gamma radiation, but find nothing. Meanwhile, the world watches as the President of Iran makes speeches about the end of the world and the return of the prophet, whilst Israel is threatens nuclear war. But something is draining the fluids from the bodies of Iranian soldiers in the desert... Alex must face his fears and follow the traces of radiation to the ancient caves of Arak, where he will face a creature from his darkest nightmares... Tp \$32.99 *Due Apr*



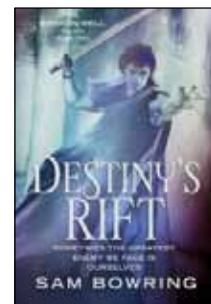
Lauren BEUKES Zoo City

Alex has a talent for finding lost things. To save herself, she's got to find the hardest thing of all: the truth. But when black magic is afoot, nothing is as it seems and the truth is in short supply... 352pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Apr*



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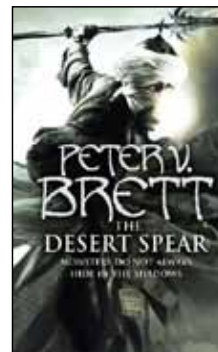
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With an introduction by Christopher Buckley, here are 100 of Bradbury's remarkable stories which have, together with his classic novels, earned him an immense international audience and his place among the most imaginative writers of our time. Engross yourself with tales of Martians, tales that vividly animate the red planet, with its brittle cities and double-mooned sky, and tales which speak of a special nostalgia for Green Town, Illinois – the perfect setting for a seemingly cloudless childhood, except for the unknown terror lurking in the ravine... 1,112pp Hb \$55 *Due Apr*



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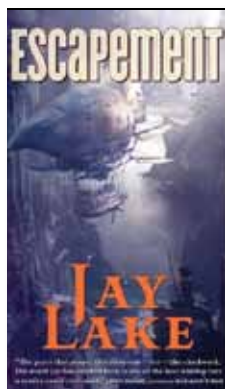
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FAVE NEW

Escapement

God's Clockwork #2

Jay Lake Pb \$14.95



Paolina Barthes is a young woman of remarkable intellectual ability – a genius on the level of Isaac Newton. But she has grown up in isolation in a small village of shipwreck survivors. She knows little of the world, but she knows that England rules it, and must be the home of people who possess the learning she desperately wants. She sets off to make her way off the Wall, not knowing she will bring her astounding talent for sorcery in this world of God's Clockwork to the attention of those who would use it... or kill her for it.

Jay Lake's **Mainspring** (Pb \$16.99) was a novel full of potential, but hindered by uneven writing and execution: tasty and entertaining, yet ultimately unsatisfying. Nevertheless, I enjoyed it enough to look for more. Cheerfully, everything that worked well in the first book has been retained in **Escapement**, while most of the problems are corrected, resulting in a much improved sequel.

The setting is one of this series' strengths and the author does a much better job this time at rendering his creation: a steampunk-influenced, alternate Earth set in the early years of the 20th century where God's handiwork is constantly in evidence in the form of the giant brass clockwork that encircles the world. The setting is so much more effective because of the more consistent manner in which the environment is detailed, including many 'exotic' locales – Africa, England, the Equatorial Wall, Taiwan, France, Mogadishu, a city of Brass Men, life onboard an airship and a submarine, etc – but also because the descriptions are more reasoned. The world depicted is vibrant and easy to imagine.

This book features three main protagonists, not the single hero found in **Mainspring**, and unlike Hethor Jacques – who may have been likable, but lacked depth and emotional connectivity – Paolina Barthes, Threadgill Angus al-Wazir and Emily McHenry Childress are characters you care about. They each have distinctive voices and personalities: Paolina is smart, but naïve, fuelled by youthful determination and harbouring a strong dislike towards men because of the way she has been treated. Al-Wazir is rough with language reflecting his persona – 'fewk', 'Johnnie foreigner', 'fuzzy wuzzies', etc – but is extremely loyal and the kind of person you want guarding your back. Childress is married to her job and, while cultured, lacks worldly experience. We get to see the characters evolve as they make mistakes, sometimes act selfishly and are forced into difficult decisions. The story is rewarding, with complex plotting and the weaving together of several sub-plots.

Although **Mainspring** is a prequel, this can be read on its own merits as nothing will be missed that mars the story. 9/10 - Adam

FAVE CLASSIC

Mariel of Redwall

A Tale of Redwall #6

Brian Jacques Pb \$19.95



One of the things I love about the Redwall tales is that you only have to open one to find yourself in a vivid and vicious animal civilisation. The era is set in medieval times, where apparently nothing is more terrifying than a mouse coming at you while swinging a sword. I wouldn't want to tangle with any of the badgers either! There are many medieval tales out there, but Jacques adds a great twist and I've yet to find another series which so engagingly removes the human element.

These tales tie together the lives of the peaceful creatures of the Redwall Abbey, located in the Mossflower woods. While it is considered a place of sanctuary, the intricate history of Redwall is weaved from the travels of those who come and go, as well as through the battles fought at its gates.

In this title, the mouse Mariel and her father, Joseph the Bellmaker, are sailing to deliver a bell to Lord Rawnblade, ruler of the great fortress Salamandastrom. On the way, their cargo is hijacked by the cruel sea-rat leader of Terramort, Gabool the Wild. After angering him, Mariel wakes up on a desolate shore with a knotted rope encircling her throat and no memory. She is guided to Redwall and makes friends with the hare Tarquin L Woodsorrel, the mouse Dandin and the hedgehog Durry Quill. Upon regaining her memory, she sets out to find and destroy Gabool. But during her quest, one of Gabool's captains plots to invade Redwall.

Redwall characters tend to be typecast by species. Those that are 'good' and honourable, except the otters, tend to be the omnivore or prey variety (mouse, squirrel, etc), while others grouped under 'vermin' include foxes, stoats or rats. Each species possesses distinctive traits, tribes and mannerisms ('Wot wot!'). Overall I found the characters lively and engaging, especially the hares, which are charming and wacky in turn. Although there are no humans, the animals show plenty of sentient anthropomorphism and relatively little by way of natural behaviour. Additionally, the term 'cute and cuddly' is a foreign notion in this world!

This novel is fun and beautifully written, with themes of piracy, theft, treachery and standing firm for what is right. It is pure escapism, highly recommended for lovers of action and animals. I doubt readers will want to stop at just one! For those who want more, I recommend the direct sequel **The Bellmaker** and **Martin the Warrior** (both available to order), with whom the history of Redwall began. - Tamara



Maurice BROADDUS
King Maker

Knights of Breton Court #1. On the streets of Indianapolis, the ancient Arthurian cycle is replaying in the lives of rival street gangs.

The King Arthur myth is dramatically retold through the eyes of street hustler King, as he tries to unite the crack dealers, the gangbangers, and the monsters lurking within to do the right thing: to venture into the fastness of the notorious crime lord Dred. 416pp Pb \$20.99 *Due Apr*



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Panic has gripped America. A virus is moving across countries and oceans, so deadly it kills every other person it infects. As society grinds to a halt and ordinary families quarantine themselves in their own homes, Ann must face her worst fears. But how do you protect your family from a threat you cannot see? Sealed inside the family home she once loved, Ann, Maddie and Kate will have to battle the cold and the dark, food and water shortages and the greed and violence of their former neighbours if they're to survive... 416pp Tp \$32.99 *Due Apr*



Jack CAMPBELL
Victorious

Lost Fleet #6. As war continues to rage between the Alliance and Syndicate Worlds, Captain 'Black Jack' Geary is promoted to admiral – even though the ruling council fears he may stage a military coup. His new rank gives him the authority to negotiate with the Syndics, who have suffered tremendous losses and may finally be willing to end the war. But an even greater alien threat lurks on the far side of the Syndic occupied space. 352pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*



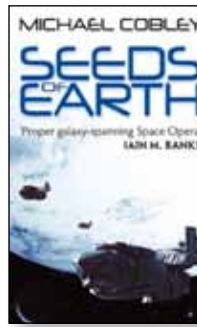
Rosemary CLEMENT-MOORE
The Splendour Falls

A broken leg ended Sylvie Davies' career, but what broke her heart was her father's death and her mother's remarriage. When Sylvie is shipped off to stay with relatives in the back of beyond, she ends up in a town rich with her family's history. Then she meets the handsome and mysterious Rhys, who has a hold on her that she doesn't quite understand. More unnerving is that Sylvie starts seeing things: a girl by the lake, and a man with dark unseeing eyes peering in through the window... Is Sylvie losing her mind? 528pp Pb \$17.95 *Due Apr*



Michael COBLEY
Seeds of Earth

Humanity's Fire #1. The first intelligent species to encounter mankind attacked without warning. With little hope of halting the invasion, Earth's dispatched three colony ships to different parts of the galaxy. The human race would live on. 150 years later, the planet Darien hosts a thriving human settlement, which enjoys a peaceful relationship with the indigenous race, the scholarly Uvovo. But unknown to the colonists, Darien is about to become the focus of an intergalactic power struggle. And what choices will the Uvovo make when their true nature is revealed and the skies grow dark with the enemy? 656pp Pb \$19.99



Jetse De VRIES
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Stephen DEAS
The Adamantine Palace

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John DICKINSON
The Fatal Child

World #3. Atti is the Fatal Child. Beautiful and adored, she is troubled by a recurring nightmare. She can love and trust no one, and she wakes screaming in the nights. Driven by his love for Atti, Ambrose gives up his wandering existence and takes the throne. This is the story of his kingship and his attempts to remove the curse of Beyah, the weeping goddess, from his land. For while Beyah weeps, she poisons hearts, and only when the weeping stops can peace be restored to the kingdom. 560pp Pb \$19.95



Diane DUANE
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Young Wizards #9. Kit and Nita become part of an elite team investigating the mysterious 'message in a bottle', which holds the first clues to the secrets of the long-lost inhabitants of Mars. But not even wizardry can help them cope, when the bottle is uncorked and a life form from another era emerges. Now Kit and Nita must fight to master the ancient synergy binding them to Mars and its last inhabitants. If they don't succeed, the history that left Mars lifeless will repeat itself on Earth. 560pp Hb \$32 *Due Apr*



Anthony EATON
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Darklands #3. Dara, her brother Jaran and their cousin Eyna have grown up among the Clan; their lives are peaceful as they eke out an existence in the towering forest below their escarpment home. But when the ghosts of a dead civilisation reach out to haunt them one final time, they family must set out on an unmapped path across a dying land. Walking daywards, always into the sun... 343pp Pb \$24.95 *Due Ap*



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Pendulum #1. Eric Albright is leading a normal life until a small red door appears under a train bridge near his home, which takes him to Levaal – the world between worlds – where the dragon-gods grow restless in their sky prisons, and the Great Spirits struggle to contain them. The scheming Vous and the Arch Mage have almost won their final victory over the Free Cities. But Eric and his friend Case are called to Levaal to battle more than the petty squabbles of men. They will learn why some doors should not be opened... 528pp Pb \$22.99



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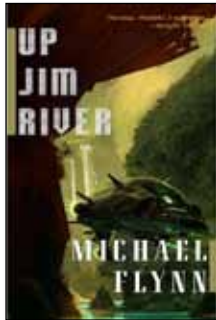
Gemma FILES
A Book of Tongues

Two years after the Civil War, Pinkerton agent Ed Morrow has gone undercover with one of the weird West's most dangerous outlaw gangs: the troop led by Reverend Asher Rook, ex-Confederate chaplain turned hexslinger and his notorious lieutenant (and lover), Chess Pargeter. Morrow's task: get close enough to map the extent of Rook's power, then bring that knowledge back to help Professor Joachim Asbury unlock the secrets of magic itself. But Morrow's only real hope of survival lies with Chess Pargeter himself. And Morrow and Chess will have to literally ride through Hell before the truth of Chess's fate comes clear – the doom written for him in *A Book of Tongues*. 278pp Pb \$29.95 *Due Apr*



Michael FLYNN
Up Jim River

The Hound Bridget ban has vanished and her employer, the Kennel, has given up the search. But her daughter, the harper Mearana, has not. She enlists the scarred man, Donovan, to aid her in her search. Mearana is eager to follow the same trail as the Hound, but Donovan is reluctant, because whatever is at the end of it made her disappear. How can he hope to see her through safely? Together, they follow Bridget ban's trail to the raw worlds of the frontier, edging ever closer to the uncivilised and barbarian planets of the Wild. 336pp Hb \$45 *Due Apr*



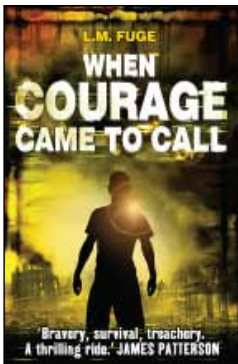
Matt FORBECK
Amortals

In the near future, scientists solve the problem of mortality by learning how to back-up and restore a person's memories into a vat-bred clone. When Secret Service agent Ronan 'Methusaleh' Dooley is brutally murdered, he's brought back from the dead to hunt his killer, and in doing so, he uncovers a terrible conspiracy... 416pp Pb \$20.99



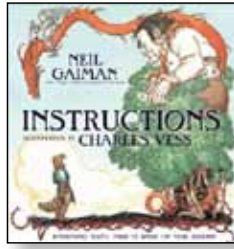
L M FUGE
When Courage Came to Call

Everything changed when the first bomb fell. Now there is the Resistance. Now there are the rules. Rule one: we do our work under the cover of darkness. Rule two: if you trust me, I will trust you. Rule three: we work for the good and safety of Zamascus. This will include killing. Imm is about to find out if he has what it takes to survive – and what it will cost him... Pb \$17.95 *Due Apr*



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Instructions

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The year is 2033, the world has been reduced to radioactive rubble and humanity is nearly extinct. A few score thousand survivors live on in the Moscow Metro – the biggest air-raid shelter ever built and humanity's last refuge. Stations have become mini-statelets, and VDNKh is the northernmost inhabited station on its line. It was one of the Metro's best stations and still remains secure. But now a new and terrible threat has emerged and Artyom, a young man living in VDNKh, must make his way to the heart of the Metro and alert everyone to the danger... 464pp Tp \$35 *Due Apr*



Michael GRANT
Hunger

Gone #2. It's been three months since all the adults disappeared. Food ran out weeks ago and starvation is imminent. Meanwhile, the normal teens have grown resentful of the kids with powers. And when an unthinkable tragedy occurs, each kid is out for himself and even the good ones turn murderous. But a larger problem looms. The 'Darkness' – a sinister creature that has lived deep in the hills – begins calling to some of the teens in the FAYZ, guiding and manipulating them. The Darkness has awakened. And it is hungry... 608pp Pb \$18.95 *Due Apr*



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It's 2050 and sea levels have swamped today's coastal regions. New York City is protected by tidal barriers and the USA is bankrupt. Detective Pervez (Pete) Shah serves with the NYPD's Web Crimes Division as a Memory Association Specialist. When he's accused of murdering a glamorous woman in a bar, he must find the killer, save himself... and the world! 416pp Pb \$20.99 *Due Apr*



Karen HEALEY
Guardian of the Dead

At her New Zealand boarding school, Ellie Spencer is like any ordinary teen: she hangs out with her best friend Kevin; obsesses over her crush on a mysterious boy; and her biggest worry is her essay deadline. But then everything changes... In the foggy woods near the school, something ancient and deadly is waiting. 336pp Pb \$19.99



Katherine HOWE
The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane

While clearing out her grandmother's cottage, Connie Goodwin finds a hidden parchment inscribed with the name 'Deliverance Dane'. And so begins the hunt to uncover the woman behind the name, a hunt that takes her back to Salem in 1692, and the infamous witch trials. But nothing is entirely as it seems and when Connie unearths the existence of Deliverance's spell book, the Physick Book, the situation takes on a menacing edge as interested parties reveal their desperation to find this precious artefact at any cost... 468pp Pb \$24.95



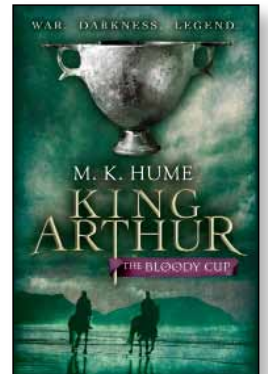
M K HUME
Warrior of the West

King Arthur #2. It's been 12 long and blood-soaked years since Artor fulfilled his destiny and was crowned the High King of the Britons. Against all odds, Artor has united Celtic Britain and banished the Saxon scourge. The legend of Camlann has begun. But even as Artor's kingdom is at its zenith, he has learned of an appalling perversion at the heart of his kingdom. Artor must make a terrible choice. Does he commit a deed that leaves him open to comparison with the despotic Uther Pendragon, or does he let evil go unchecked? 544pp Pb \$22.99



M K HUME
The Bloody Cup

King Arthur #3. Having spurned the despotism of his predecessor, Uther Pendragon, King Artor has ruled with a strong sense of duty, goodness and honour. Yet Artor is weakening with age, and the seeds of discontent are growing. Seeking to cleanse the land of Christian belief, pagan dissenters seize upon the ancient cup of Bishop Lucius of Glastonbury as a way of fragmenting Artor's kingdom. But it emerges that the ultimate threat to Artor's rule lies far closer to home; Artor is betrayed by kin. Celt will slay Celt and the river will run with blood. 560pp Tp \$32.99



Carrie JONES
Need

Zara has had a fairly rough life. Her father left when she was a baby, her stepfather just died and her mother sends her to live with her grandmother in Maine to 'keep Zara safe'. Zara doesn't think she's in danger; she thinks her mother can't cope. But Zara's wrong. The man she sees everywhere – the tall, creepy guy who points at her from the side of the road – is not a figment of her imagination. He's a pixie. But not the cute, sweet kind. And he needs something from Zara... 320pp Pb \$15.99 *Due Apr*



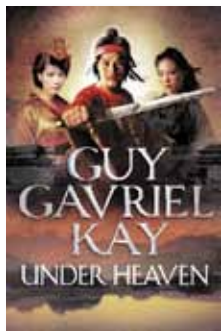
J V JONES
Watcher of the Dead

Sword of Shadows #4. In the wasteland of the north, Raif Sevrance has endured many trials to lay claim to the renowned sword, known as Loss. But the price of wielding the legendary weapon is high. Ash Marsh, Daughter of the Sull, struggles to come to terms with her heritage, and the knowledge that the Watcher, armed with Loss, could be the one who can save or end the Sull. Raina Blackhail, widow of a murdered ruler, has seen her clan disgraced and has taken up the mantle of chief. And in the murky swamps of the Stillwater, two children will learn the secrets of the Marsh clan. 448pp Tp \$32.99



Guy Gavriel KAY
Under Heaven

For two long years Shen Tai has mourned his father, a famous general, and has lived as a hermit at the edge of the Kitan Empire. His seclusion is disturbed by a letter from the Princess Cheng-wan: for his services, Tai has been gifted with 250 highly-prized Sardinian horses. The horses are being held for him to claim, but getting to them will be tricky. As he makes ready to leave, Tai narrowly avoids assassination by a Kanlin guard. The Princess' generosity has made Tai a target – but who wants him dead even before news of her gift had spread? Tp \$32.99, Hb \$47 Due Apr



Raymond KHOURY
The Sign

A small TV crew is braving the harsh conditions of the Arctic Circle, to film the breaking off of a major ice shelf. Then the camera pans up to reveal a symbol burning high over the bleak, deserted terrain. Thus begins a series of strange events worldwide as the mysterious sign appears over the sites of conflict, natural disasters and terrorist atrocities. Suddenly, the world's focus is on an obscure monk who recognises the symbol from the past and understands what it means for the future of humanity. But is this the most elaborate fake in world history? 512pp Pb \$22.99 Due Apr



Tom KRATMAN
The Lotus Eaters

Patricio Carrera #3. The criminals of neighbouring states are already attacking, and threatening to embroil Carrera in a war with the planet's premier power. His only living son is under fire among the windswept mountains of Pashtia. An enemy fleet is hunting his submarines. His organisation has been infiltrated by spies. One of the two governments of his adopted country, Balboa, is trying to destroy everything he's built and reinstate oligarchic rule. Worst of all, he isn't quite the man he once was. Fortunately, the man he once was married the right woman... 448pp Hb \$42 Due Apr



Sharon LEE & Steve MILLER
Saltation

Liaden #10. Thrust mid-year into a school for pilots, far from the safe-haven of her birth home on scholarly Delgado, young Theo Waitley excels in hands-on flying, yet struggles with social etiquettes. Theo is named a 'Nexus of Violence' by the school's administration. Facing suspension, and carrying little more than a hastily procured guild card and the contents of her pockets, Theo must quickly decide if she's ready to return to Delgado in disgrace, or launch herself into the universe as a freelance pilot with credentials she's already earned. 400pp Hb \$42 Due Apr



Melissa MARR
Radiant Shadows

Wicked Lovely #4. Half-human and half-faery, Ani is driven by her hungers. Those same appetites also attract powerful enemies and uncertain allies, including Devlin. He was created as an assassin and is brother to the faeries' coolly logical High Queen. Devlin wants to keep Ani safe from his sisters, knowing that if he fails, he will be the instrument of Ani's death. Ani isn't one to be guarded while others fight battles for her, though. She has the courage to protect herself and the ability to alter Devlin's plans – and his life. 352pp Hb \$34 Due Apr



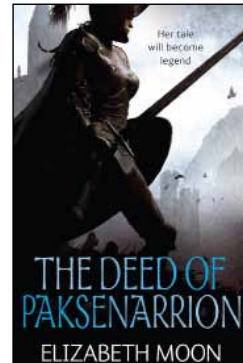
L E MODESITT Jr
Haze

Scouting the planet Haze, Major Keir Roget's discovers a culture both familiar yet frighteningly alien – with hints of a technology far superior to that of the Federation, the Chinese-dominated government that rules Earth and the colonised planets. Yet he is not quite certain how much of what he sees is real – or how to convey a danger he cannot even prove to his superiors – if he can escape the planet... 352pp Pb \$14.95 Due Apr



Elizabeth MOON
The Deed of Paksenarrion

Paksenarrion Omnibus. Paksenarrion wasn't planning to submit to an unwelcome marriage and a lifetime of poverty, so she left her village with a plan and her grandfather's sword. And a few weeks later, she was installed as Duke Phelan's newest recruit in a company of soldiers for hire, her arms training about to begin. Paks will face the spider-minions of the Webmistress Achrya, orcs, and the corrupted men who serve blood mage Liart, Master of Torments. She will also earn the gratitude of elves and of her Duke. And through conflict she will learn she has powers of her own and a destiny. 1,216pp Tp \$32.99 Due Apr



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J A PITTS
Black Blade Blues

Sarah Beauhall has more on her plate than most 20-somethings: day job as a blacksmith, night job as a props manager for low-budget movies, and her free time is spent fighting in a medieval re-enactment group. The lead actor breaks Sarah's favourite one-of-a-kind sword, and to avoid re-shooting scenes, Sarah agrees to repair the blade. One of the extras, who claims to be a dwarf, offers to help. And that's when things start to get weird. Could the sword really be magic, as the 'dwarf' claims? 400pp Pb \$29 Due Apr



Dia REEVES
Bleeding Violet

With a head plagued by hallucinations, a medicine cabinet full of pills, and a closet stuffed with frilly, violet dresses, Hanna's tired of being the outcast, the weird girl. So she runs away to Portero, Texas in search of a new home. But Portero is a stranger town than Hanna expects. As she tries to make a place for herself, she discovers dark secrets that would terrify any normal soul. Good thing for Hanna, she's far from normal... 464pp Pb \$24.99

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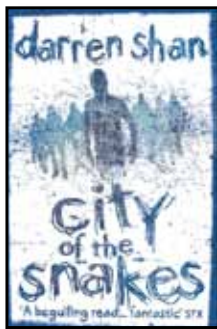
 **Robert J SAWYER**
Watch

WWW #2. Webmind is an emerging consciousness that has befriended Caitlin Decter and grown eager to learn about her world. But Webmind has also come to the attention of WATCH – the secret government agency that monitors the Internet for any threat to the US – and they're fully aware of Caitlin's involvement in its awakening. WATCH is convinced that Webmind represents a risk to national security and wants it purged from cyberspace. But Caitlin believes in Webmind's capacity for compassion – and she will do anything and everything necessary to protect her friend. 368pp Hb \$45 Due Apr



 **Darren SHAN**
City of the Snakes

City #3. For ten years Capac Raimi has ruled the city as The Cardinal. Created by the first Cardinal to rule after him and continue his legacy, Capac cannot be killed. But that doesn't stop his enemies trying. In the past, Capac's always been content to wait his adversaries out. But things are changing. Rival gangs are gaining power in the city. And figures from Capac's past are reappearing. It can only mean one thing. The mysterious Incan priests, the ancient powers behind the City, plan to take the City back... 384pp Tp \$32.99 Due Apr



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Youngest Templar #2. Having escaped the Holy Land, the young squire Tristan must cross Europe on his secret mission to save the Holy Grail. Together with his friends, the fiery archer Robard Hode and the courageous assassin Maryam, he immediately finds himself caught in the middle of a conflict between the French King and a heretical band of Cathars. When Tristan falls for the beautiful leader of the Cathars, his devotion to the Grail wavers, which might have disastrous consequences... 272pp Pb \$14.99

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Edge #10. Nate Quarter, a young Lamplighter from the mines of the eastern woods, is propelled on an epic journey of self-discovery that encompasses tournaments, battles, revolutions and a final encounter with the Immortals themselves... 688pp Pb \$21.95 Due Apr

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Castle Prequel. This is Jant Shira's life before the drugs took over. Awian exiles are building a stronghold in the Darkling mountains, where the Rhydanne hunt. Their clash of interests soon leads to bloodshed and Shira Dellin, a Rhydanne huntress, appeals to the immortal Circle for justice. The Emperor sends Jant, half-Rhydanne, half-Awian, and all-confidence, to mediate. As Jant is drawn into the spiralling violence he is shaken into coming to terms with his own heritage and his feelings for the alien, intoxicating Dellin... 320pp Tp \$32.99 Due Apr




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Tome of the Undergates

Lenk can barely keep control of his mismatched adventurer band at the best of times; Gariath the dragon man sees humans as little more than prey, and Kataria the Shict despises most humans, and the humans in the band are little better. So it doesn't bode well when their ship is attacked by pirates – worse when an invincible demon joins the fray. The demon steals the 'Tome of the Undergates' – a manuscript that contains all that's needed to open the undergates. And whichever god you believe in, no-one wants the undergates open... 704pp Tp \$32.99

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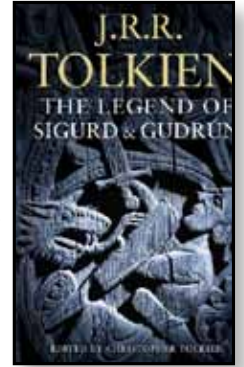
 **Adrian TCHAIKOVSKY**
Salute the Dark

Shadows of the Apt #4. The vampiric sorcerer Uctebri has at last got his hands on the Shadow Box and can finally begin his dark ritual – a ritual that the Wasp-kind Emperor believes will grant him immortality. But Uctebri has his own plans both for the Emperor and the Empire. The massed Wasp armies are on the march, and the spymaster Stenwold must see which of his allies will stand now that the war has finally arrived... 480pp Pb \$21.99 Due Apr



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Many years ago, Tolkien composed his own version, now published for the first time, of the great legend of Northern antiquity, in two closely related poems to which he gave the titles 'The New Lay of the Völsungs' and 'The New Lay of Gudrún'. This ancient poetry remained a deep force in Tolkien's life's work. Here, at last, is presented the source of the wellspring that would lead to *The Hobbit* and *The Children of Húrin*. 384pp Pb \$24.99 Due Apr



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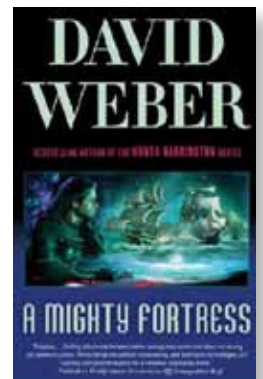
When Sister Evangeline finds mysterious correspondence between Mother Innocenta of the Saint Rose Convent and legendary philanthropist Abigail Rockefeller, it confirms that Angels walked among us, and that their descendants – the cruel Nephilim – still do. The Nephilim are hunting for artefacts concealed by Abigail during WW2 – objects that can enslave mankind – and have been prevented from reaching their apocalyptic goal by the clandestine Angelology Society. If the Angelologists are to stand any chance of winning this new battle in the ages-old war, they must find the artefacts first. 456pp Tp \$32.95 Due Apr

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Honor Harrington Universe. Rear

Admiral Michelle Henke becomes a prisoner of war during a battle with the Star Kingdom forces and is held until a prisoner exchange can be arranged. But she soon finds herself in conflict with another enemy: Manpower – a powerful syndicate of criminals. 928pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*



Philip WOMACK
The Liberators

Ivo Moncrieff is waiting on the London tube platform, when a stranger thrusts a mysterious object into his hand, desperately muttering unfamiliar words to him. On board the tube moments later, the carriage next to Ivo's is overcome with panic and when they enter the next station, the stranger's body has been brutally dismembered. Ivo guesses that perpetrators must want the object, and if they find out he has it, he will be their next target. But the attack on the tube is part of a larger scheme to bring chaos to the heart of London... 320pp Pb \$16.99



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Short stories brought together in a fantastic new collection! A young vampire learns the heavy price of his new existence; black witch Eve Levine meets Kristof Nast, her soul mate and her nemesis; Lucas Cortez, lawyer, sorcerer and unwilling heir to his father's Cabal, sets out on a case that will change his destiny; Paige Winterbourne discovers just how fraught a white-witch wedding can be and Elena Michaels begins her unwitting journey to a new life – as the only female werewolf in the world... 560pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Apr*

Rhyannon BYRD
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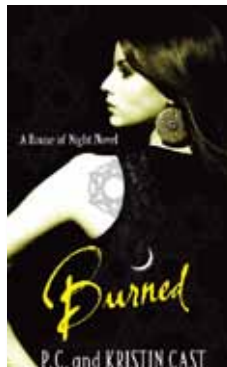
Primal Instinct #5. Wolf shapeshifter Kierland Scott and his long-ago lover, Morgan Cantrell, will have to rekindle their trust and overcome death itself if their shared passion is to have a chance... 368pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*

Rachel CAINE
Kiss of Death

Morganville Vampires #8. Vampire musician Michael Glass has attracted the attention of a big-time producer who wants to cut a demo and play some gigs – which means Michael will have to enter the human world. For this, he's been assigned escorts that include both a dangerous immortal as well as Michael's all-too-human friends. And with that mix of personalities, this is going to be a road trip from hell... 256pp Pb \$12.95 *Due Apr*

P C CAST & Kristin CAST
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House of Night #7. Zoey Redbird, vampeyre High Priestess in training, seems to have lost herself. Her awesome powers over the elements were not enough to save someone close to her, and now her group must help her reclaim her centre and find herself again. But evil has its own plans, and these won't wait for Zoey to return to full power.



The House of Night is facing its biggest threat yet and Zoey is needed at full strength to face the trials that have besieged it. 368pp Pb \$29.99, Hb \$36 *Due Apr*

Lydia DARE
A Certain Wolfish Charm

Simon Westfield, the Duke of Blackmoor, is rich, powerful, and sinfully handsome. It doesn't help his wolfish temper that Miss Lily Rutledge seems not the least bit afraid of him, and in fact, may be as untameable as he is. But when Lily's beloved nephew becomes inexplicably wild, she turns to Simon, the boy's cousin and guardian, for help. Yet both Simon and Lily will have bitten off more than they can chew, once they discover each other's secrets... 384pp Pb \$12.95 *Due Apr*



Laurell K HAMILTON
Burnt Offerings

Anita Blake #7. You can't trust anyone who sleeps with the monsters. That's what Anita Blake has always believed. But now she's sharing a bed with the Master Vampire of the City. So it hits close to home when an arsonist begins to target vampire-owned businesses all over town – an arsonist who seems to want to destroy more than just property. It's the monsters who are in danger now. And it's up to the Anita to save them from the inferno. 448pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Apr*



Laurell K HAMILTON
Blue Moon

Anita Blake #8. Richard was an alpha werewolf, and the only reason preternatural expert Anita Blake broke up with him was because she'd seen him eat somebody. But she could never forget her ex-fiancé. So when Richard's brother phones Anita at 3am to tell her that Richard was in jail for assaulting a woman, Anita has only a few days to spring Richard and find out who framed him and why. There's a full moon coming, and if Anita's werewolf love is still behind bars when it rises, he'll be facing a lot worse than an assault charge... 512pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Apr*



Laurell K HAMILTON
Obsidian Butterfly

Anita Blake #9. Edward is a hit man. He specialises in monsters: vampires, shape-shifters, anything and everything. There are people like Anita Blake, who do it legally. But Edward doesn't sweat the legalities or the ethics. He is an equal opportunity killer. Anita may be one of the few friends that Edward has, but it's like being friends with a tame leopard. Edward may curl on the foot of Anita's bed and let her pat its head, but he might just eat Anita's throat out... 704pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Apr*

Charlaine HARRIS
Dead and Gone

Sookie Stackhouse #9. When the weres and shifters finally come out, the residents of Bon Temps in Louisiana must deal with the violent aftermath. But a far greater danger threatens. A race of unhuman beings – older, more powerful, and more secretive than vampires or werewolves – is preparing for war. And Sookie will find herself an all-too human pawn in their battle... 320pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*

Michele HAUF
Her Vampire Husband

Werewolf princess Blu Masterson won't allow her seductive vampire husband to consummate their marriage with his bite. Alone in a secluded estate with her sworn enemy, Blu curses the arranged marriage which brought their rival nations together. When Blu uncovers her pack's secret plot to destroy the vampire nation, she is forced to confront her growing feelings for her undead husband. Will she choose the only life she's ever known... or accept his vampire bite? 368pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*



Susan KEARNEY

Jordan

Pendragon Legacy #3. The Tribes are back and so is Jordan. He's recovered his Ancient Staff and is again on the trail of the Holy Grail to save Earth and protect the galaxy. Meanwhile, Vivianne Blackstone is a confident and capable woman who vows to do her part to save the planet when she learns the Tribes are on the move again. Jordan and Vivianne team up to save Earth and along the way they fall in love. There's only one catch: to defeat the Tribes and save Earth, Jordan must perish. 400pp Pb \$14.99

Lora LEIGH & Angela KNIGHT (et al)

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Lora Leigh tells of a strange breed: part man, part wolf – on the hunt for the woman he craves, to fulfil a hunger clawing at him from within. Angela Knight tells the psychic realm of a woman attuned to the touch of strangers – and the powerful temptations of a seductive and mysterious protector. Emma Holly tells of the fantastic Demon World where a powerful Queen rules – until she commits the sin of falling in love with the handsome son of her worst enemy. And Diane Whiteside tells of an alternate universe of Regency magic... 384pp Pb \$12.95

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Shadow Guard #3.

Countess Selene is the Shadow Guard's only female member. She sacrificed herself to save the people of London and is now under a sleeping spell in the Tower of London, guarded by Raven warriors. When she awakens on a dark street with a blade in her hand and a dead sex worker at her feet, everything changes. Now she must face an ancient enemy, with only a reclusive, secretive warrior to trust... 304pp Pb \$12.95 *Due Apr*



Sarah McCARTY

Jared

Shadow Wranglers #2. Jared Johnson has always been a force to be reckoned with, first as an outlaw and now as a vampire. Caught in a war between immortals, he doesn't have time to waste, but when a female vampire is attacked, he can't just walk away. He expects a quick goodbye, but what he gets is a vulnerable but resourceful and secretive woman who intrigues him. Forced to accept Jared's protection, Raisa finds it increasingly hard to resist his forbidden allure while keeping the secret that could destroy them both. 384pp Pb \$27 *Due Apr*

Richelle MEAD

Blood Promise

Vampire Academy #4. The recent attack by the Strigoi on St Vladimir's Academy devastated the entire Moroi world. A rare tattoo now adorns Rose's neck; a mark that says she's killed far too many Strigoi to count. Rose must now choose one of two very different paths: honouring her life's vow to protect Lissa, her best friend and the last surviving Dragomir princess – or dropping out of the Academy to strike out on her own and hunt down Dimitri Belikov – the man she loves, captured by the Strigoi – and fulfil the promise he begged her to make... 516pp Pb \$16.95

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Juliana STONE

His Darkest Hunger

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Jaguar-shifter and assassin, Jaxon Castille, has long hungered for the chance to make his former lover, Libby Jamieson, pay for her betrayal. He has finally found her, but she has no memory of their affair, of her treachery, or of anything beyond her own name. A shadowy and deadly clan has marked them both for death and in an instant, the game changes. On the run, with a desperate hunger quickly reclaiming their bodies and souls, Libby and Jaxon must discover the truth behind the dark forces working against them. 384pp Pb \$14.99 *Due Apr*



Tamara SUMMERS

Never Bite a Boy on the First Date

Newly turned vampire Kira has earned a reputation for breaking rules. So when a student is murdered at her high school, all fingers point to Kira. In order to prove her innocence, she has to show them that there's another vampire in town. She's pretty sure it's one of three new guys who've moved in recently. Dating three cute boys may be fun, but which one is the murdering vampire? And what if he's the boy she's falling for...? 272pp Pb \$14.99

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Palins #3. Bethral, a beautiful warrior, and Ezren, a quick-witted storyteller, are confronted with a civil war and a tribe of warriors with their own code of honour and their own rules of pleasure and partnership. To stay alive they must learn new customs, confront their enemies... and conceal Ezren's fiery power. 352pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*



Jaye WELLS

The Mage in Black

Sabina Kane #2. When Sabina Kane arrives in New York to meet her mage relatives, the reunion puts the fun in dysfunctional, and everyone seems to think she's the 'Chosen' who will unite the dark races. But the mages aren't Sabina's only problem. In New York's Black Light District, run-ins with fighting demons, hostile werewolves and an opportunistic old flame become a regular occurrence. Sabina thought she'd take a bite out of the Big Apple – but it looks like it wants to bite back! 352pp Pb \$19.99 *Due Apr*

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An online dating service may have pronounced Felicity 'unmatchable' but she's determined – and destined – to find her perfect mate. All it takes is a mystical deck of Tarot cards and suddenly she's in 17th century Scotland, smitten by a warrior who must make a daring choice: to send Felicity back to her own time, or endanger both their lives... 336pp Pb \$12.95



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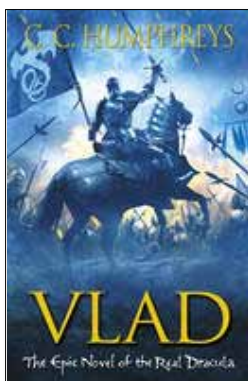
Rook HASTINGS Nearly Departed

Woodsville is not like other towns. Night falls a little earlier there, the shadows are darker and denser, and everyone knows it's a place where strange things happen... even if they won't admit it. Bethan would prefer to be anywhere but here. Jay has his theories, but isn't ready to share. Hashim sees more than he'll say, while Kelly's demons are all too flesh and blood. But Emily's freak-out brings them out of denial and face to face with the supernatural. 272pp Pb \$14.99 *Due Apr*



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In this epic novel, Dracula's tale is told by those who knew him best. The only woman he ever loved and whom he has to sacrifice. His closest comrade and traitor. And his priest, betraying the secrets of the confessional to reveal the mind of the man history would forever remember as 'the Impaler'. But Vlad's actions defy such labels. His extraordinary life burns with passion, taking him from his years as hostage to the Turks, through torture, battle, triumph and betrayal, ultimately to a last crusade to find redemption for his innumerable sins. 464pp Pb \$22.99 *Due Apr*



Robert MASELLO Blood and Ice

Troubled journalist Michael Wilde takes on a commission to write a feature about a remote research station deep in the frozen beauty of Antarctica. On a diving expedition in the polar sea he discovers two bodies encased in ice. The pair – a man and a woman chained together, their dress from the 19th century – are brought to the surface. As the ice around them begins to thaw, the mystery of these time-bound lovers begins to unravel... 512pp Pb \$24.95 *Due Apr*

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Zombie Apocalypse
#2. Gabry lives a quiet life, safe behind the Barrier. She's content to let her friends dream of the Dark City up the coast while she watches from the top of her lighthouse. But life after the Return is never safe and there are threats even the Barrier can't hold back.

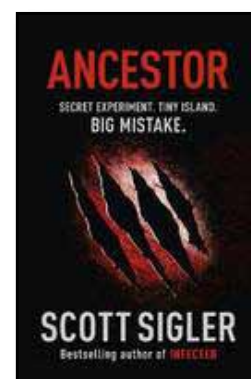
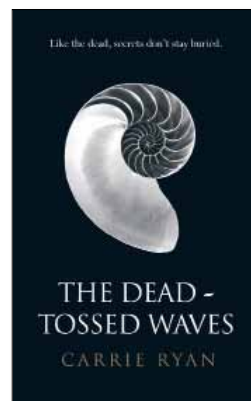
Gabry's mother thought she left her secrets behind in the Forest of Hands and Teeth, but now Gabry's world is crumbling. She knows only one thing: if she has any hope of a future, she must face the forest of her mother's past... 416pp Pb \$29.99 *Due Apr*

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What happens when Cthulhu is unleashed upon the world? What happens when the other Old Ones, long since banished from our universe, break through and descend from the stars? What would the reign of Cthulhu be like on a totally transformed planet where mankind is no longer the master? Find out in this exciting anthology of stories! 320pp Pb \$14.95 *Due Apr*

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On a remote island in Lake Superior, a unique group of scientists are working on the problem of using animal organs as transplants, which are often rejected by the human immune system. Funded by a secretive and ruthless biotech firm, Dr Claus Rhumkorff seeks to recreate the ancestor of all mammals. Rhumkorff discovers the ancestor, but it is not the harmless, cow-like creature he expects. Instead, it is a cunning and bloodthirsty beast that nature had eradicated 250 million years ago... 432pp Pb \$29.99



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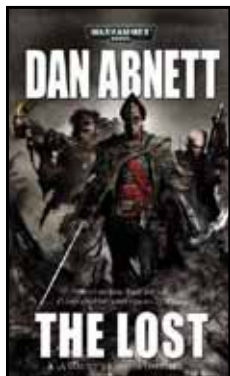
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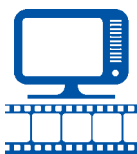
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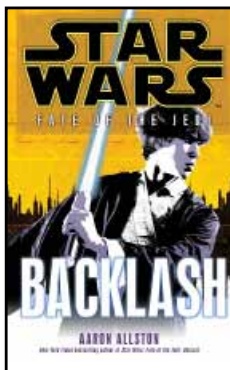


MEDIA

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Doctor Who: Hornet's Nest #4. The Doctor travels back to the Middle Ages on his quest to trace the origins of the hornet menace. Why is the local abbey under continual siege from wild hounds, and what is the secret of the Mother Superior? Before long the Doctor is caught in a terrible trap of his own making... CD \$24.99

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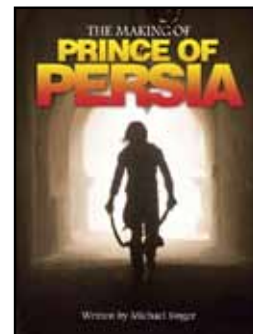
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What We've Been Reading



Chanur's Endgame: Chanur's Homecoming / Chanur's Legacy by C J Cherryh (Pb \$14.95). A non-stop space opera, this explores the conflicts between race and species. This beautifully-written story delves into the psyches of the varieties of alien cultures as they try to hold the Compacts' convoluted and corrupt trading bureaucracy together. Then in comes a stray human escapee, Tully, followed by a near-total war which entails controlling this lone human. Loved her story and could read it again! - *CM*

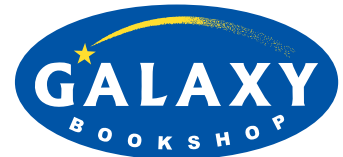
Helljumper (Halo) by Peter David & Eric Nguyen (Hb \$45). A graphic novel depicting the Orbital Drop Shock Troopers of the 105st division – or 'Helljumpers' – as they go into battle feet first and red hot, cutting through the alien Covenant like the proverbial knife. But when a distress call from an archaeological site uncovers a massive Covenant operation, can the best of the best take on the galaxies worst? - *Matt*

Servant of the Underworld (Obsidian and Blood #1) by Alette De Bodard (Pb \$20.99). In Tenochtitlan, the heart and soul of the Aztec empire, High Priest of the Dead, Acatl, is called to the scene of an apparent murder. An instructor at a girls' academy has vanished, leaving only her room, drenched in blood and touched by nahual magic, to suggest her fate. Acatl soon finds not only a plethora of suspects, but that his own brother Neutemoc is the primary suspect! It's a race against time to find the missing priestess, exonerate Neutemoc, and find out what really happened in the priestesses chambers! - *Matt*

The Golden Tower (Warriors of Estavia #2) by Fiona Patton (Pb \$15.95). The city of Anavatan is home to six gods, protected by the God Wall from the wild spirits of the plains and mountains, which can kill a man if he is undefended. This second instalment sees the main characters – Brax, Graize and Spar – closer to their ultimate destiny, while also fleshing out the character of the Godling, born in the previous book. I find myself captivated by Patton's world-building and I'm going to go back to her Branion books for a re-read while I wait for the third instalment. - *Mark*

I am Morgan le Fay by Nancy Springer (Pb \$17.95) had me at the prologue! Readers of King Arthur and the wizard Merlin will know Morgan resented her half-brother Arthur from his birth. After all, he is King Uther's offspring, who murdered her father to bed their mother. In retellings, she is often the one vilified as a cruel seductress or murderess. But what of her story? How did she transform from a quiet girl to a driving force in Arthur's demise? Nancy has addressed this in a wonderfully believable re-imagining of Morgan. The book is written in association with **I am Mordred** (Pb \$12.95), which I can't wait to read. – *Tamara*

Spirit Bound (Vampire Academy #5) by Richelle Mead (Pb \$19.95). I really like Mead's friendly and highly-readable website and the excerpt for **Spirit Bound** (Due May) is so to-die-for that it's surely crossed the globe several hundred times in terms of being circulated. Get there and read it people; it's worth a squiz even though it's totally tantalising and will make you want to read it now... now... NOW! Also, if Richelle is true to her word on the site, this is the second to last book in the Vampire Academy series! – *Sofia*



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