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WHERE'S MY JETPACK?: A GUIDE TO THE AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION FUTURE THAT NEVER ARRIVED

DANIEL WILSON

It's the 21st century and let's be honest, things are a little disappointing. Contrary to every World's Fair prediction, every futuristic ride at Disneyland and the advertisements on the last page of every comic book, we are not living the future we were promised. By

now, life was supposed to be a fully automated, atomic-powered, germ-free Utopia, a place where a grown man could wear a velvet spandex unitard and not be laughed at. Where are the ray guns, the flying cars and the hoverboards that we expected? What happened to our promised moon colonies? Robotcist Daniel H Wilson takes a hilarious look at the future we always imagined for ourselves and exposes groundbreaking technology, spotlights existing prototypes and reveals drawing-board plans. Spanning everything from underwater hotels to self-contained skyscraper cities, this is a one-of-a-kind look at the world that we always dreamed of and that we're still waiting for. Pb \$22.95 192pp *Due May*

VAMPIRE UNIVERSE: THE DARK WORLD OF SUPERNATURAL BEINGS THAT HAUNTS US, HUNT US AND HUNGER FOR US

JONATHAN MABERRY

Discusses more than 350 kinds of supernatural predators. Presented here are the creatures of our worst nightmares - ancient monstrosities from folklore and myth and recent atrocities torn from modern headlines. Tp \$39.95 316pp

VAMPIRE UNIVERSE

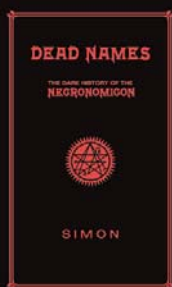


The Dark World of Supernatural Beings
That Haunt Us, Hunt Us,
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Jonathan Maberry

DEAD NAMES: THE DARK HISTORY OF THE NECRONOMICON

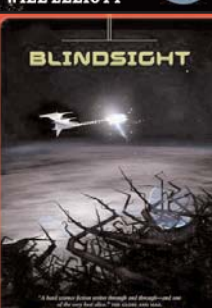
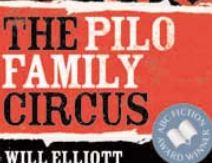
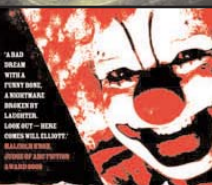
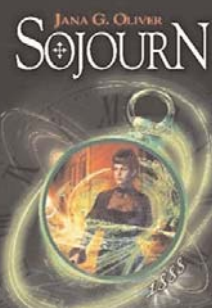
SIMON

Subterranean Press Signed & Limited Edition. The legendary editor of *The Necronomicon* returns later this year with *Dead Names*, his first book in decades, an in-depth look at *The Necronomicon* and its effect on popular culture. Hb \$120.00 260pp



KURT VONNEGUT

Kurt Vonnegut, born 1922, author of the classic, *Slaughterhouse Five*, has died aged 84. His other novels included *The Sirens of Titan*, *Cat's Cradle*, *Galapagos* and *Timequake*.



BRITISH SF AWARD WINNER

End of the World Blues
by Jon Courtenay Grimwood

CROOK AWARD NOMINEES

The Lies of Locke Lamora by Scott Lynch
His Majesty's Dragon by Naomi Novik
Sojourn by Jana G Oliver
The Skewed Throne by Joshua Palmatier

DITMAR AWARD NOMINEES

BEST NOVEL

Carnies by Martin Livings
Prismatic by Edwina Grey
The Mother by Brett McBean
The Pilo Family Circus by Will Elliott
The Silver Road by Grace Dugan

HUGO AWARD NOMINEES

Eifelheim by Michael Flynn
His Majesty's Dragon by Naomi Novik
Glasshouse by Charles Stross
Rainbow's End by Vernor Vinge
Blindsight by Peter Watts

P K DICK AWARD WINNER

Spin Control by Chris Moriarty

PULITZER AWARD WINNER

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

STOKER AWARD WINNERS

BEST NOVEL

Lisey's Story by Stephen King

FIRST NOVEL

Ghost Road Blues
by Jonathan Maberry

ANTHOLOGY (tie)

Mondo Zombie edited by John Skipp
Retro Pulp Tales edited by Joe Lansdale

COLLECTION

Destinations Unknown
by Gary A Braunbeck

TIPTREE AWARD WINNER


In the Night Garden (*The Orphan's Tales*)
by Catherynne M Valente
Half Life by Shelley Jackson

Customers, please note... In an effort to provide more timely information about new books, titles in Nexus now include those due in the current month (in this case May), as well as those already received. Therefore, some of the following titles may not be in stock by the time you receive this Nexus.

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY


ALMA ALEXANDER

GIFT OF THE UNMAGE

 *Worldweavers* #1. From birth, great things were expected of Thea, gradually replaced by puzzled disappointment as it became evident her magical abilities are, at most, minimal. Now, with Cheveyo, Thea has begun to weave herself a new magical identity, infused with elements of the original worlds where Cheveyo and others like him walk. But back home, she attends the Academy, the only school for those who, like her, can't do magic. It is there that Thea realises she will have to fight, since her enemies are hungrier and more dangerous than she thought. What's more, her greatest strength may be the very powerlessness she has resisted for so long. Hb \$37.00 389pp


ILONA ANDREWS

MAGIC BITES

 Mercenary Kate Daniels cleans up urban problems of a paranormal kind. But her latest prey, a pack of undead warriors, presents her greatest challenge. Pb \$16.95 260pp


ALEX ARCHER

FORBIDDEN CITY

 *Rogue Angel* #5. While working on a dig in the California wilderness, archaeologist-adventurer Annja Creed uncovers evidence of a tragedy that's linked to Chinese miners during the days of the Gold Rush. A sudden attack on the site drives Annja to find the connection to a mysterious buried city in China. Lured by legends of gold, betrayal and the vengeance of a Han Dynasty overlord, Annja travels on the Orient Express, battling avaricious treasure hunters and a modern-day descendant of an ancient league of assassins. Her adversaries will stop at nothing to stake their claim on the fabled lost city, where a Han leader's dark past promises doom for those who dare to reveal its evil power. Pb \$16.95 349pp


SIMON ARMITAGE (TRANSLATION)

SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT

 This is the strange tale of a green knight who rudely interrupts the Round Table festivities one Yuletide, casting a pall of unease over the company and challenging one of their number to a wager. The virtuous Gawain accepts, and decapitates the intruder with his own axe. Gushing blood, the knight reclaims his head, orders Gawain to seek him out a year hence, and departs. This new version is meticulously responsible to the tact and sophistication of the original, but responsible equally to its own persuasive claims to be read as an original new poem. Hb \$35.00 114pp


JAMES AXLER

CANNIBAL MOON

 *Deathlands* #77. Dr. Mildred Wyeth is stricken by a plague that brings on a deep craving for human flesh. Unwilling to lose one of their own without a fight, the companions follow the trail to Cajun country, where the mysterious queen of the Cannies is rumoured to possess the only antidote to the grim fate that awaits the doctor. Pb \$16.95 346pp


TONY BALLANTYNE

DIVERGENCE

 It is 2252 and Judy is travelling on a passenger ship in deep space when disaster strikes. Almost too conveniently, strange machines appear onboard just in time to help. They are owned by DIANA, a commercial organisation headquartered on Earth. But as the machines arrange for the humans to be taken to safety, Judy is held back, because of something in her genetic code - Judy is not human and she is the property of DIANA. Now she must return to Earth to find out what DIANA expects of her, how she was grown and why she was destined to destroy the Watcher, the all-seeing AI that controls the planet. Pb \$16.95 448pp *Due May*


JAMES BARCLAY

SHOUT FOR THE DEAD

 *Ascendants of Estoria* #2. Ten years have passed, Estorea is consumed by war and the four ascendants have chosen different sides in the conflict. As the armies muster and the final conflict draws close, the ascendants are only now coming to their full power. Soon, summoned armies of the dead will march against the living. Tp \$32.95 628pp


DOMINIC BARKER

THE BOY WHO WAS WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE - OR BOTH!

 *Blart* #2. Blart is wanted, dead or alive. It's nice to be wanted, but hard to enjoy, once you have been skewered horribly by the Duke's army. But it's not just Blart's life that's at stake. The greatest sorcerer alive has made a very big (and rather embarrassing) mistake and now Blart must embark on a perilous mission to save his own life, his friends' lives and potentially the world (again). Pb \$15.95 348pp


JOHN BARNES









THE ARMIES OF MEMORY

 *Thousand Cultures* #4. Giraut Leones, special agent for the human Thousand Cultures' shadowy Office of Special Plans, is turning 50 and someone is trying to kill him. Giraut's had a long career - the number of entities that might want him dead is effectively limitless. But recently, Giraut was approached by the Lost Legion, an Occitan underground linked to an alliance of illegally human-settled worlds beyond the frontier. Also, it turns out that the Lost Legion colony has a "psypyx" - a consciousness-recording - of Shan, onetime boss of the Office of Special Plans. If they have that, they have literally thousands of devastating secrets. Now, returning to his native Nou Occitan, Giraut will encounter violence and treachery from human and artificial consciousnesses alike. As bigotry and mob violence erupt throughout the rapidly destabilising interstellar situation, Giraut will be called on the make the ultimate sacrifice, for the sake of civilisation itself... Pb \$18.95 429pp

JONATHAN BARNES

THE SOMNAMBULIST

 'Be warned. This book has no literary merit whatsoever. It is a lurid piece of nonsense, convoluted, implausible, peopled by unconvincing characters, written in drearily pedestrian prose, frequently ridiculous and wilfully bizarre. Needless to say, I doubt you'll believe a word of it.' So starts the extraordinary tale of Edward Moon, detective, his silent sidekick, the Somnambulist, and devilish plot to recreate the apocalyptic prophecies of William Blake and bring the British Empire crashing down. Tp \$29.95 284pp

	
	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	AWARD WINNER
	AUSTRALIAN
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	REPRINT
AC	AUDIO CASSETTE
CD	COMPACT DISC
PB	PAPERBACK
HB	HARDBACK
TP	TRADE PAPERBACK

★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

NEW TITLE

ONCE UPON A TIME SERIES

These are short, (about 200 pages) charming, almost-read-themselves, fairy-tale retellings that are just a pure pleasure to read. As they're small (and cheap at \$9.95 each), I've covered three of the four available.

WATER SONG

SUZANNE WEYN

This is a retelling of *The Frog Prince*, set in Belgium during WWI. This particular fairytale hasn't been retold like some of the more well-known ones, so it was a bit of a novelty. British-born Emma Pennington and her Belgian mother have (unwisely) decided to travel back to the family estate in Belgium, never expecting the war to get so bad – or so close. Emma has grown up in a life of privilege and is a bit of a silly 16-year-old (as we all were). Her mother is killed in a mortar attack and Emma is stuck there, not even sure if her father, who remained in England, is aware of the tragedy, and the Allies and the Germans have dug in either side of the estate. She finds an American soldier, Jack, in the well, who is suffering from a mustard gas attack. By pretending he is her husband, she saves him from being shot by the Germans, who have commandeered her home. A pretty typical story of opposites attracting ensues, but with a bit of espionage thrown in. I absolutely loved this one.

SNOW

TRACY LYNN

Jessica is born a Duchess and into tragedy, as her mother dies soon after her birth. Her father, in his grief, doesn't want to be reminded of his loss and has little to do with her, so Jessica is largely raised by the staff. Her father realises she needs the influence of a mother, so he remarries. She grows into a beautiful young lady and her stepmother, always a vain woman, becomes jealous. Jessica is spirited away to London by a friend, when it is realised that her life is in danger. There she takes the name Snow and meets up with a band of human/animal cutpurses who take her in. For a tale that has been retold who knows how many times, there were some interesting differences in this one. At times I wasn't sure who Jessica's love interest would be and the wicked stepmother, while she was vain and capable of murder, was a woman of science in an era that saw women as wives and mothers only. Just fantastic!!!

BEAUTY SLEEP

CAMERON DOKEY

Princess Aurore is cursed at birth to prick her finger when she is 16 and sleep for 100 years. Her parents are over-cautious, so she is not allowed to sew as a child and spends her time outside the castle, becoming possibly the first 'people's Princess'. When she turns 16, a series of increasingly serious disasters occur in the kingdom and she realises that her not succumbing to her fate is endangering the whole land, so she flees to the enchanted forest, which is surrounded by thorns and meets a young man on a quest to find the sleeping princess. Dokey plays with the timing in this version in an interesting way, and again, the romantic interest wasn't cut-and-dried.

If you twisted my arm I'd have to say this one wasn't my favourite, but it is still a great story. - *Steph*
(The one I didn't read was **Midnight Pearls** by Debbie Viguie).

CLASSIC TITLE

MINDSTAR RISING

GREG MANDEL #1

PETER F HAMILTON

Pb \$19.95 448pp

First things first: ever since it was first published back in 1993, **Mindstar Rising**, Hamilton's debut novel, has had as many bad covers as I have had hot dinners. But behind the terrible cover is a solid debut by one of the most popular science fiction writers.

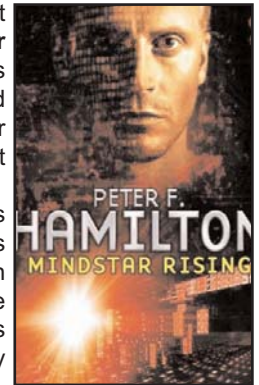
It's the near-future and England is beyond recognition. Global warming has turned the once miserable English weather into something resembling the tropics, whilst politically, England is slowly recovering from its recently overthrown former left-wing government, the People's Socialist Party, who left the country in a shambles. With the latter, the recovery process has allowed private corporations to take the free market idea into overdrive. Technology has advanced and accelerated at an incredible rate, allowing companies to be in complete control of how the new world runs.

In this new and ever-changing world, only a handful of people can truly make it. One such person is Greg Mandel, a former officer of the English army who served in the now defunct 'Mindstar Brigade'. Whilst in service, Mandel was enhanced with biotechnology, which gave him psychic-like powers of intuition and the ability to detect emotions. Out of the army and working as a 'psychic detective', Mandel's unique skills and training are in demand, as companies try to outdo each other to protect their advantage in the market.

Mandel's services are quickly snapped up by Julia Evans, the young heiress to the gigantic company, Event Horizon. The company's orbital factories are being sabotaged just as Event Horizon is about to release a new technological development that could completely change society. However, the deeper that Mandel's investigations go, the more he realises that the attacks are not just a simple case of trade sabotage and profits are not the only thing at stake: lives are soon threatened and the new-found stability of the world will be in danger.

At the core of this novel, and what makes it so appealing, is an engrossing detective story. Greg Mandel is your classic detective: a jaded, cynical character who takes no nonsense, will be more than happy to shoot first and ask questions later and more than not, gets almost killed half a dozen times to get the case solved. In a world where capitalism has gone into overdrive, Mandel's increasingly old-school principles makes him an odd, but interesting character.

Whilst the idea of a futuristic private detective is not new, the world of Greg Mandel is a wonderful creation which would appeal to fans of authors such as Richard Morgan and Jack McDevitt. Readers who have not yet read Hamilton's full body of work should invest some time into **Mindstar Rising**, along with its two sequels, **Quantum Murder** (Pb \$19.94 384pp) and **Nano Flower** (Pb \$19.95 576pp). For others who have yet to read any works by Hamilton, this is a good place to start and become a fan. - *John*



STEPHEN BAXTER

 **EMPEROR**

Time's Tapestry #1. A woman gives birth to her child in a village in Northern England. As she struggles through a painful labour she begins to scream out a series of words in Latin. One of the family recognises the words for what they are. The woman has spoken a prophecy - a prophecy that relates to the death of the Emperor Constantine, which, if enacted, will change the fate of the Roman Empire and the future beyond it. Pb \$22.95 302pp

 **CONQUEROR**

Time's Tapestry #2. The prophecy tells of an invasion by dragons, a new Christian king and the establishment of an Aryan empire that will last 10,000 years. It is handed down through the centuries and hidden, lost and found again. From desperate rivalries amongst the monks at Lindisfarne, to the terror of the Viking raids against Northern England to vicious intrigues at the courts of Harold and William the Bastard, this instalment charts the progress of a bid by the mysterious Weaver to influence the past from the far future. Hb \$55.00 302pp Tp \$32.95 302pp

K A BEDFORD

 **HYDROGEN STEEL**

When retired homicide inspector Zette McGee, late of Winter City, Ganymede, gets called out of her mysterious retirement to help Kell Fallow, a desperate former android accused unjustly of murdering his wife and children, she knows she has to help him, for Zette has a secret she is desperate to keep and Fallow knows all about it. When Kell Fallow is killed by a bomb he didn't know was buried in his guts and a homebrew android identical to Zette destroys her home on the luxurious Serendipity habitat, she goes on the run, only to run afoul of sabotage, spies, nasty infections, and bad guys galore. Tp \$35.00 367pp

CAROL BERG

 **FLESH AND SPIRIT**

The son of a long line of pureblood cartographers and diviners, Valen has spent most of his life trying to escape what society and his family have ordained for him. When a comrade abandons Valen in a rainy wilderness half-dead, addicted to an enchantment and possessing only a stolen book of maps, he is offered sanctuary in a nearby monastery. He discovers that his book, rumoured to lead men into the realm of angels, gains him entry into a world of secret societies, doomsayers, monks, princes and madmen, all seeking to unlock the mystery of a coming dark age. To his dismay, Valen must face what he fled so long ago, for the key to Navronne's doom is buried in half-forgotten myth and the secrets of his own past. Pb \$32.95 400pp *Due May*

CHAZ BRENCHLEY

 **BRIDGE OF DREAMS**

Selling Water by the River #1. In the city known as Maras-Sund, an uneasy peace threatens to unravel between two cultures and a young man and woman will find their own destinies: one determined to hold onto power and supremacy, the other struggling for survival - and freedom. Pb \$18.95 443pp

 **RIVER OF THE WORLD**

The city of Maras-Sund has stood for more than 20 years - two lands joined together by the magical bridge the Marasai used to conquer the Sundain. But the man known as Issel has magic of his own, an ability to manipulate water, which he will use to free his people. He finds an ally in Jendre, the daughter of a general in Maras's army, and a woman with her own vendetta against the regime. Her sister is held captive, along with others whose life essences power the magical bridge between her land and Sund. Her plan - to help Issel enter the palace and break the spell. Hb \$54.00 416pp

TERRY BROOKS

 **THE HERITAGE OF SHANNARA**

Omnibus edition containing *The Scions of Shannara*, *The Druid of Shannara*, *The Elf Queen Of Shannara* and *The Talismans of Shannara*. Tp \$32.95 1238pp

SIMON BROWN

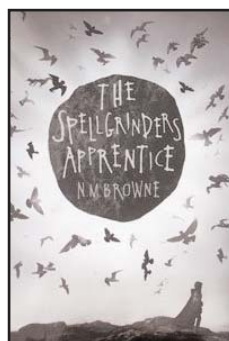
  **DAUGHTER OF INDEPENDENCE**

Chronicles of Kydan #3. A final confrontation between old and new, between tyrannical magic and freedom and between an empire and a growing nation-state that will determine the fate of millions - and not least the brave band of colonists who set out from Hamilay to settle Kydan with courage and hope in their hearts. Pb \$18.95 483pp

N M BROWNE

 **THE SPELLGRINDER'S APPRENTICE**

An orphaned boy escapes from the terrible dark cellar where he is apprenticed to grind spellstones, stones which can be shaped to wield great magical power. Escaping this shadowy world is punishable by death, but doesn't explain why the most powerful man on the island, a man as dangerous and unstable as the spellstones themselves, is scared of the boy. He will go to any lengths to capture him, but this is the last thing he should try to do. Pb \$16.95 297pp



MELVIN BURGESS

 **BLOOD SONG**

Blood #2. Forced into the clutches of a bloodthirsty dragon, Sigurd is fighting not only for his life, but for the survival of an apocalyptic Britain. For Sigurd is the chosen one, the golden warrior boy blessed with the courage of a hero and the strength of a lion. In a world where power and corruption is all consuming, can he fulfil his destiny and overcome the tyranny that threatens to destroy him? Pb \$16.95 421pp

JACQUELINE CAREY

 **KUSHIEL'S SCION**

Imriel de la Courcel's birth parents are history's most reviled traitors, but his adoptive parents, the Comtesse Phedre and the warrior-priest Joscelin, are Terre d'Ange's greatest champions. Stolen, tortured and enslaved as a young boy, Imriel is now a Prince of the Blood, third in line for the throne, and in a court steeped in conspiracies where many would like to see the young prince dead. As he comes of age, plagued by unwanted desires, Imriel shares their fears. When a simple act of friendship traps Imriel in a besieged city where Melisande is worshiped as a goddess and where a dead man leads an army, the Prince must face his greatest test: to find his true self. Pb \$18.95 976pp

BRENDA COOPER

 **THE SILVER SHIP AND THE SEA**

The colony planet Fremont is joyous, riotous and very wild. Its single town, Artistos, perches on a cliff below rugged mountains. Below lie the Grass Plains, which lead down to the sea. And in the middle of the Grass Plains, a single silver spaceship lies quiet and motionless. The fearful citizens of Aristos won't go near it. Chelo Lee, her brother Joseph, and four other young children have been abandoned on the colony planet. Unfortunate events have left them orphaned in a human colony that abhors genetic engineering and these six young people are genetically enhanced. With no one to turn to, Chelo and the others must now learn how to use their distinct skills to make this unwelcome planet home, or find a way off it. They have few tools, their affection for each other, a good dose of curiosity and that abandoned silver spaceship that sits locked and alone in the middle of the vast grass plain. Hb \$56.00 396pp

JANINE CROSS

 **SHADOWED BY WINGS**

Dragon Temple Saga #2. Zarq Darquel's trial by fire begins when she undergoes the rigorous training required of an apprentice dragonmaster, while struggling to cope with her addiction to the hallucinogenic dragon venom and her desire to learn the secrets of the dragons themselves. Pb \$16.95 376pp

JANINE CROSS

 **FORGED BY FIRE**

Dragon Temple Saga #3. Zarq Darquel has secured a dragon estate for herself, in violation of every law which forbids women to own property. She had not seen herself as a revolutionary, but her enemies have given her no choice in her fight for freedom. Abandoning the estate where she thought she would be safe, Zarq journeys deep into the jungle in search of an ancient dragon secret that would give her the power to overthrow both Kratt and the corrupt Dragon Temple. She has taken with her some of the female dragons from her own estate and in the jungle she will once again risk the dragons' highly addictive, hallucinogenic venom-renewing a craving that is becoming an obsession. Tp \$29.95 355pp

KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND

 **AT THE CROSSING PLACES**

The Arthur Trilogy #2. Arthur de Caldicot arrives at Holt to be squire to Lord Stephen and accompany him on crusade. It is an exciting and bewildering time for him as he finds a warhorse, is fitted with armour and improves his fighting skills. He dreads a confrontation with his blood-father, the violent Sir William and dreams of finding his true mother, he discovers girls - including the vivacious Winnie de Verdon whom he rescues from burning to death, sees the sea for the first time, sails to France and finally takes the Cross. Meanwhile, these events are reflected in his seeing stone, in stories of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Pb \$22.95 367pp

JACK DANN & GARDNER DOZOIS (Ed)

 **DANGEROUS GAMES**

Extreme sports, extreme future, extreme collection. Some of science fiction's most expert dreamers envision the computerised, high-risk games of the future in this winning collection. Features Robert Sheckley, Cory Doctorow, Kate Wilhelm, Alastair Reynolds, Vernor Vinge, Jonathan Letham, Gwyneth Jones, William Browning Spencer, Allen Steele, Terry Dowling and Jason Stoddard. Pb \$18.95 276pp

MARY JANICE DAVIDSON

 **HELLO GORGEOUS!**

One minute I'm out with my sorority sisters; the next there's a terrible accident (beyond my friend Stacey's outfit) and I'm waking up in some weird clinic transformed into a human cyborg, with a mission - to stop evil and stuff. Uh, hello? I've got a beauty salon to run. Granted, it is cool to run faster than a Ford Mustang when I need to, even if it's totally hard on my shoes. But then, I have to bring in another human cyborg on the run? One who happens to be male, totally gorgeous, smart, funny - and, um, his 'enhancements'? As if! Pb \$16.95 300pp

GORDON R DICKSON & DAVID WIXON

 **ANTAGONIST**

The Childe Cycle. This instalment advances the story of the formidably powerful Bleys Ahrens, a man with a clear vision of the struggle in which he's involved, but an increasingly deficient sense of human values. He and his organisation, the Others, are tracking down an elusive interplanetary opposition. Meanwhile, Bleys' own intricate conspiracies and devisings and his quest for power, which began with the best of motives, have become something darker and fiercer. He's committed to his plans. They may bring about the advent of Homo Superior and they may destroy the human race. Hb \$59.95 429pp

CORY DOCTOROW

 **OVERCLOCKED: STORIES OF THE FUTURE PRESENT**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to get bitten by a zombie? To live through a bio-weapon attack? To have every aspect of your life governed by invisible ants? In this collection of novellas, the author wields his formidable experience in technology and computing to give us mindbending sci-fi tales that explore the possibilities of information technology, and it's various uses, run amok. Tp \$34.00 285pp

STEPHEN DONALDSON

 **MORDANT'S NEED**

An omnibus edition containing *The Mirror of Her Dreams* and *A Man Rides Through*. A lonely young woman who feels isolated from the world, uses mirrors to reassure herself that she is still alive - and then they change her life when, one night, a young man appears through the mirror and persuades her to come with him to his own land, where mirrors are magical gateways to other places. Tp \$39.95 979pp

DAVID DRAKE

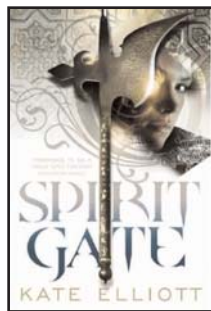
 **THE FORTRESS OF GLASS**

Crown of the Isles #1. This is the story of how the new kingdom of the Isles is finally brought into being by the group of heroes and heroines who have been central to all the books in the series. The group includes Prince Garric, heir to the throne of the Isles, his consort Liane, his sister Sharina, her herculean sweetheart Cashel, his sister Ilna, with her adopted child Merota and piratical Chalcus. On giant triremes filled with soldiers and diplomats, they journey to the small kingdoms of the Isles to confirm the succession of Garric and to subdue, if necessary, any local rulers too fond of their own kingship to pledge fealty to Garric. All this is being done in a time when the powers of magic in the Isles have flooded to a thousand-year peak and even local magicians can perform powerful spells normally beyond their control. Pb \$18.95 402pp

KATE ELLIOTT

 **SPIRIT GATE**

Crossroads #1. For hundreds of years the Guardians have ruled the world of the Hundred, but these powerful gods no longer exert their will on the world. Only the reeves, patrolling on enormous eagles, still



represent the Guardians' power. And the reeves are losing their authority, for there is a dark shadow across the land that not even they can stop. A group of fanatics has risen to devour villages, towns and cities in their drive to annihilate all who oppose them. Mai and Anji ride with a company of dedicated warriors and a single reeve, who may hold a key to stopping the deadly advance of the devouring horde. They must try to turn back the dark tide, or the world will be lost. But a young woman sworn to the Goddess may prove more important than them all, if they are not too late. Tp \$32.95 630pp

RAYMOND E FEIST

 **INTO A DARK REALM**

Darkwar Saga #2. Chaos threatens to overwhelm two worlds as the most dangerous force ever encountered threatens to invade Midkemia, while the most treacherous magician in history, Leso Varen, begins to wreak havoc on the world of Kelewan. Pug and the Conclave of Shadows are determined to find Varen, only to discover that he has usurped the body of one of the most powerful men in the Empire of Tsuranuani - a Black Robe and member of the Assembly of Magicians. Three worlds will teeter on the brink of destruction as the third Riftwar is unleashed. Tp \$33.00 386pp

W MICHAEL GEAR

 **COYOTE SUMMER**

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Dune #7. Fleeing from the monstrous Honoured Matres, dark counterparts of the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood, Duncan Idaho, the military genius Bashar Miles Teg, a woman named Sheeana, who can talk to sandworms, and a group of desperate refugees explore the boundaries of the universe. Pb \$19.95 625pp

FRANK HERBERT

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America is a police state and it is about to be threatened by the most hellish enemy in the world - insects. When the Agency discovers that Dr. Hellstrom's Project 40 was a cover for a secret laboratory, a special team of agents is dispatched to discover its true purpose. What they discovered was a nightmare more horrific and hideous than even their paranoid government minds could devise. First published in *Galaxy* magazine in 1973 as *Project 40*, Herbert's vivid imagination and brilliant view of nature and ecology have never been more evident than in this classic of science fiction. Tp \$29.95 332pp

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 **THE COURT OF THE AIR**

When Molly Templar witnesses a brutal murder at the brothel she has just been apprenticed to, her first instinct is to return to the poorhouse where she grew up. But there she finds her fellow orphans butchered and it slowly dawns on her that she was in fact the real target of the attack, for Molly carries a secret deep in her blood, a secret that marks her out for destruction by enemies of the state. Soon Molly will find herself battling a grave threat to civilisation which draws on an ancient power thought to have been quelled millennia ago. Tp \$25.00 582pp

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Living among humans in a post-apocalyptic ice age, neomage, Thorn St Croix, has learned to count on her friends, but she's lost count of her enemies. She is a source of both fear and fascination for the people of Mineral City: Her powers can save them from the forces of evil, but also attract demon spawn and succubae and fighting on her own turf nearly gets Thorn, and those she holds dear, killed. But Thorn's ultimate test awaits deep under the snow-covered mountains beyond the village, where an imprisoned, fallen seraph desperately needs her help. There, hidden in the hellhole, the armies of Darkness assemble to ensure this subterranean rescue will be Thorn's final descent. Pb \$29.95 368pp *Due May*

JULIA JARMAN

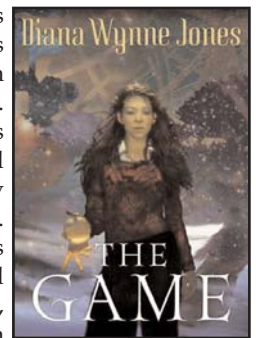
 **THE TIMES TRAVELLING CAT AND THE TUDOR ADVENTURE**

Ka, the time-travelling cat, has disappeared, leaving just one clue, a word on Topher's computer screen: Riche mount. When Topher discovers that 'Richemount' meant 'Richmond' in Tudor times, he fears that Ka is in terrible danger. Cats were tortured in Tudor England, so Topher must try to find her before it is too late. In doing so, he meets Queen Elizabeth and Doctor Dee, the court magician and astronomer, who thinks Ka can help him find the elusive philosopher's stone. Pb \$14.95 143pp

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Hayley's parents disappeared when she was a baby. Since then, she has been raised and home-schooled by her grandparents. Grandad is overworked and travels a lot, Grandma is much



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The Children of the Sun #2. Following the acclaimed *Sisters of the Sun* trilogy comes this trilogy about the sisters' first-born children. Here, Keelia, Queen of the Anwyn, falls for her shape-shifting kidnapper, but still cannot deny the ever-looming Prophecy of the Firstborn. She will betray love in the name of victory. Pb \$18.95 326pp


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MERCEDES LACKEY

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TIM LEBBON

DAWN

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JANE LINDSKOLD

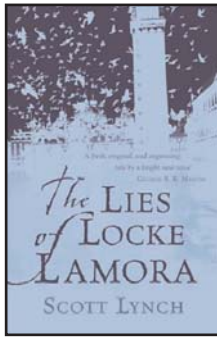
WOLF'S BLOOD

 *Firekeepers #6.* In coming to the country of the Liglím, Firekeeper, Derian Carter and Blind Seer discover that magic is still working in the world and that it isn't always the evil they'd been warned against. However, it also turns out that an old plague specifically targeted magic users and when Firekeeper and her friends learn to open the gates between worlds, the plague comes back with them. Firekeeper, is determined to learn the nature of the plague and if she can, to end it forever. Hb \$59.95 540pp

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DENNIS MCKIERNAN

ONCE UPON AN AUTUMN EVE

 *Faery #3.* Once upon an autumn eve, a wounded knight named Sieur Luc rides into the Autumnwood and into the heart of Princess Liaze. But even as love blooms between them, dark forces snatch him away. Guided by the enigmatic Fates, Liaze sets out on a quest to follow the trail of her true love no matter what perils she may encounter. Pb \$18.95 400pp *Due May*


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THE LIGHTHOUSE LAND

 When Jamie's mother inherits a small island and moves her little family from Harlem to Ireland, her troubled son sees a chance to start over, far away from the bullies and the pitying stares. Cancer has left Jamie without an arm, or the will to speak. But Muck Island offers more than solitude and sea views. Jamie learns that he is heir to an ancient title, Laird of Muck, Guardian of the Passage and certain otherworldly responsibilities. With the help of a mysterious object, he discovers in the island's old lighthouse, Jamie sets out on a dangerous mission that will change the course of his life and possibly the universe, forever. Hb \$37.00 387pp

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JOHN MOORE

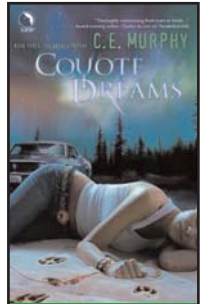
 **A FATE WORSE THAN DRAGONS**

In an attempt to win the hand of Princess Gloria in marriage, Sir Terry slays a dragon, only to discover he's killed the dragon in a neighbouring kingdom and inadvertently earned the devotion of the wrong princess. And everyone knows that getting stuck with the wrong girl is truly a fate worse than dragons. Pb \$18.95 240pp

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The Walker Papers #3. Much of the city can't wake up and more are dozing off each day. Instead of powerful forces storming Seattle, a more insidious invasion is happening. Most of Joanne Walker's fellow cops are down with the blue flu, or rather, the blue sleep. Yet there's no physical cause anyone can point to and it keeps spreading. It has to be magical, Joanne figures. But what's up with the crazy dreams that hit her every time she closes her eyes? Are they being sent by Coyote, her still-missing spirit guide? Somehow Joanne has to wake up her sleeping friends, while protecting those still awake, figure out her inner-spirit dream life and, yeah, come to terms with these other dreams she's having about her boss... Pb \$32.95 406pp



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THE FLOWN SKY

 Allele Island is a beachcomber's paradise for a charming creature named Eena Beena, who tends her stretch of beach and the hapless castaways who wash up there, as if it were her own private garden. Everything changes when a deranged ape named Prospero arrives with plans for an evil experiment. Hb \$43.00 340pp


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SCHOOLS OUT FOREVER

 *Maximum Ride #2.* It's 24 hours since Max Ride and her fellow bird-kids escaped the New York Institute and they're still on the run. But the six companions, 98% human, 2% bird, came away with some vital information. If they can decode the garbled words and numbers, perhaps they'll find out where their parents are. There's a lot of trouble ahead for Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, the Gasman and Angel, not to mention Total, the talking dog. Their enemies, the fearsome Erasers, have acquired a new skill, they too can now fly. After an air-battle, the badly hurt Fang ends up in hospital. There the FBI track down the flock, who have even ended up going to school! But that doesn't quite fit in with searching for parents, or with what the insistent Voice in Max's head keeps reminding her, that her mission is 'to save the world'. Pb \$16.95 473pp


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 *The Chronicles of Krangor #1.* When the queen threatens to conquer all seven kingdoms of Krangor and thus break the ancient bond between the saur and the land, one young noble vows to stop her. Adalon's promise sets him on a perilous quest. He and his loyal friends Targesh and Simangee must find a safe haven, far from the queen's bloodthirsty soldiers. Beyond a river of fire, a lost castle beckons. Mysteries and magical wonders await the three friends at the castle, but awakening ancient magic brings its own dangers. Pb \$14.95 190pp


PHILIP REEVE

A DARKLING PLAIN

 *Mortal Engines #4.* Wren Natsworthy is enjoying life as an aviatrix but her father Tom is troubled by matters of the heart - the last, shocking, encounter with Hester and the old wound caused by Pennyroyal's bullet. Meanwhile the fragile truce between the Green Storm and the Traction Cities splinters and hostility breaks out again. Events are set on a collision course, as things end where they began, with London. Pb \$18.00 533pp


JUSTIN RICHARDS

THE DEATH COLLECTOR

 When Eddie 'Dipper' Hopkins steals George Archer's wallet he has no idea that he is about to enter a dark world of grave-robbing, assassins and zombies. For George Archer is no ordinary citizen. He has just been offered a job in the top secret Department of Unclassified Artefacts at the British Museum - a department that investigates the bizarre and the unexplained. And in George's wallet is a clue to one of the biggest mysteries of all, a secret that has remained hidden for millions of years. On the run for their lives, Eddie and George race against time to unravel the secret before London is overrun by creatures from the dead, both human and dinosaur. Pb \$15.95 339pp


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 When a 60-kiloton explosion destroyed the University of Central Florida and much of the surrounding countryside, the authorities first thought that terrorists had somehow obtained a nuclear weapon. But there was no radiation detected, and, when physicist Dr. William Weaver and Navy SEAL Command Master Chief Robert Miller were sent to investigate, they found that in the centre of the destruction, where the University's physics department used to be, was an interdimensional gateway. Furthermore, other gateways were appearing all over the world and one of them immediately began disgorging demonic visitors intent on annihilating all life on Earth and replacing it with their own. Pb \$18.95 388pp


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YELLOW EYES

 *A Posleen novel.* The Posleen are coming and the models all say the same thing - without the Panama Canal, the US is doomed to starvation and defeat. Despite being overstretched preparing to defend the US, the military sends everything it has left: A handful of advanced Armoured Combat Suits, rejuvenated veterans from the many decades that Panama was a virtual colony and three antiquated warships. Other than that, the Panamanians are on their own. Hb \$56.00 608pp


JENNIFER ROBERSON

KARAVANS

 Audrun and her husband Davyd, along with the others of the land of Sancorra, have been left homeless because of the brutal Hecari. Consulting diviners, they learn that their newest child must be born in the peaceful province of Atalanda. They must now travel close to the sinister woodlands of Alisanos, where darkness awaits. Joining a caravan for safety, the family moves ever closer to the dangerous, mystical forest. And, as they are all about to discover, Alisanos is moving ever closer to them. Pb \$18.95 441pp


LANE ROBINS

MALEDICTE

 Miranda, born in the slums of the dissolute kingdom of Antyre, loses her lover when his aristocratic father reclaims him in order to have an heir. Refusing to believe she will never see him again, Miranda wakens black-winged Ani, the god of love and vengeance, to aid her in her cause - retrieve her lover, Janus and kill his father, the Earl of Last. Constrained by society and expectations, she takes on a male persona, the dangerous and enigmatic cavalier Maledicte, and, with the aid of Baron Vornatti, the Earl's sworn rival, Maledicte is trained in the arts of a courtier - locution, dance, swordplay, and, most importantly, treachery. Pb \$32.95 464pp


PATRICK ROTHFUSS

THE NAME OF THE WIND


 *Kingkiller Chronicle: Day One.* This is the tale of the magically gifted young man who grows to be the most notorious wizard his world has ever seen. The intimate narrative follows of his childhood in a troupe of travelling players, his years spent as a near-feral orphan in a crime-ridden city, his daringly brazen yet successful bid to enter a legendary school of magic and his life as a fugitive after the murder of a king. Hb \$54.00 896pp *Due May*

PENNI RUSSON


DRIFT

 *Undine #3.* Undine thinks she could be happy living in a world where Stephen is still alive. Back in the real world, Trout could be happy too, as long as he doesn't think about Undine's disappearance, or why her shadow appears in his photographs. Phoenix is new in town, a drifter, passing through with his conjuring tricks, but they can't keep drifting forever, and one hot summer night their worlds collide. Coincidence or confluence? Illusion or reality? Trout isn't sure he wants an answer and Phoenix isn't telling. All Undine knows is that she must find a way to return home. Someone is calling her name. The girl and the magic must become one to quell the darkness forever. Pb \$17.95 312pp


FRED SABERHAGEN
ARDNEH'S SWORD

 *Empire of the East #2.* It's been a thousand years since the time of Ardneh, the transcendent being that saved humanity from the vicious archdemon Orcus. But, in the passing years, only a few remain that actually believe these legends as truths. Chance Rolfson comes from a long line of Ardneh's followers, descendants from Rolf, the illustrious warrior who fought in Ardneh's name for humanity many years ago. A young man plagued with vivid nightmares, Chance hopes to clear his head by joining a forest expedition that seeks physical proof of Ardneh's existence. However, the dangers are high in the dark forests, rife with bandits and demons that no magic can stop. And as Chance's dreams become clearer, he soon realises these are not merely dreams, but visions and he alone holds the key to unlocking Ardneh's greatest gift, known to the followers as Ardneh's Sword. Pb \$16.95 352pp *Due May*


NICK SAGAN
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 *Idlewild #3.* A small group of humans has survived Black Ep, the apocalyptic pandemic that ravaged the world. These survivors start to revive others who'd been cryogenically preserved in anticipation of a future free of the disease. At first, all agree on the basic principles of this new world - how lucky they are to have survived, how they should look out for each other, learn from the past and build a better future. As more sleepers are roused, there are some, inevitably, who disagree. Those who have knowledge of power do not intend to wait politely in line and this new utopia starts to fracture. But one more surprise awaits the survivors - it comes from a long way away and will transform the future. Tp \$29.95 243pp


ROBERT J SAWYER
ROLLBACK

 Dr. Sarah Halifax decoded the first-ever radio transmission received from aliens. 38 years later, a second message is received and Sarah, now 87, may hold the key to deciphering this one, too, if she lives long enough. A wealthy industrialist offers to pay for Sarah to have a rollback, a hugely expensive experimental rejuvenation procedure. She accepts on condition that Don, her husband of 60 years, gets a rollback, too. The process works for Don, making him physically 25 again. But in a tragic twist, the rollback fails for Sarah, leaving her in her eighties. While Don tries to deal with his newfound youth and the suddenly vast age gap between him and his wife, Sarah struggles to do again what she'd done once before - figure out what a signal from the stars contains. Hb \$49.95 320pp

JOHN SCALZI
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 The Ghost Brigades are the Special Forces of the Colonial Defense Forces, elite troops created from the DNA of the dead and turned into the perfect soldiers for the CDF's toughest operations. Three races that humans have clashed with before have allied to halt our expansion into space. Their linchpin - the turncoat military scientist Charles Boutin, who knows the CDF's biggest military secrets. To prevail, the CDF must find out why Boutin did what he did. Jared Dirac is the only human who can provide answers. A superhuman hybrid, created from Boutin's DNA, Jared's brain should be able to access Boutin's electronic memories. But when the memory transplant appears to fail, Jared is given to the Ghost Brigades. At first, Jared is a perfect soldier, but as Boutin's memories slowly surface, Jared begins to intuit the reasons for Boutin's betrayal. As Jared desperately hunts for his 'father,' he must also come to grips with his own choices. The alliance is preparing its offensive and some of them plan worse things than humanity's mere military defeat... Pb \$18.95 320pp *Due May*


MANDA SCOTT
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 *Boudica #4.* Britannia, AD 60. The tribes of Britannia are ready to seek bloody vengeance. 20,000 warriors are poised to reclaim their land from their captors. Now is their chance. The Roman governor has marched his legions west, leaving his capital and a vital port undefended. There is no going back. But to crush her enemies' legions for all time, Boudica must do more than lead her army in the greatest rebellion Britain has ever known. She must find healing for herself, for the land and for Graine, her eight-year-old daughter. Pb \$23.95 779pp



DAVID SHERMAN & DAN CRAGG
FLASHFIRE

 *Starfist #11.* Tensions erupt between the Confederation and several frontier worlds when civilians are shot dead at an army base on the planet Ravenette. Enraged, the Ravenette government and nine neighbouring planets form a coalition, and their first act of secession is to overrun Ravenette's Confederation garrison. With the armed forces of ten worlds seizing the brutal upper hand, the embattled troops need help now. Enter the Marines of the 34th FIST. Pb \$18.95 349pp


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HABEAS CORPSES

 *Christopher Csjethe #3.* Poor Chris. If he's not being made unwilling ruler of the vampires, he's disincorporated and floating through walls. Lupe the Werewolf, Suki the cat/vampire, the voluptuous Deidre, and, oh yes, Teresa's head - all are back for this latest romp. Pb \$18.95 575pp *Due May*



KASSANDRA SIMS
FALLING UPWARDS

  Neva is a businesswoman in Alabama, not a character in some fairy tale novel, but she'll step into this quest business if it means no longer feeling like she's going insane. She'll dive right into the lake and a crazy dream-world. There's one thing she knows, the hottie she met on a business trip in Wales is there and she needs to be saved. Pb \$16.95 228pp


ALLEN STEELE
SPINDRIFT

 June 1, 2288. Europe's first starship, the EASS *Galileo*, launches on its maiden voyage to investigate an unidentified object, code-named Spindrift, which is travelling outside our solar system, an object that may be alien in origin. The *Galileo* disappears soon after... February 1, 2344. The *Galileo's* shuttle returns to Earth carrying three surviving expedition members, who still appear to be the same age they were when they departed. They report that they have, indeed, made contact with an extraterrestrial race and become enmeshed in a conflict that brought them face to face with the most apocalyptic force in the galaxy. It is up to Director General John Shillinglaw to piece together the puzzle created by these events, for the survivors tell their stories from their own conflicting perspectives and the truth is more difficult to glean than it appears. Hb \$54.00 354pp

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THE AWAKENED CITY

 *Ravar #2.* After centuries of oppression, the Empire of Arsace has finally reclaimed the capital city of Ninyaser and the First Temple of the Gods. But the powerful Brethren will tolerate no challenge to their rule and an expedition to destroy the secret colony of Refuge, home to ancient mysteries and forbidden sorcery, has proved the catalyst for war. Ravar, the most powerful of the hidden Shapers, vows revenge against the Brethren. Raising an army of worshippers and kidnapping the seer, Axane, to help him in his quest, he travels to the holy city of Baushpar itself, as the Empire prepares for battle. Against a backdrop of war, insurrection, and sacrifice, two powerful Shapers must discover who is the true Next Messenger, for their quest will lead either to salvation or destruction. Pb \$32.95 464pp *Due May*

ARKADY & BORIS STRUGATSKY

 **ROADSIDE PICNIC**

SF Masterworks #68. Red Schuhart is a stalker, one of those strange misfits who are compelled by some unknown force to venture illegally into the Zone and, in spite of the extreme danger, collect the mysterious artefacts that the alien visitors left scattered around. His life is dominated by the Zone and the thriving black market in the alien products. Even the nature of his daughter has been determined by the Zone. And it is for her that Red makes his last, tragic foray into the hazardous and hostile depths. Pb \$22.95 145pp

SHANNA SWENDSON

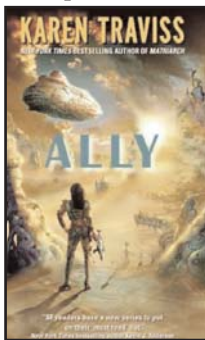
 **DAMSEL UNDER STRESS**

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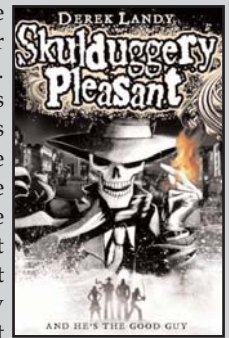
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Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent



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Star Wars on Trial edited by David Brin & Matthew Woodring Stover (Pb \$39.95). Considering George Lucas forever blackened my childhood memories of the *Star Wars* experience with his prequel trilogy, you can guess which side I would take in this collection of essays on the merits of the *Star Wars* films. While the prosecution makes intelligent and generally non-biased observations, the films are not awful, just flawed (very flawed in some cases), the criticism is pretty much aimed at the prequel trilogy.

The defence, when not challenging the prosecution to lightsaber duels, seems to fall back on the 'it's just a movie' line a little too often. This is a thought-provoking book, sure to start some heated arguments. - *David*

Unshapely Things by Mark Del Franco (Pb \$18.95). If you love the crime/detective/supernatural storyline, but are tired of too much sex, not enough plot (I am) or too much humour (hee - I'm not), then try this. I loved it. It's just like a Hamilton/Butcher, but without those elements mentioned. This is the start of a series and one that I will be definitely following. - *Steph*

Memories of Ice (A Tale of the Malazan Book of the Fallen #3) by Steven Erikson (Pb \$24.95 1194pp). I'm in the process of re-reading these books for the first time since they came out, for both a refresher before the advent of Book 7 (Hb, due May) and for pure enjoyment. There's not much that can be said about Erikson's writing that hasn't said been already. War abounds, naturally, and mortal and immortal politics criss-cross centuries, but one of Erikson's greatest gifts as a storyteller (besides keeping track of such a convoluted plot) is making the reader connect with the characters, for while the plot is epic, the story's thrust is completely character-driven and you can't help but read, even though you may still have very little idea as to where the series is taking you. These books are fantastic! - *Mark*

Kitty Takes a Holiday by Carrie Vaughn (Pb \$16.95). I have to be honest, the first third reads a little bit like 'Kitty And the Pity Party', but it gets better. The author manages to write a character who is unique, but at the same time 'everywoman', by making her react so realistically to situations we can only imagine. Some of the humour is just great too - look for the reference to her 'inner two-year-old'. I really liked it. I wouldn't say love, because, unlike the previous two, it had a flawed beginning. I like Kitty being the alpha pack-leader and that's where she's headed. She's come a long way in the three books and I can't wait to see what happens next! 3.5 stars. Carrie Vaughn is still one of my favourite writers at the moment. - *Sofia*

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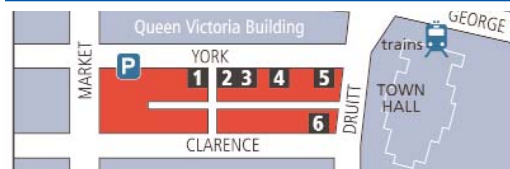
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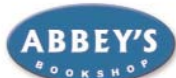
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