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NEBULA AWARD WINNERS

NOVEL

The Yiddish Policemen's Union
by Michael Chabon

NOVELLA

Fountain of Age
by Nancy Kress

NOVELETTE

The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate
by Ted Chiang

SHORT STORY

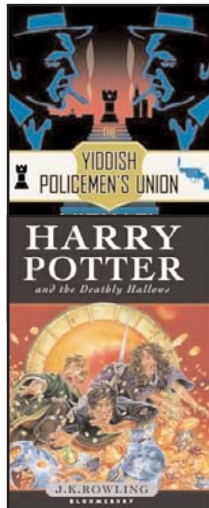
Always by Karen Joy Fowler

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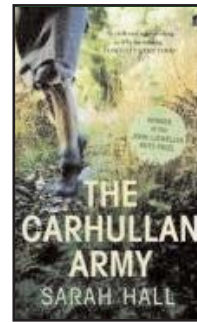
Pan's Labyrinth by Guillermo del Toro

ANDRE NORTON AWARD

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
by J K Rowling



TIPTREE AWARD WINNER



The Carhullan Army by Sarah Hall

BRAM STOKER AWARD WINNERS

BEST NOVEL

The Missing by Sarah Langan

FIRST NOVEL

Heart-Shaped Box by Joe Hill

LONG FICTION

Afterward, There Will be a Hallway
by Gary Braunbeck

SHORT FICTION

The Gentle Brush of Wings
by David Niall Wilson

ANTHOLOGY

Five Strokes to Midnight
by Hank Schwaeble

COLLECTION (tie)

Proverbs for Monsters by Michael Arzen
5 Stories by Peter Straub

NONFICTION

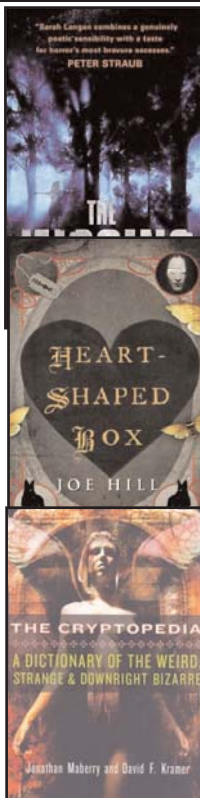
**The Cryptopedia:
A Dictionary of the Weird, Strange &
Downright Bizarre**

Jonathan Maberry & David Kramer

POETRY (tie)

Being Full of Light, Insubstantial
by Linda Addison

Vectors: A Week in the Death of a Planet
by Charlee Jacob & Marge Simon



Abbey's Turns 40

A Continuing Retrospective - Part 5

From 1977, we occupied space at 66 King Street, near the corner of King and York, home firstly to Penguin Bookshop, Oxford & Cambridge Bookshop and Bargain Bookshop, then eventually Abbey's Bookshop when we moved out of the Queen Victoria Building.



It was here in 1978 that Jack Winning (now Managing Director) returned from overseas to work for us again. He had previously been the Accountant for our other business, Book Wholesale Company - a whole other story for another time!

This is when we made our first steps into computerisation, initially only for the accounts under the guidance of Tony Oosthuizen. The computer printouts were over 50cm wide with punch-holes down each side and I thought I'd have to mutate and grow more eyes to read from one side of the page to the other! Point-of-sale computerisation of the stockholding didn't happen until we moved to 131 York Street eight years later.

Looking back over forty years, I'm amazed by the number of places in which we've had bookshops - certainly not forty years in one place! We wandered around the city (including Centrepunt) and suburbs (including Paddington, Taylor Square and Bondi Junction), opening small specialist bookshops. At one time we had ten shops! Ron was always coming back from a long lunch to declare he'd found another good spot!

However, Abbey's did not become so well-known until we amalgamated our shops in 1986 at 131 York Street, where we remain today. Galaxy Bookshop, our science fiction shop, opened in 1975 in Bathurst Street, but is also now nearby at 143 York Street. Language Book Centre, which began at 127 York Street, with Hanni Baaske as manager, is now here on the first floor of Abbey's. While we treat it as a separate shop, to most of our customers it is just another part of Abbey's.



Eve Abbey Jack at his desk, circa 1978. The 'Been Booked Lately?' signs were used to advertise on rubbish bins around the city. The bins have now gone, but we're still here!



**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON 9 JUNE
WE ARE OPEN
10AM - 5PM**

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

ALMA ALEXANDER

GIFT OF THE UNMAGE

Worldweavers #1. Great things have been expected of Thea, the seventh child of two seventh children. With Cheveyo, a mage, Thea has begun to weave herself a new magical identity, infused with elements of the original worlds. But back home, Thea keeps her abilities hidden and attends the Wandless Academy, the one school on Earth for those who have no apparent magical talent. It is there that Thea realises that her enemies are hungrier and more dangerous than she knew. What's more, her greatest strength may be the powerlessness she has resisted for so long. Pb \$15.95 416pp

ROGER MACBRIDE ALLEN

FINAL INQUIRIES

Starside #3. It's a mission so top-secret, not even their commanding officer has been permitted to know the details. BSI agents Jamie Mendez and Hannah Wolfson are whisked aboard an Elder Race ship, hurtling across the galaxy towards the scene of a crime no one dares to put into words. They've been partnered with Brox 234, an agent of the Kendari, humanity's chief rival in the endless game of interstellar diplomatic threat and bluster. Mendez and Wolfson quickly learn one thing for certain - they're about to face a threat so deadly that only an alliance between the human race and its fiercest foes will give any of them even the slimmest chance of survival. And even that chance is about to slip away. Pb \$13.95 432pp

TONI ANDREWS

BEG FOR MERCY

Mercy Hollings #1. I've never been certain I'm human. Oh, the X-rays and blood tests are normal and most people have no reason to suspect I'm more than I appear to be. But if I tell you to do something? You do it, no ifs, ands, or buts. I call my power the 'press.' My name is Mercy Hollings and if you think that having the power to control people makes my life easy, you're dead wrong. Because when I get angry, everyone around me is at risk - Sukey, my friend who has frightening taste in men, my clients, who, ironically, come to me for help, my neighbours, who regard me as a loner and Sam, a man who wants to know my darkest secret. I have hurt people in the past and I don't want that to happen again. But now a powerful stranger is threatening the new life that I've made for myself. And I'm afraid my anger is taking over. Pb \$13.95 320pp

ALEX ARCHER

THE SOUL STEALER

Rogue Angel #12. Annja Creed jumps at the chance to join a fellow archaeologist on a quest to find a relic. But she's not so thrilled about northern Siberia, where they are hoping to discover something buried in the long-undisturbed soil of Russia's frozen terrain. When they reach the town of Yakutsk, Annja is put off by its gray landscape and highly superstitious inhabitants. They claim they are being hunted. Then one of the villagers goes missing. The locals blame the Khosadam, a ghost of a fallen goddess said to ingest the souls of the departed, but there are no fresh graves. When Annja seeks to destroy the apparition, she discovers an even more horrifying truth and hits what seems to be a dead end. Pb \$13.95 352pp *Due May*

AMELIA ATWATER-RHODES

FALCONDANCE

Kiesha Ra #3. Nicias has never felt completely at home among the avians and serpente in Wyvern's Court, despite his loyalty to Oliza Shardae Cobriana, the heir to both thrones. He is a falcon, the son of two exiles from Anhmik and images of this distant island have always haunted his dreams. But when Nicias's visions become more like reality, his parents have no choice but to send him back to the homeland and a royal falcon they've tried their best to forget. If Araceli won't bind Nicias's newfound magic, it could destroy him. In a place where everyone is a pawn, only one other woman has the potential to save Nicias. But she holds the keys to a dangerous power struggle that will force Nicias to choose between his duty and his destiny. Pb \$15.95 208pp

JAMES AXLER

GRAILSTONE GAMBIT

Outlander #44. Ushering in a new age of magic, terror and human sacrifice, the interloper once called Lord Strongbow seeks an ancient relic that will resurrect the dead. To rescue a culture from barbarism, the Cerberus warriors stand with a warrior queen in a final challenge to turn the tide of ancient madness that threatens to engulf the entire world. Pb \$13.95 320pp

GHOSTWALK

Outlander #45. A madman has marshalled an army of incorporeal, alien evil, a virus with intelligence now scything through human hosts like locusts. The Cerberus warriors must stop the unstoppable, before humanity becomes discarded vessels of energy for ravenous disembodied monsters. Pb \$13.95 352pp *Due May*

PAOLO BACIGALUPI

PUMP SIX

The author's debut collection demonstrates the power and reach of the science-fiction short story. Social criticism, political parable and environmental advocacy lie at the centre of his work. These 11 stories represent the his best work, including the Hugo nominee *Yellow Card Man*, the *Nebula* and *Hugo* nominated story *The People of Sand and Slag*, and the *Sturgeon Award*-winning story *The Calorie Man*. Hb \$49.95 248pp

STEPHEN BAXTER

WEAVER

Times Tapestry #4. The Weaver of Time's Tapestry has finally succeeded in twisting the threads of history into a new shape; the Luftwaffe have pushed the RAF to the brink and the invasion barges have reached the beaches of Sussex and Kent. Britain wakes up to the nightmare of the Wermacht unleashed in Southern England. As the desperate battle to hold up the invasion rages, it is left to a few individuals caught up in the panic and chaos to piece together what has really happened. Tp \$33.00 336pp

HILARI BELL

FORGING THE SWORD

Farsala #3. Sorya, Kavi and Jiann do everything they can to keep control of what little land remains free from Hrum rule. They have most of the peasantry, a small, untrained army and the Suud helping them, but there is still one important piece missing - a sword that is able to withstand the Hrum's watersteel. Without it, Farsala will fall. But what none of these young heroes can foresee is the growing desperation of the Hrum leaders. It will lead them to break some of their own laws and sacred pacts. It will also reveal truths about the nature of war, the nature of human beings, and, most important, themselves. Pb \$12.95 624pp

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	EROTICA
	AWARD WINNER
	AUSTRALIAN
	ACTION
	REPRINT
PB	PAPERBACK
TP	TRADE PAPERBACK (SLIGHTLY LARGER)
HB	HARDBACK

★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

NEW TITLE

LAST ARGUMENT OF KINGS

FIRST LAW #3

JOE ABERCROMBIE

TP \$33.00

The end is coming. Logen "Bloody Nine" Ninesingers might only have one last fight in him, but it's going to be monumental. Battle rages across the North. Bethod, the King of the Northmen, still stands firm, with only one man possessing the wherewithal to stop him - his oldest friend, who is also his oldest enemy. It's long past time for the Bloody Nine to come home.

With too many masters and too little time, Superior Glokta is fighting an entirely different kind of battle. A secret struggle in which no-one is safe and no-one can be trusted. His martial days are far behind him. It's a good thing blackmail, threats and torture still work well enough to get the job done.

Jezaal dan Luthar has decided that winning glory is far too painful and plans to turn his back on soldiering for a simple life with the woman he loves. But love can be painful too and glory has a nasty habit of finding a man, especially when he doesn't want to be found.

While the King of the Union lies close to death, the peasants revolt and the nobles scramble to steal his crown. No-one believes that war is coming to the very heart of the Union. The First of the Magi, Baraz, has a plan to save the world, as he always does. But there are risks. There is no risk more terrible than to break the First Law.

Joe Abercrombie has come from nowhere to give us something special. This debut trilogy is strongly character-driven, with world-weary and cynical mages, soldiers and torturers all with their part to play in this grand finale. Tightly plotted, with wit and style to spare, and, in Logen and Glokta, he has created some of the best fantasy characters in recent years.

This book finishes off the series on a high note, interspersing exciting moments with breathless battle scenes.

The ending is superb, particularly the enormously satisfying epilogue and the final scene. Enough loose ends remain that the author could revisit the storyline in future books, but not to the extent that it is a necessity (though we can certainly hope he does). Life goes on, albeit in a manner which some characters (and perhaps some readers) find unfair. We also get enough clues laid about other, undeveloped parts of the world, such as Styria, so the news that the author's next novel, **Best Served Cold**, will be set there is welcome indeed. However, for the time being at least, we must bid a fond farewell to Superior Glokta, Logen Nine Fingers and the rest....*Adam*



CLASSIC TITLE

DRAGONSINGER: HARPER OF PERN

PERN #4: HARPER'S HALL #2

ANNE McCAFFREY

PB \$16.95

This is definitely one of my favourite novels of all time. I've read it countless times and it still has me hooked from the first sentence to the last (at which time I realise it's the wee hours of the morning and I'll have to get up in a few hours.)

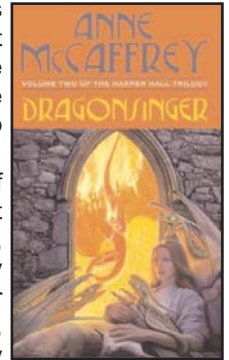
Dragonsinger is the fourth instalment of Anne McCaffrey's *Pern* series but is set during her second book, **Dragonquest**. **Dragonsinger** follows Menolly's journey after being discovered by the Master Harper. She travels with him to Harper Hall, where she hopes to follow her dreams, play the music she creates and ultimately find her place in society. It's a story about breaking with tradition and revolutionising the world - a theme done many times, but this time with a twist.

Arriving spectacularly via dragon back, with nine fire lizards in tow and reputed to be the Master Harper's apprentice, Menolly causes quite a stir, attracting both friends and enemies. Completely unaware and uncertain of her place in Harper Hall, she finds herself on unstable grounds, caught between the traditional values of her upbringing and the freedom her new life at the Hall represents. Yet unbeknownst to her, she is the key to the Master Harper's plans to spread new ideas to the rest of Pern, breaking the old hide-bound ways of the past. Combating her fears and learning to trust her instincts, Menolly finds that she has much to offer Pern, more than anyone had ever expected.

It is a journey of discovery for both Menolly and Pern that McCaffrey spins, drawing the reader in, much like the music it portrays, defining the society of Pern more completely than in the previous books, which gives this story the ability to stand alone. The writing is not overly descriptive, but gives enough information to let your imagination take over. She describes the whole world of Pern, not as action, but through the various interactions of key characters to achieve the brightest future possible for Pern, which makes it a tale you don't want to end.

But what I really love about this novel is the character interaction. Unlike the first two novels, the characters appear more real to the reader, creating a closer bond between them, since it is far easier to relate to the easygoing musicians than the surly and responsible dragonriders. It shows the lighter side of the desperate struggle that the characters face in a world that is constantly in danger of being destroyed. Due to the many different themes in the novel, the story appeals to a large audience.

Though rather small in size, the story seems far longer than its counterpart, **Dragonsong**, and the author successfully fools the reader into believing that it spans years - not simply one week, which ultimately brings the reader closer to Menolly, because you understand what an overload the time must have been and how quickly a place can feel like home if you truly love what you do there. **Dragonsinger** is a light-hearted, lyrical journey of discovery that leaves the reader on a high at the end. - *Chrissie*





WIN...
Win a copy of Neil Gaiman's
M IS FOR MAGIC,
a collection of wonderful short
stories ranging between fantasy,
humour, science fiction
and horror...
See back page for entry details

NINA BLAZON (TRANS SUE INNES)

 **THE PACT OF THE WOLVES**

When 16-year-old Bianca arrives at her new boarding school, she is startled to hear that its history includes rumours of witchcraft and torture. The building itself rests on the foundation of a medieval convent with a troubled past. There is also a secret society, whose members begin to harass her. Then one night she stumbles over the body of a dead woman. With the help of her friend Nicholas, Bianca begins to piece together the story of the mysterious woman and the convent's disturbing history. But Bianca soon realises she can't trust anyone - not even Nicholas. Pb \$16.95 224pp

CAT BORDHI

 **TREASURE FOREST**

The Forest Inside Trilogy #1. How can you retrieve a treasure from the bottom of a pond without disturbing the water? This is the challenge left for Ben Maclennon by his grandmother. After Grandma Daphne dies, Ben and his sister convince their parents to live in her home for one year, in spite of their mother's misgivings, and in spite of the fierce hermit who lives beyond the swamp. Ben is convinced that he and Sara can reawaken their parents' joy in the woods, to feel its comfort instead of fear. But it will take a wheelchair-bound private eye with a three-legged bloodhound, a Zen-master-like woman, an acorn flute homing device, Grandma Daphne's invisible presence, a tree house knit right into a tree and a golden thread to help them - and to discover the life-changing answer to the mysterious riddle of the pond. Pb \$15.95 320pp *Due May*

BEN BOVA (ED)

 **THE SCIENCE FICTION HALL OF FAME**

#2B. *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Volume One*, honoured the best of science fiction's early short stories. This volume is the definitive collection of the best science fiction novellas written between 1929 to 1964 and contains 11 classics. Contributors include Ben Bova, Poul Anderson, John W Campbell, Jr, Lester del Rey, Robert A Heinlein, C M Kornbluth, C L Moore, Eric Frank Russell, Cordwainer Smith, Theodore Sturgeon and Jack Williamson. Hb \$59.95 544pp *Due May*

JODIE BROWNLEE

 **RUBY ROSEMOUNT AND THE DOOMSDAY CURSE**

When a terrible curse is invoked, Ruby's studies at the Academy of Peace are cut short. Who is doing this? Why have her mother and Granny disappeared? Long-hidden secrets are about to be uncovered, and these could have disastrous consequences for everyone. Pb \$18.00 228pp

LOIS McMASTER BUJOLD

 **LEGACY**

The Sharing Knife #2. Fawn Bluefield, the clever young farmer girl, and Dag Redwing Hickory, the seasoned Lakewalker soldier-sorcerer, have been married all of two hours when they depart her family's farm for Dag's home at Hickory Lake Camp. Having gained a hesitant acceptance from Fawn's family for their unlikely marriage, the couple hopes to find a similar reception among Dag's Lakewalker kin. But their arrival is met with prejudice and suspicion, setting many in the camp against them, including Dag's own mother and brother. Pb \$15.95 384pp *Due May*

 **PASSAGE**

The Sharing Knife #3. Young Fawn Bluefield and soldier-sorcerer Dag Redwing Hickory have survived magical dangers and found, in each other, love and loyalty. But even their strength and passion cannot overcome the bigotry of their own kin, and so, leaving behind all they have known, the couple sets off to find fresh solutions to the perilous split between their peoples. Hb \$49.95 384pp

MARK CHADBURN

 **JACK OF RAVENS**

Kingdom of the Serpent #1. Churchill, archaeologist and dreamer, walks out of the mist and into Celtic Britain more than 2,000 years before he was born, with no knowledge of how he got there. All Jack wants is to get home to his own time where the woman he loves waits for him. Finding his way to the timeless mystical Otherworld, the home of the gods, he plans to while away the days, the years, the millennia, until his own era rolls around again, but nothing is ever that simple. A great evil waits in modern times and will do all in its power to stop Jack's return. Through Roman times, the Elizabethan age, Victoria's reign, the Second World War to the Swinging Sixties, the evil sets its traps to destroy Jack. Pb \$23.00 368pp

GLEN COOK

 **CRUEL ZINC MELODIES**

A Garrett PI #12. Garrett's newest visitors are a pack of lovelies led by his main squeeze Tinnie Tate and her friend, Alyx Weider, the spoiled daughter of the largest brewer in town. Her father needs Garrett's help and his workers are being attacked by everything from giant insects to ghosts. Garrett takes the case. After all, working for the Weiders means free beer, but it also means serious danger. Pb \$15.95 384pp

GWYN CREADY

  **TUMBLING THROUGH TIME**

Wandering the airport before a business trip, Seph tries on a pair of to-die-for pink stilettos and is transported back to the 18th century and flung aboard a turbulent ship sailing the Mediterranean! There, she meets Phillip Drummond, an arrogant British pirate and the spitting image of her irresistible co-worker, Tom. Phillip has summoned her back in time to straighten out his complete mess of a life, for he is the burly hero in the romance novel she someday hopes to write and *she* is responsible for his destiny. But in the midst of turning things right so she can get back to reality, Seph starts to fall for Phillip and when Tom is thrown into the mix, she doesn't know what, or who, she wants. Pb \$14.95 400pp

G W DAHLQUIST

 **GLASS BOOKS OF THE DREAM EATERS**

Three most unlikely, but extraordinary heroes become inadvertently involved in the diabolical machinations of a cabal bent upon enslaving thousands through a devilish process. Miss Temple is a feisty young woman with corkscrew curls who wishes only to learn why her fiancé Roger broke off their engagement. Cardinal Chang was asked to kill a man, but, finding his quarry already dead, he is determined to learn who beat him to it and why. And Dr Svenson is chaperone to a dissolute Prince who has become involved with some most unsavoury individuals. Pb \$24.95 784pp

RECOMMENDED READING


CHARLES DE LINT
DINGO



High school senior Miguel's life is turned upside down when he meets new girl Lainey, whose family has just moved from Australia. With her tumbled red-gold hair, her instant understanding of who he is, and her unusual dog, a real Australian dingo, she's unforgettable. And, as he quickly learns, she is on the run from an ancient bargain made by her ancestors. There's no question that Miguel will do whatever he can to help her, but what price will each of them have to pay? Hb \$23.95 224pp *This is a wee slip of a book which was a bit of a bummer as again I just had to read it, and all too soon, it was done. I'd started Little (Grrl) Lost (Hb \$36.00) recently and it just didn't speak to me, so I was happy when I started churning through this. It was nice to see Aboriginal mythology featured in a De Lint setting. - Steph*


MARY JANICE DAVIDSON

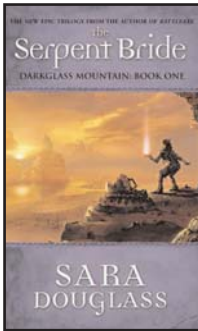
 **SWIMMING WITHOUT A NET**

 *Fred the Mermaid #2.* Half-human and half-mermaid, Frederika Bimm finds herself investigating her watery roots. After spending her entire life without seeing another mermaid or merman, there are suddenly undersea folk all over the place when Fred visits the Black Sea. But Fred is still torn between her reluctant attraction to Artur, arrogant high prince of the merpeople and wealthy human Thomas. Will the trip finally help her make up her mind and separate the men from the fish? Pb \$18.00 280pp

SARA DOUGLASS

  **SERPENT BRIDE**

 *Darkglass Mountain #1.* The land of Tencendor is no more, but not everyone is dead. Many Icarii survive in the courts abroad, while StarDrifter SunSoar, father to Axis, lives within the corrupt Palace of the First in Coroleas. Not even the Star Dance is as dead as the Icarii Enchanters had believed, for a strange race living in the frozen northern wastes can still hear, and use, the music of the heavens. To the east, at the edge of the world, an ancient serpent god uncoils, sending an unwilling woman to be the bride of the enigmatic Lord of Elcho Falling. As men, Icarii, ice wraiths and ancient gods gather for war, a legend rises from the dead - Axis SunSoar, come to regain his heritage and the Star Dance, and to battle new dangers across a mysterious land. Pb Special price \$9.99 736pp



SAM ENTHOVEN

 **TIM: DEFENDER OF THE EARTH**

TIM is Tyrannosaurus Improved Model. He's a genetically modified dinosaur that the government have been growing in a secret bunker under Trafalgar Square. And he's on the loose, after the Prime Minister decides he's just too expensive to keep. Professor Mallahide has developed an amazing new invention, where objects and even people can be taken apart, remodelled, changed and used for any purpose - a dangerous weapon in the wrong hands. Chris and Anna are classmates caught up in something very big and scary. Chris is the human link to TIM, can he help control this hugely terrifying, but good-hearted monster? Anna is the Prof's daughter and the only thing keeping him under control, for now. Can these two kids help at all as TIM and Professor Mallahide do battle? Pb \$29.95 304pp

PHILIP JOSE FARMER
& CHRISTOPHER CAREY

 **VENUS ON THE HALF SHELL
AND OTHER STORIES**

Collects for the first time the best of the best from Farmer's 'fictional-author period.' In the mid-1970s a fever-pitched furor was created when an actual novel purported to be by Kilgore Trout, the sad-sack science-fiction writer who appears as a character in the works of Kurt Vonnegut, materialised on bookshelves, complete with a back cover photo of the author looking like a bearded vagabond sage. Finally Farmer announced he was the true author. This was neither the first nor the last time Farmer would slip out of his own skin and assume the persona of another author. In this collection, he transforms himself into other fictional personalities, even the real-life author William S Burroughs. Hb \$72.00 328pp

KYLIE FITZPATRICK

 **NINTH STONE**

A jewel thief is on the loose in old London town and is murdering his victims. Sarah O'Reilly, who works as a typesetter in a newspaper office, becomes embroiled in the mystery that will eventually lead to India and a jewel with terrifying and occult powers. Hb \$50.00 352pp Tp \$33.00 320pp

ERIC FLINT & MARILYN KOSTMATKA

 **TIME SPIKE**

Captain Mark Stephens was overseeing the change of shifts the Illinois' maximum-security prison when the world outside was suddenly ripped. They thought it was an earthquake until they found that the Mississippi river had disappeared, along with all signs of civilisation. Then a dinosaur came by and scratched its hide against the wall of the prison... Something had thrown the prison back in time millions of years. And they were not alone. Death walks outside the walls, human savagery plans to break loose inside and Stephens and the other men and women of the prison's staff are trapped in the middle. Hb \$48.00 400pp Due May

JEFFREY FORD

 **SHADOW YEAR**

In New York's Long Island, in the 1960s, a young boy laments the close of summer and the advent of sixth grade. Some of his free time is spent in the basement, where he and his brother, Jim, have created Botch Town, a detailed cardboard replica of their community, complete with clay figurines representing friends and neighbours. When a prowler is reported stalking the neighbourhood, the brothers set out to aid the police, while their little sister, Mary, smokes cigarettes, speaks in other voices, inhabits alternate personas and, unbeknownst to her older siblings, moves around the inanimate residents of Botch Town. Hb \$49.95 304pp

ALICE HOFFMAN

 **SKYLIGHT CONFESSIONS**

On the night that Arlyn Singer's father dies, she is certain her destiny will find her. Some hours later a young man shows up at her door. Lost in a strange town, John Moody is a student, serious, reserved and deliberate. John takes Arlyn to live in a house made of glass, the Glass Slipper. Her life there is not the romantic destiny she envisaged. She dreams of escape for herself and her children, Sam and Blanca, but her eventual escape is not the one she dreamed of. Years later, Arlyn is gone and Meredith Weiss arrives at the Moody house. Sam, now a teenager, is careening down a path of drug-fuelled self-destruction, while John is tormented by visions of a woman in white. Meredith sets out to try to save this troubled family. But will her devotion be enough to pull them back from the fate they seem to have chosen for themselves? Pb \$24.95 272pp

LAURA ANN GILMAN

 **CURSE THE DARK**

Retrievers #2. Wren and Sergei are off to Italy in search of a possessed parchment - whoever reads it disappears. Still, when compared to what's going on at home (lonejacks banding together, a jealous demon, tracking bugs needing fumigation, etc.) maybe disappearing won't be so bad. Pb \$19.95 352pp

JAMES GRIPPANDO

 **LEAPHOLES**

Ryan Coolidge hates middle school and is in the worst kind of trouble - trouble with the law. The one person who can help Ryan is a mysterious old lawyer named Hezekiah. Hezekiah may have magical powers, or he may have the most elaborate computerised law library ever conceived. Either way, together, Ryan and Hezekiah do their legal research by zooming through leap holes, physically entering the law books, and coming face-to-face with actual people from some famous cases - like Rosa Parks and Dred Scott - who will help Ryan defend himself in court. It is time travel with a legal twist, where law books and important legal precedents come to life. Hb \$32.00 320pp Due May

P J HAARSMA

 **VIRUS ON ORBIS**

Softwire #1. 13-year-old Johnny Turnbull has always known there was something different about him. It turns out he's the first-ever human softwire - able to enter and communicate with computers with his mind. Now that JT and 200 other orphans have been put to work in alien factories on the first ring of Orbis, things are going very wrong. The perfect central computer is malfunctioning and suspicious eyes are turning to JT. Could he be the one responsible? Pb \$13.95 288pp

WARREN HAMMOND

 **KOP**

Juno is a dirty cop with a difficult past and an uncertain future. When his family and thousands of others emigrated to the colony world of Lagarto, they were promised a bright future on a planet with a booming economy, but an opportunistic Earth-based company developed a way to produce a cheaper version of Lagarto's main export, thus effectively impoverishing the planet and all its inhabitants. When he's confronted with a dead man and a short list of leads, his problems become even more pressing than usual. Set up for a fall, he is partnered with a young woman whose main job is to betray him and caught in a squeeze between the police chief and the crooked mayor. Pb \$13.95 336pp *Due May*

LOUISE HAWES

 **BLACK PEARLS:
A FAERIE STRAND**

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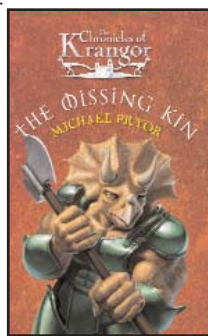
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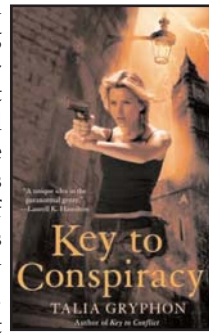
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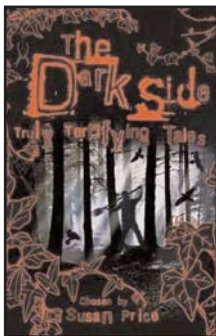
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What We've Been Reading...



Star Wars Legacy of the Force: Revelation by Karen Traviss (Pb \$15.95). This is the eighth and second-last instalment in a story that's twisted and turned more times than a Sith Lord can manipulate the truth, to get what he really, really wants, but as the story takes yet another dizzying turn, it appears the Dark Side is drawing us all further away from where we thought we were going... and Jacen, ah Lord Caedus too. The politics are rife, the families are in turmoil and Boba'ika is looking like such a Hero... Believe it... or not! Reading it, you must, young Padawans. - *CM*

The Children of Hurin by J R R Tolkien (Pb \$25.00). The tale of the children of Hurin follows the path of Hurin's son, Turin, in his struggle against an inescapable doom placed on his family by the enemy, Sauron. Elves, bandits, murder and incest make this tale darker than the standard Tolkien. - *Geoff*

Don of the Dead by Casey Daniels (Pb \$13.95). Pepper Martin used to shop up a storm with Daddy's credit card until he was put in goal for fraud. The first 25 years of her life were all preparation for her to be a CCW, a Country Club Wife, and now she has almost no money, a sore head, a job she doesn't like and a ghostly mob-boss following her around. It makes a great read to see how the mighty have fallen. Daniels writes with the friendly and light tones of Mary Janice Davidson, only with less drag. I recommend **Don of the Dead** and the subsequent **Chick and the Dead** and **Tombs of Endearment** (Pb \$15.95 ea) to fans of Kerrylyn Sparks, Katie Macalister and Michele Bardsley. And the best part is, there's none of this 'wait for the next one', because there are already three books of hers to read! - *Sofia*

Blood Knight by Greg Keyes (Pb \$19.95). The third book in the *Kingdom of Thorn and Bone* series suffers somewhat from the dreaded 'middle book' syndrome. It works well if you pick it up immediately after the second book (**Charnel Prince**, Pb \$19.95), but read alone it flounders until the last 100 or so pages, where events come to a head and significant revelations are made that leave you on a cliff-hanger for book four, **The Born Queen** (Hb \$49.95). Thankfully, that is out now, so I don't have to wait. - *Mark*

Steward of Song (Singer of Souls #2) by Adam Stemple (Hb \$48.00). I loved this. The story revolves more around Scott and Bridie - the brother and sister of Douglas from **Singer of Souls** (Pb \$16.95). They were both characters I felt empathy for and I was absolutely compelled to keep reading. Brilliant stuff. - *Steph*

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