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*Black Magician prequel.* When treating a patient at the residence of the local magician Lord Dakon, Tessia – daughter of the village healer – is forced to fight off the advances of a visiting Sachakan mage... and instinctively uses magic. She must now face an entirely different future... as Lord Dakon's apprentice. 752pp Pb \$22.99



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When triplets Gwen, Nel and Rain turned 13, they expected cake, balloons and presents. What they got was family secrets, cranky professors, evil shapeshifters and some shocking news: Gwen discovers she's a witch with a destiny; Rain, a vampire; Nel, an elf! The three feisty sisters have to juggle homework, school rivalries, magic lessons, and defy the evil plans of the greatest witch of all! 288pp Pb \$14.99

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Until she held it in her hands, archaeologist Annja Creed hadn't heard of the Skull of Sidon nor the twisted tale of its origins, stemming from the time of the Crusades. Even now, she's still not convinced. Yet someone wants it badly enough to hire a man who wields power beyond her imagining. Power enough to prevent Annja from protecting the mysterious skull. And power enough to kill. 320pp Pb \$12.95



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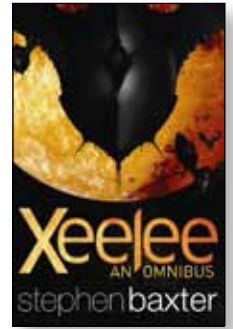


### **Catherine BANNER** **Voices in the Dark**

Anselm Andros has always thought he had a normal life with his mother Maria, his stepfather Leo, and his sister Jasmine. But when the political landscape of Malonia starts to shift, his unassuming family unravels. Although they have spent the past 15 years leading a quiet life, Maria and Leo's actions are linked to the turbulent history of Malonia and its parallel world, modern-day England. Anselm must pull all the pieces together – whatever the cost. 448pp Pb \$17.95

### **Stephen BAXTER** **Xeelee: An Omnibus**

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### **Jenna BLACK** **Glimmerglass**

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*Sentinel Wars #3.* Lexi Johns has one purpose: to free her best friend from the hands of the Sentinels. And the Sentinel she has been running from for months, Zach, has one goal: to convince her that their destinies are entwined. For the magic that Zach has absorbed could destroy him if he doesn't find the woman to channel it for him. And he knows Lexi is the one... 400pp Pb \$14.95

### **Trudi CANAVAN** **The Magician's Apprentice**

*Black Magician Prequel.* When treating a patient at the residence of the local magician Lord Dakon, Tessia – daughter of the village healer – is forced to fight off the advances of a visiting Sachakan mage... and instinctively uses magic. She must now face an entirely different future as Lord Dakon's apprentice. But along with the excitement and privilege, Tessia is about to discover that her magical gifts bring with them a great deal of responsibility... 752pp Pb \$22.99



## KEY to classifications

-  Science Fiction
-  Fantasy
-  Romance
-  Erotica
-  Award Winner
-  Australian
-  Action
-  Reprint

- Pb** = Paperback
- Tp** = Trade Paperback (slightly larger Pb)
- Hb** = Hardback
- GN** = Graphic Novel

# ★ FAVE RAVES

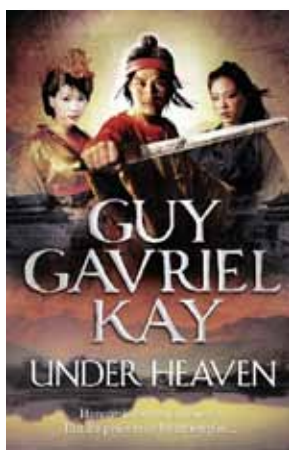
our favourites – new and classic

## FAVE NEW

### Under Heaven

Guy Gavriel Kay

Hb \$45 or Tp \$32.99



Set in a fictionalised China during the Tang dynasty, this tale opens as Shen Tai completes the required two years of mourning for his father, a famous general, by burying the 40,000 fallen soldiers of a battle between his country of Kitan and the Tagurans. Then one day he receives two separate visitors. The first visitor involves an attempt on his life; the second visitor brings a gift of 250 renowned Sardinian horses, a gift so staggeringly generous that some would kill to acquire this tribute.

To say that Shen's world is turned upside down is an understatement. He heads to the capital, Xinan, to determine if his brother was involved in his attempted murder. He doesn't even make it to the gates of Xinan before he is besieged by members of the ruling class and legendary figures from the military, all with an agenda, but who can he trust? Once inside the city, he is embroiled in court politics and crosses paths with a famous courtesan with whom he had a relationship years ago. Political turmoil and civil war follows, and Shen is unwillingly caught in the middle of it.

I've been a fan of Kay for years (longer than I care to admit). He's not a prolific author, so unfortunately it can be years between drinks. When I started this, I was reminded that you can't read his books quickly. Without over-writing or being overly descriptive, he compels the reader to take their time in absorbing the setting and characters. I always feel like pulling out art books on the masters after reading a Kay. He uses words instead of paint and I think has the most beautiful style of writing and narrative voice of any genre author. A Kay story is something to be read slowly and savoured, and I found myself re-reading passages just for the sheer pleasure of hearing the words in my head. He always manages to pull a few surprises out of his bag of tricks and conjures up the most amazing female characters. This is well-researched historical fantasy and, like most of his work, not reliant on magic. This is easily a fantasy book that crosses genres into the mainstream – as it should. It was just amazing. In fact, I'm going to go out on a limb and say it will be up there as my favourite book of the year. - Steph

## FAVE CLASSIC

### The Gunslinger (Dark Tower #1)

Stephen King

Pb \$19.99



A young man named Stephen King – who was inspired by *The Lord of the Rings* and the spaghetti westerns of Sergio Leone – set about writing a novel that would be the first part of his magnum opus. It was an epic tale describing the quest for the Dark Tower.

In *The Gunslinger*, Roland Deschain pursues a man in black across the desert, encountering the remnants of what had once been civilisation. When he encounters a small boy from another world named Jake

Chambers, he is torn between his need to follow the man in black – his last link to a dark past, who is also searching for the Dark Tower – and helping a frightened, innocent boy who is impossibly far from home. The unlikely pair – grizzled gunslinger and boy from another world – struggle through “a world that has moved on”, witness relics of a long-lost society. They form a close friendship, the likes of which Roland has not known since he started his quest many years before. When he finally gets to confront the man in black, he finds the price is steep and the road not nearly as straight as he had thought.

The start of an epic tale, I most heartily recommend this to fans of Stephen King, especially anyone who thinks Stephen King is a writer of horror only.

*The Dark Tower* series deserves pride of place with the very best science fiction and fantasy epics. This volume is the first of seven books in the series, which has recently been complemented by a series of graphic novels, plus a new upcoming novel, *The Wind Through the Keyhole* (publication date to be advised). – Matt



**Trudi CANAVAN**  
**The Ambassador's Mission**

*Traitor Spy #1.* Sonea, a Black Magician of Kyrallia, is horrified when her son Lorkin volunteers to assist the new Guild Ambassador to Sachaka, a land still ruled by cruel magicians. And when Lorkin goes missing, Sonea cannot leave the city to find him or she will be exiled.



Besides, her friend Cery needs her help. His family is being murdered – the latest in a long line of assassinations to plague the leading Thieves. And now the Thieves are waging an underworld war... with magical assistance! 528pp Tp \$32.99



**Mark CHADBOURN**  
**Destroyer of Worlds**

*Kingdom of the Serpent #3.* Jack Churchill, Champion of Existence, must lead the Brothers and Sisters of Dragons in a last, desperate assault on the Fortress of the Enemy, to confront the ultimate incarnation of destruction: the Burning Man. It is humanity's only chance to avert the coming extinction. At his back is an army of gods culled from the world's great mythologies – Greek, Norse, Chinese, Aztec and more. But will even that be enough? 336pp Pb \$22.99



**C J CHERRYH**  
**Deceiver**

*Foreigner #11.* The civil war among the alien Atevi has ended. Tabini-aiji, powerful ruler of the Western Association – along with his son and heir Cajeyri – has returned to the Bujavid, his seat of power. But factions that remain loyal to the opposition are still present, and the danger these rebels pose is far from over. 384pp Hb \$45



**C J CHERRYH**  
**Conspirator**

*Foreigner #10.* Cajeyri is the young son of the powerful leader of the Western Association – and he has become a target for forces bent on destroying his father's rule. For Cajeyri is the first Ateva to understand the humans living among them – an understanding which threatens his own race... 400pp Pb \$14.95



**Glen COOK**  
**Red Iron Nights**

*Garrett PI #6.* Determined to stop a series of brutal murders of women, Garrett enters the sleazy underside of a medieval-esque bazaar of sex – getting into one mess after another! 304pp Pb \$10.95



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**Dark Whispers**

*Unicorn Chronicles #3.* Cara Diana Hunter's search for an ancient story may unravel the secret of the long enmity between the unicorns and the delvers. Cara's journey leads her through the strange underground world of the delvers, to the court of the centaur king. 480pp Pb \$14.99



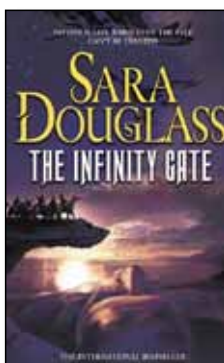
**Hjalte DANIELSSON**  
**The Burning Life**

*EVE #2.* The capsuleers are the immortal pilots who string together the vast Intergalactic Empire, which makes up the universe of EVE. Remote from the mortal population, they are needed but hated. Drem's hatred stems from a capsuleer attack which killed his family. Ralea's hatred is also directed to herself; once a capsuleer agent, she profited whilst countless people died. Both Drem and Ralea will discover that their quests are intertwined... 336pp Tp \$32.99



**Sara DOUGLASS**  
**The Infinity Gate**

*Darkglass Mountain #3.* In a heart-stopping conclusion to this superb trilogy, Maximilian and his friends battle for survival from the malevolent depths of DarkGlass Mountain to the pinnacle of a crumbling Elcho Falling and beyond... as the past reaches out to seize Axis and drag him into yet another confrontation with his hated brother Borneheld. 544pp Tp \$32.99



**David DRAKE**  
**The Legions of Fire**

*Book of the Elements #1.* In the north, magicians intend to open a gateway for supernatural creatures to devastate the Earth and destroy all life. Not knowing the cause, two young men, Corylus and Varus; and two women, Hedia and Alphena, each separately pursue the answer to sinister happenings that prefigure disaster in the great city of Carce – the centre of civilisation. 368pp Hb \$45



**Dave DUNCAN**  
**Speak to the Devil**

*The Brothers Magnus #1.* Enlisting in the royal Jorgarian hussars in a post-feudal Dobkov that has denounced magic as Satanism, an ambitious Anton and his psychic servant, Wulf, are directed to take command of a strategic fortress under threat by magic-wielding invaders. 304pp Hb \$49



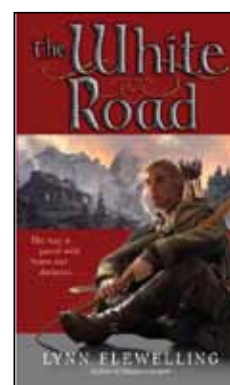
**Jennifer ESTEP**  
**Web of Lies**

*Elemental Assassin #2.* When she agrees to help Violet Fox and her grandfather protect their property from a ruthless coal-mining tycoon, Gin Blanco, the owner of the Pork Pit – and once the most feared assassin in the South – comes out of retirement when her restaurant falls under attack. 432pp Pb \$14.95



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**The White Road**

*Nightrunners #5.* After escaping death and slavery in Plenimar, Seregil and Alec – longing to return to their nightrunning life in Rhiminee – are saddled with a strange alchemy-created creature that is a danger to all whom they come in contact with, causing them to uncover the truth about this living homunculus... 400pp Pb \$14.95



**Kate FORSYTH**  
**The Wildkin's Curse**

*Starthorn Tree Universe.* Merry, Zed and Liliana – three children born between those of hearthkin blood and starkin blood – are on a perilous quest to the Palace of Zarissa. Amid the splendour and treachery of court, they watch and wait: planning the rescue of Princess Rosalina, held captive in the dazzling Tower of Stars. 400pp Pb \$16.99



**Pamela FREEMAN**  
**Full Circle**

*Castings Trilogy #3.* Saker the enchanter will stop at nothing to destroy the Eleven Domains, but has he unleashed a worse evil? As he builds his terrifying army of ghosts, screams from the nether world torment him, foretelling a greater disaster than he can imagine. When Ash is forced to acknowledge his true self, he realises that all power is duty-bound. He helps Bramble raise Acton's ghost, although plagued by doubts: is this ancient warrior a murderer or saviour? 592pp Pb \$19.99



**Laura Anne GILMAN**  
**Hard Magic**

Bonnie Torres and four other paranormal investigators are hired to prove that the deaths of two Talents were murder, not suicide, all the while dealing with a vast array of high-profile people who want to shut them down. 336pp Pb \$27

**Kate GRIFFIN**

**The Midnight Mayor**

*Matthew Swift #2.* It is said that if the ravens ever leave the Tower of London, then the Tower will crumble and the kingdom will fall... One by one, the magical wards that guard the city are failing: the London Wall defiled with cryptic graffiti, the ravens found dead at the Tower, the London Stone destroyed. This array of supernatural defences once formed a formidable magical shield. But against what? Resurrected sorcerer Matthew Swift is about to find out! 432pp Pb \$22.99





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*Others #1.* Hired by a mage to recover an ancient artefact owned by one of New York's most powerful vampires, PI Shiarra Waynest plays a high-stakes game, risking both her life and her heart, when she becomes a secret weapon in a battle between good and evil. 352pp Pb \$12.95



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**Act of Will**

Will Hawthorne is a medieval actor and playwright who flees the authorities only to find himself inextricably bound to a group of high-minded adventurers on a deadly mission. In the course of Will's uneasy alliance with his new protectors, his pragmatic mind must accept selfless heroism, which he thinks is absurd – and magic, which he doesn't believe in. 384pp Pb \$14.95



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**Robert HEINLEIN**  
**The Rolling Stones**

Castor and Pollux Stone thought life on the Lunar colony was too dull and decided to buy their own spaceship and go into business for themselves. Their father thought that was a fine idea, except that he and Grandma Hazel bought the spaceship... so the entire Stone family went on their way to the furthest reaches of the Solar System, stopping at Mars, the asteroids and even further out to Titan and beyond! 320pp Pb \$14.95



**Mary HOFFMAN**  
**City of Ships**

*Stravaganza #5.* Set in Classe (Ravenna in our world), Isabel's talisman is a pouch of silver mosaic tiles. When she straggles to Classe, she is met by Flavia – a successful female merchant who trades spices, silks, tapestries, and whose son is an outcast and a pirate. Isabel finds that Classe and Bellezza are under threat from attack by the fierce Gate people. 368pp Pb \$16.99



**James HOGAN**  
**Migration**

In a post-apocalyptic world, the nation-state of Sofi has rediscovered advanced science and technology. Recognising that the mistakes of the past are re-emerging across the world, a scientific-political movement in Sofi embarks on a project to create a starship in the hopes of creating their own world elsewhere. What follows is a mission where idealists, reformers, misfits and dissidents are pitted against one another as they pursue their own intergalactic ambitions. 304pp Hb \$39.95



**Nancy HOLDER**  
**Possessions**

Something is not right at the prestigious Marlwood Academy for Girls. Popular Mandy and her clique are plotting something dangerous. The new girl, Lindsay, overhears them performing strange rituals, and sees their eyes turn black. What Lindsay doesn't yet realise is that Mandy and her cohorts are becoming possessed by spirits who have haunted the school for 200 years. Spirits who want someone dead... 320pp Pb \$14.95



**Ian IRVINE**  
**The Headless Highwayman**

*Grim and Grimmer #1.* The Fey Queen, Emajicka, is stealing the children of Grimmery, bathing in their nightmares to relieve her own. There is one nightmare she wants most of all. If Ike had stayed home that Tuesday, he would not have betrayed a princess, robbed a murderous queen, been tied to an insane imp desperate to eat his liver, or floated across a strange land on an impossible rescue mission – powered by exploding manure – only to escape via a troll-bum door... So can Ike escape the Nightmare Queen? 288pp Pb \$16.99



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Aboard the *Prominence* – a spaceship abbey filled with holy treasures – is a 14-year-old novice-monk. But Bart is more interested in flying the old ship than worshipping the sun. When the *Prominence* goes to the aid of an unidentifiable spacecraft, it's Bart who realises the danger of stopping. For not only is the ship full of space-pirates, but the *Prominence's* engines fail. Temperatures soar as monks and pirates alike drift closer to the sun. It's up to Bart to risk everything... or it's meltdown! 224pp Pb \$15.99



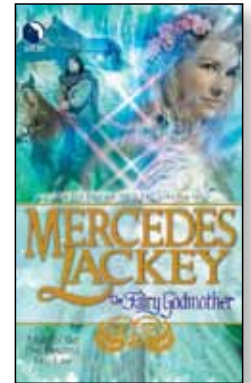
**Amber KIZER**  
**Meridian**

On Meridian's 16th birthday, a car crashes in front of her family's home. Although she is untouched, her body is wracked with pain. Soon after she is hustled to her great-aunts house in Revelation, Colorado, where she learns she is a Fenestra: a half-angel, half-human link between the living and the dead. She must learn to help people die by transitioning human souls to the afterlife. But first she must come to terms with her ability and outsmart the charismatic preacher who has taken over Revelation. Pb \$18.95



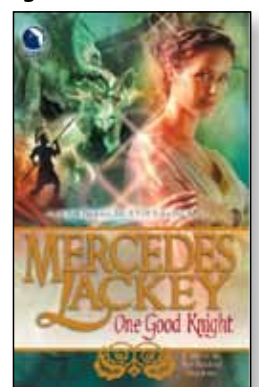
**Mercedes LACKEY**  
**The Fairy Godmother**

*Five Hundred Kingdoms #1.* Elena Klovis was her kingdom's Cinderella, until an accident of fate left her with a completely inappropriate prince. Determined not to remain with her stepfamily, Elena becomes the Fairy Godmother for the land. But breaking with tradition is no easy matter and one of the Princes that Elena had to deal with is so arrogant that she transforms him into a donkey. Still, her practical nature couldn't let him roam the country, so she brought the donkey home to her cottage to teach him some lessons... 496pp Pb \$14.95



**Mercedes LACKEY**  
**One Good Knight**

*Five Hundred Kingdoms #2.* Traditionally, marauding dragons are soothed only by a virgin sacrifice. And so practical-minded Princess Andromeda reluctantly volunteers to fulfil her duty, asking for a sword to defend herself. When the weapon isn't forthcoming, Andromeda faces the dragon alone, until a champion arrives to 'save her'. Sir George doesn't defeat the dragon, but as Andromeda finishes rescuing herself she discovers that beneath the Good Knight's well-meaning heroics lies a further tale... 400pp Pb \$14.95



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**Jane LINDSKOLD**  
**Five Odd Honors**

*Breaking the Wall #3.* When the lands of the ninth gate are found transformed by magic that has rendered them uninhabitable, the Thirteen Orphans and their allies are challenged to breach the world's centre within five elements from Chinese mythology, a quest that is complicated by a cruel betrayal. 368pp Hb \$49



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Featuring contributions from Tony Pi, Charles Tan, William F Wu and Derwin Mak, this landmark anthology of imaginative sci-fi and fantasy stories, featuring tales by authors of Chinese ancestry, draws upon China's rich heritage and traditions and cultures. 320pp Pb \$14.95



**Melissa MARR**  
**Radiant Shadows**

*Wicked Lovely #4.* Halfling member of the Dark Court, Ani, meets Devlin – member of the High Court and semi-brother to the High Queen, Sorcha. Both must struggle with finding their place in the world – and in the process also find each other and create a strong personal bond. Their actions have direct impacts on the characters which fans already know and love, and broad implications for the fate of all faeries. 352pp Pb \$19.99



**Annette McCLEAVE**  
**Bound By Darkness**

*Soul Gatherer #2.* Bound together by burning desire and a similar darkness in their hearts, Soul Gatherers Brian Webster and Lena Sharpe race against time to reclaim from a demon ancient coins that could destroy civilisation. But as the truth behind a deadly bargain Lena made surfaces, Brian is faced with a desperate choice – save one, or save many. 352pp Pb \$14.95



**Kelly McCULLOUGH**  
**Spellcrash**

*Webmage #5.* Ravirn is the best hacker around. But when the system controlling the multiverse needs a massive reboot, Ravirn must utilise all of his skills as a mage and prevent complete chaos, even if it costs him his life! 304pp Pb \$14.95



**Juliet McKENNA**  
**Banners in the Wind**

Lescari exiles in Vanam plot to overthrow the warring dukes. But who can predict the chaos that follows such a cataclysm? Some will survive against all the odds; friends and foes alike. Hopes and alliances will be shattered. Unforeseen consequences bring undeserved grief as well as unexpected rewards. Necessity forces uneasy compromise as well as defiance, and building a lasting peace will prove to be a challenge... 592pp Pb \$14.95



**Stephen MEASDAY**  
**Send Simon Savage**

*Simon Savage #1.* Simon's father died mysteriously, and Simon wants to know why. So when two secretive men turn up offering a place in an elite school, Simon jumps at the chance because these men seem to know more about his father than they will admit. But this is no ordinary school; the Time Bureau is an uber secret organisation and Simon has been hand-chosen for training. Simon will discover a world he never knew existed, and the story of a father he didn't know as well as he thought he had. 205pp Pb \$16.99



**Belinda MURRELL**  
**The Ruby Talisman**

When Tilly's aunt tells her of their ancestress who survived the French Revolution, she shows Tilly a priceless heirloom. Tilly falls asleep wearing the ruby talisman, dreaming of a more adventurous life. In 1789, Amelie-Mathilde is staying at the palace of Versailles. Her guardians want her to marry the horrible old Chevalier to revive their fortunes. Amelie-Mathilde falls asleep holding her own ruby talisman, wishing she could escape. Tilly wakes up beside Amelie-Mathilde. And with France in revolutionary upheaval, the timing couldn't be worse! Pb \$15.95



**Patrick NESS**  
**Monsters of Men**

*Chaos Walking #3.* Three armies have marched on New Prentisstown, intent on destroying one another. And Todd and Viola are caught in the middle of it all. As the battles commence, can they hope to stop all-out war? Can there ever be peace when they're so hopelessly outnumbered? And if war makes monsters of men, what terrible choices await them? Hb \$32.95



**Larry NIVEN & Steven BARNES**  
**Dream Park**

Suiting up for a role-playing game at a futuristic fantasy theme-park filled with holographic technologies, a team of creative adventurers are joined by security head Alex Griffin, who has discovered that one of the players has murdered a guard. 320pp Pb \$27



**Sam OSMAN**  
**Quicksilver**

Wolfie, Tala and Zi'ib were born on the same day on opposite sides of the world. They are brought together by astonishing coincidence – or so it seems. But only these three children can fulfil an ancient prophecy – and find a treasure of incalculable power. Are their lives controlled by the powerful energies that flow through the earth's mysterious ley lines? And will they discover the secret of who they really are? 448pp Pb \$16.99



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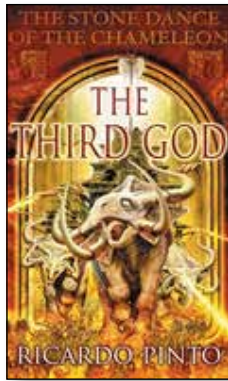
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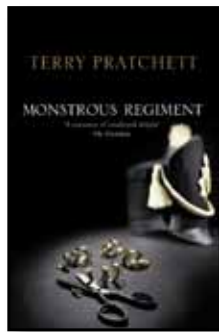
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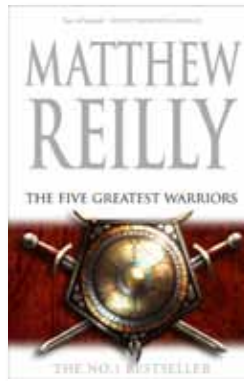
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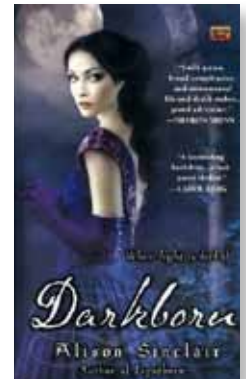
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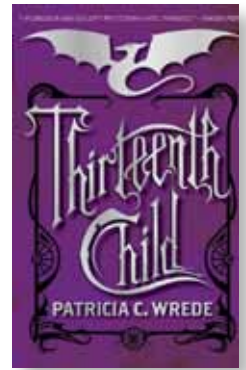


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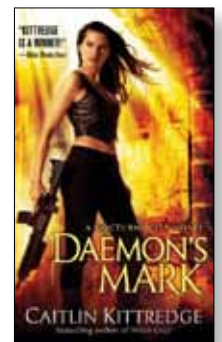
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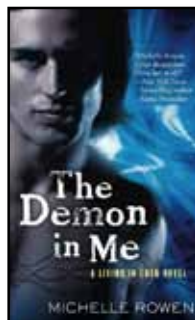
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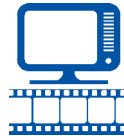
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# What We've Been Reading



**The Needs of the Many** (*Star Trek Online*) by Michael Martin & Jake Sisko (Pb \$14.95). This book ties in all the different storylines of the *Star Trek* universe with the Online version. I found the fill-in for various gaps fascinating and the couple of possible gaffs intriguing, especially considering the twist in the last movie where the whole Undine-8472 conflict is given the broad brushstroke to catch up on all the hardcore fans. As a hardcore *Star Trek* fan myself, I loved this! – *CM*

**Shalador's Lady** (*Black Jewels #8*) by Anne Bishop (Pb \$22.99). This is simply the best thing Anne Bishop has written since the *Black Jewel trilogy*! Territories collide when Cassidy's rival from Kaeleer steps in. Will Kermilla steal her court again and will Cassidy's first circle let her? I absolutely loved the story and characters from beginning to end. A must for any fantasy reader! – *Chrissi*

**Red Mars** by Kim Stanley Robinson (Pb \$24.99). The crew of the *Aries* are among the first colonists to be part of the terraforming of Mars. Conflicts arise over whether or not humans even have the right to mess with a planet on such a scale. Meanwhile corporations on Earth do their best to exploit Mars with little regard for the safety of the colonists living there. The whole thing gets pretty ugly. Vast in scale and complex in the conflicts in which its protagonists are immersed, this SF classic won the *Nebula Award* in 1993. – *Geoff*

**Ghosts of Manhattan** by George Mann (Tp \$29) is a steampunk superhero adventure set in prohibition-era New York. The 'Ghost' resembles the Batman in both vigilante and wealthy playboy role, but the story still has enough 'new' to be an entertaining read. – *Adam*

**Blackout** by Connie Willis (Tp \$32.99). Set in London and the surrounding countryside as the blitz begins, this is the tale of three history students from 2060 Oxford who travel back in time to observe first-hand how the British coped during WWII. A separate story emerges about the time slippages that are occurring as historians go back in time. There was one point when the three historians were chasing each other around the countryside and I felt like giving the story a prod... but it wasn't until the last chapter that I realised this is not a standalone novel, and then found myself dangling on a cliff-hanger! But even with these quibbles, I thoroughly enjoyed this and am eager to get my hands on the next part. – *Steph*

**The Adoration of Jenna Fox** by Mary Pearson (Pb \$17.95). Jenna walks awkwardly and has no memory – or does she? There are flashes of pain when she closes her eyes, and when she tries to drink hot chocolate, her mother screams and snatches the mug from her hands. Who are the friends she can vaguely remember, friends who don't miss her or call her? And why does her grandmother make the sign of the cross when she thinks no one is looking? I really liked this book because it's an exciting introduction to SF and I highly recommend it to fans of Scott Westerfeld's *Uglies*, *Pretties* and *Specials* series. – *Sofia*

**The Desert Spear** (*Demon War #2*) by Peter V Brett (Tp \$29.99). Brett brings into line the parallel story of Jardir and the Desert men, who have their own prophecies and are awaiting the Deliverer. Then he thrusts us back into the lives of Arlen, Leesha and Rojer from the first book. Filled with politics and manoeuvring, vibrant passions, unrequited love and the rediscovery of lost magic, this epic tale grows bigger and better with each subsequent volume. – *Mark*

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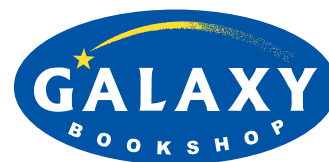
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