

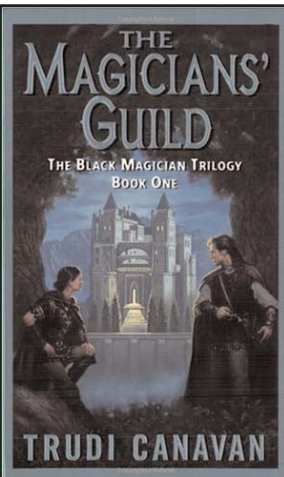


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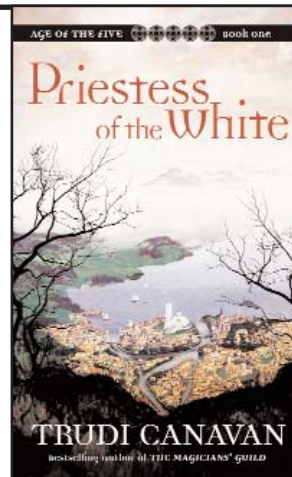
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 Cindy Davis Hewitt and Donald H Hewitt
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SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY




JOE ABERCROMBIE

BEFORE THEY ARE HANGED


 *First Law #2.* The Gurkish are massing to assault the city of Dagoska, defended by Inquisitor Glokta. Threatened from within and without the city, Glokta needs answers and he needs them soon. Meanwhile, a small band of malefactors travel to the edge of the world to reclaim a device from history - a Seed, hidden for generations - with tremendous destructive potential, that could end the war, but only if it can be found and its power controlled. Tp \$32.95 448pp

THE BLADE ITSELF

 *First Law #1.* Inquisitor Glokta, a crippled and increasingly bitter relic of the last war, is trapped in a twisted and broken body. Nobleman, dashing officer and would-be fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all. Then there's Bayaz, a bald old man with a terrible temper and a pathetic assistant, he could be the First of the Magi, he could be a spectacular fraud, but whatever he is, he's about to make the lives of Glokta, Jezal and Logen a whole lot more difficult... Pb \$22.95 544pp


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 In 1731, leaving their home and the Age of Reason behind them, two brothers set sail from a castle in Portugal and travel... up. Bartolomeu has built the world's first airship, on scientific principles. Borne aloft by the properties of vacuum-spheres, the marvellous *Passarola* takes him and his younger, more romantic brother Alexandre on their quest for truth, encountering some of the most remarkable men and events of this remarkable age - from listening to Voltaire on the outskirts of Paris, to rescuing the Polish King from a sea battle with the Russians, to testing their capacities at the furthest extremes of the North Pole and the edge of the atmosphere. Pb \$24.95 244pp


WAYNE THOMAS BATSON

THE DOOR WITHIN

 *The Door Within #1.* Just when life seemed to be coming together for Aidan, his parents suddenly move the family across the country to take care of his wheelchair-bound grandfather. Strange events draw Aidan into his grandfather's basement where he discovers three ancient scrolls and an invitation to another world. No longer confined to the realm of his own imagination, Aidan embarks on an adventure where he joins them in the struggle between good and evil. With the fate of two worlds hanging in the balance, Aidan faces Paragory, the eternal enemy. Will Aidan be willing to risk everything and trust the unseen hand of the one true King? Pb \$22.95 350pp


JULIE BERTAGNA

ZENITH

 16-year-old Mara and her ship of refugees are tracking the North Star, desperate to find a homeland in the melted ice mountains of Greenland. The vast, floating city of Pomperoy is just one of the shocks that are not in their navigation plans. Unwittingly, the refugees bring catastrophe in their wake for Tuck, a gypsy pirate-boy, and also for Ilira, a land whose inhabitants exist in a state of terror at the top of the world. Back in the drowned ruins at the feet of the towering sky city, Fox is beginning his battle with the cruel, corrupt forces that rule the New World, but separated from Mara, his resolve begins to waver. Tp \$29.95 339pp


MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY & DEBORAH ROSS

THE ALTON GIFT

 *The Children of Kings #1.* This is the story of Darkover's ruling class, the comyn, and their struggles to reclaim their realm from the devastating effects of the Terran Federation. Hb \$55.00 464pp *Due June*


KATHLEEN BRYAN

THE SERPENT AND THE ROSE

 Averil, heir to the Duchy of Quitaine in the Kingdom of Lys, is a powerful mage, trained by the Ladies of the Isle, but when her father calls her home to take up her duties, she must leave that life behind. Once home, she meets Gereint, a novice of the order of the Knights of the Rose. The Knights and their sister order, the Ladies of the Isle, defend a great secret - the means and location of the Serpent's imprisonment 1,000 years ago. But the King of Lys has secretly become an adept of the hidden order of the Serpent and will let nothing stand in the way of his quest to discover how to free his God. But the Knights of the Rose, and the Ladies of the Isle believe that if the Serpent is freed, the world will be enslaved to chaos: humanity will destroy itself and all that man has made will be corrupted. Tp \$29.95 316pp


TOBIAS BUCKELL









RAGAMUFFIN

 *Crystal Rain #2.* The Benevolent Satrapy rule an empire of 48 worlds, linked by thousands of wormholes strung throughout the galaxy. Humans, while technically 'free', mostly skulk around the fringes of the Satrapy, struggling to get by. Descended from the islanders of lost Earth, the Ragamuffins are pirates and smugglers, plying the lonely spaceways around a dead wormhole. For years, the Satraps have tolerated the Raga, but now they are determined to wipe out the unruly humans once and for all. One runaway woman may complicate their plans. Combat enabled, Nashara is more machine than flesh and she carries inside her a doomsday weapon that could reduce the entire galaxy to chaos. A hunted fugitive, she just wants to get home before she's forced to destroy civilisation - and herself. Hb \$49.95 320pp *Due June*

JACQUELINE CAREY

KUSHIEL'S JUSTICE

 *Kushiel's Legacy #2.* After a year abroad to study at university, Imriel returns, only to discover that what was once a mere spark of interest between himself and his cousin Sidonie is now a white-hot blaze, but the whole realm would recoil from any alliance between them. Praying their passion will peak and fade, Imriel and Sidonie embark on an intense, secret affair. Blessed Elua founded Terre d'Ange and bestowed one simple precept to guide his people, love as thou wilt. When duty calls, Imriel honours his role as a member of the royal family by leaving to marry a lovely, if merely sweet, Alban princess. But by choosing duty over love, Imriel and Sidonie may have unwittingly trespassed against Elua's law. Before the end, Kushiel's justice. Hb \$55.00 768pp *Due June*

	
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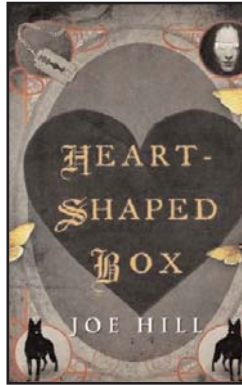
NEW TITLE

HEART-SHAPED BOX

JOE HILL

TP \$32.95 365PP

Judas Coyne is an ageing rock star with a penchant for collecting the bizarre and unique. He has a witch's confession, Aleister Crowley's chessboard and some sketches by John Wayne Gacy to name a few. One day he discovers that someone is selling their father's ghost on the internet; how can he resist? But Judas discovers that his newest acquisition is malevolent in the extreme and that the seller has an old score to settle. As the supernatural invades Judas' life, he must fight against both the demons of his past and present...



In case you missed it, yes Joe Hill is Stephen King's son. But he's no copycat wannabe. Hill has his own style, insinuating itself into the narrative and unfolding a story that keeps you reading. He goads you on as the plot is revealed, leading you to find out what will happen next. Tension mounts as the book progresses and there are a few welcome surprises along the way, in terms of genre. This is a book that stays with you; a surreptitious tale that reflects Hill's clever style of writing.

For some reason, I imagined Judas bearing a resemblance to Bill Nighy in the movie *Still Crazy* and the avenging spirit as the ghost from *Poltergeist 2*. There is certainly a similarity in the ghost Craddock McDermott's relentless pursuit of Judas.

This is a novel that deals with issues of the past and their impact on the present. All the major characters have been or are haunted by their pasts in varying ways - drugs, abuse, responsibility - and I think one of the more interesting points that Hill has made clear is that at some stage we have to let go of the things that weigh us down and concentrate on what is happening in the present, which in Judas' case is being hunted by a vengeful ghost!

Neil Gaiman has called **Heart-Shaped Box** "the best debut horror novel since Clive Barker's **Damnation Game**". It is certainly a very assured first novel, the kind you would expect from a much more seasoned writer. If this is the first example of what he can do in long fiction, then I eagerly await his next work.

Joe Hill has won both the *Bram Stoker* and *British Fantasy Award* for his short fiction, collected in **20th Century Ghosts** (forthcoming). - David

CLASSIC TITLE

DAUGHTER OF THE EMPIRE

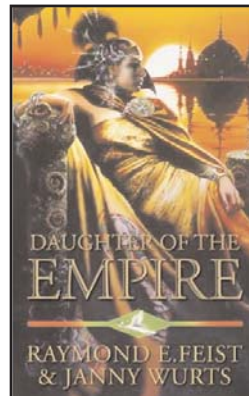
SERVANT OF THE EMPIRE

MISTRESS OF THE EMPIRE

EMPIRE 1-3

RAYMOND E FEIST & JANNY WURTS

Pb \$19.95 each



I come across quite a few readers looking for a book with the kind of noble-house politics of Martin's *Game of Thrones*; and I am always surprised that they haven't read the *Empire Trilogy* by Feist and Wurts because, when it comes to Machiavellian manipulations and politics, I haven't found a more enthralling read.

I guess the greatest difference between the two stories is that Martin's is set amidst a world reminiscent of medieval Europe, while the *Empire Trilogy* plays out in Feist's world of Kelewan, which is

very reminiscent of feudal Japan – a world in which 'face' and 'honour' are the lifeblood of all etiquette and the bench mark of social standing. The playing of politics is called the 'Great Game' in the Empire and it is a vicious bloodbath of backstabbing and wheeling and dealing, where the Great Houses can fall and Lesser Houses rise to prominence. And if you cannot play the Great Game, you may find yourself stripped of all you hold dear, maybe even your life.

And it is at this extreme of the Game that we are first introduced to Mara of House Acoma.

Taking her final vows to enter Temple life, the Daughter of the Acoma finds her plans destroyed as she is informed that her family has died and she is the only surviving heir – if she does not take up the mantle of Ruling Lady, House Acoma, its servants and vassals will all fall into ruin. Unable to turn her back on the ancient lineage of the Acoma, she leaves the Temple before her vows are spoken and returns to the devastated House that her family's enemies have left her. Without any of the formal political training her brother had received as future heir of the Acoma, Mara must rally the Acoma's depleted resources and protect her House against not only those who orchestrated the deaths of her father and brothers, but also those who would take advantage of the Acoma's weakened state. She must navigate a social and political minefield in a world where women are consorts, but rarely the Ruler of a noble House. Using her intelligence, wits and cunning, she slowly reveals she has a greater talent for the Great Game than any could have imagined.

Feist and Wurts have produced a masterpiece of fantasy that I already view as a classic. This is a beautifully written book, the prose is fluid and descriptive enough to bring the world to life and the society has been painstakingly pieced together to seem at once familiar, yet alien, without taking away from character development or plot execution. Although this trilogy fits within Feist's larger *Riftwar* series, it can be read independently – however, you might find yourself intrigued enough to read more of the authors' solo work too. - Mark

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MICHAEL CHABON

 **YIDDISH POLICEMAN'S UNION**

For 60 years, Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a 'temporary' safe haven created in the wake of revelations of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. Proud, grateful, and longing to be American, the Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle, a vibrant, gritty, soulful, and complex frontier city that moves to the music of Yiddish. For 60 years they have been left alone, neglected and half-forgotten in a backwater of history. Now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control and their dream is coming to an end: once again the tides of history threaten to sweep them up and carry them off into the unknown. Tp \$33.00 400pp

ANNA CIDDOR

 **NIGHT OF THE FIFTH MOON**

In the time of the druids, deep in the forest, six seek the power, but only one can be chosen. Ket is desperate to learn the Druid's secrets - to predict the future from the stars, to understand the raven's cry and speak words of power that can halt a battle. But five other fosterlings are competing against him and at each new moon one of them must be sent away. Friendships are strained to breaking point as they all strive to impress the Druid. By the night of the fifth moon, only one will remain. Pb \$15.95 252pp

 **STONEY COMPTON
RUSSIAN AMERIKA**

Alaska, 1989. In a world where Alaska is still a Russian possession, charter captain Grigorivich Plesnett has a stained past. As a major in the Czars Troika Guard, he was cashiered for disobeying a direct order. Ten years later, Grig charts out to a Cossack and discovers his past has not only caught up with him, but is about to violently change his future and the future of all nine of the nations of North America as well. Hb \$49.95 400pp

DAN CONFER

 **ADAPTIVE SIGNIFICANCE**

Cole Grace has can cogitate multiple thoughts simultaneously. He has made friends and enemies with many powerful people, all of whom try to manipulate his 'mental mutation' for their purposes. When Cole's differences are made public by an ambitious presidential candidate who manipulates the media to disseminate hate and fear through his new politically correct form of bigotry - mutant bashing, Cole's extended family attempts to flee. Competition for the next rung on the evolutionary ladder eventually erupts into world war, with countries taking sides to enhance their own position. Hb \$55.00 527pp

DREW J CORMACK

  **THE ALEFIN WARLOCK**

War of the Wills #1. William O'Shetlaen, a veteran of the Holy War, had exiled himself to the Old World. For 100 years, he lived in solitude, trying to forget his dark past. Then one night a nemesis emerges from the shadows. Drago su'Hail, the Emperor's demented Champion, has found him. In his bid to escape, William forges an unlikely friendship with a human family. As the companions flee the madman, they discover that their destinies are as one. Fate has drawn O'Shetlaen back to his true purpose... Can he overcome the nightmares to rise as a Warlock once more? Tp \$29.95 369pp

D M CORNISH

 **FOUNDLING**

Monster Blood Tattoo #1. Set in the world of the Half-Continent, a land of tri-corner hats and flintlock pistols, this trilogy is a world of predatory monsters, chemical potions and surgically altered people. Rossamund, a boy with a girl's name, is just about to begin a dangerous life in the service of the Emperor, but what starts as a simple journey is threatened by encounters with monsters and people, who may be worse. Learning who to trust and who to fear is neither easy nor without its perils and Rossamund must choose his path carefully. Pb \$20.00 404pp

JOHN CROWLEY

 **ENDLESS THINGS**

Aegypt #4. This much-anticipated concluding novel Spans three centuries and weaving together the stories of Renaissance magician John Dee, philosopher Giordano Bruno and present-day itinerant historian and writer Piere Moffett. Hb \$48.00 341pp

JACK DANN & GARDNER DOZOIS (Eds)

 **WIZARDS: MAGICAL TALES FROM THE MASTERS OF MODERN FANTASY**

Throughout the ages, the wizard has claimed a spot in human culture. Gone are the cartoon images of wizened grey-haired men in pointy caps creating magic with a wave of their wands. Today's wizards are more subtle in their powers, more discerning in their ways and, in the hands of modern fantasists, more likely than ever to capture readers' imaginations. In Neil Gaiman's *The Witch's Headstone*, a piece taken from his much-anticipated novel in progress, an eight-year-old boy learns the power of kindness from a long-dead sorceress. Only one woman possesses two kinds of magic, enough to unite two kingdoms, in Garth Nix's *Holly and Iron*. Patricia A McKillip's *Naming Day* gives a sorcery student a lesson in breaking the rules. And a famished dove spins a tale worthy of a meal, but perhaps not the truth, in *A Fowl Tale* by Eoin Colfer. Hb \$49.95 400pp

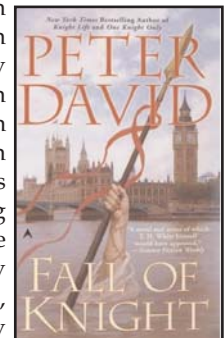
PETER DAVID

 **DARKNESS OF THE LIGHT**

The Damned World is home to 12 races, each of which has fought the others for survival for generations. What none of them knows is that they are all creatures of Earth, a world of legend. On Earth, 11 of the 12 races were creatures of human myth or folklore. All live in awe of the all-powerful Overseer, whose authority none dare challenge. A new spirit has arisen among those sick of war and tired of living in fear. With this new spirit has come a time of possibility, of change. Jepp, a human woman and Karsen, a Bottom Feeder, have broken with tradition and cast their lots together. They seek the Orb of Light, with which they believe they can gain the power and release the Damned World from its chains of violence and ignorance. But they're not alone, for everyone who knows about the Orb would kill to get it. If someone gets the Orb, things will change. Hb \$55.00 384pp *Due June*

 **FALL OF KNIGHT**

When Gwen DeVere Queen miraculously survives an assassination attempt, Arthur Penn is forced to reveal his true identity as King Arthur and the existence of the Holy Grail. Consequently, he is flooded by desperate requests for healing, so he bottles the water from the Holy Grail, unknowingly tainting of the holy cup's existence. Pb \$18.95 352pp *Due June*



SYLVIA DAY

  **PLEASURES OF THE NIGHT**

In the Twilight between sleep and consciousness, a battle rages between Dream Guardians and Nightmares. Captain Aidan Cross is a legend, as skilled in fulfilling erotic dreams as he is with the glaive that kills his enemies. Women see Aidan as part of their fantasies, except Lyssa Bates. Exquisite, desirable, enigmatic Lyssa perplexes this immortal seducer, because she sees him as he really is. And as he attempts to unravel her secrets the unthinkable occurs - Aidan Cross falls in love. But, loving the mortal woman prophesied to destroy Aidan's world is not only impossible, it is forbidden. Tp \$29.00 291pp

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CAMERON DOKEY

 **BEFORE MIDNIGHT**

Etienne de Brabant's wife has died in childbirth, leaving him alone with an infant daughter he cannot bear to name. But before he abandons her for king and court, he brings a second child to be raised alongside her, a boy whose identity he does not reveal. The girl, La Cendrillon, and the boy, Raoul, pass 16 years in the servants' care until one day a very fine lady arrives with her two daughters. The lady has married La Cendrillon's father and her arrival changes their lives. When an invitation to a great ball reaches the family, La Cendrillon's new stepmother will make a decision with far-reaching effects. Her choice will lead La Cendrillon and Raoul toward their destiny, a choice that will challenge their understanding of family, test their loyalty and courage and, ultimately, teach them who they are. Pb \$9.95 208pp

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. Other ghosts from the past wait in the shadows. The Skraelings once again gather in the north. Far across the Widomaker Sea, a pyramid broods and plots revenge on those who had once thought to destroy it. 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 vast, mysterious land. Tp \$33.00 480pp

DAVID DRAKE

  **BALEFIRES: TALES OF THE WEIRD & FANTASTIC**

This is the long-awaited collection of Drake's weird and fantastic fiction. Before Drake was a best-selling author of military science fiction, he was a prolific writer of horror and fantasy short fiction. More than just a collection of stories, this title features extensive story notes that chronicle the development of the writing career of one of the science fiction's most popular writers and provides detailed snapshots of the larger than life editors, publishers and writers that Drake has worked with throughout his career. Hb \$55.00 303pp

DAVID ANTHONY DURHAM

 **ACACIA**

The War With the Mein #1. Leodan Akaran, ruler of the Known World, has inherited generations of apparent peace and prosperity, won ages ago by his ancestors. A widower, he presides over an empire called Acacia, after the idyllic island from which he rules. He dotes on his four children and hides from them the dark realities of traffic in drugs and human lives on which their prosperity depends. He hopes that he might change this, but powerful forces stand in his way. And then a deadly assassin sent from a race called the Mein, exiled long ago to the frozen north, strikes at Leodan in the heart of Acacia, while they unleash surprise attacks across the empire. On his deathbed, Leodan puts into play a plan to allow his children to escape, each to their separate destiny. And so his children begin a quest to avenge their father's death and restore the Acacian empire, this time on the basis of universal freedom. Hb \$55.00 416pp *Due June*

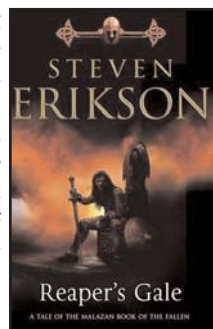
STEVEN ERIKSON

 **THE LEES OF LAUGHTER'S END**

A Malazan novella. In the wake of their blissful sojourn in the city of Lamentable Moll, the intrepid sorcerers Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, along with their newly hired manservant, Emancipor Reese, have set out on the wide open seas aboard the sturdy Suncurl. Alas, there's more baggage in the hold than meets the beady eyes of Suncurl's hapless crew and once on the cursed sea-lane known as Laughter's End, the Red Road in which flows the blood of an Elder God, unseemly terrors are prodded awake, to the understated dismay of all. Hb \$45.00 (Signed edition \$95.00) 115pp

 **REAPER'S GALE**

A Tale of the Malazan Book of the Fallen #7. All is not well in the Letherii Empire. Rhulad Sengar, the Emperor of a Thousand Deaths, spirals into madness, surrounded by sycophants and agents of his Machiavellian chancellor, while the Letherii secret police conduct a campaign of terror against its own people. The Errant, once a farseeing god, is suddenly blind to the future. Conspiracies seethe throughout the palace, as the empire, driven by the corrupt and self-interested, edges ever-closer to all-out war with the neighboring kingdoms. And the great Edur fleet, its warriors selected from countless people, draws ever closer. Against this backdrop, a band of fugitives seek a way out of the empire... Hb \$69.95 910pp



RUSSELL B FARR (ED)

 **FANTASTIC WONDER STORIES**

This anthology from *Ticonderoga Publications* features stories from some of Australia's rising stars and a handful of contributions from respected veterans. It marks the publisher's 10th anniversary. Contributors include Steven Utley, Kylie Seluka, Martin Livings, Patty Jansen, Rowena Cory Daniells, Rob Hood, Nick Evans, Sonia Marcon, Peter MacGregor, Simon Brown, Deborah Biancotti, Geoffrey Maloney, George Ivanoff, Shane Jiraiya Cummings, Deborah McDonnell, Marty Young, Tracey Rolfe, Cat Sparks, Penelope Love and Kate Eltham. Tp \$33.00 255pp

JOHN FLANAGAN

 **SIEGE OF MACINDAW**

Rangers Apprentice #6. In a desolate northern fief, Will is trying to find the fighting men he needs to overcome Sir Keren and his band of criminals. Across the border, the fierce Scotti tribesmen are waiting for the signal that Castle Macindaw is in friendly hands and the way is clear to mount a full-scale attack. Time is running out. Will's courage and ingenuity. Pb \$16.95

ELIZABETH FORREST

 **AT TWILIGHT'S FALL**

The supernatural suspense of *Death Watch* and *KillJoy* together for the first time! *Death Watch* begins with a serial killer who escapes from Death Row and vanishes without a trace. Years later another killer begins to stalk the LA suburbs, or is it the original killer resurfacing? Beautiful young McKenzie Smith is caught up in this deadly legacy of fear and bloodshed, when she's targeted as the perfect victim by a mastermind of evil. In *KillJoy*, Brand knew too much about the world beyond the outer edges of sanity. Given experimental VR treatments by a psychologist with a deadly obsession of her own, Brand has fallen victim to her madness and must fight a constant battle against the persona of the serial killer implanted in his brain and the unstoppable force of evil called *KillJoy*... Tp \$34.00 715pp

KATE FORSYTH

  **CATS EYE SHELL**

Chain of Charms #4. Having acquired the first three charms in the quest to secure their family's freedom, Luka and Emilia flee into Sussex with soldiers hot on their heels, in company with a Royalist duke, a Catholic priest, a highwayman and young Tom Whitehorse. Only the Catholic underground can help them all escape, but this is a most dangerous religion in the time of Puritan rule and Emilia and Luka still must find the elusive gypsy tribe of the cat's eye shell, who, it seems, have turned to smuggling... Pb \$16.95 252pp

DAVID GEMMELL

 **SHIELD OF THUNDER**

Troy #2. The war of Troy is looming and all the kings of the Great Green are gathering, friends and enemies, each with their own dark plans of conquest and plunder. Into this maelstrom of treachery and deceit come three travellers - Piria, a runaway priestess nursing a terrible secret, Kalliadēs, a warrior with a legendary sword and Banokles who will carve his own legend in the battles to come. Pb \$21.95 640pp

Laura Ann Gilman

 **BURNING BRIDGES**

Retrievers #4. Wren Valere used to be almost invisible, but now she's not only being seen, she's getting *involved*. Recent attacks against nonhuman Fatae have escalated into hate crimes against magic users in general - humans included. With the Mage Council distracted by internal power struggles, Wren is guilted into stepping up as spokesperson for the fragilely united Fatae and lonejack communities... With lives on the line, including her own, Wren's going to have to break the lonejack credo, ditch her long-cherished invisibility and take a stand. Tp \$29.95 400pp *Due June*

Simon R Green

 **THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN TORC**

The Secret History #1. All those things you hear about as a kid? The boogeyman under the bed? The creature in the closet? Eddie Drood knows they're for real. His family has kept humanity safe from the things that go bump in the night. For ages, they've held back the nightmares, locked the doors, barred the gates and put righteous boot to monster arse on a nightly basis. But now Eddie's in trouble. One of his own has convinced the rest of the family that Eddie's become a menace and that humanity needs to be protected from him. So he's on the run, using every trick in the book, magical and otherwise, hoping he lives long enough to prove his innocence. Hb \$48.00 400pp

Austin Grossman

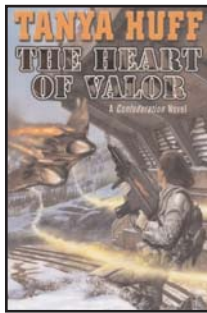
 **SOON I WILL BE INVINCIBLE**

Doctor Impossible - evil genius, diabolical scientist, wannabe world dominator - languishes in a federal detention facility. Over the years he's tried to take over the world in every way imaginable - doomsday devices of all varieties (nuclear, thermonuclear, nanotechnological) and mass mind control. He's travelled backwards in time to change history, forward in time to escape it. He's commanded robot armies, insect armies and dinosaur armies. Fungus army. Army of fish. Of rodents. Alien invasions. All failures. But not this time. This time it's going to be different... Hb \$49.95 272pp *Due June*

Tanya Huff

 **THE HEART OF VALOR**

A Confederation Novel #4. Staff Sergeant Torin Kerr's goal is to keep both her superior officers and her troops alive as they face missions throughout the galaxy. But she's been sidelined with endless briefings and debriefings for a while, so she jumps at the chance to go to Crucible, the Marine Corps training planet, as temporary aide to Major Svensson. The major was reduced to little more than a brain and spinal cord in his last combat and now he and his doctor are eager to field test his new body. It's supposed to be an easy assignment, after all, Crucible was set up to simulate battle situations so recruits could be trained safely. But Torin's barely on-planet when someone starts blasting the training scenarios to smithereens... Hb \$55.00 320pp *Due June*



Catherine Jinks

 **LIVING HELL**

16-year-old Cheney has been enjoying a perfectly planned life aboard the ark ship Plexus with his friends and family. But when the ship passes through a mysterious energy stream, his peaceful world is changed forever. Suddenly, he's in the middle of an all-out war. Pb \$16.95 288pp

Jane Johnson

 **THE SHADOW WORLD**

The Dodman has begun his reign of terror in Eidolon. Amassing an army of trolls and giants, ghost-dogs and goblins, he is determined to lay waste to the magical Secret Country - and destroy its Queen forever. Now Isadora must return to her world, leaving her family behind and lead her people against the evil Dodman. Horrified at being left behind, Ellie follows her mother to Eidolon and walks straight into danger. Captured and held hostage by the Dodman, only Ben and Iggy can save her and protect the Secret Country from becoming enslaved once more... Pb \$14.95 277pp

Guy Gavriel Kay

 **YSABEL**

Saint-Saveur Cathedral of Aix-en-Provence is an ancient structure of many secrets, a perfect monument to fill the lens of a celebrated photographer and a perfect place for the photographer's son, Ned Marriner, to lose himself while his father works. But the cathedral isn't the empty edifice it appears to be. Its history is very much alive in the present day and it's calling out to Ned. Tp \$29.95 421pp

Jay Lake

 **MAINSPRING**

In a clockwork solar system, the planets move in a vast system of gears around the lamp of the Sun, in a universe where the hand of the Creator is visible to anyone who simply looks up into the sky and sees the track of the heavens, the wheels of the Moon and the great Equatorial gears of the Earth itself. This is the story of a young clockmaker's apprentice, who is visited by the Archangel Gabriel. He is told that he must take the Key Perilous and rewind the Mainspring of the Earth. It is running down and disaster to the planet will ensue if it's not rewound. From innocence and ignorance to power and self-knowledge, the young man will make the long and perilous journey to the South Polar Axis, to fulfil the commandment of his God. Hb \$49.95 336pp *Due June*

Morgan Llywelyn

 **THE GREENER SHORE**

A Druids of Hibernia novel. Burning with hatred of the Romans, Ainvar can no longer command his magic, but his mantle falls on unexpected shoulders. In a beautiful, war-torn land of numerous kingdoms and belligerent tribes, Ainvar and his beloved wife, Briga, struggle toward an uncertain future. Their companions include the volatile Onuava, widow of their fallen chieftain, Lakutu, Ainvar's dark and mysterious second wife, Ainvar's son, Dara, who seems more drawn to poetry than to combat, and the 'Red Wolf,' the young warrior who is as close as kin and is determined to find Ainvar's missing daughter. Other forces are at work in Hibernia as well, the spirits that haunt the island, forces older than even the magic of the druids. Through them Ainvar seeks his redemption, as Briga seeks her rendezvous with history. Tp \$29.95 320pp *Due June*

Sandra McDonald

 **THE OUTBACK STARS**

Lieutenant Jodenny Scott is recovering from injuries sustained during the fiery loss of her last ship and she's bored, so bored, in fact, that she takes a berth on the next ship out. That's a mistake. The *Aral Sea* isn't anyone's idea of a get-well tour. Jodenny's handed a division full of misfits, incompetents and criminals. She thinks she can handle it all, but *Aral Sea* isn't a happy ship and it's about to get a lot unhappier. As they enter the Alcheringa, the alien-constructed space warp that allows giant settler-ships to travel between worlds, away from all help or hope, Jodenny comes face to face with something powerful enough to dwarf even the unknown force that destroyed her last ship and left her with missing memories and bloody nightmares. Jodenny is about to be introduced to love. Hb \$55.00 432pp


KEN MCLEOD

THE EXECUTION CHANNEL

For decades, the ideological aims of terrorists and the political motivation of those who have battled them have been inextricably tied to oil. For all the fine words about peace and prosperity proclaimed by the West, the fear of losing access to the world's greatest supply of oil has been of paramount importance. Now a technological breakthrough may render the competition for oil redundant - and change the military balance into the bargain. As the European bloc and the United States play games of brinkmanship which bring them closer and closer to war, the United Kingdom finds itself on the political fence. Recent policy binds it to the US, but history and geography tend it towards Europe. A decision one way or another is becoming imperative; unfortunately for Britain, not everyone is prepared to wait... Hb \$59.95 320pp *Due June*


JULIAN MAY

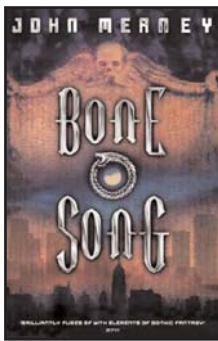
SORCERERS MOON

 *Boreal Moon* #3. For 16 years, King Conrig Ironcrown has ruled High Blenholme, battling both to preserve the sovereignty he ruthlessly established over the four provinces of the island kingdom and to repel the invading Salka monsters that threaten them all. His hope for the future is his heir, Prince Orrion, whose betrothal to a princess of the province of Didion should assure the future peace of High Blenholme. But Orrion has no interest in the girl and is determined to marry instead his childhood sweetheart, Lady Nyla. Tp \$33.00 400pp

JOHN MEANEY

BONE SONG


 Lieutenant Donal Riordan has been given the most bizarre of new cases. Four famous stage performers have died in recent months, three of them in state capitals within Transifica, the fourth in far



Zurinam. And now the idolised Diva, Maria deLivnova is coming to Tristopolis. Donal's boss is determined that nothing like this is ever to happen in his city. Donal is to have anything he needs, as long the Diva lives. And so begins a dark investigation through a world where corpses give up their psychic energy in the massive necroflux generators that power the city, where gargoyles talk, where wraiths work in slavery, a world of the dead where corruption is alive. Tp \$32.95 352pp


L E MODESITT, JR

CADMIAN'S CHOICE

 *Corean Chronicles* #5. Corus has been redesigned to become the new home of a superior race from a distant world whose very life depends on drawing sustenance from the biological life force of a planet. These plans are supervised by a staff of Alectors, who in effect rule the world. The Alectors alone have access to the huge flying Pteridons and to the superior weapons that underpin their psychic talents. The time is now fast approaching for the transfer of the whole population from the old world, nearly bled dry of life force, to Corus. But neither the Alectors nor the local humans are ready. And the mysterious Ancient Ones, the true natives of Corus who are assumed to have died out in eons past, survive. They have powers of their own. Pb \$18.95 624pp

LESLIE ANN MOORE


GRIFFIN'S DAUGHTER

 A young, orphaned woman, scorned by society for her mixed human and elven blood, discovers that she possesses a mysterious magical power. When she travels to Elven lands in search of answers, she discovers a shocking truth about her identity that will have epic consequences for an entire nation. Tp \$39.95 352pp



JAMES MORROW


THE LAST WITCHFINDER

 Jennet is the daughter of the Witchfinder of Mercia and East Anglia. Whilst her father roams the countryside in search of heretics, Jennet is left behind to be schooled by her aunt Isobel in the New Philosophy principally expounded by Isaac Newton. But her aunt's style of scientific enquiry soon attracts the attention of the witchfinders. To save her aunt, Jennet travels to Cambridge to seek the help of Newton himself. In a great final showdown between old superstition and new science, Jennet decides to have herself accused of witchcraft in order to disprove its existence. Pb \$22.95 496pp

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JODY LYNN NYE

AN UNEXPECTED APPRENTICE

 Halfling Tildi Summerbee has led a typical, unexciting life, tending the house for her brothers while they manage the family farm. Her days are boring, but happy, until a Thraik attack decimates her family. In an effort to provide for Tildi, the town's leaders prepare an arranged marriage and take control of her farm's assets. Tildi sees things differently. In order to escape her arranged marriage and overcome the prejudices against the 'weaker' sex, she decides to pass herself off as a man. Assuming the guise of her brother Teldo, Tildi disappears into the night. She plans to accept Teldo's position as an apprentice to a great wizard. But she soon finds that the rest of the world isn't very welcoming to halflings. And that she is surrounded by fantastic dangers - dangers that are more than a match for a wizard's apprentice. Hb \$55.00 400pp *Due June*

JAMES PATTERSON

SAVING THE WORLD AND OTHER EXTREME SPORTS

 *Maximum Ride* #3. You're about to join the adventures of Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gazzy and Angel, six extraordinary kids who have powers like no other - they can fly and they're being chased - no, hunted - across America and around the world. Hb \$27.95 416pp

ANDY PORTER

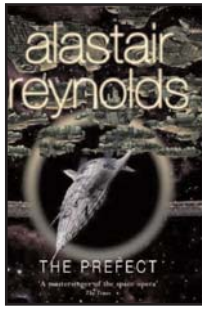
 **CURSE OF THE MOON MICE**

Matty Swink #1. 11-year-old Matty Swink desperately wants to be a famous chef and escape the miserable diner where he is the live-in dishwasher and slave. One day, a grand Cook Off is announced. Whoever creates a dish so delicious and irresistible that even the pernickety Princess Meg can't refuse (she's on a hunger strike it seems) will be made the new 'Chef Laureate' and be given a luxury pad right inside the Palace. Matty will do anything to win, but little does he know that success can leave the most *disgustable* taste in your mouth. Especially if the main ingredient is a 500-year-old curse! Pb \$19.95 135pp

ALISTAIR REYNOLDS


THE PREFECT

 A *Revelation Space* novel. Tom Dreyfus is a Prefect, a policeman of sorts and one of the best. His force is Panoply and his beat is the multi-faceted utopian society of the Glitter Band, that vast swirl of space habitats orbiting the planet Yellowstone. These days, his job is his life. A murderous attack against a Glitter Band habitat is nasty, but it looks to be an open-and-shut case - until Dreyfus starts looking under some stones that some very powerful people would really rather stayed unturned. What he uncovers is far more serious than mere gruesome murder - a covert takeover bid by a shadowy figure, Aurora, who believes the people of the Glitter Band should no longer be in charge of their own destiny. Tp \$32.95 512pp



JUSTIN RICHARDS

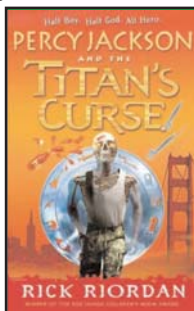
FREEZE-FRAMED

 *Time Runners* #1. At first, Jamie Grant thinks people are just ignoring him. He's fallen off the register at school, people don't reply to his questions and he's not even showing up in old family photos. Eventually, he comes to realise that he doesn't exist. He never has. He's fallen through a time break and is living in a parallel world in which he was never born. What's more, Jamie discovers that although he is outside time, he has the power to control it, and so he is employed as a Time Runner, and along with new friend Anna, must work against the sinister Darkling Midnight, who is intent on causing chaos throughout history. Pb \$14.95 169pp

RICK RIORDAN


 **PERCY JACKSON AND THE TITAN'S CURSE**

Percy Jackson #3. Percy and his friends Annabeth and Thalia are heading to Maine to bring two new demigods to Camp Half-Blood. But there, they discover that the Great Stirring of the Monsters has begun and their deadliest enemy yet, the General, is plotting the fall of Olympus. Camp Half-Blood's Oracle predicts that only five demigods from Half-Blood Hill can fight the legions of monsters and not all of the chosen five will survive the dangerous quest. Percy knows what he must do and hundreds of bloodthirsty monsters are watching and awaiting his every move... Pb \$19.95 384pp



TANSY ROBERTS

SEACASTLE

 *Lost Shimmaron* #1. Long ago, a craft of mystical beings, the Shimmaron, crashed in country Australia. Water filled the crash site forming a mysterious purple lake which the locals called Shimmer. The town of Amethyst was built around the lake. The force of the crash scattered the Shimmaron through time and space. They long to go home but they can't until enough of them return to the lake. Only the children of Amethyst can hear their cries for help. Pb \$12.95 80pp

CAMERON ROGERS

 **THE MUSIC OF RAZORS**

In 19th-century Boston, a young doctor falls in with a British confidence artist. Together, and with dire consequences, they bring back to the light something meant to be forgotten. A world away in London, an absent father, haunted by the voice of a banished angel, presents his daughter with an impossible friend - a clockwork ballerina. For two centuries, a bullet-removal specialist has wielded instruments of angel bone in service to a forgotten power... and now he vows to find someone else to shoulder the burden, someone with a conscience of their own, a strong mind and a broken will. For 100 years, he has searched for the perfect contender and now he has found two, a brother and a sister, Walter and Hope. Either will do. Tp \$29.00 314pp

ANGIE SAGE

 **FLYTE**

Septimus Heap #2. The evil necromancer DomDaniel has been disposed of, but something Darke is stirring. A Shadow pursues ExtraOrdinary Wizard Marcia Overstrand around, following her every move, growing stronger every day. Septimus senses something sinister is afoot, but before he can act, Jenna is snatched - taken by the most unlikely kidnapper. Septimus must rescue his sister but does not, at first, realise what he will be facing. Pb \$16.95 544pp

 **PHYSIK**

Septimus Heap #3. When Silas Heap unSeals a forgotten room in the Palace, he releases the ghost of a Queen who lived 500 years earlier. Queen Etheldredda is as awful in death as she was in life and she's still up to no good. Her diabolical plan to give herself everlasting life requires Jenna's compliance, Septimus's disappearance and the talents of her son, Marcellus Pye, a famous Alchemist and Physician. And if Queen Etheldredda's plot involves Jenna and Septimus, then it will surely involve Nicko, Alther Mella, Marcia Overstrand, Beetle, Stanley, Sarah, Silas, Spit Fyre and Aunt Zelda. Hb \$24.95 560pp

GEORGE SAUNDERS

 **THE BRIEF AND FRIGHTENING REIGN OF PHIL**

Welcome to Inner Horner, a nation so small it can only accommodate one citizen at a time. But when Inner Horner suddenly shrinks, forcing three-quarters of the citizen in residence over the border into Outer Horner territory, the Outer Hornerites declare an Invasion in Progress, having fallen under the spell of the power-hungry and demagogic Phil. So begins his brief and very frightening reign. The novella is followed by *In Persuasion Nation*, a collection of stories by turns touching, funny and sad and set in a warped, hilarious, yet very recognisable, American landscape. Pb \$22.95 358pp

JOHN SCALZI

 **THE LAST COLONY**

Old Man #3. Retired from his fighting days, John Perry is now village ombudsman for a human colony on distant Huckleberry. With his wife, former Special Forces warrior Jane Sagan, he farms several acres, adjudicates local disputes and enjoys watching his adopted daughter grow up. That is, until his and Jane's past reaches out to bring them back into the game, as leaders of a new human colony, to be peopled by settlers from all the major human worlds, for a deep political purpose that will put Perry and Sagan back in the thick of interstellar politics, betrayal and war. Hb \$48.00 320pp

TIM SCOTT

 **OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE**

In a bizarre future world, where appliances talk back and cities are divided into zones based on musical tastes, dream designer and surfer, Jonny X, awakens to discover that his house has been stolen, he has become the target of a determined encyclopaedia salesman and he is being pursued by four crazed bikers called War, Famine, Pestilence and Jeff. Tp \$26.00 320pp


LUCIUS SHEPARD

 **SOFTSPOKEN**

A chilling and mysterious voice becomes audible to Sanie shortly after she and her husband Jackson move into the decaying antebellum mansion that is the Bullard ancestral home in rural South Carolina. At first, she wonders if the voice might be a prank played by Jackson's peyote-popping brother Will or his equally off-kilter sister Louise. But soon Sanie discovers that the ghostly voice is merely a single piece in the decadent, baroque puzzle that comprises the Bullard family history rank with sensuality, violence, repression and madness. Hb \$48.00 179pp


DAVID SHERMAN & DAN CRAGG

STARFIST: FIRESTORM

 *Starfist #11.* After the resource-rich planet Diamunde is seized by the armed forces of industrialist Marston St. Cyr, the Confederation Marines face their most desperate battles yet against the mechanised forces of the bloody usurper. Promised a walkover by military planners, instead the Marines must run a gauntlet of steel, with weaponry 300 years out of date. For the Confederation's invasion army to seize the planet, the Marine FISTs first have to secure a planethead against St. Cyr's much larger forces which are equipped with superior weapons. Together with their outgunned comrades, the Marines of 34th FIST must do the impossible, or die... Hb \$47.00 320pp *Due June*


WM MARK SIMMONS

DEAD EASY

 *Half Life Chronicles #4.* What do you get when you mix a squid-headed Ancient One, a mystical force-five hurricane, Rasputin's privates, the city of New Orleans and an undead Captain Nemo? Christopher Cséjthe is back, and is going to find out, whether he wants to or not. Hb \$48.00 416pp *Due June*


CHARLES STROSS

GLASSHOUSE

 When Robin wakes up in a clinic with most of his memories missing, it doesn't take him long to discover that someone is trying to kill him. It's the 27th century, when interstellar travel is by teleport gate and conflicts are fought by network worms that censor refugees' personalities and target historians. The civil war is over and Robin has been demobilised, but someone wants him out of the picture because of something his earlier self knew. Pb \$20.95 400pp


SHERI TEPPER

THE MARGARETS

 The only human child living in a human work colony on the Martian satellite Phobos, Margaret Bain invents six imaginary companions to play with. When the unproductive Phobos project is shut down and after Margaret is forced to return to Earth with her parents, the child's other selves are lost to her. But they are not gone. Left behind, each one flourishes, refining its own persona, acquiring its own history, before ultimately dispersing to far-flung destinations throughout the universe. The Earth is so impoverished that its inhabitants must import water and other basic necessities of life, trading the only viable product the planet has left to offer... slaves. The time will come when Margaret must leave this world as well, expelled as part of a desperate survival plan... The creator of the Margarets must now bring all her selves home, or watch her race perish. Hb \$55.00 512pp *Due June*


JIM THEIS

THE EYE OF ARGON

 This is not a hoax. Jim Theis was a real person, who wrote this novel as a teenager and published it in a fanzine in 1970. But the story did not pass into the oblivion that awaits most amateur fiction. Instead, a miracle happened and transcribed and photocopied texts began to circulate in science fiction circles, gaining a wide and incredulous audience among both professionals and fans. It became the ultimate *samizdat*, an underground classic and for more than 30 years it has been the subject of midnight readings at conventions, as thousands have come to appreciate the negative genius of this amazing Ed Wood of prose. Pb \$22.95 74pp


J R R TOLKIEN

CHILDREN OF HURIN

 Painstakingly restored from Tolkien's manuscripts and presented for the first time as a fully continuous and standalone story, this epic tale will reunite fans with Elves and Men, dragons and Dwarves, eagles and Orcs and the rich landscape and characters unique to Tolkien. Hb \$50.00 320pp


HARRY TURTLEDOVE

THE GLADIATOR

 *The Crosstime Traffic #5.* For Gianfranco and his friend Annarita, a couple of teenagers growing up in Milan, life in a heavily regimented, surveillance-rich command economy is just plain dreary. The biggest excitement in their lives is a wargame shop called *The Gladiator*, which runs tournaments and stocks marvellous games you can't find anywhere else. Then, abruptly, the shop is shut down. Someone's figured out that *The Gladiator's* games are teaching counterrevolutionary capitalist principles. The shop's proprietors, have vanished into thin air. Only one staffer is left: Eduardo. He's on the run and he comes to them in secret with an astonishing story - he's a time trader accidentally left behind when the store was evacuated. Hb \$48.00 *Due Jun*


MARK L VAN NAME

ONE JUMP AHEAD

 Jon Moore is a nanotech-enhanced warrior who wants nothing more than a quiet life and a way back to his strange home world, but Macken is the secret battleground of two megacorporations, both determined to control the local jump gate and the riches of an undeveloped world. Moore was too valuable a tool not to be used, whether or not he was willing. What the corporations don't realise was that Moore has a mind of his own and a conscience that won't let him quit until he rights the wrong they trick him into making. Hb \$48.00 304pp *Due June*


CONRAD WILLIAMS

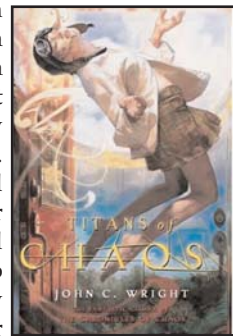
USE ONCE THEN DESTROY

 A serial killer is removing victims' hands in a Venice shackled by winter. A woman at the end of her tether finds a terrible release on holiday in the fens of East Anglia. A man is haunted by graffiti and finds that his road to discovering the perpetrator leads to death and worse. A husband trying to comfort his terminally ill wife seeks help in a forbidden zone from his childhood, where blood is the price of perfection. In this collection of his best stories from the last 10 years, this award-winning author, writes stories that explore the scarred outposts of desperation and desire, sickness and death, sex and decay. Hb \$55.00 240pp

JOHN C WRIGHT


TITANS OF CHAOS

 *Orphans of Chaos #3.* The five have made incredible discoveries about themselves. Amelia is apparently a fourth-dimensional being, Victor is a synthetic man who can control the molecular arrangement of matter, Vanity can find secret passageways through solid walls, Colin is a psychic, and Quentin is a warlock. Each power comes from a different paradigm or view of the universe. They have learned to control their strange abilities and have escaped into our world, now their true battle for survival begins. Hb \$54.00 320pp



TIMOTHY ZAHN

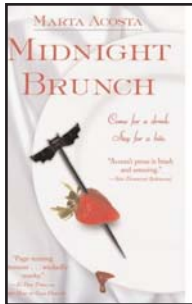
DRAGON AND JUDGE

 *Dragonback Adventure #5.* With the help of Draycos, who can leap onto Jack's back and become what looks like a tattoo, Jack has been doing everything he can to find out who ambushed the scout-fleet of Draycos's people, the K'da and Shontine, leaving Draycos the sole survivor. Now Jack thinks he may finally be on the trail of the information he needs. But before he can act on what he knows, he's kidnapped by aliens, who ask him to be a judge for them, as, they reveal to him, his parents had once been. Jack's friend Alison Kayna and her newly acquired K'da symbiont are also kidnapped, by the people trying to ambush the K'da/Shontine fleet. Her captors will do almost anything to learn from Alison where the fleet will rendezvous. Jack and Draycos must rescue her before Alison is hurt, or worse. Using every trick in the book, Jack and Draycos race to her aid, but they aren't able to eliminate the threat to the endangered fleet and precious time is running out! Hb \$38.00 352pp



**MARTA ACOSTA
MIDNIGHT BRUNCH**

Casa Dracula #2. Hip, funny Milagro de los Santos thinks she's finally found love and a home at the California ranch of fabulous Oswald Grant and his urbane relatives, who have a rare genetic disorder that some call vampirism. But Milagro is bewildered when she's excluded from an ancient and mysterious midnight ceremony whose participants include Oswald's unfriendly parents, a creepy family elder and Milagro's ex-lover, the powerful and decadent Ian Ducharme. What skeletons are the vampires keeping in their designer closets? Tp \$29.00 328pp

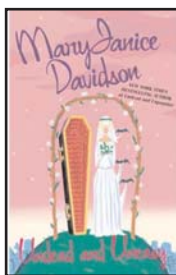


**JENNA BLACK
SECRETS IN THE SHADOWS**

Guardians of the Night #2. Guardians of the Night are a sect of vampires in Philadelphia who don't believe in drinking human blood and who have taken it upon themselves to protect the humans in Philadelphia from all bad vampire elements. Now one of their own has gone rogue - and is planning to kill a vampire who's living in Baltimore. Two people are dispatched to find Jules and stop him - Drake, a killer vampire with a killer instinct and Hannah, a human PI with an eye for trouble. When humans and vampires mix, things always get complicated... Pb \$16.95 312pp

**MARY JANICE DAVIDSON
UNDEAD AND UNEASY**

Weddings are never easy. But when you're Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor, they can become downright deadly. In the days leading up to The Big Day, Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor seems to have a full house and the wedding guests have yet to arrive. Along with her human buddies, there's a ghost, a werewolf and a Fiend crashing at her place. But when Sinclair goes missing, along with most of her friends and loved ones, Betsy is frantic. Alone and afraid for the fate of everyone she loves, Betsy can't trust anyone as she tries to find them and whoever is behind all the disappearances. And what happens next will shake the foundation of the vampire world forever. Hb \$49.95 320pp



**JOE HILL
HEART-SHAPED BOX**

"Buy my stepfather's ghost" read the e-mail. So Jude did. He bought the dead man's suit, delivered in a heart-shaped box, because he wanted it: because his fans ate up that kind of story. It was perfect for his collection: the genuine skulls and the bones, the real honest-to-God snuff movie, the occult books and all the rest of the paraphernalia that goes along with his kind of hard/goth rock. But the rest of his collection doesn't make the house feel cold. And none of the artefacts bring a vengeful old ghost with black scribbles over his eyes out of the shadows to chase Jude out of his home and make him run for his life... Tp \$32.95 384pp See *Fave Rave* pg 3.

**STEPHEN JONES
SUMMER CHILLS: TALES OF VACATION
HORROR**

This volume of horror tales set in exotic locations, includes contributions by such popular writers as Brian Lumley, Ramsey Campbell and Tanith Lee. Tp \$29.95 304pp *Due June*

**JULLIE KENNER
THE GOOD GHOULS GUIDE TO
GETTING EVEN**

Elizabeth Frasier's ticked off. Thanks to a bunch of jerkwad vampire jocks, she ended up undead and with a thirst that a thousand Diet Cokes couldn't quench. Now she's out for blood - and revenge. And she knows exactly what to do... Separate the good vamps from the bad and wipe out the crowd that did her in. On top of that, she's got to figure out how to be mortal again, unless universities start accepting dead girls. Pb \$22.95 247pp

**KATIE MACALISTER
THE LAST OF THE RED-HOT
VAMPIRES**

While travelling through England with her best friend, physicist Portia Harding accidentally summons an ethereal virtue who gives her the gift of weather control and is stalked by Theondre North, the gorgeous son of an angel, who needs her help in changing his fate. Pb \$18.95 354pp

**ERIN MCCARTHY
BLED DRY**

Las Vegas Vampires #3. Hooking up with a vampire has its risks, but getting pregnant usually isn't one of them. Tell that to Brittany Baldizzi, who finds herself in the family way with no father in sight. After their one night of passion, vampire Corbin Jean Michel disappeared off the face of the earth, or at least off the Vegas strip. Corbin is a vampire with a cause, secretly trying to find a cure for his condition. But when he finds out Brittany is pregnant with his child, Corbin can't keep his paternal instincts from trumping his bloodsucking ones. Even when showing his hand could cost him the woman he can't help but love. Tp \$29.00 284pp

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What We've Been Reading...

Old Man's War (*Old Man #1*) by John Scalzi (Pb \$16.95). Despite what we think, Earth isn't the place to be. Ever since the Subcontinent War (where India was nearly destroyed by American nukes), the future is in the stars, where space colonies are prospering. It's the Colonial Defence Force's job to defend these colonies from the hundreds of alien species that are keen on wiping us out. This is the tale of 75-year-old rookie soldier John Perry. Perry, along with senior citizens, are recruited for their life experience and, in return, given advance treatment to reverse the effects of aging and turn them into superhuman soldiers.



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White Night (*Harry Dresden #9*) by Jim Butcher (Hb \$49.95). Yet another fun Harry novel. There were some extra funny bits in this one. - *Steph*

Rollback by Robert J Sawyer (Hb \$49.95). I'd have liked a bit more about the relationship between Sarah and Don, when her rollback goes pear-shaped, but even so this was another brilliant Sawyer novel that had me reading when I really should have been sleeping. - *Steph*

Three good reasons to read **Undead and Unpopular** (*Undead #5*) by Mary Jane Davidson (Pb \$18.95): 1. Considering Betsy is dead, she is still the most irritating thing on legs. But she's funny. In fact the quality of writing has not decreased in this series, which is better written than most romantic comedy films. 2. Something important plotwise does not happen in this book, but it will in the next one, **Undead and Uneasy** (Hb \$49.95, due June), so readers should be prepared. 3. You've already read the first four, so you have to read number five. It's in the rules of series reading: *Thou Shalt Finish What Thou Hast Begunst*. I give it 3.5 hearts, because I like Eric Sinclair. He reminds of my own Undead husband-critter. - *Sofia*

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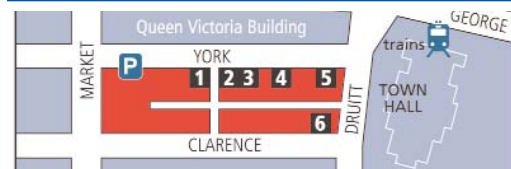
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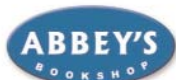
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