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The Entire Predicament
by Lucy Corin

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Wizards
edited by Jack Dann & Gardner Dozois

Abbey's Turns 40

A Continuing Retrospective - Part 6

In 1986, we moved from King Street into two floors of a new, glass-fronted building at 131 York Street, where we are now. There was some delay getting approval to build the staircase to the first floor, but fortunately it came through eventually. Language Book Centre and our office occupied half the first floor, with the other half sub-let to a finance broker, but it wasn't long before we needed all the space upstairs for Language Book Centre - serving, as it does, schools and colleges throughout Australia, as well as our growing multicultural population.



On the ground floor, we had a counter on each side of the entrance with one cash register on each side, since we maintained separation of some publishers. There was space for unpacking new arrivals at each front counter - one for Penguin and one for other publishers. Oxford & Cambridge Bookshop was retained intact in the back quarter of the shop with its own cash desk and receiving. In 1987, we decided to make things simpler, both for browsers and ourselves, by amalgamating the stock from all publishers, other than Oxford and Cambridge. A general receiving area was set up at the back of the shop in Peter Milne's old office and the front counters were used solely for information and cash registers. Early one morning in 1989, we were fire-bombed in reprisal for selling Salman Rushdie's **Satanic Verses**, after which we reorganised the shop to amalgamate Oxford and Cambridge books with all other stock. Along the way, we lost a few sections, including Transport and Nautical.

Some customers regretted the passing of the New Titles sections for Oxford & Cambridge, but we now have an unsurpassed selection of all New Titles where browsers can quickly see the latest books from all publishers. In addition to what we call the ziggurat (those high piles of important new books that greet you as you enter), we have New Titles sections for Non-Fiction, Fiction, Crime, Science, Biography, Australian Biography, Travel and Cookery - that's over 200 metres of shelves overflowing with wonderful New Titles!



Eve Abbey & Peter Milne, circa 1986

Eve Abbey




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SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY


JOE ABERCROMBIE

BEFORE THEY ARE HANGED

 *First Law* #2. Superior Glokta has a problem. How do you defend a city surrounded by enemies and riddled with traitors, when your allies can by no means be trusted and your predecessor vanished without a trace? Northmen have spilled over the border of Angland and are spreading fire and death across the frozen country. Bayaz, the First of the Magi, is leading a party of bold adventurers on a perilous mission through the ruins of the past. Ancient secrets will be uncovered. Bloody battles will be won and lost. Bitter enemies will be forgiven but not before they are hanged. Pb \$23.00 592pp


ALMA ALEXANDER

SPELLSPAM

 *Worldweavers* #2. Tania has brought the long-lost Queen Titania back to Faerie from the Mortal World of modern London. But when they cross between the worlds, they find only devastation. The Sorcerer King of Lyonesse, ancient enemy of the Faerie Court, has been released from his amber prison. As the wicked sorcerer regains his power, King Oberon, Tania's father, is imprisoned and the Faerie Court is being destroyed. Tania and her true love, Eadric, must travel the Realm to try to find and rescue King Oberon, who is their only hope for defeating the evil Sorcerer King and Tania must prepare to fight a war that she may not survive. Hb \$ 448pp


KEVIN J ANDERSON

METAL SWARM

 *The Saga of the Seven Suns* #6. For years, the alien Klikiss robots have pretended to be humanity's friends, but their seeming 'help' allowed them to plant an insidious Trojan Horse throughout the Earth Defense Forces. Now, in the aftermath of a devastating war, swarms of ancient robots built by the Klikiss continue their depredations on helpless worlds with stolen and heavily armed Earth battleships. And meanwhile, the original, voracious Klikiss race, long thought to be extinct, has returned, intent on conquering their former worlds and willing to annihilate anyone in the way. Pb \$15.95 372pp


TAYLOR ANDERSON

INTO THE STORM

 *The Destroyermen* #1. Pressed into service when World War II breaks out in the Pacific, the USS *Walker*, a Great-War vintage 'four-stacker' destroyer finds itself in full retreat from pursuit by Japanese battleships. In desperation, the *Walker* heads into a squall, hoping for cover, and emerges somewhere else. Familiar landmarks appear, but the water teems with monstrous, vicious fish. And there appear to be dinosaurs grazing on the plains of Bali. Gradually the crew accepts that they are in an alternate world and they find they are not alone. Humans have not evolved, but two other species have and they are at war. One thing becomes clear. They must decide whose side they're on, because whoever they side with is the winner. Hb \$48.00 400pp *Due June*


NEAL ASHER

LINE WAR

 *Ian Cormac* #5. The Polity is under attack from a 'melded' AI entity with control of the lethal Jain technology, yet the attack seems to have no coherence. When one of Erebus's wormships kills millions on the world of Klurhammon, a high-tech agricultural world of no real tactical significance, agent Ian Cormac is sent to investigate, though he is secretly struggling to control a new ability no human being should possess... and beginning to question the motives of his AI masters. Hb \$59.95 496pp


E D BAKER

NO PLACE FOR MAGIC

 *Frog Princess* #4. Emma and Eadric are finally ready to get married, but Eadric's parents are not so sure about having a witch in the family. The two set out for Upper Montevista, Eadric's homeland to try to make a case for their love, but first Eadric's irritating little brother, Bradston, needs rescuing from some horrible trolls. Pb \$13.95 272pp


IAIN BANKS

STEEP APPROACH TO GARBADALE

 The Wopuld family built its fortune on a board game called Empire - now a hugely successful computer game. So successful, the American Spraint Corp wants to buy the firm out. Young renegade Alban, who has been evading the family clutches for years, is run to ground and persuaded to attend the forthcoming family gathering - part birthday party, part Extraordinary General Meeting - convened by Win, Wopuld matriarch and most powerful member of the board, at Garbadale, the family's highland castle. Being drawn back into the bosom of the clan brings a disconcerting confrontation with Alban's past. What drove his mother to take her own life? And is he ready to see Sophie, his beautiful cousin and teenage love? Grandmother Win's revelations will radically alter Alban's perspective for ever. Pb \$25.00 400pp


ELIZABETH BEAR

BLOOD AND IRON

 *A Novel of the Promethean Age*. For centuries, the human mages of the Prometheus Club and the otherworldly creatures of Faerie have battled for control over Earth's destiny with neither side capable of achieving victory over the other. Their impasse has just come to an end... Pb \$15.95 448pp *Due June*

DAVID BILSBOROUGH

FIRE IN THE NORTH

 *Lindormyn* #2. 500 years ago, a huge force defeated an evil, supernaturally powerful tyrant who terrorised and ravaged those who cowered under his lash. Now, terrible news from the north suggests that someone or some thing is once again preying upon the northern lands, threatening to once again darken the lives of those whose forebears still remember the horrific past. A small, motley band faces a daunting challenge. Led by a brave warrior and a visionary priest, they have finally reached the land to the north. But the direst perils lie before them as they approach the evil that has risen again, its dread power terrorising and enslaving all who oppose it. Finally, the Wanderer, fated to face the ultimate test, will confront his destiny. A world and its trembling masses await the outcome. Tp \$32.95 500pp

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NEW TITLE

THE DREAMING VOID

VOID #1

PETER HAMILTON

PB \$21.95 795PP

The Dreaming Void is the first novel in Peter F Hamilton's new epic space opera series. Offering something old and something new, Hamilton returns to the world of the Commonwealth which he started in the books **Pandora's Star** and **Judas Unchained** (Pb \$21.95 each) whilst expanding his repertoire in an interesting and entertaining sub-plot.

Thousands of years have passed since the devastating Starflyer War ended. The Commonwealth (a human hegemony) has recovered and continued its expansion across the universe with many more planets being colonised and alien species discovered. One of the more important discoveries that the Commonwealth has made is a blackhole-esque object known as the Void. According to the information gathered by the Raiel, an ancient and wise alien species, the Void is in fact an artificial object which has been expanding at an alarming rate. Its origins and its purpose are unknown, but it is clear that the Void is something the galaxy can do without. The Commonwealth is desperate to halt the Void's expansion as it will destroy the universe if it continues. Currently, the Void's expansion has been temporarily stabilised before a more permanent solution can be found. A group that shares the Commonwealth's interest in the Void, but not its concerns, is the Living Dream. A religious cult, the Living Dream believes that its enigmatic leader Inigo has entered the Void to make contact with the inhabitants within. Before his disappearance, Inigo broadcasted his 'dreams' over a universal network, dreams which depicted the lives of the Void's inhabitants. Followers of the Living Dream are keen to embark on a pilgrimage into the Void to join their leader and the utopia-like world that has been seen in the dreams. As preparations begin for the pilgrimage, the Commonwealth has to decide how to stop the pilgrimage, as such mass interaction with the Void will trigger a dangerous and unstoppable expansion of the Void.

Another figure who is interested in tracking down Inigo is Aaron. Aaron suffers from amnesia, but his current possessions, genetically-boostered body and flashbacks hint at a past life where he was a secret agent. Along with an unexplainable need to find Inigo and the more pressing concern of having people trying to kill him, Aaron hopes that Inigo has the answers to his past and the keys to his future.

One interesting sub-plot is the story of Edeard. An inhabitant of the Void, Edeard resides in a fantasy-esque world which is unaware of the highly advanced world outside the Void. Through Inigo's dreams, we follow Edeard's journey as he trains to be a city guard and developing his immense telekinetic and psychic powers. This fantasy sub-plot is one of the highlights of the novel and shows the author's continuing development as a writer.

It's great to return to the world of the Commonwealth, as there are countless things for Hamilton to explore. In **Pandora's Star** and **Judas Unchained**, the Commonwealth was an already well-developed world, but Hamilton continues to improve on it with new characters and ideas. Old characters such as Paula Myo (one of the most interesting characters that Hamilton has ever created), the genetically developed 'perfect cop' returns to join the madman of tracking Inigo. However, readers who have not read the previous two books should not have any problems with **The Dreaming Void**.

As the first book in a series, this successfully sets up the platform for later books. With numerous sub-plots left hanging in the air, one does feel that even as a first book, not enough is resolved. However, this is just a reflection of how well the author hooks you into the novel and leaves you wanting more. Fans of the author will definitely enjoy this novel, whilst new readers looking for a well-written space opera should check this out. - *John*

CLASSIC TITLE

KEEPING IT REAL

JUSTINA ROBSON

PB \$23 279PP

A Quantum bomb exploded in 2015 on earth... and everything changed.

Nobody knew about the other parallel universes, until it was too late. And now the different dimension that are separated by the thin veil of reality are merging and new realities are starting to emerge, and agencies are cataloging.

Special agent Lila Black used to think herself pretty, successful, and escaped from her hometown and a life that was going nowhere ... fast. She joined the attaché of the Government Embassy to the Elven realm, while also being on secret assignment to collect information, an assignment which led to the Elves torturing her with magic. Left barely alive, she was.... rebuilt.

Lila is now a Cyborg, part machine, part woman... mostly machine and, as she likes to describe herself - all attitude!

There are parts and processes happening in the machinery that even she is unaware of, and everybody is listening in, even to her private thoughts. She is a walking arsenal of potential death and destruction... and looking hot. She has AI controls and safeguards that can drop in program without her control. She has no idea any more where she ends and the tech begins. But being bought and owned by the Agency has its own problems too. So her decisions regarding her life are now limited and getting more out of her control with every new realisation about her predicament. Life, even half life... is becoming problematic.

This was the first cyberpunk novel that I really enjoyed. It was such a thrill to read and to be cliché, I *couldn't* put it down and used any excuse to escape back into it.


Robson's characterisation of the races is very believable and her skill in creating believable worlds, by blending what we think we know with what she paints for us in her words, leaves you wanting to know more, teasing tasters that kept me asking more questions with every answer.

The tech-talk is fabulous and kept me fascinated, much akin to anime/manga work like *Ghost in a Shell* and *Appleseed*. And all the fantasy delving into racial traits is like a fresh walk through the *Plainscape* series from TSR, with the impossible, but highly believable, interactions in what we think is the real world. It is so like here and now... with a twist. The way she writes is just so captivating that it's a pity I read her work faster than she can get the next one on the shelves! - *CM*




BEN BOVA

AFTERMATH

 *Asteroid Wars #4.* The Second Asteroid War climaxed with the brutal destruction of Chrysalis - hundreds died terrible deaths in the vacuum of the asteroid belt. But one ship escapes destruction. Low on fuel, her communications destroyed, the ore ship Syracuse flees towards deep space with 15-year-old Theo Zacharias at the helm. Three years later, the war long over, Syracuse still drifts through the void. Meanwhile the man who now calls himself Dorn, the destroyer of Chrysalis - roams space gathering up the bodies of his victims. He encounters Theo Zacharias in a clash of purposes, hopes and fury. Pb \$15.95 400pp


MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY & DEBORAH ROSS

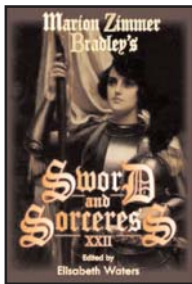
THE ALTON GIFT

 *The Children of Kings #1.* After the tragic, untimely death of Regis Hastur, a ruler who struggled to save the beloved world of his birth from the ambitions of the ruthless Terran Federation, the Terrans have finally abandoned Darkover to pursue interstellar civil war. As Lew Alton, returned home to the world of his birth after decades spent in exile as the Darkovan representative to the Terran Senate, wrestles with the dark shadows from his past, his daughter Marguerida's psychic Gifts warn her of impending danger. But danger to whom? Pb \$15.95 544pp *Due June*

MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY & ELISABETH WATERS


SWORD AND SORCERESS #22

 Here are 16 original stories of powerful women, swashbuckling and magic, spells and duels, arcane sorcery and heroic sacrifice, written by familiar spell-weavers of adventure and bright newcomers who are sure to become favourites. Hb \$44.00 272pp




LIBBA BRAY

GREAT AND TERRIBLE BEAUTY


 *Gemma Doyle #1.* It's 1895, and after the suicide of her mother, 16-year-old Gemma Doyle is shipped off from the life she knows in India to Spence, a proper boarding school in England. Lonely, guilt-ridden, and prone to visions of the future that have an uncomfortable habit of coming true, Gemma's reception there is a chilly one. To make things worse, she's been followed by a mysterious young Indian man, a man sent to watch her. But why? What is her destiny? And what will her entanglement with Spence's most powerful girls and their foray into the spiritual world lead to? Pb \$19.95 432pp

LIBBA BRAY

REBEL ANGELS

 *Gemma Doyle #2.* All is not well in the realms, or out. Kartik is back, desperately insisting to Gemma that she must bind the magic, lest colossal disaster befall her. Gemma is willing to comply, for this would bring her face-to-face with her late mother's greatest friend, now Gemma's foe - Circe. Until Circe is destroyed, Gemma cannot live out her destiny, but finding Circe proves a most perilous task... Pb \$19.95 592pp


THE SWEET FAR THING

 *Gemma Doyle #3.* It has been a year of change since Gemma Doyle arrived at the foreboding Spence Academy. Despite certain peril, Gemma has bound the magic to herself and forged unlikely new alliances. Now, the time has come to test these bonds. The Order, the mysterious group her mother was once part of, is grappling for control of the realms, as is the Rakshana. Gemma and her friends see Pippa, but she is not the same and their friendship faces its gravest trial as Gemma must decide once and for all what role she is meant for. Hb \$36.00 832pp



HERBIE BRENNAN

FAERIE LORD

 Two years after leaving the Faerie Realm, Henry Atherton finds a middle-aged Pyrgus and his new wife, Nymph, in Mr Fogarty's garden. They explain that a terrible plague has taken hold of the Faerie Realm, causing faeries to age so rapidly that Pyrgus had to flee in order to save himself. Determined to help his friends, Henry returns to the Realm, hoping to find a cure and perhaps win his way back into the heart of Queen Holly Blue, but the plague isn't what it seems, and when the treacherous villains of the Faerie Realm are involved, anything is possible. Pb \$15.95 432pp


MARIE BRENNAN

MIDNIGHT NEVER COME

 England flourishes under the hand of its Virgin Queen - Elizabeth, Gloriana, last and most powerful of the Tudor monarchs, but a great light casts a great shadow. In hidden catacombs beneath London, a second Queen holds court - Invidiana, ruler of faerie England, a dark mirror to the glory above. In the 30 years since Elizabeth ascended her throne, fae and mortal politics have become inextricably entwined, in secret alliances and ruthless betrayals whose existence is suspected only by a few. Two courtiers, both struggling for royal favour, are about to uncover the secrets that lie behind these two thrones. Pb \$29.95 400pp *Due June*


N M BROWNE

SHADOWS WEB

 Jessica Allendon is bored and 'Googles' her name. Weirdly, she finds another girl, same age, same name, also living in London. They arrange to meet. At the designated time and place, Jess sees the girl, shock registering on both their faces as they realise they look identical. They shake hands and in that instant are catapulted into each other's worlds. Jessica finds herself somewhere which looks like the London of 50 years ago, but the year is still 2008. In this parallel London, the history is different, key war memorials are missing and the Jessica whose life she now inhabits was involved in a dark and sinister conspiracy. Jess must convince everyone she is the same girl, at all costs, if she wants to get back to her London alive. Pb \$16.95 320pp


TOBIAS BUCKELL

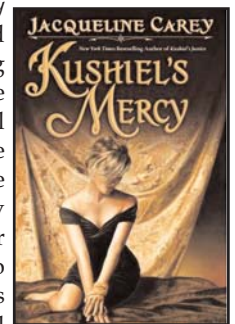
RAGAMUFFIN

 *Crystal Rain #2.* 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 no longer. Now they have embarked on a campaign of extermination, determined to wipe out the unruly humans once and for all. But 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. Pb \$15.95 352pp *Due June*

JACQUELINE CAREY


KUSHIEL'S MERCY

 *Imriel Trilogy #3.* Having paid dearly for ignoring Elua's edict to love as thou wilt, Imriel and Sidonie have finally come forward to publicly confess their love for each other - only to watch the news ignite turmoil throughout the land. Those who are old enough cannot forget the misdeeds of Imriel's mother, Melisande, whose self-serving lies plunged their country into war. In order to quell the uprising, Queen Ysandre hands down a decree - she will not divide the lovers, but neither will she acknowledge them and if they decide to marry, Sidonie will be disinherited. That is, unless Imriel can find his mother and bring her back to Terre D'Ange to be executed for treason... Hb \$54.00 700pp *Due June*




PHILIP CAVENEY

SEBASTIAN DARKE


 *Prince of Fools #1.* Sebastian Darke has the world on his narrow shoulders. The son of a human father and an elvish mother, he is desperately trying to become the family breadwinner and has taken on his late father's job - celebrated jester, Prince of Fools. Trouble is, Sebastian can't tell a joke to save his life. Pb \$17.95 384pp

SEBASTIAN DARKE

 *Prince of Pirates #2.* Sebastian, Max and Cornelius are ready for another adventure and heading to the bustling port of Ramalat. Once there they intend to embark on a perilous sea journey in search of the fabled lost treasure of the pirate King, Captain Calinestra. But first, they must make it through the dark and mysterious forest of Geltane and survive an encounter with Leonora, a powerful enchantress, with a terrifying secret and a magical hold over Sebastian's senses. Will they discover the lost treasure? Will Sebastian live to tell the tale? Will Cornelius be beaten in armed combat? And will Max ever stop moaning? Pb \$24.95 400pp

DAVID CORNISH

LAMPLIGHTER

 *Monster Blood Tattoo #2.* Rossamund Beachchild has successfully negotiated the treacherous route to High Vesting. But even within the sturdy walls of the great city, he is far from safe. For the path to becoming a Lamplighter is fraught with dangers - and not just from the dread monsters who lurk in the wilds. Rossamund will need all his wits to survive his training and he must watch his back too, for enemies from his past are never far behind. Hb \$30.00 448pp


JAMES F DAVID

THE BOOK OF SUMMER

 *Sequel to Judgement Day.* Thanks to a gift from God, Ira Breitling has taken his followers off of Earth and colonised space, but Breitling's followers are slowly discovering their differences. So Ira takes his core followers beyond Planet America, but one follower, Mother Jones, has decided to stay behind and colonise America. A vast number of captives from the battle on Earth have been enslaved by Jones on America and it only took a generation for racism and cruelty to set in. Summer Lund is a teenaged slave-girl on Master Rice's farm. Her mother, bearing Rice's child, fears that Summer will soon catch the eye of the slave owner. After a vicious encounter with Master Rice's oldest son Washington, Summer flees the farm and learns of her people's past. Her journey will bring a new era to light, and change the course of Planet America. Pb \$15.95 384pp *Due June*


PETER DAVID

TIGERHEART

 *A Tale of the Anyplace.* Paul Dear is a good and clever boy, doted on by his parents. But Paul is special in ways that even his adoring parents could never have imagined. For by day, in London's Kensington Gardens, he walks and talks with the pixies and sprites and other magical creatures that dwell among the living, but are unseen by most. And at night in his room, a boy much like himself, yet not, beckons to Paul from the mirror to come adventuring. But everything changes when tragedy strikes and Paul concludes that there's only one course of action he can take to dispel the darkness and make things right again. Thus begins a quest that will lead Paul down the city's bustling streets, to a curio shop where a magical ally awaits him and launches him into the starry skies, bound for a realm where anything is possible. Hb \$36.00 304pp *Due June*


SILVANA DE MARI

LAST ELF

 Yorsh the Elf finds himself in the unlikely company of two humans and their pet dog. Humans and elves do not get on! But stranger things are happening in the world, with the endless rain, the floods and the ensuing disasters. When Yorsh happens upon a prophecy in a cave, he realises that his journey will have an even greater significance than being simply his attempt to avoid the weather! Pb \$15.95 368pp


BERLIE DOHERTY

WINDSPINNER

 First the fairies took Tam's little sister, Blue. Then they took his Great-Grandpa Toby. Now Tam has to keep a great secret - not only is Great-Grandpa still in Faery as King, but the old King of the fairies, Oban, is now in Tam's world disguised as a boy Tam's age! At first, it's lots of fun having Oban and his magic around. He manages to charm everybody, even Tam's teacher at school. But then things start to go wrong... So Tam sets off on another adventure to Faery - this time with Great-great aunt California at his side - to rescue the Damson Hag and return Oban and Great-grandpa Toby to their right homes... Pb \$12.95 240pp


ANN DOWNER

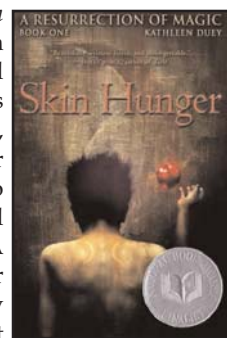
DRAGON OF NEVER WAS

 *Sequel to Hatching Magic* (Pb \$9.95). When Theodora's biologist-dad is called to the Scottish island of Scornsay to study a scale believed to be from a previously unknown species, Theodora is thrilled to be invited along. But as soon as Theodora sees the scale, she knows it's not from a fish, a reptile, or anything known to science. It's from a dragon, and as Theodora knows all too well, wherever there are dragons, there are wizards and then there's sure to be trouble. Before she can solve the mystery of the dragon's scale, Theodora will have to confront her own magical heritage and make a perilous journey to the wizard's limbo known as Never-Was. Pb \$12.95 320pp

KATHLEEN DUEY


SKIN HUNGER

 *A Resurrection of Magic #1.* Sadima lives in a world where magic has been banned, leaving poor villagers prey to fakes and charlatans. A 'magician' stole her family's few valuables and left Sadima's mother to die on the day Sadima was born, but vestiges of magic are hidden in old rhymes and hearth tales and in people like Sadima, who conceals her silent communication with animals for fear of rejection and ridicule. When rumours of her gift reach Somiss, a young nobleman obsessed with restoring magic, he sends Franklin, his lifelong servant, to find her. Sadima's joy at sharing her secret becomes love for the man she shares it with. But Franklin's irrevocable bond to the brilliant and dangerous Somiss traps her, too and she faces a heartbreaking decision. Pb \$16.95 368pp




KATE ELLIOTT

SHADOW GATE

 *Crossroads #2.* Marit was pretty sure she had been murdered. She recalled the assassin's dagger, thrust up to pierce her heart - a certain path to a swift death, as any reeve would know. Her dying vision had shown her the next world, but her spirit had not made the journey. She woke alone, sprawled on a Guardian altar with only a cloak for a covering. Her eagle was dead. The Guardians had ruled the Hundred, but they had long disappeared from the world, leaving the reeves to administer justice in their stead, but this peace has been shattered by a desperate army, slaughtering all in its path and its leaders are shadowy undead, wearing the cloaks of lost Guardians ... Tp \$33.00 672pp


EILEEN FAVORITE**HEROINES**

 Penny and her mother encounter great women from classic works of literature who make the Homestead their destination of choice just as the plots of their tumultuous stories begin to unravel. A lovesick Madame Bovary languishes in their hammock after Rodolphe has abandoned her and Scarlett O'Hara's emotions are not easily tempered by tea and eiderdowns. These visitors long for comfort, consolation and more attention than the adolescent Penny wants her mother to give. Knowing that to interfere with their stories would cause mayhem in literature, Anne-Marie does her best to make each Heroine feel at home. But when Penny begins to feel overshadowed by her mother's indulgence of each and every Heroine, havoc ensues and the 13-year-old embarks on her own memorable tale. Tp \$32.95 400pp


ERIC FLINT (ED)**THE BEST OF JIM BAEN'S UNIVERSE**

 Top-selling established writers and brilliant newcomers both appear regularly in the online magazine, *Jim Baen's Universe*. Now, editor Flint selects a generous serving of the best science fiction and fantasy stories that have appeared in the magazine. *Hugo* and *Nebula* award winners such as Mike Resnick and Gene Wolfe are on board and so are best-selling writers David Drake, Gregory Benford, Esther Friesner and more. Pb \$15.95 496pp


GRANTVILLE GAZETTE III

 A mysterious cosmic force, the 'Ring of Fire' has hurled the town of Grantville from 20th century West Virginia back to 17th century Europe, and into the heart of the Thirty Years War. With their seemingly magical technology, and their radical ideas of freedom and justice, the time-lost West Virginians have allied with Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, to form the United States of Europe, changing the course of history - in ways both small and large. Pb \$15.95 448pp


GRANTVILLE GAZETTE IV

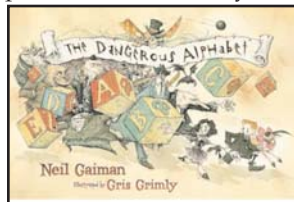
 After the West Virginia town of Grantville was unceremoniously hurled back through time to the 1630s, the 17th century will never be the same. Teenage capitalist girls have formed an investment group, a linotype operator, whose profession was wiped out by computers, finds a new life in an old century and the proud tradition of the US Marines is started ahead of schedule among downtime Europeans Interwoven are factual articles on the problems of beginning an oil industry, building a machine gun and starting up the manufacture of textiles centuries ahead of their time. Hb \$49.95 384pp *Due June*


ESTHER FRIESNER**NOBODY'S PRINCESS**

 She *is* beautiful, she *is* a princess and Aphrodite *is* her favourite goddess, but something in Helen of Sparta just itches for more out of life. Not one to count on the gods, or her looks, to take care of her, Helen sets out to get what she wants with steely determination and a sassy attitude. That same attitude makes Helen a few enemies, such as the self-proclaimed 'son of Zeus' Theseus - but it also intrigues, charms and amuses those who become her friends, from the famed huntress Atalanta to the young priestess who is the Oracle of Delphi. Pb \$15.95 336pp


NEIL GAIMAN**THE DANGEROUS ALPHABET**

 An alphabet book with a story about two children and their pet gazelle who head off, treasure map in hand, on an underground journey into a place where monsters and pirates roam. Will they find the treasure? Will they get out alive? Will the alphabet ever be the same again? Hb \$24.95 32pp


**MICHAEL GEAR****& KATHLEEN O'NEAL GEAR****PEOPLE OF THE WEeping EYE**

 *People #15*. People called Old White the 'Seeker,' a man never long with any people or place. For years he had wandered, leaving a trail of war, wonder and broken love in his wake. Now he is headed home, called back by visions of chaos, blood and fire. But there is more to the Seeker than most know. He is a man driven by a secret so terrible it may topple the greatest city in North America. Hb \$49.95 432pp


DAVID GIBBINS**LAST GOSPEL**

 History is full of secrets, secrets that have remained hidden for thousands of years and we have no idea what many of them are. We know they're there, under the ground, at the bottom of the ocean, hidden away, just waiting for someone to unlock them. Enter Jack Howard, one of the greatest archaeologists of his day. When he and his best friend Costas are interrupted during a dive off the coast of Sicily that might possibly reveal the final journey of St Paul, Jack has no idea what lies in store... Their journey takes them to one of the great lost libraries of antiquity, destroyed by the eruption of Pompeii, into the heart of ancient Rome and the holiest sites of Jerusalem. Their quest? So earth shattering that there are men who would kill anyone and anything in their path to conceal this secret... the secret of the origins of Christianity itself and of the last gospel. Tp \$33.00 432pp


AUSTIN GROSSMAN**SOON I WILL BE INVINCIBLE**

 Doctor Impossible, evil genius, would-be world conqueror, languishes in prison. Shuffling through the cafeteria line with ordinary criminals, he wonders if the smartest man in the world has done the smartest thing he could with his life. After all, he's lost every battle he's ever fought, but this prison won't hold him forever. Fatale, half woman, half high-tech warrior, used to be an unemployed cyborg, now, she's a rookie member of the world's most famous super-team, the Champions, but being a superhero is not all flying cars and planets in peril, she learns that in the locker rooms and dive bars of superhero-dom, the men and women behind the masks are as human as anyone. Pb \$29.95 304pp *Due June*


SHANNON HALE**BOOK OF A THOUSAND DAYS**

 When a princess refuses to marry the prince her father has chosen, her father locks her in a tower. She has seven long years of solitude to think about her insolence, but the princess is not entirely alone - she takes her maid, Dashti. Petulant and spoiled, the princess eats the food in their meagre store as if she were still at court and Dashti soon realises they must either escape or starve. But during their captivity, Dashti discovers that there is something far more sinister behind her princess's fears of marrying of the prince, and when, finally, they do break free from the tower, they find a land laid to waste and the kingdom destroyed. They were safe in the tower, now they are at the mercy of the evil prince, but this maid is a force to be reckoned with. Hb \$27.95 320pp

DAVID HARTWELL**& KATHRYN CRAMER (Eds)****YEAR'S BEST SF #13**


 Once again, these award-winning editors and anthologists have gathered together an array of science fiction that spans a veritable universe of astonishing visions and bold ideas. Hitherto unexplored galaxies of the mind are courageously traversed by new talents and well-established masters. Pb \$15.95 512pp *Due June*

JOHN HELFERS**& MARTIN H GREENBERG (Eds)****FUTURE AMERICAS**

 16 original stories about the America to come. From an America where history has become myth and misinformation amid the ruins of a once-great land, to a place where the only existence for genetic misfits is as slaves, to a company intent on cloning the world's species, both extinct and endangered, back to a balanced ecosystem, here are stories that will have readers thinking about the future and about how their own actions now could make a difference tomorrow. Pb \$15.95 320pp *Due June*


BRIAN HERBERT & KEVIN J ANDERSON

SANDWORMS OF DUNE

 *Dune* #8. As the no-ship Ithaca flees through space, the heroes finally meet the Enemy who followed the violent fanatics, the Honored Matres, back to their universe. The thinking machines vanquished by Serena Butler's jihad were not destroyed, only driven into exile - and now, tens of thousands of years later, they are back. Can the resurrected heroes on board the Ithaca save our race from annihilation? Pb \$20.00 624pp


TOM HOLT

BARKING

 Monsters are roaming the streets of London. Of course, some monsters are scarier than others: Unicorns? No bother. Vampires? Big deal. Werewolves? Ho hum. Lawyers? ...Aaargh! Duncan's boss doesn't think that he's cut out to be a lawyer. He isn't a pack animal. He lacks the killer instinct. But when his best friend from school barges his way back into Duncan's life, with a full supporting cast of lawyers, ex-wives, zombies and snow-white unicorns, it's not long before things become distinctly unsettling. Hairy, even. Pb \$23.00 416pp


EMMA HOLLY

DEMONS FIRE


 Fleeing the routine life her family wanted for her, Beth joins an archaeological dig spearheaded by her cousin Charles. For such an adventurer, the desert city of Bhamjran is perfect for making unusual discoveries, especially when it comes to forbidden appetites. Like his own unnatural desire for a Yama demon. And as he and Beth are about to learn, some Yama find humans equally irresistible... Tp \$27.95 336pp

TANYA HUFF

THE HEART OF VALOR


 *A Confederation novel.* Staff Sergeant Torin Kerr jumps at the chance to go to Crucible, the Marine Corps training planet. It is 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... Pb \$15.95 432pp *Due June*

VALOR'S TRIAL

 *A Confederation novel.* Unexpectedly pulled from battle, Torin finds herself in an underground POW camp that shouldn't exist, where her fellow marine prisoners seem to have lost all will to escape. Now, Torin must fight her way not only out of the prison, but also past the growing compulsion to sit down and give up, not realising that her escape could mean the end of the war... Hb \$49.95 368pp *Due June*


DEBORAH LYNN JACOBS

POWERS


 When Gwen and Adrian meet, they unlock each other's latent psychic powers. It's too bad they can't stand each other, don't trust each other and do everything they can to manipulate each other. Will they use their powers to save lives? Or will it destroy them both? Pb \$13.95 208pp

JEAN JOHNSON

WOLF


 *Sons of Destiny* #2. Eight brothers, born in four sets of twins, two years apart to the day - they fulfil the Curse of Eight Prophecy. To avoid tempting their destiny, the brothers are exiled to Nightfall Island, where women are forbidden. When a childhood friend seeks refuge among the brothers, it triggers a confrontation with their mysterious enemy. Tp \$27.95 320pp

THE CAT

 *The Sons of Destiny* #5. Amara is wary of mages, they chased her out of her homeland. Yet there is something about the mage Trevan of Nightfall that Amara can't resist, but can he be trusted with her most fiercely guarded secret? Courting such a pretty yet prickly outlander won't be easy, but Trevan is determined to try. She may be fierce, proud and from a different culture, but after all, he is the Cat and none but the most fascinating and challenging of women could satisfy him... Pb \$27.95 352pp *Due June*

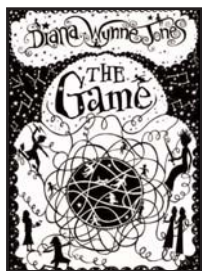
DIANA WYNNE JONES

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 *Omnibus Vol* #3. In the multiple parallel universes of the Twelve Related Worlds, only an enchanter with nine lives is powerful enough to control the rampant misuse of magic and to hold the title Chrestomanci.... Cat and Christopher Chant make the most unusual friends. Christopher befriends a boy with terrible karma in a mansion where everything keeps changing. Cat meets a girl whose family of rogue witches is hiding shocking secrets. Will the Chrestomanci be able to sort out the tangle of mysteries and magic? Pb \$15.95 688pp


THE GAME

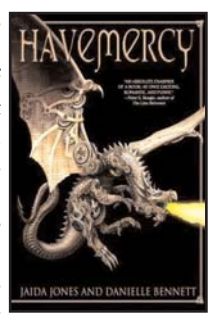
 Hayley's parents disappeared when she was a baby, so she has been brought up by her grandparents. Then one day she is packed off to Ireland to live with her aunts and a whole host of cousins she never new about. Here she is introduced to the 'Game' which involves adventures in the forbidden 'mythosphere'. And here also is where Hayley discovers the truth about her family. Pb \$15.00 224pp



JAIDA JONES & DANIELLE BENNETT


HAVEMERCY

 Thanks to its elite Dragon Corps, the capital city of Volstov has all but won the hundred years' war with its neighbouring enemy, the Ke-Han. The renegade airmen who fly the corps's mechanical, magic-fuelled dragons are Volstov's greatest weapon. But now one of its more unruly members is at the centre of the city's rumour mill, causing a distraction that may turn the tide of victory. With Volstov immersed in a scandal that may have international repercussions, the Ke-Han devise an ingenious plan of attack. To counter the threat, four ill-assorted heroes must converge to save the kingdom they love - an exiled magician, a naive country boy, a young student and the unpredictable ace airman who flies the city's fiercest dragon, Havemercy. But on the eve of battle, these courageous men will face something that could make the most formidable of warriors hesitate, the most powerful of magicians weak and the most unlikely of men allies in their quest to rise against it. Hb \$44.00 400pp *Due June*




ALAN KATZ

FLIM FLAM FAIRIES


 This hilarious Tooth Fairy story will have wiggly-toothed readers falling out of bed with laughter! Here begins the not-so-fairy tale about how the Belly Button Lint Fairy, Earwax Fairy, Dirty Underwear Fairy, Clipped Toenail Fairy, Snot Fairy, Fart Fairy and others attempt to take over the Tooth Fairy's under-the-pillow enterprise. They try to profit from pliable bogeys, get funds from farts and make dirty underwear pay. The Tooth Fairy finally finds out about the fake fairies and makes it clear that if she sees anything under the pillow other than teeth the deal is off! Hb \$24.95 32pp

JAY LAKE


ESCAPEMENT

 Paolina Barthes is a young woman of remarkable intellectual ability - a genius on the level of Isaac Newton. But she has grown up in isolation, in a small village of shipwreck survivors, on the Wall in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. She knows little of the world, but she knows that England rules it and must be the home of people who possess the learning that she so desperately wants and so she sets off to make her way off the Wall, not knowing that she will bring her astounding, unschooled talent for sorcery to the attention of those deadly factions who would use or kill her for it. Hb \$49.95 368pp *Due June*


EMMA LAYBOURN
DUNGEON DRAGON


 No singing, no pets, no toys, no stories. By order of the Sorcerer King Tarcorax has outlawed every kind of fun. He throws people into the dungeons just for whistling. Rab is determined to defeat him. With the help of a witch, a pirate and a pig, he sets about escaping from his dungeon and teaching the sorcerer a lesson, but then the witch's spells starts to go very wrong indeed. Pb \$14.95 160pp

JOAN LENNON
ICE ROAD


 In the harshest winter in living memory, the vast waterways of the Fens are frozen solid, transformed into an Ice Road. Ideal conditions for a surprise invasion by young King Arnald's banished uncle. At Wickit Monastery, most of the Brothers have been struck down with a bitter illness and a ghost walks across the snow. What can Pip and Perfect, the stone gargoyle, do to save the King, the Brothers and their country? Pb \$14.95 136pp


HOLLY LISLE
HAWKSPAR



 A *Novel of Korre*. Stolen away from their families, they are slaves, every moment of their days controlled by the avatars of the stone Eyes. The most powerful of them all is Hawksparr, the eyes of time. Kings and despots come to her to know their futures. Before her death, another must be chosen by the Eyes, but the avatar has her own plans and chooses a slave for her courage and rebelliousness. This slave is put to trial, but time after time, she is protected by forces unseen. Once she has swallowed the bitter liquid and has her eyes pulled from her head and replaced with the Eyes of Hawksparr stone, she can slip into the streams of time... and use time to her own ends, to free the slaves once and for all and destroy the Eyes, even if it means destroying herself in the process. Hb \$56.00 480pp *Due June*


 **RUBY KEY**
Moon and Sun #1. Mankind is Sunkind and rules by the light, Nightlings are Moonkind and rule in the night, or there will be war. Human and Nightlings are never to meet, but when Genna and her brother Dan venture into the old forest at night, they encounter a Nightling slave who reveals a terrifying secret: Genna and Dan's village chieftain has made a dangerous deal with Letrin, ruler of the Nightlings, offering the lives of his people in exchange for his own immortality. To save the villagers and themselves, Genna and Dan strike their own bargain with the Nightling lord, but the stakes are even higher. Now, the siblings must embark upon a journey along the Moonroads and bring back the key to Letrin's downfall. Hb \$34.00 368pp

LOIS LOWRY
GOSSAMER

 Littlest One is a tiny creature slowly learning her job of giving dreams to humans. Each night she and her teacher, Thin Elderly, visit an old woman's home where she softly touches beloved objects, gathering happy memories and drops of old scents and sounds. Littlest One pieces these bits together and presents them to her sleeping human in the form of pleasant dreams. But the dreaded Sinsteeds, dark fearsome creatures that plague their victims with nightmares, are always at work against the dreamgivers. When the old woman takes in John, an angry foster child with a troubled past, the Sinsteeds go after him with their horrifying nightmares. Can Littlest One and her touch, light as gossamer, protect John's heart and soul from the nightmare of his dark past? Pb \$13.95 176pp


ERIN MCCARTHY
 **FALLEN**
Seven Deadly Sins #2. Forever cursed. Forever fallen. New Orleans, 1840s. Sent to watch over the decadent city, the angel Gabriel loses himself in the liquid pleasure of absinthe. So when his mistress, Anne, is murdered and all evidence points to him, a foggy Gabriel cannot be sure he didn't do it. His penance - to be forever denied love. Then in modern-day New Orleans he meets forensic scientist Sara Michaels... Pb \$15.95 320pp

KELLY MCCULLOUGH
  **CODESPELL**
Webmage #3. The universe needs a reboot... In the 21st century magic has gone digital and Ravirn, a direct descendant of one of the three Fates, is a talented sorcerer and computer hacker extraordinaire. So when Necessity, the sentient computer that runs the universe, catches a virus that crashes most of the magical Internet, Ravirn is tasked with fixing it. Whoever repairs Necessity will, for that moment, run the universe. Unfortunately for the sorcerer, some very dangerous beings have figured that out too. Pb \$13.95 288pp


AISIN MCGANN
 **ANCIENT APPETITES**
Wildenstern #2. After nearly two years, 18-year-old Nate returns home to the family empire ruled by his father, the ruthless Wildenstern Patriarch, but his life is soon shattered by his brother's death. The Rules of Ascension, allowing the assassination of one male family member by another, means he's being blamed. He knows that he is not the murderer, but who is? With the aid of his troublesome sister-in-law, Daisy, and his cousin Gerald, he means to find out. Pb \$17.95 448pp

KEN MACLEOD
 **EXECUTION CHANNEL**

Fighting has spread across the Middle East and Central Asia to the borders of China. In the US, refugees from climate-change disaster subsist in FEMA camps. Images of official executions circulate on the Internet like al Qaeda videos. State agencies sponsor conspiracy theories as cover-ups. James Travis is a middle manager in a software company. He has a son in the army, a daughter in a peace-protest camp outside a USAF base and a compromising relationship with a foreign intelligence service. When his cover is blown hours before a nuclear explosion destroys the base, Travis, his son, and his daughter are all in serious trouble. And as the spooks and disinformation specialists focus their efforts on his capture, Travis knows that all it will take is one mistake and his only memorial will be another grainy video on... the Execution Channel Pb \$20.00 416pp

PAT MCNAMARA
& **MICHAL DUTKIEWICZ**
 **DRAGONSCARPE**
The Last Realm #1. The storm of war has engulfed the Realms. Thrust into the heart of the turmoil is Zayd, Paladin of the Dragonscarpe. Zayd takes the first step to discovering that the only hope for survival lies in a past deliberately forgotten, beyond the barrier to the terrifying Last Realm. Hb \$59.95 320pp

ZOE MARRIOTT
 **THE SWAN KINGDOM**
Shadows fall across the beautiful, lush kingdom after the queen is attacked by an unnatural beast and the healing skills of her daughter, Alexandra, cannot save her. Too soon the widowed king is spellbound by a frightening stranger, a woman whose eyes reflect no light. In a terrifying moment, all Alexandra knows disappears, including her beloved brothers, leaving her banished to a barren land. But Alexandra has more gifts than she realises as she confronts magic, murder and the strongest of evil forces, and is unflinchingly brave as she struggles to reclaim what is rightfully hers. Hb \$34.00 272pp

RICHARD MATHESON
 **BUTTON BUTTON: UNCANNY STORIES**
What if every time you pushed a button you received \$50,000, but someone you didn't know died? Would you still push the button? How many times? *Button, Button*, which inspired a *Twilight Zone* episode, is one the dozen tales in this new collection by the author of *I Am Legend* (Pb \$20.00) and *What Dreams May Come* (Pb \$29.95). This volume contains a number of stories that were adapted for television, as well as a new introduction by the author. Tp \$25.95 208pp

MELISSA MAYHUE

  **SOUL OF A HIGHLANDER**

Nine years ago, Faerie Magic saved Mairi MacKiernan at the cost of her dreams of happiness, snatching her from her life in 1272 and depositing her in the 21st century. Now, she must save the last Daughter of the MacKiernan family who was murdered in 1295. Transported back in time at her request, Mairi finds herself captured by the same evil men as before. Is this the price the Faerie Magic requires of her this time? Pb \$13.95 352pp

MARTIN MILLAR

 **THE GOOD FAIRIES OF NEW YORK**

When a pair of fugitive Scottish thistle fairies end up transplanted to Manhattan by mistake, both the Big Apple and the Little People have a lot of adjusting to do. Heather and Morag just want to start the first radical fairy punk rock band, but first they'll have make a match between two highly unlikely sweethearts, start a street brawl between rival gangs of Italian, Chinese and African fairies, help the ghost of a dead rocker track down his lost guitar, reclaim a rare triple-bloomed Welsh poppy from a bag lady with delusions of grandeur and somehow manage to stay sober enough to save all of New York from an invasion of evil Cornish fairies. If they can stop feuding with each other, that is. Pb \$13.95 288pp *Due June*

MEL ODOM

 **BONESLICER**

The Quest for the Trilogy #1. Young halfer Juhg, the new master librarian, is still growing into his job as Grandmagister when an ally from the past returns. The wizened wizard Craugh bears warnings of an ancient threat that may resurface, the so-called 'Kharrion's Wrath,' which endangers the existence of the world. Juhg must unlock the secrets contained in the journals of his absent mentor Wick, the former Grandmagister and legendary hero known as 'the Rover.' He must also continue the Rover's documented but clandestine search for a trilogy of books, which brings Juhg through many different realms of their very dangerous world... and into conflict and contact with other races (elves, dwarves and men) whose fates are all intertwined among the pages of the great book of Time. Pb \$13.95 448pp *Due June*

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VICTOR PELEVIN

 **SACRED BOOK OF THE WEREWOLF**

Huli, the heroine of Victor Pelevin's latest book, is beautiful, slender and curiously foxlike. She lives in Moscow and works as a classy prostitute in the city's premier hotels, but when a client goes inexplicably and fatally berserk at the sight of her in his luxury suite, A Huli has to leave in a hurry. She decides to explore new avenues and place an ad on the internet and that's when the trouble really starts. Tp \$32.95 304pp

RICHARD POOLE

 **IRON ANGEL**

Lowmoor #3. Desperate to stop the wicked Querne Rasp from collecting the final crystal to complete her collection, they find themselves drawn deep into the inner workings of an old and sinister church, fighting ice spiders and malevolent characters along the way. Racky Jagger is as determined to thwart their plans, but when he shares a revelation with Thorn, life changes irrevocably for both of them. Pb \$14.95 416pp

MARY JO PUTNEY

 **A DISTANT MAGIC**

A Novel of the Guardians #3. Jean Macrae's family is one of the most prominent clans of Guardians, humans whose magical powers come from nature, but Jean's skills are modest at best and she is content, until the day she is confronted by a handsome stranger whose magic imprisons her on his pirate ship. Captain Nikolai Gregorio is convinced that Jean's father abandoned him, as a child, to slavers. Now he seeks vengeance against the Macraes, but Jean soon finds his untrained magical gifts far more dangerous than his thirst for revenge, especially when they intensify her own powers to an unthinkable and enticing degree. Pb \$13.95 448pp

ROBERT REDICK

 **RED WOLF CONSPIRACY**

Chathrand #1. The *Chathrand* is the last of her kind. Built 600 years ago, she dwarves all the ships around her. She was the pride of the Empire, the natural choice for the great diplomatic voyage to seal the peace with the last of the Emperor's last enemies. 700 souls boarded her. Her sadistic Captain Nilus Rose, the Emperor's Ambassador and Thasha, the daughter he plans to marry off to seal the treaty, 100 imperial marines, Pazel the tarboy gifted and cursed by his mother's spell and a small band of Ixchel. But there is treachery afoot. Behind the plans for peace lies the shadow of war and the fear that a dead king might live again and now the *Chathrand*, having survived countless battles and centuries of typhoons has gone missing. This is her story. Tp \$35.00 480pp

PHILIP REEVE

 **HERE LIES ARTHUR**

Gwyna is bound into service to Myrddin the bard, and he transforms her into a goddess, a boy warrior and a spy. Without her he cannot work the most glorious transformation of all, and turn the leader of a raggle-taggle war-band into the greatest hero of all - King Arthur. Pb \$18.00 304pp

ALASTAIR REYNOLDS

 **HOUSE OF SUNS**

Six million years ago, at the very dawn of the starfaring era, Abigail Gentian fractured herself into a thousand male and female clones - the shatterlings. Sent out into the galaxy, these shatterlings have stood aloof as they document the rise and fall of countless human empires. They meet every 200,000 years, to exchange news and memories of their travels with their siblings. Campion and Purslane are not only late for their 32nd reunion, but they have brought along an amnesiac golden robot for a guest. But the wayward shatterlings get more than the scolding they expect - they face the discovery that someone has a very serious grudge against the Gentian line and there is a very real possibility of traitors in their midst. Tp \$35.00 480pp

JENNA RHODES

 **THE DARK FERRYMAN**

The Elven Ways #2. As civil war begins, the high elven Vaelinar see their power bases being torn apart as the magical Ways they have created begin to disintegrate. In the midst of the conflict, Sevryn and Rivergrace are pulled from each other, forced to follow separate pathways as they fight against possession by goddess and demon alike. Accused of high treason by the warrior queen Lariel, Rivergrace's only allies are her Dweller sister and the most mysterious of all Vaelinar Ways - the Dark Ferryman. Hb \$48.00 400pp *Due June*

SPIDER ROBINSON

 **VERY HARD CHOICES**

After the shattering death of his beloved wife, aging baby-boomer Russell Walker had wanted only to hide from the world in the woods of British Columbia. Instead, an old college acquaintance called Smelly, a telepath, knocks on his door and demands his help stopping a serial killer. They manage to convince Nika, a skeptical police officer, and the trio stop the killer, though nearly at the cost of their own lives. Then Russell is visited by his estranged son, Jesse, still angry over his father's role in his mother's death. Constable Nika must decide what being a peace officer means. Russell must decide on the fly whether or not Smelly is the kind of friend you'd die for. And Jesse must decide just where his own national and personal loyalties lie. Hb \$38.00 316pp *Due June*

ROB ROGERS

 **DEVIL'S CAPE**

If New Orleans has earned its 'Sin City' nickname for its debauchery, then its nearby sister Devil's Cape has earned its 'Pirate Town' moniker for the violence and blatant corruption that have marred the city since its founding. This is a city where corruption and heroism walk hand-in-hand and justice and mercy are bought and paid-for in blood, Devil's Cape is a city like no other. Tp \$29.95 416pp

NICK SAGAN

 **EDENBORN**

Idlewild #2. In the wake of the microbial plague that decimated the world, the bioengineered children of *Idlewild* have spent the last eighteen years raising the next generation to inherit the Earth - a generation both human and post-human, divided into factions by the genetics used to create them, but as the factions clash over the future of humanity, an even deadlier contagion rises from the ashes of the original virus. Pb \$15.95 304pp

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Mistborn #2. The impossible has been accomplished. The Lord Ruler, the man who claimed to be god incarnate and brutally ruled the world for a thousand years, has been vanquished. But Kelsier, the hero who masterminded that triumph, is dead too and now the awesome task of building a new world has been left to his young protégé, Vin, the former street urchin who is now the most powerful Mistborn in the land and to the idealistic young nobleman she loves. Pb \$15.95 792pp *Due June*

JOSE SARAMAGO

 **DEATH AT INTERVALS**

On the first day of the New Year, no one dies. This understandably causes great consternation amongst religious leaders - if there's no death, there can be no resurrection and therefore no reason for religion. Funeral directors are reduced to arranging funerals for dogs, cats, hamsters and parrots. Life insurance policies become meaningless. Amid the general public, on the other hand, there is initially celebration - flags are hung out on balconies and people dance in the streets. They have achieved the great goal of humanity - eternal life. How long can families cope with malingering elderly relatives who scratch at death's door while the portal remains firmly shut? Then, seven months later, death returns, heralded by purple envelopes informing the recipients that their time is up. Death herself is now writing personal notes giving one week's notice. However, when an envelope is unexpectedly returned to her, death begins to experience strange, almost human emotions. Pb \$32.95 208pp

SANDRA SCHWAB

  **BEWITCHED**

After a magical mishap that turned her uncle's house blue, Miss Amelia Bourne was stripped of her powers and sent to London in order to be introduced into polite society and to find a suitable husband. Handsome, rakish Sebastian 'Fox' Stapleton was all that and more. He was her true love. Wasn't he? Or the bitter taste of deceit. At Rawdon Park, the country estate of the Stapletons, Amy began to wonder. Several inexplicable events suggested that one sip of punch had changed her life forever, that this love, this lust, was nothing but an illusion. She and Fox were pawns in some mysterious game and black magic had followed them out of Town. Magic potion or no, what she felt for Fox was a spell that could never be broken. Pb \$13.95 321pp

SHARON SHINN

 **DREAM MAKERS MAGIC**

Safe Keepers Secret #3. Kellen's mother has always insisted that her only child was born male, not female—so Kellen has been raised as a boy. At school, she meets Gryffin, whose mind is as strong as his legs are damaged, and the two become friends and allies. A few years later, the two get jobs working at an inn nearby. When it is discovered that Gryffin is the kingdom's new Dream-Maker—someone whose mere presence can help dreams come true—he is whisked away to the castle, leaving Kellen behind. By now, their friendship is shading into something more. Will it endure? Pb \$15.95 272pp

KASSANDRA SIMS

 **HELLBENT AND HEARTFIRST**

What could be better than a one-time rodeo cowboy with a beat-up pickup truck who wears his jeans like a down home boy? To Jacyn Boaz, he seems like the perfect distraction from her guilty conscience and the stress of working with relief organisations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Does it matter that Jimmy Wayne Broadus hunts demons in the night? Surprisingly, Jacyn finds that they make a good team. Until the day that Jimmy Wayne disappears. Tired of waiting around, Jacyn moves on to Nashville, but her strange new life follows her in form of a witch up to no good. And how will she handle her one-time one night stand when Jimmy Wayne comes back? Pb \$13.95 336pp

ZECHARIA SITCHIN

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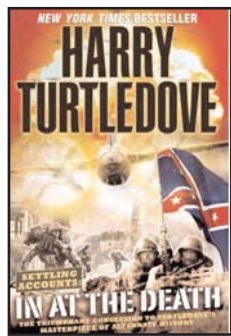
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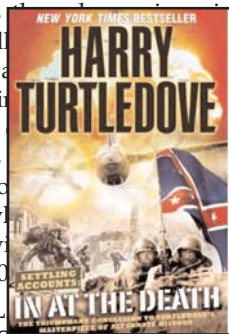
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What We've Been Reading...

Small Favor (Harry Dresden #10) by Jim Butcher (Hb \$48.00). Another fun adventure with Harry Dresden. I love the fact he's a bit of a softie, although I have to admit with the series now ten long and at least a few more in the pipeline I'm having a bit of trouble remembering who/how Harry owes favours to. - *Steph*

Red Magician by Lisa Goldstein (Pb \$11.95). This is a fantasy set during WWII and follows a young Hungarian Jewish girl and her family and community as the Nazi threaten, then invade their country. It is probably more an exploration of faith, ego, misuse of power and healing. I did enjoy it but found myself comparing it to Jane Yolen's **Devil's Arithmetic** (Pb \$14.95) and **Briar Rose** (Pb \$12.95), which was a bit harsh as they were truly exceptional recounts of similar type stories. - *Steph*

Curse Dark as Gold by Elizabeth Bunce (Hb \$27.00). This is a YA retelling of Rumpelstiltskin, set in England at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. With the death of their father, Charlotte and her sister are now orphans and, with the fate of the entire community hanging on their ability to run the mill, they are under enormous pressure. The mystery and tension begins early as we learn of the curse on the mill, but, like the protagonists, we have to slowly unravel that mystery. I felt it slowed down a little in the middle, but it picked up to give a very satisfying conclusion. There is a host of great characters - especially Charlotte who is a young woman with determination to spare and I even had sympathy for Rumpelstiltskin. - *Steph*

Gardens of the Moon by Steven Erikson (Pb Special Price \$12.95). The as yet unchecked Malazan empire is attempting to annex the greatest city on the continent, Darujhistan. Its unseen rulers manoeuvre their thieves and assassins to secure the city. Meanwhile the gods themselves make pawns of mortals on all sides in order serve their own mysterious agendas. Intrigue, magic and machiavellian twists glue your eyes to the pages. - *Geoff*

Storm Dragon (Eberron: Dragonic Prophecies #1) by James Wyatt (Pb \$13.95). The prophecies were old when man crowned their first king. They give meaning to the past, guidance in the present and predict the future. Now someone is trying to make one of those futures come to pass. I have begun to explore the Eberron world and I have to say I am somewhat surprised and impressed with what the makers of *Dungeons & Dragons* have done here. The author weaves a gripping tale of intrigue and action in a well rounded and engaging world of magic, dragons and emerging technology. - *Mark*

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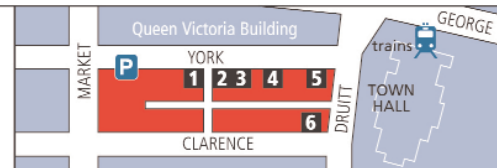
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