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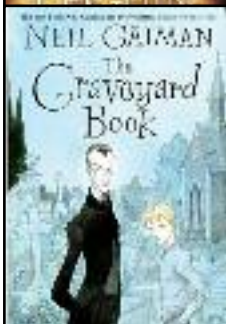
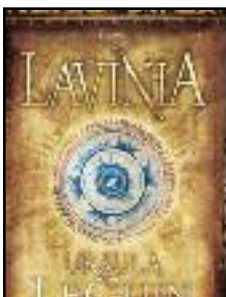
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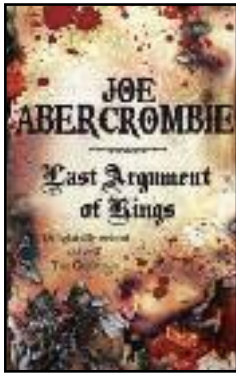
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## NEW TITLE

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**DARK WAR #3**

**RAYMOND E FEIST**

**PB \$20.99 516PP**

This final book in the Dark War series brings this chapter in the ongoing saga to a 'semi-conclusion' - questions are answered, but never conclusively.

Pug, Nakor, Magnus and Ralan Bek travel down realms into the Dasati home world to prevent the invasion of their upper realm world of Midkemia. The lower realm is like a dark, twisted mirror to their own in Midkemia. The shocking and seemingly barbarous nature of the Dasati race is a horror to the travellers as they attempt to infiltrate this world that slowly eats away at their life forces.

They are not alone, as there are outcast rebellious forces at work within Dasati society, working against their Emperor-Warlord, his world-spanning Empire and His Dark Mad God. The rebels secretly support the outcast pantheon of Old Exiled Gods of the original culture that preceded this new, savage and extremist realm.

The story line behind the Talnoy is captivating, as more details unfold about what's inside them, as well as the immortal slivers of the missing Gods from Midkemia - where they've been and whose spiritual essences are hiding within whom.

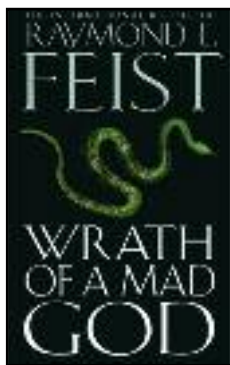
Miranda has a special role in a side story. She escapes the clutches of the Death Priests and leads a running defence of Kelewan, with the combined Imperial forces of the Tsurani and the Black Robes of the Magicians' Academy. Their ongoing struggles with the machinations of Leso Varen lead them from crisis to crisis, world to world.

The necromancer steals one body after another in his continual struggle to create utter chaos. As they slowly discover, he has no plan or direction other than glorious death - other people's, preferably!

The layers of plot deepen as we discover the Talnoy are spirit reservoirs for refugee powers. If our four heroes don't stop the oncoming Dasati invasion of their realm, their dark god will literally devour all life on Midkemia, just as it did in two lower realms of existence.

I really enjoyed the fast pace of this story, as well as the ongoing story lines. Some tried and true characters keep popping up to flesh out the multiple story arcs, all leading to the final battle with the dreaded despotic Dasati and the death priests with whom Leso is making deals.

I can't recommend this book highly enough. I couldn't put it down. Luckily, the next book in the series is already out - **Rides a Dread Legion** (Hb \$49.99). - CM



## CLASSIC TITLE

### THE SHIP WHO SANG

**ANNE McCAFFREY**

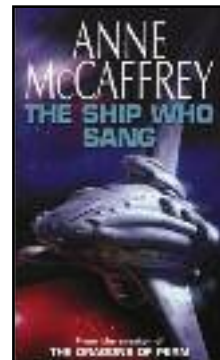
**PB \$13.95 248PP**

Anne McCaffrey's wonderful *The Ship Who Sang* is a collection of interrelated short stories about the ship *Helva*, which is a brain in a shell in a ship, soaring through space. In this version of the future, McCaffrey has created a technology that allows human brains to be encased in shells, which then act out their neural responses. It takes a person of very high intelligence to survive and thrive in this process and *Helva's* mind is brilliant, even though the body she was born with was defective beyond repair.

The technology allowing her to undergo the transition from doomed infant to super space ship is nothing short of awesomely cool! Considering when this book was written, it was also remarkably ahead of its time. In becoming a ship, *Helva* is in no way disadvantaged. She will be blessed with a far longer existence than a non-shell person and (as she explains it) after hurtling through the enormity of space, she could hardly be content with walking.

This collection features 6 stories: *The Ship Who Sang*, *The Ship Who Mourned*, *The Ship Who Killed*, *Dramatic Mission*, *The Ship Who Disassembled* and *The Partnered Ship*, each a different adventure. My favourite is *The Ship Who Sang*, which offers a beautiful, sad look into first love, as experienced by *Helva*, and her relationship with her first brawn, Jennan. All brain-ships are paired with a person to aid them in their functions and, almost without realising it, *Helva* falls in love. The pairing of a Brain (*Helva*) with a Brawn (Jennan) is interesting as an idea and convenient as the plot device that makes *Helva* such a real person, with real emotions and responses, even though, strictly speaking, she is a spaceship. In *The Ship Who Mourned*, *Helva* is made even more endearing as she deals with her loss. At this point, the pure science-fiction-ness of the story takes a back seat to the pain that all readers can identify with; *Helva* is at that stage where everything is a reminder of the enormity of her loss. When she hears that other brain-ships have 'gone rogue', she considers the possibility of disappearing into the farthest corner of space to be alone with her pain. To her credit, she does not, even though she could. *Helva* earns our admiration when she works through her pain and is able to find her voice again.

McCaffrey is an immensely talented writer. She has taken something as tragic as an infant with birth defects and made it into a wonderful idea with loads of potential. She also created a ship-person who is believable and very real, from the moment we meet her. As she pays off her debt to 'Cencom', we experience her awesomely cool adventures. One of McCaffrey's greatest strengths is the clarity of her descriptions and the ease with which her writing flows. This is a classic science fiction title, which means that, like John Wyndham, for example, the writing may have lost some of its buzz, but the ideas are as fresh as ever. I highly recommend this book to fans of fantasy who may normally steer clear of sci-fi because it has no heart. This book proves that it does have heart, as well as a brain... even if it does live in a ship in space. - Sofia




JACQUELINE CAREY

 **KUSHIEL'S MERCY**

*Treason's Heir #3.* Having learned a lesson about thwarting the will of the gods, Imriel and Sidonie publicly confess their affair, only to see the country boil over in turmoil. To quell the unrest, Ysandre, the queen, sets her decree. If they marry, Sidonie will be disinherited, losing her claim on the throne. There's only one way they can truly be together. Imriel must perform an act of faith: search the world for his infamous mother and bring her back to Terre d'Ange to be executed. Pb \$17.95 700pp *Due June*

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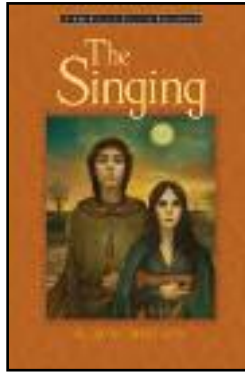
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made a pact with some nasty buggers from another dimension known as the Loathly Ones, which they needed to fight the Nazis. But once the war was over, the Loathly Ones decided that they liked this world too much to leave. Now it's up to Eddie to make things very uncomfortable for them, or watch everything humanity holds dear go up in smoke. Pb \$17.95 432pp

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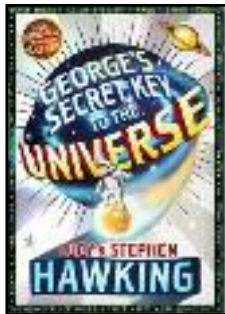


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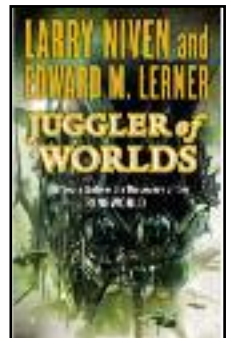
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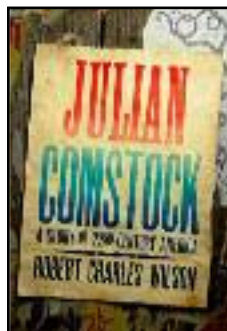
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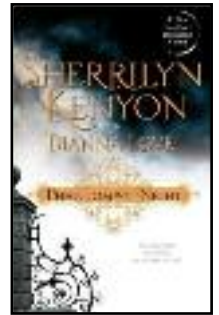
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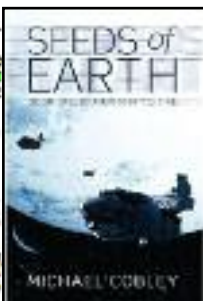
# What We've Been Reading...

**Mystery of Grace** by Charles De Lint (Hb \$49.95). Another subtle but moving story from the master of urban fantasy. It's not a Newford but I still loved it and I have to say I'd love to know more about this character, but I don't think that's going to happen... *Steph*



**WWW Wake (WWW #1)** (Hb \$55.00). As you'd expect with a Sawyer, there is a lot of (relevant) science - but the story hinges on the people. While it focuses on one character primarily - the rest are just as fleshed out and real. I can't wait to see what he's going to do with the rest of the series - this was really interesting. *Steph*

**Lover Revealed and Lover Unbound (Black Dagger Brotherhood #4 & #5)**, by J R Ward (Pb \$19.99 each) OK - I'm hooked. If you're a fan of the Kenyon series, you have to read these - I take no responsibility for work that doesn't get done or sleep that is foregone... - *Steph*



**Seeds of Earth (Humanity's Fire #1)** by Michael Cobby (Tp \$32.99). Fans of Kevin J Anderson's *Seven Suns* series will love this new addition to the Space Opera field. Full of action and adventure, weird and wonderful alien races, ancient technologies of forgotten civilisations that once ruled the universe and warred themselves to extinction. It isn't the perfect read, but it's fun and sets a good foundation for the rest of the series. - *Mark*

**Terminator Salvation Prequel: From the Ashes** by Timothy Zahn (Pb \$16.95) This is a grim sneak preview of a world ravaged by the deadly machine forces of Skynet. Through the eyes of civilian survivors and John Connor's resistance team, we see the deadly reality of life after Judgement Day. - *Matt*

**Ship of Magic (Livships Traders #1)** by Robin Hobb. Nautical adventure and magic on the high seas - how could I resist? Althea assumes that she will be the heir to an extremely valuable ship, the livship, Vivacia. Livships are made from the mysterious wizardwood and become sentient after three generations of the ship's owners die onboard. After her father dies and the Vivacia becomes aware, Althea is shocked to find that she has been passed over and the ship is given to her sister. Can she regain the ship she feel is rightfully hers? Intrigue, adventure and well-written characters. - *Geoff*




**Fragile Eternity (Wicked Lovely #2)** by Melissa Marr (Hb \$36.00). This picks up about six months from the end of *Wicked Lovely* (Pb \$14.99). Again, Marr has been able to put a bit of a different spin on the story. It doesn't have the first romance feel of *Wicked Lovely*. Aislinn and Seth have been together for a while now... She does a great job of covering everyone's issues in this weird love triangle. I loved it! - *Steph*

**Lover Avenged (Black Dagger Brotherhood #7)** by J R Ward (Hb \$55.00). OK - I'm up to date. I think some of this one was a bit waffly but I was really looking forward to Revenge's story - and it was a good one. - *Steph*



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