

# NEXUS

SCIENCE FICTION FANTASY HORROR

## Ditmar Awards

NOVEL	<b>Tender Morsels</b> Margo Lanagan
NOVELLA	<b>Painlessness</b> Kirstyn McDermott
SHORT STORY (tie)	<b>The Goosle</b> Margo Lanagan
	<b>This is Not My Story</b> Dirk Flinthart
COLLECTED WORK	<b>Dreaming Again</b> Jack Dann (Ed)
BEST ARTWORK	<b>Tales from Outer Suburbia</b> Shaun Tan
BEST NEW TALENT	Felicity Dowker
WILLIAM ATHELING JR.	<b>Popular Genres and the Australian Literary Community: The Case of Fantasy Fiction</b> Kim Wilkins
PETER McNAMARA	Sean Williams
BEST ACHIEVEMENT	<b>Black, the Australian Dark Culture Magazine</b> Angela Challis
BEST FAN PUBLICATION	<b>Asif!</b> A Krasnostein & G Melzack (Eds)
BEST FAN ARTIST	<b>Scary Food Cookbook</b> Cat Sparks
BEST FAN WRITER	<b>Undead Backbrain</b> Rob Hood
A BERTRAM CHANDLER	Rosaleen Love

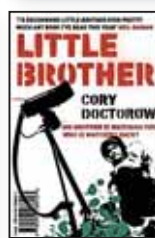
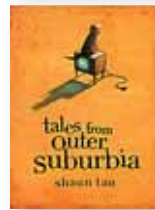
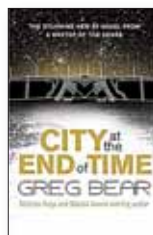
## Bram Stoker Awards

BEST NOVEL	<b>Duma Key</b> Stephen King
FIRST NOVEL	<b>The Gentling Box</b> Lisa Mannetti
POETRY COLLECTION	<b>The Nightmare Collection</b> Bruce Boston
NON-FICTION	<b>A Hallowe'en Anthology</b> Lisa Morton
ANTHOLOGY	<b>Unspeakable Horror</b> Vince A Liaguno & Chad Helder (Eds)
COLLECTION	<b>Just After Sunset</b> Stephen King
SHORT FICTION	<b>The Lost</b> Sarah Langan
LONG FICTION	<b>Miranda</b> John R Little
INAUGURAL LEGEND	<b>Blood of Elves</b> Andrzej Sapkowski

## Campbell Award

NOMINEES

<b>City at the End of Time</b> Greg Bear
<b>Valley of Day-Glo</b> Nick Di Chario
<b>Little Brother</b> Cory Doctorow
<b>Song of Time</b> Ian MacLeod
<b>The Philosopher's Apprentice</b> James Morrow
<b>Anthem</b> Neal Stephenson



In the recent Australian Book Industry Awards, Galaxy Bookshop was voted **2009 NSW Specialist Bookseller of the Year** for the second year in a row. Yay for us! And thanks to you for voting with your feet and shopping with us!

## British Fantasy Awards

NOMINEES FOR BEST NOVEL

<b>Memoirs of a Master Forger</b> William Heaney/Graham Joyce
<b>Midnight Man</b> Simon Clark
<b>Rain Dogs</b> Gary McMahon
<b>The Graveyard Book</b> Neil Gaiman
<b>The Victoria Vanishes</b> Christopher Fowler
<b>Thieving Fear</b> Ramsey Campbell

## R.I.P David Eddings

David Eddings passed away on 2 June at the age of 77. Over the last 3 decades, Eddings co-authored nearly 30 books with his wife Leigh Eddings and pioneered the field of high fantasy fiction. In the forward to his 1998 book, **The Rivan Codex**, he wrote that he turned to high fantasy to pay the bills after noticing that **The Lord of the Rings** was in its 78th printing and that there was not a lot of serious competition in the high fantasy market. Although he was already a published author, Eddings had been working as a grocer to pay the bills. He began working on the background for what would eventually become **The Belgariad**, and eventually **The Malloreon**, along with his wife Leigh. Although Leigh was an unacknowledged co-author for much of Eddings' work, the two of them shared billing on later works. Eddings is credited with taking the high fantasy conventions of Tolkien, including the item of power and the wizened guide, and injecting a modern feel. He made an invaluable contribution to our industry and will be sadly missed.

## SCI FI & FANTASY



### Joe **ABERCROMBIE** **Best Served Cold**

A standalone novel set in the world of the First Law Trilogy. War may be hell but for Monza Murcatto, the most feared mercenary in Duke Orso's employ, it's a good way of making money, but her victories have made her too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed and left for dead, Murcatto hungers for vengeance. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started... Hb \$59.99 512pp Tp \$32.99 544pp Due July



### Daniel **ABRAHAM** **The Price of Spring**

*The Long Price Quartet #4.* Fifteen years have passed since the war between the Galt Empire and the cities of the Khaiem, in which the magical power known as 'andat' was destroyed. The emperor of the Khaiem tries to form a marriage alliance between his son and the daughter of a Galtic lord, hoping for a new generation to help create a peaceful future. But Maati, a poet who has been in hiding for years, defies tradition and begins training female poets. He intends to create andat, to restore the world as it was before the war. When a woman haunted by her family's death in the war creates a new andat, she unleashes a power that cripples all she touches. Hb \$58.00 352pp Due July

## KEY to classifications



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Erotica



Award Winner



Australian



Action



Reprint

**Pb** = PAPERBACK

**Tp** = TRADE PAPERBACK  
(Slightly Larger)

**Hb** = HARDBACK



### Kevin J **ANDERSON** **The Edge of the World**

*Terra Incognita #1.* After generations of friction, the leaders of two lands meet in the holy city of Ishalem to bring an end to the bloodshed and to divide the world between them. Sadly, this new spirit of fellowship is short-lived. A single tragic accident destroys, in minutes, the peace that took years to build. The world is once more cast into the fires of war – and this time the flames may burn until nothing remains. While war rages across both continents, a great quest will defy storms and sea serpents to venture beyond the horizon, where no maps exist – to search for a land out of legend. Pb \$32.99 592pp



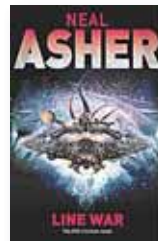
### Alex **ARCHER** **Seeker's Curse**

*Rogue Angel #19.* Enlisted by the Japan Buddhist Federation to catalogue a number of ancient shrines dotted across Nepal, archaeologist Annja Creed is honoured to help. Political violence has prompted the Federation to protect holy sites from desecration and vandalism, and Annja is their last hope to properly conserve these sites. When she must trek high up in the Himalayas to protect a sacred golden Buddha statue from falling into the wrong hands, she's told that the place is cursed and guarded by demons. And Annja has no choice but to face her demons... Pb \$15.95 320pp Due July



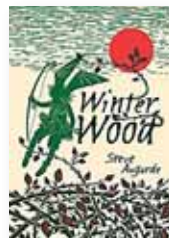
### Neal **ASHER** **Line War**

*Ian Cormac #5.* When one of Erebus' worm ships kills millions on the world of Klurhammon, an 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 Al masters. Pb \$21.99 496pp



### Steve **AUGARDE** **Winter Wood**

*The Touchstone Trilogy #3.* Midge's discovery of the hidden tribe is like a dream to her now, their existence all but forgotten, but then a voice calls out to her in the winter darkness. The Various have returned and their desperation has made them all the more dangerous. They must travel to Elysse or perish. The only way that Midge can help the little people is by tracing the whereabouts of her great-great-aunt Celandine, but she must surely be long dead. PB \$19.95 448pp



### John **BIRMINGHAM** **Without Warning**

2003: In Paris, an assassin wakes from a coma. In Kuwait, American forces are assembled for their invasion of Iraq. In the pristine forest of the Cascades, a lone hiker watches a plane fly into the side of a mountain. And just north of the equator, a modern-day pirate is witness to the unspeakable. A wave of inexplicable energy has slammed into America – and destroyed it. In one instant, all around the world, from Cairo to Canberra, things will never be the same. Now, allied soldiers are fighting a war without command. The line of Presidential succession is in tatters; the functioning remnants of government are in Pearl Harbor, Guantanamo Bay and one desperate, isolated corner of the Pacific Northwest. Pb \$22.99 576pp



### Alex **BLED SOE** **The Sword-Edged Blonde**

*Eddie LaCrosse #1.* It should have been a case like any other: a missing princess, a king willing to pay in gold for her return. But before he realises it, sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse is swept up in a web of mystery and deceit involving a brutally murdered royal heir, a queen accused of an unspeakable crime and the tragic past he thought he'd left behind. In order to uncover the answers he seeks, Eddie must delve into the dark underbelly of society, while digging deep into his own private history, drawing past and present together. Pb \$15.95 512pp Due July



### Ben **BOVA** (Ed) **The Science Fiction Hall of Fame**

*Vol. 2a.* This contains 26 of the best science fiction stories published between 1929-1964. They represent the considered verdict of the Science Fiction Writers of America, who have shaped the genre and know what the criteria for excellence in the field should be. The authors chosen for The Science Fiction Hall of Fame are the men and women who have shaped the body and heart of modern science fiction and their creations continue to inspire and astound new generations of writers and fans. Pb \$39.95 544pp Due July



### Ben **BOVA** **Mars Life**

Jamie Waterman discovered the cliff dwelling on Mars and proved an intelligent race lived on the red planet 65 million years ago, only to be driven into extinction by the crash of a giant meteor. Now the exploration of Mars is itself under threat, as the ultraconservative New Morality movement gains control of the US government and cuts off all funding for the Mars program. Science and politics clash on two worlds as Jamie desperately tries to save the Mars program and uncover who the vanished Martians were. Pb \$17.95 464pp Due July



# FAVE RAVES

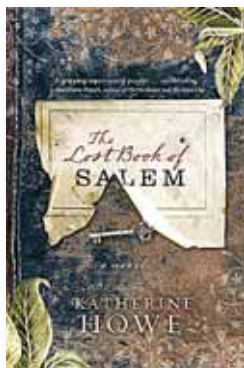
our favourites – new and classic



## The Lost Book of Salem by Katherine Howe

Tp \$32.95 468pp

Sometimes circumstances conspire to deliver a book into your hands that proves utterly fitting for that time and place. I was in the mood for a reasonably lengthy, intelligent read that rang true, as too many things I've read recently were lacking important details. This book satisfied this desire and turned out to be a really good historical fantasy / romance read. Why this book had its title changed for local publication is a bit of a mystery. (It was released in the US as *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* and that name sounds ok to me).



Before I begin my profuse recommendation, I must state that the author and the protagonist sometimes blur. Katherine Howe descends from real participants in the Salem witch trials, so she knows it inside-out and is not afraid to pepper the page with intelligent details. Nor does she avoid wordiness or feminist undertones, but then again her lead character is a graduate student (in American history), hence the language. Also the story refers to a time when innocent women were being killed on suspicion, hence the feminism. I recommend it as long as you don't mind that it gets a bit wordy and drawn-out at times. This was my complaint about *The Historian*, which is comparable, except no travelling around Europe.

The story is set in 1991, which doesn't seem so long ago, but it was actually 18 years ago, an age when the internet had yet to infiltrate and academic research was done with card catalogues and other clumsy, non-computer devices. Connie has had to spend a lot of time in dusty libraries and the sombre spaces of her university in New England until her mother Grace asks her to prepare her grandmother's house for sale and Connie finds a book. This device has been used in fiction so much that it really should be outlawed as a crime against un-originality, but in this case all is forgiven as it leads to a great story. Connie learns more about the mysterious *Deliverance Dane* and finds magic in herself along the way. I picked this up knowing there would be a bit of a love story – there is a little romance, but it's rather minor.

The story is about two women, not one, as Howe has also carefully interwoven Connie's story with that of *Deliverance Dane*, who was practicing healing in Salem in the 1600s and is on trial for it. The scene with the trial is especially unsettling as the men on the panel blatantly ignore the facts and sentence the women to death by hanging regardless, convinced the women do the work of the Devil. This leads to a brilliant and tensely written scene in the western hill of Salem Town where six women will be wheeled in to hang by their necks, but whether or not they die is a matter I leave to you soon-to-be-readers. See for yourselves! – *Sofia*



## The Last Dragonlord by Joanne Bertin

Pb \$16.95 500pp

*The Last Dragonlord* is about just that, a Dragonlord searching for the other half of his soul, a quest that has taken over six centuries. Each Dragonlord has two halves of a soul – one human, the other dragon; their soul twin has the corresponding half. The only problem he faces is that the Truedragons have not sensed any new Dragonlords since Linden was born, so there is a real possibility that what he is looking for does not exist...

The story takes place in the city of Cassori where Linden and two other Dragonlords have been sent to oversee a regency dispute as impartial judges. However, this simple task is fraught with obstacles as several players stir events around the city, including a secret society that is bent on destroying the Dragonlords. Amid the lies and deception, Linden finds his soul twin, only to discover she has not yet unlocked her dragon half. Desperate to defend her from the evil forces, Linden must risk his life to stop them before they enslave his other half and destroy them both.



Bertin writes with great confidence about her leading hero, almost as if he was already well known to the reader. His previous adventures are remarked upon as though she has already written of them elsewhere. Unfortunately, Bertin has not written any other books bar the two in this series, but this makes her characters seem more alive and fleshed out. The references to the past and previous trials add depth to Linden, which is necessary since he doesn't seem to act like a wise man of 600, but rather a young man of 20. The flashbacks remind readers there is far more to him than meets the eye and that he has many stories to tell. This engaging quality allows Bertin to place him in the midst of danger again and again throughout the tale, while always coming out the hero.

This novel can be compared to Melanie Rawn's brilliant *Dragon Prince*, as the stories are similar thematically and stylistically. Bertin's writing shares another characteristic with Rawn as they have both left their series (and readers!) hanging in the balance and incomplete, which is frustrating, as both stories deserve a fitting ending! Bertin provides wonderful small histories of her main characters seamlessly within the story, creating intrigue for the reader and making you want to know more. Bertin skilfully entices the reader with little hints of information, and although the reader knows the full story, the characters do not, leading to a nail-biting culmination as you hold your breath wondering how the heroes can possibly win. The story follows the tried and true device where good must triumph over evil and the guy gets his girl, even though he almost ruins his chances, not unlike real life! I recommend this book especially to McCaffrey fans and any dragon-lovers who have somehow missed this classic. – *Chrissi*





**James BRAZIEL**  
**Snakeskin Road**

They call it Snakeskin Road. An ever-changing network of highways, rivers and forgotten trails, it's used by profiteers of a grim new traffic in human cargo. The catastrophic climatic changes that transformed the Southeast into a vast, inhospitable desert have left its desperate inhabitants with no choice but indentured servitude. Jennifer Harrison is among those destined for the farms, mines, casinos and brothels of the midwestern Free Zones. Pregnant, Jennifer hopes that in three years she'll be free to reach Chicago and a better world. Along with a thirteen-year-old refugee, she journeys across a countryside of barricaded city-states, lawless camp towns, marauding gangs and what's left of a corrupt government. But nothing she faces is more dangerous than a bounty hunter determined to bring her back to Birmingham. Pb \$32.00 304pp Due July



**Steven BRUST**  
**Jhegaala** *Vlad Taltos* #11.

Fresh from the collapse of his marriage and with the criminal Jhereg organisation out to eliminate him, Vlad decides to hide out among his relatives in faraway Fenario. At first Burz isn't such a bad place, though the paper mill reeks to high heaven. But the longer he stays there, the stranger it becomes. No one will tell him where to find his relatives. Even stranger, when he mentions the name Merss, people think he's threatening them. The witches' coven that every Fenarian town and city should have is nowhere in evidence. And the Guild, which should be protecting the city's craftsmen and traders, is an oppressive, all-powerful organisation, into which no tradesman would ever be admitted. Far from Draegara, without his usual organisation working for him, Vlad is going to have to do his sleuthing amidst an alien people: his own. Pb \$17.95 304pp



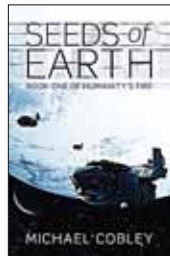
**Jacqueline CAREY**  
**Santa Olivia**

Loup's father was one of a group of men genetically-manipulated and used by the US government as a weapon. They were engineered to have superhuman strength, speed, sensory capability, stamina and a total lack of fear, and Loup, named for and sharing her father's wolf-like qualities, is marked as an outsider. After her mother dies, Loup goes to live among the misfit orphans at the parish church, where they seethe from the injustices visited upon the locals by the soldiers. Eventually, the orphans form a vigilante group to support Loup who uses her special abilities to avenge the town. Loup is determined to fight to redress the wrongs her community has suffered. Pb \$29.95 352pp



**Michael COBLEY**  
**Seeds of Earth**

*Humanity's Fire* #1. The first intelligent species to encounter Mankind attacked without warning and swarmed locust-like through the solar system. With little hope of halting the savage invasion, Earth's last, desperate roll of the dice was to send out three colony ships, seeds of Earth, to different parts of the galaxy. Earth may perish but the human race would live on... somewhere. 150 years later, the human colony on the planet Darien has established a new world for Humanity and forged a peaceful relationship with the planet's indigenous race, the scholarly, enigmatic Uvovo. But there are secrets buried beneath the surface of Darien's forest moon that go back to an apocalyptic battle fought between ancient races at the dawn of galactic civilisation... Pb \$32.99 496pp



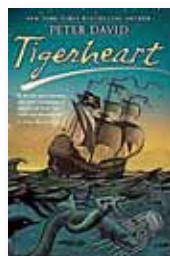
**Julie CZERNEDA**  
**Rift in the Sky**

*Stratification* #3. Despite all good intentions, the lure of the Talent to move through space using the M'hir dimension is too much for the Om'ray of Cersi to resist. As the awareness of this talent spreads, all those Om'ray who are capable converge on the settlement at Sona. To prevent the disruption of the Agreement and the destruction that it would unleash, the M'hiray, as they now call themselves, agree to leave Cersi forever and try to establish their own haven within the Trade Pact worlds, only to learn that not everybody wants peace. Hb \$49.95 464pp Due July



**Peter DAVID**  
**Tigerheart**

Paul Dear 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. Then everything changes when tragedy strikes and a quest begins that will lead Paul 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. Far from home, Paul will run with fierce Indian warriors, cross swords with fearsome pirates, befriend a magnificent white tiger and soar beside an extraordinary, ageless boy who reigns in a boundless world of imagination. Pb \$25.95 320pp



**Marissa DOYLE**  
**Betraying Season**

*Leland Sisters* #2. Penelope (Pen) Leland has come to Ireland to study magic and prove to herself that she is as good a witch as her twin sister, Persy. But when the dashing Niall Keating begins to pay her court, she can't help being distracted from her studies. Little does Pen know, Niall is acting upon orders from his sorceress mother. And although it starts as a sham, Niall actually falls deeply in love with Pen and she with him. But even if he halts his mother's evil plan, will Pen be able to forgive him for trying to seduce her into a plot? And what of Pen's magic, which seems to be increasingly powerful? Hb \$38.00 336pp



**Gardner DOZOIS (Ed)**  
**The Year's Best Science Fiction**

*26th Annual Collection*. The 30 stories in this collection take journey across the universe, into the very core of our beings, to the realm of the gods and to the moment just after now. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents, including Stephen Baxter, Elizabeth Bear, Greg Egan, Gwyneth Jones, Nancy Kress, Jay Lake, Paul McAuley, Ian McDonald, Maureen McHugh, Sarah Monette, Garth Nix, Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Mary Rosenblum, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Geoff Ryman, Karl Schroeder and Michael Swanwick. Hb \$82.00 688pp Tp \$46.00 688pp



**Gardner DOZOIS & Jonathan STRAHAN (Eds)**  
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Some of the most beloved names in science fiction spin all-new tales of interstellar adventure and wonder including Neal Asher, John Barnes, Cory Doctorow, John Kessel, Elizabeth Moon, Garth Nix, Mike Resnick, Justina Robson, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, John Scalzi, Bruce Sterling, Sean Williams, Tad Williams, Robert Charles Wilson and John C Wright. Pb \$36.00 464pp Due July



**Steven ERIKSON**  
**Toll the Hounds**

*Malazan* #8. There is a saying in Darujhistan that love and death shall arrive together, dancing. It is summer and the heat is oppressive. However the discomfiture of the small round man in the faded red waistcoat is not entirely due to the sun. Dire portents plague his nights and haunt the city's streets like fiends of shadow. Assassins still skulk in alleyways, but the hunters have become the hunted. Hidden hands pluck the strings of tyranny like a fell chorus and strangers have arrived. While the bards sing their tragic tales, somewhere in the distance can be heard the baying of hounds. All is palpably not well. Pb \$24.95 1280pp



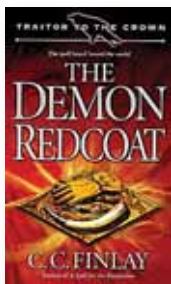
**Jaine FENN**  
**Principles of Angels**

Khesh City floats above the surface of the uninhabitable planet of Vellern. Topsy, it's extravagant, opulent and luxurious; the Undertow is dark, twisted and dangerous. Khesh City is a place where nothing is forbidden, but it's also a democracy, of sorts, a democracy by assassination, policed by the Angels, the elite, state-sponsored killers who answer only to the Minister, their enigmatic master. Taro lives with Malia, his Angel aunt, one of the privileged few. When Malia is murdered, Taro sets out to find the killer who ruined his future, but he's struggling just to survive in the brutal world of the Undertow. Then an encounter with the Minister sets him on a new course, spying for the City. Pb \$22.99 320pp



**C C FINLAY**  
**The Demon Redcoat**

*Traitor to the Crown #3.* The War of Independence appears to have no end in sight. Discouraged by the bloodshed and suffering their magic can do nothing to prevent, Proctor and his wife, Deborah, dream of starting a family. But when Deborah gives birth, a powerful demon called Balfri, summoned by the secret society of European witches known as the Covenant, tries to possess the child. Though the attack is unsuccessful, it makes Proctor and Deborah realise that there can be no safety for them, or for anyone, until the Covenant is destroyed. Proctor embarks on a desperate journey to take the fight to the heart of the Covenant's power: Europe. There he will uncover a dark, necromantic design of chillingly vast proportions. Pb \$17.95 352pp



**Eric FLINT & Virginia DeMARCE**  
**1634: The Bavarian Crisis**

*1632 #03.* The Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, but a new force is gathering power and influence: the Confederated Principalities of Europe, an alliance between Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden and the West Virginians from the 20th century led by Mike Stearns. The CPE has the know-how of 20th century technology, but needs iron and steel to make the machines. The iron mines of the upper Palatinate were rendered inoperable by wartime damage and American know-how is needed on the spot to pump them out and get the metal flowing again – a mission that will prove more complicated than anyone expects. Pb \$17.95 640pp



**Alan Dean FOSTER**  
**Flinx Transcendent**

*Pip & Flinx #14.* Flinx is the only one with even the tiniest chance of stopping the evil colossus barreling in to destroy the Humanx Commonwealth (and everything else in the Milky Way). With time running out, Flinx is in search of a solution and in search of himself. His efforts take him to the land of his mortal enemies, the bloodthirsty AAnn, where chances are excellent that Flinx's discovery – and summary execution – will eliminate all his demons and doubts in one masterstroke. The way Flinx is feeling, that might not be the worst imaginable end. After years of searching for his father, he finally has – and must bear – the truth. Hb \$54.00 416pp



**Caleb FOX**  
**Zadayi Red**

A young Shaman of the Galayi people has had a powerful and frightening vision: it is of the Eagle Feather Cape, the gift of the Thunderbird, which is worn by the Seer of the People to see the future and gain the guidance of the gods. The cape is torn and bloody and it will no longer bring visions to the Seer of the People. But the Shaman's vision also tells her of the cure: a child will be born to the People, a hero who will restore the cape and return the goodwill of the gods to the People. Dahzi may be that hero, if he can survive the hatred of his grandfather. Dahzi carries the hope of all of his People, along with the power to become a great Chief. He will be tested – by his family, by his people and by the Gods. Hb \$49.95 352pp Due July



**Martin GREENBERG & Kerrie HUGHES (eds)**  
**Gamer Fantastic**

These thirteen original stories by veterans of the fantasy realms take role-playing games and universes to a whole new level. From a teenager who finds a better future in virtual reality, to a private investigator hired to find a dying man's grandson in the midst of a virtual reality theme park. From a person gifted with the power to pull things out of books into the real world, to a psychologist using fantasy role-playing to heal his patients. From a gaming convention where the real winners may not be who they seem to be, to a multi-layered role-playing game that leads participants from reality to reality and games within games. Pb \$17.95 320pp Due July



**Kate GRIFFIN**  
**A Madness of Angels**

There is power in London. It ebbs and flows with the rhythms of the city, makes runes from the alignments of ancient streets and hums with the rattle of trains and buses. It waxes and wanes with the patterns of the business day. It is a new kind of magic: urban magic. Enter a London where magicians ride the Last Train, implore favours of The Beggar King and interpret the insane wisdom of The Bag Lady. Enter the London of Matthew Swift, where rival sorcerers, hidden in plain sight, do battle for the very soul of the city... Pb \$22.99 496pp



**David GUNN**  
**Day of the Damned**

*Death's Head #3.* Sven and his band of misfit auxiliaries have arrived at Farlight, capital of the Octavian Empire, for a little well-earned rest and relaxation. Sven visits his old friends Debro and Anton, and their teenage daughter Aptitude, whose husband he assassinated and who now has a major crush on him. But what begins as a respite quickly turns into a bloodbath as civil war erupts. Hb \$54.00 368pp



**Peter HAMILTON**  
**Temporal Void**

*Void #2.* The Intersolar Commonwealth is in turmoil as the Living Dream's deadline for launching its Pilgrimage into the Void draws closer. Not only is the Ocisen Empire fleet fast approaching on a mission of genocide, but also an internecine war has broken out between the post-human factions over the destiny of humanity. Countering the various and increasingly desperate agents and factions is Paula Myo, a ruthlessly single-minded investigator, beset by foes from her distant past and colleagues of dubious allegiance... but she is fast losing a race against time. Pb \$22.99 600pp



**Nick HARKAWAY**  
**Gone Away World**

The Jorgmund Pipe is the backbone of the world and it's on fire. Gonzo Lubitsch, professional hero and troubleshooter, is hired to put it out – but there's more to the fire and the Pipe than meets the eye. The job will take Gonzo and his best friend, back to their own beginnings and into the dark heart of the Jorgmund Company itself. Pb \$24.95 592pp



**Elizabeth HAYDON**  
**The Dragon's Lair**

*The Lost Journals of Ven Polypheme #3.* To keep them safe from the wrath of the Thief Queen, whose rage at their escape from the Gated City knows no bounds, the king sends Ven and his friends on an important mission. The mission is a delicate one: to discover the cause of a dispute between two warring kingdoms and the answer leads Ven straight into the lair of a very angry dragon. Pb \$17.95 384pp Due July



 **Markus HEITZ**  
**The Dwarves**

Abandoned as a child, Tungdil the blacksmith labours contentedly in the land of Ionandar, the only dwarf in a kingdom of men. Although he does not want for friends, Tungdil is very much aware that he is alone – indeed, he has not so much as set eyes on another dwarf, but all that is about to change. Sent out into the world to deliver a message and reacquaint himself with his people, the young founding finds himself thrust into a battle for which he has not been trained. Not only his own safety, but the life of every man, woman and child in Girdlegard depends upon his ability to embrace his heritage. Pb \$34.00 752pp

 **R D HENHAM**  
**Green Dragon Codex**

*The Dragon Codices #5.* When 10-year-old Scamp Weaver finds a locked chest in a forest clearing, he feels like his life is finally about to change for the better, but he doesn't bargain for just how much change the chest will bring. Inside he finds a dragon egg and a mysterious ancient scroll, which set Scamp and his best friend Dannika off on a harrowing adventure, chased by dragon hunters who want the contents of the chest for themselves. Life gets ever more complicated when the baby green dragon hatches. Will this cute, mischievous hatchling really grow up to be an evil green dragon? Hb \$21.95 256pp Due July



  **Nina Kiriki HOFFMAN**  
**Fall of Light**

Opal LaZelle is a special effects make-up artist, transforming actors into fantastical and grotesque creatures. Unknown to the casts and crews of the films she works on, Opal is gifted in the art of magic and she applies more than make-up when altering an actor's features. Her latest job requires turning Corvus Weather into a dark god of the forest, but when Corvus's performance becomes too convincing – on set and off – Opal realises he's not acting. Something has taken possession of Corvus, something sinister tied to the town's past, with the ability to absorb the very essence of life, something Opal doesn't have enough power to confront, much less drive from the man she has fallen in love with. Hb \$49.95 320pp



 **Frewin JONES**  
**The Immortal Realm**

*The Immortal Realm #4.*

Since Tania's mysterious disappearance 500 years before, Faerie has been sunk in darkness and gloom. With her return, Faerie comes alive again as a land of winged children, glittering balls and fantastic delights. But Tania can't forget Anita's world, or the boy she loved there. Torn between two loves and between two worlds, Tania slowly remembers why she disappeared and realises that she is the only one who can stop a sinister plan that threatens the entire world of Faerie. Hb \$34.00 336pp



 **Jaida JONES & Danielle BENNETT**  
**Shadow Magic**

*Havemercy #2.* Led to victory by its magic-fuelled Dragon Corps, Volstov has sent a delegation to its conquered neighbours to work out the long-awaited terms of peace. Among those sent are the decorated war hero General Alcibiades and the formerly exiled magician Caius Greylace. But even this mismatched pair can't help but notice that their defeated enemies aren't being very co-operative. The truth is even worse than they know. The new emperor is harbouring a secret even more treacherous – one that will take every trick in their extensive arsenal to unveil. Hb \$49.95 400pp Due July



 **Kirsten Imani KASAI**  
**Ice Song**

Sorykah Minuit is the sole woman aboard an ice-drilling submarine in the frozen land of the Sigue. She is also a Trader – she can switch genders – a rare corporeal deviance universally met with fascination and superstition and often punished by harassment or death. Sorykah's infant twins, Leander and Ayeda, have inherited their mother's Trader genes. When a reclusive madman known as the Collector abducts the babies to use in his dreadful experiments, Sorykah and her male alter-ego, Soryk, must cross icy wastes and a primeval forest to get them back. Complicating the journey is the fact that Sorykah and Soryk do not share memories. The world through which they travel is both familiar and surreal. Environmental degradation and genetic mutation run amok and humans have been distorted into animals and animal bodies cloak a wild humanity. Pb \$32.00 385pp

 **Russell KIRKPATRICK**  
**Beyond the Wall Of Time**

*Husk #3.* The Gods are ravaging the world and Lenares has the power to stop them – if she can get her companions to believe her. Stella wonders if she can trust the potentially traitorous Undying Man, who offers to help, but is fixated on his own agenda. Noetos, seeking revenge for the deaths of his loved ones, is yet to realise his enemy is one of his companions. The fisherman, cosmographer and queen need to reach Andratan... only there will they break free of Husk's malevolent control over them. Pb \$32.99 528pp

  **Mercedes LACKEY, Rachel LEE, Catherine ASARO**  
**Charmed Destinies**

Three new stories of timeless love and tantalising fantasy... Counting Crows by Mercedes Lackey: In Lady Gwynhefar's dark, lonely court, her only ally was noble Sir Elloran, a warrior willing to fight for her honour, but would her powerful spell capture his heart, or tumble the kingdom into chaos? Drusilla's Dream by Rachel Lee: Every night Drusilla Morgan dreamed of courageous and handsome Miles Kennedy. Yet when the sun rose, would Drusilla's fantasy man become a reality. Moonglow by Catherine Asaro: In a world where kings married for magic, Iris Larkspur was required to wed the prince, despite the spell that kept him deaf, mute and blind. Healing her bridegroom would take a power greater than any she'd ever known! Pb \$32.00 400pp Due July

 **Jane LINDSKOLD**  
**Thirteen Orphans**

*Breaking the Wall #1.* A father-daughter weekend turns into a nightmare when Brenda's father is magically attacked before her eyes. Brenda soon learns that her ancestors once lived in world of smoke and shadows, of magic and secrets. When that world's Emperor was overthrown, the Thirteen Orphans fled to our earth and hid their magic system in the game of mah-jong. Only a handful of Orphans remain to stand against their enemies. The Tiger, the Rooster, the Dog, the Rabbit... and Brenda Morris. Not quite the Rat, but not quite human either. Pb \$17.95 512pp

 **Ken MacLEOD**  
**The Night Sessions**

A priest is dead. Picking through the rubble of the demolished Edinburgh tenement, Detective Inspector Adam Ferguson discovers that the explosion wasn't an accident. When a bishop is assassinated soon afterwards, it becomes clear that a targeted campaign of killings is underway. In this enlightened age there's no religious persecution, but believers are a marginal and mistrusted minority. And now someone is killing them. But who? And why? Pb \$19.99 400pp



**George MANN**  
**The Affinity Bridge**

Victorian London is a city teetering on the edge of revolution. Its people are ushering in a new era of technology, dazzled each day by unfamiliar inventions. Airships soar in the skies over the city, while ground trains rumble through the streets and clockwork automatons are programmed to carry out menial tasks in offices. But beneath this shiny veneer of progress lurks a sinister side. Queen Victoria is kept alive by a primitive life-support system, while her agents, Sir Maurice Newbury and his delectable assistant Miss Veronica Hobbes, do battle with enemies of the crown, physical and supernatural. Hb \$49.95 336pp Due July



**James MAXEY**  
**Dragonseed**

*Dragon Age #3.* After the death of King Albekizan, Shandrazel and his allies struggle to keep the kingdom intact as the radical human prophet; Ragnar gathers forces to launch a full scale rebellion against the dragons. When all out war erupts, legendary dragon hunter, Bitterwood, must face his own personal demons and choose where his loyalty really lies. Pb \$17.95 544pp



**Sarah MICKLEM**  
**Wildfire**

*Firethorn #2.* Sire Galan has forbidden his servant and lover Firethorn to follow him to war, but she disobeys. When the army of Corymb sets sail for Incus, she is aboard a ship of the fleet, gambling on Galan's welcome. But the gods are as apt to meddle with the schemes of a lowborn mudwoman as the best-laid plans of her betters. Is she a charlatan or a true seer? Even Firethorn cannot answer that question and Galan is wary of what Wildfire has made of her. Hb \$54.00 528pp Due July



**China MIEVILLE**  
**The City & The city**

When a murdered woman is found in the city of Beszel, somewhere at the edge of Europe, it looks to be a routine case for Inspector Tyador Borlú of the Extreme Crime Squad. But as he investigates, the evidence points to conspiracies far stranger and more deadly than anything he could have imagined. Borlú must travel from the decaying Beszel to the only metropolis on Earth as strange as his own. This is a border crossing like no other, a journey as psychic as it is physical, a shift in perception, a seeing of the unseen. His destination is Beszel's equal, rival and intimate neighbour, the rich and vibrant city of UI Qoma. Hb \$59.99 336pp & Tp \$34.99 Due July



**Issui OGAWA**  
**The Lord of the Sands of Time**

Sixty-two years after human life on Earth was annihilated by rampaging alien invaders, the enigmatic Messenger O is sent back in time with a mission to unite humanity of past eras, during the Second World War and ancient Japan and even back to the dawn of the species itself, to defeat the invasion before it begins. However, in a future shredded by war and genocide, love waits for O. Will O save humanity only to doom himself? Pb \$32.00 260pp Due July



**James O'NEAL**  
**The Human Disguise**

Disease and war have ravaged the Earth. A resurgent Germany once again threatens Europe and the United States is engaged in the Middle-East, while New York is a radioactive ruin. The city of Miami has become a virtual prison. Tom Wilner lives on the outskirts of this forsaken realm. With his family shattered, Wilner is just a pale version of the police hero he once was. When a chance encounter erupts in violence, Wilner is forced to step in, leading him into the path of two ancient warring races, who have been manipulating power and control on Earth for centuries, and are about to enter into a battle for ultimate supremacy. Pb \$34.00 368pp



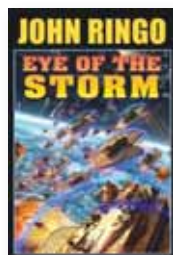
**Sarah PRINEAS**  
**Lost**

*Conn & Nevery #2.* There is evil afoot in the city of Wellmet, an evil that isn't human. But Conn is drawn to the murmurs he hears every time he sets off an explosion – something is trying to talk to him, to warn him. When none of the wizards listen, Conn takes matters into his own hands. His quest to protect everything he loves brings him face-to-face with a powerful sorcerer-king and a treachery beyond even his vivid imagination. Pb \$17.95 272pp



**John RINGO**  
**Eye of the Storm**

*Posleen War #11.* In an instant the world changed for Lieutenant General Michael O'Neal. His beloved Corps of the last remaining ACS destroyed beneath the guns of the Fleet, his staff shot before his eyes, arrested on the charge of war crimes, he faces a short, one-sided trial and a bullet to the back of the head while trying to 'escape.' General Tam Wesley faces trying one of the most beloved heroes in Federation, not to mention a friend, on trumped up charges. The alternative is having the last corps of humans that haven't sold their souls to the Darhel be taken apart like a chicken. Then he finds out the bad news... Hb \$54.00 416pp Due July



**G Xavier ROBILLARD**  
**Captain Freedom:**

**A Superhero's Quest for Truth, Justice and the Celebrity He So Richly Deserves**

Software pirates! Mostly extinct dinosaurs! Giant barbarians! Crooning criminals! Captain Freedom's beat them all, saved the world and looked fantastic doing it, but he couldn't fend off middle management. The Superhero lifestyle is all that Captain Freedom has ever known. What's he supposed to do now? Enter politics? Write a children's book? Freedom's in a bad way and he's only a stint in rehab away from a lifetime of celebrity reality shows. But with the guidance of his new life coach, maybe Freedom can stumble in a new direction, even if it means having to make peace with his parents, or finally commit to a single long-term archenemy. Pb \$20.99 272pp



**Rudy RUCKER**  
**Hylozoic**

*Postsingular #2.* After the Singularity, everyone and everything is sentient and telepathic. The most intimate moments of your life can be experienced by anyone who cares to pay attention. The small bunch of Founders, including young newlyweds Thuy, a hypertext novelist, and Jayjay, a gamer and brain-enhancement addict, are living a popular, live-action media life. But now alien races that have already gone through this transformation notice Earth for the first time and begin to arrive to exploit both the new environment and any available humans. Hb \$54.00 336pp



**Brian RUCKLEY**  
**Bloodheir**

*Godless World #2.* As ever greater battles are fought between the Black Road and the True Bloods, so each side in the conflict becomes ever more riven by internal dissent and disunity. Amidst the mounting chaos, Aeglyss the na'kyrim gradually masters the remarkable powers that have been unleashed upon him by his crucifixion. Twisting everything and everyone around him to serve his own mad desires, he begins to exert a dangerous, insidious influence over the course of events both near and far. Pb \$22.99 560pp



**Hiroshi SAKURAZAKA**  
**All You Need is Kill**

When the alien Gitai invade, Keiji Kiriya is just one of many raw recruits shoved into a suit of battle armour and sent out to kill. Keiji dies on the battlefield, only to be reborn each morning to fight and die again and again. On the 158th iteration though, he sees something different, something out of place – the female soldier known as the Bitch of War. Is the Bitch the key to Keiji's escape, or to his final death? Pb \$29.95 230pp Due July





**Brandon SANDERSON**  
**Warbreaker**

This is the story of two sisters who happen to be princesses, the God King one of them has to marry, the lesser god who doesn't like his job and the immortal who's still trying to undo the mistakes he made hundreds of years ago. Their world is one in which those who die in glory return as gods to live confined to a pantheon in Hallandren's capital city and where a power known as BioChromatic magic is based on an essence known as breath that can only be collected one unit at a time from individual people. By using breath and drawing upon the colour in everyday objects, all manner of miracles and mischief can be accomplished. It will take considerable quantities of each to resolve all the challenges facing Vivenna and Siri, princesses of Idris; Susebron the God King; Lightsong, reluctant god of bravery and mysterious Vasher, the Warbreaker. Hb \$58.00 592pp



**Sherwood SMITH**  
**King's Shield**

*Inda #3.* Inda, on the verge of adulthood, is at last coming home. At age eleven, he'd been exiled from his kingdom, but when he learns that his homeland is about to be invaded, he ends his exile to report the imminent attack. Pressed into service as the king's royal shield arm, Inda must now defend the kingdom, for his reputation as the captain who defeated the most dangerous pirate fleet in history makes him the only man who stands a chance to defeat his country's ancient enemy. Pb \$17.95 736pp Due July



**Wen SPENCER**  
**Endless Blue**

The appearance of the warp drive from the long lost Fenrir spaceship triggers an epic quest for Captain Mikhail Volkov. According to the drive's computers, Fenrir had been lost to hypothetical nowhere of subspace, but with the drive's housing covered with coral and sea life, obviously Fenrir has gone somewhere. Faced with genocide at the hands of the alien Nefrim, humans need a miracle to survive. On the chance that Fenrir's mysterious location holds such a miracle, Mikhail jumps into the unknown and crashes into the endless blue of the Sargasso Sea. On the Sargasso's great oceans, humans live alongside aliens in uneasy peace. His ship damaged, his younger foster brother lost and his sanity rattled, Mikhail discovers a secret that might save the human race, but only if he can repair his ship and return home. Pb \$17.95 512pp



**Charles STROSS**  
**Wireless**

The Hugo Award-winning author of such groundbreaking and innovative novels as *Accelerando*, *Halting State*, and *Saturn's Children* delivers a rich selection of speculative fiction – including a novella original to this volume – brought together for the first time in one collection. Hb \$39.99 356pp Due July



**Laini TAYLOR**  
**Blackbringer**

*Faeries of Dreamdark #1.* Magpie Windwitch is not like other faeries, most of whom live in tranquil seclusion. When she learns that escaped devils are creeping back into the world, she travels all over with her faithful clan of crows, hunting them down. The hunt will take her to the great forest of Dreamdark, where she must unravel the mystery of the worst enemy her folk have ever known. Can one small, determined faerie defeat the forces that threaten to unmake the world? Pb \$21.95 368 Due July



**Carolyn TURGEON**  
**Godmother: Secret Cinderella Story**

The tiny figure making it's way to the book shop in Manhattan's West Village every day looks just like another sweet little old lady. But Lilian has a secret, one that's haunted her for centuries, one she can share with no one living today. Condemned to roam the earth until she can right the wrongs she did so long ago, this is the story of one fairy godmother who you wouldn't have wanted to take you to the ball. Pb \$32.99 288pp



**Harry TURTLEDOVE**  
**The Man With the Iron Heart**

What if VE Day hadn't ended World War II in Europe? What if, instead, the Allies had to face a potent, even fanatical, post-war Nazi resistance? Such a movement, based in the fabled Alpine Redoubt, was in fact a real threat, ultimately neutralised by Germany's flagging resources and squabbling officials. But had SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich, the notorious Man with the Iron Heart, not been assassinated in 1942, fate might have taken a different turn. In this world, Nazi forces launch a guerrilla war, using the quick and dirty tactics of terrorism to overturn what seemed to be a decisive victory. Suddenly the Allies are mired in a long, seemingly unwinnable conflict while battling an invisible, unrelenting enemy. Pb \$38.00 460pp Due July



**David WEBER**  
**By Heresies Distressed**

*Safehold #3.* Now the battle for the soul of the planet Safehold has begun. The Kingdom of Charis and the Kingdom of Chisholm have joined together, pledged to stand against the tyranny of a corrupt Church. The youthful Queen Sharleyan of Chisholm has wed King Cayleb of Charis, forging a single dynasty, a single empire, dedicated to the defence of human freedom. Sharleyan faces the great challenge of her life unaware of all that task truly entails, or of how the secrets the man who loves her cannot share may threaten all they have achieved between them... and her own life. Hb \$58.00 512pp Due July



**Suzanne WEYN**  
**The Diamond Secret**

Once Upon a Time. A Retelling of Anastasia. Nadya is a kitchen girl in a Russian tavern, with no memory of her past and longing for the life she cannot remember. Then two young men arrive at the tavern and announce that Nadya's long-lost grand-mother has sent them to find her. Yearning for family and friendship, she agrees to accompany them to Paris for the joyful reunion. Nadya eagerly embarks on her journey, never dreaming it will be one of laughter, love and betrayal. Pb \$15.95 256pp Due July



**Carole WILKINSON**  
**Dragon Moon**

*Dragon Keeper #3.* Ping has grown to become a skilled Dragon Keeper, but her greatest challenge is yet to come. After rescuing the baby dragon, Kai, from the evil Emperor, she brings him to a safe haven near the border of the Empire. Now, as Kai grows into a restless young dragon, Ping faces a tough decision. She must find a way to take Kai to the ancient haven of the dragons. Following cryptic clues left by the wise dragon, Danzi, Ping and Kai set off on a long and dangerous journey filled with old friends and new enemies. Pb \$12.95 336pp Due July



**Tad WILLIAMS, Deborah BEALE & Greg SWEARINGEN**  
**The Dragons of Ordinary Farm**

Tyler and Lucinda have to spend summer vacation with their ancient uncle Gideon, a farmer. They're expecting cows, sheep, horses and pigs, but discover that the Farm far from ordinary! The bellowing in the barn comes not from a cow, but from a dragon. The thundering herd in the valley? Unicorns. Uncle Gideon's sprawling farmhouse never looks the same twice. Plus, there's a flying monkey, a demon squirrel and a barn-load of unlikely farmhands with strange accents and stranger powers. Then darker secrets begin to surface and Uncle Gideon and his fabulous creatures are threatened. Lucinda and Tyler have to take action. Will two ordinary kids be able to save the dragons, the farm – and themselves? Hb \$36.00 416pp





**Chris WOODING**  
**Malice**

Everyone's heard of it, but nobody's read it... Seth and Kady have heard all the stories about MALICE – a secret comic about a strange and awful world full of traps and tricks, overseen by a sinister master of ceremonies, Tall Jake. But if rumours are to be believed, the children in this comic are real... Pb \$22.99 384pp



**Patricia WREDE**  
**The Seven Towers**

They are seven players in a game of deadly magic – Eltiron, Prince of Sevarin; Crystalorn, Princess of Barinash; Ranlyn, the desert rider; Jermain, the outlaw; Vandaris, the soldier; Carachel, the Wizard-King; and Amberglas, the sorceress. Each of them has a secret and each fights his or her part in the thrilling battle that has put seven kingdoms on the very edge of destruction. Pb \$19.95 336pp

**PARANORMAL ROMANCE**

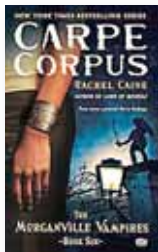
**Annette BLAIR**  
**Never Been Witched**

*Triplet Witch Trilogy #3.*  
The Cartwright triplets – Harmony, Destiny, and Storm – are psychic sirens who use their magic for good and their good looks for seduction. But for Destiny, catching the attention of a paranormal debunker isn't going to be easy. Pb \$17.95 304pp



**Rachel CAINE**  
**Carpe Corpus**

*Morganville Vampires #6.*  
In the small college town of Morganville, vampires and humans lived in peace, until all the rules got rewritten when the evil vampire Bishop arrived, looking for the lost book of vampire secrets. He's kept a death grip on the town ever since. Claire Danvers and her friends are the only ones who stand in his way. But even if they defeat Bishop, will the vampires ever be content to go back to the old rules, after having such a taste of power? Pb \$15.95 256pp



**Elizabeth CHANDLER**  
**Kissed by an Angel**

When her boyfriend, Tristan, died, Ivy thought she'd lost everything, even her faith in angels. But now she's discovered that he's her guardian angel – his presence so strong that she can feel the touch of his hand, the beat of his heart. Ivy needs Tristan now more than ever because he knows she's in terrible danger. Only Ivy's guardian angel can save her now that his killer is after her. But if Tristan rescues Ivy, his mission on earth will be finished, and he must leave her behind forever. Pb \$16.99 704pp

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**Lexi DAVIS**  
**The After Wife**

Nia Youngblood just wants to find the right man to fulfil her hot dreams and sensual fantasies. And more important, a man who won't run away when she reveals she is the daughter of a witch. Seduced by Nia's sexy beauty, defence attorney David Wrightwood is a strong man who won't let anything come between their super-hot attraction. But when they make love, earthquakes, thunderbolts and infernos are literally part of the deal, because someone is trying to claim Nia as his own. Someone who won't let a mere mortal stand in the way of making Nia his bride... Pb \$19.95 320pp

**Alyssa DAY**  
**Atlantis Unmasked**

*Warriors of Poseidon #6.* Poseidon's warriors swore an oath 11,000 years ago to protect humanity from those who stalked the night. Yet when a woman with an ancient Gift dares to claim the heart of one of Poseidon's fiercest warriors, the world teeters on the knife's edge between desire and darkness. Pb \$17.95 304pp Due July

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**Eve of Chaos**

*Mark #3.* How do you tell Satan that you ran over his hellhound? Evangeline Hollis has no idea and she doesn't want to find out. Living with the Mark of Cain and the two sexy brothers who come with it is trouble enough. She doesn't need to borrow more. Incensed at the loss of his pet, Satan has put a bounty on Eve's head and Hell's denizens are converging en masse. Pb \$15.95 448pp Due July

**Christine FEEHAN**  
**Hidden Currents**

*Drake Sisters #7.* From afar, Sheriff Jackson Deveau has always loved Elle Drake, the youngest telepath of seven sisters. After a long time away she's finally returning home to the small coastal village of Sea Haven. But someone has been following Elle, someone who doesn't want her to make it back. And when Elle fails to arrive, her disappearance strikes fear in the hearts of everyone who loves her. Pb \$19.99 336pp Due July

**Nancy HADDOCK**  
**Last Vampire Standing**

228-year-old Francesca Marinelli thought her past was dead, then a stranger from the Atlanta vampire nest crashes her home looking for sanctuary. A budding stand-up comic, Jo-Jo's running from an undead superior eager to drive a stake through the heart of his dream job. A psychotic vampire with a murderous agenda has followed Jo-Jo to Florida, putting everyone close to

Francesca in danger. Pb \$29.95 320pp

**Charlaine HARRIS et al**  
**Strange Brew**

In Charlaine Harris' Bacon, a beautiful vampire joins forces with a witch from an ancient line to find out who killed her beloved husband. In Seeing Eye by Patricia Briggs, a blind witch helps a sexy werewolf find his missing brother. And in Jim Butcher's Last Call, Harry Dresden takes on the darkest of dark powers – the ones who dare to mess with his favourite beer. Pb \$32.00 384pp Due July

**Kim HARRISON**  
**Once Dead, Twice Shy**

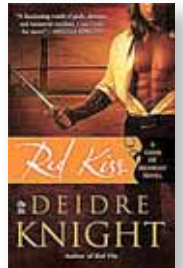
*Madison Avery #1.* Madison's prom was killer – literally. For some reason she's been targeted by a dark reaper intent on getting rid of her, body and soul. But before the reaper could finish the job, Madison was able to snag his strange, glowing amulet and get away. Now she's stuck on Earth, dead but not gone. With a little ingenuity and the help of a light reaper, her cute crush and her guardian angel, Madison's ready to take control of her own destiny, before it takes control of her. Hb \$36.00 160pp Due July

**Emma HOLLY**  
**Breaking Midnight**

*Fitz Clare #7.* Edmund is an elder among the upyr, a shape-changing race of immortals. Kidnapped by rivals, he's now a pawn in a deadly game to control the world and only the love of the mortal beauty, Estelle, can save him. Pb \$17.95 320pp

**Deidre KNIGHT**  
**Red Kiss**

*A Gods of Midnight #2.*  
Spartan slave, River Kassandros can transform into any weapon. After a bloody battle he's forever a dagger, until a mortal can release him. Drawn to this blade, Emma Lowery draws blood with it and frees River. But even as they fight off intense passions, a sinister power arises to destroy them. Pb \$17.95 384pp



**Julie LETO**  
**Kiss of the Phantom**

*Phantom #3.* Treasure seeker Mariah Hunter has travelled to a remote corner of Germany in search of a stone that could solve her financial troubles. But from the moment she touches the artefact, Mariah is haunted by erotic images of a mysterious man named Rafe who appears just in time to save her from certain death. But as she finds herself undeniably drawn to her dark saviour, it might be Rafe who is the real danger to her heart... Pb \$15.95 336pp



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### Marjorie LIU Darkness Calls

*Hunter Kiss #2.* Demon hunter Maxine Kiss, inked with living tattoos, is on a mission to rescue the man she loves from a bloodthirsty army. To save him, Maxine has only one choice – to lose control and release her own powers of darkness. Pb \$17.95 352pp

### Vicki PETERSSON City of Souls

*Sign of the Zodiac #4.* A war is raging for Las Vegas, a city without a heart, one that catapults Joanna into a new world hidden from mortal sight. In this lethally seductive alternate dimension the lines blur between good and evil, love and hate, and here lies the last hope for the Light. But Joanna's price of admission is a piece of her own soul and the odds of her escaping are slim. Pb \$17.95 352pp Due July

### Kimberly RAYE Sucker for Love

*Dead-End Dating #5.* Lil Marchette is close to finding her own happily-ever-after with hunky live-in bounty hunter Ty Bonner. Then a drop-dead gorgeous 800-year-old warlock kidnaps Esther Crutch, one of Lil's clients. The trail leads to Texas and fate gives Lil an unexpected partner – her mom. Will Lil remain calm in the face of smotherly love and save Esther, or will her client bite the dust? Pb \$17.95 336pp

### Kimberly RAYE In the Midnight House

Even though she could barely afford its cost, the moment practical Veronica Parrish laid eyes on the antique four-poster, possession was required. Valentine Tremaine knew physical love. In 19th-century New Orleans his name was whispered by many a mademoiselle. But a new occupant now slid between the sheets – a woman to arouse more than the body. With Ronnie, redemption was possible. Pb \$17.95 304pp Due July

### Gena SHOWALTER Seduce the Darkness

*Alien Huntress #6.* The war between otherworlders and humans changed Earth beyond recognition. It also saved Bride McKells' life. Before, the gorgeous vampire was a target for every fanatic with a stake and a crucifix. Now, she's free to roam the streets and desperate to find others of her kind. Devyn, King of the Targons, warrior and a womaniser, makes no secret of how much he wants Bride. Her blood is the key to curing a vicious alien disease, but helping Bride uncover her origins will compel her to choose between electrifying passion and a destiny that could tear her from Devyn's side forever. Pb \$14.99 352pp Due July

### Nalini SINGH Branded by Fire

*Psy Changeling #6.* When a brilliant changeling researcher is kidnapped, DarkRiver sentinel Mercy, a cat and SnowDancer lieutenant Riley, a wolf, must work together to track the young man, before his shadowy captors decide he's no longer useful. Pb \$17.95 304pp Due July



### Lili St CROW Strange Angels

*Strange Angels #01.* Dru Anderson has what her grandmother called the touch. Then her dad turns up dead, but still walking and Dru knows she's next. Even worse, she's got two guys hungry for her affections and they're not about to let the fiercely independent Dru go it alone. Will Dru discover just how special she really is before coming face-to-fang with whatever, or whoever, is hunting her? Pb \$16.95 304pp



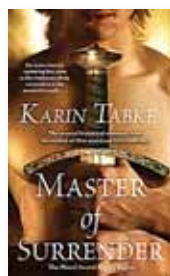
### Jordan SUMMERS Scarlet

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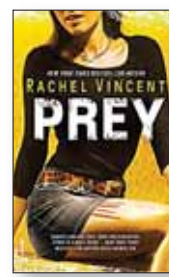
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*Werecats #4.* My Pride is under fire from all sides, my father's authority is in question and my lover is in exile. And with a new mother and an I-know-everything teenager under my protection, I don't exactly have time to fantasise about ever seeing him again. Then our long-awaited reunion is ruined by a vicious ambush by strays. Now our group is under attack, Marc is missing and I will need every bit of skill and smarts to keep my family from being torn apart. Pb \$17.95 400p Due July



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#### The Awakening

*Darkest Powers #2.* My life has changed forever and I'm as far away from normal as it gets. A living science experiment, not only can I see ghosts, but I was genetically altered by a sinister organisation called the Edison Group. Now, I raise the dead without even trying. I'm running for my life with three of my supernatural friends and we have to find someone who can help us before the Edison Group finds us first. Hb \$38.00 Pb \$19.99 224pp Due July

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#### The Demon's Lexicon

*Lexicon #1.* Nick and his brother, Alan, have spent their lives on the run from magic. Their father was murdered and their mother was driven mad by magicians and the demons who give them power. The magicians are hunting the Ryves family for a charm that Nick's mother stole and they want it badly enough to kill again. Danger draws even closer when a brother and sister come to the Ryves family for help. The boy wears a demon's mark, a sign of death that almost nothing can erase... and when Alan also gets marked, Nick is desperate to save him. The only way to do that is to kill one of the magicians they have been hiding from for so long. Hb \$38.00 336pp

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Just weeks after four students cross the threshold of the derelict Fischer House, one of them has committed suicide and the other three are descending into madness. Nick Mason's sister is one of them. To save her, Nick must join ranks with Paul Seaton, the only person to have visited the house and survive. But Paul is a troubled man, haunted by otherworldly visions that even now threaten his sanity. Hb \$49.95 352pp Due July

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#### The Strain

A plane lands at JFK and mysteriously 'goes dark', stopping in the middle of the runway for no apparent reason, all lights off, all doors sealed. The pilots cannot be raised. When the hatch above the wing finally clicks open, it quickly becomes clear that everyone on board is dead – although there is no sign of any trauma or struggle. Ephraim Goodweather must work quickly to establish the cause of this strange occurrence before panic spreads. When all 200 corpses disappear from various morgues around the city on the same night, things very rapidly get worse. Soon Eph and a small band of helpers will find themselves battling to protect the whole city, against an ancient threat to humanity. Pb \$32.99 234pp

### Robert DUNBAR

#### The Shore

As a winter storm tightens its grip on the small shore town of Edgborough, the residents are frightened of much more than pounding waves and bitter winds. A series of horrible murders has the town cowering in fear. Mangled victims bear the marks of savage claws and strange, bloody footprints mar the beach. A young policewoman and a mysterious stranger are all that stand between this isolated community and an ancient, monstrous evil. Pb \$17.95 352pp Due July

### Chris Marie GREEN

#### Midnight Reign

*Vampire Babylon #2.* When a new vampire slaying lures Dawn deeper into the underground, her alliances in the sunlight world shift. Now she has only herself to trust and her newfound skills as a vampire slayer. Pb \$17.95 336pp

### John HARWOOD

#### The Séance

A young girl grows up in a household marked by death, her father distant, her mother in perpetual mourning for the child she lost. Desperate to coax her mother back to health, Constance Langton takes her to a séance, but there are tragic consequences. Constance is left alone, her only legacy a mysterious bequest will blight her life. For Constance's bequest comes in two parts: a house and a mystery. Years before, a family disappeared at Wraxford Hall, now Constance must find the truth behind the mystery, even at the cost of her life, because without the truth, she is lost. Pb \$24.95 304pp



### Faith HUNTER

#### Skinwalker

*Jane Yellowrock #1.* Jane Yellowrock is the last of her kind – a skinwalker who can turn into any creature she desires and hunts vampires for a living. But now she's been hired by one of the oldest vampires in New Orleans and the madam of Katie's Ladies, to hunt a powerful rogue vampire who's killing other vamps... Pb \$17.95 336pp Due July

### Nate KENYON

#### The Bone Factory

The biggest news in the small northern town of Jackson was the reopening of the local hydropower plant, until the deaths. First a farmer was found horribly mutilated in his field. Then a little girl disappeared from her home. Deep in the woods a deputy came upon a chamber of horrors straight from a nightmare. And through it all, one child is haunted by visions of the mysterious 'blue man,' a madman who brings with him blood, pain and terror, spawned by forces no one can understand. Pb \$17.95 336pp Due July

### E E KNIGHT

#### Fall with Honor

*Vampire Earth #7.* Freedom is on the march, as the rebellion against the Kurian Occupation of Earth takes the offensive. David Valentine's company of former Quislings is ready to join forces with a guerrilla army, but nothing could prepare them for the end of their journey... Pb \$17.95 368pp Due July

### Jeremy F LEWIS

#### Staked

*Void City #1.* Eric's got issues. He has short-term and long-term memory problems, he can't remember who he ate for dinner yesterday, much less how he became a vampire in the first place. All he wants to do is run his strip club, drink a little blood and be left alone. Instead, he must survive car crashes, enchanted bullets, sunlight, sex magic and werewolves on ice – not to mention his own nasty temper and forgetfulness. Because being undead isn't easy, but it sure beats the alternative. Pb \$17.95 352pp



### Ellen SCHREIBER

#### The Coffin Club

*Vampire Kisses #5.* Raven knows she should stay put in Dullsville until her immortal love returns. But when she decides to go after Alexander, she can't resist a visit to her favourite Goth-spot, The Coffin Club. Sneaking inside, Raven discovers a secret door that leads another hidden club. There's something peculiar about this cryptic hangout and it's too enticing for Raven to resist. Soon a dangerous battle for the club's rule erupts between Alexander's old nemesis and a mysterious new guy. Can Raven avoid the clash before her curiosity lands her in serious trouble? Pb \$19.95 324pp



### Ellen SCHREIBER

#### Royal Blood

*Vampire Kisses #6.* Summer break is over, and Raven is hardly eager to be returning to Dullsville High. Not only does school mean daily interaction with preppy pest Trevor Mitchell, but her sleep-filled days and romantic nights with her immortal boyfriend, Alexander, must come to an end. When Alexander's parents come to town, just about everyone sees them except Raven. What could be delaying Alexander from introducing Raven to them? Is he hiding something about his parents' homecoming? When Raven is finally invited to the most thrilling dinner party of her life, the turn of events could transform her entire future. Hb \$36.00 192pp

# What We've Been Reading



## Sorceress

**Michael Scott**

*Nicholas Flammel #3* Tp \$29.95

I just love these books. I love the story, I love the settings, I love the characters (even the bad guys have grown on me) and I love Scott's voice. These are such fun to read and I always learn a little bit about a few things. I don't know why, but I thought this was the final part in the series, and it's not. – *Steph*

In case you've been living under the same rock as me, Channel 7 will soon screen the TV adaptation of Robert J Sawyer's Nebula-shortlisted novel **Flash Forward** (Pb \$17.95). I didn't think we would get it here so fast! This is one of Sawyer's standout novels and I can't wait to see how it translates to the small screen. – *Steph*



## True Blood

*Season 1* DVD \$59.95

I haven't read the *Sookie Stackhouse* books by Charlaine Harris, and the first season is apparently based on the first novel **Dead Until Dark** (Pb \$22.99), but I LOVED the TV series. Part vampire romance, part murder mystery, with a couple of Aussies (I'm counting Anna Paquin, who won a Golden Globe for this role). This is just so addictive. But be warned – adults only. – *Steph*

**Outcast** by Aaron Allston. In the two years since Jacen's death by his sister Jaina, the Galactic Alliance has chosen its new Chief of State, Daala, Ex-Imperial Admiral. The Galaxy at large has to cope with a questioning view of the Jedi Order and what to do with this almost superhuman, self-appointed police force. Luke has become Outcast and his son Ben has followed him into exile. This story opens with a fantastic idea, gradually opening into a twisted mosaic of new ideas and plot lines. If future titles keep this pace, this Fate of the Jedi Chapter is going to be great! Keep following the story with **Omen** (Hb \$56). – *CM*

In the Grim Darkness of the Far Future, There is Only War, but it was not always so. **Fulgrim**, the 5th title in the Horus Heresy, continues to detail the fall of the Imperium of Man from the golden age of the Great Crusade towards the galaxy spanning conflicts of the 41st millennium. It recounts the fall of the Emperor's Children into the hedonistic embrace of the Dark Prince of Chaos, Slaanesh. – *Matt*

Fans of Joe Abercrombie's First Law series will find much to enjoy in his latest standalone novel, **Best Served Cold** (Tp \$32.99). With some slight reference to persons and events from the previous books, and plenty of new and interesting characters, this is a great place for new readers to begin. While revenge is best served cold, it's also a cold mistress... – *Adam*

**This is Not a Game** by Walter Jon Williams (Tp \$32.99) reminds me a little of **Halting State** by Charles Stross (Pb \$19.99). Online games, social networking and murder all feature in this topical and enjoyable book. – *Adam*

**Naamah's Kiss** by Jacqueline Carey (Hb \$56). Set some 100 years after the events of **Kushiel's Mercy**, Carey begins the tale of Moirin Mac Fainche, a descendant of Alais de la Courcel and a child of Alba, who seeks the destiny of her d'Angeline heritage. Filled with Carey's usual mix of politics and intrigue, this volume is not quite as complex and convoluted as the Kushiel books, but well worth the read if you love the world of Terre d'Ange as much as me, or want to give it a try for the first time. – *Mark*



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