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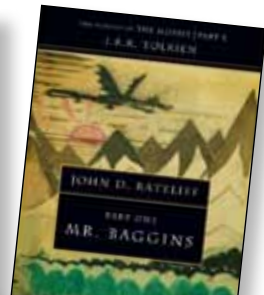
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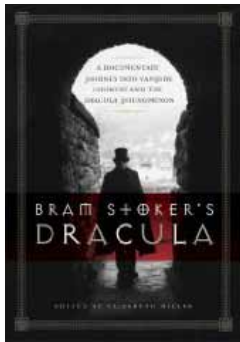
Discover everything you ever wanted to know about secret societies like the Freemasons, the historical mystery of Atlantis, why King Arthur, Leonardo da Vinci and Hitler are key figures, plus conspiracy theories, forgotten sciences and ancient wisdom. This encyclopaedia answers all your questions on the more controversial subjects being debated. Pb \$27.99 576pp



Elizabeth MILLER

Bram Stoker's Dracula: A Documentary Journey Into Vampire Country and the Dracula Phenomenon

This lavishly illustrated documentary tribute to the vampire phenomenon, spawned by the literary classic, explores such topics as the folklore origins of the Dracula story, the work's influence on pop culture and the arts and the aspects of Bram Stoker's life that shaped his writing. Pb \$49.95 432pp *Due Aug*



300 years ago, she sold her soul to a demon. Now she wants it back....

Dakota BANKS

Dark Time

Mortal Path #1. For centuries, the woman calling herself Maliha Crayne has lived a second life as an assassin for the malevolent creature who owns her soul. A haunted killer with the blood of countless victims on her hands, she has finally discovered a way to nullify the demonic pact that chains her - if she saves a life for every one she has taken, she will be free. But if she fails, her punishments will be unspeakable, unendurable and never-ending. Pb \$17.95 320pp *Due Aug*



If it weren't for bad luck, Max Frei wouldn't have any luck at all....

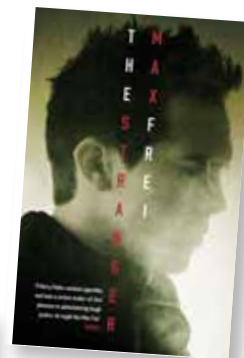
Max FREI

The Stranger

Labyrinth of Echo #1. Appearing in English for the first time, this series is a literary sensation that has sold millions of copies in Russia.

A self-described 20-something 'classic loser', an insomniac, hardened smoker, a glutton

and a loafer, there is nothing much going for Max Frei... At least not until he arrives in the magical city of Echo. Summoned to the city by Sir Juffin Halli - the head of the Department of Absolute Order - Max's dreams are becoming a reality. But as with all 'dreams-come-true' scenarios, it's not quite the reality Max expected; he's about to become a secret agent, tasked to solve extravagant, impossible crimes with nothing but his wits and a handful of unexplained magical abilities to recommend him. Max is about to be thrown into the fray - and he can't even have a cigarette first... Pb \$35.00 544pp



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Lou ANDERS

Fast Forward 2

This features all new stories from Paul Cornell, Nancy Kress, Cory Doctorow, Jack McDevitt, Paul McAuley, Mike Resnick, Pat Cadigan, Ian McDonald, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Karl Schroeder and Tobias S Buckell. Pb \$34.00 359pp

Hans Christian ANDERSON

The Complete Fairy Tales

For 150 years, the tales of Hans Christian Andersen have been delighting both adults and children. This edition contains all of Anderson's 168 tales. Hb \$35.00 1184pp

James AXLER

Janus Trap

Outlanders #50. As the Broken Ghost destabilises Earth's greatest defence force from within, the warriors struggle to get back to the only reality that offers survival. Pb \$15.95 320pp *Due Aug*

Scott BAKKER

Neuropath

When Tom's best friend and best man, Neil comes back into his life, Tom discovers that Neil wasn't a teacher after all, he was working for the US government. Now Neil, obsessed with the idea that he can control the human brain, has gone AWOL - and is kidnapping and mutilating people connected to Tom. Tp \$32.99 320pp

KEY to classifications

 Science Fiction

 Fantasy

 Romance

 Erotica

 Award Winner

 Australian

 Action

 Reprint

Pb = Paperback

Tp = Trade Paperback (Slightly Larger)

Hb = Hardback

GN = Graphic Novel

Greg BEAR

City at the End of Time

Three young people – Ginny, Jack and Daniel – dream of a decadent, doomed city of the distant future - the Kalpa. But more than dreams link these three. They are fate-shifters, born with the ability to skip across the surface of the fifth dimension, inhabiting alternate versions of themselves. And each guards an object whose origin and purpose are unknown - gnarled, stony artefacts called sum-runners that persist unchanged through all versions of time. Hunted by others with similar powers on behalf of a terrifying, goddess-like entity known as the Chalk Princess, Ginny, Jack and Daniel are drawn into an all but hopeless mission to rescue the future and complete the greatest achievement in human history. Pb \$35.00 496pp *Due Aug*

C F BENTLEY

Enigma

Sequel to **Harmony**. The world of Harmony, along with its close-knit colony planets, has been isolated from the rest of the universe for many generations. Now, Harmony's High Priestess Sissy and Confederated Star System Agent Jake have travelled to space station Labyrinth VII, otherwise known as The First Contact Café, where they hope to establish diplomatic relations between the Harmonic Empire and the wider universe, but when an alien ship crashes into the Harmony Diplomatic Wing of Labyrinth VII, the precarious balance Sissy and Jake have established begins to dissolve. Hb \$49.95 620pp *Due Aug*



Ben BOVA

The Return

Voyagers #4. While investigating an alien starship, Keith Stoner is trapped and cryogenically frozen. After he is revived, he discovers that he has alien powers. Using these powers, he builds a starship and leaves Earth. After more than a century, he returns to find that the Earth is suffering the consequences of greenhouse flooding, most nations have been taken over by ultraconservative religion-based governments and heading for nuclear war. Stoner wants to save Earth, but first he must save himself from the zealots who want to destroy him and the terrifying message he brings from the stars. Hb \$54.00 464pp *Due Aug*



WIN...
an advance copy of **FIRE**
by Kristin Cashore,
sequel to **Mythopoeic Award**
winner,
GRACELING

See back page for entry details

V BRICELAND

The Glass Maker's Daughter

From enchanted champagne flutes to rituals that hold the city together, magic lies at heart of Cassaforte. This medieval city of canals is the home of Risa Divetri, who has led the sheltered life of a nobleman's daughter. Soon she will leave home to study the family craft - creating and enchanting glass objects. The gods will choose which school is best for her, but then the impossible happens - Risa remains unchosen. The rejection sends Risa into a spiral of shame, anger and confusion. If she's not meant to be a glass maker, what will she do? An answer is found when Cassaforte's age-old magic begins to unravel and corruption threatens their kingdom. As she battles against dark forces, Risa's fiery spirit and untapped powers rise to the surface - leading her toward her true fate. Pb \$21.95 336pp



Terry BROOKS

A Princess of Landover

Ben Holiday, mortal turned monarch of Landover, has grappled with scheming barons, fire-breathing beasts, diabolical conjurers and extremely wicked witches. None of whom have prepared him for the most daunting of challengers – a teenage daughter. Suspended from her exclusive girls' prep school, Mistaya Holiday, mortified by her punishment and horrified by word that a repulsive local nobleman seeks to marry her, runs away from home. So begins an eventful odyssey peppered with a formidable dragon, recalcitrant gnomes, an inscrutable magic cat, a handsome librarian, a sinister sorcerer and more than a few narrow escapes. Hb \$32.99 352pp *Due Aug*

The Brothers Grimm

Fairy Tales

The Brothers Grimm rediscovered a host of fairy tales. Together with their well-known tales of *Rapunzel*, *The Goose Girl*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Hansel and Gretel*, there are darker tales which deserve to be better known. This is a collection of their tales. Hb \$35.00 848pp

Robert BUETTNER

Orphan's Triumph

Orphan #5. After 40 years of fighting the Slugs, mankind's reunited planets control the vital crossroad that secures their uneasy union. The doomsday weapon that can end the war and the mighty fleet that will carry it to the Slug homeworld, lie within humanity's grasp. Since the Slug Blitz orphaned Jason Wander, he has risen from infantry recruit to commander of Earth's garrisons on the emerging allied planets. When an enemy counter stroke threatens to reverse the war and destroy mankind, Jason must finally confront not only his lifelong alien enemy, but the reality of what a lifetime as a soldier has made him. Pb \$18.95 384pp

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FAVE NEW

SATURN'S CHILDREN

CHARLES STROSS

Pb \$17.95

Charles Stross is a distinctive voice among today's wave of 'New British SF' writers, but he also knows his history. This book is dedicated to the classic authors Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, and the ghosts of both (especially Heinlein) can be felt in this latest effort. The combination of sex and violence clashes somewhat against the deep philosophising on identity and purpose - though Stross' sense of humour and Freya's rollicking adventure transcend the feeling of a bizarre cross-genre hybrid. This is one of Stross' more accessible novels and I appreciated the author's numerous nods towards his influences.



This is a future in which all our 1950's dreams have become reality; extraterrestrial colonies, far-flung space exploration, fast moving spaceships. But for one slight hiccup: humankind is extinct, and our robotic heirs have taken our place. And *they* squabble just as much as we ever did.

As the last in a line of femme sexbots, obsolescent Freya was made to mimic humans and human feelings, and she feels the nightmare qualities of this dystopian future all too keenly. She is a slave to the whims of aristo robots, and when she unwittingly angers some of 'her betters', Freya must run for her survival. To facilitate her escape, Freya is hired to transport an illicit package to Mars, and in doing so becomes involved in schemes and counter-schemes by those who are attempting to really control the entire solar system. During the course of delving into these schemes, we are treated to a scintillating tour of the Solar system, from Mercury all the way out to the Oort cloud.

The concept and themes of person and legacy, of creating and relying on slaves, of the morality of owning sentients - robots or otherwise - is fascinating. The world-building of a robot civilisation that outlasts man, building on mankind's past and reaching into the future, is also intriguing. The aspect of the story which deals with various robot factions wanting to work with biological matter to perhaps re-create man is also interesting - though this is perhaps some of the weakest plotting of the story.

All-in-all, an easy read... And although it's not my favourite Stross, even a weaker story by this author is something I enjoy. 7/10 - Adam

FAVE OLD

THE PRAXIS

DREAD EMPIRES FALL #1

WALTER JON WILLIAMS

Pb \$18.95

"All that is important is known. It governs all who live in the empire, and is ultimately inescapable." So decrees the Shaa, rulers of the known universe.

This wonderful space opera offers a fresh appearance to an old idea. Rather than reigning triumphant, humans are mere bit players within a huge star-spanning empire that is run by near-immortal overlords: the Shaa. They rule with utter domination, and any who defy their dominance or their decrees against certain technologies are faced with unrelenting obliteration. The Shaa share their empire with their fellow slave races: Naxids, centaur-like reptiles; the Terran humans; Torminel, nocturnal hunters; Lai-Own, a race of flightless birds; Cree; Daimong, with their melodic voices and peeling rotting flesh; and the Yormak.

Within this empire of various races, an order of dominance has been constructed, with the Shaa masters at the apex, and everyone else below. When the last Shaa rulers tire of the never-ending sameness of the existence which they themselves created and thus elect suicide, the factions and politics of their supposedly happy servants explode into civil war: it always does!

We view this grand opera through two contrasting perspectives. Lord Gareth Martinez is an upper class rural elite, who is trying to better his family standing in the empire through the manipulations of marriage and politics. At the other extreme end of the social spectrum, we meet Caroline Sula, a drug-addicted street girl of the lower classes, who is suddenly given the opportunity to impersonate a wealthy, socialite party girl.

This tale feels so gritty in the backwardness of the technology, and the way in which the battles are described in intricate detail. We get the feeling of old-style Victorian warring with high-tech computers and nuclear weapons... with the addition of social and political intrigue often dictating how the battles are played out, thus deciding who will win before the players even enter the theatre of conflict!


The mixed up feeling between the main characters and their unconventional styles of warfare - socially, politically and militarily - leave little room for the tryst that eventuates between them. Nor do the twists and turns in the story, which kept me turning page after page, wanting more!

This is a wonderful trilogy: opening with **The Praxis**, continuing with **The Sundering** (Pb \$18.95) and concluding with **Conventions of War** (Pb \$19.95). - CM




Rachel CAINE

Cape Storm

 *Weather Warden #8.* Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin and her new husband, the Djinn David, are running from a malevolent hurricane bent on destroying her. Joined by an army of fellow Wardens and Djinn onboard a hijacked luxury liner, Joanne has lured the storm into furious pursuit, but even their combined magic may not be enough to stop it. Pb \$17.95 320pp *Due Aug*


Mark CHADBOURN

Lord of Silence

 Vidar is a man tormented by a lost memory and a vampiric jewel that demands the life energy of others. Now, with a killer loose within his home city, Vidar must solve a 3,000 year old religious mystery to unlock the terrifying secrets of his own past. Pb \$17.95 496pp *Due Aug*


Ian DOUGLAS

Semper Human

 *Inheritance #3.* Chaos has erupted throughout the known galaxy, threatening countless colonies and orbital habitats - as the Associative struggles vainly to keep the peace. Extreme measures are called for in these times of dire crisis and the Star Marines are awakened from their voluntary 850-year sleep. But General Trevor Garroway and his warriors are about to discover that the old rules of engagement have drastically changed... And if the Marines fail to eliminate their relentless xenophobic foe once and for all, the Great Annihilator will obliterate every last trace of human existence. Pb \$17.95 400pp



Kate ELLIOT

Traitor's Gate

 *Crossroads #3.* The immortal Guardians who still serve justice seek a means to end the devastating reign of one of their own. A hired outlander army struggles to halt the advance of the horde that has despoiled vast lands and slaughtered countless people in its murderous wake. The eagle reeves who have long been the only law enforcers of the Hundred struggle to reorganise after a massacre decimates their numbers. And even as these forces give hope to those who would live in peace, a terrible danger looms - a traitor with Imperial ambitions, the most dreaded, least anticipated threat of all... Tp \$32.99 576pp *Due Aug*



Jacquelyn FRANK

Rapture

  *Shadowdwellers #2.* For Magnus, laws are for enforcing and visions must be followed - even if that means freeing a beautiful slave and making her his reluctant handmaiden. Betrayed before, Magnus can barely bring himself to trust another woman. Yet Daenaira's fiery innocence is drawing them both into a reckless inferno of desire. Daenaira grew up hearing tales of a fearsome priest who seemed more myth than reality. But Magnus is very real and so is the treachery surrounding them. An enemy is scheming to unleash havoc on the Shadowdwellers, unless Magnus trusts in a union ordained by fate. Pb \$15.95 354pp


Jackie FRENCH

Lessons for a Werewolf Warrior

  Boojum Bark is a werewolf and a hero. He doesn't really want to be a hero, but it's in the family. Now he has to go to Hero School to learn the Right Way to achieve hero status. Werewolves are at the bottom of the pecking order when it comes to heroes, especially when they lift their legs on the doorpost and do outrageous things on stage in the middle of school assembly. But something strange is happening at the School for Heroes. Could the school be under attack? If so, by whom? And who will protect it? Can Boojum sniff out the perpetrators? Pb \$16.95 160pp


Tony GONZALES

Eve: The Emyrean Age

 A clone with no name or past awakens to a cruel existence, hunted mercilessly for crimes he may never know, yet he stands close to the pinnacle of power in New Eden. A disgraced ambassador is confronted by a mysterious woman who knows everything about him and of the sinister plot against his government - his actions will one day unleash the vengeful wrath of an entire civilisation. And among the downtrodden masses of a corporation-owned world, a man named Tibus Heth is about to launch a revolution that will change the course of history. The confluence of these dark events will lead humanity towards a tragic destiny. Pb \$17.95 624pp *Due Aug*


Jonathan GREEN

Evolution Expects

 *Pax Britannia #5.* When a deadly legacy returns, Ulysses Quicksilver finds himself drawn into that pit of despair known as Bedlam. With a dangerous masked vigilante stalking the streets of London, a monster from Jewish myth on the loose in the East End and rival gangs fighting for control of the city's underworld there may be nothing Ulysses can do to prevent a catastrophic metamorphosis! Pb \$17.95 320pp

Lev GROSSMAN


The Magicians

 Quentin Coldwater, a senior in high school, is secretly preoccupied with a series of fantasy novels he read as a child, set in a magical land called Fillory. Imagine his surprise when he finds himself unexpectedly admitted to a very secret, exclusive college of magic in upstate New York, where he receives a thorough and rigorous education in the craft of modern sorcery. After graduation he and his friends make a stunning discovery - Fillory is real. But the land of Quentin's fantasies turns out to be much darker than he could have imagined. His childhood dream becomes a nightmare with a shocking truth at its heart. Pb \$32.95 416pp *Due Aug*




Joe HALDEMAN

Marsbound

 Young Carmen Dula and her family are going to Mars. Once on the Red Planet, however, Carmen realises things are not so different from Earth. There are chores to do, lessons to learn and oppressive authority figures to rebel against. And when she ventures out into the bleak Mars landscape alone one night, a simple accident leads her to the edge of death until she is saved by an angel - an angel with too many arms and legs, a head that looks like a potato gone bad and a message for the newly arrived human inhabitants of Mars... 'We were here first.' Hb \$55.00 304pp


Jenny HALE

Jatta

 Jatta is a princess in the kingdom of Alteeda, but her life is no fairytale. Her mother was slain by werewolves when Jatta was three years old, and now, at the age of 14, she has discovered that the werewolves left their curse on her. With her brother, Arthmael, Jatta is forced to flee the castle and journey to the dark kingdom of Dartith, a place where werewolves and the Undead prowl the streets. Pb \$21.99 288pp


Thomas HARLAN

Land of the Dead

 *Aztec Empire #3.* The Emperor in Mexico City rules a growing interplanetary Empire, but the Galaxy is not a hospitable place. There are other powers, both new and old, who would stop the spread of the power in Anuhuac. A weapon of the Old Ones, from the time of the First Sun, has been found in a region of space. It must be investigated, then tamed or destroyed to keep it from the hands of opposing powers. Hb \$54.00 384pp *Due Aug*


Frank HERBERT

Chapterhouse Dune

 *Dune Chronicles #6.* A beautiful new hardcover package for this *New York Times* bestselling science fiction classic. Hb \$54.00 416pp *Due Aug*

Robin HOBBS

The Dragon Keeper

 *Set in the world of the Liveships Traders.* Guided by the great blue dragon Tintaglia, a Tangle of serpents fight their way up the Rain Wilds River. Many die along the way. And the creatures which emerge from the cocoons are a travesty of the powerful, shining dragons of old. Stunted and deformed, they cannot fly; some seem witless and bestial. Soon, they become a danger and a burden to the Rain Wilders: something must be done. The dragons claim an ancestral memory of a fabled Elderling city far upriver: perhaps there the dragons will find their true home. But it they cannot get there on their own: a band of dragon keepers, hunters and chroniclers must attend them. To be a dragon keeper is a dangerous job: their charges are vicious and unpredictable and there are many unknown perils on the journey to a city which may not even exist... Pb \$32.99 496pp

Tom HOLT



The Better Mousetrap

It touches all our lives - our triumphs and tragedies, our proudest achievements, our most traumatic disasters. Insurance is indeed the force that binds the universe together. Hardly surprising, therefore, that Frank Carpenter, one of the foremost magical practitioners of our age, felt himself irresistibly drawn to it. Until, that is, he met Jane, a high-flying corporate heroine with an annoying habit of falling out of trees and getting killed. Repeatedly. It's not long before Frank and Jane find themselves face to face with the greatest enigma of our times - when is a door not a door? When it's a mousetrap. Pb \$22.99 368pp

Jaida JONES & Danielle BENNETT



Havemercy

Thanks to its elite Dragon Corps, the capital city of Volstov has all but won the 100 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 members is at the centre of a scandal that may turn the tide of victory. To counter the threat, four ill-assorted heroes must converge to save their kingdom - an exiled magician, a naive country boy, a young student and the unpredictable ace 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. Pb \$17.95 528pp *Due Aug*

Ken KEEGAN



Paraspheres 2: Extending Beyond the Spheres of Literary and Genre Fiction

Juxtaposing the conventional and the fabulist, this anthology explores the boundary between mainstream literary fiction and the genres of fantasy, horror and science fiction. This collection consists of works by some of the most contemporary authors, including John Domini, Theodora Goss, Laird Hunt, Lyn Hejinian and Craig Teicher. Tp \$55.00 320pp *Due Aug*

Sherrilyn KENYON & Dianna LOVE



Whispered Lies

When the Bureau of American Defense intercepts a tip on a threat to United States security, operative Carlos Delgado must capture the mysterious informant known as Mirage. She is not what he expected. Gabrielle Saxe has hidden from a killer for the past decade, sending anonymous tips on international criminals to intelligence agencies around the world. Circumstances catapult her into the midst of dangerous operatives on a treacherous mission - and into the arms of a man who is duty-bound to surrender her to Interpol. Carlos is the last person she should trust and the only one standing between her and death. But little does she know, she holds the key to his survival as well... Tp \$24.95 400pp

Gary KILWORTH



The Hundred-Towered City

Jack, Annie and Davey's parents have been arrested on suspicion of being spies - in a different country and a different time - Prague, 1903. Where are their parents and who has stolen the key to the time machine? Will they be in time to save their parents from sinister Karlstein Castle? And even if they do, how will they return to the present day without the key? Alchemists, mythical creatures and a man with a hook for a hand hold the answers they're looking for. Pb \$16.99 352pp

E E KNIGHT



Winter Duty

Vampire Earth #8. Major David Valentine and his fugitive battalion are the remnants of an expeditionary force shattered in its long retreat from disaster in the Appalachians. Between a raging blizzard, bands of head-hunters and the need to recover wounded soldiers lost during the retreat, Valentine is in for the toughest winter of his life. Hb \$49.95 352pp

Duncan LAY



The Wounded Guardian

Dragon Sword #1. Disillusioned, now derided as the 'Butcher of Bellic', war hero Martil leaves his beloved homeland in search of peace. Set upon by bandits, he is tricked into taking a small child, Karia, to her uncle. But the village has been gutted of its people - except for one ex-bandit who has the Dragon Sword, a magical relic belonging to the rulers of Norstalos. Norstalos's first-ever queen is trying to keep her crown while her cousin, Duke Gello, wants it and is prepared to do anything, even make a deal with dark powers, to get it. Martil finds himself caring for a child, fighting for a queen and discovering that even a magical sword is no guarantee of victory... Pb \$20.99 680pp



Jane LINDSKOLD



Nine Gates

Breaking the Wall #2. Brenda has learned that our world is not the only world and that her not-quite-Chinese ancestors came from a magical place, the Lands of Smoke and Sacrifice, created thousands of years ago by the destruction of China's books and scholars during the time of the first Emperor. Now, generations later, the Lands are once again at war and the magics of the Thirteen Orphans are desperately needed. A mission to capture those powers went disastrously wrong and now the Lands' Dragon, Tiger, Snake and Monkey are trapped on Earth unless the Orphans can build the Nine Gates. To do that, they must first save the Four Guardians of the Land Between, who are under magical attack. Hb \$49.95 400pp *Due Aug*

James LOVEGROVE



The Age of Ra

An alternate history of the world where the Egyptian gods have defeated all others and have carved up the planet between themselves. Only a band of Freedom Fighters and their enigmatic leader can free the Earth from their divine tyranny. Pb \$17.95 496pp *Due Aug*

Sandra McDONALD



The Stars Down Under

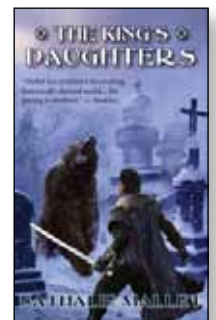
Terry and Jodenny have been assigned to duty on the planet Fortune, away from the huge ships that carry colonists from the wreckage of polluted Earth to clean, new worlds across the galaxy. But there's another way besides spaceships to travel from world to world. A group within Team Space is exploring the Wondjina Spheres, a set of ancient alien artefacts that link places and times. Now those spheres have shut down and Team Space thinks that Terry and Jodenny are part of the key to make them work again no matter how the two of them feel about it. They can volunteer, or be volunteered. What the researchers can't anticipate is that the status quo, in which Team Space holds the monopoly on travel between worlds, is about to change. And as a result, Terry and Jodenny will be tested to their limits and beyond. Pb \$17.95 352pp

Nathalie MALLET



The King's Daughters

Far to the north of the hot desert land of Telfar lies the frozen kingdom of Sorvinka. Prince Amir has travelled there, leaving his sultanate in the hands of his half-brother Erik as he seeks to ask the king, the father of the beautiful Princess Eva, for her hand in marriage. But Sorvinka has grown dangerous during Princess Eva's absence, as she and Amir discover to their terror, when their force of guards and eunuchs is cut down by ruthless brigands. And upon their arrival, their welcome to Eva's family stronghold is as bitterly cold as the land itself. Prince Amir must navigate his way through the strange and cold-blooded customs of the Sorvinkans and somehow find the truth behind the kidnapping of the king's youngest daughter, the Princess Aurora, by the Sorvinkans' traditional enemies, the neighbouring Farrellians. Pb \$17.95 384pp



Tess MALLORY



Highland Rebel

Meet the irresistible Highland Rebel... He's music's hottest pop idol, a Celtic bad boy whose tradition-drenched rock rules the charts. But Ian MacGregor hails from 18th-century Scotland. And nothing can make him return except perhaps a certain blue-eyed lassie. Ellie Graham is his tour manager. But when she's swept back almost 300 years into the past and into treachery, only Ian and his passion can save her. Pb \$12.95 304pp

Robbie MATTHEWS



Johnny Phillips, Werewolf Detective

If it wasn't for demons, zombies, dragons, vampires, sorcerers, lawyers and other creatures of the night, Johnny might be able to get on with his job and maybe even pay the rent. Fat chance. The collected case files of Johnny Phillips, Werewolf Detective, will have you peering down alleyways in downtown Sydney, waiting for a glimpse of that plummeting body, talking fairy or friendly neighbourhood zombie. Johnny didn't get out of bed intending to save the world... But he might just do it anyway. Pb \$15.00 120pp

Cathy MAXWELL, Tracy Anne WARREN, Jeaniene FROST & Sophia NASH



Four Dukes and a Devil

Join these bestselling authors for tales of noble danger and devilish desire. Delicate young ladies must be protected from him. First he steals her clothes, then he steals her heart. Most would be terrified of this powerful vampire - but not him. He's 'the catch of the century' - but she's the only one he can't have. A young miss demands a kiss, but he won't rest once she's touched her lips to his. With four dukes and one devil, there's no limit on love. Pb \$17.95 400pp

Richelle MEAD



Thorn Queen

Dark Swan #2. Rendered queen of the Thorn Land after her latest battle in the Otherworld, shaman Eugenia Markham worries about a prophecy that her first-born child will destroy the human race, a concern that grows while Eugenia investigates a formidable enemy who is abducting young girls. Pb \$15.95 384pp *Due Aug*

Karen MILLER



The Prodigal Mage

The Fisherman's Children #1.

The weather magic that holds Lur safe is failing and the earth feels broken to those with the power to see. Among Lur's sorcerers, only Asher has the skill to mend the antique weather map that governs the seasons, keeping the land from being crushed by natural forces. Yet, when Asher last desperate attempt to repair the damage leaves him on his deathbed, his son Rafel, who has inherited the father's talents, may be his countrymen's only hope. Hb \$48.00 480pp *Due Aug*

James MOLONEY



The Book from Baden Dark

Sequel to **The Book of Lies** (Pb \$19.95) and **Master of the Books** (Pb \$19.99). Three years have passed since Marcel defeated Mortregis, the great dragon of war and more than a year since the Battle of Cadell. On a mountainside in Elster, Bea, who has lived among the elves all this time, longs to see her human friends again. When strange creatures disturb the tranquillity of the mountain forests and her grandfather disappears, she calls for Marcel's help. Together with his cousin, Fergus, they travel into the forbidden underground world of Baden Dark on a rescue mission. Pb \$19.99 400pp

Elizabeth MOON



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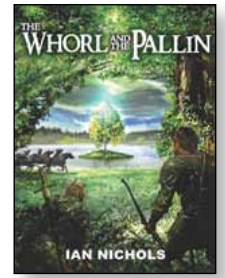


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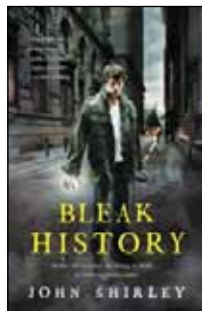
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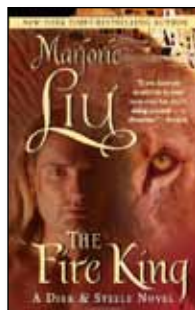
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What We've Been Reading



The Chronicles of Amber by Roger Zelazny (Pb \$24.99). Being the adventures of Corwin, whose family rules over the Kingdom of Amber - the one true world in a multiverse of infinite alternate realities. Corwin's father, the King of Amber, has been missing in the shadows (alternate realities that the family can all travel between). Presumed dead, intrigue ensues as the King's progeny scheme against one another, each vying for the crown. Corwin awakes in a mental hospital in the USA with no memory of who he is or how he came to be there... Written some 30 years ago, it's lost none of its punch and is still a clever, engrossing read which I can't put down. - *Geoff*



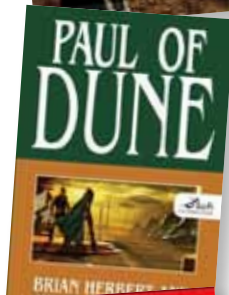
Shadows Return (*Nightrunners* #4) by Lynn Flewelling (Pb \$16.95). As a relative latecomer to *Nightrunners*, I have become a big fan of the series and its main heroes, Seregil and Alec. This instalment contains Flewelling's darkest writing in the series to date. Still filled with nightrunning adventures and political intrigue, this story confronts slavery and the dark side of Alchemy, and it also begins the



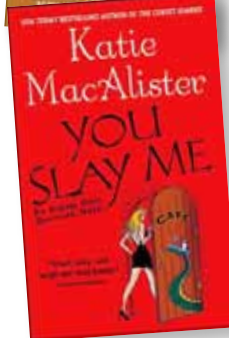
revelation of Alec's destiny as prophesied by the Dragon Oracle in **Traitor's Moon** (Pb \$22.99). A great read! - *Mark*



Sebastian (*Landscapes of Ephemera* #1) by Anne Bishop (Pb \$20.95). As the title suggests, this book follows the life of the half-blood incubus, Sebastian. The story shifts between Sebastian and other key characters, as the 'Eater of the World' is unleashed among them all. Linked to the only person who can defeat this great evil, Sebastian is thrown into the battle between good and evil as the bait. Not too different from the *Back Jewel Trilogy*, but still a really good read - especially if you're an Anne Bishop fan. - *Chrissi*



Paul of Dune by Brian Herbert and Kevin J Anderson (Pb \$21.95). This latest novel in the *Dune* series takes us way back to the heart of it all. Set between **Dune** and **Dune Messiah**, it deftly weaves between two plot lines: the first dealing with Paul's reactions to the galactic jihad he has created; the second going back to Paul's formative years and his relationship with his father, the honourable Duke Leto Atreides. Keep an eye out for the next book, **Winds of Dune**, due in August! - *Matt*



You Slay Me by Katie MacAlister (Pb \$16.95). I *love* humorous Paranormal Romance and Katie creates a brilliant blend of naughty, demonic and fun-romp in this instalment! Although she can sometimes be a bit hit-and-miss, the entire *Aisling Grey* series is a really good ride from start to finish, especially whilst eating a Cherry Ripe... Guilty fun! This is definitely one of my favourite titles to re-read! - *Sofia*

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