

KATE FORSYTH

author of the bestselling
Witches of Eileanan & Rhiannon's Ride series
will be in-store

Thurs 21 Sept @ 5pm

to celebrate the release of her new novel
The Gypsy Crown

Once there was a gypsy queen who wore on her wrist a chain of six lucky charms - a golden crown, a silver horse, a butterfly caught in amber, a cat's-eye shell, a bolt of lightning forged from the heart of a falling star and the flower of the rue plant, herb of grace. The queen gave each of her six children one of the charms as their lucky talisman, but ever since the chain of charms was broken, the gypsies had been dogged with misfortune. It is even worse for the Finch tribe - they have been thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are 13-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka, who have been entrusted to find the six charms and bring them together again. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high... Pb \$14.95 216pp

HUGO AWARD WINNERS

Winners of the 2006 *Hugo Awards* and the *John W Campbell Award for Best New Writer* were announced at the 64th World Science Fiction Convention in Anaheim, California.



NOVEL

Spin by Robert Charles Wilson

NOVELLA

Inside Job by Connie Willis

NOVELETTE

Two Hearts by Peter Beagle

SHORT STORY

Tk'tk'tk by David Levine

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Doctor Who: The Empty Child & The Doctor Dances directed by James Hawes, written by Steven Moffat

JOHN W CAMPBELL AWARD FOR BEST NEW WRITER

John Scalzi

SIDeways AWARDS FOR ALTERNATE HISTORY

LONG FORM

The Summer Isles by Ian McLeod

SHORT FORM

Pericles the Tyrant by Lois Tilton

DAVID GEMMELL

David Gemmell, author of the classic novel, *Legend*, the *Drenai* and *Sipstrassi* series and many others, has died, aged 57, following quadruple heart bypass surgery. Gemmell, a fan favourite, was known for his larger-than-life heroes and his vivid writing style.

Those of us who were with Galaxy in 1999 were lucky enough to meet David at WorldCon in Melbourne and then have him in-store for a signing. David fit the adage "don't judge a book by its cover". He was tall and if I had never met him except to cross his path on the street and he growled at me I'd change sides! However - a funnier and more lovely man he couldn't have been. He kept us entertained with stories (on that day it was about Terry Pratchett taking him on a water taxi across the harbour with a can of beer saying, it was just something he had to experience).

We were shocked and so saddened to hear of his death. Our thoughts are with his wife and children. It was a privilege to meet him and to sell his wonderful books. - Stephanie

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON 2 OCTOBER
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SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY



JOE ABERCROMBIE THE BLADE ITSELF

The First Law #1.

Inquisitor Glotka, a crippled, bitter relic of the last war, former fencing champion turned torturer extraordinaire, is trapped in a twisted and broken body - not that he allows it to distract him from his daily routine of torturing smugglers. Nobleman, dashing officer and would-be fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. Vain, shallow, selfish and self-obsessed, the biggest blot on his horizon is getting out of bed in the morning to train with obsessive and boring old men. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all - ideally by running away from it. But as he's discovering, old habits die really, really hard indeed... especially when Bayaz gets involved. A bald old man with a terrible temper, he could be the First of the Magi, or a spectacular fraud, but whatever he is, he's about to make the lives of Glotka, Jezal and Logen a whole lot more difficult... Tp \$29.95 422pp



KEVIN J ANDERSON SCATTERED SUNS

Saga of Seven Suns #4. In the Terran Hanseatic League, Chairman Basil Wenceslas continues his red-herring war against the Roamer clans, eager to achieve a decisive victory, even against a supposed enemy that poses no threat. Their homes destroyed, the wandering Roamers scatter into hiding, trying to keep their culture and government intact. Cesca Peroni, leader of the Roamers, finds herself stranded on a small icy outpost where miners have uncovered a hibernating army of alien Klikiss robots. Once released, these robots trigger another dark and ancient plot, one that could lead to a massacre across all human-inhabited planets... Pb \$19.95 728pp

VIVI ANNA HELL KAT

Hell Kat #1. Kat has the fighting skills of a warrior and a sexual appetite few men can match - although most would happily die trying. But Kat has bigger problems than choosing her latest bedmate/plaything. She's caught in a post-apocalyptic world where only the rich live well - and Kat is determined to be one of them. To make her dream come true, the fearless treasure hunter has to get her hands on a lot of money and that's going to take every bit of talent she's got, and then some. Pb \$19.95 231pp

ROBERT ASPRIN WITH PETER J HECK PHULE'S ERRAND

Phule #6. Phule is without a doubt the only captain in the Space Legion with his own butler, but Beeker has stuck with him through thick and thin. Which is why he can't understand why Beeker has run off-planet without a word and with Omega Company's lovely new medic. Without his right-hand man, Phule has no idea what his left hand is doing. So he takes off after his errant butler, just as General Blitzkrieg decides to make a surprise visit to Zenobia. And the only thing Blitz would like better than catching Phule off guard is to catch Phule AWOL... Pb \$18.95 281pp

R SCOTT BAKKER THE THOUSANDFOLD THOUGHT

Prince of Nothing #3. Anasurimbor Kellhus, the Warrior-Prophet, now leads the Men of the Tusk. The cuckolded sorcerer Achamian serves as his tutor, betraying his school to keep safe the man he believes can prevent the Second Apocalypse. The Consult, sensing the endgame of millennia of planning, work frantically to prepare for the coming of the No-God. The final reckoning is at hand. The sorcerous Schools will be unleashed and Anasurimbor Kellhus will at last confront his father and the dread revelation of the Thousandfold Thought. Tp \$32.95 503pp

ASHOK K BANKER KING OF AYODHYA

Ramayana #6. Rama, king in waiting, has crossed the ocean and the great war has begun. Ravana, lord of demons, unleashes terrible sorcery to deal a crushing blow to Rama's forces. Before they can recover, he sends forth a legion of warbred rakshasas more terrible than any seen before and the soil of Lanka runs red with the blood of Rama's warriors. Still, the brave vanars and bears rally and fight on despite the formidable odds. The war descends into a brutal maelstrom as champions die and heroes sacrifice their lives for Rama's cause and then Ravana commits the most dreaded act of all - rather than surrender Sita, he executes her before Rama's eyes. Pb \$22.95 501pp

HILARI BELL RISE OF A HERO

Farsala #2. After a devastating loss to the army of the Hrum, Farsala has all but fallen. Only the walled city of Mazad and a few of the more uninhabitable regions remain free of Hrum rule and they seem destined to fall as well. Farsala needs a champion now. Three young people are waging battle as best they can. Soraya, Jiaan and Kavi, their lives decimated by the Hrum, are each in a personal fight against their common enemy. Apart, their chances are slim, as none of them is Sorahb reborn. United, perhaps they can succeed. But only Time's Wheel can bring them together - if it turns the right way. If it doesn't, Farsala is surely doomed. Pb \$12.95 578pp

JOHN BIRMINGHAM FINAL IMPACT

World War #2.3. As history reaches a tipping point, the forces unleashed by the Transition threaten to bring the future crashing down in ruins. Will Hitler and Tojo finish their race towards an atom bomb? Is another wave of destruction about to sweep out of the Soviet Union? What price will Kolhammer and his people pay for disrupting their own past? Tp \$32.95 438pp

CYNTHIA BREEDING CAMELOT'S DESTINY

Young, lovely and wilful, Gwenhwyfar is chosen by Arthur to be his wife and future queen of Britain - an honour she reluctantly accepts. Soon, however, she cannot ignore the awaking passion Britain's new king ignites. He is a lover who delights her with his touch, yet whose desires are not shared with her alone. Seared by the forbidden kiss of Arthur's most trusted warrior, Lancelot, Gwenhwyfar is swept up into a world of unbidden passion, torn by loyalty and love for a husband who betrays her and a man she cannot have. Pb \$9.95 431pp



SCIENCE FICTION



FANTASY



ROMANCE



AWARD WINNER



AUSTRALIAN



ACTION



REPRINT

AC AUDIO CASSETTE

CD COMPACT DISC

PB PAPERBACK

HB HARDBACK

TP TRADE PAPERBACK

★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

NEW TITLE

THE LIES OF LOCKE LAMORA

THE GENTLEMAN BASTARDS #1

Scott Lynch

Hb \$49.95, Tp \$32.95 512pp

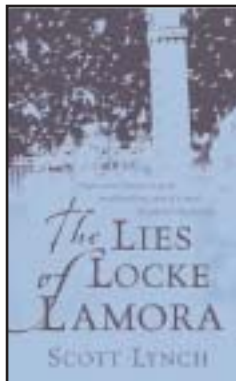
With this debut novel, Lynch immediately establishes himself as a talented and daring storyteller, unafraid of comparisons to masters such as Martin and Silverberg and even Dickens (the comparison to *Oliver Twist* offers an appealing extra dimension to the story, although the novel is not merely a rehash of that classic).

The story is set in a 16th century pseudo-European city, which may be loosely based on Venice. It reads as if someone has taken a few bits of Venice that they liked and incorporated them into a greater whole. The city is well realised, from the Duke's elderglass towers to the creatures lurking in the harbour, while the little glimpses of history in the flashback interludes are very nice indeed.

The book is the story of the title's Locke Lamora - a thief and trickster and leader of the Gentleman Bastards, a small group of like-minded individuals. The main characters are perpetrating a con of a large scale on a lesser nobleman and the book centres around this. All too often, this type of character can succumb to self-important campness, but Locke Lamora and his band are surprisingly likeable, if not exactly self-effacing. At the same time, a mysterious and powerful vigilante called the Grey King is bumping off various other criminals and starting to show an unhealthy interest in Locke's small gang... it all makes for some complicated bluff and double-bluff antics and manages to be a whole lot of fun, while still maintaining a darker edge.

As mentioned before, temporally the tale leaps backwards and forwards to tell the story of Locke's life. I enjoyed the style and found myself looking forward to looking back, although I felt that the narrative almost ground to a halt at times. It is a first novel, so I expect he'll get more polished as the rest of the series continues.

Fans of China Miéville, Jeffrey Ford or Jeff Vandermeer will find much to like here, although the fantasy may be a bit more mainstream. 9/10 - Adam



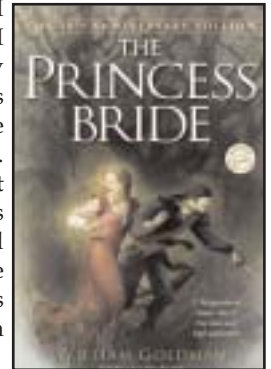
CLASSIC TITLE

THE PRINCESS BRIDE

William Goldman

Pb \$21.95 352pp

I was only nine when I first read this. I was struck by the style. These days I know it to be sarcastic, but all my limited pre-teen mind could think was 'this book is really cool!' (Cool was the word then. I'm not sure what it is now. Note: This review is a humble attempt to mirror the style of the book). I was smitten with the handsome and dashing Farm Boy/Dread Pirate Roberts/Westley. It taught me there is no phrase more beautiful (that a man can utter) than "As you wish."



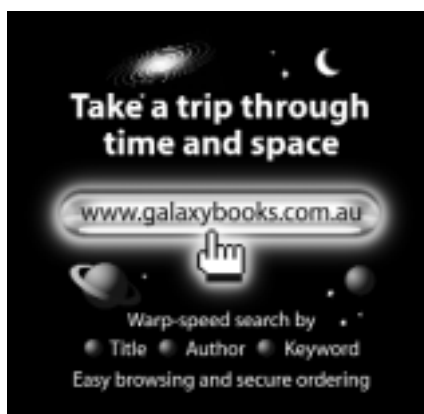
The Princess Bride is a love story, but with a lot of sass and action to jazz it up. It begins with a girl named Buttercup. Her main pastimes are picking on Farm Boy and riding her horse named Horse. But the first sting of jealousy makes her realise she loves Farm Boy, whose name is Westley, and he loves her too.

But Westley must leave to seek his fortune and Buttercup must wait. And then at 18, she is occupied with drowning in 'an ocean of sadness' as Goldman puts it. The Dread Pirate Roberts attacked Westley's ship and it is well known that he doesn't leave survivors...

In the meantime, we learn that Prince Humperdinck's father is slowly dying. The Prince must marry and take over, but he would really rather not. This is one of the more satirical elements in the story, as I can think of several children of royalty who were utterly unsuited to ruling, but somehow kept it together through the triumph of nepotism and delegation. He informs Buttercup that he is going to marry her. She only agrees because the other option is to be killed, which is obviously not appealing.


Fast-forward three years and marvel at how Goldsmith explains that he doesn't write boring bits and then launches into the important bit, as I will now: In a clever political manoeuvre, Humperdinck introduces Buttercup to the people, who adore her. Then she is kidnapped by an intelligent hunchback and his pair of sidekicks. These two are among the most memorable characters from my formative years and I'm still fond of them, particularly Inigo. Westley out-fights, out-does and out-wits all of them (with style!) and rescues Buttercup, only to have her snatched away by the increasingly cruel Humperdinck. The build-up to the ending is very well done and I can say no more.

I loved this book. I still do and as soon as I have a little one to read it aloud to, I will. The characters are endearing and the style is upbeat. It has a whole list of appealing elements. Swashbuckling. Beautiful Ladies. Miracles. Torture. Poisons. True Love. And of course, R.O.U.S.'s. If you haven't read it, you don't know what you're missing. Also, look for the little inside joke. It's told with an utterly straight face, so you might need to do a little background research to find out what it is. - Sofia




TERRY BROOKS

STRAKEN

 *High Druid of Shannara #3.* Imprisoned in the Druid's Keep, young Pen Ohmsford is separated from all who care for him and at the mercy of the usurper Shadea a'Ru, who will do anything to destroy the rightful High Druid. Although Pen was successful in his mission to obtain the magical staff called the Tanequil, Shadea has taken it from him. Without the Tanequil, Pen cannot open the gateway to the Forbidden and rescue his aunt, the rightful High Druid. Pb \$18.95 368pp


STEVEN BRUST

DZUR

 *Vlad Taltos.* Long ago, Vlad made a place for himself as a captain of the Jhereg, the noble house that runs the rackets in the great imperial city of Adrilankha. But love, revolution, betrayal and revenge ensued and for years now Vlad has been a man on the run, struggling to stay a step ahead of the Jhereg who would kill him without hesitation. Now he's back in Adrilankha. The rackets he used to run are now under the control of the mysterious Left Hand of the Jhereg, a secretive cabal of women who report to no man. His old enemies aren't sure whether they want to kill him, or talk to him and then kill him. A goddess may be playing tricks with his memory and the Great Weapon he's carrying seems to have plans of its own. Hb \$54.00 285pp


BARBARA CAMPBELL

BLOODSTONE

 *Trickster's Game #2.* New trouble lies ahead for Darak and Griane, now the Memory-Keeper and Healer of their tribe. Keirith, the eldest of their three children, has been apprenticed to the Tree-Father, but is dismissed when his master learns that he has been riding the spirits of other living creatures. Convinced that his parents will also view him as an abomination, Keirith flees, only to be captured by slavers. Carried to the heart of a distant civilisation, Keirith must confront the truth about himself and his powers. Pb \$18.95 566pp

KYLIE CHAN


WHITE TIGER

 *Dark Heavens #1.* Emma Donahoe has just started her new job as nanny to Simone, the daughter of John Chen, a very rich Hong Kong businessman. She understands that Simone may be a target for kidnappers, but she does not expect to be drawn into a world of martial arts, magic and extreme danger, where both gods and demons can exist in the mortal domain. When John and his American bodyguard, Leo, teach Emma their particular style of martial arts, they begin to realise that Emma herself is more than she seems... Pb \$21.00 569pp

WU CH'ENG-EN


(TRANSLATED BY ARTHUR WALEY)

MONKEY

 Prince Tripitaka, a young Buddhist priest, has undertaken a dangerous quest to travel to India to retrieve sacred scriptures from a temple. On his way he finds three unruly companions who become his disciples - the greedy pig creature Pigsy, the river monster Sandy - and Monkey. Hatched from a stone egg and given the secrets of immortality, the mischievous trickster Monkey can fly through the air, ride on clouds, become invisible and transform himself into other shapes. And these skills prove very handy when the four travellers come up against the dragons, bandits, demons and evil wizards that seem determined to get in their way. Pb \$16.95 350pp


DAVID CLEMENT-DAVIES

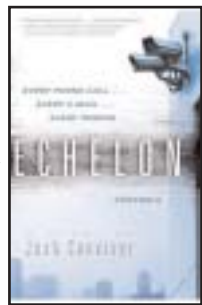
THE TELLING POOL

 When Rhodri is summoned to the Telling Pool little does he know the consequences this is going to bring not only for himself and his family, but also for the future peace of the land. Leaving behind his ailing mother, the beautiful Sarah and his friend William, Rhodri embarks on an awesome and epic journey darkened by thieves, rogues, an evil-handed sorceress and his own haunting nightmares. Pb \$15.95 360pp

JOSH CONVISER


ECHELON

 Operated by the National Security Agency, Echelon is the most pervasive global eavesdropping network in history. In the near future, war is unknown, conflict has vanished and life is picture-perfect. Or so it seems. Once merely a surveillance net, Echelon has severed its ties with the United States to become the covert power shaping world affairs. But after years of silent dominance, Echelon stands on the brink of collapse. Honed, armed and bioengineered to the hilt, Ryan Laing, a veteran Echelon operator, is thrust into a dark conspiracy to overthrow Echelon and draw the world into new violence and chaos. Tp \$29.95 289pp




CAROLINE B COONEY

THE TIME TRAVELLERS #1


 *Omnibus: Both Sides of Time & Out of Time.* Imagine changing centuries - and making things worse, not better, on both sides of time. When 15-year-old Annie Lockwood travels back 100 years and lands in 1895, she at last finds romance. But she is a trespasser in time. Will she choose to stay in the past? And if she does, will she be allowed to stay? Pb \$18.95 210pp

JANINE CROSS

TOUCHED BY VENOM


 *Dragon Temple Saga #1.* Like her half-breed mother, young Zarq Darquel can't always hold her tongue. A peasant on a large dragon estate, she goes unnoticed by the Dragon Temple, until she captures the attention of a dragonmaster. Her clan is plunged into destitution, her sister Waivia sold into slavery and her mother lost to madness. Desperate to find Waivia, Zarq and her delirious mother flee. Zarq then develops a taste for the highly addictive venom of the dragons she has been taught to revere - and with it, she imbibes their memories and a glimpse of a plot for social revolution. But to achieve it, she must defy not just sexual taboos and patriarchal society, but the Emperor who rules her nation. Pb \$16.95 370pp

SHADOWED BY WINGS

 *Dragon Temple Saga #2.* Zarq Darquel embarks on a trial by fire, defying Dragon Temple scripture by undergoing the rigorous training of an apprentice dragonmaster, while desperately searching for the doctrine that allows women permission to participate in the battles at Arena. Yet Zarq's difficulties pale in comparison to her craving for the hallucinogenic dragon venom and her desire to understand the dragons themselves - both of which make her a vessel to receive the ancestral memories of the great beasts. Tp \$29.95 354pp

CECILIA DART-THORNTON


THE WELL OF TEARS

 *The Crowthistle Chronicles #2.* When Jewel learns that the legendary Dome of Strang is no longer guarded, she decides to continue her journey to Orielthir to unravel the mystery of the hidden stronghold and with it the truth about her father's legacy. Jewel's discoveries lead her on an unexpected quest, accompanied by a young weathermaster who has fallen in love with her. Together they encounter marvels and misfortunes and discover that the key to all their riddles ultimately lies with the extraordinary Well of Tears. Pb \$19.95 793pp

MARY JANICE DAVIDSON

& ANTHONY ALONGI

JENNIFER SCALES AND THE ANCIENT FURNACE

 *Jennifer Scales #1.* And you thought puberty sucked. Try morphing into a dragon. I knew that at this age I'd be going through a lot of changes, but blue scales? Claws? A snout? Come on! This is ridiculous and just so unfair. And I can't believe my parents waited until the day I turned into a dragon to tell me that I am one - thanks to my dad's side of the family. As if my parents, school and the soccer team weren't enough to deal with. Looks like it's up to me to protect the few fellow dragons that are still left or I won't see my next birthday. Pb \$19.95 259pp

MARY JANICE DAVIDSON & ANTHONY ALONGI

 **JENNIFER SCALES AND THE MESSENGER OF LIGHT**

Jennifer Scales #2. Where can you find weredragons, beaststalkers and werachnids all in one room? Jennifer Scales' family reunion. Getting through high school is hard enough. Jennifer Scales has the added pressure of her weredragon life, taking trips to Crescent Lake to morph into a dragon under the constant threat of enemy attack. What's worse, she's also half beaststalker from her Mom's side. Beaststalkers and weredragons are mortal enemies and tension is growing over some suspicious deaths lately. She must prove to both sides that they can live in harmony, just like her family. Well, most of the time. That is until Jennifer finds out that she has a half-brother with a few too many legs. Pb \$22.95 328pp

KATHRYN DEANS

 **GLOW**

A Troll's Tale #2. Once upon a time, there were a couple of trolls, a human, a gnome and a possum trying to save the four worlds from a fate worse than death. They failed... Now the reluctant Grieve, Colin (who's still wondering how he got into this mess) and the rest of their intrepid group head towards the Crack to track down the Nameless One, who, determined to free his friends and subjugate the worlds, will stop at nothing. Faced with a powerful entity of evil, an over-sized fairy with an inferiority complex and a host of strange and unusual creatures from the Crack, Grieve and Colin need all the help they can get. What they actually get is Ashley Jane Grubb, the vainest girl at Widdleton Elementary school; a directionally challenged mad dwarf and Busternut the wizard, whose magic works (or doesn't) in rather weird and wonderful ways. The odds aren't looking good... Pb \$14.95 293pp

CHARLES DE LINT

  **HARP OF THE GREY ROSE**

Signed, numbered, limited edition. He is the Songweaver, but before he was a master of song he was merely Cerin of Wran Cheaping - a 17-year-old orphan raised by a wildland witch. Then he encountered the Maid of the Grey Rose, the lone survivor of the war that devastated the Trembling Lands and the promised bride of Yarc Stone-Slayer, the feared and terrible Waster. The mysterious beauty captured Cerin's heart, drawing him into a world both dark and deadly, until, armed with only a tinkerblade and the magic of song, he would take on a man's challenge... and choose a treacherous path toward a magnificent destiny. Hb \$85.00 228pp

DAVID DRAKE

 **OTHER TIMES THAN PEACE**


Patriotic hoo-ha may be well-and-good for recruitment parades, but Drake's battle-hardened mercenaries know it takes tanks, guns and grit to win when the real fighting flares. Yet, peace brings its own problems to old soldiers - for killing potential enemies in battle is self-limiting, but once the killing starts in peacetime, there may be no end to the madness. Hb \$54.00 331pp

JASPER FFORDE

 **THE FOURTH BEAR**

Jack Spratt #2. The Gingerbreadman - psychopath, sadist, genius, convicted murderer and biscuit - is loose on the streets of Reading. It isn't Jack Spratt's case. He and Mary Mary have been demoted. Missing Persons looks like a boring assignment until a chance leads them onto the hunt for missing journalist Henrietta 'Goldy' Hatchett, star reporter for The Daily Mole. The last witnesses to see her alive were the Three Bears, comfortably living out a life of rural solitude in Andersen's wood. But all is not what it seems... Tp \$32.95 383pp

ERIC FLINT & DAVE FREER

 **THE RATS, THE BATS & THE UGLY**

Rats & Bats #2. The intrepid team of mentally uplifted rats and bats and their vat-born human leader had not only pulled off the only victory the beleaguered colony's feeble military forces had won against the invading aliens, but had also uncovered the secret that the invaders were really a feint, being under the control of the other aliens which the naive humans had thought were their allies. Unfortunately, that was the easy part, because now they had to convince their boneheaded military bureaucracy of their discovery and keep from being court-martialled, drugged into submission, or executed by the human traitors. Pb \$18.95 546pp

CHRISTIE GOLDEN

 **ON FIRE'S WINGS**

The Final Dance #1. She was born without caste or position in Arukan, a country that prized both. Then a chance encounter led her to a better life, but it also brought her to danger and destiny, because Kevla Bai-sha's fevered dreams, looming threats to their land and visions of dragons that had once watched over her people, held the promise of truth. Now Arukan, shadowed by mountains and myths, might be overcome by eternal darkness. Kevla, together with Jashemikha-Tahmu, rebel prince of the ruling household, would defy all law, all tradition, to embark on a daring quest for the half-forgotten elementals that will save the world and so Kevla must sacrifice everything... only to be reborn in dragon's flames... Pb \$16.95 439pp

TERRY GOODKIND

 **PHANTOM**


The Sword of Truth #10. On the day she awoke remembering nothing but her name, Kahlan Amnell became the most dangerous woman alive. For everyone else, that was the day that the world began to end. As her husband, Richard, desperately searches for his beloved, who only he remembers, he knows that if she doesn't soon discover who she really is, she will unwittingly become the instrument that will unleash annihilation. But Kahlan learns that if she ever were to unlock the truth of her lost identity, the evil itself would finally possess her, body and soul. If she is to survive in a murky world of deception and betrayal, where life is not cheap, but fleeting, Kahlan must find out why she is such a central figure in the war-torn world swirling around her. What she uncovers are secrets darker than she could ever have imagined. Hb \$59.95 Tp \$32.95 587pp

LOIS GREIMAN

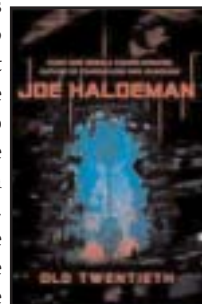
  **TEMPTING THE WOLF**

The warrior guards a dangerous secret... To the ladies of the ton he is the 'Irish Wolf', an unobtainable object of their most hidden desires, but centuries ago, O'Banyon fell victim to an enchanting witch. Once ruthless in battle and in the bedchamber, he is now cursed and the wolf is set free. The lady has a dark gift... Antoinette Desbonnet knows there is much to fear from this dashing, magnificent stranger who stirs heated longings deep within her. And, in turn, O'Banyon's aroused senses warn him to beware this alluring young countess in shimmering white, for he knows he can never conquer her, yet cannot resist her. Something mysterious and powerful in her is calling to him and he must have the bewitching beauty, even if it costs him his twice-damned soul. Pb \$16.95 372pp

JOE HALDEMAN

 **OLD TWENTIETH**

The passengers aboard the starship Ad Astra spend most of their time on the 1,000-year journey to Beta Hydrii within the virtual reality of 20th century Earth. There, they can experience nostalgia for the hardship of a life they've since evolved beyond. But when people inside the virtual reality chamber start to die, engineer Jacob Brewer finds himself face-to-face with a sentient machine obsessed with humanity. It has put itself in charge of the ship and it wants to talk to Jacob... Pb \$18.95 285pp



ROBERT A HEINLEIN

 **TIME FOR THE STARS**

Travel to other planets is a reality and with overpopulation stretching the resources of Earth, the necessity to find habitable worlds is growing ever more urgent. With no time to wait years for communication between slower-than-light spaceships and home, the Long Range Foundation explores an unlikely solution - human telepathy. Hb \$49.95 244pp

TRACY & LAURA HICKMAN

 **MYSTIC EMPIRE**

The Bronze Chronicles #3. There's Theona, the daughter of a magic-rich family, is devoid of any known magical ability herself. Arryk, the rebellious son of the long-lost Aislynn, believes a centaur slave of the Kyree may be the faery kingdoms undoing. And, from the goblin realm, the hobgoblin academic Lunid, obsessed with the vision of a handsome faery prince that is driving her to perilous limits. Now, as three new heroes seek to breach the barriers between their realms, they will risk bringing titans, dragons and a warrior tribe into world-altering conflict. Hb \$56.00 400pp

SANDRA HILL

 **SWEETER SAVAGE LOVE**

Psychologist Harriet Ginoza is cast back in time to the Old South and encounters the object of her fantasies and the realisation that she will have to seduce him. Pb \$16.95 394pp

JULIA JARMAN

 **THE TIME-TRAVELLING CAT AND THE AZTEC SACRIFICE**

Topher Hope is distraught when Ka, his cat disappears, leaving a word on his computer - Tenochtitlan. Wasn't that the home of the blood thirsty Aztecs? Then she must be in dreadful danger. But when Topher travels back to the time of the Aztecs, he finds trouble from another source. The Aztecs think Ka is one of their gods, but El Sol, a Spanish conquistador, thinks she is a witch. Can Topher save Ka from El Sol, rescue Pima, a girl the Aztecs want to Sacrifice and escape from the wondrous, floating city of Tenochtitlan before it is destroyed? Pb \$14.95 153pp

SOPHIA JOHNSON

 **ALWAYS MINE**

The great Lord Damron is no more than a shadowy, powerful presence in the ruins of Blackthorn Castle. But the compelling gaze of his portrait draws Lydia Hunter to stand before him and fall through time to become his beloved Lady Brianna. A tempestuous man with an incendiary nature, whose fury on the battlefield quickly routs his foes, Lord Damron must claim his Scottish kingdom and his bride. But Brianna's heart can be claimed in only one way - her way - and his iron strength is no match for her gentleness. Pb \$11.95 350pp

DEAN KOONTZ

 **THE HUSBAND**

'We have your wife. You can get her back for two million cash.' Landscape gardener Mitchell Rafferty thinks it must be some kind of a joke. He was busy planting beds of impatiens for one of his clients when his phone rang. Now, he's standing in a normal suburban neighbourhood on a bright summer day having a phone conversation out of his darkest nightmare. Whoever is on the other end of the line is dead serious. See that guy across the street? Rifle fire shatters the stillness as the man goes down, shot in the head. The caller doesn't care that Mitch has no way of raising such a vast sum. He's confident that Mitch will find a way. If he loves his wife enough. Mitch does love her enough. He's got 72 hours to prove it. He'll pay anything. He'll pay a lot more than two million dollars. Tp \$32.95 400pp

A J LAKE

 **THE COMING OF DRAGONS**

Darkest Age #1. It is the Dark Ages and something evil is stirring. A ship sailing from Noviomagus across the channel to Gaul, is caught in a ferocious storm and dashed against the rocks. There are only two survivors of the wreck, both children and they are tossed up on the shore with a mysterious trunk. An old man rescues them from the beach. He seemed to know they would be coming and he also appears very interested in the trunk. They cannot escape what lies inside, it is both good and evil, but binds itself to their destiny and sets them on a path which they are forced to follow and face what lies at the end. Pb \$15.95 239pp

URSULA LE GUIN

 **VOICES**

Memer is a child of rape; when the Alds took the beautiful city of Ansul, they desecrated or destroyed everything of beauty. The Waylord, they imprisoned and tortured for years until finally he is freed to return to his home. Though crippled, he is not destroyed. His life still has purpose. Memer is the daughter of his House, the daughter of his heart. The Alds, a people who love war, cannot and will not read. They believe that in words lie demons that will destroy the world. All the city's libraries, the great treasure trove of knowledge of ages past, are burned, except for those few volumes secreted in the Waylord's hidden room. But times are changing. Gry Barre of Roddmant and Orrec Caspro of Caspromant have arrived in the city. Orrec is a story-teller, the most famous of all. He has the gift of making. His wife Gry's gift is that of calling. She walks with a half lion who both frightens and fascinates the Alds. Hb \$29.95 364pp

JANE LINDSKOLD

 **BROTHER TO DRAGONS, COMPANION TO OWLS**

Cutbacks have forced Sarah out of the asylum in which she was raised and into a strange new place where the Head Wolf rules the beautiful and the doomed. But Sarah can never truly assimilate, for she possesses wild talents. Walls tell her their secrets. Safes tell her their combinations and a favourite toy dragon whispers dire warnings about those who would exploit her for their own malevolent purposes. There's no place Sarah can hide, from her pursuers or from her past. Tp \$32.95 287pp

DENISE LITTLE (Ed)

 **THE MAGIC TOYBOX**

In this short story collection, toys come to life through the love and belief of the children who play with them. 13 authors take up the challenge of filling readers' fantastical toyboxes with intriguing playthings. A tiny Mr Magoo yearns to escape the Old Things Roadshow and get home to the woman he'd been stolen from. A child slave in Rome dreams of owning a wooden gladiator. Could an act of magic fulfil his dream? Can a ghost who's found refuge in a what-not doll solve a case of unrequited love? Pb \$18.95 308pp

ANNE McCAFFREY & ELIZABETH ANN

 **SCARBOROUGH SECOND WAVE**

Acorna's Children #2. Khorii became a hero in her own right as she fought to save the universe from a mysterious, deadly plague that not even the healing powers of the Linyaari could stop. Now, confined with the rest of the survivors on Paloduro, the home planet of the disease, it seems as if the danger may be fading and Khorii and her friends may be able to stem the tide of death and disease... until ominous signs indicate that the perpetrators are near and that the epidemic is only beginning. Hb \$54.00 296pp

FIONA McINTOSH

 **ODALISQUE**

Percheron #1. In Percheron an old Zar dies and Boaz, the 15-year-old son of Herezah, his Absolute Favourite, takes power. Ambitious and scheming, Herezah arranges for her son's rivals to be disposed of with the help of the loathsome Grand Master Salmeo and oversees the assembly of a new harem. One of its number is Ana, who enters a world where she wants for nothing... except her freedom. Ana's only friends are Lazar, the secretive and eligible Spur of Percheron and a seemingly insane dwarf called Pez. Her attempt at escape after witnessing a disturbing eunuch ritual and undergoing her own brutal Test of Virtue sets in motion forces beyond anyone's control... Pb \$21.00 552pp

KELLY MCCULLOUGH

 **WEBMAGE**

Ravirn is not your average computer geek. A child of the Fates, literally, he's a hacker extraordinaire who can zero in on the fatal flaw in any program. Now that 21st century magic has gone digital that makes him a very talented sorcerer, but a world of problems is about to be downloaded on Ravirn, who's just trying to pass his college midterms. Great Aunt Atropos, one of the three Fates, decides that humans having free will is really overrated and plans to rid herself of the annoyance, by coding a spell into the Fate Core, the server that rules destiny. As a hacker, Ravirn is a big believer in free will and when he not only refuses to debug her spell, but actively opposes her, all hell breaks loose. Even with the help of his familiar Melchior, a sexy sorceress and the webgoblin underground, it's going to be a close call... Pb \$16.95 310pp

KEN MACLEOD

 **LEARNING THE WORLD**

The great sunliner 'But the Sky, My Lady! The Sky!' is nearing the end of a 400-year journey. A ship-born generation is tense with expectation for the new system that is to be their home. Expecting to find nothing more complex than bacteria and algae, the detection of electronic signals from one of the planets comes as a shock. In millennia of slow expansion, humanity has never encountered aliens and yet these new signals cannot be ignored. They suspect a fast robot probe has overtaken them and send probes of their own to investigate. On a world called Ground, whose inhabitants are struggling into the age of radio, petroleum and powered flight, a young astronomer searching for distant planets detects an anomaly that he presumes must be a comet. His friend, a brilliant foreign physicist, calculates the orbit, only to discover an anomaly of his own. The comet is slowing down... Pb \$19.95 398pp

A LEE MARTINEZ

 **IN THE COMPANY OF OGRES**

For someone who's immortal, Never Dead Ned manages to die with alarming frequency. He just has the annoying habit of rising from the grave. But this soldier might truly be better dead, than face his newest assignment. Ogre Company is the legion's dumping ground, a motley, undisciplined group of monsters, whose leaders tend to die under somewhat questionable circumstances. Ned has only six months to whip Ogre Company into shape or face an even more hideous assignment, but that's not the worst of his problems, because now that Ned has found out why he keeps returning from the dead, he has to do everything he can to stay alive. Tp \$29.95 352pp

GABRIEL MESTA

 **THE MARTIAN WAR**

Classic science fiction author H G Wells' most memorable and compelling novel was arguably *The War of the Worlds*, but what if the Martian invasion was not entirely the product of H G Wells' imagination? What if Wells witnessed something that spurred him to write *The War of the Worlds* not as entertainment, but as a warning to the people of Earth? Tp \$29.95 256pp

BETH MONTGOMERY

 **THE BIRTHMARK**

In 1942, young lovers Tepu and Edouwe struggle to survive under the brutal Japanese occupation. In 2004, teenage friends Hector and Lily fight an altogether different battle with boredom, poverty and parental neglect. Both outsiders for different reasons, Lily and Hector spend their summer holiday roaming through the island's thick forests and around the coral pinnacles on the beach. They discover a Japanese sword, a relic of World War Two and soon afterwards an angry Japanese soldier begins to haunt Lily's dreams. What does the ghostly soldier have to tell Lily? When she hears a woman screaming in her dreams, why does Lily's birthmark burn? Will the sword be used again? And can the younger generation somehow resolve the crimes of the past? Pb \$17.95 247pp

JENNY NIMMO

 **CHARLIE BONE AND THE HIDDEN KING**

Charlie Bone #5. Charlie awakes one morning to find the city covered with snow and all the animals gone. Where have they gone - and why? Blessed the dog tells Billy there was a terrible shuddering of the earth and immediately after, he saw a witch with two shadows crossing the hall in the Bloor's Academy. Pb \$16.95 365pp

NAOMI NOVIK

 **THRONE OF JADE**

Temeraire #2. Temeraire is a Celestial dragon, the most highly-prized of all draconic breeds, famed for their intelligence, agility and most of all for the Divine Wind - their terrible roar capable of shattering the heavy timbers of war ships and devastating woodland. Captured by the British, Temeraire was meant to be the companion of the Emperor Napoleon and not captained by a mere officer in the British Air Corps. The Chinese have demanded his return and the British government cannot afford to provoke the Asian super-power into allying with the French - even if it costs them the most powerful weapon in their arsenal and forces Laurence and Temeraire apart. Tp \$24.95 377pp

TIM POWERS

 **THREE DAYS TO NEVER**

When 12-year-old Daphne Marrity takes a videotape labelled *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* from her grandmother's house, neither she nor her college-professor father, Frank Marrity, has any idea that the theft has drawn the attention of both the Israeli Secret Service and an ancient European cabal of occultists, or that within hours they'll be visited by her long-lost grandfather, who is also desperate to get that tape. Daphne and her father find themselves caught in the middle of a murderous power struggle that originated long ago in Israel and Germany but now crashes through Los Angeles and out to the Mojave Desert. To survive, they must quickly learn the rules of a dangerous magical chess game and use all their cleverness and courage, as well as their love and loyalty to each other, to escape a fate more profound than death. Hb \$56.00 420pp



RICK RIORDAN

 **PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF**

The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st Century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become great heroes, but most of these children meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters by the age of 12. Only a few learn the truth of their identity and make it to Half Blood Hill, a Long Island summer camp dedicated to training young demigods. Such is the revelation that launches young Percy Jackson on a quest to help his real father, Poseidon, avert a war among the gods. Most of all, Percy must come to terms with a father he has never known and an Oracle that has warned him of betrayal by a friend. Pb \$16.95 374pp

KIM STANLEY ROBINSON

 **FIFTY DEGREES BELOW**

Capital Code #2. Frank Vanderwal has been living a Palaeolithic lifestyle in a tree house in Rock Creek Park ever since a big flood of the Potomac destroyed his apartment block. The flood was just the beginning. It heralded a lot of bad-weather news. Now the Gulf Stream has shut down and the Antarctic ice sheet is melting. Then suddenly it's winter! It's winter like the ice age, 50 degrees below. As hellish conditions disrupt the lives of even the most important people, there is a convergence of meteorological and human events with Frank at the centre - catastrophe is in the air. Pb \$21.00 520pp

JUSTINA ROBSON

 **KEEPING IT REAL**

Quantum Gravity #1. The Quantum Bomb of 2015 changed everything. The fabric that kept the universe's different dimensions apart was torn and now, six years later, the people of earth exist in uneasy company with the inhabitants of, amongst others, the elven, elemental and demonic realms. Special agent Lila Black used to be pretty, but now she's not so sure. Her body is now more than half restless carbon and metal alloy machinery. A machine she's barely in control of. It goes into combat mode, enough weapons for a small army springing from within itself, at the merest provocation. As for her heart... well ever since being drawn into a Game by the elven rock star she's been assigned to protect, she's not even sure she can trust that anymore either. Tp \$29.95 279pp

MICHELLE ROWEN

 **ANGEL WITH ATTITUDE**

Valerie Grace isn't quite sure how she went from heavenly angel to plunging into the killer whale tank at Niagara Falls' MarineLand, but that's what's happened. All she knows is that earth can be a tough place for a fallen angel, what with all the demon Tempters lurking around every corner, anxious to recruit her to the 'other team'. All she can do is keep an eye out for the Key to Heaven, try to help people and hope that somebody up there notices what an angel she is, even if she's not literally one anymore. And try to avoid that really cute tempter, the one with the pale gray eyes and hypnotic smile, the one that makes her forget her own name and the fact that she's supposed to be a good girl. Pb \$16.95 367pp

MITCHELL SCANLON

 **FEAR THE DARKNESS**


Anderson Psi Division. In a bleak future overrun with crime, Anderson and the members of PSI Division utilise their extraordinary abilities to protect the city from psychic criminals. Felons are dying mysteriously in Sector House 12. Their cell doors were locked and no one saw anyone leave. Some suspect it's the work of vigilantes, but Anderson is not so sure. A malevolent presence inhabits the very walls of the building. With the building under siege from an army of lunatics, Anderson's only hope for survival is to discover the dark secrets of Sector House 12. Pb \$14.95 255pp

MARCUS SEDGEWICK

 **THE FORESHADOWING**

It is 1915. Sasha Fox is 17-years-old. She lives a privileged life. But her brothers, Edgar and Tom, cannot avoid the war and Sasha has a terrible gift. She can see the future. Her premonitions show her brutal horrors on the battlefields of the Somme, corpse worms crawling over the faces of soldiers soon to die. And worse, they show her what will happen to Edgar and Tom. Like the prophetess Cassandra, who witnessed a different war on the plains of Troy, Sasha is trapped by her tragic power. Cursed by a fate too awful to bear, for who wants to see the end of their own story...? Pb \$14.95 278pp

LUCIUS SHEPARD

 **A HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN PRAYER**

Wardlin Stuart is an American messiah, a man who seems to have a direct line to God, but if he does, it's a divinity unlike any you may have prayed to. Stuart's story begins when he kills a man in a bar and is sentenced to 10 years in prison for manslaughter. In prison, he composes prose, poems and prayers addressed to no recognisable god. He intends to produce only small benefits, no miracles. But miraculously, what he asks for happens, whether it be a girlfriend for himself or special privileges for fellow prisoners. Soon Wardlin is regarded as a local shaman and he emerges from prison a national celebrity. Stardom pushes Wardlin into conflict with a fundamentalist minister and the two are destined for a showdown. In the meantime, it seems as if the god to whom Stuart prays has come into being and is walking the earth. Pb \$24.95 263pp

WEN SPENCER

 **WOLF WHO RULES**


Tinker #2. Now, Tinker and her elven noble lover, Wolf Who Rules, find themselves besieged from all sides. Faced with an oni invasion, he has had to call in royal troops and relinquish his monopoly of Pittsburgh, which is now entirely stranded on Elfhome. He struggles to keep the peace between the humans and such supernatural beings as the Stone Clan, the oni dragons, the tengu trying to escape their oni enslavement and still others. Meanwhile, Tinker strives to solve the mystery of a growing discontinuity in Turtle Creek. She's plagued with inexplicable nightmares that may hold the keys to Pittsburgh's future, the only clue from the Queens oracle to help Tinker is a note with five English words on it: Follow the Yellow Brick Road. Oni and dragons and tengu-oh my! Hb \$54.00 356pp

STEPHEN THOMPSON

 **GILGAMESH: A NOVEL**

It wasn't the sort of day when the unexpected happened. Zac Donnigan meets a tramp on a park bench in Brisbane and is transported to ancient Mesopotamia. Here he finds Gilgamesh contemplating freedom from the oppression of the gods, but even stranger, the gods are a race of alien refugees from a galactic war who are manipulating the king for their own ends and Gilgamesh is a product of genetic experimentation and his friend, Enkidu, is a yeti. Zac watches it all from the comfort of a virtual reality system, able to enter the characters to see and feel from their point of view. As the story unfolds, Zac wrestles with the question of what it is to be truly human, while also looking for a way to help Gilgamesh defeat Huwawa, the guardian of the gods' spaceport. The problem is, Zac is invisible. Tp \$25.95 273pp

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Settling Accounts #3. The tide of battle turns against the Confederates, Northern forces overrun the Southern capital, and their mad president, desperate for victory, threatens to unleash the ultimate weapon, the atomic bomb. Hb \$58.00 616pp

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In 2050, the Invaders came to Earth, destroyed every evidence of technology, then peacefully departed. Humanity struggled to survive, but help was coming - via the Ophiuchi Hotline. Pb \$16.95 234pp

JULES WATSON

 **THE DAWN STAG**

Dalriada #2. Rhiann is an Alban priestess and princess who submitted to a political marriage to Eremon, an exiled Irish prince. Out of duty, grew love, a powerful and desperate love that will bind them together through conflict and betrayal. Now, in them, lies the hope of a nation. The predestined day draws near: the armies of Alba and Rome will meet in an epic battle to decide the fate of a country. Rhiann searches for guidance in the spirit world, little realising how big a part she will play in this endgame. Eremon knows only that he must risk and sacrifice many lives, perhaps even his own... Pb \$21.95 663pp


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KIM WILKINS

ROSA AND THE VEIL OF GOLD

 When an ancient golden bear is found walled up in a dilapidated St Petersburg bathhouse, researcher Daniel St Clare and his frosty colleague Em Hayward set out for Arkhangelsk to verify its age. But in the deep of night they are mysteriously set adrift, sinking ever deeper into the secrets and terrors of the Russian landscape. Daniel's lost love, the wild and beautiful Rosa Kovalenka, knows the only way to save him is to outwit the haunted Chenchikov family, or is it Papa Grigory, full of tales and riddles of times past, who will free them? He might instead destroy them all in order for his world to survive. Pb \$23.00 472pp


PAUL WITCOVER

TUMBLING AFTER


 Jack and Jilly Doone are 12-year-old twins bound by blood and forbidden secrets. Running wild through endless August afternoons, they explore the tributaries of Chesapeake Bay, spinning fantasies and sneaking cigarettes. But when a near-drowning awakens a strange power in Jack, the line between fantasy and reality blurs... Kestrel is an airie, one of five mutant races born in the conflict known as the Viral Wars. With one companion from each of the other races - a delph, a merm, a mander and a boggle - he sets out to battle human enemies sworn to exterminate mutantkind. Now the destinies of two worlds move toward a shocking convergence... and a climax of violent transfiguration. Tp \$29.95 328pp

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STORM THIEF

 Orokos is a city of chaos, lashed by probability storms that reorder the world wherever they strike. It covers every inch of the rocky island that it dominates. It has stood for so long that history has forgotten it and its inhabitants no longer question what exists beyond its walls. Then three of its denizens discover the key to the secret at the heart of Orokos. But there are others, such as the Chief of the Protectorate Secret Police who would do anything to get their hands on that power... anything at all... Hb \$29.95 387pp


LAWRENCE YEP

TIGER'S BLOOD

 Ever since Tom became the apprentice to Mr Hu, the Guardian of the phoenix egg, his life has been a whirlwind. Now Mr Hu is weak after saving Tom's life in battle, and the two must flee with their motley crew of friends to the dragon kingdom, far below the ocean's surface. While Tom waits for Mr Hu to recover, he realises that even the dragons cannot promise safety. And as an unstoppable evil advances, Tom must find the strength within to protect the egg by himself. Pb \$14.00 226pp

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 *A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale* #2. sensationally popular teen boy band 'The Griffsons' are in the middle of a much-needed road trip to relax from the pressures of their latest tour. In a flash, 16-year-old harpist prodigy Moira, and popular teen boy band 'The Griffsons' are suddenly transported to a strange and mystical wilderness where they are caught in the middle of a deadly tug-of-war struggle between a magical fox named Fossegrim and the monstrous troll Aenmarr of Austraeigir. At the heart of the feud is a battle for possession of a mysterious magical fiddle and an ancient compact between Trollholm and the outer world. Unfortunately for Moira and the Griffsons, nothing in Trollholm is as it seems. Finding a way out of Trollholm may be a lot more difficult than they think. Hb \$37.00 240pp



**KELLEY ARMSTRONG
BROKEN**

Women of the Underworld #3. When half-demon Xavier calls in the favour Elena owes him, it seems easy enough - steal Jack the Ripper's 'From Hell' letter away from a Toronto collector who had himself stolen it from the Ripper evidence boxes in the Metropolitan Police files. But nothing in the supernatural world is ever as simple as it seems. Elena accidentally triggers a spell placed on the letter and manages to tear an opening that leads into the nether regions of Victorian London. Toronto may be looking for a tourism boost, but 'Gateway to Hell' isn't quite the new slogan the city had in mind... Pb \$19.95 444pp



**ALEX DUVAL
BLOODLUST**

Vampire Beach #1. Luke and his sister have just moved to Malibu - to a town full of rich kids whose lives revolve around money, fashion, cars and parties. Luke gets swept along by the excitement and is flattered to be included and also very flattered by the apparent interest of the stunning Sienna. But these rich kids hide a dark secret and soon Luke finds that their parties involve a little more than the usual alcohol and music! When their secret is revealed, Luke has to decide if he can accept the status quo. Everyone else seems to be able to and it might just mean he could get closer to Sienna. Pb \$17.95 232pp

INITIATION

Vampire Beach #2. Jason and his sister have moved to Malibu and now live in a town full of very beautiful, very rich, very cool people - who just happen to be vampires. Jason is pretty obsessed with the sexiest girl in town, Sienna Devereux - and has little time to spend worrying about the rest of the vampires. But as Thanksgiving approaches and Jason's Aunt Megan comes to stay, he realises that there's something weird going on in De Vere Heights. Could Megan be involved somehow? And, when his old friend Tyler turns up too and starts to mess with the wrong people, Jason starts to understand that they're all playing with something much more dangerous than it first seemed... Pb \$17.95 214pp

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RICHARD LAYMON

BEWARE! & DARK MOUNTAIN

Richard Laymon Collection #4. Elsie doesn't normally shut shop early, but neither is it normal for meat cleavers to fly through the air by themselves, or for Elsie to wind up on the meat counter neatly wrapped and jointed. Something very strange is happening in the small town of Oasis and everyone had better.. *Beware. Dark Mountain*: It was supposed to be a peaceful escape for the two families camping high in the California mountains, but they made the mistake of camping at Mesquite lake, home to two of the wilderness's most terrifying inhabitants - an aged hag with gruesome powers and her depraved son whose unnatural lusts even she cannot control... Pb \$18.95 501pp

BENTLEY LITTLE
THE BURNING

They're four strangers with one thing in common, a mysterious train choking the sky with black smoke, charging trackless across the American night... and carrying an unstoppable evil raised from the depths of history that will bring each of their worst fears to life. Pb \$18.95 391pp

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THE RED HEART OF JADE

While investigating several murders in Taipei, Dean Campbell, an ex-cop and a clairvoyant who works for a global agency that protects humankind, encounters Mirabelle Lee, the childhood sweetheart he believed to be dead and finds an ally in a war against the evil ancient immortals. Pb \$16.95 369pp

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THE NIGHT WATCH

In Moscow, those who are Other, owing allegiance either to the Dark or the Light, co-exist in an uneasy truce, each side keeping a close eye on the other's activities around the city. Anton, an Other on the side of the Light, is a night-watchman, patrolling the streets protecting ordinary people from the vampires of the Dark. On his rounds, he comes across a young woman, Svetlana, whom he realises is under a curse that threatens the entire city and a boy, Igor, a young Other, as yet unaware of his own enormous power. Tp \$32.95 489pp

BRIAN LUMLEY
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ERIN MCCARTHY
HIGH STAKES

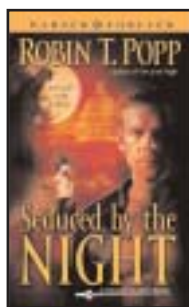
He's a bloodsucking freak of nature. But, unlike other politicians, Ethan Carrick is actually a nice guy. It's an election year for vampires, which means he'll first have to escape his opponent's hit men. Then he'll have to find a suitable First Lady. Brittany Baldizzi fits the bill. She's smart, pretty and sweeter than a glass of diabetic O-Negative. But her protective sister, Alexis steps in with a message for Ethan - bite me. It's then that he realises it's the sexy, no-nonsense Alexis who raises his stake and as much as she denies it, Alexis wouldn't mind a romp in the coffin with him. But can a mere mortal make a centuries-old, womanising vampire feel something entirely new? Tp \$29.00 298pp

A LEE MARTINEZ
GIL'S ALL FRIGHT DINER

Welcome to Gil's All Night Diner, where zombie attacks are a regular occurrence and you never know what might be lurking in the freezer. Duke and Earl are just passing through Rockwood county in their pick-up truck when they stop at the diner for a quick bite to eat. They aren't planning to stick around, until Loretta, the eatery's owner, offers them \$100 to take care of her zombie problem. Given that Duke is a werewolf and Earl's a vampire, this looks right up their alley. But the shambling dead are just the tip of a particularly spiky iceberg. Seems someone's out to drive Loretta from the diner and more than willing to raise a little hell on earth if that's what it takes. Pb \$16.95 287pp

ROBIN T POPP
SEDUCED BY THE NIGHT

Night Slayer. Dr Bethany Stavinowski doesn't run from a challenge. As the top biochemist in her field, she routinely puts herself on the line, but her latest research project plunges her into a terrifying world she never knew existed. Dirk Adams is a changeling, a human with a vampire's strength and skills. He patrols the darkness to destroy renegade vampires and he senses something far more powerful behind the pursuers now on Beth's trail. As a nightmare he never imagined unfolds, Beth's only chance to save both their lives is to surrender to Dirk's desperate need and match his hunger with her own. Pb \$16.95 349pp



PHIL RICKMAN
THE SMILE OF A GHOST

Merrily Watkins. The border town of Ludlow has it all - exquisite medieval streets, an imposing ruined castle, a parish church the size of a cathedral and a weight of history and legend. Wealthy people, famous people, have come to Ludlow to live. A sad teenage boy comes here to die dramatically, at sunset, in a fall from the ruins. Accident or suicide? Either way, no great mystery. Or is there? Robbie Walsh was the nephew of former Detective Sergeant Andy Mumford, newly retired from West Mercia CID. When Mumford's ailing mother becomes convinced she's still seeing her dead grandson in the old town, he renews his links with Merrily Watkins, parish priest, single mum and Deliverance consultant to the Diocese of Hereford. Pb \$19.95 552pp

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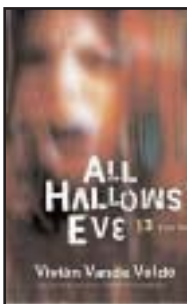
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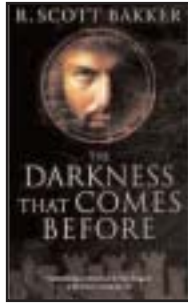
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What We've Been Reading

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I Dream of Sequels... Two writers I am very fond of recently came out with a second instalment to their respective series. By this I mean **Kitty Goes to Washington** by Carrie Vaughn (Pb \$16.95) and **California Demon** by Julie Kenner (Tp \$29.95). I really enjoyed both and here's why... **Kitty and the Midnight Hour** introduced us to the life of Katherine Norville, (known as Kitty to all, how's that for ironic when you're a closet werewolf!). Due to an unexpected phone call to her midnight radio show, Kitty was slowly forced out into the world as a were-woman. This was the premise of book one. Book two deals with the Vampire Mistress of Washington, a safe-haven for weres of all sorts and an interesting new love interest for Kitty. This werewolf story is seriously good and pretty funny in places, especially Kitty is forced to deal with the weirdoes who call in to the show with questions about vampire orgies and how they can get invited to them...

Carpe Demon was the first book about Kate Connor, the 'demon-hunting soccer mom'. **California Demon** expands the world of Kate the hunter, adds cool new demonic evils and brings more hilarious scenes of Kate dealing with the forces of darkness, but being unable to keep her toddler son from taking his pants off and dancing around. I laughed out loud (and people looked at me, that's what I get for reading on the train) I sympathised and I celebrate the fact that **Carpe Demon** is to be made a movie. That's another reason to get into these Demonic/Domestic gems! - Sofia



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