

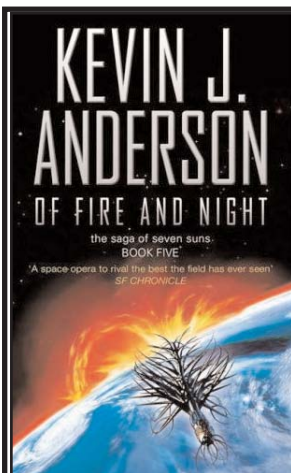


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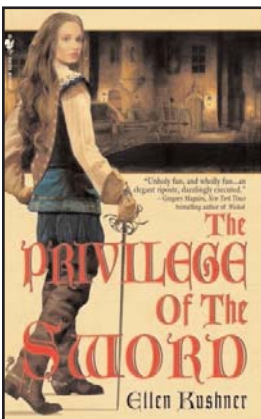
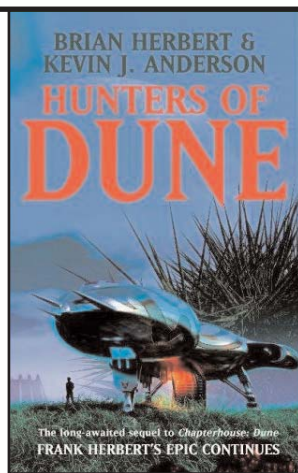


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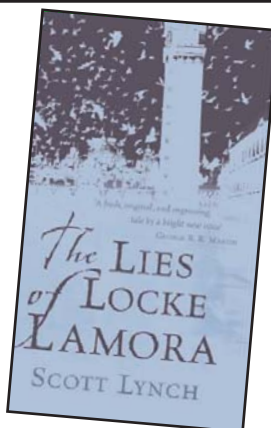
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NEW TITLE

DRAGON SLIPPERS

JESSICA DAY GEORGE

HB \$36.00 PB \$15.95

This caught my eye when it was released in hardcover. I took it home, read a couple of pages, got sidetracked on something else and forgot about it. Tidying the shelves at work one day, I came across the paperback edition, which has a very different cover and I didn't recognise the title or author. I read the back and thought, "I have to read this". I quickly scanned the first page, realised I'd read it before, put two and two together and realised I was really meant to read this book.

This is not one of those stories where the girl is saved from a dragon by a handsome prince, to be whisked away and live happily ever after. Creel, our young heroine, is left as a sacrifice to the local dragon – by her aunt. Creel is an orphan and her aunt and uncle are poor, so her aunt (who reads trashy romances) decides to sacrifice Creel to the dragon, so that she'll be rescued by a local nobleman, who will then be obliged to marry her, ensuring Creel's (and her aunt's and uncle's) financial security. Creel bravely faces the dragon, discovering they don't hoard gold – this one has a hoard of shoes! Imelda Marcos would be proud of, and being a clever lass, does a deal with it. She will tell the young prince coming to rescue her (and kill the dragon) that the dragon is in fact already dead, if it gives her a pair of shoes so she can walk to Kings Seat where she plans to find employment doing fancy needlework. She tries on many pairs of shoes, but the only pair that fit comfortably is a pair of blue slippers. The dragon is reluctant to give them up, but honours their deal. It is a long and dangerous journey for a young woman on her own and on the way she is attacked by some young men. As she runs, she wishes to be saved and at the last moment a golden dragon named Sharda rescues her. She spends a month with him making samples of her work, before he takes her to Kings Seat, with a promise that if she ever needs him, all she has to do is call his name.

Creel is apprenticed to the specialist dressmaker who caters for all the nobility. She quickly earns a name for herself as a gifted embroiderer and makes friends with some of her co-workers and Prince Luka (whom she met through a series of mishaps when she first arrived in the city). The Roulainian princess Amalia, who is being married to Luka's older brother to shore up shaky relationships between the two countries is – lets just say a bit spoilt... She sees Creel's shoes and wants them, bribing one of Creel's co-workers to steal them. This is when things start going very wrong for the kingdom, for the slippers are very special. Whoever possesses them can control dragons and Princess Amalia and her father have their eye on Kings Seat.

This was a brilliant story and had me hooked from the first sentence to the last. George has managed to tweak a familiar storyline just enough that's it recognisable, but has elements that are fresh and exciting. The whole cast of characters were brilliant, whether good or evil (when Creel says she's going to hit Amalia, I was hoping for a couple of black eyes to get dealt out). I liked the fact that characters that could have been used to gain the reader's sympathy weren't good, that some who seemed shallow had depth and that George made the point that history can be recounted different ways, depending on your point of view.. Just fantastic! I can't wait to see what the author does next! - *Stephanie*

CLASSIC TITLE

THE FOREVER WAR

JOE HALDEMAN

PB \$22.95 254PP

It's 1996 and the beginnings of human space exploration have encountered a hostile alien presence. Soldiers are conscripted from the crème of the populace and packed aboard crude warships to do reconnaissance and engage the enemy where encountered.

The story follows grunt William Mandella's journey from conscription, through training and his campaign against the mysterious Taurens, named after the constellation from which they were first discovered.

The lives of the soldiers sent to do battle against the distant enemy are cut off from humanity by the long periods of time which pass as they move through space near the speed of light.

The book begins as the soldiers are sent to train on an uninhabitable planet. Harsh military drills against practice drones and the extreme dangers of working in the alien environment result in many casualties via mishap or live weapons training. Those who do survive are immediately packed off to war.

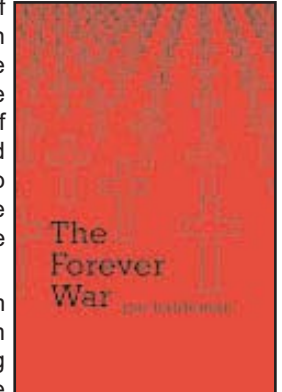
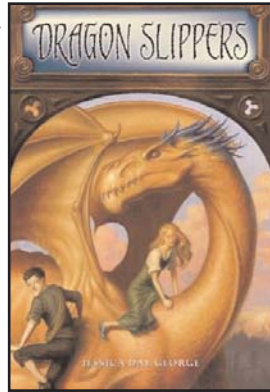
A long haul through space follows, broken by a short chaotic period of combat. The soldiers that, through sheer luck, manage to survive, return home to an Earth which they no longer understand. Famine, overpopulation and resulting war have ravaged the planet.

Mandella, among many other veterans, is alienated by this new environment. Feeling no connection to his fellow Earthers, he opts to reenlist for this war, for which he has now little or no respect. Given the low rate of survival and the length of his tour, he expects he will probably not survive to return to Earth anyway.

During a period of time experienced by Mandella as just four years, over a millennium has passed on earth. Technological developments and space travel have changed every facet of life on Earth. Regardless of the outcome of the war, the lives of the surviving soldiers have been changed forever.

This book was written in 1974 by Joe Haldeman. A veteran of Vietnam, much of the description of life in the military and of combat was adapted from his own experience of war. The motives of the military are called into question, and given the current world situation, the message of this book is just as relevant today as it was 33 years ago.

This is a great book regardless of whether you enjoy space opera or just want to read a great novel, a classic of the genre. - *Geoff*



ORSON SCOTT CARD

SPACE BOY

Is it space that children dream of, or merely visiting other worlds? Todd had always set his heart on being an astronaut, but when he meets an alien and travels to another world, he doesn't use a spaceship; he just hangs out in his own back yard. Hb \$69.95 95pp

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DIVINE BY BLOOD

Conceived in a lie and trapped in a tree throughout her gestation, Morrigan's birth was truly magical. After that start, she spent the next 18 years raised as a normal girl in Oklahoma. Upon discovering the truth of her heritage, her rage and grief take on a power of their own, carrying her back to the world of Partholon. Yet, instead of being respected as the daughter of the Goddess Incarnate, Morrigan feels like a shunned outsider. In her desperation to belong in Partholon, she confronts forces she doesn't fully understand or control. And soon a strange darkness draws closer. Pb \$29.95 400pp *Due Sep*

KYLIE CHAN

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Jackson Shift #1. Before he knew about the Roses, 16-year-old Jack lived an unremarkable life in the small Ohio town of Trinity. Only the medicine he has to take daily and the thick scar above his heart set him apart from the other high-schoolers. Then one day Jack skips his medicine. Suddenly, he is stronger, fiercer and more confident than ever before. And it feels great - until he loses control of his own strength and nearly kills another player during soccer team tryouts. Soon, Jack learns the startling truth about himself. He is Weirind, part of an underground society of magical people who live among us. As if his bizarre magical heritage isn't enough, Jack finds out that he's not just another member of Weirind, he's one of the last of the warriors at a time when both houses are scouting for a player. Tp \$19.95 426pp

JOHN CROWLEY

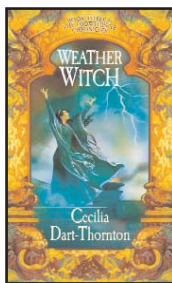
THE SOLITUDES

Pierce Moffett, an unorthodox historian and an expert in ancient astrology, myths and superstition. The land that Moffett studies is not the real, geographical Egypt, but Ægypt, a country of the imagination. When Moffett discovers the historical novels of local writer Fellowes Kraft, his course is charted. Kraft's books interweave stories of Italian heretic Giordano Bruno, young Will Shakespeare and Elizabethan occultist John Dee - stories that begin to mingle with the narrative of Moffett's real and dream life in 1970s America. As Moffett's journey in and out of his comfortable reality continues, what becomes clear is revelatory - there is more than one history of the world. Tp \$34.00 432pp *Due Sept*

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Bigtime, New York, is not big enough for both Carmen Cole and the superheroes and ubervillains who stalk its streets. An intrepid reporter, Carmen's dedicated her life to unmasking the spandex-wearers, all because her fiancé turned out to be a superhero and a cheating one at that - sleeping with none other than his nubile nemesis. Hobnobbing with millionaires and fashionistas is all in a day's work for a woman on the trail of the Fearless Five and Terrible Triad. But when Carmen gets the scoop of her career, her life comes crashing down around her and even Bigtime's sexiest superhero, Striker, may not be able to save her. Tp \$29.00 360pp

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Bramble, a village girl whose grandfather is a Traveller, witnesses a warlord's man wound a wolf in the woods. As she is an experienced tracker she finds the wolf and puts it out of its misery. The man finds out and confronts her, and, in self-defence Bramble kills him and steals his horse. Worried that the warlord will discover her crime and threaten her family, she takes to the Road so they are not in danger. Ash is a young man, also a Traveller, who has recently left the Road which he travelled with his musician parents. They have found him an apprenticeship with a safe guarder house in Turvite, the largest town in the region. Safe guarders are part security guards/part mercenaries. Ash's story begins when he kills a young woman one night - a thief who is trying to kill him. The murder throws his life into turmoil and he decides he needs to find another career, or set out on the Road once more. And so the story of Bramble and Ash begins... Tp \$24.95 438pp *Due Sep*



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PETER F HAMILTON

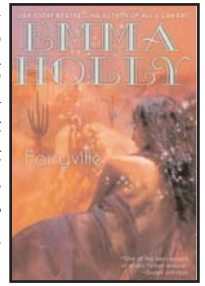
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MORGAN HOWELL

 **KING'S PROPERTY**

 *Queen of the Orcs #1.* Born into hardship, Dar learns to rely on herself alone. When her family betrays her, Dar is conscripted into King Kregant's army and its brutal campaign to conquer a neighbouring country. Now she is bound as a slave to a dreaded regiment of orcs, creatures legendary for their savagery and battle prowess. Rather than cower, Dar rises to the challenge. She learns the unique culture and language of the orcs, survives treachery from both allies and enemies, and struggles to understand a mystical gift that brings her dark, prophetic visions. As the war escalates, amid nightmarish combat and shattering loss, Dar must seize a single chance at freedom. Pb \$16.95 315pp

PAUL KEARNEY

 **THIS FORSAKEN EARTH**

The Sea Beggars #2. No-one can outrun their past, as Rol Cortishane discovers when his old acquaintance in murder, Canker, King of Thieves, turns up unannounced to make Rol an offer that cannot be refused. To safeguard the hidden pirate city that has become his home, Rol must leave behind his beloved ship, Revenant and take to the mountains of Bionar, where his sister, Rowen, is fighting to take possession of the mightiest kingdom in the world. Amid siege, pitched battle and betrayal, Rol will discover that his world is not the place he thought it was and he must relearn his assassin's skills in order to survive. Pb \$23.95 415pp

ANGELA KNIGHT

  **WARLORD**

Omnibus edition containing Jane's Warlord, the novella *Warfem*, two extra short stories never before seen in print. Reporter Jane Colby makes a startling discovery about a murder. The killer has struck before, hundreds of years in the past. He's jumped through time to find more victims and only Jane and Baran, a genetically engineered warrior, can stop him. Pb \$29.00 368pp *Due Sep*

DAVID KOWALSKI

 **THE COMPANY OF THE DEAD**

Conspiracies linking events as disparate as the sinking of the Titanic and the assassination of JFK have played themselves out in dark and unforeseen ways. The Cold War between Greater Germany and Imperial Japan is drawing to a close. America, divided and scarred, will be the final battleground in a world distinctly different, yet disturbingly familiar to our own. Six people have the means to avert the apocalypse. Welcome to the secret history of the 20th century. Tp \$35.00 744pp

MERCEDES LACKEY & ROSEMARY EDGHILL

 **MUSIC TO MY SORROW**

Eric Banyon, also known as Bedlam's Bard, managed to rescue his young brother Magnus from what seemed to be a killer demon, but now he must rescue Magnus again, this time from their tyrannical parents who are allied with the evangelist Billy Fairchild, himself is a tool of the evil Unseleighe elves, who feed off human sorrow and suffering. Fairchild specialises in getting 'bad' children to shape up, which is accomplished by letting a soulsucker-malevolent creature from the elf world-drain the victim of all talent, creativity and will, leaving an obedient zombie husk behind. Pb \$18.95 464pp *Due Sep*

ROGER LEVY

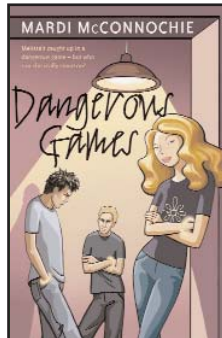
 **ICARUS**

Mankind has reached deep space. Separated from earth and each other by unimaginable reaches of space, forced to adapt to various diverse planetary environments, the colonies have become isolated and inward looking, forgetting their pasts, losing touch with their humanity - until a mysterious ship found locked in the deep rock by a mining team on a planet whose surface is drenched in lethal radiation sparks off a deadly conspiracy that threatens man wherever he is. Pb \$22.95 423pp

MARDI McCONNOCHIE

 **DANGEROUS GAMES**

Melissa used to be an ordinary girl leading an ordinary life, until she put on a snake bracelet and became Melissa, Queen of Evil. When Melissa defeated the agents of order she thought all her troubles were over.



But now she's got a whole new set of problems. Why is her best friend Soph acting so strangely? And who is sending those mysterious calls through her bracelet? Melissa and Soph, along with Melissa's guide Ben, find themselves caught up in dangerous games, but when things get serious, who can Melissa really count on? Pb \$14.95 177pp

IAN McDONALD

 **BRASYL**

This is a story that begins in the favelas, the slums of Rio, and quickly expands to take in drugs, corruption and a frightening new technology that allows access to all the multiple worlds that have slipped into existence in other planes every time we make a decision. Hb \$55.00 405pp

BEVAN MCGUINNESS

 **THE AWAKENING**

The Triumvirate #3. In a remote coastal outpost of the Asan Empire, Hwenfayre is an outsider, taking pleasure only in her beautiful driftwood harp. The harp has extraordinary powers and when Hwenfayre tries to use it she finds herself in mortal danger. In the decadent Asan capital, Shanek, the third most important man in the Empire, becomes disturbed by a growing ability to sense the thoughts and feelings of others, while in a quiet village, a young man unleashes forces within himself that compel him to journey into the wider world. But these strange powers will not be allowed to emerge unchecked, especially when Shanek becomes aware that the Empire's ancient enemy is on the rise once more... Pb \$21.00 565pp

FIONA MCINTOSH

 **EMISSARY**

Percheron #2. Odalisque Ana is resigned to life in Percheron's famed harem and has little more than a blood-soaked veil to remind her that Spur Lazar, the man she loves, is dead. She is closely watched by Grand Master Eunuch Salmeo and by the cunning and cruel Valide Herezah. The Valide, unhappy at Ana's influence over the young Zar, schemes to bring about the beautiful young woman's demise. However, greater forces are at work. A long-time enemy intends to exact a vicious blood price for the death of its crown prince at the hands of the Percherese and the only person in the Stone Palace who can negotiate for peace is about to die. Pb \$21.00 660pp

PAUL MAGRS

 **NEVER THE BRIDE**

Brenda has had a long and eventful life and she has come to Whitby to run a B&B in search of some peace and quiet. She and her best friend Effie like nothing better than going out for tea at the Walrus and the Carpenter or dinner at Cod Almighty and keeping their eyes open for any of the mysterious goings on in town. And what with satanic beauty salons, more than illegal aliens, roving psychic investigators and the frankly terrifying owner of the Christmas Hotel there are no shortage of nefarious shenanigans to keep them interested. But the oddest thing in Whitby may well be Brenda herself. With her terrible scars, her strange lack of a surname or the fact that she takes two different shoe sizes, Brenda should have known that people as, well, unique as she is, just aren't destined for a quiet life. Pb \$22.95 280pp

BETH MASSIE

 **HOMEPLACE**

The isolated ancestral home of a beautiful young artist hides a terrifying secret. Pb \$16.95 293pp

MELISSA MAYHUE

 **THIRTY NIGHTS WITH A HIGHLAND HUSBAND**

Scotland, 1272. Connor MacKiernan, a descendant of the Fae Prince, is a warrior who lives only for honour and duty. Though he's vowed never to marry, that's exactly what he must do to save his sister. Enter a little Faerie magic and the search for a bride is on. Denver, 2007. Caitlyn Coryell is having a really bad day, she just discovered her fiancé with another woman! Imagine her surprise when she puts an antique pendant and Connor appears, begging for her help. He offers a simple, yet outrageous adventure - travel to his time, marry him and return home. But nothing's simple when Cate is trapped in the 13th century. Pb \$14.95 356pp

JENNY NIMMO

 **CHARLIE BONE AND THE WILDERNESS WOLF**

Charlie Bone #6. Charlie Bone has finally found his father, but he's disappeared again. However, this time Charlie knows where he is - on a second honeymoon with his mother. But there's no time to miss them, for there's a strange salty mist in the air, chilling howls in the night and someone has been searching Charlie's house. What are they looking for? And could Dagbert, the new boy with pale lips and cold aquamarine eyes, have something to do with it? The new boy with the power of harnessing water, whose father has Cook so rattled she's threatening to leave the school. The new boy who sticks so closely to Charlie, his friends are almost driven away. Something is going on and the Bloors have to be behind it. Charlie and his friends must find the creature who howls so desperately, but will they be in time? Pb \$16.95 358pp

DIAN PAXSON

 **MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY'S RAVENS OF AVALON**

A novel of Avalon. When the Romans conquer Britain, Lhiannon fights them, while Boudica is married to a king who has surrendered. When he dies, the Romans brutalize her and her daughters. In a rage, Boudica raises the British tribes and nearly succeeds in driving the Romans from Britain, claiming a place in history. Lhiannon survives and becomes the guardian of the Druid traditions in the new Roman Britannia as high priestess of the Forest House. Hb \$55.00 416pp

H BEAM PIPER

 **LITTLE FUZZY**

Fuzzy #1. H Beam Piper's classic science fiction novel of the discovery of another sentient race, the Fuzzies, and the one man who fought to prove them mankind's equal. Highly recommended, Little Fuzzy is considered the author's masterpiece. Pb \$16.95 252pp

JEAN RABE & MARTIN H GREENBERG

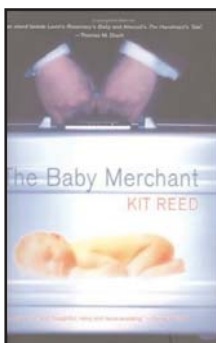
 **PANDORA'S CLOSET**

19 original tales of the Pandora legend, as no-one has ever imagined it before. When Pandora's Box was opened, so the ancient tale goes, all the evils that would beset humanity were released into the world. When the box was all but empty, the only thing that remained was hope. Now some of fantasy's finest writers have taken on the task of opening Pandora's closet. It is naturally chock full of an assortment of items, including a ring that can bring its wearer infinite health, a special helmet found in the most unlikely of places, a mysterious box that holds a legendary piece of cloth and a red hoodie that transforms a woman's world. Pb \$18.95 320pp

KIT REED

 **THE BABY MERCHANT**

Adoptions have always been difficult and now America's borders have been closed by the Centers for Disease Control, babies are high-end commodities, micro-chipped at birth to protect them from theft. Tom Starbird rescues 'unwanted' babies, but he's tired of meeting wealthy would-be parents' demands for 'perfect' children. Tom is shutting up shop when he's blackmailed into doing one more job. Desperate to find one last perfect baby, Tom finds Sasha Egan. Stalked by her unborn child's father, on the run, Tom guesses she will be glad to be rid of her burden. Neither he nor Sasha could predict that the baby she never wanted is the one thing in her life she will do anything to keep. Tp \$34.00 368pp *Due Sep*



JUSTINA ROBSON

 **SELLING OUT**

Quantum Gravity #2. Ever since the Quantum Bomb of 2015, things have been different; the dimensions have fused and suddenly our world is accessible to elves, demons, ghosts and elementals and their worlds are open to us. Special Agent Lila Black has been different too, tortured and magic-scarred by elves, re-built by humans into a half-robot, part-AI, nuclear-fuelled walking arsenal, sometimes she has trouble figuring out who she really is. So a mission to Hell isn't exactly what she needs. The heart of art, of pleasure, sensuality and politics, Demonia is glorious and terrible. And, an assassination attempt, three marriage proposals and one ruined dress after her arrival, it seems Demonia might be more complicated than Lila thought. Hb \$59.95 284pp Tp \$32.95 284pp

JAMES ROLLINS

 **THE JUDAS STRAIN**

Buried deep within a jungle, ancient ruins conceal a deadly secret. Buried in a tomb in Venice, a great explorer hides a truth that could shatter history. Buried in our own genetic code, a mystery like no other. But nothing stays buried forever - and it will be up to Sigma Force to face what will be unearthed - a plague beyond any cure, a scourge that turns all of Nature against mankind. Tp \$32.95 450pp

DAWN ROTARANGI

 **RIPPLES ON THE LAKE**

When an out-of-it Billy Delaney steals coins from a sacred rock on the shores of Lake Taupo to buy a hamburger late one night, he has no idea what he is about to unleash upon himself and his immediate family. But then Billy has always been trouble and when the oldest of Lucy Delaney's children, Saffron, steps in to try and take care of him yet again, trouble swarms over the Delaneys like bees on a honey pot. First Saffron and Billy's young niece suffers an horrific traffic accident, leaving her in a coma, balanced between life and death. Then the Delaneys begin to die horribly, one by one. It is left to a disbelieving Saffron and an unlikely ally, Nick, a burnt out war photographer trying to piece his life back together in a country backwater, to try to appease the wrath of the ancient tohunga Tama Ariki, whose quest for utu for his slain mokopuna echoes down the years. Pb \$25.00 336pp

ANGIE SAGE

 **FROGNAPPED**

Araminta Spook #3. Who stole the frogs? When something's amiss in the Spook household, there's usually only one suspect - Araminta. But she swears she had nothing to do with the disappearance of Barry Wizzard's frogs and is determined to find them (and the true culprit). But it's not going to be easy. These aren't just any old frogs. Araminta must deal with crazy Old Morris, a dangerous shark and a demanding, if somewhat unexpected, audience if she's going to find the frogs and perhaps even steal the show, too. Hb \$14.95 194pp


ANDRZEJ SAPKOWSKI

 **THE LAST WISH**

Geralt is a witcher, a man whose magic powers, enhanced by long training and a mysterious elixir, have made him a brilliant fighter and a merciless assassin. Yet he is no ordinary murderer, his targets are the multifarious monsters and vile fiends that ravage the land and attack the innocent. He roams the country seeking assignments, but gradually comes to realise that while some of his quarry are unremittingly vile, vicious grotesques, others are the victims of sin, evil or simple naivety. Tp \$55.00 280pp Tp \$32.95 280pp

KARL SCHROEDER

SUN OF SUNS


 *Virga #1.* It is the distant future. The world known as Virga is a fullerene balloon, 3,000 km in diameter, filled with air, water and aimlessly floating chunks of rock. The humans who live in this vast environment must build their own



fusion suns and towns that are in the shape of enormous wood and rope wheels that are spun for gravity. Young, fit, bitter and friendless, Hayden Griffin is a very dangerous man. He's come to the city of Rush in the nation of Slipstream with one thing in mind - to take murderous revenge for the deaths of his parents six years ago. His target is Admiral Chaison Fanning, head of the fleet of Slipstream, which conquered Hayden's nation of Aerie years ago. Pb \$16.95 331pp



TOBIAS SEAMAN

THE MAGICIAN'S STUDY

 Detailing the life of Jazz Age magician Robert 'The Great' Rouncival, this is an extended tour of the deceased conjurer's study and the wondrous possessions therein. Through these objects - a dilapidated circus poster, blood-stained notes from a brother in the Great War, a desk stolen from Chekhov's estate in Yalta - the audacious personality of the young magician is revealed. Cantankerous, acerbic, self-centred and an inveterate womaniser, Robert blazes a blackly comedic path from Bowery flophouse to stardom upon the great stages of the world. Tp \$36.00 182pp


CORDWAINER SMITH

WHEN THE PEOPLE FELL

  At first, the colonists use ships with gigantic sails, cruising on the waves of starlight, their captains having to become something part-human and part-machine; then later moving by planof-forming ships which travel faster than light, but must defend themselves against the malevolent, mind-devouring creatures lurking in the dark between the stars. Pb \$32.95 592pp *Due Sep*


SHERWOOD SMITH

THE FOX

 *Inda #2.* Reality at the Academy is far from what Inda had imagined, for by defending the second son of the king, Inda becomes embroiled in a vicious political struggle among the nobility that he has no hope of winning. But these petty squabbles are only a faint shadow of what is to come. His future holds betrayals he cannot even imagine and before growing to manhood, his fate will sever him from all he holds dear and the life he thought he'd been meant to live... Hb \$55.00 592pp


MARIA SNYDER

MAGIC STUDY

 *Yelena #2.* Yelena is a survivor - kidnapped as a child, held prisoner as a teen, then released to act as a poison taster, she is now a student of magic. However, these magic skills place her in imminent danger and with an execution order on her head, she has no choice but to escape to Sitia, the land of her birth. But nothing in Sitia is familiar. As she struggles to understand where she belongs and how to control her powers, a rogue magician emerges and Yelena catches his eye. Suddenly she is embroiled in a situation not of her making and once again her magical abilities will either save her life, or be her downfall. Pb \$19.95 352pp


JEFF SOMERS

THE ELECTRIC CHURCH

 In the near future, the only thing growing faster than the criminal population is the Electric Church, a new religion founded by a mysterious man named Dennis Squalor. The Church preaches that life is too brief to contemplate the mysteries of the universe - eternity is required. In order to achieve this, the converted become Monks - cyborgs with human brains, enhanced robotic bodies and virtually unlimited life spans. Enter Avery Cates, a dangerous criminal known as the best killer-for-hire around. The authorities have a special mission in mind for Cates - assassinate Dennis Squalor. But for Cates, the assignment will be the most dangerous job he's ever undertaken and it may well be his last. Pb \$28.00 320pp *Due Sep*

ALLEN STEELE

SPINDRIFT

 *Coyote #4.* Earth and its young colony Coyote have a difficult relationship, yet together they must face the astonishing truth that mankind is no longer alone... The starship, Robert E Lee, is bearing a controversial cargo on its return to earth - the only surviving crew of the EASS Galileo. This ship and all aboard it vanished decades ago, while examining an apparently alien artefact. As John Shillinglaw, director general of the European Space Agency, waits for the vessel to dock, he ponders the mystery. Theodore Harker, 1st Officer; Jared Ramirez, astrobiologist and Emily Collins, pilot, have been missing for 56 years. Where have they been and why have they come back now? Pb \$20.95 390pp


CHARLES STROSS

THE CLAN CORPORATE

The Merchant Princes #3. Miriam may be overreaching and if she gets caught, death or a fate worse is around the bend. There is, for instance, the brain-damaged son of the local king who needs a wife. But they'd never make her do that, would they? Pb \$16.95 320pp *Due Sep*


G P TAYLOR

THE CURSE OF SALAMANDER STREET

 *Shadowmancer #2.* The Magenta has returned to the shores of England, carrying young Kate, her friend Thomas and the ship's charismatic owner, Jacob Crane, up the Thames. They have recently escaped the sorcerer Demurral and Kate searches the waves for a sign of their friend Raphah, lost to the sea. But further trouble awaits them in London, where their beloved ship is seized. Meanwhile, figures stir on the shores further north. Beadle, Demurral's one time servant, has survived, while other shadows from Jacob and Kate's past are also awakening. Has Demurral really been vanquished forever? Who is the lady who haunts the roads south? What is the hidden secret of Salamander Street. Pb \$16.95 335pp


LAINI TAYLOR

BLACKBRINGER

 *Faeries of Dreamdark #1.* When the ancient evil of the Blackbringer rises to unmake the world, only one determined faerie stands in its way. However, Magpie Windwitch, granddaughter of the West Wind, is not like other faeries. While her kind live in seclusion deep in the forests of Dreamdark, she's devoted her life to tracking down and recapturing devils escaped from their ancient bottles, just as her hero, the legendary Bellatrix, did 25,000 years ago. With her faithful gang of crows, she travels the world fighting where others would choose to flee. But when a devil escapes from a bottle sealed by the ancient Djinn King himself, the creator of the world, she may be in over her head. How can a single faerie, even with the help of her friends, hope to defeat the impenetrable darkness of the Blackbringer? Hb \$38.00 437pp


KATE THOMPSON

THE FOURTH HORSEMAN

 The first time Laurie and her dad see the white rider watching them from the deep, cool shadows of the trees, he is alone. Laurie is convinced that his appearance has a meaning - that somehow he is trying to tell them something - something her dad needs to pay attention to. Is the rider somehow linked to the genetic research into squirrels that Laurie is helping her dad with in the lab? When a second rider with a bloody sword appears alongside the first and then a third and a fourth, Laurie knows she must try to understand who they are and what they represent. With the help of her brother and his best friend, she discovers what the riders mean, but will it be too late to stop the inevitable chain of events that has been set in motion... Pb \$17.95 271pp


LAWRENCE WATT-EVANS

THE SPRIGGAN MIRROR

 Every wizard in Ethshar knew that if you needed something special, something difficult to find, that Gresh the Supplier was the man to see. He was expensive, but always delivered. So when the Wizards' Guild finally got fed up with the little green nuisances that called themselves 'spriggans,' the Guild hired Gresh to fetch them the magic mirror that created the troublesome imps. The wizards thought finding it looked impossible. Gresh thought his methods would do the job, but no one had asked the spriggans what they thought! Pb \$16.95 320pp *Due Sep*


DAVID WEBER

IN FURY BORN

 Expanded edition of Path of the Fury. It seemed the planet-wrecking pirates were invincible, but they made a big mistake when they raided ex-commando leader Alicia DeVries' quiet home work, tortured and murdered her family and then left her for dead. Pb \$18.95 856pp


SEAN WILLIAMS

SATURN RETURNS

 *Astropolis #1.* When former mercenary commander, Imre Bergamasc, awakes in the 879th Millennium, 200 years after he died, he understandably has a few questions, such as - why are large chunks of his memory missing? And why is he now a woman? Resurrected from information stored in a partially destroyed time capsule, he finds that things have changed during the two centuries he was dead. Reunited with his old team-mates - or, at least, reasonable facsimiles thereof, Imre must piece together both the fragments of his memory and the story of civilisation's fall. Was the Imre Bergamasc he no longer remembers an unwitting pawn in the fall of civilisation? Or was he, in fact, the architect? And if unknown parties have gone to such extreme lengths to resurrect him, why are they now trying to kill him? Again. Tp \$32.95 291pp

RICK YANCEY

THE SEAL OF SOLOMON

 *Alfred Kropp #2.* Alfred Kropp is off on another whirlwind adventure when two ancient artefacts are stolen from the OIPEP (Office of Interdimensional Paradoxes and Extraordinary Phenomena) vaults. But these aren't just any pricey museum pieces - they are the seals of Solomon. Thousands of years ago, King Solomon used a ring to control and imprison the fallen angels of heaven in a sacred vessel that has held them safe for thousands of years. Now both objects have been stolen by Mike Arnold and if he uses their power, all hell could break loose... literally. Pb \$16.95 329pp



JENNIFER ARMINTROUT
ASHES TO ASHES

Blood Ties #3. Being a vampire is a life-or-death situation. When I was first turned, I had only my survival to worry about. Now I'm locked in a battle for the existence of the entire human race and the cards are definitely stacked against me. The Voluntary Vampire Extinction Movement headquarters are destroyed and their pet horror, the Oracle, is on the loose. She'll stop at nothing to turn the world into a vampire's paradise, even if it means helping the Soul Eater become a god and harnessing his power for her own evil ends. An ancient vampire, a blood-sucking near deity and oh, yeah, my presently human former sire thrown into the mix. I say bring it on. May the best monster win. Pb \$16.95 378pp



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GARY A BRAUNBECK
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ROBERT W CHAMBERS

 **THE KING IN YELLOW**

This is a series of vaguely connected short stories having as a background a monstrous and suppressed book whose perusal brings fright, madness and spectral tragedy, really achieves notable heights of cosmic fear in spite of uneven interest and a somewhat trivial and affected cultivation of the Gallic studio atmosphere made popular by Du Maurier's *Trilby*. The most powerful of its tales, perhaps, is *The Yellow Sign*, in which is introduced a silent and terrible churchyard watchman with a face like a puffy grave-worm's. Tp \$34.00 189pp

CHRISTINA DODD

TOUCH OF DARKNESS

Darkness Chosen #2. Handsome, powerful Rurik Wilder holds the power to transform himself into a fierce bird of prey, a gift that's caused death and destruction. At last he's offered the chance to redeem himself. Only one woman stands in his way - a beautiful writer determined to wreak revenge on the assassins who murdered her family. Assassins, it's been rumoured, who have powers no human should ever possess... Pb \$18.95 389pp

ALEX DUVAL
LEGACY

Vampire Beach #4. Jason lives in hyper-cool Malibu and hangs out with the cool kids. He thinks he's pretty lucky to be considered a friend of the gorgeous Sienna. But only Jason and his friend know the secret behind Sienna's IT crowd - that they are partial to the taste of blood... Sienna is a beautiful, intoxicating vampire he has loved ever since moving to Malibu. But their happiness is under threat as Sienna's parents don't their relationship can work and forbid Sienna from seeing Jason. As they try to get around the ban, Jason's vampire aunt Bianca throws a new problem into the mix. Jason has to make a decision that could change his life for ever. There are exciting new possibilities right at his fingertips, but what hidden dangers lurk beneath the glamorous surface? Pb \$17.95 248pp

ALISON GOODMAN

KILLING THE RABBIT

Hannie Reynard landed every aspiring filmmaker's dream - a hefty grant to make her documentary *Freaks or Frauds*. But the groundbreaking film that was supposed to launch Hannie's career may kill her first. Blowing the grant money on a lost weekend in Paris was bad enough, but now the stars of her film - women who share a unique genetic trait - have stopped talking... and started disappearing. Hannie finds herself the unlikely co-star of a movie that will never be made if a very powerful someone has anything to say about it. For Hannie is already in the crosshairs of his chief cameraman - a ruthlessly unconventional hit man who never misses a lethal shot. Pb \$16.95 433pp

RODERICK GORDON & BRIAN WILLIAMS
TUNNELS

14-year-old Will Burrows lives with his family in London. He has little in common with them except for a passion for digging which he shares with his father. When his father suddenly disappears down an unknown tunnel, Will decides to investigate with his friend Chester. Soon they find themselves deep underground, where they unearth a dark and terrifying secret - a secret which may cost them their lives. Pb \$17.00 464pp

LAURELL K HAMILTON
DANSE MACABRE

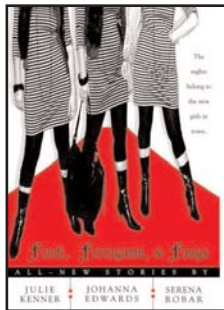
Anita Blake #13. Anita Blake may be pregnant. And if she is, whether the father is a vampire, a werewolf or something else entirely, she knows full well that being a Federal Marshall, known for raising the dead and executing vampires, is no way to bring up a baby. Pb \$21.95 436pp

LORI HANDELAND
HIDDEN MOON

Nightcreature #7. Claire Kennedy left Lake Bluff, Georgia, for the bright lights of Atlanta and a promising career in journalism. Now, recovering from a cruel betrayal, she's back in the one place she always felt safe, starting over as Lake Bluff's new mayor. But then trouble comes to town in the form of Malachi Cartwright, a man whose past is as mysterious as his present - a man who awakens something dangerous in sensible, realistic Claire. When a tourist claims to have been mauled by a wolf and when the attacks turn deadly, Malachi's strange behaviour rouses Claire's suspicions. Could he have a secret agenda and a sinister reason for coming to Lake Bluff? As an eclipse approaches, the secrets of the hidden moon will come to light and a deadly enemy will be revealed at last. Pb \$16.95 335pp

JULIE KENNER, JOHANNA EDWARDS & SERENA ROBAR
FENDI, FERRAGAMO & FANGS

Meet the vamps of the *Vamps, Inc.* modelling agency - Olivia, straight-A nerd turned overnight star model - unfortunately, her boyfriend doesn't know exactly how much she's changed...



Big and beautiful Veronika, the new plus-size model for *Vamps, Inc.* on an all-blood diet... and Sydney, misunderstood bad girl and whispered-about tabloid sensation. It's about time that the undead live it up... Pb \$22.95 278pp

CAITLIN KIERNAN
LOW RED MOON

Several years after the events of *Threshold*, Chance and Deacon have married. They're looking ahead to the future, trying to put the horrors of the past behind them, but new nightmares await them as a woman with a thirst for violence enters their lives and something even worse has followed her. Pb \$18.95 384pp

DEAN KOONTZ
THE HUSBAND

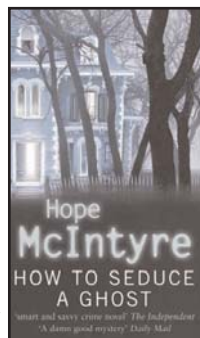
Landscape gardener Mitchell Rafferty was busy planting beds of impatiens for one of his clients when his phone rang. It was a voice he didn't know. "We have your wife. You can get her back for two million cash." Now he's standing in a normal suburban neighbourhood on a bright summer day having a phone conversation out of his darkest nightmare. 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 60 hours to prove it. He'll pay anything. He'll pay a lot more than two million dollars. Pb \$20.00 453pp

BENTLEY LITTLE
THE VANISHING

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Although she loves her boyfriend Tommy, Lee is suffering from commitment phobia because, as a ghost-writer, she values her privacy above all else and she can't bear his mess. But whilst Lee tries to remain in denial about the state



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Investigative reporter Regan Cluny is in hot pursuit of a reclusive philanthropist who is financing a mysterious archaeological dig in the California desert. Attempting to convince Charles Cunningham Nash to grant her an interview has proven impossible long distance, so Regan sets off uninvited for his dig to woo him in person. Instead, she meets with deadly trouble; a biker gang corners her at a remote rest stop, sabotages her car and leaves her for dead on a country road. Miraculously, Regan survives with only one strange memory of her attack... and the man who comes to her aid is Nash himself. Strongly attracted to her handsome protector, Regan can't know that Nash is a vampire tied to her attackers by a vicious blood feud that dates back to the Civil War - or that he has hungered for the life and soul of a mortal for nearly two centuries. With the local sheriff determined to nail Nash for the violence perpetrated by his dire enemy, Regan must decide whether the dark secrets of a lover she can't live without are something wonderful, or something wicked. Pb \$16.95 357pp

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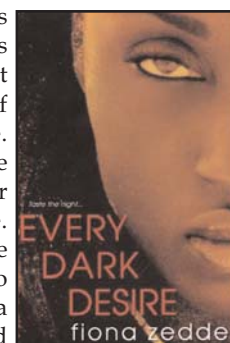
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EVERY DARK DESIRE

Naomi McElroy's life in Jamaica has always been about the comforts of family and home. But secretly, she yearns for something more. When she surrenders to seduction in a jasmine-scented garden under a full moon, her life is changed forever. In that moment of complete ecstasy, Naomi becomes Belle, one of the undead whose carnal hungers are never sated. Now Belle is part of a vampire clan, lost in an existence that strips away all pretences and lays bare the deep, dark hungers within every soul. But first she must be taught. What Belle finally feels is a connection like no other she's experienced, but in this exciting new world, there are many dangers that are best left untouched and dangers that are too intoxicating and enticing to resist. Tp \$29.00 327pp



What We've Been Reading...

Scarlet Moon by Debbie Viguie (Pb \$12.95). Another in the brilliant *Once Upon a Time* series. This retells the story of Red Riding Hood, set during the Crusades. It was ever so slightly more adult than the rest I've read - nothing inappropriate for a young teen to deal with - just that Scarlet herself was aware of her sexuality. A great recounting. - *Steph*

Legacy (Sharing Knife #2) by Lois McMaster Bujold (Hb \$55). Damn these people who can just turn their hand to anything! This was a satisfying conclusion to the duology (although really, she could pick the characters up). It makes a girl appreciate having wonderful in-laws... - *Steph*

Blue Dragon (Dark Heavens #3) by Kylie Chan (Pb \$21.00). The third book in Ms Chan's rip-roaring yarn of gods and demons, magic and science and martial arts, lives up to the promise of its predecessors and more. Our heroine Emma battles to discover her true nature and protect the daughter of the man she loves from the demons who would get at him through her death, while he, a 3,000-year-old God, struggles to retain enough energy to remain on the mortal plane and protect them both. Chan has a wonderful way about her writing where it just pulls you in and you literally race through to find out 'what happens next.' Filled with romantic tension, humour and vivid Matrix-style martial arts action and magic, Chan opens up Chinese mythology to the Western mindset in the most accessible way I've come across. This series is a lot of fun. - *Mark*

Resistance by Owen Sheers (Tp \$32.95). It is 1944 and England has been invaded by Germany after the failed D-Day landings. In a remote valley, wives awaken one morning to find that their husbands have disappeared. Then a German patrol arrives in search of an ancient relic and boundaries are tested and lives transformed. This debut novel is an exciting, intelligent and literary alternative history. Great stuff! - *David*

Never Trust a Rabbit by Jeremy Dyson (Pb \$24.95). What would you do if your annoying flat-mate was the Messiah? Or would you rather go in search of the perfect automaton, or perhaps discover the dark secret of London's Underground? What if your ATM could predict the future? This collection of short stories by a member of BBC's *League of Gentlemen* is a good one, reminiscent of Roald Dahl, Christopher Fowler and of course the aforementioned TV show. Quirky, very English and recommended. - *David*

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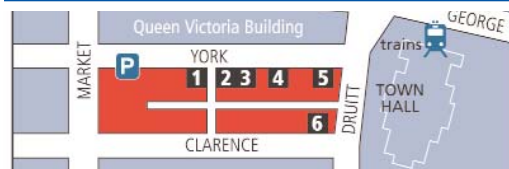
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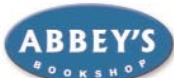
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