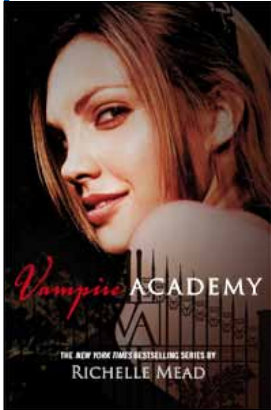


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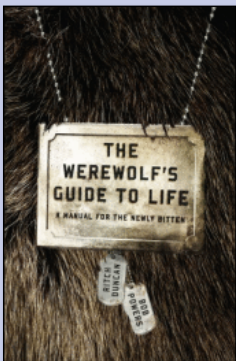
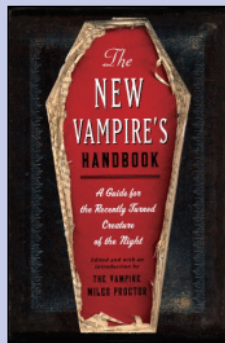


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Alex ARCHER

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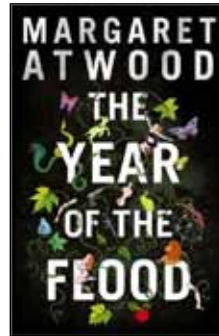
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The times and species have been changing at a rapid rate and the social compact is wearing as thin as environmental stability. Adam One, the kindly leader of the God's Gardeners - a religion devoted to the melding of science and religion, as well as the preservation of all plant and animal life - has long predicted a natural disaster that will alter Earth as we know it. Now it has occurred, obliterating most human life. Two women have survived: Ren, a young trapeze dancer locked inside a high-end sex club, and Toby, a God's Gardener barricaded inside a luxurious spa. Have others survived? Meanwhile, gene-spliced life forms are proliferating. As Adam One and his intrepid hemp-clad band make their way through this strange new world, Ren and Toby will have to decide on their next move. They can't stay locked away... Hb \$52.00 320pp *Due Sep*



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The Poison Throne *The Moorehawke Trilogy #1*

CELINE KIERNAN

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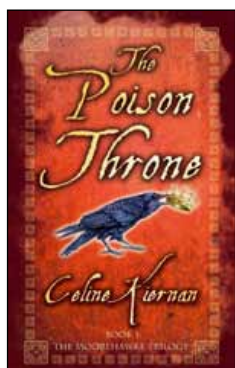
It sounds idiotic, but I swear it's harder to write a review about a book you really, *really* love, but here goes...

Set in Medieval Europe, this story begins with Wynter Moorehawke and her (ailing) father Lorcan. When they return to court, it quickly becomes apparent that things have changed since they were sent north. The cats (which Wyn used to care for) don't speak telepathically to humans anymore. To acknowledge the ghosts will have you hung from the gibbet. And Wyn's two childhood friends Alberon (the heir to the throne) has been absent for some time, whilst Razi (the bastard son of the King) is now training to be a physician and has returned from his travels with his companion Christopher – who is a bit of a philanderer and who immediately rubs Wyn the wrong way.

The kingdom is in quiet turmoil. As younger men, Lorcan and the King Jonathan fought in a civil war, removing from power a king who had systematically tortured the people and ruined the land. It was an unenlightened era. Yet King Jonathan, who ruled wisely and gently, is now committing the same offences. The people are unhappy and the land is suffering. With questions arising about the loyalty of Alberon and his prolonged absence from court, King Jonathan uses underhanded and cruel methods to force Razi to step into his half-brother's place – even though it is the last thing Razi wants. Court intrigue abounds. Attempts are made on Razi's life, and even Lorcan, who has always been King Jonathan's friend, becomes a pawn. As the story unfolds, Wyn and Razi become pawns themselves. Forced into difficult situations, they are driven into actions against their will, keeping up appearances for self-protection – or more often to protect those they love. Ultimately sacrifices are made...

Part political, part mystery, and part love story, **The Poison Throne** had me completely engrossed. This is one of those rare novels for young-adults, which crosses almost seamlessly into adult fiction. Kiernan does an extraordinary job of drawing the settings (I swear I was walking the halls or using the hidden tunnels of the castle!) and developing the characters without getting lost in detail or wordiness. With one of the smallest cast of characters in a book I've read in ages, I just fell in love with them all! The fact that the characters were forced to make impossible decisions, when they themselves were only teenagers, just broke my heart. This is a story about relationships, love, duty, and about doing what is hard because it's right....

The sequel is due very early next year, and it's just about *killing* me to wait. **The Poison Throne** has been the highlight of my reading year, and it's still on my never-getting-smaller "to be read" pile... because I'm going to do the unthinkable and read it again! - *Steph*



FAVE NEW

The Age of Ra JAMES LOVEGROVE

Pb \$16.95

The year is 1922. Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter, with the discovery of the long lost tomb of a forgotten minor pharaoh, change the course of archaeological history. The glimmer of gold uncovered for the first time in 3,200 years causes madness for all things Egyptological to reach a fever pitch. All around the world, people are awestruck by beautiful ancient Egyptian objects once more brought out into the light. It is here that James Lovegrove's alternate reality deviates from our own.

The sudden interest in Egyptology provides the ancient gods with just the opportunity they need to make their move. The Egyptian pantheon strikes out at the other gods and godly pantheons, annihilating them in a storm of divine fury, before dividing up the world between them.

Fast forward to the present, and the world is wracked by war as millions of followers of the gods engage in constant conflict to satisfy the whims and ancient vendettas of their divine masters. Gifts of 'divine power' have superseded most conventional weaponry; the dead are embalmed and made to fight in battle; priests hold the most important positions in the political and military arenas; armies are mobilised not for resources, power, or differing beliefs – but by divine decree read in the entrails of sacrificial animals.

Lt. David Westwynter, a British soldier and loyal follower of Osiris and Isis, finds his way to Freegypt – the one place on Earth that the gods have chosen not to meddle. Here he finds himself caught in the machinations of an upstart revolutionary, the Lightbringer, who works towards uniting Upper and Lower Egypt and waging war upon the gods who bring only death and destruction to their loyal worshippers.

As David battles internally between his faith in the gods and his faith in mankind, externally he battles in the bold and increasingly dangerous missions against the human servants of the godly powers surrounding Egypt. Unable to return to his countrymen, he must decide whether or not to help the enigmatic Lightbringer in his struggle against mankind's oppressors.

But with the entirety of both the worlds of men and of gods against them, how can they hope to succeed? - *Matt*



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Hatcher McCord is an evening news presenter who has found himself in Hell and is struggling to explain his bad fortune. He's not the only one to suffer this fate - in fact, he's surrounded by an outrageous cast of characters, including Humphrey Bogart, William Shakespeare and almost all of the popes and most of the US presidents. The question may be not who is in Hell but who isn't. McCord is living with Anne Boleyn in the afterlife but their happiness is, of course, constantly derailed by her obsession with Henry VIII (and the removal of her head at rather inopportune moments). One day McCord meets Dante's Beatrice, who believes there is a way out of Hell and the next morning, during an exclusive on-camera interview with Satan, McCord realises that Satan's omniscience may be a mirage - and Butler is off on a madcap romp about good, evil, free will and the possibility of escape. Hb \$47.00 608pp

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Deep Water

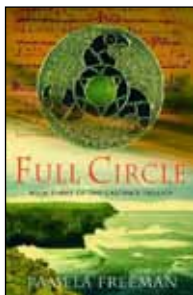
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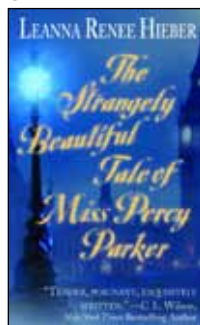


Leanna Renee HIEBER



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Fiona McIntOSH



Whisperer

Griff is an ordinary boy, working at a circus, but he has an extraordinary ability. He can receive people's thoughts. When the circus master decides to exploit this talent, disaster ensues. Griff decides to escape, taking with him fellow circus member Tess and her magical creatures. Meanwhile, Griff is hearing a cry for help from Lute, the Crown Prince of the realm, under attack from his uncle Janko, who wants to rule in his stead. Escaping from Janko's clutches, Lute encounters Bitter Olof, a bandit with a long history and Calico Grace, captain of the pirate ship Silver Wind. With allies both magical and human, Griff and Lute must reclaim their inheritance and discover the truth behind their mysterious communication. Pb \$19.99 320pp

Patricia A McKILLIP



The Bell at Sealey Head

Sealey Head is a small town on the edge of the ocean, a sleepy place where everyone hears the ringing of a bell no-one can see. On the outskirts of town is an impressive estate, Aislinn House, where the aged Lady Eglantyne lies dying and where the doors sometimes open not to its own dusty rooms, but to the wild majesty of a castle full of knights and princesses. Pb \$28.95 288pp

Walter MOERS



The Alchemaster's Apprentice

Zamonia #4. When Echo the Crat's mistress dies, he is compelled to sign a contract with Ghoolion the Alchemaster. This fateful document gives Ghoolion the right to kill Echo at the next full moon and render his fat, which he hopes to brew into an immortality potion, but Ghoolion has not reckoned with Echo's talent for survival and his vast ability to make new friends. Hb \$49.95 384pp *Due Sep*

Scott MONK



Beyond the Knock-Knock Door

The Bowman triplets always attract trouble. So when 12-year-olds Michael, Luke and Samantha ruin a classmate's costume party, they're chased by the school bullies into the city sewers. Locked inside, they discover a different kind of exit, a knock-knock door. It's a gateway to another world where sharks fly, swashbucklers scheme and party costumes become real. Soon, the triplets are mistaken for famous heroes and enlisted to fight the biggest trouble of all - a rampaging monster. Pb \$16.95 326pp



Moira MOORE



Heroes at Risk

Heroes #4. Shield Lee Mallorough and her Source Shintaro Karish have returned to High Scape. It's bad enough the townspeople are robbing tombs for ashes to use in ritualistic magic. It gets worse when they start to murder the living for their remains. Pb \$16.95 336pp *Due Sep*

C E MURPHY



Walking Dead

The Walker Papers #4. For once, Joanne Walker's not out to save the world. She's come to terms with the host of shamanic powers she's been given, her job as a police detective has been relatively calm and she's got a love life for the first time in memory. Not bad for a woman who started out the year mostly dead. But it's Halloween and the undead have just crashed Joanne's party. Now, with her mentor Coyote still missing, she has to figure out how to break the spell that has let the ghosts, zombies and even the Wild Hunt come back. Pb \$29.95 384pp

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Chaos Walking #1. Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. Ever since the settlers were infected with the Noise germ, Todd can hear everything the men think and they hear everything he thinks. Todd is just a month away from becoming a man, but in the midst of the cacophony, he knows that the town is hiding something from him - something so awful Todd is forced to flee with only his dog, whose simple, loyal voice he hears too. With hostile men from the town in pursuit, they stumble on a strange, silent creature: a girl. Who is she? Why wasn't she killed by the germ like all the females on New World? Pb \$19.95 479pp

Housuke NOJIRI



Usurper of the Sun

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Diana PAXSON



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Adrian PHOENIX



In the Blood

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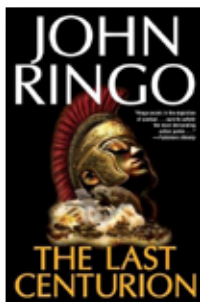
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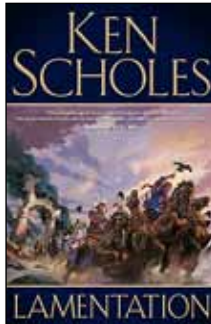
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Mary Janice DAVIDSON

Undead and Unworthy

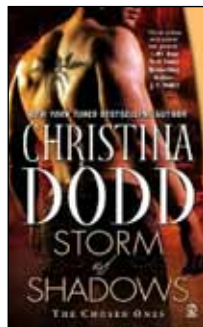
Betsy Taylor #7. Having recently lost her dad and stepmother, Betsy Sinclair (nee Taylor) is adjusting to rather more than just married life. Their untimely deaths have left her and Eric as sole guardians of her little brother, Jon. Two vampire parents for a decidedly human baby. Still, Betsy is more than up for the challenge. If only everyone would stop being so nervous around her, given her sudden recent burst of power. Then the ghost of Betsy's stepmother turns up at their house and as stubborn and insufferable as she was in life, she's even more annoying in death. Pb \$17.99 256pp

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Molly HARPER**Nice Girls Don't Date Dead Men**

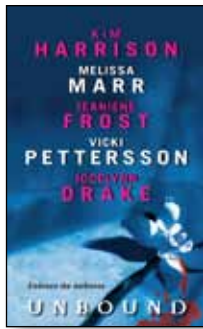
Jane Jameson #2. Once a devoted children's librarian, Jane now works at a rundown occult bookstore. Once a regular gal, she's now a vampire and instead of a bride, she's an eternal bridesmaid - which leads her to question where exactly her relationship with her irresistibly sexy sire, Gabriel, is headed. Mercurial, enigmatic, apparently commitment-phobic, vampires are nothing if not hard to read. While Jane is trying to master undead dating, she is also donning the ugliest bridesmaid's dress in history at her best friend's wedding. Between a freaked-out groom-to-be, his hostile werewolf in-laws and Zeb's mother, hell-bent on seeing Jane walk the aisle with Zeb, Jane's got the feeling she's just rearranging the proverbial deck chairs. Pb \$16.95 304pp

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Sharie KOHLER**To Crave a Blood Moon**

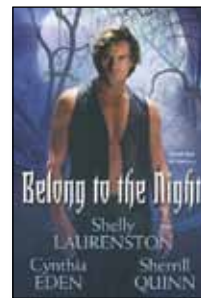
Moon Chasers #3. Imprisoned and tortured by a lycan pack, half-breed Sebastian Santiago is determined not to break. But now they've come up with a cruel plan - starve Sebastian until he is half-mad with hunger, then force him to succumb to his werewolf instincts by giving him human prey to feed on. Snatched from the streets of Istanbul, American tourist Ruby Deveraux has already seen the horror of her companions torn apart. Now she is thrown into a dark cell with a shadowy shape she can barely see. But Ruby is no ordinary woman... In the unrelenting dark, trapped in a hideous prison, can Ruby and Sebastian somehow forge a fragile alliance and break free from their deadly captors to seize a love neither dreamed possible? Pb \$16.95 352pp

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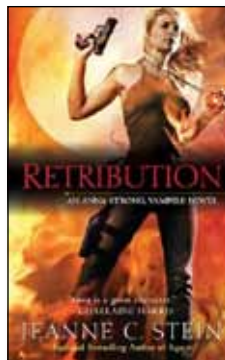


Susan SQUIRES
Time for Eternity

Once, Frankie Suchet loved Henri Foucault - and it cost her everything. For two centuries, she has cursed the French duke who gave her his blood and then disappeared forever. Today, this sexy vampire is a bartender living in San Francisco. Now Frankie has been granted a chance to go back in time and kill the man who made her what she is. But becoming Françoise again means losing all memory of the risk Henri poses to her future... and her heart. Pb \$14.95 384pp *Due Sep*

Jeanne STEIN
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Anna Strong, Vampire Chronicles #5. With her partner out of town, her family abroad and her mentor estranged, newly-turned vampire Anna Strong is keeping a low profile. But now young vampires are turning up dead, completely drained of their life force. And though Anna wants to say no when Williams, her former teacher and now leader of a supernatural enforcement squad, asks for her help, she can't. But soon, she'll wish she did. Pb \$16.95 304pp *Due Sep*



Trisha TELEP (Ed)
Eternal Kiss: Tales of Blood and Desire

The allure and mystique of vampire tales have seduced readers for all time. For those fresh-blooded fans of paranormal romance or those whose hunt and hunger never dies, these delicious morsels - including bites from bestselling authors Cassandra Clare and Holly Black - will make everyone a sucker for eternal kisses. Pb \$18.95 416pp

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Darkness Rising

He is a god and he embodies everything the word implies. That makes Aurora a very lucky woman. Because Mobius wants her - not for her ability to neutralise the dark forces of the Umbrae, or for her kick-butt approach to the Finders wreaking havoc all over Earth. No, he wants to protect her, to harmonise their separate energies, to show her exactly what it means to be perfectly attuned to another being. In a realm where creating a sexy little red dress is as easy as thinking it, the mind is the most powerful tool of all. And Aurora will use hers to tantalise her lover, outwit their enemies and defeat the darkness rising. Pb \$14.95 304pp



HORROR

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The Mall of Cthulhu

A decade ago, college student Laura Harker was saved from a fate worse than death at the hands (and fangs) of a centuries-old vampire priestess and her Satanic minions. Her rescuer, an awkward, geeky folklore student named Teddy, single-handedly slew the undead occupants of the Omega Alpha sorority house, spurred into heroic action by fate itself, inexorably intertwining his and Laura's destinies. After navigating her way through law school, Laura is now a junior FBI agent assigned to the Bureau's Boston office. Unfortunately, she finds her job involves more paperwork than adventure. When Ted stumbles onto a group of Cthulhu cultists planning to awaken the Old Ones through mystic incantations culled from the fabled Necronomicon, he and Laura must spring into action. Pb \$28.95 240pp

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Vampire Files #12. Vampire P I Jack Fleming is playing babysitter to Gabriel 'Whitey' Kroun, a dangerously unstable mobster - and newly-created vampire - with deadly secrets to hide. As Jack tries to unravel the mystery surrounding Kroun's undead state, he gets caught between his charge's violent outbursts and some syndicate torpedoes looking to rub them both out, leaving him vulnerable to an even deadlier threat - the return of an old enemy desperate to unlock the secrets of Jack's vampire immortality. Pb \$29.95 400pp

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Wolf's Gambit

Nick Lupo #2. Some people are afraid there's a wild animal on the loose, savagely tearing its victims apart. Others, like Nick Lupo, know better. Lupo knows a werewolf attack when he sees one. He should, since he's a werewolf himself. He's also a homicide cop, so it may be up to him to hunt down one of his own kind. It looks like there's a new werewolf in town, a rogue out only for blood. But looks can be deceiving. Pb \$16.95 384pp

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A tale of werewolves, alchemists, ghosts, witches and gun-toting Jesuit priests narrated by a ghost whose spirit is chained to a mysterious castle in Prague. Pb \$29.95 288pp *Due Sep*

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Hellbound Hearts

Clive Barker's iconic masterpiece *The Hellbound Heart*, the novella adapted into the film *Hellraiser*, unleashed a new mythology of horror. Now, enter the merciless realm of the demonic Cenobites in this collection of stories inspired by *The Hellbound Heart*. Contributing author's include Neil Gaiman, Kelley Armstrong and Christopher Golden. Pb \$32.00 320pp *Due Sep*

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The Ghost Quartet

Brian Lumley, a Grand Master of Horror, opens this collection with *A Place of Waiting*. The moors of Devon, England, are home to many ghosts, but none as fearsome as the red-eyed specter that refuses to accept his death.



Orson Scott Card puts a new spin on one of literature's most famous ghosts in *Hamlet's Father*. *The Haunted Single Malt* by Marvin Kaye, is a spooky tale about ghost stories and the people who love them. And Tanith Lee offers *Strindberg's Ghost Sonata*, a chilling story set in an alternate Russia. Pb \$29.95 304pp *Due Sep*

Stephen KING
Just After Sunset

Who but Stephen King would turn a Port-O-San into a slimy birth canal, or a roadside honky-tonk into a place for endless love? A book salesman with a grievance might pick up a mute hitchhiker, not knowing the silent man in the passenger seat listens altogether too well. Or an exercise routine on a stationary bicycle, begun to reduce bad cholesterol, might take its rider on a captivating and then terrifying journey. *Just After Sunset* - call it dusk, call it twilight, it's a time when human intercourse takes on an unnatural cast, when nothing is quite as it appears, when the imagination begins to reach for shadows as they dissipate to darkness and living daylight can be scared right out of you. Pb \$24.99 480pp

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Cubby, a bestselling novelist confronts Waxx, a critic, who turns out to be nothing like he suspected. For Waxx gives criticism, he doesn't take it and he has ways of dealing with those who cross him that Cubby is only beginning to fathom. Soon Cubby finds himself in a desperate struggle with a relentless sociopath, facing an inexorable assault on far more than his life. Pb \$32.99 400pp



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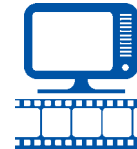
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Phantasm

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Ground Zero

Repairman Jack #13. On September 11, 2001, a man drifts in a boat off lower Manhattan as the towers burn. He removes a small box from his pocket and presses a button. As he waits for the south tower to collapse, he thinks: The vast majority will blame the collapse on the crazy Arabs who hijacked the planes and the Islamic extremists who funded them - the obvious choice. A few conspiracy-theorists will look deeper. They're all wrong. The truth is stranger, darker and more evil than anyone can imagine. It involves the cosmic shadow war into which Jack has been drafted and if the plot behind it - millennia in the planning - succeeds, it will forever change life on this Earth. Hb \$49.95 368pp *Due Sep*



MEDIA

Michael MALLORY
Universal Studio Monsters: A Legacy of Horror

From the 1920s through the 1950s, Universal Studios was Hollywood's number one studio for horror pictures, haunting movie theatres worldwide with *Dracula*, *Frankenstein* and the *Creature from the*

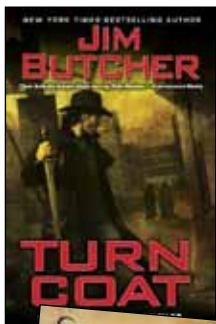


Black Lagoon, among others. This explores all of these enduring characters, chronicling both the mythology behind the films and offering behind-the-scenes insights into how the films were created. The stories of these films and their creators are told through interviews with surviving actors and studio employees. A photographic record, including many behind-the-scenes shots, completes the story of how these classics were made. Hb \$75.00 252pp *Due Sep*

Carol SERLING (ed)
Twilight Zone Anthology

When it first aired in 1959, *The Twilight Zone* was groundbreaking television. Freed from much of the censors' strict oversight because of the show's classification as science fiction, the 156 episodes explored powerful and moving human themes in their own unique style. The show has since inspired two revivals, as well as fiction, comic books and magazines and even a pinball game and theme park rides. It also sparked the imaginations of countless writers, filmmakers and fans around the world and is considered a seminal show for broadening the horizons of television. This is all-new collection of stories written in the vein of the original television show from such luminaries as Loren D Estleman, Joe Lansdale, R L Stein, Timothy Zahn and Peter S Beagle, as well as writers from the original series, Earl Hammer and Harlan Ellison. Pb \$29.95 432pp *Due Sep*

What We've Been Reading

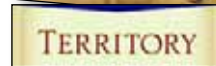


Turncoat (*Harry Dresden #11*) by Jim Butcher (Hb \$34.99). Another action-packed Dresden mystery! This time Harry has to exonerate his arch-nemesis and fellow Council member Morgan. There were a couple of sad moments in this one, and quite a lot is revealed, especially regarding the mystery surrounding Harry's mother... Lots of fun! – *Steph*



Thirteenth Child (*Frontier Magic #1*) by Patricia Wrede (Hb \$34.00). I've had this book on my never-getting-any-smaller 'must be read soon' pile, and I'm on a bit of a cultural/period-piece roll so...

This was fantastic and a little unusual! It's settler era in the USA. Land is being parcelled up and given to those who prove that they can survive. It's not just bears and wolves that they have to contend with, but also sabre tooth tigers, mammoths, and weird swarming magical beasts and insects. Eff is the unlucky 'thirteenth child'; her twin brother is a 'double seventh' son. Magic is commonplace and used in everyday life, but Eff faces some unusual challenges. Wrede creates the most wonderful period stories. If you haven't read **Sorcery and Cecelia** (Pb \$14.95) set in Regency England, you should! I am really looking forward to Frontier Magic #2. Continuing the period theme I'm also reading



Territory (Pb \$16.95) by the genius Emma Bull. This is an alternate history set in the 'Wild West', which isn't my strongest point in history, but I'm thoroughly enjoying it nonetheless! – *Steph*



Star Trek: Echoes and Refractions (*Myriad Universes #2*) by Geoff Trowbridge, Keith R A DeCandido, Chris Roberson (Tp \$19.95). This omnibus tells the tale of what could have been in ours or what might have been in another version of here and now. *Chimes at Midnight* imagines a world where Spock dies in childhood, where Kirk befriends an Andorian who was his first officer, and where Khan's final defeat sends the Federation down a far darker path than what we know. *A Gutted World* questions what would have happened if Kiar Nerys held the key to ending a conflict that has engulfed the galaxy since the beginnings of the unresolved and unliberated Bajor. *Brave New World* explores what the Federation would be like if Dr Noonien Soong's had perfected his process and brought about an Android revolution by mass producing Datas. Would history be improved or sent into a spiral of ruin? These stories in the ongoing *Myriad Universes* series are absolutely fantastic, and with the latest Star Trek film posing a similar quandary, this might be the filler you need for other thought-provoking twists on the Star Trek Universe... - *CM*



Cast in Silence (*Elantra Chronicles #5*) by Michelle Sagara (Pb \$29.95). As one of my favourite authors, Sagara (aka Michelle West) quite simply leaves me in awe. This latest instalment in the Elantra Chronicles series exhibits exciting signs of growth in the main character Kaylin, as she and her companions race to prevent an ancient menace breaking free of its prison. Written in an intimate and engaging style, Sagara still manages to blend together action and mysticism within a hugely complex world. While these titles are 'lighter' in style to her 'West' novels, they still hold a satisfying feeling of depth. Give me more! – *Mark*



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