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## Fiona McIntosh

author of the bestselling  
**Trinity series**

will be in-store

**Thursday 2 December  
@ 6pm**

to sign copies of the final novel in

**The Quickening Trilogy  
Bridge of Souls**

War looms between Morgravia and Briavel, and the threat from the Mountain King grows stronger. Struggling against time and repulsed by his latest disguise, everything Wyl Thirsk has striven to prevent is happening – including the marriage of his beloved Queen Valentyna of Briavel to the reviled King Celimus.

Even worse, the final curse of *The Quickening* demands he becomes sovereign of Morgravia. Clinging to an ominous suggestion from the increasingly powerful Finch, Wyl walks his most dangerous path yet – straight back into the brutal clutches of King Celimus.

Is Wyl doomed to follow the path of *The Quickening*, or will he succeed in shaping his own destiny?



### BRITISH FANTASY AWARDS

A selection of winners follows:

#### BEST NOVEL



*Full Dark House* by Christopher Fowler

#### BEST SHORT FICTION

*American Waitress*  
by Christopher Fowler

#### BEST ANTHOLOGY

**The Mammoth Book of  
Best New Horror: Volume 14**  
edited by Stephen Jones

#### BEST COLLECTION

*Told by the Dead* by Ramsey Campbell

### GAYLACTIC AWARDS

This award honours works that deal positively with gay characters, themes and issues.

#### BEST NOVEL



*The Salt Roads* by Nalo Hopkinson

### COMPETITION WINNERS

Iain Muir, Andrew Wilson, Ian Clarke, Tiffani Austin and Benjamin Cran are the lucky winners of a ticket each to *Discworld's* 21st anniversary bash in Sydney. Thank you to all who entered and a special thanks to *Random House Australia* for generously providing the prizes. The winners also receive a copy each of the anniversary edition of *The Colour of Magic* in hardcover and the new *Discworld* novel, *Going Postal*.



## Terry Pratchett

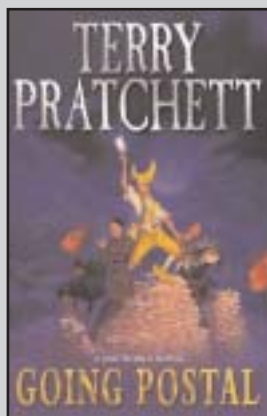
author of the bestselling  
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**Tues 9 November  
@ 12 midday**

to sign copies of his latest

**Discworld novel  
Going Postal!**





**SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY**  
**ISAAC ASIMOV'S ROBOT CITY**



**WILLIAM F WU**  
**CYBORG**

#3. A man without a memory, trapped in a city of robots gone wild. At his side, a mysterious woman who claims to know who he is, but refuses to tell him. Together they must find an insane cyborg stalking the streets of Robot City, a time bomb indistinguishable from ordinary robots. The young man's name is Derec. The identity of his female companion and the location of the cyborg are just two of the mysteries he must solve within the fantastic confines of a most unlikely metropolis. Pb \$14.95 169pp

**ARTHUR BYRON COVER**  
**PRODIGY**

#4. A man without a memory named Derec and a mysterious woman now known as Ariel, are trapped on the confusing, surprising and sometimes deadly world of Robot City. Derec learns that Ariel is stricken with a disease that leads to fatal madness and both are startled to learn that the robots' positronic consciousness has given rise to artistic expressions, even as the city itself grows ever more deadly to all of its inhabitants. Pb \$14.95 176pp

**JAMES BARCLAY**  
**SHADOWHEART**

*Legends of the Raven* #2. The Raven are tested to the point of destruction, as the magical colleges of Balaia tear the land apart in their struggle for supremacy. Can The Raven even survive, let alone triumph? Pb \$18.95 438pp

**DEMONSTORM**

*Legends of the Raven* #3. This is the end... The dragons have gone home, the elves are safe. The Raven have kept their promises. But fate has not finished with them. As the war between the colleges rages on, an old enemy senses that his chance to avenge a bitter defeat has come. Can even the Raven prevail when the world is coming to an end? Hb \$55.00 Tp \$29.95 438pp

**GREG BEAR**  
**THE COLLECTED STORIES OF GREG BEAR**

This collection contains Bear's earliest published fiction from the late 1960s and early 1970s, as well as his remarkable award-winning work from the eighties and nineties, stories like the *Hugo* and *Nebula Award*-winning novella-length version of *Blood Music* and the *Hugo* and *Nebula Award*-winner *Tangents*. This collection is enhanced by brand-new introductions for each story, commentary, and reminiscences by Greg Bear. Tp \$39.95 653pp

**CURT BENJAMIN**  
**THE GATES OF HEAVEN**

*Seven Brothers* #3. The evil sorcerer Markko has sworn to capture the last of Prince Llesho's brothers. If Markko succeeds, Llesho will not be able to save Thebin, or reopen the Gates of Heaven. As murder and dark magic threaten Llesho's alliances, he realises his only chance lies in finding his brothers first. So begins a desperate hunt that will lead the prince from the slave market to a sea voyage fraught with perils, and an incredible discovery about the sorcerer who seems bent on his destruction. Pb \$16.95 516pp

**CAROL BERG**  
**GUARDIANS OF THE KEEP**

*Bridge of D'Arnath* #2. For 10 years, the noblewoman Seriana lived in exile, believing her husband Karon was dead, executed for practicing sorcery. But now she learns his soul has been anchored to this world by magic. He has been restored to life - though his memories of Seri are gone. When Seri's nephew is kidnapped and a dark family secret comes to light, the two strangers will have to join together to defeat the evil Lords of Zhev'Na, who want to destroy both this world and the parallel magic realm that lies beyond. Pb \$18.95 533pp

**MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY**  
**DARKOVER FIRST CONTACT OMNIBUS**

This omnibus features two classic, long-unavailable *Darkover* novels, *Darkover Landfall* and *Two to Conquer* in one volume for the first time. Pb \$18.95 512pp

**MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY**  
**& DIANA PAXSON**  
**ANCESTORS OF AVALON**

*Prequel to The Mists of Avalon*. The priests and priestesses of Atlantis have known for many years that the Sea Kingdoms were doomed, but now the final destruction has arrived they find themselves less prepared than they had thought for what lies ahead. Micail and Tiriki, prince and princess of the last island to fall, as well as priest and priestess, are separated during the final escape. Micail and his cousin, Prince Tjalan, successfully arrive at their planned destination, a trading post in the Hesperides (the British isles) where Tjalan loses no time in taking charge. He dreams of continuing the traditions of Atlantis and founding a glorious new empire - whether the local tribes like it or not. Tp \$29.95 363pp

**TERRY BROOKS**  
**TANEQUIL**

*High Druid of Shannara* #2. The rightful High Druid of Shannara has been banished to the harsh world called the Forbidding by a treasonous fellow druid. Her only hope for rescue is her nephew Pen - but Pen is under siege as well. Both he and his parents are sought by the druids, who want to make sure that their magic will never help the real leader to return. Yet there is worse to come. For the dark magic that banished the High Druid into the Forbidding allowed the simultaneous transference of a fearsome denizen of the Forbidding back into the druids' world. And now there is a terrible peril in the Four Lands - a creature that can take on any shape, can kill at will and is only the harbinger of a much greater, devastating invasion to come... Tp \$29.95 357pp

**CHRIS BUNCH**  
**THE LAST BATTLE**

*Dragonmaster* #3. The Great War against the Roche is over. But the world is grey, battered and the promise of peace never quite materialises for Hal Kailas. As predicted, with the end of the war not only dragon fliers, but dragons themselves have been cast aside. However, an old concern re-emerges... what or who is savaging the dragons in their native lands? Enlisting trusted comrades, Hal embarks on a new crusade and discovers a threat, not just to the dragons, but to man himself. Tp \$37.00 326pp

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	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 & CLASSIC

## NEW THE RISEN EMPIRE

**Succession #1**  
**SCOTT WESTERFIELD**  
**Pb \$18.95 341pp**

The undead Emperor has ruled his interstellar empire for 1,600 years. His power is absolute, not least because he has the power to bestow eternal life. He is worshipped as a living god. But he has a terrible secret and, until now, he has made sure no one knew about it...

The Rix are cool, relentless cyborg fanatics who worship AI minds of planetary extent and whose only goal is to propagate such AIs throughout the galaxy. Their assault on the empire begins by taking hostage the Child Empress, the Emperor's sister: Captain Laurent Zai of the Imperial Frigate Lynx is tasked with her rescue.

This is THE baroque space opera you've been looking for! Few authors these days are able to match such fascinating supertechnologies, while still able to realise complex human interactions (Vernor Vinge, Peter Hamilton, Ken MacLeod and Charles Stross are some authors who can). This story has everything: combat, intrigue, politics, even undead cats!

The author writes his combat sequences very well and has a slightly geeky fascination with the stunning technology he envisages. There's nothing really that new in the galaxy, but he makes it cool all over again.

Thankfully, the Rix are no mere clone of the Borg, but rather are presented as a misguided segment of wider humanity, all the more so because their 'gods' don't actually care about them at all. The Risen Empire is also not just another America in disguise, but a complex and increasingly archaic social throwback, one that looks destined to lose this war, maybe not soon, but eventually and inevitably.

This story is clever, well-thought out and absolutely gripping. It is the second Westerfield story I've read (the other was the excellent young adult story, *Midnighters* Hb \$35.00) and reminds me to elevate this author to the top of my reading pile.

My only gripe is that this 2-volume story (*Succession #2* is *Killing of Worlds* Hb \$50.00, Pb not yet available) should have been released as one volume. I can understand when publishers do this for 1,000+ page epics, but each of these books is only 300 pages! Nevertheless, they're still great dollar-for-dollar entertainment. *Adam*



## CLASSIC ELSEWHERE

**Bordertown #1**  
**WILL SHETTERLY**  
**Pb \$16.95 248pp**

This young adult novel was originally published in 1991. I haven't seen even a second hand copy of this in ages.

In the not too distant future, Faerie is closer to humanity than ever before. Humans can't go there, but they can get to Bordertown - a once human town now caught between the two and providing a weird melting pot for elves, humans and "halfies".

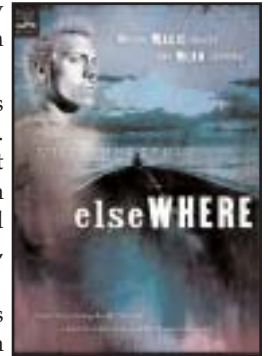
A young boy, Ron, runs away from his human home and heads for Bordertown in search of his older brother, whom he explains headed that way about a year before. From the moment he arrives in this unpredictable place, where both magic and technology may or may not work, he discovers just how different it is. He is befriended by a half elf biker named Mooner, who takes him to Castle Pup, basically a squat that has turned into a sort of social experiment for humans, elves and halfies trying to coexist under the same roof. He also manages to get a job at the local bookstore, Elsewhere (you've got to love a book with a bookstore as a central scene), that has the best shelving system I've heard of.

Searching for his brother takes a bit of a back seat while he gets used to his sometimes beautiful, sometimes violent surroundings of magic, mayhem, friends and enemies. Ron is more than a little naïve, and in throwing his lot in with Mooner, who so many others seem to have a problem with (yet in Ron's defence he at least sticks up for his friend), he commits himself to a situation that has huge ramifications for the whole cast of characters.

I kept wishing he'd use his brain more and his mouth less, and in the end it gets him into trouble. Then he starts to think and begins to redeem himself.

This was a strange book in the sense that it didn't have me hooked from the first sentence, yet I kept going, feeling it would pay off (and not just because of my love of stories where humans and Faerie collide). I kept picking it up and putting it down until I hit a point about halfway through and from there it was a matter of housework be damned.

Ron isn't the easiest of protagonists to love. At times, he both irked me and had my sympathy. It was probably the other characters that most intrigued me. I think this is a story that could really appeal to young boys. Let's hope they reprint the sequel *Nevernever*. Steph



CHRIS BUNCH

### SHADOW WARRIOR



Omnibus containing *The Wind After Time*, *Hunt the Heavens & The Darkness of God*. The Great War with the vile Al'ar was all but forgotten, the last alien resistance eliminated 10 years ago. However, war hero Joshua Wolfe cannot forget. Friend, prisoner then destroyer of the Al'ar, they called him Shadow Warrior - master of the Al'ar killing arts. He alone knew the conflict was far from over. Pb \$24.95 710pp

JAY CASELBERG

### METAL SKY

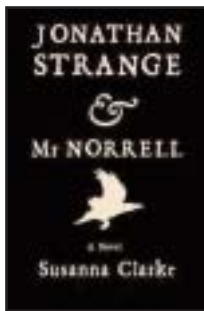


*Wyrmhole #2*. Jack is a professional PI on a case to track down a missing artefact - a tablet made of a metal that cannot be identified. When the woman he's working for disappears and his lead suspect turns up dead, Jack's investigation will lead him into the clutches of a shadowy political organisation that knows the secret of the tablet. Pb \$16.95 307pp

SUSANNA CLARKE

**JONATHAN STRANGE & MR NORRELL**

The reclusive Mr Norrell of Hurtfew Abbey goes to London, persuaded that he must make his gifts available to the government in its war against Napoleon. He swiftly becomes a man of influence and distinction, only to be threatened by the appearance of Jonathan Strange, a charming and rich young man with sardonic eyebrows and an extraordinary talent for magic. It is a talent that will take Jonathan Strange to the very edges of darkness, where lurks the shadowy figure of the Raven King, a human child taken by the fairies in ancient times, who became the most legendary magician of all... Hb \$55.00 Tp \$35.00 782pp



STEVE COCKAYNE

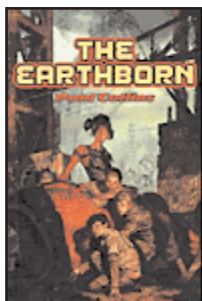
**THE SEAGULL DROVERS**

*Legends of the Land #3.* Nothing is right in the Land. King Matthew is indisposed, the city dominated by the malevolent Fang. Crops are dying and even the seagulls have lost their way. Everywhere, people are searching for answers. Leonardo Pegasus, retired magician, probes the murky depths of the Signal Network, where unseen forces vie for supremacy... Ashleigh Brown, urban teenager, yearns for the open road. Charles Bannister, wealthy businessman, plunders the Outer Isles, hunting the secret riches that lie buried there... While across the Land, roaming bands of Seagull Drovers seek to guide the lost gulls back to the coast. Perhaps it is they who hold the key to the ills of the land. Pb \$19.95 388pp

PAUL COLLINS

**THE EARTHBOURN**

When the spaceship *Colony* is forced to crashland on Earth, it's a homecoming for 14-year-old Welkin Roberts. Well... sort of. Welkin is a Skyborn and has lived his entire life on board a spaceship. Believing the Earthborn no better than animals, the Skyborn elders decide to exterminate them before re-colonising Earth. On a reconnaissance mission, however, Welkin is ambushed by a gang known as Jabbers. Rescued by a rival gang of teenage survivors, Welkin realises he needs the help of these Earthborn to survive. The question is, do they need him? Pb \$12.95 249pp



ANNA DALE

**WHISPERING TO WITCHES**

When Joseph Binks is set to stay with his mother, stepfather and half-sister Esme for Christmas, he is not at all happy. He would have preferred to have spent the holidays with his father, but his father has been called away to Scotland to attend a family emergency. And so Christmas does not turn out quite as Joe anticipated... Finding himself at the centre of a plot to rid Great Britain of witches, Joe encounters an unlikely witches' coven, their (not always efficient) spells, and a lovely new friend called Twiggy. With the help of his new friends and the brave Esme, Joe is determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. Pb \$15.95 297pp

CAMERON DOKEY

**SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW**

In a time when the world was young, Sarastro, Mage of the Day, wed Pamina, the Queen of the Night. And in this way was the world complete, for light was joined to dark. For all time would they be joined together. Only the ending of the world could tear them apart. Thus begins the tale of Mina, a girl-child born on the longest night of the darkest month of the year. When her father looked at her, all he saw was what he feared - by birth, by name, by nature, she belonged to the Dark. So when Mina turned 16, her father took her away from shadow and brought her into sunlight. In retaliation, her mother lured a handsome prince into a deadly agreement - if he frees Mina, he can claim her as his bride. Now Mina and her prince must endure deadly trials of love and fate and family, before they can truly live happily ever after. Pb \$12.95 184pp

DAVID DRAKE, ERIC FLINT, RYK SPOOR & HENRY KUTTNER

**MOUNTAIN MAGIC**

The forces of evil, both natural and supernatural, are poised to prey on the folk of the hamlets and hollows; witches, demons and criminals of more than one century. But first they'll have to overcome some very unusual residents of the hills and valleys. One is Old Nathan the Wizard, a backwoodsman who talks to animals and says he'll face the demon himself, if necessary. A century later, very different interlopers are poking around the hills, up to no good. But a very unusual family of mutants with very unusual powers, the Hogbens, are likely to cause more trouble than unwelcome visitors can handle. Not all of the trouble is caused by humans, as the Slade family find out when they have to keep strange underground creatures from causing an earthquake that will wipe out four states. Pb \$16.95 470pp



RAYMOND FEIST

**EXILE'S RETURN**

*Conclave of Shadows #3.* Once absolute ruler of his nation Kaspar, former Duke of Olasko, has been cast into exile. Abandoned in the wilds of a continent on the other side of the world and left with nothing but his wits and determination, he must fight merely to survive. Armed with guile, cunning and an iron will, he starts his odyssey with a single goal - to return to his home and revenge himself upon the man who cast him down, Talwin Hawkins. Hb \$45.00 356pp

JASPER FFORDE

**SOMETHING ROTTEN**

*Thursday Next #4.* Thursday's former colleagues at the department of Literary Detectives want her to investigate a spate of cloned Shakespeares, the Goliath Corporation are planning to switch to a new Faith-based corporate management system and the Neanderthals feel she might be the Chosen One who will lead them to genetic self-determination. Thursday faces the toughest adventure of her career. Where is the missing President-for-life George Formby? Why is it imperative for the Swindon Mallets to win the World Croquet League final? And why is it so difficult to find reliable childcare? Tp \$32.95 393pp

CATHERINE FISHER

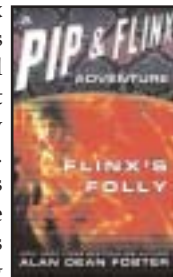
**THE GLASS TOWER: THREE DOORWAYS TO THE OTHERWORLD**

The Conjuror's Game should never have been started. Now Luke must replace the Tree on the central square before the Knights and Ravens rampage in their eternal battle through in the snowbound villages of Halcombe Great Wood. Jennie and Jamie find a magical book that offers to lead them to Fintan's Tower. But who are the three strangers that pursue them? How can they know whom to trust, when the glass tower contains unimaginable terrors and the only time they have left is a wink of the sun's eye? Pb \$17.95 351pp

ALAN DEAN FOSTER

**FLINX'S FOLLY**

*Pip and Flinx.* Flinx discovers that his dreams about a monstrous evil beyond the Great Emptiness are now reaching other people. He also learns that he's being chased by the Order of Null, adepts who want a cleansing death for the whole universe and are afraid he'll prevent it. Fleeing to the paradise planet New Riviera, he takes up with his old lover - unfortunately, she's picking up the dreams, too. Still more unfortunately, her fiancé is becoming homicidally jealous. Pb \$16.95 269pp



CORNELIA FUNKE

 **DRAGON RIDER**

Firedrake, a brave young dragon, his loyal brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben are united as if by destiny. Together, they embark on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace forever. Along the way, they discover extraordinary new friends in unlikely places and a courage they never knew they had. Just as well, for the greatest enemy of all is never far behind them - a heartless monster from the past that has been waiting a very long time to destroy the last dragons on earth. Hb \$24.95 527pp

DIANA GABALDON

 **LORD JOHN AND THE PRIVATE MATTER**

The year is 1757. On a bright June day, Lord John Grey emerges from his club, his mind in turmoil. A nobleman and a high-ranking officer in His Majesty's Army, Grey has just witnessed something shocking. But his efforts to avoid a scandal that might destroy his family are interrupted by something still more urgent - the Crown appoints him to investigate the brutal murder of a comrade-in-arms, who might well have been a traitor. Obligated to pursue two inquiries at once, Major Grey finds himself ensnared in a web of treachery and betrayal that touches every level of society - and threatens all he holds dear. Pb \$22.95 476pp

GEORGE GREEN

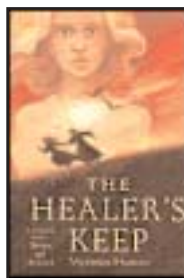
 **HOUND**

The court of King Conor throngs with Heroes, but it is the boy Cuchullain, an outsider whose birth is shrouded in mystery, who will grow to be Ireland's greatest warrior. As he becomes a man, under the guidance of the long-suffering, somewhat curmudgeonly Leary, his friend, confidant, charioteer and narrator of this tale, Cuchullain's exploits become the stuff of legend. But, as the armies of the vengeful Queen Maeve gather at the gates of Emain Macha, Cuchullain must face both his greatest challenge and his dark Destiny... Pb \$19.95 553pp

VICTORIA HANLEY

 **THE HEALER'S KEEP**

Set in the harsh world of Sliviia, this is the story of Maeve, a beautiful orphaned slave girl, who is trying to escape the clutches of the evil Lord Morlen. Before she realises it, Maeve is plunged into an ordeal that takes her



further than she's ever been before, as she begins a battle for her life, as well as the lives of the people she has met on her journey. Pb \$17.95 413pp

ALICE HOFFMAN

 **THE PROBABLE FUTURE**

When the women in the Sparrow family reach 13, they develop a unique ability. In young Stella's case, the gift, which is both a blessing and a curse, is the ability to see a person's probable future. Stella foresees a gruesome murder and tells her charming, feckless father about it, but it is too late - the murder has already been committed and suspicion falls on him. Her mother Jenny, on the other hand, can read other people's dreams, but so often misinterprets them, to her own cost. Pb \$22.95 322pp

JANIS IAN & MIKE RESNICK (EDS)

 **STARS: STORIES BASED ON THE SONGS OF JANIS IAN**

This collection contains 30 original short stories, each inspired by a Janis Ian song, from some of the biggest names in science fiction and fantasy, including Tad Williams, Harry Turtledove, Orson Scott Card, Joe Haldeman, John Varley, Mercedes Lackey, Judith Tarr, Janis Ian and others. Pb \$18.95 568pp

CONN IGGULDEN

 **THE DEATH OF KINGS**

*Emperor #2.* Forced to flee Rome, Julius Caesar is serving on board a war galley in the dangerous waters of the Mediterranean and rapidly gaining a fearsome reputation. Abandoned on the north African coast after hard



months of captivity, he gathers a group of recruits that he will eventually forge into a unit powerful enough to gain vengeance on his captors and to suppress a new uprising in Greece. Returning to Rome as a hero, Caesar is reunited with his boyhood companion Brutus. But soon they are called upon to fight as they have never fought before, when a new crisis threatens to overwhelm the city - in the form of a rebellious gladiator named Spartacus... Pb \$18.95 677pp

IAN IRVINE

 **CHIMAERA**

*The Well of Echoes #4.* All resistance has been crushed. The only one not captured is Nish, but he is trapped in a burning watchtower and hunted by both the scrutators and his former lover, Ullii, whose twin brother he accidentally killed. Before Nish can hope to rescue his friends, he must convince Ullii to spare him, then overcome the most powerful cabal of mancers in the world as well as the Council's four hundred crack guards. And even if he succeeds, to win the war the allies still have to defeat the scrutators and overthrow Nennifer, the corrupt Council's dread bastion, before the rampaging lynrx overwhelm all Santhenar. Tp \$32.95 836pp

GREG KEYES

  **NEWTON'S CANNON**

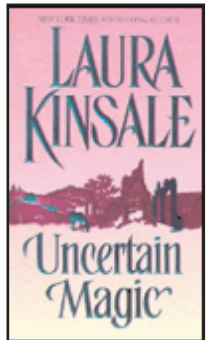
*The Age of Unreason #1.* Sir Isaac Newton turns his mind to alchemy and successfully unleashes Philosopher's Mercury, the key to manipulating the four elements. Powerful kings will battle to control it, until London itself is threatened with destruction by a hellish device. Pb \$18.95 368pp

LAURA KINSALE



**UNCERTAIN MAGIC**

Roderica Delamore, cursed with the unwanted ability to hear the thoughts of others, is dedicated to raising her family's prize thoroughbreds and resigned to living without love. But one man's mind is inexplicably closed to



her - a mysterious Irish rogue who may be the lover she has been dreaming of her entire life. They call Faelan Savigar "the Devil Earl" - a handsome, impoverished lord damned by dark rumour and whispered innuendo. But be he liar, swindler, or worse, Roderica knows she can have no other - and she will trust this enigmatic stranger with her life... and her heart. Pb \$14.95 376pp

ROSEMARY KIRSTEIN

 **THE LANGUAGE OF POWER**

*Rowan #4.* The steerswomen were seekers, collectors of knowledge and whatever they learned was free for the asking. The wizards also had knowledge - the knowledge to command nature itself - but they jealously guarded their dark wisdom. The two groups have been at odds for centuries: they do not agree, they do not converse, they do not associate. Now the steerswoman Rowan has uncovered evidence that the master wizard, Slado, is conjuring dangerous spells in shadow, devastating the distant lands called the Outskirts and changing the course of the world. Rowan has no choice: Slado must be stopped... if he can even be found. Tp \$32.95 389pp

MERCEDES LACKEY

 **EXILE'S VALOR**

*A Valdemar novel.* Once a heroic Captain in the army of Karse, a kingdom at war with Valdemar, Alberich becomes one of Valdemar's Heralds. Despite prejudice against him, he becomes the personal protector of young Queen Selenay - but can he protect her from the dangers of her own heart? Pb \$18.95 438pp

 **PHOENIX AND ASHES**

*Elemental Masters #3.* In a dark and atmospheric retelling of Cinderella, this story takes place in London during World War One. Hb \$54.00 405pp

KATHERINE LANGRISH

 **TROLL FELL**

Peer lives a life of servitude, with only the company of his faithful dog, Loki, until he meets spirited Hilde, whose family farm on Troll Fell and Nis, his uncles' house spirit. Between them, they must foil a plot by the Grimsson brothers to sell a boy and a girl to the trolls. Pb \$19.95 319pp

KEITH LAUMER

  **LEGIONS OF SPACE**

Omnibus edition containing *A Trace of Memory* and *Planet Run* plus four short novels of interstellar action and adventure. Pb \$18.95 470pp

TANITH LEE

 **PIRATICA**

Trapped in the dreary Angels Academy for Young Maidens, 17-year-old Artemesia Blastsides dreams of the life she once led with her mother, a notorious pirate, killed six years before by an untimely cannon blast. Unaware that her memories of high adventure are not what they seem, she seizes her chance to escape. Now she's off in search of her mother's old crew, her heart set on the High Seas, the Blue Indies of the Caribbean. Careering through the haunts of highwaymen, pirates and smugglers Art sweeps a motley and unwilling crew into the treasure hunt of all time and does her best to win her mother's crown as the feared and famous Piratica. Pb \$16.95 370pp

ALLAN MASSIE

 **THE EVENING OF THE WORLD**

A young Roman nobleman named Marcus undergoes extraordinary experiences as he searches for meaning and stability in a twilight world, where the old gods are dead or dying and the new religion is threatened by new barbarisms. His journeys take him over the empire, from Italy to Greece and Byzantium, to the camp of Alaric the Goth and the wastes of the northern forests, from a Christian monastery to the horde of Attila the Hun. Pb \$21.95 286pp

CHINA MIEVILLE

 **IRON COUNCIL**

A *Bas Lag Universe* novel. New Crobuson has become a fraught and dangerous place. In an attempt to spur trade, a major company is building a railway across the continent, but the project involves brutal suppression of both the workers and the native inhabitants they pass. As mutiny grows among the slave labourers, one train is hijacked on the half-finished line. This renegade train soon becomes an icon of freedom. And so begins a desperate pursuit across alien wild lands filled with bizarre populations, monsters and hazards. Tp \$30.00 471pp

ELIZABETH MOON

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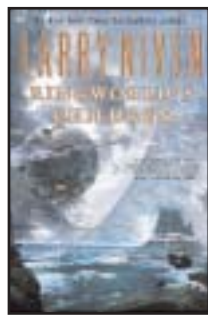
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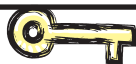
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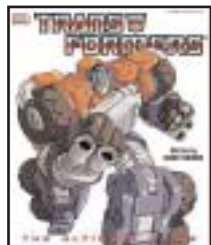
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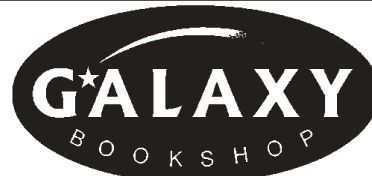
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