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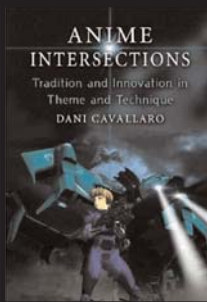
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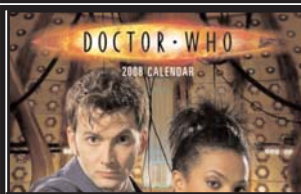
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PERCHERON #3



ANIME INTERSECTIONS: TRADITION AND INNOVATION IN THEME AND TECHNIQUE DANI CAVALLARO

This text examines the artistic development of anime, from its origins as a subset of the Japanese film industry to its modern-day status as one of the most popular forms of animation worldwide. The first chapter provides a discussion of the history of anime and the separate phases of the artistic process involved in creating a traditional anime film. The main body of the text comprises nine chapters, each of which is devoted to a detailed analysis of a chosen production and explores the technical and thematic developments pioneered in works such as *Ninja Scroll*, *Perfect Blue* and *Howl's Moving Castle*. The final chapter examines the impact of the medium within Western contexts, focusing on changing perceptions of anime and on the medium's frequent appearances within Western pop culture and the fine arts. Tp \$49.95 209pp



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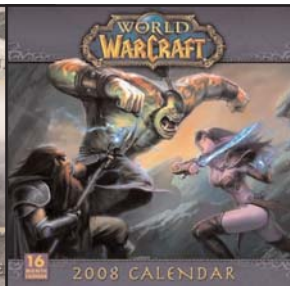
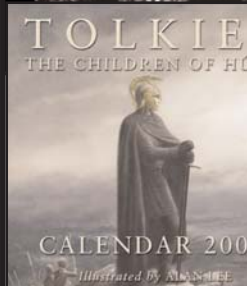
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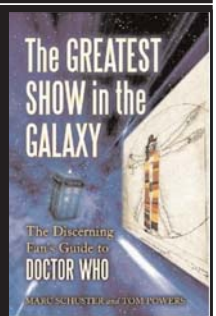
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MARC SCHUSTER & TOM POWERS

This work examines the influences of psychology, literature, pop culture and the social sciences on *Doctor Who* storylines and characters. Topics explored include how such issues as class, gender and sexual attraction factor into the relationships between the Doctor and his companions, whether the Doctor suffers from multiple personality disorder or other psychological afflictions and the role of the Doctor's native culture in shaping his sense of identity. Tp \$79.95 207pp



SAVING THE WORLD: A GUIDE TO HEROES

LYNNETTE PORTER, DAVID LAVERY
& HILLARY ROBSON


This guide includes analyses of the reasons that keep the audience tuning in each week, explores the history of comic books making their way to the screen and how this show has been affected by the decades of comic book superheroes that precede it, the series' archetypal characters, the fandom surrounding the show and a brief episode guide. Tp \$29.95 274pp



SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

CHRIS ADRIAN

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

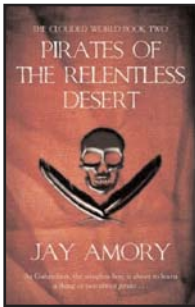
 Surviving in a floating hospital after the earth is flooded beneath seven miles of water, medical student Jemma Clafin finds herself possessed of strange powers that lead to an understanding of her frightening destiny. Tp \$29.95 615pp

JAY AMORY

PIRATES OF THE RELENTLESS


 DESERT

The Clouded World #2. The Groundlings are under attack. Approaching in darkness in huge airships, Airborn pirates are raiding refineries and pillaging Groundling factories - taking by force the supplies which used to be offered as a tribute to the winged 'gods'. And the Groundlings are getting ready to defend themselves. Above the clouds, Mr Mordadson is dispatched to Redspire, the heart of the piracy, to solve the problems however necessary and put an end to the piracy... and taking the armed Airship Cerulean, with Az Gabrielson as Captain, with him. But even on the ship there is unrest. Flight Lieutenant Wallimson hates Az, and plots to do whatever he can to undermine the wingless boy. Tp \$29.95 396pp



J G BALLARD

KINGDOM COME

 Richard Pearson, unemployed advertising executive and life-long rebel, is driving out to Brooklands, a motorway town on the M25. A few weeks earlier his father was fatally wounded at the Metro-Centre, a vast shopping mall in the centre of this apparently peaceful town, when a deranged mental patient opened fire on a crowd of shoppers. When the main suspect is released without charge, Richard suspects that there is more to his father's death than meets the eye. Determined to unravel the mystery, Richard soon realises that the Metro-Centre, with its round-the-clock cable channel and sports clubs, lies at the very heart of his father's death. Pb \$23.00 280pp

T A BARRON

THE ETERNAL FLAME

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MARTYN BEDFORD

THE ISLAND OF LOST SOULS

 A fugitive turns up at a young widow's door. Finn is a draft dodger. Afraid of dying and opposed to the war, he could see no way out until a stranger slipped him a calling card for an anti-draft network. Now on the run, he has the promise of a new identity and a new life, but if he is caught, the punishment will be brutal. Then he meets Bryher. Thrown together by war, united in grief, they take a chance on one another - a chance that could make or break them. Pb \$22.95 374pp

KRISTEN BRITAIN

THE HIGH KING'S TOMB

Green Rider #3. Karigan returns to the Green Riders to find she's badly needed. Rider magic has become unstable, many Riders have been lost and the Rider corps is seriously threatened. The timing couldn't be worse. An ancient evil, long dormant, has reawakened and the world is in peril. Karigan must face deadly danger and complex magic to save the kingdom from certain doom. Hb \$56.00 512pp *Due Nov*

ALGIS BUDRYS (Ed)

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TERENCE BUMBLY

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S C BUTLER

REIFFEN'S CHOICE

The Stoneways

Trilogy #1. Reiffen, only

12 years old, is the true

heir to the thrones of

both Wayland and

Banking. He and his

friends Avender and

Ferris live in a magical

world of talking

animals, dwarves and

shape-shifting bears but

he lives with the shame of knowing that no

one will ever let him rule these kingdoms,

that their crowns will bring him nothing

but betrayal and sorrow and that he is

powerless. Then he is shown the nations of

his world from the peak of a fortress drear

and tempted with fame, fortune and his

rightful place on the throne of great

kingdoms—his kingdoms. He need only

surrender his humanity, kill his loves and

he would have his childhood fantasy. Pb

\$16.95 464pp

S C BUTLER

QUEEN FERRIS

The Stoneways Trilogy #2. Reiffen, true

heir to the kingdoms of Banking and

Wayland, had lived his entire life quietly

with his mother and best friends, Ferris

and Avender. All that changed when the

three Wizards snatched Reiffen away to

their fortress in the north. Although

Reiffen's friends rescue him at great peril,

Reiffen now decides to return to the

Wizards. He intends to fool the Wizards,

gain their knowledge, find their

weaknesses and defeat them with their

own weapons and regain the throne that is



rightfully his. But Reiffen is forced to do

terrible things to gain the Wizards' trust.

Has he become as greedy, ambitious and

avaricious as the three Wizard brothers?

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	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	EROTICA
	AWARD WINNER
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	ACTION
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TP	TRADE PAPERBACK (SLIGHTLY LARGER)
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★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

NEW TITLE

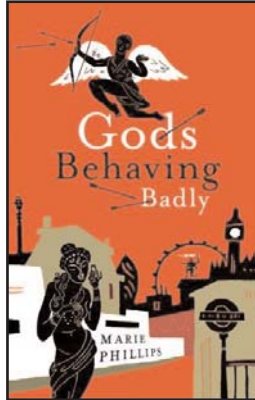
GODS BEHAVING BADLY

MARIE PHILLIPS

TP \$32.95 277PP

This is by no means a particularly 'correct' book. I don't think any one under 16 ought to read it, but that might just be my prudishness talking. Then again, anyone who knows a thing or two about Greek mythology (which is really fascinating, but oddly raunchy, believe me) will not find this surprising.

The events revolve around Neil and Alice, two utterly ordinary English people who are in love, and Apollo pursuing Alice, because he was hit by one of Eros's arrows. He cannot have Alice, but as god and TV personality, he must have her. He is the sort of egomaniac who randomly transforms hapless Aussies into trees for refusing his 'advances'. But what happens when he and the sun are both incapacitated? That's all I can say about this enjoyable read without spoiling it. Essentially, it's a love story which emulates the hauntingly romantic story of Orpheus and Eurydice (one of my favourites), but with a different twist. I was hooked by the first five pages!



There are just too many larger-than-life deities in one house, all rubbing each other up the wrong way because there just isn't enough of what they want in the modern world. Poor Artemis is left out because most of the world no longer enjoys hunting or chastity and Ares ponders out how to antagonise Japan in order to create more war. Then halfway through, an important character dies and goes into the underworld, which lurks under a train station. Anyone who's been on a train lately can definitely agree that sheer hell can indeed be reached through public transport. Then there's post-life employment and the idea that in the after-life, your *Scrabble* skills might be your best asset!

This is the sort of quirky humour Marie Phillips uses. It doesn't feel forced and she doesn't have to be cruel to be funny, which I liked. I also enjoyed her subtle use of the gods as mirrors to a society that doesn't worship them, but whom they still represent because of their vices.

The story itself is driven by the sheer personality of the characters. Alice is charmingly out of place among the characters she works for, mostly because she is normal and boring. Dionysus is a bartender, of course. Athena is efficient, strong and serious and doesn't need glasses, but wears them to look smarter. Aphrodite is distractingly beautiful and unfortunately over-sexed. That having been said, even as a minor character she can be off-putting at times, but always remains oddly amusing. The same can be said for most of the gods' overwhelming egomania. And underneath it all there is a hint of subterfuge. Are these gods planning to overthrow their parents, just like the Titans were overthrown?

If you are a fan of the antics portrayed by Greek mythology, this is recommended. Tom Holt devotees should also have a look-see. Fans of Neil Gaiman would probably also enjoy this too, as would anyone who likes a strange little love story and interesting characters. - Sofia

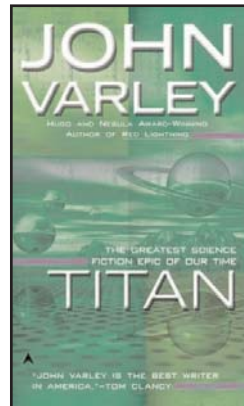
CLASSIC TITLE

TITAN

GAEA #1

JOHN VARLEY

PB \$18.95 320PP



I first read this book and the other two in the series *Wizard* and *Demon* (both Pb \$18.95) as a teenager. I bought them at the time based primarily on the comparison to the *Dune* novels by Frank Herbert. I was a Herbert fan and wanted more of the same. Although there is not nearly the depth of socio-political and philosophical machinations as there is in the Herbert novels, the author manages to create a setting that is as extraordinary and stimulating as anything in *Dune*.

Cirroco Jones and her crew are sent on a mission to explore the moons of Jupiter, and when they approach the moon Titan, they make an amazing discovery: Titan is not a moon, but what appears to be a gigantic space station in the shape of a wheel. The discovery of what is the actual nature of the wheel is the whole point of the book and early on in the piece, the natural defences of the wheel grab Cirroco's ship and crew out of space. The crew essentially get absorbed into the machine, only to be 'reborn' on the inside of the machine. Each of them goes through a metamorphosis in this rebirth and not all survive, some transformed for the better, some... not so much. Attempting to find out what has happened to them and why, they discover a myriad of fantastical creatures much out of mythology, like races of centaurs, angels and many more.

This book is a prime example of what science fiction used to do: tell a compelling story and keep you guessing about all the details of the universe.

Upon re-reading this, I see that the young hero I saw in Cirroco Jones was not so much a liberated woman, but merely a female character who acted like all the male characters you'd read about in every other book out there today. There is surprisingly little real feminine energy driving this 'female' lead. But that only becomes an issue in enjoying the book if you are looking for a feminist journey. The trials and challenges she faces are real and exciting.

The author is just an excellent storyteller. His narrative is enjoyable, the escapades of the characters are exciting and the visualisation of the world is complete. You really want for each of the characters to get what they want, even though their desires don't all coincide as possible or compatible. There is an essential element of the series that deals with individuality and identity, something that intimates at our suppression of who we really are and creates, for some, the impetus necessary to go through a transformation, to follow our hearts to some higher ideal. There is a belief that we can escape our self-perpetuated oppressions if we have faith in that belief and make effort to be true to ourselves. Woo! that's a little bit touchy-feely, but, by and large, worth the price of admission. - Adam

MEG CABOT

 **JINX**

It wasn't just the power failure the night Jean Honeychurch was born that earned her the nickname Jinx, misfortune seems to follow her wherever she goes, which is why she's been shipped off to New York to stay with relatives, including her sophisticated cousin Tory, until the trouble she's caused back in her small hometown dies down. Tory couldn't care less about Jinx, until Jinx's chronic bad luck starts wreaking havoc in Tory's perfect world. Only then does Jinx learn that beneath Tory's big-city glamour lies a world of hatred and revenge and Jean's jinx could be the only thing that can save her life. Pb \$14.95 253pp

JOSH CONVISER

 **EMPYRE**

Sequel to Echelon. Five years after the fall of Echelon, former intelligence agent Ryan Laing is forced from his self-imposed isolation when ruthless arms dealer Alfred Krueger uses his former lover, Sarah Peters, now a CIA agent, to flush him out of hiding. Tp \$29.95 304pp

JUSTIN D'ATH

  **THE POOL**

Something strange has happened to the public swimming pool in New Lourdes, Victoria. The water is no longer level and is rumoured to have curative powers. When 16-year-old Wolfgang MulQueen takes a summer job at the pool, he meets Audrey, a blind girl who claims she's nocturnal. With the discovery of a butterfly unknown to science and an unusual request from Audrey's father, Wolfgang finds himself inextricably drawn into an 18-year-old mystery, the tragic resolution of which will change his life forever. Pb \$19.95 297pp

CECILIA DART-THORNTON

  **FALLOW BLADE**

Chronicles of Crowthistle #4. A beautiful Lord of Wickedness, with hair as black as iniquity, is about to shatter the life of the weathermage Asrathiel. Of this she has no notion as she prepares for battle against a tyrant who plans to seize dominion over the Four Kingdoms. The invading armies are pushing further north and it seems that all is lost... until a new peril unexpectedly looms; a far more dangerous and deadly menace that threatens not merely the balance of power, but the entire human race. It seems their only hope lies with the golden sword Fallowblade and only Asrathiel can wield that weapon. But what of this stranger, this perilous eldritch warrior, whose beauty outshines the night...? Tp \$32.95 471pp



ELLEN DATLOW, KELLY LINK & GAVIN J GRANT

 **THE YEAR'S BEST FANTASY AND HORROR 2007**

Offers more than 40 stories and poems, with summations of the field by the editors that are complemented by articles by Edward Bryant, Charles de Lint and Jeff VanderMeer highlighting the best of the fantastic in media, music and comics, as well as honourable mentions - notable works that didn't quite make the cut but are nonetheless worthy of attention. Hb \$70.00 472pp Tp \$47.00 472pp

WILLIAM C DIETZ

 **WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST**

Legion of the Damned. As interstellar war rages, the President of the Confederacy is captured by the Ramanthian enemy, but the aliens don't realise the prize they have taken, since, at the suggestion of young diplomat Christine Vanderveen, all the captives have agreed to hide his identity. Determined to protect the President, she must face down opposition, both alien and human, all the while hoping for rescue. And rescue is on the way - an unauthorised effort, organised by General Bill Booly, manned by a team of volunteers with nothing to lose and headed by Captain Antonio Santana, Vanderveen's former lover, who must try to set aside his personal feelings for the sake of the mission... Hb \$49.95 342pp

TERRY DOWLING

  **RYNEMONN**

Tom Rynosseros #4. Blue Tyson, Tom O'Bedlam, Tom Rynosseros; the man from the Madhouse who won Blue and a fine sandship from the tribes. The Coloured Captain who roams the interior, searching out a hidden purpose, the secret knowledge which affects not only Nation, but the Dreamtime itself. In 11 linked stories, Tom will uncover his origins, discover what truly happened in the Madhouse and learn the meaning of the three signs that have haunted his life. Pb \$24.95 302pp

TOBIAS DRUITT

 **CORYDON AND THE SIEGE OF TROY**

Corydon #3. Since the disastrous fall of Atlantis, Corydon and the monsters have gone their separate ways, each licking their wounds from their inability to save the legendary city. But now Troy is under siege by the heroes and Corydon's friend, Sikandar, Prince of Troy, appeals to him for help. With the two gorgons and the Minotaur within the city walls, they come up with a plan to fight back against the Olympians. But the Olympians' leader, Akhilleus, is more than a match for the monsters - and he's prepared to sacrifice everything to win this battle. Pb \$14.95 359pp

SAM ENTHOVEN

 **THE BLACK TATTOO**

Jack doesn't know what he's got himself into. One minute he and his best friend Charlie were up in Chinatown having crispy duck with Charlie's dad then next minute they were in a mysterious room above a theatre, with some of the strangest characters they'd ever encountered. And they were about to take The Test, which transforms Charlie, leaving him with the distinctive markings of the Black Tattoo and with a temper that seems out of control. The boys' meeting with Esme, a young girl with impressive martial arts skills, her father Raymond and the mysterious Nick seem to have swept Charlie and Jack into a world they had no idea existed. Pb \$17.95 487pp

ERIC FLINT & VIRGINIA DEMARCE

 **1634: THE BAVARIAN CRISIS**

As the Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th-century Europe, the 20th-century West Virginians, led by Mike Stearns, enter into an alliance with Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, to gain access to the iron and steel needed to make their machines. Hb \$55.00 690pp

ALAN DEAN FOSTER

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A Pip & Flix Adventure. Philip Lynx finally gets the chance to uncover the true identity of his father. Hb \$48.00 240pp *Due Nov*

DAVID & STELLA GEMMELL

 **FALL OF KINGS**

Troy #3. On the killing fields outside the golden city of Troy, forces loyal to the Mykene King Agamemnon mass. Among them is Odysseus, fabled storyteller and reluctant ally to the Mykene. He knows that Agamemnon will stop at nothing to secure the treasure that lies within the city walls and he must soon face his former friends in deadly combat. Ailing and bitter, the Trojan king waits. His hope is pinned on two heroes: his favourite son, Hektor, the mightiest warrior of his age, and the dread Helikaon, who will wreak terrible vengeance for the death of his wife at Mykene hands. Pb \$32.95 495pp

SARAH HALL

 **THE CARHULLAN ARMY**

War rages in South America and China. Britain, now entirely dependent on the US for food and energy, is run by an omnipresent dictatorship known simply as the Authority. Assets and weapons have been seized, every movement is monitored and women are compulsorily fitted with contraceptive devices. This is Sister's story of her attempt to escape the repressive regime. From the confines of her Lancaster prison cell she tells of her search for the Carhullan Army, a quasi-mythical commune of 'unofficial' women rumoured to be living in a remote part of Cumbria... Tp \$29.95 209pp

MORGAN HOWELL

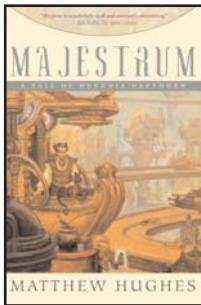
 **ROYAL DESTINY**

Queen of the Orcs #3. A delicate alliance between human and orc has been achieved. Now Queen of the Orcs, Dar works toward making that peace last. Her position has helped her to finally feel part of a community, to find a life to call her own. But sudden, strange outbreaks of unrest and ominous signs throw both realms into turmoil. Dar must draw on her knowledge and skills to confront a merciless long-time enemy and an evil she once only barely survived. To keep human and orc from destroying one another, Dar risks everything on a desperate gamble and her own future on a heartbreaking sacrifice. Pb \$16.95 432pp

MATTHEW HUGHES

 **MAJESTRUM**

Tales of Henghis Hapthorn #1. When Hapthorn is hired by Lord Afre to investigate the motives of his daughter's new companion, a young man of indeterminate circumstances, he takes the job expecting it to allow him the opportunity to explore and understand his changing universe. Little does Henghis Hapthorn realise, but the path of discovery will lead to deeper questions, a mysterious assignment from the Archon himself and the ancient and powerful secret name - Majestrum! Tp \$29.95 247pp



BRIAN JACQUES

 **VOYAGE OF SLAVES**

Castaways of the Flying Dutchman #3. Ben and his Labrador Ned, castaways of the Flying Dutchman, are destined to roam the earth across the centuries, never stopping in one place and never growing a single day older. Now adrift in the Mediterranean sea, the boy and his dog fall into the clutches of the Barbary Slave Lord, Al Misurata. Pb \$14.95 356pp

JULIA JARMAN

THE TIME-TRAVELLING CAT AND

 **THE ROMAN EAGLE**

The Time-travelling Cat #4. Topher Hope is on the move again. When his devoted cat, Ka, leaves a computer message saying she has gone, he follows her to a Romano-British settlement in AD 79. Ka is happy among the cat-adoring conquerors and their central heating! Topher, now a British boy, apprenticed to a Roman mosaic maker, has mixed loyalties. When the eagle, symbol of Roman power, disappears from the forum, threatening the fragile peace, Topher begins a desperate search. Can he find it and save his Roman friend, Marcus, from the Druid's murderous sickle? Pb \$14.95 154pp

ALICE DAWN JOHNSON

 **RACING THE DARK**

The Spirit Binders #1. Lana, a teenaged girl on a nameless backwater island, finds an ominous blood-red jewel that marks her as someone with power, setting in motion events that drive her away from her family and into an apprenticeship with a mysterious one-armed witch. Lana begins to learn the spells and incantations, each of which requires some form of sacrifice from the person who employs it. As Lana becomes more powerful, she is deceived into a sacrifice she is unwilling to make - the life of her own mother. When Lana dares to use a dark, ancient spell to save her mother's life, she is set onto a path toward becoming a creature beyond her wildest imaginings. Hb \$48.00 368pp

FREWIN JONES

 **THE LOST QUEEN**

The Faerie Path #2. Tania and her true love, Edric return to the Mortal Realm to seek Queen Titania, lost hundreds of years ago while searching for Tania. Their return leads to struggles with Tania's much-loved mortal parents and friends as she and Edric try to conceal their secret. But much more serious dangers lurk. The sinister Lord Drake is not yet defeated, they are pursued by dark supernatural forces and Tania's two worlds are about to collide in amazing and frightening ways she never could have anticipated. Hb \$36.00 335pp

SHERRYL JORDAN

 **TIME OF THE EAGLE**

Secret Sacrament #2. The Shinali tribe are finding the nomadic way of life hard. Many times they have accidentally trespassed on the lands of the Igaal or the Hena and have been driven violently away, making unification seem a long way off. Avala's relationship with a wounded Igaal hunter leads to her acceptance within the Igaal tribe, but simply helping one injured Igaal hunter is not enough to meld the two peoples. And in her absence from her own people, a rival priest has arisen, claiming that the Time of the Eagle has come and that they must fight rather than unify with the Igaal. Pb \$19.95 464pp

JAMES PATRICK KELLY

& JOHN KESSEL (Eds)

 **REWired: THE POST-CYBERPUNK ANTHOLOGY**

This anthology welcomes a new generation of writers taking the genre in new and unexpected directions. Cyberpunk freewheels with punk rock energy, careening between the internet, bioengineering and international politics, its influence saturating entertainment and the mass media. Contributors include Cory Doctorow, Jonathan Lethem, Gwyneth Jones, Hal Duncan, Charles Stross and Pat Cadigan. Tp \$29.95 424pp

MERCEDES LACKEY

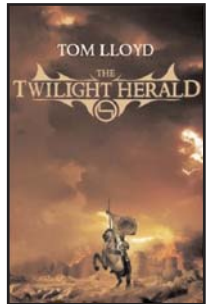
 **AERIE**

Dragon Joustors #4. Kiron, the man who had once been a dragon-boy called Vetch, has united the dragon riders and managed to rid their world of both war and magical domination. But are the evil Magi really gone for good? As Kiron tries to build a new civilisation at the site of an abandoned cliff dweller's city, called Aerie, conflicts arise, and he soon realises there is a vast conspiracy at work, which includes individuals who have infiltrated every walk of life - even his own family. Once the heads of the Magi, these conspirators are determined to regain their sinister control. Pb \$15.95 448pp

TOM LLOYD

 **THE TWILIGHT HERALD**

Twilight Reign #2. The eyes of the Land are on the minor city of Scree, which could soon be obliterated as the new Lord of the Farlan plots his revenge against Scree's rulers. Suffering under an unnatural summer



drought and surrounded by volatile mercenary armies that may be its only salvation, the city is a strange sanctuary. Kings and princes, lords and monsters all walk the sun-scorched streets, while the evenings witness the performance of cruel and subversive plays that work their way into the hearts of the audience. There is a malevolent will at work in Scree and one that has a lesson for the entire Land - nations can be manipulated, prophecies perverted, and Gods denied. Nothing lies beyond the reach of a shadow and no matter how great a man's power, there some things he cannot be protected from. Tp \$32.95 505pp

ANNA MACKENZIE

 **THE SEA-WRECK STRANGER**


Ness, Ty and their cousin Sophie live in a small island community, a community that has turned its back on the sea and on its own past. When the arrival of a stranger forces all three to question the world they know, a world dominated by superstition, fear and loss, they each have a choice to make. Rebelling against the harsh austerity of her life, Ness chooses to follow the sea currents running in her blood. It proves a choice that risks everything - including her life. Pb \$17.95 204pp

KELLY MCCULLOUGH


 **CYBERMANCY**

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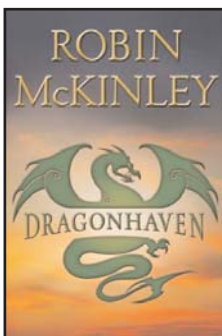
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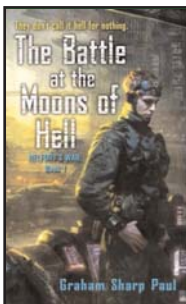
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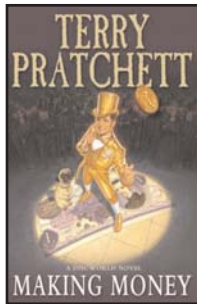
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