



# NEXUS

DECEMBER 2004

ISSUE #199

## CALENDARS



**TERRY PRATCHETT'S  
DISCWORDL  
COLLECTOR'S EDITION  
2005 CALENDAR \$27.95**



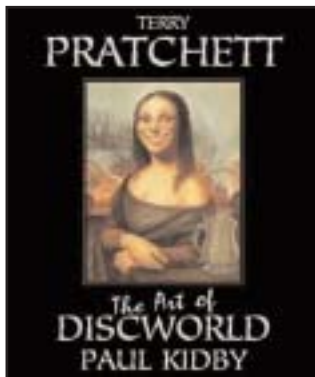
**STAR TREK ENTERPRISE  
2005 CALENDAR \$22.95**



**STAR TREK  
SHIPS OF THE LINE  
2005 CALENDAR \$22.95**



**STAR TREK  
ORIGINAL SERIES WALL  
2005 CALENDAR \$22.95**



Pratchett takes readers on a guided tour of the Discworld, courtesy of his favourite Discworld artist, Paul Kidby. Following on from **The Last Hero** (Tp 29.95), this is a lavish 112-page large format, sumptuously illustrated look at all things Discworldian. Pratchett provides the written descriptions, while Paul Kidby illustrates the world that has made Pratchett one of the best-selling authors of all time. Here you will find favourites old and new: the City Watch, including Vimes, Carrot and Angua, the three witches - Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick - and the denizens of the Unseen University Library, not forgetting the Librarian, of course: they're all here, together with the places: Ankh-Morpork, Lancre, Uberwald and more... No Discworld fan will want to be without this beautiful gift book. Hb \$39.95 112pp

## THE ART OF DISCWORDL

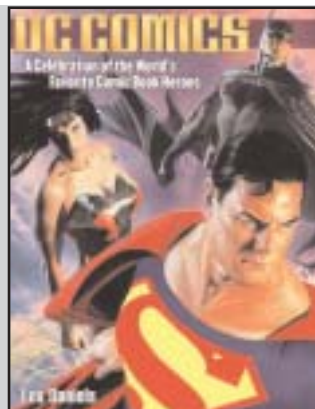
TERRY PRATCHETT & PAUL KIDBY

Pratchett takes readers on a guided tour of the Discworld, courtesy of his favourite Discworld artist, Paul Kidby. Following on from **The Last Hero** (Tp 29.95), this is a lavish 112-page large format, sumptuously illustrated look at all things Discworldian. Pratchett provides the written descriptions, while Paul Kidby illustrates the world that has made Pratchett one of the best-selling authors of all time. Here you will find favourites old and new: the City Watch, including Vimes, Carrot and Angua, the three witches - Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick - and the denizens of the Unseen University Library, not forgetting the Librarian, of course: they're all here, together with the places: Ankh-Morpork, Lancre, Uberwald and more... No Discworld fan will want to be without this beautiful gift book. Hb \$39.95 112pp

## DC COMICS: A CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD'S FAVOURITE COMIC BOOK HEROES

LES DANIELS

Rediscover the classic heroes - the mythical trailblazers - such as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Justice League and Swamp Thing. Thrill to today's cutting-edge comics from the enigmatic complexities of Sandman to the cataclysmic chaos of multiple universes. Feast your eyes on 600 illustrations in full colour - all the iconic heroes, sidekicks and villains as they appear in the comics and on movie and television screens all over the world. Enjoy behind-the-scenes stories from the masters of the comic book medium - the writers and artists who create DC magic. Tp \$75.00 272pp



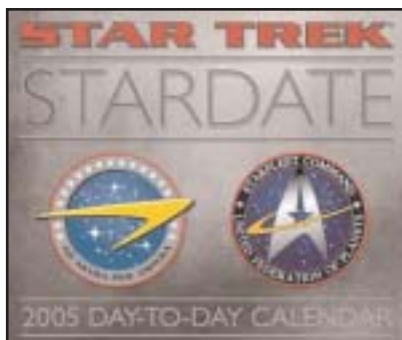
## THE PYTHON'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

THE PYTHON'S



For the first time, all surviving Python's have agreed to create the definitive story of *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. Over 30 years ago, a group of five Englishmen - and one wayward American - rewrote the rules of comedy. *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, an unheralded, previously unseen half-hour show of sketches, hilarities, inanities and animations, first appeared on the BBC late one night in 1969. Its impact has been felt across the world ever since. From its humble beginnings, it blossomed into the most influential movement in modern comedy. This is a unique look at arguably the most important comic team of the modern age, lavishly illustrated with 1,000 photographs, many culled from the team's own personal collections, many seen for the first time. This is the definitive word on all things Pythonesque. Hb \$39.95 360pp

1,000 photographs, many culled from the team's own personal collections, many seen for the first time. This is the definitive word on all things Pythonesque. Hb \$39.95 360pp



**STAR TREK  
STARDATE 2005  
DAY-TO-DAY CALENDAR \$24.95**

## CHRISTMAS HOURS

Regular trading hours except for:

### December

5 & 12	Sundays	10.00 - 6.00
18	Sat	8.30 - 8.00
19	Sun	9.00 - 6.00
20-23	Mon-Thu	8.00 - 9.00
24	Fri (Christmas Eve)	8.00 - 7.00
25	Sat (Christmas Day)	closed
26	Sun (Boxing Day)	10.00 - 5.00
27 & 28	Mon & Tue	10.00 - 5.00
31	Fri (New Year's Eve)	8.30 - 5.00

### January

1	Sat (New Year's Day)	closed
2 & 3	Sun & Mon	10.00 - 5.00



# SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY



DOUGLAS ADAMS

 **THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY**

*25th Anniversary Collector's Edition.* Whether you are well versed in the antics of Arthur Dent, a mild-mannered Earthman plucked from his planet seconds before it is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, and Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* posing as an out-of-work actor, or are hitching a ride for the first time, this is the book that has everything you need to know about anything. So please do not be alarmed. Definitely don't panic. Just be sure to grab a towel. Hb \$70.00 272pp

KEVIN J ANDERSON

 **HORIZON STORMS**

*The Saga of Seven Suns #3.* The war between the elemental alien hydrogues and faeros continues to sweep across the Spiral Arm, extinguishing suns and destroying planets. Chairman Wenceslas and King Peter must now unify the human race with iron-fisted policies in a final bid to stand together - or face total annihilation. But disparate civilisations are forging new alliances that threaten the old order. Tp \$29.95 659pp

PIERS ANTHONY

 **CURRENT EVENTS**

*Xanth series.* When Clio, the Muse of History, sat down to pen the 28th volume in the *Chronicles of Xanth*, she was stunned to discover it was already there! Vexed and bewildered, Clio resolved to ask her old friend, the Good Magician Humfrey, to search a solution to her problem in his *Book of Answers*. But, much to her consternation, Humfrey required her to perform a magical Service before she could acquire her Answer: to rescue Xanth's dragons from the verge of extinction before the delicate balance of its wildlife was permanently thrown out of whack. Hb \$54.00 336pp

CASSANDRA AUSTIN

 **SEEING GEORGE**

A fairytale for adults about love, marriage and mortality. From the moment she sees him, Violet knows that George isn't ordinary. He surprises and enchants her in ways that her husband Frank never can. In two years of marriage Violet has never kept anything from Frank, yet she can't bring herself to tell him about George. Simply describing her new friend leaves her speechless. But some secrets are impossible to contain... Now, 50 years later, it's Frank's turn to surprise Violet - by asking her to stop seeing George. Why, having put up with him for so long, is Frank finally taking this stand? Does seeing George still have the power to end their marriage? Hb \$29.95 268pp

STEPHEN AXELSEN

 **THE VERY MESSY INSPECTION**

*Piccolo and Annabelle #1.* Young Piccolo Grande lives alone in his fine old family home, following the mysterious disappearance of his parents years before. But one fateful afternoon his neat and ordered life is turned upside down and inside out when noisy, round and red-faced Annabelle bursts into his life. She claims to be his great aunt, but Piccolo recognises her for the angel she is - a Guardian Angel, sent to mind Piccolo - but where Annabelle goes, disaster soon follows and in two shakes of a feather, it is the boy who is minding the angel... Hb \$16.95 147pp

ALISON BAIRD

 **THE EMPIRE OF THE STARS**

*The Dragon Throne #2.* When the Celestial Empire is threatened by war, Jomar, accompanied by a host of companions and fighters, works to free his people from an evil tyrant, Meanwhile Ailia struggles to come to terms with her destiny as the long-prophesied ruler of the Empire. Tp \$29.95 406pp



BRUCE BALFOUR

 **PROMETHEUS ROAD**

Tom cannot resist the forbidden allure of what was the city of San Francisco, sunk into the sea by the gods centuries ago. But when his defiance brings down the wrath of the gods, he finds that they are actually artificial intelligences. Now, only he can follow the terrifying, mystical Prometheus Road to a face-off on a virtual reality battleground, with enemies that are half-human, half-machine and where war-faring computers demand his destruction. Pb \$16.95 310pp

IAIN M BANKS

 **THE ALGEBRAIST**

It is 4034 AD. Humanity has made it to the stars. Fassin Taak, a Slow Seer at the Court of the Nasqueron Dwellers, will be fortunate if he makes it to the end of the year. The Nasqueron Dwellers inhabit a gas giant on the outskirts of the galaxy, in a system awaiting its wormhole connection to the rest of civilisation. In the meantime, they are dismissed as decadents living in a state of highly developed barbarism, hoarding data without order, hunting their own young and fighting pointless formal wars. Secended to a military-religious order he's barely heard of - part of the baroque hierarchy of the Mercatoria, the latest galactic hegemony - Fassin Taak has to travel again amongst the Dwellers. He is in search of a secret hidden for half a billion years. But with each day that passes a war draws closer - a war that threatens to overwhelm everything and everyone he's ever known. Tp \$29.95 534pp

JAMES BARCLAY








 **DEMONSTORM**

*Legends of the Raven #3.* 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 revenge a bitter defeat has come. Tessaya, Lord of the Paleon Tribes has waited patiently for his moment and now, with Balaia in flames, he makes his move and unleashes the Wesmen hordes. Tp \$29.95 438pp

JOHN BARNES

 **GAUDEAMUS**

The author weaves himself into this sf action tale... Barnes' college friend Travis Bismark always brought back plenty of great stories from his job as an industrial spy. This time, over a few beer- and coffee-fuelled chat sessions, Travis unravels a tale about his current case: a Gaudemus machine that bends physics in order to make possible both teleportation and time travel and how it gets stolen - twice. Hb \$54.00 317pp

	SCIENCE FICTION
	FANTASY
	ROMANCE
	AWARD WINNER
	AUSTRALIAN
	ACTION
	REPRINT
	AUDIO CASSETTE
AC	COMPACT DISC
CD	PAPERBACK
PB	HARDBACK
HB	TRADE PAPERBACK
TP	

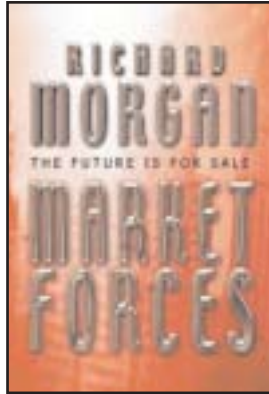
# FAVE RAVES

OUR FAVOURITES - NEW & CLASSIC

## NEW MARKET FORCES

**RICHARD MORGAN**  
**Tp \$29.95 386pp**

Richard Morgan is angry and this anger flows through into his new novel, **Market Forces**. In the not-too-distant future, financial houses divert their attention to the prospering market of conflict investment. Rather than investing in traditional commodities, companies now recruit and fund political candidates who seek to overthrow their present government. If the uprising proves successful, the financial houses receive a cut of the newly formed government's GDP as a return on their investment. With such high stakes, it comes as no surprise that the already cutthroat nature of finance becomes more intensified. As a result, financial houses literally duel it out on the deserted motorways for the rights to potential clients - cue scenes of *Mad-Max*-like duels between modified BMW and Saab sedans, driven by corporate executives! In the midst of this is our 'hero' Chris Faulkner, who grew up in The Zones, a segregated and patrolled area outside town that is filled with poverty and crime. Faulkner craves success to ensure he never has to go back to The Zones. His desire is so great that he is willing to sacrifice his relationship with his wife, his morals, his principles and even his life. As Faulkner gets stuck in a tricky project involving a South American general, he soon needs to decide whether it's worth losing all this in exchange for a company promotion.



This is one of those novels you can read on a superficial level and enjoy, or read further between the lines and appreciate more fully the author's concern for our future.

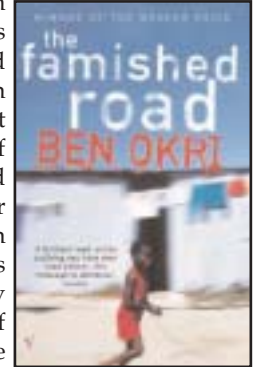
Morgan draws inspiration from a range of social commentators, such as Noam Chomsky and Michael Moore, to put together his speculation on our future, one where the line between business and politics is blurred and where the social classes are at polar extremes. Add to this an atypical hero and you get a very powerful and thought-provoking novel.

On a lighter note, Morgan also draws inspiration from genre classics such as *Mad Max* and *Rollerball* to create the memorable car duelling sequences. I now realise the importance of driving a Saab and marrying a mechanic. With this story, Morgan has created an ultra-bleak and ultra-violent vision of our future. Such an overdose of gloom makes it a compulsive read, one where a heavy drink might come in handy. - *John*

## CLASSIC THE FAMISHED ROAD

**BEN OKRI**  
**Pb \$24.95 574 pp**

This beautifully written novel, which won the *Booker Prize* in 1991, mixes magical realism, the supernatural and the struggle of daily life in an African village. It is the story of an abiku or spirit child, Azaro. In the Yoruba tradition of Nigeria, Azaro exists between life and death. He has chosen to remain in our world and the adventures that befall him are told in Okri's hypnotic style. His poverty-stricken family and community endure its struggles with a mixture of love and violence as they try to survive in an Africa that is rife with political turmoil. A colourful cast of characters includes the photographer who documents life in the village and displays his pictures in a cabinet by the roadside, and Madame Koto, the local bar owner who might also be a witch.



Throughout the novel, Azaro's spirit companions try to draw him back into their world and it is these encounters that comprise some of the story's most wonderful moments. All of a sudden, reality transforms and spirits of all imaginable descriptions fill the pages, mythic beings that both hinder Azaro and provide him with fresh insights into the world he has chosen to inhabit. Intertwined with all this is the everyday life of these real people, trying to survive on little income, and living with the turmoil of an unjust political system that spreads fear and hardship.

This book is a good example of how far the boundaries of what is termed 'fantasy' can be pushed. I suppose 'magical realism' is the most accurate description. "The regions of the real may be irradiated by dream imagery, dislocations in time and space, haunting juxtapositions, etc, but reality is the frame within which the narration, whether visual or textual, proceeds." (John Clute, **The Encyclopedia of Fantasy**, Orbit Books, 1997). Certainly the spirits in the book are real to Azaro, as he is a supernatural being himself, but apart from a few other special characters, nobody can see what Azaro sees. This is not to say that the fantastical elements in the book are only a sidebar to the story; they make it.

Okri's writing is profound and magical, mixing the most basic things of human existence, lives both wonderful and tragic in their simplicity, with the fantastical imagery that represents what also makes us very human - dreams and imagination.

As I read **The Famished Road**, I had to keep putting the book down. The imagery is so rich that I had to stop and digest what I had read, then pick it up again with excitement. Highly recommended. - *David*

**GREG BEAR**

### SLEEPSIDE: THE COLLECTED FANTASIES

This is a fantasy-themed companion volume to the bestselling **The Collected Stories of Greg Bear**. It features the stories *Webster*, *The White Horse Child*, *Sleepside Story*, *Dead Run*, *Through Road No Whither* and *Petra*. Also includes a new introduction by the author *On Losing the Taint of Being a Cannibal*. Hb \$49.95 293pp

**HOLLY BLACK & TONY D'ETERLIZZI**

### THE WRATH OF MULGARATH

*The Spiderwick Chronicles* #5. Three ordinary kids, Jared, Simon and Wallory Grace, have entered another world - without leaving this one! Two remarkable talents have risked everything to bring this remarkable account to light. Five books - one thrilling adventure - *The Spiderwick Chronicles*! Their world is closer than you think. Hb \$14.95 139pp

MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY (ED)

 **SWORD AND SORCERESS #21**

The bestselling *Sword & the Sorceress* series continues with this new edition of all-original stories of action-packed adventure, ultimate magic and fearsome, sword-wielding women by some of the best names in fantasy today. Pb \$16.95 308pp

HERBIE BRENNAN

 **THE PURPLE EMPEROR**

When Pyrgus Malvae's father arrives at the Purple Palace his appearance causes more than a little shock. After all, he was supposed to be dead. But the Purple Emperor has become an ally of the Faeries of the Night and it is clear that all is not what it should be in the Faerie Realm. Madness is unleashed and the old order is seriously under threat. Pyrgus and Holly Blue have to get to the bottom of all this chaos. When Henry arrives from the human realm to help, little can he imagine the diabolical world he is about to enter. Pb \$15.95 431pp

TERRY BROOKS

 **TANEQUIL**

*High Druid of Shannara #2*. The danger is increasing for Grianne Ohmsford, rightful High Druid of Shannara, who has been banished to the harsh world called the Forbidding, by a treasonous fellow druid. Yet no one but Grianne is aware that her banishment into the Forbidding - accomplished with the use of dark magic - allowed the simultaneous transference of a fearsome denizen of the Forbidding back into Grianne's world. No one but Grianne is aware of its existence 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. Hb \$49.95 357pp

ROBERT BUETTNER

 **ORPHANAGE**

When earth needs heroes, whom will we call to valour? When flares streaking across the sky herald massive destruction, who will defend us? When mankind's enemy is beyond our worst imagination, who will be our champions? Will we pick the brightest and the toughest? Or the ones with nothing left to lose? Mankind's first alien contact tears into Earth: projectiles launched from Jupiter's moon, Ganymede, vaporise whole cities. Under siege, humanity gambles on one desperate counterstrike. In a spacecraft scavenged from scraps and armed with Vietnam-era weapons, foot soldiers like 18-year-old Jason Wander - orphans that no one will miss - must dare man's first interplanetary voyage and invade Ganymede. They have one chance to attack, one ship to attack with. Their failure is our extinction. Pb \$16.95 302pp

ORSON SCOTT CARD

 **ENDER'S GAME**

Andrew 'Ender' Wiggin thinks he is playing computer-simulated war games at the Battle School; in fact, he is engaged in something far more desperate. Ender is the result of decades of genetic experimentation, Earth's attempt to make the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. This, the author's definitive edition, also includes an original postscript written and recorded by the author himself, in which he discusses the origins of the novel. \$80.00 CD (9 discs)

ROWENA CHERRY

 **FORCED MATE**

By all the Lechers of Antiquity, what is a god-Emperor to do when his chosen mate is caught on tape speculating that he is a brute and a bore in bed? Renowned for his sexual prowess all over the galaxy, Prince Tarrant-Arragon has a reputation for depravity to keep up, even if the reality of his private life is a far different story. His personal inclination would be to woo his intended with charm and wit, but politics and Tigrion tradition call for abduction followed by swift consummation. Embarking on a skilled seduction, Tarrant-Arragon feels confident in his ability to take his queen. But he hasn't counted on the unpredictability of his little Earthling or the startling fact that she would make a pawn of his own heart. Pb \$14.95 326pp

EOIN COLFER

 **THE ARTEMIS FOWL FILES**

Artemis Fowl's confidential files have been discovered in his safe at Fowl Manor. Ever since his first contact with the fairy people he has kept a locked dossier. Now you too can share the secrets. Contains two short stories, plus interviews with major characters including Artemis, Holly, Foaly, Mulch and Eoin Colfer himself, a coded extract from the Fairy Book for you to translate, a fairy-spotters section, technical diagrams of Foaly's top inventions and much more. Hb \$19.95 195pp

STORM CONSTANTINE

 **THE SHADES OF TIME AND MEMORY**

This continues the story of the struggle between the triad of Pellaz, the Tigrion of all the Wraeththu; Caeru, the Tigrina chosen for him by Thiede and Calanthe, the Tigrina of Pellaz' heart - Cal who incepted Pellaz, murdered Thiede and whose wild seductive nature captivates all who know him. But while these three struggle for mortal political power, others are discovering that the psychic abilities of the Wraeththu and their sisters, the Kamagrian, are far greater, and far stranger, than any of them had ever supposed. Hb \$59.95 444pp

ALISON CROGGAN

 **THE RIDDLE**

*Pellinor #2*. Maerad is a girl with a tragic and bitter past, but her powers grow stronger by the day. Now she and her mentor, Cadvan, pursued by both the Light and the Dark, are seeking the Riddle of the Treesong - the key to restoring peace to the ravaged kingdom. But is Maerad herself the greatest riddle of all? Pb \$22.95 471pp

KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND

 **KING OF THE MIDDLE MARCH**

*Arthur #3*. It is 1202 and thousands of knights and foot soldiers are mustering in Venice for the Fourth Crusade. Among them is young Arthur de Caldicot, squire to Lord Stephen. It is thrilling to be part of this huge gathering, but as Christian falls upon Christian and Saracens draw their scimitars, Arthur's eyes are opened to the realities of war. Looking into his seeing stone for guidance, he realises that the exploits of King Arthur and his knights, like those of the crusaders, are as grim as they are glorious. Meanwhile Arthur has his own concerns - Gatty, his betrothal, his dream of finding his mother, his relationship with his violent father and his churlish foster-brother. When he finally returns to England, all he has lost and all he has won come together. Pb \$15.95 396pp

**RECOMMENDED READING**

CHARLES DE LINT

**THE BLUE GIRL**


When Imogene, her mother and brother move to Newford, she decides to reinvent herself - this time she won't go looking for trouble. She quickly gets to know two very different people. Maxine is a "good girl," following a strict life plan. Imogene helps Maxine loosen up and break a few rules, and in turn Maxine keeps her on the straight and narrow. Imogene's other new friend is Adrian - a ghost with a huge crush on her - so much so that he wants her to see the fairies that also haunt the school. The fairies invade Imogene's dreams, blurring the line between the unreal and the real. When her imaginary childhood friend Pelly actually manifests, Imogene knows something is terribly wrong. With Maxine, Adrian and Pelly's help, Imogene challenges the dark forces of Faery. Hb \$39.95 368pp *This was fantastic! It was so good I managed to read it in two days even though Wyatt had just learnt to crawl and was into everything. Steph*

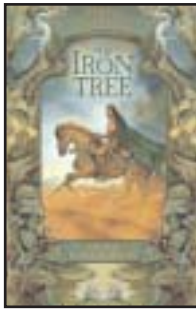


CECILIA DART-THORNTON



**THE IRON TREE**

 *Crowthistle* #1. Jarred, recently come of age, is leaving the sun-scorched desert village that has always been his home. He sets out with a band of friends to explore the world - to see the mighty and beautiful kingdom of the north, a place he has only ever dreamed of - and to seek out the truth about his father, who came to the village a stranger and departed when Jarred was ten, never to return. On his journey, Jarred stumbles across the secret of the Iron Tree and with it an unbearable truth about his father's identity... Tp \$30.00 425pp



**COMPETITION**

Win a copy of  
Cecilia Dart-Thornton's  
new novel, **The Iron Tree**.  
See back page for entry details

PAUL DI FILIPPO

 **FUZZY DICE**

Visited one morning by a dimension-hopping artificial intelligence named Hans, Paul is given the ability to jump instantly to any world he can envision. But without truly knowing himself, Paul soon discovers that framing a wish that gets the expected results is not as easy as it first appears. From the depths of the Big Bang, to a world where hippies rule; from a society where cooperation means everything, to one where individual chaos rules - across these bizarre dimensions and many others, Paul races in the search for happiness, love, wealth, status... and the answer to the Ontological Pickle. Acquiring comrades and enemies along the way, our feckless alternaut reaches a cul-de-sac from which the only exit is death. And then his adventures really begin.... Tp \$27.00 296pp

STEPHEN DONALDSON

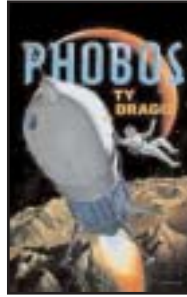
 **THE RUNES OF THE EARTH**

*The Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant* #1. At the end of the *The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever*, as Covenant battles to save the world, he is killed - in both worlds - as Dr Linden Avery, his horrified companion, looks on. Now comes the book every fantasy reader has been waiting for. It's ten years later and Linden Avery thought she would never see the Land, or Covenant, her beloved, again. But Lord Foul has stolen her adopted son, and is unmaking the very laws of nature. And though she believes Covenant dead, he keeps sending Linden messages: 'Find me', and 'Don't trust me'. The Land is in turmoil and Lord Foul has plans for them all... Hb \$49.95 593pp

TY DRAGO

 **PHOBOS**

Lt. Mike Brogue is just a man trying to do his job as a tactical analyst and prefers to leave the politics to civilians and government sub-committees. After he manages to save a top Terran official from an extremist plot, however, the only way to avoid the spotlight is to get off-planet. So he pulls some strings and gets shipped to one of the small moons of Mars to help unravel a mystery. Some people at the research station on the Martian moon Phobos have been killed and it seems like the culprit is a native life form. The first military team sent in quickly discovered just how lethal the Phobos beast could be. And Brogue soon learns that there's no such thing as a safe haven from political upheaval. Pb \$18.95 431pp



NANCY FARMER

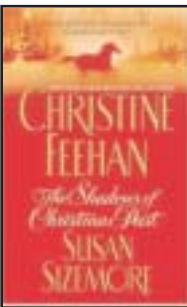
 **THE SEA OF TROLLS**

Jack was 11 when the berserkers loomed out of the fog and nabbed him. The year is AD 793. In the next months, Jack and his little sister, Lucy, are enslaved by Olaf One-Brow and his fierce young shipmate, Thorgil. With a crew named Bold Heart for mysterious company, they are swept up into an adventure-quest. Other threats include a wilful mother Dragon, a giant spider and a troll-boar with a surprising personality - to say nothing of Ivar the Boneless and his wife, Queen Frith, a shape-shifting half-troll and several eight foot tall, orange-haired, full-time trolls. Hb \$24.95 459pp

CHRISTINE FEEHAN  
& SUSAN SIZEMORE

  **THE SHADOWS OF CHRISTMAS PAST**

Love and magic triumph over evil in these two novellas. In Christine Feehan's *Rocky Mountain Miracle*, Cole Steele, a womaniser rumoured to have killed his father, meets Maia Armstrong, a veterinarian rumoured to practice magic and the sparks that fly could melt all the snow on his Wyoming ranch. In Susan Sizemore's *A Touch of Harry*, the injured wolf Dr. Marjorie Piper takes back to her kennel turns into a man and Marj is stunned, keeping his subsequent escape a secret. The only thing more difficult to hide is the burning desire she feels for Harrison Blethyin, a stranger in town who brings out her animal instincts. Pb \$16.95 365pp



JOHN FLANAGAN

 **THE RUINS OF GORLAN**

*Rangers Apprentice* #1. Will is small for his age, but agile and energetic. All his life, he has longed to be a warrior and to follow in the footsteps of the father he never knew, so he is devastated when he is rejected as an apprentice to Castle Redmont's Battleschool. He's no happier when he's assigned instead to the Ranger Corps, the Kingdom's secret service, as the Rangers are a mysterious group whose uncanny ability to move about unseen is thought by many to be the result of black magic. Will begins training under the dour and enigmatic Halt and reluctantly learns all the fieldcraft and archery he will need to become a fully-fledged Ranger. But Will soon finds himself needing all his new-found skills as he and Halt set off on a desperate mission to prevent the assassination of the King... Pb \$14.95 281pp

ERIC FLINT (ED)

 **GRANTVILLE GAZETTE**

A 1633 anthology. The author presents a book of new fiction about the heroes of Grantville, as well as articles examining the problems of maintaining 20th century technology in the 17th century. (Can you make penicillin from bread mould? To conserve your limited supply of gasoline, can you use literal horsepower to run a dynamo? Can you make a radio using 17th century glassware and metallurgy?). Pb \$16.95 361pp

ALAN DEAN FOSTER

 **SLIDING SCALES**

A *Pip & Flinx* novel. With an increasing number of enemies chasing him with ever-greater enthusiasm, Flinx must find a getaway shrouded in obscurity. Just, a planet smack in the middle of nowhere, is the perfect locale. Yet even in a place where hardly anyone's ever seen a human, Flinx and trouble can't stay separated for long. Unfortunately, Flinx hasn't a clue that his vacation paradise is in reality a danger zone of the highest magnitude. And by the time he learns the truth, it may be too late. Hb \$54.00 246pp

JOHN GARDNER

  **GRENDDEL**

*Fantasy Masterworks* #41. When Grendel is drawn up from the caves under the mere where he lives with his bloated, inarticulate hag of a mother into the fresh night air, it is to lay waste Hrothgar's meadhall and heap destruction on the humans he finds there. What else can he do? For he is not like the men who busy themselves with God, love and beauty. He sees the infuriating human rage for order and recognises the meaninglessness of his own existence. Pb \$19.95 123pp

MICHAEL GERBER

 **BARRY TROTTER AND THE SHAMELESS PARODY**

The Hogwash School for Wizards is the most famous school in the wizarding world and Barry Trotter is its most famous pupil. It's been that way ever since J G Rollins' *Barry Trotter and the Philosopher's Stone* broke publishing records worldwide. But now disaster looms. The movie *Barry Trotter and the Inevitable Attempt to Cash-In* has gone into final production and the marketing machine at Wagner Bros. is going into overdrive. Hogwash is going to be submerged under a tide of souvenir-crazed Muddle fans, torn apart and sold on eBay, stone by mossy stone. The movie must be stopped. Barry, Ermine Cringer and Lon Measly must find a way to defeat the most powerful force of grasping sleazoids the world has ever known: Hollywood. Pb \$16.95 274pp

PETER F HAMILTON

 **PANDORA'S STAR**

*Commonwealth #1.* In AD 2329, humanity has colonised over 400 planets, all of them interlinked by wormholes. With Earth at its centre, the Intersolar Commonwealth now occupies a sphere of space approximately 400 light years across. When an astronomer observes a star 2,000 light years distant - and then a neighbouring one - vanish, the Commonwealth investigates what happened to them. Since a conventional wormhole cannot be used to reach these vanished stars, for the first time humans need to build a faster-than-light starship, the *Second Chance*. But it arrives to find each 'vanished' star encased in a giant force field - and within one of them resides a massive alien civilisation. Pb \$19.95 1144pp

STEVEN HARPER

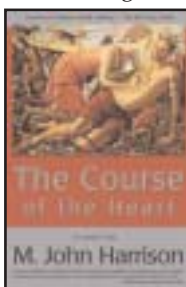
 **OFFSPRING**

*Silent Empire #4.* The Dream was a telepathic place of existence where a psychic race known as the Silent could twist the laws of reality, but a madman's lust for power has torn the Dream asunder. Now, only a handful of the Silent can enter it. Kendi Weaver is one of them and it is up to him to protect it as political and personal enemies line up against him. Pb \$18.95 384pp

M JOHN HARRISON

 **THE COURSE OF THE HEART**

A novel which weaves together mythology, sexuality and the troubled past and present of Eastern Europe. It begins on a hot May night, when three Cambridge students carry out a ritualistic act which changes their lives. Hb \$58.00 184pp



BRIAN HERBERT & KEVIN ANDERSON

 **THE BATTLE OF CORRIN**

*Legends of Dune #3.* In the years of peace, too many of mankind have forgotten that their machine enemies never sleep. But some have forgotten nothing - and learned from their triumphs. The brilliant military commander Vorian Atreides, son of a Titan, has the gift of long life from his terrifying father and knows the machines' minds better than any man alive. Norma Cenva, the genius inventor of humanity's best defences, dreams of new discoveries that will make man invincible. And on the windswept desert planet Arrakis, the power that can give them victory waits. Hb \$59.95 620pp

JAMES HETLEY

 **THE SUMMER COUNTRY**

Maureen Pierce has led a fairly ordinary life, maybe a slightly tough one for a woman her age, growing up on the wrong side of the poverty line in Naskeag Falls, Maine. But everything changes when she meets Brian Albion. If she can believe him, she carries a blood legacy that goes back to the old country. Only this is the really old country, the land of Mordred and Merlin, where deadly battles are still fought with magic and a woman who carries the blood of the Old Ones is a prize to be desired - or a threat to be destroyed... Pb \$16.95 361pp

LUDVIG HOLBERG

 **THE JOURNEY OF NIELS**

 **KLIM TO THE WORLD**

**UNDERGROUND**

Niels Klim discovers worlds within our own - exotic civilizations and fabulous creatures scattered across the underside of the earth's crust and, at the earth's centre, a small, inhabited planet orbiting around a miniature sun. In an epic journey, Klim visits countries led by sentient and contemplative trees, a kingdom of intelligent apes preoccupied with fashion and change, a land whose inhabitants don't speak out of their mouths, neighbouring countries of birds locked in an eternal war and a land where string basses talk musically to one another. First published in 1741. Tp \$32.95 234pp

EMMA HOLLY

 **THE DEMON'S DAUGHTER**

It is Inspector Adrian Philips's job to keep the peace between humans and demons in Avvar. Part demon, part human, he is hated by both sides. But when he meets Roxanne, a fellow outcast, he finds in her everything his soul needs - and his body yearns for. The question is: will the exquisite pleasure they find together be worth the dangerous wrath of their enemies? Pb \$16.95 322pp

TOM HOLT

 **SAINTS AND SINNERS**

 **OMNIBUS**

An omnibus edition containing **Paint Your Dragon** and **Open Sesame. Paint Your Dragon...** the cosmic battle between Good and Evil goes on... but suppose Evil threw the fight? And suppose Good cheated? **Open Sesame...** Just as the boiling water was about to be poured on his head and his life flashed before his eyes, Akram the Terrible, the most feared thief in Baghdad, knew that this had happened before. Many times. And he was damned if he was going to let it happen again, just because he was a fictional character. Pb \$26.95 568pp

 **TALL STORIES OMNIBUS**

An omnibus edition **Expecting Someone Taller** and **Ye Gods! Expecting Someone Taller...** Malcolm Fisher runs over a badger, who turns out to be none other than Ingolf, last of the Giants, who reluctantly hands Malcolm two Gifts of Power and makes him ruler of the world. But can Malcolm cope with the responsibility? **Ye Gods!...** Being a Hero bothers Jason Derry. It's easy to get maladjusted, when your mum's a suburban housewife and your dad's the Supreme Being. But it's not the relentless tedium of imperishable glory that finally brings Jason to the end of his rope; it's something so funny that it's got to be taken seriously. Deadly seriously. Pb \$26.95 628pp

NALO HOPKINSON

 **THE SALT ROADS**

Across centuries and civilisations, award-winning writer Nalo Hopkinson fearlessly explores the relationships women have with their lovers, with each other, with their people and with the divine. As Jeanne struggles with the volatile Baudelaire, as Mer's dedication is tested by revolution, as Thais crosses paths with the eternal, the author interweaves their experiences and braids vivid acts of brutality with passionate unions of spirit and flesh. Tp \$32.95 409pp

MADELINE HOWARD

 **THE HIDDEN STARS**

*The Rune of Unmaking #1.* The Empress Ouriána has seized the throne, proclaiming herself the Divine Incarnation of the Devouring Moon. Appointing 12 priests to perform her rites, she rules with evil sorcery. The priests, monstrosly twisted, bring destruction wherever they ride. One kingdom after another falls, enslaved into darkness. Yet rumours persist of a young girl, talented and hidden, who is destined to end Ouriána's tyrannous reign... if she can survive long enough to do so. And so a brave band of wizards and heroes ride out in search of the hidden princess, pursued by the fury of the dark goddess herself. Tp \$32.95 424pp

**MATTHEW HUGHES**

 **BLACK BRILLION**

Boro Harkless, an idealist driven by the memory of his heroic father, has come to the city of Sherit, seeking the notorious Luff Imbry, who has devoted his life to the enjoyment of wealth. Tossed together by circumstance, they form an uneasy truce when they discover a common goal: capturing the grandest con-man of them all, Horselan Gebbling. Riding a landship across the unnatural prairie known as the Swept, Boro and Luff get caught up in an ever-growing tangle of mysteries. What lurks beneath the Swept? What hides within the Commons, eager to come out? And exactly what game is Gebbling playing? Hb \$49.95 272pp

**EVA IBBOTSON**

 **THE STAR OF KAZAN**

Annika never has a birthday - no one knows the date she was born. She celebrates her Found Day instead. For Annika was abandoned as a baby and found by a cook and a housemaid from Vienna. Suddenly a glamorous stranger arrives at Annika's door. Her mother, after years of guilt and searching, has come to claim her. Annika is no servant, but a Prussian aristocrat whose true home is a great castle. But at crumbling, spooky Spittal she discovers that all is not as it seems in the lives of her new-found family... Tp \$25.00 388pp

**TAMARA SILER JONES**

 **GHOSTS IN THE SNOW**

Dubric Bryerly woke to find a ghost next to his bed this morning. It's the 14th this year. Thus begins Bryerly's entrance into the most chilling investigation of his long career, as the head of security at Faldorrah's castle keep. Not long after the first body is discovered, savagely disfigured, a second comes to light, also violently mutilated. And over the next few weeks, another and another and another. As the pressure mounts, so does the danger...will Dubric manage to find the killer before another girl dies, or before the frightened and frustrated castle inhabitants rise up against the very man sworn to protect them? Pb \$16.95 488pp

**ROBERT JORDAN**

 **NEW SPRING**

*Wheel of Time prequel #1.* Moiraine Damodred, a young Accepted soon to be raised to Aes Sedai and Lan Mandragoran, a soldier fighting in the battle, are set on paths that will bind their lives together. But those paths are filled with complications and dangers, for Moiraine, of the Royal House of Cairhien, whose king has just died, and Lan, considered the uncrowned king of a nation long dead, find their lives threatened by the plots of those seeking power. Pb \$19.95 423pp

**SHERRILYN KENYON,**

**AMANDA ASHLEY, ET AL**

  **STROKE OF MIDNIGHT**

In an unseen world that lurks in the shadows, they roam the night - feral, passionate and dangerous. And when their world touches ours, a primitive desire takes hold, leaving mere mortals powerless in its wake... Four of romance's most intriguing authors have come together to create this anthology - tales of vampires, shapeshifters and werewolves. At the heart of these tales are everyday people facing extraordinary events - men and women thrown together by fate and an irresistible desire. In this world, your eyes can betray you as myth becomes reality, curses are vanquished and love is the only weapon that can stand in the face of evil. In this world, there is a moment when passion and forbidden desire collide... at the stroke of midnight. Pb \$16.95 375pp

**P B KERR**

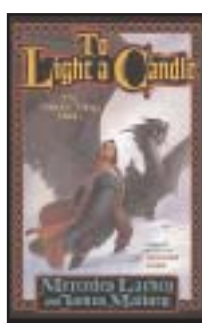
 **CHILDREN OF THE LAMP**

*The Akhenaten Adventure.* Non-identical twins Jonathan and Philippa Gaunt, aged 12, live in New York. The early arrival of their wisdom teeth coincides with an ominous earthquake in Egypt and heralds strange dreams and a trip to London. There they meet eccentric Uncle Nimrod, who tells them the truth about their background - they are born of a Djinn mother and as a result they themselves have Djinn powers. Nimrod himself turns out to be an important figure in the Djinn world and soon the children find themselves in the midst of a titanic battle of good and evil set across three continents. Hb \$24.95 374pp

**MERCEDES LACKEY & JAMES MALLORY**

 **TO LIGHT A CANDLE**

*The Obsidian Trilogy #2.* The Demon Queen sends her forces against her human and elven enemies, sowing distraction and death. In the human City, the Queen's agents work to divide the Council and foment



rebellion among the City's citizens. In the countryside, they target the most vulnerable and valuable - the young Elf Prince and the Wild Mages, who might be the Demons' most dangerous enemies. To his own surprise, young Kellen, once the disappointing son of the great Mage who leads the City's Mage Council, has become a powerful Knight-Mage. Valued for his bravery and his skills as both wizard and warrior, Kellen joins the Elves' war councils. Yet he cannot convince the City of his birth that it is in terrible danger. Hb \$59.95 656pp

**GLENDA LARKE**

 **THE TAINTED**

*The Isles of Glory #3.* The balance of power in the Isles of Glory is threatened by the growing strength of the Keeper Isles. The alien ghemphs are forced to take sides, ending generations of neutrality. And it seems that Ruarth Windrider's difficulties have only just begun - Flame is not at all happy to see him and Blaze Halfbreed has disappeared. Against this backdrop of upheaval, the selver-herder Gilfeather and the patriarch Tor Ryder strive to find a way to destroy magic... all magic. Pb \$18.95 498pp

**VALERIO MASSIMO MANFREDI**

 **THE TALISMAN OF TROY**

The protagonist of this tale is Diomedes, the last of the great ancient Greek Homeric heroes, who seeks to return to his beloved homeland after years of war against Troy. But destiny has other plans for him. Betrayed by his wife and persecuted by hostile gods, he has no choice but to turn his sails west, towards Hesperia, the mysterious mist-shrouded land that will one day be called Italy. He ventures boldly into this new world, for he carries with him the magic Talisman of Troy, a mysterious, powerful idol that can make the nation that possesses it invincible... Pb \$19.95 278pp

**JOHN MARCO**

 **THE DEVIL'S ARMOUR**

*A Tyrants and Kings novel.* This sequel to *The Eyes of God* (Pb \$18.95) from award-winning author John Marco continues the epic tale of Arthurian elements, diverse magic, war, intrigue, romance and deception. Pb \$18.95 742pp

**ALLAN MASSIE**

 **ARTHUR THE KING**

It is the aftermath of the Roman occupation of Britain. Kings are now jockeying for position, for title, for land and for power. A young boy confounds the most famous knights of the realm when he pulls a jewelled sword from a cleft in a stone and claims the throne left vacant by the death of Uther Pendragon. In this new vision of the Arthurian story, Camelot is set on the River Tweed and Merlin disapproves of his knights' yearning for battle and their quest for the Holy Grail. Pb \$21.95 292pp

**ANNE McCAFFREY**

 **ACORNA'S TRIUMPH**

*Acorna #7.* As Acorna tries to stop a vicious criminal from destroying innocents, a new complication arises. Sensing the Linyaari weakness, the deadly Khleevi return, determined to take back the planet - for good. In this dark time, it will take all of the unicorn girl's courage and determination to rescue Aari and stop the alien menace once and for all. Pb \$18.95 337pp

ANNE McCAFFREY

 **DRAGON'S KIN**

A *Pern* novel. When disaster strikes at a coal mining settlement, Kindan loses his family in one terrible instant and the camp loses its watch-her. Fathers are replaced by sons in the mine - except for Kindan, who is taken in by the camp's new Harper. Grieving, Kindan finds a measure of solace in a burgeoning musical talent... and in a new friendship with Nuella, a mysterious girl no one seems to know exists. Pb \$19.95 400pp

JACK McDEVITT

 **OMEGA**

*Hutch #4*. For a quarter of a century, mankind has known about the existence of the malignant omega clouds. Huge waves of deadly energy, they seem bent on destroying any civilisation they come across. An omega is headed toward Earth, but will not enter the solar system for 900 years. Though research continues, there is no sense of urgency - until a Space Academy ship on a routine mission sends word back to Earth that the cloud has diverted to a previously unexplored planetary system. It is now aimed at a living pre-technological alien society - and it will reach the planet in a matter of months. Suddenly, the need to turn theory into practice becomes vital, as a handful of brave humans, scientists and military alike, undertake the task of saving an entire world without revealing their existence. Pb \$18.95 493pp

 **POLARIS**

The luxury space yacht *Polaris* carried an elite group of the wealthy and curious thousands of light-years from Earth to witness a spectacular stellar phenomenon. It never returned. The search party sent to investigate found the *Polaris* empty and adrift in space, the fate of its pilot and passengers a mystery. 60 years later, prominent antiquities dealer Alex Benedict is determined to find the truth about *Polaris* - no matter how far he must travel across the stars, no matter the risk. Hb \$54.00 370pp

OISON McGANN

 **THE GODS AND THEIR MACHINES**

Chamus Aranson is a young Altiman student, training to be a fighter pilot in his nation's air force. Riadni Mocranen is a rebellious Bartokhrian tomboy, who dreams of joining the heroic freedom fighters in their crusade against Altima. Chamus and Riadni come from two completely different worlds, but when Chamus is forced to make an emergency landing deep in enemy country, Riadni becomes his only hope for survival. Now they must work together to stop an unimaginable catastrophe from setting both their worlds on fire. Hb \$43.00 235pp

JULIAN MAY

 **IRONCROWN MOON**

*Boreal Moon #2*. King Conrig 'Ironcrown' of Cathra now rules the entire island of High Blenholme. The young king is turning out to be a cruel and ruthless opportunist and has plans for further expansion into the continent to the south of his kingdom. However, his rule is not entirely unchallenged. There are rumours that his vengeful first wife, Maudrayne, believed to have committed suicide when she discovered his infidelity, is in fact alive and in hiding in the remote province of Tarn. Furthermore, it is believed she has given birth to Conrig's first son - under Cathran law, the child would be the legitimate heir to the throne, displacing the twins who have since been born to Conrig's second wife. The king despatches his royal intelligencer, Deveron to discover the truth and to kill Maudrayne and the child if he finds them. Hb \$49.95 502pp

MICHAEL MOORCOCK (ED)

 **NEW WORLDS:  
AN ANTHOLOGY**

From its beginnings as a fanzine before World War II, *New Worlds* struck out on a different path. In the post-war years, under the editorial direction of Michael Moorcock, the magazine published more award-winning stories than any other science fiction publication and became the vanguard of the 'New Wave' writing that stood sci-fi on its head in the 1960s. It was banned, it received grants and it became the subject of debate in the Houses of Parliament. Moorcock introduced a broad readership to writers whose names would endure, such as Samuel Delany, M John Harrison, J G Ballard, Harlan Ellison, Brian Aldiss, Fritz Leiber, John Brunner, Norman Spinrad and many others. Tp \$39.95 386pp

JACLYN MORIARTY

 **I HAVE A BED MADE OF BUTTERMILK PANCAKES**

The Zing family lives in a world of spell books, flying beach umbrellas and state-of-the-art covert surveillance equipment. There's a slippery Zing, a graceful Zing and a Zing who runs as fast as a bus. But most significant of all, there's the Zing Family Secret: so immense that it draws the family to the garden shed for meetings every Friday night. Tp \$30.00 420pp

STAN NICHOLLS

 **ORCS OMNIBUS**

Contains **Bodyguard of Lightning, Legion of Thunder, Warriors of the Tempest** and a new short story previously only available in a small press anthology. This is the entire story of Stryke and his band of Orcs. Fantasy's bad guys finally get their own say in this fast moving, action packed, tongue in cheek tale of Orc valour and human treachery. Pb \$22.95 711pp

GREGORY NORMINGTON

 **ARTS AND WONDERS**

Tomasso Grilli, a dwarf gifted with an extraordinary capacity for artistic forgery (and flexible morals) recounts the story of his life, from his base beginnings in Florence, through his apprenticeship to the painter Arcimboldo, to his life of crime in Prague to the gilded fame he finds as 'librarian' and collector to the court of an impoverished, ignorant ruler in the German Dukedom of Felsungrunde. Grilli's ambition and dubious skills take him to the pinnacle of success only for it to collapse beneath him like the illusion it always was. Betrayed and reviled he leaves Felsungrunde, is forced to join a group of travelling players, and as an ageing, juggling, pot-bellied cupid he finally learns the value of friendship, loyalty and honesty. Pb \$24.95 490pp

JEAN RABE

 **THE FINEST CREATION**

They were the Finest Creations - mystically forged creatures of perfection sent by the creators to aid the Fallen (mankind) during their mortal existence. Though they resemble ordinary horses they are highly intelligent, capable of communicating telepathically and completely moral. They are assigned to bond with individuals of great potential and then protect them from harm while guiding them along a path of virtue. This is as it has been for years... but when a young Finest is separated from its mentor before it has been invested with its assignment, the young equine accepts the charge of two orphans to its care not realising that man's potential may rest in their future... Hb \$45.00 318pp

JOHN RINGO


 **THERE WILL BE DRAGONS**

*Edmond Talbot #1*. In the future the world is a paradise - and then, in a moment, it ends. The council that controls the Net falls out and goes to war. Everywhere people who have never known a moment of want or pain are left wondering how to survive. In the village of Raven's Mill, Edmund Talbot, master smith and unassuming historian, finds that all the problems of the world are falling in his lap. Refugees are flooding in, bandits are roaming the woods and his former lover and his only daughter struggle through the Fallen landscape. Enemies, new and old, gather like jackals around a wounded lion. But what the jackals do not know is that while old he may be, this lion is far from death. And hidden in the past is a mystery that has waited until this time to be revealed. You cross Edmund Talbot at your peril, for a smith is not all he once was. Pb \$18.95 746pp




ROBERT J SAWYER

 **HYBRIDS**

 *Neanderthal Parallax* #3. Ponter Boddit and his Homosapien lover, geneticist Mary Vaughan, are torn between two worlds, struggling to find a way to make their star-crossed relationship work. Aided by banned Neanderthal technology, they plan to conceive their first hybrid child, a symbol of hope for the joining of their two versions of reality. Meanwhile, as Mary's Earth is dealing with a collapse of its planetary magnetic field, her boss, the enigmatic Jock Krieger, has turned envious eyes on the unspoiled Eden that is the Neanderthal world. Pb \$18.95 396pp


MAGGIE SHAYNE

  **COLDER THAN ICE**

 17 years ago, government agent Josh Kendall was part of the raid on the cult-like Young Believers. His own bullet killed an innocent girl (or so he thought) and he has lived with the guilt ever since. Elizabeth Marcum was that girl. She survived the bullet from the botched raid and now lives under a new identity in rural Vermont, hiding from the cult leader who has managed to elude capture all these years. But she's tired of running, tired of hiding. If Mordecai Young tracks her down, so be it. When Josh is sent to protect Elizabeth - and realises who she is - he will do anything to keep her alive, including lying about who he is. But as Mordecai descends back into their lives, they become targets in a deadly battle that threatens to shatter their last chance at life and love. Pb \$16.95 392pp

ROBERT SILVERBERG

 **PHASES OF THE MOON**

 This is a collection of Silverberg's best short fiction, as selected by the author. Tp \$35.00 622pp

FRANCIS STEVENS


 **THE NIGHTMARE AND OTHER TALES OF DARK FANTASY**

Slithering from these pages are never-before-collected tales of suspense and wonder by the woman who invented modern-day dark fantasy. A man goes quietly to bed aboard the doomed Lusitania and awakens on a magical South Pacific Island just as the passenger liner is torpedoed. In a future where women rule the world, a sentient island becomes murderously jealous of a shipwrecked couple. The stories in this collection have played an integral role in the development of modern dark fantasy, greatly influencing such writers as H P Lovecraft and A Merritt. Tp \$37.95 404pp




PAUL STEWART & CHRIS RIDDELL

 **FREEGLADER**

 *The Edge Chronicles* #7. Fleeing from the ruins of New Undertown, Rook Barkwater and his colleagues - the librarian knights, Felix Lodd and his banderbear friends - must lead the escaping population to a new life in the Free Glades. But perils aplenty are ahead for the crowd - not to mention some goblins with plans of their own. Hb \$36.95 413pp


PAUL STEWART & CHRIS RIDDELL

 **THE EDGE CHRONICLES MAPS**

 Now, for the first time, complete with descriptions of some of the best-known places in this world, two glorious full-colour fold-out maps are available, illustrating the Edgeworld over the generations - from the time of the sky pirate Cloud Wolf and his son, Twig, through to the post-stone-sickness world of young Rook Barkwater. \$17.95


S ANDREW SWANN

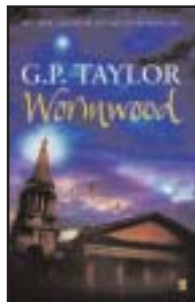
 **THE HOSTILE TAKEOVER TRILOGY**

 In the 24th century, humans have built a star-spanning Confederacy that encompasses 83 worlds - plus one. The 84th planet is Bakunin, where power belongs to whoever can seize it. With no taxes, no anti-trust laws and no governing body, it's the perfect home base for mega-corporations and criminals. Pb \$18.95 966pp

G P TAYLOR


 **WORMWOOD**

 When a meteor strikes London, its inhabitants are devastated. It's not long before corrupt individuals start taking advantage of the disaster and, with the city lying in ruins, nothing seems certain to those who dwell there. If only they knew that, held captive and tucked away in an attic in the city, there is an angel - who fell to earth with the meteor and whose only hope lies in a servant girl named Agetta. For in this dark time of treachery and deceit, escape is not likely to come easily. Pb \$16.95 312pp




KAREN TRAVISS

 **CROSSING THE LINE**


 War is coming again to Cavanagh's Star - and this time, the instigators will be the troublesome gethes from the faraway planet Earth. Former Environmental Enforcement Officer Shan Frankland has already crossed a line and now she is a prize to be captured... or a threat to be eliminated. But saving a coveted world and its fragile native population may require of her one unthinkable sacrifice - the destruction of her own ruthless, invading species. Pb \$18.95 373pp


HARRY TURTLEDOVE

 **IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES**

 In the 21st century, Germany's Third Reich continues to thrive after its victory in World War II - keeping most of Europe and North America under its heel. But within the heart of the Nazi regime, a secret lives. Under a perfect Aryan facade, Jews survive - living their lives, raising their families and fearing discovery... Pb \$18.95 515pp


GORDON VAN GELDER (ED)

 **IN LANDS THAT NEVER WERE: TALES OF SWORDS AND SORCERY**

 Conan the Barbarian is featured, together with some of fantasy's favourite characters, in this compendium of swordplay and wizardry, fleet-footed thieves and flat-footed palace guards, witches and man-eating leopards, giants and giant slugs. Includes tales by Ursula Le Guin, Fritz Leiber, R Garcia Robertson, Pat Murphy, Jeffrey Ford, Ellen Kushner and John Morressy. Tp \$35.00 395pp


LAWRENCE WATT-EVANS

 **DRAGON VENOM**

 *Obsidian Chronicles* #3. Arlian seeks his final vengeance - death to all of dragonkind. But as he begins to destroy the evil beasts, wild magic seeps into the Lands of Men, sowing chaos and destruction in its wake. Will Arlian's all-consuming quest for justice consume humanity as well? The answer may lie within his ancient foe's most lethal weapon - Dragon Venom. Pb \$18.95 440pp


DAVID WEBER

 **THE SHADOW OF SAGANAMI**

 Saganami Island #2. The Star Kingdom has a new generation of officers! And this elite group, hand-picked and trained by Honor Harrington herself, is going to be needed immediately, as their first assignment turns out to be more dangerous than anyone expected. Hb \$56.00 755pp

TAD WILLIAMS

 **SHADOWMARCH**

 *Shadowmarch* #1. At the uppermost edge of the northern kingdoms lies Southmarch Castle. For hundreds of years, it has remained hidden from the affairs of empire. Now its isolation can protect it no more. Southmarch is under siege; from both its neighbours, without, and the more insidious enemies who would destroy it from within. Even further to the north, in a land of silence and gloom, the Twilight People gather to hear Ynnir, the blind king, pronounce the dark fate of human kind. In the south, the Autarch, the god-king who has already conquered an entire continent, now looks to extend his domain once more. It is upon Southmarch that the armies advance and to its people that darkness will speed. Hb \$56.00 656pp

GENE WOLFE

**THE WIZARD**

*The Wizard Knight #2.* **The Wizard** begins with Able's return to Mythgath on his steed Cloud, a great mare the colour of her name. Able is filled with new knowledge of the ways of the seven-fold world and possessed of great magical secrets. His knighthood now beyond question, Able works to fulfil his vows to his king, his lover, his friends, his gods and even his enemies. Able must set his world right, restoring the proper order among the denizens of all the seven worlds. Hb \$56.00 477pp



**KELLEY ARMSTRONG  
INDUSTRIAL MAGIC**

After Paige Winterbourne is ousted as leader of the American Coven of Witches, all she wants to do is hide under her duvet for a few months. Let the supernatural world manage without her, see if she cares... But fate, of course, has other plans. A murderer is on the loose - someone with superhuman skills. When Paige learns that the killer is targeting children, she realises she has to get involved in the covert investigation. And so Paige - desperate to protect those she loves - is thrown into a world of arrogant Cabal leaders, drunken necromancers, sulky druid gods and pretentious leather-clad vampires. Pb \$19.95 528pp

CLIVE BARKER

**DAYS OF MAGIC, NIGHTS OF WAR**

*Abarat #2.* Candy's adventures in the amazing world of the Abarat are getting more strange by the Hour. Christopher Carrion, the Lord of Midnight, has sent his henchmen to capture her. Why? she wonders. What would Carrion want with a girl from Minnesota? And why is Candy beginning to feel that the world of the Abarat is familiar to her? Why can she speak words of magic she doesn't even remember learning? Hb \$45.00 489pp

RAMSEY CAMPBELL

**ALONE WITH THE HORRORS:  
SHORT FICTION 1961-1991**

Ramsey Campbell is perhaps the world's most decorated author of horror fiction. Three decades into his career, Campbell paused to review his body of short fiction and selected the stories that were, to his mind, the very best of his works. This collection contains nearly 40 tales from the first 30 years of his writing. Hb \$59.95 448pp



**JAMES A MOORE  
NEWBIES**

Brittany Corin is an enigma. The new girl at Dunhaven Academy, she is street-smart and solitary. Questions and rumours about her presence at the private and exclusive school abound, but Brittany reveals nothing about her past. Until students start to disappear and a mysterious note blames the newbie. To clear her name, Brittany begins to dig for answers - instead she finds trouble. To rescue the missing students - to save her own life - she will have to rely on her classmates. She will lead them against the unspeakable horror. Brittany is about to learn that to defeat true evil, conquering your inner demons can be the hardest struggle of all. Pb \$14.95 197pp

PETER MURRAY

**MOKEE JOE IS COMING**

When Hudson receives the weird message that Mokee Joe is coming, his life turns into a nightmare. Who is Mokee Joe? And what has Hudson done to make him so mad? There's only one course of action - Hudson must destroy this monster before it destroys him! Pb \$14.95 151pp

**MOKEE JOE RECHARGED**

Mokee Joe is back and he's stronger than ever. He's determined to finish what he's been programmed to do - destroy Hudson. As the nightmare returns, Hudson has to fight for his life in an epic battle of strength and skill! Pb \$14.95 186pp

SCOTT NICHOLSON

**THE MANOR**

Anna Galloway has no interest in art and even less in the people who produce it. Her sensibilities are more in tune with the realm beyond the physical, where the souls of the deceased reside and visions reveal secrets. She has included herself among the elite artistes in residence at Korban's retreat because she has seen the manor in her dreams - and believes Korban's ghost may be wandering its halls. Now, a blue moon is on the rise in October, opening pathways to conjure up something unimaginable. Something feeding off the energies of those in the house. Something seeking everlasting life - at any cost... Pb \$14.95 320pp

SARAH PINBOROUGH

**THE HIDDEN**

Rachel Wright wakes up in the hospital one morning with no memory of who she is. Deciding amnesia isn't all bad, she grasps this opportunity for a fresh start. Life is good for the 'new' Rachel... But now her life is starting to fray at the edges. She's having hideous nightmares and seeing strange things in mirrors. She's becoming more and more certain that something bad is coming. Something wants to break into this world, to play games of blood and death with the living. And it's coming for Rachel. Pb \$16.95 369pp

ANNE RICE

**BLOOD CANTICLE**

*Vampire Chronicles.* Lestat is back with a vengeance and in thrall to Rowan Mayfair. Both demon and angel, he is drawn to kill, but tempted by goodness. Now, Lestat fights to save Patsy's ghost from the dark realms of the Earthbound, to uncover the mystery of the Taltos and to decide the fate of Rowan Mayfair. Pb \$19.95 392pp

MATT RUFF

**SET THIS HOUSE IN ORDER**

Penny Driver - 'Mouse' - suffers from Multiple Personality Disorder, blacking out whenever one of her other personalities takes control of her mind and body. So when Penny discovers that her new colleague, Andrew Gage, also suffers from MPD, she asks for his help. Through therapy, Andrew's personalities have long since learnt to co-exist in harmony in an imaginary house inside his head, but Andrew's 'house' is not quite so ordered as he would like to believe. In helping Penny, he discovers a locked door under the stairs, deep in his unconscious - a door that hides the dark secret as to why Andrew's childhood mind shattered in the first place... Pb \$24.95 479pp



DARREN SHAN

**THE LAKE OF SOULS**

*Darren Shan #10.* The war with the vampire prince was just the beginning. Now his destiny takes an unexpected turn. What shocking discoveries will the Vampire Prince make at the Lake of Souls? Pb \$12.95 220pp

PETER STRAUB

**IN THE NIGHT ROOM**

Willy Patrick, author, thinks she is losing her mind - again. One day, she is drawn helplessly into the parking lot of a warehouse. She knows somehow that her daughter, Holly, is being held in the building. But what Willy knows is impossible, for her daughter is dead. On the same day, author Timothy Underhill, is confronted with the ghost of his 9-year-old sister, April. Soon after, he begins to receive eerie, fragmented e-mails from people he knew in his youth - people now dead. Like his sister, they want urgently to tell him something. When Willy and Timothy meet, the frightening parallels between Willy's tragic loss and the story in Tim's manuscript suggest that they must join forces to confront the evils surrounding them. Hb \$48.00 330pp



**DAVID & AIMEE THURLO  
SECOND SUNRISE**

*Navajo Vampire #1.* Now a nightwalker, the Navajo equivalent of a vampire, Lee lives with one foot in the human world and one in a world full of monsters. Convinced the vampire who made him one of the undead has returned to New Mexico in the guise of German Air Force pilot Wolfgang Muller, he uses police and FBI resources as well as Navajo healing magics and his own supernatural powers to hunt for Muller and his undead offspring. Pb \$16.95 336pp


**CHELSEA QUINN YARBRO  
DARK OF THE SUN**

*St Germain #17.* It is the 6th century of the common era. The vampire Saint-Germain, known in this time as Sangi-Ragozh, is peacefully doing business in Asia when, his vampire nature is discovered by an enemy and he begins to starve. He has lost everything, including his last sack of his native soil. With death no longer a distant possibility, Sangi-Ragozh desperately tries to reach sanctuary in the one place he truly belongs - his homeland, the country he first left centuries earlier. A land we now call Transylvania. Hb \$59.95 460pp

**MEDIA** 

 **ANGEL: LOVE AND DEATH  
JEFF MARIOTTE**

*#24.* Incited by an outspoken radio host, hordes of monster killers have descended upon the Los Angeles area. They're out to rid the city of demons. These demon hunters don't know the difference between a demon who's on the side of good and one who's just out for blood. None of them is safe from this rapid pack of do-gooders... Pb \$14.95 295pp

 **FIVE SEASONS OF ANGEL:  
SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY  
WRITERS DISCUSS THEIR FAVOURITE  
VAMPIRE**

**GLENN YEFFETH (ED)**

A vampire author, a sex expert, a TV critic and others examine the different issues relating to the series, including Angelus as the prototypical high school bully, Angel as victim, how Spike fits into Angel, the takeover of Wolfram & Hart, and Lindsey's moral centre. Tp \$39.95 216pp

 **BUFFY: TALES OF THE SLAYER  
VARIOUS**

*#4.* Each Slayer must face a terrifying rite of passage that forces each Watcher to drain the Slayer of all her physical powers and send her to vanquish a powerful vampire using only her wits. This collection chronicles the Cruciamentum of eight earlier Slayers. Each of them has had to fight: for her job, for the lives of those she loved, and for her own existence... Pb \$22.95 267pp

 **CHARMED: PIED PIPER  
DEBBIE VIGUIE**

Kids start showing up on the Charmed Ones' front porch and coming into the house uninvited. No matter where Piper dispatches them, they're right back at Halliwell Manor minutes later. While Piper's contemplating diaper rash, Phoebe finds out about a rash of disappearances in San Francisco. Musicians have vanished all over the city, and they were all candidates to conduct a youth symphony. The Charmed Ones smell a rat, but can they lead all of their Innocents out of danger before the final note is played? Pb \$14.95 177pp

 **DOCTOR WHO: THE LEGEND  
JUSTIN RICHARDS**

This volume encapsulates 40 years of tea-time travel. It takes the reader on a journey covering the television stories. Each entry includes a summary of events and new facts about the Doctors and other key players. Tp \$49.95 393pp

 **DRAGON LANCE:  
DRAGONS IN THE ARCHIVES  
MARGARET WEIS & TRACY HICKMAN**

*The Best of Weis & Hickman Anthology.* This anthology showcases 20 years of storytelling in the *Dragonlance* world by gathering into a single volume the most popular stories written by these New York Times best-selling authors. Drawn from various *Dragonlance* anthologies published over the last two decades, each classic story now features an introduction from a *Dragonlance* author. Each introduction will be different and will share that author's perspective on the past 20 years of *Dragonlance* tales. Pb \$16.95 374pp

 **EVERQUEST: ROGUE'S HOUR  
SCOTT CIENCIN**

A man without a past, Rileigh takes his name from an enigmatic note he finds on his person. Pursued through the port city of Qeynos by a necromancer and a shadowknight, the charming rogue eludes his mysterious assailants by stealing another's place aboard a ship bound for the pirate-infested Barren Coast. He finds himself embroiled in a quest to retrieve four stolen objects of power that once belonged to an ancient dragon—a quest that may yield the answers to the mystery of his missing past and may put him in the forefront of a war. Fortunately, one thing Rileigh hasn't lost is his sense of humour. Hb \$43.00 298pp

 **FORGOTTEN REALMS:  
THE RUBY GUARDIAN  
THOMAS REID**

*The Scions of Arrabar #2.* This title continues the trilogy exploring the political intrigue of a mercenary society in the *Forgotten Realms* world. Pb \$15.95 308pp

 **RESIDENT EVIL: ZERO HOUR  
S D PERRY**

The prequel tale to the *Resident Evil* videogame saga returns to where it all began - when a paramilitary strike team investigates a possible biohazard outside Racoon City. What they find there is gruesome: an overturned military transport truck riddled with corpses - and that is just the beginning of their nightmare. Pb \$16.95 275pp

 **STAR TREK: WILD FIRE  
KEITH R A DECANDIDO ET AL**


*Starfleet Corps of Engineers #6.* Whenever there's a need to fix, repair or salvage, Starfleet calls in the crack SCE team on the *USS da Vinci*. However, the *da Vinci's* mission to Galvan VI will prove to be the SCE's greatest challenge to date, as they must salvage the *USS Orion* from the turbulent atmosphere of a gas giant. Pb \$16.95 387pp


 **STAR TREK: VOYAGER  
OLD WOUNDS  
CHRISTIE GOLDEN**

*Spirit Walk #1.* Captain Chakotay is ready to prove himself as the new commanding officer of the *Starship Voyager*, but sceptics back at Starfleet Command are watching him closely for any sign that he will revert to his renegade Maquis ways. Will Chakotay's first mission as captain of *Voyager* also be his last? Pb \$16.95 273pp


 **STAR WARS: HARD CONTACT  
KAREN TRAVISS**


*Republic Commando #1.* On a mission to sabotage a chemical weapon research facility on a Separatist-held planet, four clone troopers operate under the very noses of their enemies. Then Darman, the squad's demolitions expert, gets separated from the others. A single misstep could mean discovery... and death. It's a virtual suicide mission for anyone - anyone except Republic Commandos. Pb \$16.95 293pp





NOVELISATION  
*(written version of film,  
TV, radio drama production,  
comic or game)* 


BASED ON (CONCEPT)


FILM 

TV SHOW 

COMPUTER GAME 

ROLE-PLAYING GAME 

COMIC 

REFERENCE 

## DVD / VIDEO / AUDIO

### ALADDIN (WALT DISNEY)

DVD \$41.95 (2 discs, Rated G)

### BLACKADDER: BACK AND FORTH

DVD \$19.95 (Rated PG)

### DAWN OF THE DEAD

DVD \$39.95 (Rated MA)

### THE FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS

DVD \$19.95 (Rated PG)

### FLASH GORDON

DVD \$19.95 (Rated PG)

### THE HUNGER

DVD \$19.95 (Rated M)

### THE LOST BOYS

DVD \$29.95 (2 discs, Rated M)

### LOST IN SPACE

Season 1 DVD box set. \$88.00

(8 discs, Rated G)

### MONKEY

#14. DVD \$31.95 (Rated M)

#15. DVD \$31.95 (Rated M)

### THE NEVERENDING STORY

DVD \$19.95 (Rated G)

### THE PUNISHER

DVD \$39.95 (Rated MA)

### PRINCESS MONONOKE

DVD \$34.95 (Rated M)

### RED DWARF

Just the Shows Vol. 1. DVD \$89.95

(4 discs, Rated M)

### SHORT CIRCUIT

DVD \$19.95 (Rated PG)

### SHREK 2

DVD \$39.95 (Rated PG)

### STAR TREK:

#### THE ORIGINAL SERIES

Season 2 DVD Boxed Set. \$150.00 (7

discs, Rated PG)

### STAR TREK: VOYAGER

Season Four DVD Boxed Set \$150.00

(7 discs, Rated PG)

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING

**Pattern Recognition** by William Gibson (Pb \$22.95) is a modern-day tale of industrial espionage, corporate advertising and our post-everything world. Cayce Pollard is a freelance consultant to advertising companies. Because of her pathological sensitivity to brands, she is the perfect person to judge whether new logos will be successful or not. Whilst attending to a project in London, she is approached by her boss to track down the creator of a mysterious movie being broadcast as fragments over the internet. In the midst of this search, she becomes involved with the Russian mafia and industrial spies, soon realising that the movie is more than just a piece of art...

I cannot get over how cool and smart this novel is. Gibson's prose and observations are poetic and totally spot-on. What is so joyful is Gibson's ability to write about the present as if he's looking back on it with knowledge of the future. Cayce Pollard is a wonderful creation - it's hard not to sympathise with her search for meaning and understanding in an increasingly globalised world. Paced like a tight thriller, this is highly recommended and should appeal to established fans and new readers alike. - John

**The Charnel Prince** (*Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone #2*) by Greg Keyes (Tp \$30.00). Wow! This was great. It didn't have my jaw hitting the ground as often as the first book, but hey, half the cast exited that story... Highly recommended! - Steph

**Blood Rites** (*Dresden Files #6*) by Jim Butcher (Pb \$16.95). Of the six books so far, this would be the one I enjoyed least, but to be fair, I was so distracted by Wyatt that I was reading bits and pieces all over the place and never got into a rhythm with it. I've just started *Furies of Calderon* (his new fantasy series), so (hopefully) more on that next month. - Steph

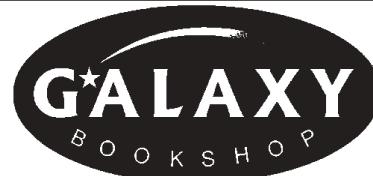
## COMPETITION

To win a copy of **The Iron Tree**, the latest novel from Cecilia Dart-Thornton, name her first trilogy.

Mail, fax or email (competition@galaxybooks.com.au) your answer along with your name and address. Competition closes 19 December 2004. Entry open to Galaxy Cardholders only.

## COMPETITION WINNERS

The winner of a photo of Gimli the Dwarf from *The Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy, signed by John Rhys Davies, is Sara Marsden. Congratulations!



A division of Abbey's Bookshops Pty Ltd  
ABN 86 000 650 975

## TRADING HOURS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	8.30am - 7.00pm
Thursday	8.30am - 9.00pm
Saturday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 5.00pm

## ORDERS

Phone	(02) 9267 7222
Fax	(02) 9261 3691
email	sf@galaxybooks.com.au
Online	www.galaxybooks.com.au
Post	Reply Paid 78681 SYDNEY NSW 2000

## DELIVERY

One item	\$5.00
Each additional item	.50
Orders of 10 or more items	Free

Per order Australia-wide

## REWARD DOLLARS

If you are a regular book buyer, ask for a Galaxy Card so your purchases go towards earning you Reward Dollars, which can be used to purchase any items from us and are issued every 6 months as follows:

Purchases Over*	Reward \$
\$300	20
\$400	25
\$500	35
\$600	45
\$700	55
\$800	65
\$900	75
\$1000	\$10 for every \$100 spent

\* during every 6 month period ended 30 June & 31 Dec

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Galaxy's attractive Gift Vouchers are available in any denomination and have no expiry date. Redeemable at Abbey's Bookshop, Language Book Centre or Galaxy Bookshop.



## PARKING

Spend \$50 or more at Abbey's Bookshop, Language Book Centre or Galaxy Bookshop, present your QVB parking ticket and receive a \$5 Parking Voucher.

## SPECIALIST STORES



Visit the ground floor at 131 York Street for a great range of crime and general fiction, history, science, the classics, children's books & much more.

Phone	(02) 9264 3111
Fax	(02) 9264 8993
email	books@abbey.com.au
Online	www.abbey.com.au



Up the stairs in Abbey's for language learning materials and foreign fiction, children's books, videos and DVDs.

Phone	(02) 9267 1397 1800 802 432 (outside Sydney)
Fax	(02) 9264 8993
email	language@abbey.com.au
Online	www.languagebooks.com.au

Prices are correct at time of publication but unfortunately are subject to change.