

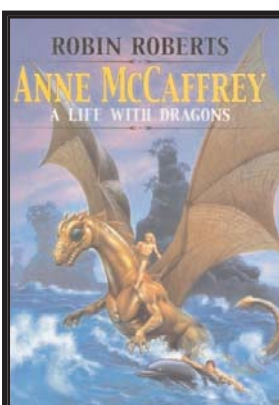


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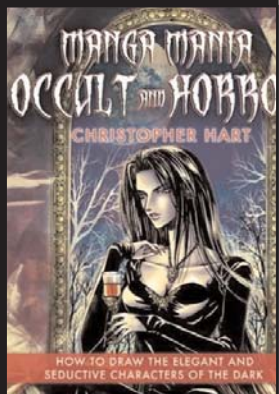
ANNE McCAFFREY: A LIFE WITH DRAGONS ROBIN ROBERTS

Anne McCaffrey was one of the first women to achieve high levels of success in the field of fantasy and science-fiction writing. As the author of the *Dragonriders of Pern* series, she has gone on to become not only an award-winning writer, but also one of the most influential figures in the genre. This comprehensive and intelligent biography reveals McCaffrey as a complex figure who

creates her stunning works by drawing on her life experiences - from restless young mother to becoming an Irish citizen. Using interviews with McCaffrey, her family, friends and colleagues, as well as archival correspondence, this volume examines how her early interest in theatre, languages, history and mythology have all helped shape her incredibly popular body of work. Hb \$56.00 243pp

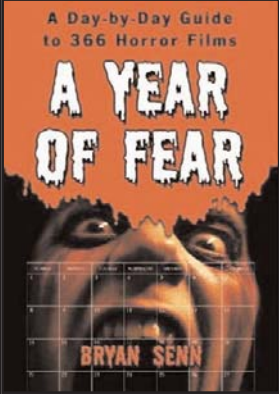
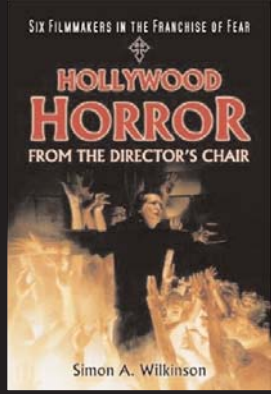
MANGA MANIA: OCCULT & HORROR: HOW TO DRAW THE ELEGANT & SEDUCTIVE CHARACTERS OF THE DARK CHRISTOPHER HART

This title introduces readers to the strange, mysterious universe of elegant occult and horror. Subtle and compelling, Japanese occult and horror manga gracefully melds the two genres into one. There are many transformations that occur and the drama is less gory than traditional Western plots. This is the first Western tutorial on this most alluring and complex genre. With his popular step-by-step drawings and clear text, this best-selling author shows exactly how to draw wizards, demon children, vampires, card readers, dragon worshipers and many more denizens of the hidden places between darkness and light. Tp \$39.95 144pp



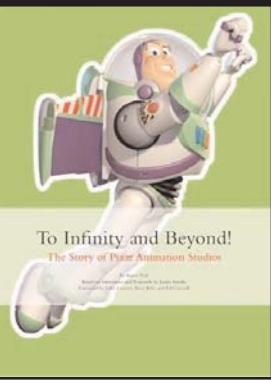
HOLLYWOOD HORROR FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: SIX FILMMAKERS IN THE FRANCHISE OF FEAR SIMON A WILKINSON

Profitable, relatively inexpensive to produce and with a faithful built-in audience, Hollywood horror franchise films have long dominated the market for generic feature film productions. This work examines the significant effects, good and bad, that the horror franchise genre has had on the careers of several American film directors, including Wes Craven (*Nightmare on Elm Street*), Don Coscarelli (*Phantasm*), and Joe Berlinger (*Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows*). Tp \$54.95 264pp



A YEAR OF FEAR: A DAY-BY-DAY GUIDE TO 366 HORROR FILMS BRYAN SENN

This eclectic overview of horror cinema offers up a collection of horror films for practically any occasion and literally every day of the year. For example, the author recommends commemorating United Nations Day (October 24) with a screening of the dramatic *The Colossus of New York*, which takes place at the UN Building. Each day-by-day entry includes the movie title, production year and a plot summary, along with a brief explanation of how the film fits into the history of that particular day and interesting anecdotes on the film's production. Tp \$54.95 547pp



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!: THE STORY OF PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIOS KAREN PAIK & LESLIE IWERKS

In 1986, three visionaries - John Lasseter, Ed Catmull and Steve Jobs - united to form Pixar Animation Studios. Combining their respective abilities in animation, computer graphics and entrepreneurship, their goal was to create the very first feature length computer animated film. Against all odds and overcoming myriad obstacles, the tiny studio created *Toy Story* and single-handedly changed the course of animation forever. 20 years later, after seven groundbreaking, record-setting movies, the team at Pixar celebrates their journey in this full-colour compendium. Over

400 pieces of exquisite concept art, storyboard sketches and photographs testify to Pixar's wild creativity. Over 50,000 words of text bring to life all the quirky personalities and the unique corporate culture they have fostered. Also includes extensive and never-before-published interviews with Lasseter, Catmull, Jobs, George Lucas and Leonard Maltin. Hb \$135.00 320pp

CHRISTMAS HOURS

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26	Wed Boxing Day	10am - 5pm

January

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SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

SHANA ABE

QUEEN OF DRAGONS

The *drákon*, a powerful clan of shape-shifters, live hidden among the remote hills of 18th century England. For centuries, they thought themselves alone at Darkfrith, but the arrival of a letter from the Princess Maricara sent from the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania suggests the existence of a lost tribe of *drákon*. It is a possibility that the Alpha lord, Kimber Langford, Earl of Chasen, cannot ignore. For whoever this unknown princess may be, she's dangerous enough to know about the *drákon's* existence and where to find them. Hb \$38.00 304pp *Due Dec*

JAY AMORY

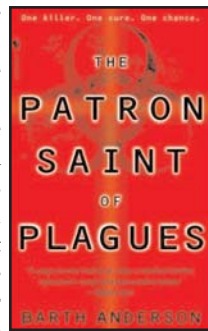
THE FLEDGING OF AZ GABRIELSON

Clouded World #1. The system of massive automated elevators which send up everything the Airborn need to survive, are breaking down, threatening to take the Airborn society with them. Someone has to go down to the Ground to find out what has happened and Az, with his wingless similarity to the prehistoric Groundlings, looks to be perfect for the task. But on the Ground, Az finds more questions than answers: a benighted people who worship a dim notion of the Airborn and aspire to be like them. A people who are beginning to think their way of life is part of a very un-natural order of things. And a girl called Cassie Grubdollar, who's definitely no angel... Pb \$22.95 347pp

BARTH ANDERSON

THE PATRON SAINT OF PLAGUES

Since the rise of the Holy Renaissance, Ascension, once known as Mexico City, has become the most populous city in the world, its citizens linked to a central government net through wetware implanted in their brains. But while their dictator grows fat with success, the masses are captivated by Sister Domenica, an insurgent nun whose weekly pirate broadcasts prophesy a wave of death. All too soon, Domenica's nightmarish prediction proves true and Ascension's hospitals are overrun with victims of a deadly fever. As the rampant plague kills too quickly to be contained, Mexico smuggles Henry David Stark, a crack virus hunter over the border. Racing against time, Stark battles corruption to uncover a horrifying truth - this is no ordinary outbreak, but a deliberately unleashed man-made virus and the killer is someone Stark knows. Pb \$16.95 512pp *Due Dec*



KEVIN ANDERSON

METAL SWARM

The Saga of Seven Suns #6. In the aftermath of a devastating war, swarms of ancient black robots built by the lost insectoid Klikiss race continue their depredations on helpless worlds with stolen and heavily armed Earth battleships. Among the humans, the Hansa's brutal Chairman struggles to crush any resistance even as King Peter breaks away to form his own new Confederation among the colonies who have declared their independence. And meanwhile, the original, voracious Klikiss race, long thought to be extinct, has returned, intent on conquering their former worlds and willing to annihilate anyone in the way. Hb \$49.95 480pp *Due Dec*

PIERS ANTHONY

STORK NAKED

Xanth #30. Surprise Golem has just lost her brand-new baby. The Stork assigned to deliver her eagerly awaited Bundle of Joy has inexplicably refused to surrender it, flying off instead through a hole in the fabric of reality. Now, to track down her offspring, Surprise must lead an ill-assorted assemblage of confederates on a desperate quest through dozens of different Xanths. But sinister, unseen forces are determined to stop her and in order to find her child, Surprise may have to lose her heart. Pb \$16.95 342pp

PIERS ANTHONY

AIR APPARENT

Xanth #31. When the Good Magician Humfrey's son Hugo suddenly vanishes, his disappearance sets in motion a series of madcap misadventures that send a collection of colourful characters on a perilous pair of parallel quests. Among them are Debra, a pretty young girl beset by an obnoxious curse, Hugo's beloved wife Wira, Nimbus, the Demon Xanth's own son and the mysterious outlaw known as the Random Factor. As they travel through the realm, these unwitting adventurers discover they are key players in a grand drama whose origins reach back to the origins of time itself. Hb \$49.95 320pp

CATHERINE ASARO

ALPHA

A stand-alone sequel to *Nebula Award* winner, *Sunrise Alley* (Pb \$18.95). Charon is dead. Long live Charon! The creator of a proscribed network of rogue AIs and androids has been destroyed, his multiple copies deleted. Except for one. Alpha: a female android who seems to possess a conscience, so much so that her execution is delayed. Big mistake. Now on the run and with her former captor as hostage, Alpha moves to activate a long dormant master-plan that may well include the end of humanity and the violent transformation of the world as we know it. Pb \$15.95 384pp *Due Dec*

KAGE BAKER





SKY COYOTE

A Company Novel. Facilitator Joseph has outlasted entire civilisations during his 20,000 years of service to Dr Zeus, the 24th century Company that created immortal operatives like him to preserve history and culture. The year is 1699 and Joseph is now in Alta California, to imitate an ancient Native-American Coyote god and save the native Chumash from the white Europeans. He has the help of the Botanist Mendoza, who hasn't got over the death of her lover Nicholas, in Elizabethan England. Tp \$32.00 *Due Dec*

WAYNE BARLOWE

GOD'S DEMON

The powerful Lord Sargatanas is restless. For millennia Sargatanas has ruled dutifully, but unenthusiastically, building his city, Adamantinax, into the model of an Infernal metropolis. But he has never forgotten what he lost in the Fall - proximity to God. He is sickened by what he has become. Now, with a small event, a confrontation with one of the damned souls, he makes a decision that will reverberate through every being in Hell. Sargatanas decides to attempt the impossible, to rebel, to endeavour to go Home and bring with him *anyone* who chooses to follow... be they demon or soul. He will stake everything on this chance for redemption. Hb \$49.95 352pp

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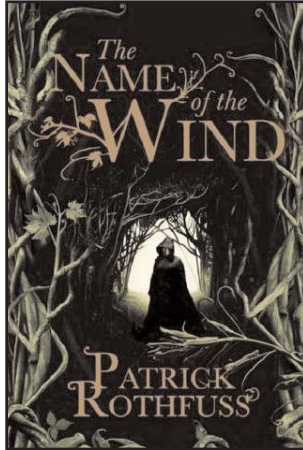
NEW TITLE

NAME OF THE WIND

PATRICK ROTHFUSS

TP \$35 662PP

Each year we are presented with new authors praised by their publisher as the 'next big thing'. Unfortunately, these praises are often followed with reviews that liken the author to another toadstool on Tolkien's tomb. But this time they have gotten it right. Patrick Rothfuss, though no stranger to the written word, makes an impact with his first novel that has garnered comparison to Robin Hobb and Kate Elliott, and rightfully so, for not only can he string a sentence together, but he also demonstrates a talent for engrossing the reader completely, with a mixture of wit and wisdom, laughter and tears.



The telling of this story is not rushed, the depiction of his characters is perfectly paced and creeps up on you until you find yourself wandering in a world as vividly realised as Martin's Westeros. He works with such style and technique that it's difficult to believe this is his first foray into fantasy fiction; his characterisation is distinct – no voice blends into another and the stream of prose is so engrossing that even those parts of the tale that may have been used frequently in other stories only work to add a feeling of comfortable familiarity to this new and powerful voice.

But the beauty of Rothfuss' outstanding debut lays not so much in the execution as it does in the flair of its main character Kvothe and the slow reveal of his tale. For despite the somewhat arrogant declaration of his fame on the back cover, Kvothe's beginnings are of a much humbler origin than his future reputation. Born to the Ruh, a people much like our own gypsies, who make their living as actors for any who can pay to see their performance, he is taught different things by each member of the troupe, but his most memorable lessons come from Abenthy, an arcanist from the University, the greatest seat of learning in the known world. It is from Abenthy that he learns of the simplest forms of magic and his intelligence and hunger for knowledge grows from spark to flame. And when his world is changed forever by faerie tales come to life, he realises there is more to Abenthy's magic than just the science he's taught him and he determines to learn it.

This is a story of history and tragedy, and the confusion of old stories that tell different tales of the past. There is magic in this world, a wild power that stands apart from the guise of science that the arcanists teach and that only the greatest minds of the University can touch. And Kvothe chases it, for different reasons, throughout the course of his early life, leading him from the open road and winding its way to the city in which the University lies waiting.

Though this is a large book, none of the pages are wasted. In fact, I became increasingly distressed the closer I got to the end of the book – I didn't want it to end. - Mark

CLASSIC TITLE

THE CALL OF CTHULHU AND OTHER WEIRD STORIES

H P LOVECRAFT (EDITED BY S T JOSHI)

PB \$22.95 240PP



One of the most influential writers of early 20th century supernatural fiction, H P Lovecraft broke from the preceding Gothic traditions of ghosts and hauntings by blending his work with elements of science fiction. Influenced by a life-long interest in the various fields of science and an almost nihilistic belief in the meaninglessness of existence, Lovecraft's style posited the human race as a fragile species, constantly under threat of extinction by ancient beings of near-infinite power, far older than the earth itself. By

incorporating small amounts of contemporary scientific theory, such as astronomy and biology, Lovecraft imbued his fanciful tales of terror and the supernatural with an air of authoritative plausibility.

Throughout his various short stories, Lovecraft developed a pantheon of gods and other non-human beings which gradually became known as the 'Cthulhu Mythos'. Originally intended to provide mysterious background elements for his stories of existential horror, Lovecraft often inserted throw-away phrases in his work that revealed little but suggested much. Quotes such as, "(he)... claimed to have sailed to strange ports and talked with undying leaders of the cult in the mountains of China" and "He talked of his dreams in a strangely poetic fashion; making me see with terrible vividness the damp Cyclopean city of slimy green stone – whose *geometry*, he oddly said, was *all wrong*..." and many others helped to create a nebulous backdrop for his various tales of otherworldly terror. Lovecraft's writing inspired many other authors to contribute to the 'Mythos', with authors such as Robert E Howard (the creator of *Conan*), Clarke Ashton Smith, Stephen King, Robert Bloch (*Psycho*), Brian Lumley (*Necroscope*) and Neil Gaiman, having either added to Lovecraft's world or writing tales directly inspired by his work.

This particular collection features several of Lovecraft's best known stories, one of the most influential of which is *The Call of Cthulhu*. It tells a sprawling tale of a young man's investigation into the mysterious death of his grand-uncle. Discovering that his relative was researching reports of an evil cult centred on the worship of an ancient and horrifying God known as Cthulhu, our protagonist continues this work, gathering terrifying accounts from various people and their experiences associated with the Great Old One.

I recommend this edition specifically because it contains a detailed introduction by S T Joshi, one of the pre-eminent scholar's Lovecraft's oeuvre. Joshi also peppers each story with many detailed footnotes in order to help the reader place the tale within Lovecraft's personal life and career, as well as the wider, historical context of 1920's America. - Raph

ELIZABETH BEAR & SARAH MONETTE

 **COMPANION TO WOLVES**

A young nobleman, Isolfr, is chosen to become a wolfcarl, a warrior who is bonded to a fighting wolf. Isolfr is deeply drawn to the wolves and, as his father's heir he can refuse the call, he chooses to go. The people of this wintry land depend on the wolfcarls to protect them from the threat of trolls and wyverns, though the supernatural creatures have not come in force for many years. Men are growing too confident. The wolfhealls are small and the lords give them less respect than in former years. But the winter of Isolfr's bonding, the trolls come down from the north in far greater numbers than before and the holding's complaisance gives way to terror in the dark. Isolfr, now bonded to a queen wolf, Viradechtis, must learn where his honour lies and discover the lengths to which he will go where it, and love for his wolf, drive him. Hb \$49.95 304pp

Laurie Brown

  **HUNDREDS OF YEARS TO REFORM A RAKE**

Josephine Drummond is a professional paranormal researcher hired to prove that the ghost of Lord Deverell Thornton, the very handsome Earl and a notorious rake in his time, haunts the crumbling Waite Castle. But the ghost drags Josephine back to the Regency period to help him try to prevent the swindle that impoverished the Earl and threatens to turn his castle into a most undignified modern-day tourist attraction. Josephine has to contend with being a modern career woman trying to navigate the complex social scene of the Regency period, make sure no one discovers her real identity and unmask a charlatan. But all of these are easier than resisting her undeniable attraction to the Earl, who is clearly determined to sweep her off her feet. Pb \$16.95 391pp

Jim Butcher

 **CURSOR'S FURY**

The Codex Alera #3. When the High Lord of Kalarre enters into a dangerous alliance with the Canim and treachery destroys the Aleran army's command structure, an inexperienced young Tavi of Calderon leads a poorly equipped legion against the Canim horde. Pb \$15.95 544pp

Jim Butcher

 **CAPTAIN'S FURY**

The Codex Alera #4. After years of war with the invading Canim, Tavi of Calderon, now Captain of the First Aleran Legion, uncovers information about an even greater threat, the savage Word, who had driven the Canim from their homeland. He must risk everything to forge a desperate alliance between the Aleran and Cane to take on their mutual enemy. Hb \$49.95 320pp *Due Nov*

ORSON SCOTT CARD

 **EMPIRE**

The American Empire has grown too fast and the fault lines at home are stressed to the breaking point. The war of words between Right and Left has collapsed into a shooting war, though most people just want to be left alone. The battle rages between the high-technology weapons on one side and militia foot-soldiers on the other, devastating the cities and overrunning the countryside. But the vast majority, who only want the killing to stop and the nation to return to more peaceful days, have technology, weapons and strategic geniuses of their own. When the American dream shatters into violence, who can hold the people and the government together? Pb \$15.95 368pp *Due Dec*

Isobelle Carmody

  **A MYSTERY OF WOLVES**

The Legend of Little Fur #3. Little Fur discovers that her friend, the cat Ginger, is in terrible danger. Advised by the wise Sett Owl to seek out the Mystery of Wolves, Little Fur takes as her guide an old wolf she frees from the zoo. Greysong leads her high into the frozen mountains where she must face the deadly peril that lies at the heart of the Mystery of Wolves. The safety of Little Fur and Ginger will depend upon what she can learn about her own mysterious past... Hb \$24.95 262pp

Clifford Chase

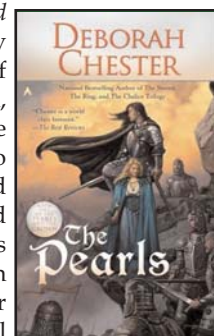
  **WINKIE**

After suffering decades of neglect from the children who once loved him, Winkie hurls himself off the shelf, and out the window, to the forest. But just as he is discovering the joys of mobility, self-determination and true love, he gets trapped in the jaws of a society gone rabid with fear and paranoia. Having come upon the cabin of the mad professor who stole his beloved, Winkie is suddenly surrounded by the FBI, who instantly conclude that he is the evil mastermind behind dozens of terrorist attacks that have been traced to the forest. Terrified and confused, Winkie is brought to trial, where the prosecution attempts to seal the little bear's fate by calling upon witnesses from the trials of Galileo, Socrates, John Scopes and Oscar Wilde. Pb \$22.95 240pp

DEBORAH CHESTER

 **THE PEARLS**

The Pearls and the Crown #1. Lady Lea, beloved sister of the Emperor Caelan, is gifted with the ability to see into others' hearts and when she is moved to tears, those tears become pearls. When the hardened warrior Lord Shadrael kidnaps her and takes her through the fearsome Hidden Ways of the shadow world, Lea can foresee her destiny in him. If she is to save Shadrael from his own darkness, she will ultimately have to choose between her brother and her abductor. Pb \$15.95 304pp



Susanna Clarke

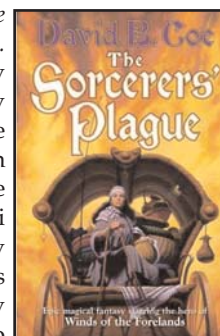
 **LADIES OF GRACE ADIEU AND OTHER STORIES**

Faerie is never as far away as you think. Sometimes you find you have crossed an invisible line and must cope, as best you can, with petulant princesses, vengeful owls, ladies who pass their time embroidering terrible fates or with endless paths in deep, dark woods and houses that never appear the same way twice. The heroines and heroes bedevilled by such problems in these fairy tales include a conceited Regency clergyman, an 18th century Jewish doctor and Mary, Queen of Scots, as well as two characters from *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell* (Pb \$24.95). Pb \$23.95 256pp

David Coe

 **THE SORCERER'S PLAGUE**


Blood of the Southlands #1. Grinsa, who nearly single-handedly won the war of the Forelands, has been banished because he is a Weaver, a Qirsi who can wield many magics. He and his family seek only peace and a place to settle down. But even on the distant southern continent, they can't escape the tension between his magical folk and the non-magical Eandi. Instead of peace, they find a war-ravaged land awash in racial tension and clan conflicts. Worse yet, his own people try to harness his great power and destroy his family. Amid the high tension of clan rivalry comes a plague that preys on Qirsi power across the Southlands with deadly results. When the disease is linked to an itinerant woman peddling baskets, one old man takes it upon himself to find answers in the secrets of her veiled past. Hb \$49.95 368pp *Due Dec*



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JOHN CONNOLLY

THE BOOK OF LOST THINGS

 Once upon a time, there was a boy who lost his mother! As 12-year-old David takes refuge from his grief in the myths and fairytales so beloved by his dead mother, he finds the real world and the fantasy world begin to blend. That is when bad things start to happen. That is when the Crooked Man comes and David is violently propelled into a land populated by heroes, wolves and monsters, his quest - to find the legendary Book of Lost Things. Tp \$29.95 470pp


DOUGLAS COUPLAND

THE GUM THIEF

 Meet Roger, a divorced, middle-aged 'aisles associate' at a Staples outlet, condemned to restocking reams of paper for the rest of his life, and his co-worker, Bethany, who's at the end of her Goth phase and realising she's facing 50 more years of shelving Post-it notes and replenishing the Crayola boutique in Aisle Six. One day, Bethany discovers Roger's notebook in the staff room. When she opens it up, she discovers he is writing mock diary entries pretending to be her - and weirdly, he's getting it right. These two retail workers then strike up an unlikely, yet touching, secret correspondence. As their lives unfold, so too do the characters of Roger's work-in-progress, the oddly titled *Glove Pond*, a Cheever-era novella gone horribly, horribly wrong. Tp \$29.95 288pp


NANCY FARMER

THE LAND OF THE SILVER APPLES

 *Sea of Trolls #2*. Jack is amazed to have caused an earthquake. He is 13, after all, and only a bard-in-training. But his sister, Lucy, has been stolen by the Lady of the Lake. Caught between belief in the old gods and Christianity (790 AD, Britain), Jack calls upon his ash wood staff to subdue a passel of unruly monks, and, for his daring, ends up in a knucker hole. Hb \$26.95 496pp


RAYMOND E FEIST

INTO A DARK REALM

 *Darkwar Saga #2*. Chaos threatens to overwhelm two worlds as the most dangerous force ever encountered threatens to invade Midkemia, while the most treacherous magician in history, the madman Leso Varen, begins to wreak havoc on the world of Kelewan. Pug and the Conclave of Shadows are determined to find Varen, only to discover that he has usurped the body of one of the most powerful men in the Empire of Tsuranuani - a Black Robe and member of the Assembly of Magicians. Pug has the almost impossible task of uncovering the true identity of the magician in an entire city full of Black Robes. Pb \$21.00 386pp

ERIC FLINT

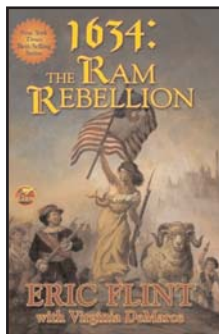
1824: THE ARKANSAS WAR

 In the hotly contested election of 1824, the machinations of a ruthless Henry Clay to become the new president of the United States leave the nation on the brink of national disaster, as Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams form a political alliance against Clay and Clay launches a war against the Confederacy of the Arkansas. Pb \$15.95 544pp *Due Dec*

ERIC FLINT & VIRGINIA DEMARCE


1634: THE RAM REBELLION

 The Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, but a new force is gathering power and influence - the Confederated Principalities of Europe - an alliance between Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden and the West Virginians from the 20th century, led by Mike Stearns. Inspired by the example of American freedom and justice, a movement in Franconia among the peasants, has arisen, flying the banner of the head of a ram. The West Virginians fully approve, but they are aware of how revolutionary movements can lead to bloodbaths. And avoiding that deadly possibility will require all of their future knowledge and all their plain old American horse-trading diplomacy... Pb \$15.95 688pp *Due Dec*




ERIC FLINT (ED)

GRANTVILLE GAZETTE #2

 The new United States in central Germany launches a one-plane Doolittle Raid on Paris, France. The target: their arch-enemy, Cardinal Richelieu. Meanwhile, an ambassador from the Mughal Empire of northern India is being held captive in Austria by the Habsburg dynasty. Mike Stearns decides to send a mercenary company to rescue him, led by two 17th century mercenary officers. Also contains factual articles which explain some of the technical background for the 1632 series, including articles on practical geology, telecommunications and 17th century swordsmanship. Pb \$18.95 480pp


DAVID FORBES

THE WORDS OF MAKING

 *Osserian Saga #2*. I saw the dream. I saw your face. The words of a lone shipwrecked survivor chill the blood of Gerin Atreyano, Crown Prince of Khedesh, for they warn of an approaching armada. The savage, unconquered and unconquerable Havalqa are coming, driven by visions of a power beyond comprehension. Whosoever controls the Words of Making can own the world and the brutal, single-minded invaders will destroy anything that stands between them and the one man who possesses the secret to this awesome weapon - the Amber Wizard, Gerin Atreyano. But the Words are as much a mystery to Gerin as they are to the fearsome enemy who would make him their prisoner. And unless he can unravel the ancient magic and defeat a relentless awakening terror, his home and his future will be ashes. Pb \$18.95 479pp


RICHARD FRIAR

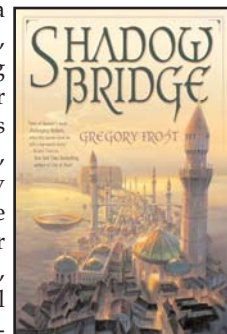
THE KEEPERS

 *WWIII #1*. Global conflict, environmental destruction and corporate greed have driven the world to the brink of disaster. The lack of decisive change to bring Earth and humankind back into balance has created the most radical and terrifying movement ever. Ideologies clash, nations collide and the battle for transformation threatens the planet with annihilation. This is the story of a Third World War fought against the mightiest foe of all time - the dreaded Apex Empire. Tp \$29.95 650pp

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 Fleeing a violent past, Leodora, a young shadow-puppeteer and her companions - her manager, Soter, an elderly drunk who had once worked with her father and Diverus, her musical accompanist - roams the Shadowbridge, an enigmatic and magical world, collecting the tales and myths of each place she passes. Tp \$27.95 288 *Due Dec*



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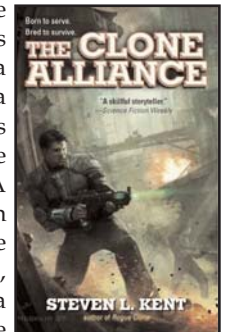
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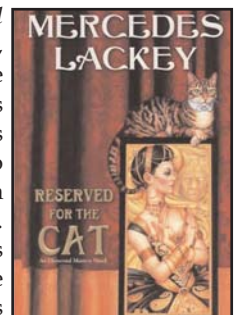
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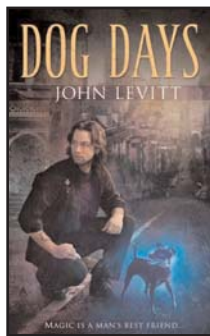
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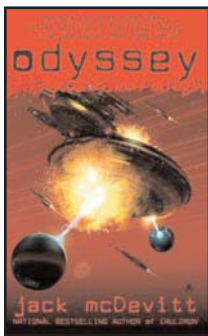
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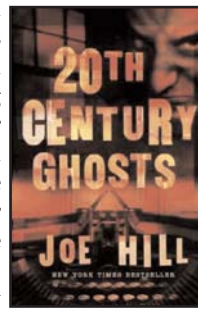
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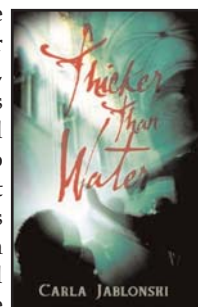


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Eden Moore #3. Down by the river, the first to go missing were not much lamented. Disappearances of homeless men foraging through trash or nuisance skater kids who rolled their boards along the planked piers at night were not noteworthy enough to delay the city's development projects. But deep beneath the riverbank, the evidence of a terrible crime has been covered up twice. As the Tennessee creeps over its banks, it dredges up death from its own polluted bed. 29 victims of a long-ago slaughter walk when the water rises, patrolling the banks and dragging the living down to a muddy grave. No one remembers how they died and no one knows what they want. The city of Chattanooga is about to learn a terrible truth about the things a river can and cannot hide.... and reluctant medium Eden Moore may be the only one who can dissuade the 29 bodies from adding hundreds of its citizens to their ghastly ranks. Tp \$24.95 365pp

KIMBERLY RAYE
YOUR COFFIN OR MINE:
A NOVEL OF VAMPIRE LOVE

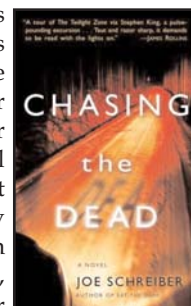
For Lil Marchette, the owner of Manhattan's premier dating service for vampires (and a dazzling denizen of the dark herself), death is all in a night's work. Of course Lil is trying to forget the one man she'd love to sink her own teeth into: Ty Bonner, the ultraseductive vamp who broke her heart after she gave him the hottest night of his afterlife. Problem is, she and Ty have an intense mental connection and she's sensing he's in deep trouble. The race is on as Lil struggles to save Ty - and herself - before all hell breaks loose. Pb \$13.95 312pp

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What We've Been Reading...



Twilight Herald by Tom Lloyd (Tp \$32.95 505pp). Book two in a new, epic fantasy that's big, gritty and easy to sink your teeth into. Picking up from **Stormcaller**, Lloyd wastes no time continuing the story of the new Farlan Lord, Isak and the blood-soaked battlefields that seem to be the destiny of all his kind, the 'white-eyes'. Though new to writing, Lloyd's story is enthralling, his characters vivid and his world-building solid and rich in back-story. He has great inventiveness and offers the genre a new twist on old tropes. If you enjoy Gemmell, Feist and Erikson, give Lloyd a go too. - *Mark*.

Gods Behaving Badly by Marie Phillips (Tp \$32.95). The Greek gods are living in a hovel in London, working regular jobs (TV psychic, phone sex operator and dog walker, to name a few). No one believes in them any more and they're slowly dying. A young woman turns not only their world upside down, but could potentially end our own. This had its moments of laugh-out-loud-ness, but wasn't my favourite version of this type of story. - *Steph*

Bloodlines (Repairman Jack #11) by F Paul Wilson (Hb \$49.95). This series is so close to linking back into the *Nightworld* series it's driving me nuts trying to work out how. Wilson has had a bit of fun writing himself in as a character in this one. Another action/mystery Repairman Jack novel, with Wilson writing his usual good lowlife characters. I think whoever made up the saying "bad things happen to nice people" had read these. - *Steph*

The Complete Idiot's Guide to the World of Harry Potter by Tere Stouffer (Tp \$29.95). And to think I thought I knew everything about Harry Potter! This book really puts my knowledge into perspective and is really humbling because it makes you realise just how brilliant J K Rowling is. This gem of a book is not just packed with hundred of snippets of Potter knowledge, but loads of pop-culture references too. (Am I showing my inner nerd too much? Hee Hee!) I also feel like I learnt a lot about the power of words too, because it traces the origins of most of the spells and the chapter on Herbology is really interesting. I've bought a copy to give as a present and I think it makes a good gift for Potter enthusiasts who might think they know everything there is to know about Harry. - *Sofia*



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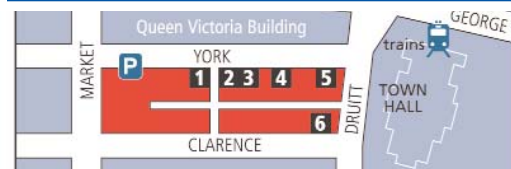
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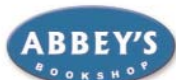
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