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● SCIENCE FICTION ● FANTASY ● HORROR

Tracey O'HARA will be at Galaxy Thurs 10 December at 6.30pm to sign copies of **Night's Cold Kiss**, #1 in the Dark Brethren trilogy. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Sofia at sofiam@galaxybooks.com.au.



CHRISTMAS HOURS

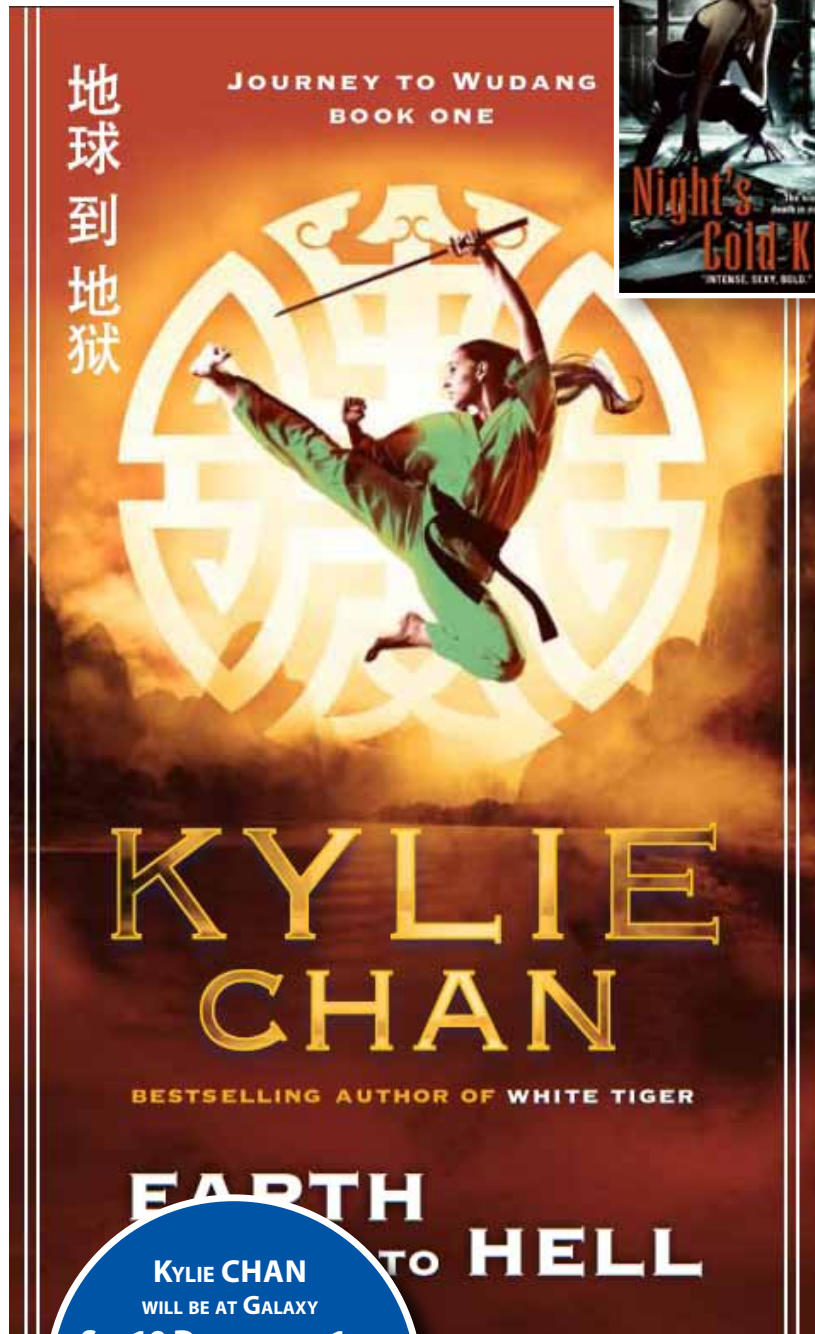
Regular trading hours except for:

December

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12	Sat	8am - 8pm
13	Sun	9am - 6pm
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17	Thu	8am - 10pm
18	Fri	8am - 9pm
19	Sat	8am - 8pm
20	Sun	9am - 6pm
21-23	Mon-Wed	8am - 9pm
24	Thu Christmas Eve	8am - 7pm
25	Fri Christmas Day	closed
26	Sat Boxing Day	10am - 5pm
28	Mon Boxing Day Public Holiday	10am - 5pm
31	Thu New Year's Eve	8.30am - 5pm

January

1	Fri New Year's Day	closed
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KYLIE CHAN
WILL BE AT GALAXY
SAT 19 DECEMBER AT 1PM

The author of the *Dark Heavens* trilogy will be in-store to sign copies of her new book **Earth to Hell**

Earth to Hell (Pb \$22.99)

KYLIE CHAN

Journey to Wudang #1. Eight years after the end of **Blue Dragon** (Pb \$22.99), Emma and Simone face a new threat. Simon Wong, with Kitty Kwok and the Hong Kong underworld, have kidnapped Emma's students. Meanwhile, the King of the Demons is allowing his children to torture Leo in the hope of drawing Emma and Simone into Hell... and into his hands. Emma and Simone must defeat the demon-underworld alliance, then enter the gates of Hell to free Leo, without being captured themselves.

MYTHIC CREATURES
DRAGONS, UNICORNS & MERMAIDS

19 Dec - 23 May **FREE ENTRY**
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Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids is organized by the American Museum of Natural History New York (www.amnh.org), in collaboration with the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, The Field Museum, Chicago, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau-Quebec and Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta.

To go in the draw to win 1 of 5 double passes to the cocktail party opening and showing of the Mythic Creatures Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum (Fri 18 Dec 6-8.30pm), email competition@galaxybooks.com.au with 'Mythic Creatures' in the subject line. Winners advised 7 December.



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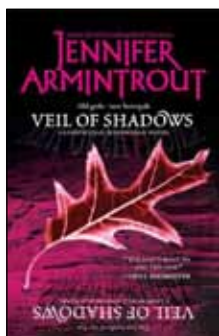
POUL ANDERSON The Van Rijn Method

The Technic Civilization Saga #1. Follow the exploits of Nicholas Van Rijn, one of science fiction's most popular characters, as told by science fiction's grandmaster, Poul Anderson, in this first volume of the complete *Technic Civilization* series. Pb \$15.95 416pp



JENNIFER ARMINTROUT Veil of Shadows

Lightworld/Darkworld #3. With the subterranean Lightworld and Darkworld societies locked in battle, the heiress to the Faery throne, Cerridwen, is exiled to the Human realm above. Accompanied to the Upworld by her mother's trusted advisor, Cerridwen is torn between her own beliefs and the ideals her mother died for. Though Cerridwen searches for clues to her destiny, no path averts bloodshed... Pb \$16.95 336pp



JAMES AXLER Time Castaways

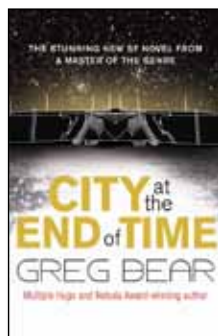
Deathlands #89. Barely escaping an old aircraft carrier guarded by killer droids, Ryan Cawdor and his warrior companions emerge into the backwater world of Lake Superior's Royal Island. Here, metal and salt are commodities worth killing and dying for, and two rival barons rule mutant-infested land and water with blood will. Ryan is soon embroiled in a death race to prevent secrets of the gateways from becoming an open passage to the future's worst enemies... Pb \$13.95 320pp

GREG BEAR



City at the End of Time

In a time like the present, on a world that may or may not be our own, three young people – Ginny, Jack, and Daniel – dream of a fabulous, decadent city in the distant future: the Kalpa. They are fate-shifters, born with the ability to skip across the surface of the fifth dimension, inhabiting alternate versions of themselves. And they are each guardians of an object whose origins and purpose are unknown, a gnarled, stony artefact called a sum-runner that persists unchanged through all versions of time. They can save the future, but they are being hunted down... Pb \$22.99 480pp



ERIC BROWN



Cosmopath

Bengal Station #3. Having been sent to Canopus VII to find out what happened to a lost crew, Necropath Jeff Vaughan finds himself drawn into a deepening mystery not only as to the fate of the crew but also the intentions of his benefactor. Pb \$15.95 416pp



JIM BUTCHER Princes' Fury

Codex Alera #5. Under Tavi of Calderon, heir to the crown, war-torn Alera rebuilds while politicians and nobles vie for power. But from the south comes news: the dreaded

Vord have come to Alera. For a thousand years, Alera and her furies have withstood every enemy and survived every foe... Pb \$15.95 496pp



JIM BUTCHER First Lord's Fury

Codex Alera #6. Battling ancient enemies, forging new alliances, and confronting the corruption within his own land, Gaius Octavian became a legendary man of war – and the rightful First Lord of Alera. But now, the savage Vord are on the march, and Gaius must lead his legions to the Calderon Valley to stand against them – using all of his intelligence, ingenuity, and fury-craft to save their world from eternal darkness. Hb \$49.95 480pp



JEFF CARLSON Plague Zone

The Plague Year #3. After surviving the machine plague and the world war that followed, nanotech researcher Ruth Goldman and ex-army ranger Cam Najarro discovered that a new contagion is about to be unleashed... Pb \$15.95 336pp



ORSON SCOTT CARD Hidden Empire

Empire #2. Averell Torrent has become President of the United States, with enormous political and popular support and a tight grip of both political parties. He has launched America into a 'get-tough, this-world-is-our-empire' foreign policy stance. But Captain Bartholomew Coleman, sees the danger Torrent poses to American democracy. Cole quickly runs afoul of Torrent; on the run, he and a few allies seek proof of Torrent's orchestrated political takeover... which includes assassinating a President and nearly starting a civil war! Hb \$48.00 384pp



MARK CHADBOURN The Silver Skull

Swords of Albion #1. Meet Will Swyfte – adventurer, swordsman, scholar and the greatest of Walsingham's new band of spies. But Swyfte's public image is a carefully-crafted façade, deflecting attention from his real work. England remains under a state of threat and the forces of Faerie have been preying on humanity for millennia. Will now plays a constant game of deceit and death, holding back the Enemy's repeated incursions, dealing in a shadowy world where no one – and no thing – is quite what it seems... Pb \$32.00 425pp

KEY to classifications



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Erotica



Award Winner



Australian



Action



Reprint

Pb = Paperback

Tp = Trade Paperback
(Slightly Larger)

Hb = Hardback

GN = Graphic Novel

★ FAVE RAVES

our favourites – new and classic

FAVE NEW

The Last Stormlord
(Watergivers Book #1)
Glenda Larke Pb \$22.99



It's rare that a fantasy novel sets itself up in a world so obviously influenced by the idea of climate change. Usually such issues are left for science fiction. Yet in her latest blockbuster, Larke sets herself firmly in territory that few fantasy novels have dared to tread. Rather than traipsing through a 'medieval' past, she reveals a bold, original world that could possibly be our future, albeit one without technology.

In a world where water is more precious than gold, the men and women who can sense its presence, and manipulate it at will, hold the ultimate authority and political power in the land. The Stormlords are an aristocracy of Rainlords of varying ability who administer the distribution of water and rule by right of water-sensitivity, rather than talent for government. The Cloudmaster, the highest ranking Stormlord, has powers that enable him to draw water vapour from the ocean and send it across the desert, where the clouds it forms break upon distant mountains and rain down into massive cisterns, sending water back to the cities on the coast.

When the current Cloudmaster lies dying, without an heir to bring water to the desert land, he sends his Rainlords out in search of any child who shows the potential of a 'water sensitive', even if it be a child of the poorest of Quarters. But not every Rainlord wants to bow to another Cloudmaster, and so starts a power-play that will change the face of the Quarters and their Rainlords forever.

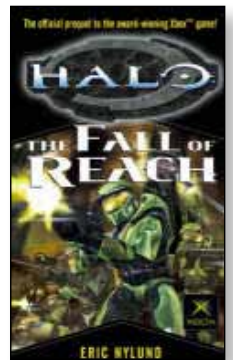
Shale, an uneducated Gibber boy who displays a powerful water talent, may be the Quarters' best hope for survival. But before he can be found, he is stolen away and his whole village slaughtered - man, woman and child. Terelle, a slave girl purchased to be a handmaiden in a brothel, runs away to discover she has talent with water that not even the Rainlords understand. As water becomes increasingly scarce, the coastal cities are threatened by drought. The tribesmen of the Red Quarter see a chance to finally rid the Quarters of Rainlords and bring back the time of Random Rain.

The common link in Larke's novels is her ability to craft worlds that are vibrant and vivid, immersing us in a world that has depth and substance in a way that few writers can match without bogging down in 'info dump'. This story is no different and I think is her best work to date. That she can also tell a sweeping saga that runs the gauntlet of human experience, immersing us – quite disturbingly at times – in that white water rapid of joy and despair, unmistakably marks her as one of Australia's best speculative fiction writers and one you should not miss. - *Mark*

FAVE CLASSIC

Halo:
The Fall of Reach,
The Flood & First Strike
Eric Nylund & William Dietz
Pb Slipcase (3 books) \$47.00

When Halo launched the X-Box in 2001, it changed the way gamers thought about FPS (First Person Shooters). Halo brought to the fore the notion that an action game could have a deeply involving story, not just a series of enemy encounters. In a market over-saturated with no-brainer shoot-em-ups, Halo's epic tale of an alien Covenant, sworn to wipe out humanity, and the discovery of a massive object in space - the eponymous Halo, an object that may just be the path to salvation - staggered players with its scope and had them demanding more. Thankfully, Nylund spotted the potential and, with the collaboration of the studio behind the game, the first of many novels based on the franchise was soon published.



The Fall of Reach by Nylund tells the tale of the Spartan II program, a combined physical training, biological, chemical and cybernetic enhancement regime designed to create the ultimate soldier. The recruits, taken at the age of 6 and put through a rigorous, sometimes fatal, program, are gradually honed into the most elite unit in the United Nations Space Command. The surviving Spartan IIs face an advanced alien race on a religious crusade to scourge mankind from the face of the galaxy. Nylund really nails the highs and lows of what mankind will do in the face of adversity, not so much to his enemies, but to himself.

The Flood by William Dietz closely follows the events of the Halo game, covering many events from the point of view of secondary characters and events. While the game portrays the hero, John 117, as a one-man army, saving humanity from ruthless alien aggression, Dietz uses his military experience to bring to life the struggles of the other survivors who have crashed on the alien construct known as Halo.

First Strike by Nylund follows with two concurrent plot arcs. One follows the survivors of the Battle of Reach into a classified stronghold to escape the scouring plasma of the victorious alien fleet. The other follows the few survivors of the Pillar of Autumn, the ship that escaped Reach, only to crash-land on the Halo. When it is discovered that the Covenant have discovered the location of Earth, it's up to the few survivors to band together to buy humanity time to prepare for one last stand. Bridging the gap between Halo and Halo 2, this was the first book in the series to make *The New York Times* bestseller list. - *Matt*



PAUL CHAFE
Exodus: The Ark

The gigantic starship *Ark* was launched on a voyage of 10,000 years from an Earth on the brink of collapse. Its mission was to carry a portion of the human race to a new galaxy, but, centuries after its departure, the descendants of the original crew no longer remember that they are on a city-sized spaceship, and know nothing of the ship's mission. 'The Prophecy', a theocracy based on slavery and terror, has ruled over most of the *Ark* for longer than anyone now living can remember. But that's all about to change... Pb \$32.00 368pp



CHARLES DE LINT
**Muse and Reverie:
A Newford Collection**

An all-new collection of short fiction stories. The city of Newford could be any city in North America, bursting with music, commerce, art, love, hate, and of course magic. Magic in the sidewalk cracks, myth at the foundations of its great buildings, enchantment in the spaces between its people. In this new collection, de Lint explores the magic in those spaces, shedding new light on the people and places that readers of the Newford universe have come to love. Hb \$49.95 352pp



VIRGINIA DeMARCE
1635: The Tangled Web

Ring of Fire. Though the Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, history as it once happened has been deflected by the 'United States of Europe', an alliance between the King of Sweden – and the West Virginians from the 20th century, led by Mike Stearns who was hurled centuries into the past by a mysterious cosmic accident dubbed the 'Ring of Fire'. As Americans try to make sense of the strange world into which they have been hurled, Europeans try to understand the abilities and behaviour of the visitors from the future... Pb \$32.00 432pp



MARIANNE DE PIERRES
Mirror Space

Araldis is still under occupation by hostile forces, and with the Orion League of Sentient Species seemingly unable to help, Mira Fedor is forced to turn to the mercenary captain, Rast Randall, if she is to

save her planet. But while Rast's contacts may be free of political constraints, what they lack in red tape they more than make up for in ruthlessness. As some of their hidden strategies are revealed, others become even more opaque... Pb \$19.99 432pp



PHILIP K DICK
Puttering About in a Small Land (1985)

When Roger and Virginia Lindhal enrol their son Gregg in Mrs Alt's Los Padres Valley School in the mountains of Southern California, they meet Chic and Liz Bonner, whose two sons also board at Mrs Alt's school. The meeting is a catalyst for a complicated series of emotions and traumas, set against the backdrop of 1950s suburban Los Angeles. This is a realistic novel filled with details of everyday life and skilfully told from three points of view. Hb \$52.00 320pp



AL EWING
Death Got No Mercy

The Afterblight Chronicles. Cade wasn't a complicated man. He didn't care about people. But one of the people he *did* care about was in trouble and he had to help. Cade travels to a post-apocalypse San Francisco that is rife with maniacs and cannibals, to find help for his companion. There he must use nothing but his two fists and a hunting knife to find the one thing that may save his friend... Pb \$15.95 320pp



DAVID FARLAND
The Wyrmling Horde

Runelords #7. Following the merging of two shadow realms, the people of Mystarria were thrust into the land of the wyrmlings – and now these monstrous creatures have millions of victims from which to draw power. The only one who can mend the broken lands is the talented flameweaver Fallion, who has fallen into the hands of the wyrmling horde. Fallion's allies must prepare to breach the impenetrable wyrmling fortress to rescue him, before the creatures bring all the shadow worlds under their control... Pb \$22.99 400pp



KELLY GAY
The Better Part of Darkness

When doorways to two alternate dimensions, known as 'heaven' and 'hell', become permanently open in the city of Atlanta, the Police Department creates the 'Integration Task Force' to deal with the chaos. Charlie Madigan is recruited. She's a single mum, a cop and a demon hunter. She's also recently died and risen from the dead. When Atlanta falls under the terrifying shadow of 'Afterglow', a drug of otherworldly origins, Charlie takes it upon herself to find its source and a possible antidote... even as heaven and hell itself stand in her way! Pb \$15.95 384pp



ALISON GOODMAN
Eon

Dragoneye #1. Under the regime of an ambitious master, Eon is training to become a Dragoneye – a master of wind and water – to protect the land. But Eon is 'Eona', a young woman who has endured years of disguise as a boy for the chance to practise the Dragoneye's art – a deception which is punishable by death. Her unprecedented talent leads her to be summoned by the Emperor to court, where she must learn to trust her power and strength to face a vicious enemy who would seize her magic – and her life. Pb \$15.95 448pp



M K HUME
Dragon's Child

King Arthur #1. The Dark Ages: a time of chaos and bloodshed. The Roman legions have deserted the Isles and the High King of Celtic Britain, Uther, is nearing death, his kingdom torn apart by political intrigue. Meanwhile, three strangers arrive and arrange for Artorex, a child of unknown parentage, to be taught the warrior arts. He eventually becomes a war chieftain, proving that he alone can unite the tribes. But, if he is to fulfil his destiny and become the High King of the Britons, Artorex must find Uther's crown and sword... Pb \$22.99 528pp



 **JULIE KENNER**
Torn

Blood Lily Chronicles #2. Lily is in trouble of the deepest kind. Having been tricked by the forces of evil, she killed what she thought were 'demons' at will. Now, she knows better, and with a little help from half-angel, half-demon Deacon Camphire, she must try to take down the bad guys from within as a double agent. Pb \$15.95 320pp

 **CAITLIN KITTREDGE**
Demon Bound

Black London #2. 13 years ago, Jack Winter lay dying in a graveyard. Jack called upon a demon and traded his soul for his life... and now the demon is back to collect its due. But Jack has finally found something to live for. Her name is Pete Caldecott, and because of her, Jack's not going to Hell without a fight. Pete is unaware of Jack's bargain, but she knows that something bigger and more dangerous than Jack's demon is looming. Old gods are stirring and spirits are rising – and Jack can't stop them without Pete's help. Pb \$15.95 352pp



 **RICHARD A KNAAK**
The Gargoyle King

Ogre Titans #3. The Titans have gained the Fire Rose and seized the ogre realms from the Grand Khan Golgren. With the powerful artefact created by the god Sirrion, they have literally recreated the capital, Garantha, and they intend to remould the people next. Although the Titans believe Golgren is dead, the half-breed survives. With few he can trust and facing magic, treachery, and distrustful gods, Golgren must find the answer in his own past if he has any hope of overcoming the Titans and the powers of the Fire Rose. Pb \$15.95 416pp

 **RICHARD KNAAK & SYLVIO TABET**
Beastmaster: Myth

Blessed with an extraordinary gift to commune with animals, Dar has become champion of his world and its natural riches. But when an unyielding force of evil and carnage descends upon his gentle



existence, he must emerge from a spiritual journey and embark upon a dreadful voyage. Will Dar become the saviour that Ancor so desperately needs, or will his world be subjected to an evil that leaves no innocent unharmed? Pb \$32.00 400pp

 **E E KNIGHT**
Dragon Rule

Age of Fire #5. Wistala, sister to the Emperor of the Upper World, has long thought humans the equal of dragons. She leads the fierce female fighting dragons called 'Firemaids' – which puts her at odds with both her brothers, for the Emperor has no use for the humans he now dominates. But as the empire roils with war, greed, and treachery, Wistala must choose who to stand with – and fight for... Pb \$29.95 320pp



 **MERCEDES LACKEY (Ed)**
Changing the World

Tales of Valdemar #5. The Valdemar series has spanned decades and includes more than two dozen titles. Now, 16 of today's hottest fantasy authors – including Tanya Huff, Mickey Zucker Reichert, Fiona Patton, and Judith Tarr – revisit the world of Valdemar, adding their own special touches. This volume centres around the 'Heralds', an ancient order gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. Pb \$15.95 352pp



 **JAY LAKE**
Death of a Starship

In a distant future in which the empire of humanity has spread throughout the stars, the Xenic Bureau of the Grand Ekumenical Security Directorate investigates any hint of aliens, strange disappearances, or other anomalous events. When rumours spread of the mysterious reappearance of a long-lost battleship, a priest, an alien-killer, and a cashiered starship engineer find themselves caught in a chase across the empire. Pb \$19.95 152pp

 **JOHN LEVITT**
Unleashed

Dog Days #3. Mason is an enforcer, keeping magical practitioners on the straight and narrow. His 'dog' Louie is a faithful familiar who has that he's a practitioner's best friend. But this time Louie's in the line of fire when practitioners in San Francisco accidentally unleash a monster into the world. Pb \$15.95 304pp

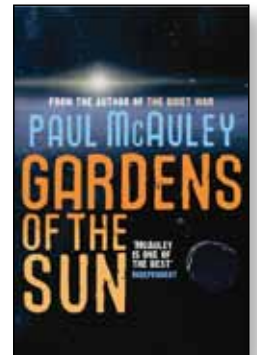
 **TOM LLOYD**
The Grave Thief

Twilight Reign #3. Scree has been wiped from the face of the Land in a brutal demonstration of intent, and the stakes are raised as the Gods enter the fray. Returning home to a nation divided by fanaticism, Lord Isak is haunted by the consequences of his actions in Scree and by visions of his impending death. He realises that prophecy and zealotry must play their part in his battle plans if there any chance of surviving the coming years... Pb \$22.99 544pp



 **PAUL MCAULEY**
Gardens of the Sun

Quiet War #2. The Quiet War is over. The city states of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn fall to the Three Powers: the Alliance of Greater Brazil, the European Union and the Pacific Community. But Earth's victory is fragile and riven by vicious internal politics. One thing is clear: no one escapes the consequences of war. Pb \$32.99 448pp



 **CORMAC MCCARTHY**
The Road (Film Tie-in)

This story imagines a post-apocalyptic future in which no hope remains, but in which a father and son are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that humans are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. Pb \$15.95 304pp



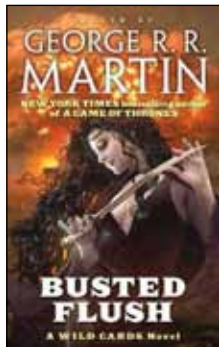
GEORGE R R MARTIN
Suicide Kings

Wild Cards. In 1946, an alien virus that rewrites human DNA was accidentally unleashed in the skies over New York City – killing 90 percent, tragically deforming 9 percent... and causing superpowers in 1 percent! Ranging from New York and New England to ravaged Africa and New Orleans – and encompassing war, devastation, and stubborn hope – this novel advances the story of the ‘Wild Cards’, and their struggle to be fully human in a world that fears and mistrusts them. Hb \$49.95 448pp



GEORGE R R MARTIN
Busted Flush

Wild Cards. A new generation of heroes has taken its place on the world stage, its members crucial players in international events. At the United Nations, veteran ace John Fortune has assembled a team of young aces known as the Committee, to assist at trouble spots around the world – including a genocidal war in the Niger Delta, an invasion of zombies in hurricane ravaged New Orleans, and a freak nuclear explosion in a small Texas town. Pb \$15.95 464pp



Joy NASH
Silver Silence

Druids of Avalon #4. Drawing on Arthurian legend, Nash has created an intricate romantic adventure around the identity of the mysterious Merlin, the Lady of the Lake, and the birth of the Once and Future King. Pb \$15.95 336pp



KATHERINE NEVILLE
The Fire

Chess-wizard, Alexandra, arrives at her mother’s Colorado lodge, to discover that her mother has disappeared. Finding a string of clues, she is joined by her aunt Lily, who explains the truth of her mother’s past... In 1822, the fortress of Sultan Ali Pasha falls to the Turks, and the Sultan’s daughter Haidee attempts a journey through Albania, Morocco and Rome, to seek the one man who can help her... Alexandra and Haidee realise that their missions are even more desperate than they first seem, for both are players in a dangerous millennium-old game... Pb \$24.99 544pp



STAN NICHOLLS
Weapons of Magical Destruction

Orcs: Bad Blood #1. Reintroducing Stryke and his band of Orcs, embarking on hectic adventures in other dimensions as they attempt to find peace for their race and escape the ever greedy, savage expansion of mankind. Fast moving, tongue-in-cheek and full of sorcery and bloodshed, these are perfect tales for the fantasy reader who wants a little fresh perspective on the endless war between ‘good and evil’. Pb \$22.99 288pp



DAVID OPPEGAARD
Wormwood, Nevada

Tyler and Anna Mayfield have just relocated from Nebraska to the sun scorched desert town of Wormwood, Nevada. They find themselves in a strange new landscape populated with old school cowboys, alien cultists, meth dealers, and doomsday prophets. Loneliness and desperation pervade Wormwood, and when a meteorite lands in the town’s centre, its fragile existence begins to unravel as many believe the end of the world is near, while others simply seek a reason to believe in anything at all. Hb \$48.00 256pp



GRAHAM SHARP PAUL
The Battle of Devastation Reef

Helfort’s War #3. The savage Hammer Worlds are almost certain to win their war to crush the Federated Worlds and control humanspace – unless the Feds can find and destroy their secret antimatter warhead facility. Only Lieutenant Michael Helfort has the skill to lead them. But Helfort is more than the newly appointed captain; he’s a hero, and his own senior officers want him to fail. No action is too low, no price too high, to bring Helfort down. Pb \$15.95 400pp



DIANA L PAXSON
Marion Zimmer Bradley’s Sword of Avalon

Marion Zimmer Bradley’s legendary saga of Avalon’s extraordinary women continues with a tale of fiery visions, a lost king, and a forthcoming destiny... A boy raised in secret, after traitors kill his parents, will return to Avalon – and when he does, he’ll be faced with a formidable task: to prove his worth as a son of the kings and priestesses of his land and lead his followers to victory, wielding the newly-forged sword Excalibur. Hb \$48.00 448pp



JEAN RABE
& **MARTIN H GREENBERG**
Spells of the City

Welcome to a world where a troll may be your toll collector on the George Washington Bridge. Where Harry the Book will be happy to place your best in a spellbinding alternative New York. Where a gargoyle is left to a lonely rooftop existence, forced to live by his creator’s rules... And where leprechauns must become bank robbers to keep up with the demand for their gold! Pb \$15.95 320pp



PHILIP REEVE
No Such Things as Dragons

Ansel is a mute boy whose father sells him to a travelling dragon-slayer. But Brock is a cynical storyteller, planning to make money by protecting a mountain town from the monster that’s said to threaten it. He knows full well that dragons don’t exist. Then they find that there is indeed a huge creature that makes its lair in the icy peaks. It’s evil and terrifying, with one thought in its cunning brain – to devour them! Hb \$24.99 224pp



MIKE RESNICK
Flagship

Starship #5. The date is 1970 of the Galactic Era, and the Republic is in all-out war against the Teroni Federation – an alliance of races that resent Man’s growing military and economic power. Wilson Cole is preparing to lead his ragtag armada into the Republic, convinced that the government must be overthrown. Realising the futility of avoiding armed conflict against the Republic’s vast navy, Cole and his team must reach Deluros VIII, the headquarters of the Republic, in order to have any effect on the government at all... Hb \$49.95 220pp



KRISTINE KATHRYN RUSCH
Diving Into the Wreck

Boss loves to dive historical ships, derelict spacecraft found adrift in the blackness between the stars. It’s a good life for a tough loner, with more interest in artefacts than people. Then one day, Boss finds the claim of a lifetime: an enormous spacecraft, incredibly old, and Earth-made. Determined to satisfy her curiosity, Boss hires a group of divers to explore the wreck with her. But some secrets are best kept hidden, and the past won’t give up its treasures without exacting a price in blood. What Boss finds could rewrite history and start an intergalactic war! Pb \$32.00 375pp

 **LILITH SAINTCROW**
Flesh Circus

Jill Kismet #4. The Cirque de Charnu has come. As long as they stay within the rules, Jill Kismet can't deny them entry. But she can watch – and if they step out of line, she'll send them packing. When Cirque performers start dying grotesquely, Kismet has to find out why, or the fragile truce won't hold and her entire city will become a carnival of horror. An ancient vengeance is about to be enacted. The Cirque is about to explode. And Jill is about to find out some games are played for keeps... Pb \$15.95 336pp



 **DAVID SHERMAN & DAN CRAGG**
Double Jeopardy

Starfist #14. Stranded in a hellish alien desert and stripped of resources, Marine Staff Sergeant Charlie Bass and his seven-man team faced a grim future 75 light-years from home. The only thing between his Marines and safety is 85 miles of uncharted, waterless terrain and 2,000 bloodthirsty savages with state-of-the-art weapons in their hands. But the enemy didn't reckon on the warrior cunning of Charlie Bass and the courage of the few good men who would follow him anywhere – even to death. Hb \$48.00 368pp

 **TRAVIS TAYLOR**
One Good Soldier

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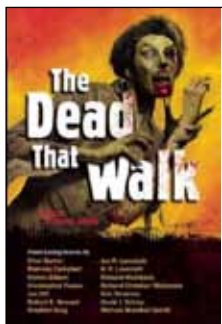
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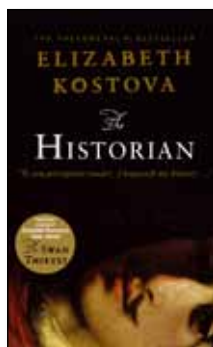


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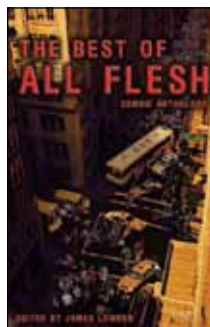
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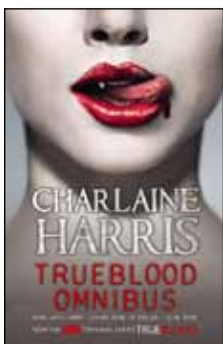
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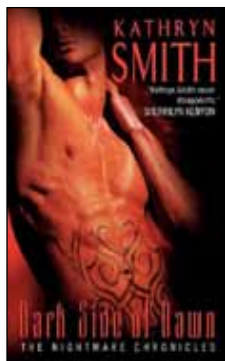
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What We've Been Reading



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F PAUL WILSON (Hb \$49.95)

Repairman Jack #13. Gasp! This is the second last (adult) Repairman Jack novel. I really enjoyed it, but was left wondering if the alternate September 11 theories that FPW comes up with raised some eyebrows in the US, where Wilson is from. He mentions that the Nightworld books are being re-released, and in some cases slightly re-written, so that will keep me busy. - *Steph*



The Strangely Beautiful Tale of Miss Percy Parker

LEANNA RENEE HIEBER (Pb \$13.95)

Yes, it's a mouthful of a title, but man is it worth it! I am completely in love with this story! It's a gothic Victorian mystery with elements of the supernatural and romance – and it's brilliant. For the first time in a *long* time, I've almost skipped to the end to see if it's a stand-alone, or if there will be a sequel. *Please don't let it end here!* - *Steph*



Midnight Pearls: A Retelling of the Little Mermaid

DEBBIE VIGUIE (Pb \$10.95)

This book is a perfect choice if you loved the little mermaid growing up. It follows a similar storyline, told through the eyes of the main character Pearl - a rather strange human who seems much like the mute woman whom the Prince pledged to marry, for saving his life at sea. - *Chrissi*



The Romulan War: Beneath the Raptor's Wing

MICHAEL A MARTIN (Tp \$32.00)

Star Trek: Enterprise. This story follows the events in Kobayashi Maru, and features a huge cast of characters. Yet again, Captain Archer has been thrown into the mix with the Romulans as they perfect their remote star ship controllers. The Coalition of the Federation must find new and inventive ways to combat this new Romulan threat – not just to save humanity, but every race within the Federation of Planets. – *CM*



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