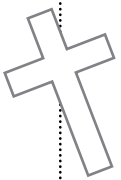


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## RIP - FRANK FRAZETTA (1928 – 2010)

Frank Frazetta passed away on 10 May. Frazetta is best known for his paintings of Conan the Barbarian and other comic book artwork, which is reproduced in **Legacy: Paintings and Drawings by Frank Frazetta** (Pb \$65). With a career spanning over 40 years, Frazetta was a *Hugo Award* winner and a *Spectrum Grand Master of Fantastic Art*, among other achievements.



**2010 ARTHUR C CLARKE AWARD**  
**The City and the City**  
 by China Mieville (Pb \$22.99)

**2010 NEBULA AWARD**  
**BEST NOVEL**  
**The Windup Girl**  
 by Paolo Bacigalupi (Pb \$27)

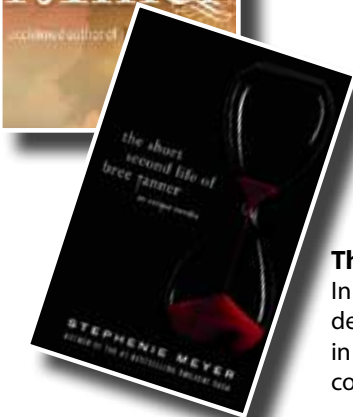


### The Reluctant Mage

*Fisherman's Children #2*. Rafel finds a way beyond Lur, only to discover that the evil sorcerer Morg still holds those lands in a tenuous, but strengthening, grip. Meanwhile, Deenie is faced with an impossible choice and the wrong decision will see the destruction of everything they hold dear. 576pp Pb \$22.99

### Mission of Honor

*Honor Harrington #12*. The Republic of Haven, the Solarian League and other hidden enemies bear down on the Star Kingdom of Manticore, and Honor Harrington must do all she can to prevent the death of billions of people in an all-out galactic war. 864pp Hb \$45



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In another irresistible combination of danger, mystery and romance, this is the devastating story of Bree Tanner and the newborn army as they prepare to close in on Bella Swan and the Cullens. Follow their encounter to its unforgettable conclusion! 192pp Pb \$22.99

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### Bullet

*Anita Blake #19*. A vampire from Anita's past is reaching out to control her – and all the vampires in America. But the human body she wants to possess is already taken... and Anita is about to learn a whole new meaning to sharing her body – one that has nothing to do with the bedroom! 384pp Tp \$32.99

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## SCI FI & FANTASY



### KEVIN J ANDERSON The Map of All Things

*Terra Incognita #2.* After the Uraban leader Soldan-Shah Omra captures the ruined city of Ishalem, his construction team discovers an ancient map in an underground vault – a map that guides explorers to the mysterious Key to Creation. Omra dispatches his adoptive son Saan to sail east across the uncharted Middlesea on a quest to find it. Meanwhile, in Tierra, Captain Criston Vora has built a new vessel, and sets out to locate the fabled land of Terravita. 624pp Tp \$32.99



### TAYLOR ANDERSON Distant Thunders

*Destroyermen #4.* Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy waits for his destroyer, the *Walker*, to be repaired after battling alongside their Lemurian allies to repel the savage Grik... and finds himself questioning the loyalties of Commodore Jenks, who may be devoted to those representing an even greater danger. 432pp Hb \$42

## KEY to classifications



Science Fiction



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Award Winner



Australian



Action



Reprint

**Pb** = Paperback

**Tp** = Trade Paperback  
(slightly larger Pb)

**Hb** = Hardback

**GN** = Graphic Novel



### ALEX ARCHER Destiny

*Rogue Angel #1.* Archaeologist and explorer Annja Creed's fascination with mysteries of the past leads her to a crypt in the caves of France, where the legend of the Beast of Gevaudan hints at unimaginable terror. She discovers an artefact that will seal her destiny... and she must embark on a high-tension race across Europe – and history itself – to escape the shadow figures which pursue her. 320pp Pb \$9.99



### KAGE BAKER The Anvil of the World

*Anvil #1.* Smith, formerly a successful assassin, is trying to retire and hoping to live an honest life in obscurity in spite of all those who have sworn to kill him. But when he agrees to be the master of a caravan travelling from the inland city of Troon to Salesh by the sea, trouble follows... 352pp Pb \$27.00



### FRANK BEDDOR The Looking Glass Wars

*Looking Glass Wars #1.* Alyss, born in Wonderland, is destined to be a warrior queen. After a bloody coup topples the Heart regime, Alyss is exiled to another world entirely, where she is adopted into a new family, renamed Alice and befriended by Lewis Carroll. At age 20 she returns to Wonderland to battle Redd, and lead Wonderland into its next golden age of imagination. 384pp Pb \$16.95



### FRANK BEDDOR Seeing Redd

*Looking Glass Wars #2.* Alyss of Wonderland's rule has only just begun, but the Queendom and her White Imagination are already under threat. Someone has resurrected the brutal Glass Eyes, and they are attacking Wonderland on all sides. Has renegade Redd Heart freed herself and her assassin Cat from the prism of the Heart Crystal? Can Alyss trust Borderland's King Arch, as he extends a helping hand? A battle is raging... But who is the enemy? 384pp Pb \$16.95



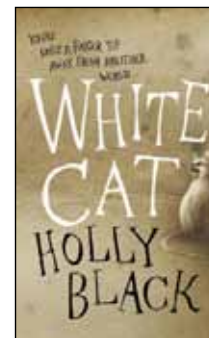
### FRANK BEDDOR Arch Enemy

*Looking Glass Wars #3.* The battle for Wonderland has come to a head and the Heart Crystal's power has been depleted, thanks to King Arch's devastating weapon, WILMA. Imagination has been wiped from the land. Most alarmingly, even Queen Alyss is without her powers, as her Queendom hangs in the balance. Can Alyss and those still faithful to her overcome their adversaries and restore order in Wonderland once and for all? 384pp Pb \$16.95



### HOLLY BLACK White Cat

*Curse Workers #1.* Cassel's family are one of the big five crime families in America. Ever since magic was prohibited in 1929, magic workers have been driven underground and into crime. And while people still need the magical touch, times have been hard. His granddad is an alcoholic, his mother is in prison, and his brothers detest him as the only one of their family who can't do magic. But there is a secret at the centre of Cassel's family and he's about to inherit it... 320pp Tp \$29.99



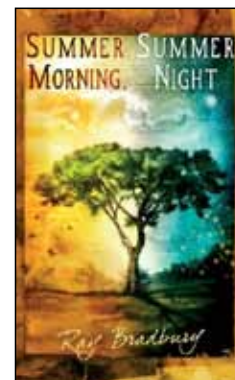
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### RAY BRADBURY Summer Morning, Summer Night

Green Town, Illinois stands at the very heart of Ray Bradbury Country. The author returns to this signature locale with a generous new collection of 27 stories and vignettes, 17 of which have never been published before. Together, they illuminate some of Green Town's previously hidden corners, and reaffirm Bradbury's position as the undisputed master of a unique fictional universe. 184pp Pb \$27.00



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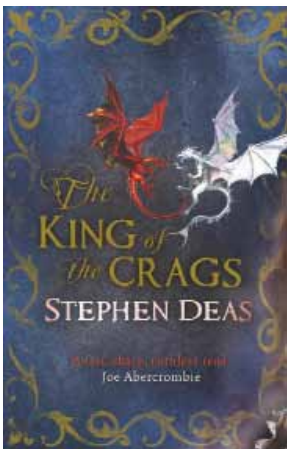
our favourites – new and classic

## FAVE NEW

### The King of the Craggs (Adamantine #2)

Stephen Deas

Tp \$32.99



You just can't look away from this fantastic read! Deas's characters are maniacally beautiful and need to be treasured with every twist and turn of the plot, while his dragons are fascinating and terrible to imagine. From the horrifying start to the rapid-fire climax, I found myself holding my breath!

Deas introduces the story with a truly gob-smacking death, drawing us in, yet also horrifying us in the one scene. The Albino Dragon, Snow, has eaten Kamir's companion, leaving Kamir stricken and lost. Snow not

only eats his one remaining true friend, but sees him as truly naked within his mind, stripped of all the superficial idiosyncrasies of humanity and the excuses we make to get by from moment to moment. The only option remaining to him is to follow Snow on her quest for vengeance as she strips away any illusion Kamir has about his role in life. That is the reason she doesn't also devour him... And besides, Kamir has something she needs. The terrifying aspect of the dragons' nature comes to horrific clarity throughout the book, but never as poignant as during the opening chapter when Snow can't comprehend the value Kamir places on human life, and on his friends in particular.

Meanwhile, Prince Jehal is just plain bored. He has murdered, blackmailed and manipulated his way to the top. But he is always true to himself, a mischievous purveyor of chaos who is drawn to anyone who provides an interesting and distracting target for his amusement. I constantly want to see him fall, yet can't help but take delight in his twisted plots. However, Queen Zafir plays a much more momentous role, organising Queen Shezira's execution and plotting to assassinate her lover's pregnant wife.

This brilliant page-turner is truly a feast of characters, revealing plot twists in the story which defy expectation. The narrative style is similar to the first instalment in the series, **The Adamantine Palace** (Pb \$24.99), where each chapter focuses on one of the story's major characters.

All in all, it's like Anne McCaffrey's *Pern* meets Machiavelli's *The Prince*, all rolled up in some K J Parker. This is delightfully addictive reading! – CM

## FAVE CLASSIC

### Lightbreaker (Codex of Souls #1)

by Mark Teppo

Pb \$14.95



This debut from Mark Teppo is a dark urban fantasy novel with the gritty, realistic feel that is more often found in noir mysteries than an urban fantasy setting. It carves a very solid niche for itself against the likes of Jim Butcher's Harry Dresden and Simon R Green's Nightside series. And if that isn't enough, this book has no vampires, werewolves or fairies thrown into the mix.

Landis Markham is our hero, or rather antihero, what with his 'take no prisoners' style of getting things done. He is a somewhat 'grey man' in that he's an outsider, a lone wolf. His unconventional and violent introduction to the world of magick (yes, we are using a 'k' in this book) sends him on a round-the-world journey of magickal schooling in a desperate quest to discover what happened to him. We are thrust into his story as he returns to Seattle to find Katarina, the woman who ripped his soul out of his body 10 years ago. In his search, he comes across a deer that is possessed of a human soul. Trying to remove the soul from the dying deer, he learns it has encountered Kat recently. He chases the fleeing soul, determined to find out everything it knows. Forced to work with a suspended police detective, he hunts a group of local practitioners engaged in the dangerous art of body jumping.

Loosely inspired by Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Teppo uses broad, well-defined strokes to build the alternate modern world that his characters inhabit very effectively. Drawing on a huge library of occultist mythology, he presents a story that brilliantly blends Hermeticism, Alchemy, Shamanism and the Western Mystery Tradition, creating a solid and original magick system. Aleister Crowley, along with tarot symbolism, are both thrown in for good measure, grounding the story in believable philosophy. Milton's influence is unmistakable, and actually quite welcome. But rather than just transposing the mythologies and creating a story that is allegory, Teppo introduces issues of modern society into the mix. Ideas of Heaven and Hell are revamped into corporeal locations, forced to co-exist as the lines between good and evil are blurred offering a solid ground for empathy than archetypal stereotypes.

Teppo is a master at integration; he uses a lot of ideas, but only taking enough of their core tenants and their 'feeling' to make them work. He then spices them up with urban fantasy traditions – weaving a tale that kept my interest to the exclusion of all else for two days. The second book, **Heartland** (Pb \$15.95), is now available, which is fantastic because Teppo leaves a lot of plot threads hanging, and I'm eager to see where he takes them next. – Mark



**CHRIS BRADFORD**  
**The Way of the Dragon**

*Young Samurai #3.* June, 1613. Japan is threatened with war. Samurai are taking sides and, as the blood begins to flow, Jack's warrior training is put to the ultimate test. His survival – and that of his friends – depends upon him mastering the Two Heavens, the secret sword technique of the legendary samurai Masamoto Takeshi. But first Jack must recover his father's prize possession from the deadly ninja Dragon Eye... 448pp Pb \$16.95



**ANN BRASHARES**  
**My Name is Memory**

Daniel has spent centuries falling in love with the same girl over and over again. Life after reincarnated life, generation after generation, he and Lucy have been drawn together – and he remembers it all. Daniel has the gift of 'the memory' – the ability to recall and recognise reincarnated lives. But the force that draws Lucy and him together also tears them fatally apart. Now Daniel wants to protect Lucy from falling in love with him, and the heartbreak it will bring... 336pp Tp \$32.99



**JENNA BURTENSHAW**  
**Wintercraft**

Silas Dane the High Council's most feared man recognises Kate Winter as one of the Skilled: a rare group of people able to see through the veil between the living and the dead. His spirit was damaged by the High Council's experiments into the veil, and he's convinced that Kate can repair it. The knowledge Kate needs lies within 'Wintercraft' – a book thought to be hidden deep beneath the graveyard city of Fume. But the High Council have other sinister plans for Kate... 288pp Pb \$16.99



**JACQUELINE CAREY**  
**Naamah's Curse**

*Naamah's Legacy #2.* Far from her birthland, Moirin sets out across Tatar territory to find Bao, the proud and virile Ch'in fighter who holds the missing half of her 'diadh-anam', the divine soul-spark of her mother's people. After a long ordeal, she not only succeeds, but surrenders to a passion the likes of which she's never known. But the lovers' happiness is short-lived, for Bao is entangled in a complication that soon leads to their betrayal. 576pp Pb \$47



**JUSTIN CRONIN**  
**The Passage**

Six-year-old Amy is a test subject in a government experiment that is doomed to trigger an apocalypse. Abandoned, she is rescued by FBI agent Brad Wolgast, a good man who is disillusioned by what he's done in the line of duty. Seeking sanctuary, he hides them both in the Oregon hills. A century later, Amy emerges from the hills to save mankind from a terrifying virus. 784pp Hb \$49.95



**ROWENA COREY DANIELS**  
**The King's Bastard**

*Kin Rolan's Kin #1.* The Kingdom of Rolencia sleeps as rumours of new Affinity seep into places where untamed power wells up. By royal decree, all those afflicted with Affinity must serve the Abbey or face death. Sent to the Abbey, the King's youngest son Fyn trains to become a warrior monk. Others are tainted with Affinity and must fight to survive... 448pp Pb \$14.95



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**STEPHEN DEAS**  
**The King of the Craggs**

*Memory of Flames #2.* Prince Jehal has murdered and betrayed his way to the top. His opposition crushed, he enjoys the fruits of power. But out in the realms, there are rumours that the Red Riders – heralds of revolution – are on the ride. And still no-one has found the famous white dragon, who should have recovered from the effects of the alchemical liquid fed to dragons to keep them docile... 384pp Tp \$32.99



**CAMERON DOKEY**  
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*Once Upon a Time.* When her twin brother Jack disappears after scaling a magical beanstalk to try to reclaim their destitute family's riches, Gen enters the mysterious Land Above... and confronts a dangerous giant! A re-imagining of the classic *Jack and the Beanstalk*. 208pp Pb \$12.95



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**ALAN DEAN FOSTER**  
**Flinx Transcendent**

*Pip & Flinx #14.* Flinx must travel to the land of his mortal enemies, the AAnn, to find an ancient weapons platform in order to prevent the annihilation of the Milky Way galaxy – all the while dodging relentless assassins, the bloodthirsty



AAnn... and the dangerous realisation that communicating with the weapons platform could fry his brain. 448pp Pb \$14.95



**DIANA PHARAOH FRANCIS**  
**The Hollow Crown**

*Crosspointe #4.* After the murders of the king and queen, the island empire of Crosspointe is on the verge of chaos. The ruthless Lord Chancellor has taken the throne and made slaves of most of the royal family. Now, to save the country they love, the king's heirs are determined to rally whatever allies they have left and overthrow the Lord Chancellor, before the Jutras invade. 416pp Pb \$14.95



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*Secret Histories #4.* It's no walk in the park for the Droods – a family that has protected humanity from the things that go bump in the night for centuries. They aren't much liked by the creatures they kill, or by ungrateful humans... or even by one another. Now their Matriarch is dead, and it's up to Eddie Drood, acting head of the family, to figure out whodunit. Opinions are divided: it was either Eddie's best girl, Molly. Or Eddie himself. And Eddie knows he didn't do it. 368pp Hb \$42



**SIMON R GREEN**  
**The Spy Who Haunted Me**

*Secret Histories #3.* Legendary Independent Agent Alexander King is on his deathbed, and he's looking to bestow his priceless secrets to a worthy successor. To decide, King has challenged six competitors, including Eddie Dhood, to solve five mysteries around the world – figuring that they'll backstab each other until only one remains. Eddie has got to win at all costs, because King holds the most important secret of all to the Dhoods – the identity of the traitor in their midst. 416pp Pb \$14.95



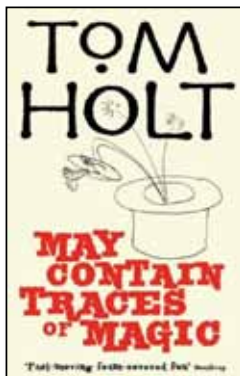
**GRAHAM HANCOCK**  
**Entangled**

When a drug overdose causes Leoni, a troubled teen from 21st-century LA, to have a near-death experience, her soul is flung 24,000 years into the past. Her fate becomes entangled with that of Ria, a young Stone Age woman fighting for her life against the ferocious Illimani, led by the vicious demon Sulpa. As the invaders annihilate Ria's people, Sulpa moves closer to his goal: to manifest physically in the 21st century and doom all of mankind to perpetual slavery. 448pp Tp \$35



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**May Contain Traces of Magic**

Chris Popham wasn't paying enough attention when he talked to his SatNav. Sure, she gave him directions and led him to his next spot on the map with perfect accuracy. She was the best thing in his life. But then she started to talk back to him. In his defence, that was her job. But sometimes a SatNav isn't a SatNav. Sometimes it's an imprisoned soul trapped inside a metal box that wants to be free. And some products you just can't return... 368pp Pb \$22.99



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**Dawn of the Demontide**

*Witchfinder #1.* In the little village of Hobarron's Hollow, a young boy is sacrificed, and his blood is used to seal a mystical doorway and prevent an apocalyptic disaster known as the Demontide. 25 years later, Jake Harker is about to be drawn into the same nightmare. Witches stalk his every move, and his dreams are plagued by a 17th century figure known as the 'Witchfinder'. When his father is abducted, Jake must face a terrible secret that will change his life forever... 352pp Pb \$13.95



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*Black Hand Gang.* On 1 November 1916, over 900 men of the 13th Battalion of the Pennine Fusiliers vanish without trace from the battlefield, only to find themselves on an alien planet. They must learn to survive in a hostile environment while facing a sinister threat from within their own ranks, as well as a confrontation with an inscrutable alien race. 320pp Pb \$18.95



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**Shades of Gray**

*Icarus Project #2.* Supernatural best-friends-turned-arch-enemies, Jet and Iridium, are thrown into further turmoil by the destruction of the secret hero frequency, the burning of New Chicago and the rise of the nefarious Doctor. 432pp Pb \$27



**NICK LAKE**  
**Blood Ninja**

Skilled in the art of silent and deadly combat, ninjas are the agents of powerful nobles who rule 16th-century Japan. So why did a group of these highly trained assassins creep into a peasant's hut and kill



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**L JAGI LAMPLIGHTER**  
**Prospero Lost**

*Prospero's Daughter #1.* More than 400 years after the events of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the sorcerer Prospero and his daughter Miranda have attained everlasting life. One day, Miranda receives a warning from her father, who has disappeared. Miranda sets out to find her father and reunite with her estranged siblings, each of which holds a staff of power and secrets about Miranda's sometimes-foggy past. 448pp Pb \$14.95



**SHARON LEE & STEVE MILLER**  
**Mouse and Dragon**

*Liaden #11.* Just as her powerful husband, the Delm of Korval, is about to whisk her away from the dangers of the Liad, Aelliana's family objects and she finds there is much more to the man she loves than she ever imagined... and that her escape from the Liad is part of a much larger plan. 368pp Hb \$36



**JON MAYHEW**  
**Mortlock**

Josie is a knife-thrower in a magician's stage act, and her brother Alfie is an undertaker's assistant. Neither orphan knows of the other's existence. Until three terrible Aunts descend on the girl's house and imprison her guardian, the Great Cardamom. His dying act is to pass the girl a note with clues to the secret he carries to his grave. Pursued by flesh-eating ghouls, brother and sister must decode the message and save themselves from its sinister legacy. 384pp Pb \$19.99



**FIONA MCINTOSH**  
**Tyrant's Blood**

*Valisar #2.* The Denova Empire is flourishing under Loethar's rule as he urges the invading people of the Steppes to integrate with the West. Meanwhile, Freath keeps his own secrets while working as sage counsel to the Empire. But when he risks all to contact the rebel, Kilt Faris, his life may be forfeit. A new evil is stirring, and there is only one who knows that the legendary Valisar Enchantment is rising... 576pp Pb \$22.99



**CHINA MIEVILLE**  
**Kraken**

At London's Natural History Museum, Billy Harrow, a cephalopod specialist, is conducting a tour whose climax is meant to be the Centre's prize specimen of a rare *Architeuthis dux* – better known as the Giant Squid. But Billy's tour takes an unexpected turn when the squid suddenly vanishes. Billy soon discovers that this is one act in a struggle between powerful forces in a London whose existence he has been blissfully ignorant of until now... A city whose denizens are adept in magic and murder. 528pp Tp \$34.99



**K E MILLS**  
**Wizard Squared**

*Rogue Agent #3.* When the staff of Witches Incorporated receive a visitor from an alternate reality, they are shocked to learn that it's all because of Gerald Dunwoody. At a crucial moment, their Gerald turned left, but in an alternate reality, Gerald turned right. Now the parallel world next door is in the grip of terror, staring down the barrel of a thaumaturgical war that threatens to spill across the dimensions and plunge every reality into a nightmare. 560pp Pb \$14.95



**C E MURPHY**  
**Demon Hunts**

Seattle police detective Joanne Walker has proven she can handle the gods and the walking dead. But a cannibalistic serial killer? That's more than even she bargained for. What's worse, the brutal demon can only be tracked one way. If Joanne is to stop its campaign of terror, she'll have to hunt it where it lives: the Lower World – a shamanistic plane of magic and spirits... 416pp Tp \$27



**RACHEL NEUMEIER**  
**Lord of the Changing Winds**

*Griffin Mage #1.* Griffins are half-lion, half-eagle, and spread the arid desert wherever they roam. They have come to Menas Ford, but the King will not tolerate the destruction they bring, and he sends forth an army. Yet Kes – a timid village girl with hidden mage powers – has developed an affinity with the beasts, and is summoned to heal the Griffin King. She is the only one to understand the importance of their presence... for the Griffins are fleeing a menace greater than desert fire. 367pp Pb \$19.99



**K S NIKAKIS**  
**The Cry of the Marwing**

*Kira Chronicle #3.* With battles raging and Shargh warriors threatening the future of Allogrenia, Kira requests Tremem Protectors to fight. Realising her love of Tierken is not enough to bridge the gulf between their people, Kira flees Terak. Reunited with Caledon, they make for her Tremem homeland. But as she and Caledon approach Allogrenia, Caledon's star vision fails and they're confronted by Shargh. With the prophecy drawing towards its chilling conclusion, Kira realises victory over the Shargh may cost her everyone she loves... 324pp Pb \$19.99



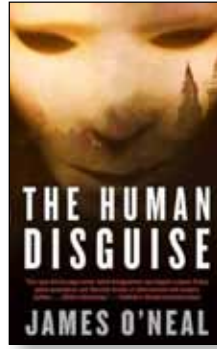
**STEVEN O'CONNOR**  
**EleMental**

2050. Three teenagers – Zeb, Willis and Arizona – are drawn to a new games console and a demo game supplied to them by a mysterious stranger named Grimble Dower. Containing superior graphics and challenges, Zeb is unable to resist playing. But his growing addiction leads to danger as he becomes drawn into Grimble Dower's dark world called Virtualitee. When Zeb disappears, Willis and Arizona realise they are the only ones that might have a chance of rescuing him... 304pp Pb \$16.99



**JAMES O'NEAL**  
**The Human Disguise**

#1. The world has been shattered by disease and war. New York has been left an empty, radioactive ruin, and Miami is a virtual prison. Tom Wilner is what passes for a police officer in this world. When a chance encounter in a rundown roadhouse erupts in violence, Wilner is forced to step in. It leads him onto the path of two warring races – beings that have manipulated power and control on Earth for centuries, and are about to enter into a battle for ultimate supremacy. 384pp Pb \$14.95



**WILL PETERSON**  
**The Gathering**

*Triskellion #3.* Having narrowly escaped the clutches of the Hope Project, Rachel and Adam begin a new life in Australia. Their tranquillity is shattered, however, by the reappearance of Gabriel – and the terrifying adventure that they had hoped was over begins again. Hunted by enemies, old and new, their journey takes them home to New York, where they finally learn the chilling truth about their ancestry... 400pp Pb \$16.95



**ADRIAN PHOENIX**  
**Black Dust Mambo**

While attending the Hecatean Alliance's annual carnival in New Orleans, Kallie Riviere – a sassy Cajun hoodoo apprentice – must use all of her knowledge and bayou-bred mojo to clear her name after her one-night-stand is found murdered in her bed. 384pp Pb \$14.95



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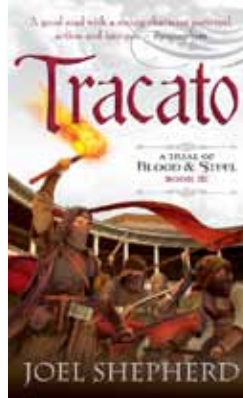
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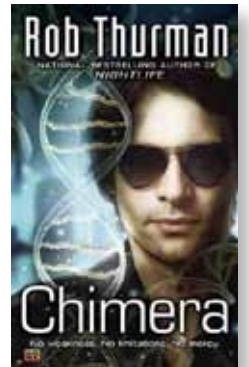
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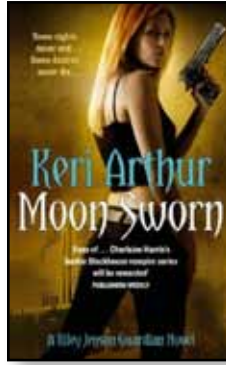
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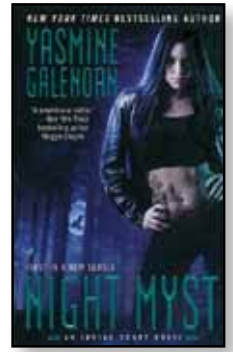
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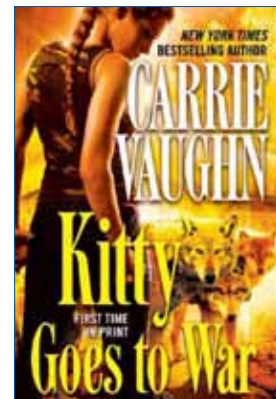


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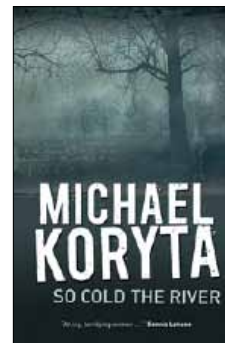
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**Deadhouse Gates** (*Malazan Book of the Fallen #2*) by Steven Erikson (Pb \$24.95). The nobility of Malazan has been slaughtered and the survivors sent to mine anti-magic ore near Seven Cities. Meanwhile, Seven Cities is smashed by a religious rebellion known as the Whirlwind which is led by the prophetess Sha'ik from the Holy Desert of Raraku. The Malazan forces flee the city of Hissar. The 7th Army is responsible for escorting 50,000 refugees over 1,500 miles to safety. They don't do such a great job. Probably the most carnage I can recall in an epic fantasy novel... Good times. – *Geoff*

**Dolores Claiborne** by Stephen King (Pb \$19.99). Stephen King is the warm, comforting, blanket of love that I snuggle into when I get a free moment, and this novel is written unlike anything else I've ever read. It's the ultimate 'angry-wife-takes-revenge' read – ever! In another writer's hands, this carefully told, brilliantly described book would have been a total disaster, but King pulls it off to perfection. – *Sofia*

**Bewitched and Betrayed** (*Raine #4*) by Lisa Shearin (Pb \$14.95). I love this series! The humour, sass and writing are fun and engaging. Raine is pursuing Sarad Nukpana, who escaped from the soul-sucking rock named Sagred. Raine, Mychael and Tam have to track them down, before everyone Raine loves is killed and Nukpana becomes unstoppable. – *Chrissi*

**The Space Trilogy** by Arthur C Clarke (Pb \$27.99). This trilogy, written in the 50s, takes us to a time when excitement and optimism about humankind's quest into space were at their peak. Utilising his boundless imagination and the best available science of the day, Clarke paints a picture of humankind facing a universe of possibility. Clarke describes a future that gives us hope for the future. – *Matt*

**The Paladin** by C J Cherryh (Pb \$12.95). A self-exiled martial arts master is compelled to train a young girl. We explore Master Shoka's mind through the training of young Taizu and her unquenchable enthusiasm, as well as her thirst for revenge against the Evil Lord Ghita. The dynamics between the characters are the jewels of Cherryh's writing, as both master and student learn from one another, growing and adapting to the world beyond the mountain of exile. – *CM*

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