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TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperbackHC = Hardcover or cloth binding

ARCADIA PROJECT 03: IMPOSTOR SYNDROME BAKER, Mishell

Three months ago, a rift between agents in London and Los Angeles tore the Arcadia Project apart. With both fey Courts split down the middle – half supporting London, half LA – London is putting the pieces in place to quash the resistance. But due to an alarming backslide in her mental health, new LA agent Mille Roper is in no condition to fight. When London's opening shot is to frame Millie's partner, Tjuan, for attempted homicide, Millie has no choice but to hide him and try to clear his name. Her investigation will take her across the pond to the heart of Arcadia at the mysterious and impenetrable White Rose palace. The key to Tjuan's freedom and to the success of the revolution - is locked in a vault under the fey Queen's watchful eye. It's up to Millie to plan and lead a heist that will shape the future of two worlds - all while pretending that she knows exactly what she's doing. The sequel to Borderline and Phantom Pains (TP, \$24.99 each).

Urban fantasy

#### **BOOKS OF BABEL 02: ARM OF THE SPHINX** BANCROFT, Josiah

Senlin and his eclectic crew are struggling to survive aboard their stolen airship, as the hunt to rescue Senlin's lost wife continues. Hopeless and desolate, they turn to a legend of the Tower, the mysterious Sphinx. But help from the Sphinx never comes cheaply, and as Senlin knows, debts aren't always what they seem in the Tower of Babel... The sequel to Senlin Ascends (PBK, \$22.99). 'Senlin Ascends crosses the everyday strangeness and lyrical prose of Borges and Gogol with all the action and adventure of high fantasy. I loved it, and grabbed the next one as soon as I turned the

last page.' - Django Wexler.

#### **XEELEE: VENGEANCE**

BAXTER, Stephen

Defeated in a greater war, the Xeelee eventually fled the universe. Most of them. A handful were left behind, equipped with time travel capabilities, their task to tidy up: to reorder history more to the Xeelee's liking. That million-year war with humankind was one blemish. It had to be erased. And in order to do that, a lone Xeelee was sent back in time - to remove Michael Poole from history.

#### SONG OF SHATTERED SANDS 03: A VEIL OF SPEARS

BEAULIEU, Bradley

The end is coming: as eda focuses on freeing the asirim and weaken the kings' hold on Sharakhai, the kings' forces, the scheming queen of Qaimir, Hamzakiir the ruthless blood mage, and the thirteenth tribe all prepare for a grand clash that may decide the fate of all who sail the desert.

TP

#### LINNET ELLERY 03: PUBLISH AND PERISH

BORNIKOVA, Phillipa

Linnet Ellery, a young attorney at a prestigious New York vampire law firm has proved she has extraordinary luck – and not just in the courtroom. She has walked unscathed through events that would kill a normal person. Linnet's elven ex-boyfriend is trapped in Fairyland, and Linnet will have to lead a raid into Fey to free him – alongside her boss, whom she is falling in love with. But a love affair between a vampire and a human is strictly forbidden. and any violation is punishable by death for both parties. As events unfold, Linnet determines the source of her mysterious power, and is dismayed to discover that she is the most dangerous person in the world to her vampire and werewolf friends. The more secrets and treachery she uncovers, the more Linnet realises that a decision must be made: Can she be her true self, without sacrificing everyone she cares about?

Urban fantasy TP

#### GOOD GUYS

BRUST, Steven

Donovan was shot by a cop. For jaywalking, supposedly. Actually, for arguing with a cop while black. Four of the nine shots were lethal - or would have been, if their target had been anybody else. The Foundation picked him up, brought him back, and trained him further. 'Lethal' turns out to be a relative term, when magic is involved. When Marci was fifteen, she levitated a paperweight and threw it at a guy she didn't like. The Foundation scooped her up for training, too. 'Hippie chick' Susan got well into her Foundation training, before they told her about the magic, but she's as powerful as Donovan and Marci, now. They can teleport themselves thousands of miles, conjure shields that will stop bullets, and read information from the remnants of spells cast by others, days before. They all work for the secretive Foundation... for minimum wage. Which is okay, because the Foundation are the good guys. Aren't they? HC Urban fantasy

#### **SEMIOSIS**

BURKE, Sue

Escaping conflict on Earth, an idealistic group of settlers arrive on a distant planet – Pax – with plans for a perfect society. The world they discover is rich with life, but this is not the Eden they were hoping for. The plants on Pax are smart – smart enough to domesticate, and even slaughter, its many extraordinary animals. To survive, the colonists realise that they must strike bargains of their own. But if they are to make Pax their home, they must go further, searching for a way to communicate and coexist with these utterly alien intelligences. 'This is top class SF, intelligent and engaging, and I loved every minute of it' - Adrian Tchaikovsky. Highly recommended!

Science fiction PBK CRESCENT CITY 01: THE CITY OF LOST FORTUNES

CAMP, Bryan

'Debut author Camp transforms his native New Orleans into a realm of magic and gods that's still deeply wounded from Hurricane Katrina. Street magician and demigod Jude Dubuisson used to magically locate lost objects and people, but he quit after Katrina overwhelmed the city with loss. The slaying of the god of fortune forces Jude into a maelstrom as he learns that he is inextricably bound with the murder, other murders that follow, and the lives of everyone in New Orleans. Camp's fantasy reads like jazz, with multiple, chaotic-seeming threads of deities, mortals, and destiny playing in harmony. This game of souls and fate is full of snarky dialogue, taut suspense, and characters whose glitter hides sharp fangs. Jude is an engaging, once-cheerful trickster turned hermit and reluctant hero; if his destiny is bleak, he decides he might as well go all out, to save whomever he can and the city he refuses to abandon. Any reader who likes fantasy with a dash of the bizarre will enjoy this trip to the Crescent City.' - Publisher's Weekly. HC Urban fantasy

#### UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY 01: THE WOLF

A great war has come to the land under the Northern Sky. Beyond the Black River, among the forests and mountains of the north, lives an ancient race of people. Their lives are measured in centuries. not decades; they revel in wilderness and resilience, and they scorn wealth and comfort. By contrast, those in the south live in the moment, their lives more fleeting. They crave wealth and power, their ambition is limitless, and their cunning unmatched. When the armies of the south flood across the Black River, the fragile peace between the two races is shattered. On a lightning-struck battlefield the two sides will fight – for their people, for their land, for their very survival. Two sides. One victor. The first in a series, by a new voice to rival David Gemmell, or George R R Martin.

**VORRH TRILOGY 02: THE ERSTWHILE** 

CATLING, Brian PBK **Fantasy** 

**MOONGLOW** 

CHABON, Michael **Fiction PBK** 

THE BEST SCIENCE FICTION OF THE YEAR: VOLUME THREE

CLARKE, Neil (editor)

SF anthology TP

#### SACRED THRONE 01: THE ARMORED SAINT

In a world where any act of magic could open a portal to hell, the Order insures that no wizard will live to summon devils, and will kill as many innocent people as they must to prevent that greater horror. After witnessing a horrendous slaughter, the village girl Heloise opposes the Order, and risks bringing their wrath down on herself, her family, and her village.

Military fantasy

#### **GREATCOATS 04: TYRANT'S THRONE**

DE CASTELL, Sebastien

The first in this entertaining, swashbuckling series is Traitor's Blade (\$22.99). Recommended! PBK

RCN 12: THOUGH HELL SHOULD BAR THE WAY

DRAKE, David Military SF

#### STARFIRE TRILOGY 03: MEMORY'S BLADE

ELLSWORTH, Spencer

If Jagi and Araskar can fight their way out, they can use a secret at the heart of the Dark Zone to free the galaxy, and end John Starfire's new tyranny. They lose, and every star in the sky will go dark. This 232pp Tor.com novella is the conclusion of the actionpacked trilogy, following A Red Peace and Shadow Sun Seven (PBK, \$24.99 each).

Space opera **PBK** FIREMANE SAGA 01: KING OF ASHES FEIST, Raymond E

SPECTRE WAR 02: ARCHANGEL

FORTUNE, Margaret A seguel to Nova (PBK, \$19.95) PBK Military SF

NORSE MYTHOLOGY GAIMAN, Neil

Fantasy/mythology

#### EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF THE ATHENA CLUB 01: THE STRANGE CASE OF THE ALCHEMIST'S DAUGHTER

GOSS, Theodora

A remarkable group of women, who come together to solve the mystery of a series of gruesome murders - and the bigger mystery of their own origins. Mary Jekyll, alone and penniless, following her parents' death, is curious about the secrets of her father's mysterious past. One clue in particular hints that Edward Hyde, her father's former friend and a murderer, may be nearby, and there is a reward for information leading to his capture...

Historical fantasy

THE QUEENS OF INNIS LEAR

GRATTON, Tessa

The erratic decisions of a prophecy-obsessed king have drained Innis Lear of its wild magic, leaving behind a trail of barren crops and despondent subjects. Enemy nations circle the once-bountiful isle, sensing its growing vulnerability, hungry to control the ideal port for all trade routes. The king's three daughters - battle-hungry Gaela, master manipulator Reagan, and restrained, star-blessed Elia - know the realm's only chance of resurrection is to crown a new sovereign, proving a strong hand can resurrect magic and defend itself. But their father will not choose an heir until the longest night of the year, when prophecies align and a poison ritual can be enacted. Refusing to leave their future in the hands of blind faith, the daughters of Innis Lear prepare for war - but regardless of who wins the crown, the shores of Innis will weep the blood of a house divided. 'Amazing. Just Amazing.' - Robin McKinley.

DEFY THE STARS 02: DEFY THE WORLDS

GRAY, Claudia

Noemi Vidal has returned to her planet. Genesis, as an outsider – ostracised for refusing to end the Liberty War by sacrificing Abel, the most advanced mechanical man ever made. She dreams of travelling through the stars again, and when a deadly plague arrives on Genesis. Noemi gets her chance. The only soldier to have ever left her planet, it will be up to her to save its people. If only she wasn't flying right into a trap.

\$19.99 YA science fiction

#### RUNEMARKS 02: RUNELIGHT

HARRIS, Joanne M

The squabbling Norse gods and goddesses back! Maggie – a girl, the same age as Maddy, but brought up a world apart... literally, in World's End, the focus of the Order in which Maddy was raised. Six hundred miles apart, two girls each bear on their skin a runemark: a symbol of the Old Days - when the known Worlds were ruled by the gods from their sky citadel, Asgard.

Norse fantasy

#### IRON DRUID CHRONICLES 09: SCOURGED

HEARNE, Kevin

Unchained from fate, the Norse gods Loki and Hel are ready to unleash Ragnarok, aka the Apocalypse, upon the earth. With a whole host of dark allies on their side, there's a globe-spanning battle on the cards - one which Druid Atticus O'Sullivan will be hard pressed to survive, much less win. Atticus must recruit the aid of an Indian witch and a trickster god in hopes that they'll give him just enough leverage to both save Gaia and see another sunrise After all - if the world ends, who's going to make sure the hound Oberon gets his well-deserved snack? The finale of the Iron Druid Chronicles. Hounded (\$19.95) is the first in this great series

**Urban fantasy** PBK

LIGHTLESS 03: RADIATE

\$31.95

HIGGINS, CA The conclusion of the superb trilogy, following Lightless

(TP, \$24.99) and Supernova (TP, \$29.99). Recommended

FITZ AND THE FOOL TRILOGY 03:

ASSASSIN'S FATE

HOBB, Robin **PBK** \$22.99

THE WANDERERS

HOWREY, Meg

The best of Helen Kane exists in space. If she doesn't go back up, she'll be consigned to a lesser version of herself on a planet that has also seen better days. Helen is an experienced astronaut with a NASA position and a struggling, grown-up daughter who needs her; but when, at fifty-three, she is offered a place on the training programme for the first mission to Mars, the most realistic simu cannot refuse a last chance to walk among the stars

Science fiction \$19.99

#### THE AFTER WIFE

HUNTER, Cass

When Rachel and Aidan fell in love, they thought it was forever. She was a brilliant, high-flying scientist. He was her loving and supportive husband. Now, she's gone, and Aidan must carry on and raise their daughter alone. But Rachel has left behind her life's work a gift of love – to see them through the dark days after her death. A gift, called iRachel.

Science fiction TP

THE HAUNTING OF HENRY TWIST

JOHN, Rebecca F Ghost story \$19.99

DEADMAN'S CROSS 01: DEADMEN WALKING

KENYON, Sherrilyn

The first in a new series - spinning off from the Dark-Hunter novels. Paranormal **PBK** 

#### **MEMORY THIEF TRILOGY 02:** QUEEN OF THE STRUGGLE

KORPON, Nik

Overthrowing the tyrannical Tathadann government should have been cause for celebration. But as Eitan City announces its independence, soldiers from the northern province of Vårgmannskjør storm the ceremony and annex the city. The cruelties of the Tathadann soon pale beside the new occupiers' atrocities. Henraek finds himself resettled in the north, in a city where the people seem happy and well until its labour camps

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and enslaved spirits come to light. The rebellion must begin anew, in Eitan City and throughout Vårgmannskjør, and now the stakes are higher than ever. A sequel to The Rebellion's Last Traitor (PBK, \$19.95).

Dystopia SHIFTER ROGUES 01: WOLF'S MATE

KYLE, Celia

Cougar shifter Holly Carter always wanted a safe, boring existence. It's why she'd become an accountant. No excitement, no danger, and no over-the-top alpha males. Unfortunately, now, she's got flying bullets, a dead guy, and millions of dollars funnelled into a shady, anti-shifters organisation. Agent Declan Reed has promised to keep her out of danger, but the sexy wolf shifter may be more trouble than she bargained for...

**PBK** Paranormal romance \$19.99

HONEY BADGERS 01: HOT AND BADGERED LAURENSTON, Shelly

Paranormal romance

#### **BOOK OF THE ANCESTOR 02: GREY SISTER**

LAWRENCE, Mark

In Mystic Class, Nona Grey begins to learn the secrets of the universe. But so often even the deepest truths just make our choices harder. Before she leaves the Convent of Sweet Mercy Nona must choose her path and take the red of a Martial Sister, the grey of a Sister of Discretion, the blue of a Mystic Sister or the simple black of a Bride of the Ancestor and a life of prayer and service. All that stands between her and these choices are the pride of a thwarted assassin, the ambition of a would-be empress wielding the Inquisition like a blade, and the vengeance of the empire's richest lord. As the world narrows around her, and her enemies attack her through the system she has sworn to. Nona must find her own path despite the competing pull of friendship, revenge, ambition, and loyalty. And in all this only one thing is certain. There will be blood.

ACADEMY 08: THE LONG SUNSET

**Fantasy** 

Hutch has been the Academy's best pilot for decades. She's had numerous first-contact encounters and even became a minor celebrity. But world politics have shifted from exploration to a growing fear that the program will run into an extraterrestrial race, more advanced than humanity, and war. Despite taking part in the recent scientific breakthrough that rejuvenates the human body and expands one's lifespan, Hutch finds herself as a famous interstellar pilot with little to do - until a message from an alien race arrives. SF adventure

#### RAVEN'S MARK 01: BLACKWING

MCDONALD, Ed

The republic faces annihilation, despite the vigilance of Galharrow's Blackwings. When a raven tattoo rips itself from his arm to deliver a desperate message, Galharrow and a mysterious noblewoman must investigate a long dead sorcerer's legacy. But there is a conspiracy within the citadel: traitors, flesh eaters, and the ghosts of the wastelands seek to destroy them, but if they cannot solve the ancient wizard's paradox, the Deep Kings will walk the earth again, and all will be lost... A gritty epic fantasy, for fans of Mark Lawrence, Scott Lynch, and Daniel Polansky. This has had raves from customers!

Fantasy

CIRCE

MILLER, Madeline

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe has neither the look nor the voice of divinity, and is scorned and rejected by her kin. Increasingly isolated, she turns to mortals for companionship, leading her to discover a power forbidden to the gods: witchcraft. When love drives Circe to cast a dark spell, wrathful Zeus banishes her to the remote island of Aiaia. There she learns to harness her occult craft, drawing strength from nature. But she will not always be alone: many are destined to pass through Circe's place of exile, entwining their fates with hers. The messenger god, Hermes. The craftsman, Daedalus. A ship bearing a golden fleece. And wily Odysseus, on his epic voyage home. There is danger for a solitary woman in this world, and Circe's independence draws the wrath of men and gods alike. To protect what she holds dear, Circe must decide whether she belongs with the deities she is born from, or the mortals she

TP Mythic fantasy

**RECLUCE TALES:** 

STORIES FROM THE WORLD OF RECLUCE MODESITT JR, L E

A collection of short stories - set in the world of the Recluce Saga – features seventeen new tales, and four popular reprints; spanning the thousand-year history of Recluce, complemented by

a background essay. **Fantasy** 

**NOIR** 

MOORE, Christopher

San Francisco. Summer, 1947. A dame walks into a saloon... Think Raymond Chandler meets Damon Runyon, with more than a dash of Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes All Stars. It's all very, very Noir. Urban fantasy

ONE WAY

MORDEN, S J

Eight astronauts. One killer. No way home. Frank Kittridge is serving life for murdering his son's drug dealer. So, when he's offered a deal by Xenosystems Operations - the company that runs the prison - he takes it, even though it means swapping one life sentence for another. He's been selected to help build the first permanent base on Mars. Unfortunately, his crewmates are just as guilty of their crimes as he is - and he'll have to learn to trust them, if they're to succeed. As the convicts set to work on the frozen wastes of Mars, the accidents multiply. Until Frank begins to suspect they might not be accidents, at all... There's a murderer amongst them, and everyone's a suspect.

SF noir

LAST SONG BEFORE NIGHT 02: FIRE DANCE MYER, Ilana C

Lin, newly initiated in the art of otherworldly enchantments, is sent to aid her homeland's allies against vicious attacks from the Fire Dancers: mysterious practitioners of strange and deadly magic. Forced to step into a dangerous waltz of tradition, treachery, and palace secrets, Lin must also race the ticking clock of her own rapidly dwindling life to learn the truth of the Fire Dancers' war, and how she might prevent death, on a scale too terrifying to contemplate. A sequel to Last Song Before Night (TP, \$26.99).

THEMIS FILES 02: WAKING GODS

NEUVEL, Sylvain

As a child Rose Franklin made an astonishing discovery - a huge metallic hand, buried deep in the earth. She has since focused her scientific career on uncovering everything about the hand and the other gigantic body parts found scattered about the globe. When another robot is discovered and lashes out, Dr Franklin is closer to learning its secrets than ever before. But as more machines appear, earth looks set for an invasion for which it is colossally unprepared. Mankind's only chance is for Rose and her team to uncover the mysteries of the ancient technology or the earth might be lost to them forever... The conclusion of the trilogy, Only Human, is also available now in trade paperback (\$32.99).

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PLANETFALL 02: AFTER ATLAS

NEWMAN, Emma

Gov-corp detective Carlos Moreno was only a baby when Atlas left Earth to seek truth among the stars. But in that moment, the course of Carlos' entire life changed. Atlas is what took his mother away; what made his father lose hope; what led Alejandro Casales, leader of the religious cult known as the Circle, to his door. And, now, on the eve of the fortieth anniversary of Atlas' departure, it's got something to do why Casales was found dead, in his hotel room... A sequel to Planetfall (PBK, \$22.99).

Science fiction

MAN OF SHADOWS 02: THE BODY LIBRARY

In a city where words come to life and reality is infected by stories, private eye John Nyquist wakes up in a room with a dead body... The dead man's impossible whispers plunge him into a murder investigation like no other. Clues point him deeper into an unfolding story infesting its participants as reality blurs between place and genre. Only one man can hope to put it all together, enough that lives can be saved... That man is Nyquist, and he is lost. A sequel to A Man of Shadows (PBK, \$19.99).

Science fiction PBK

PALMGREN, Tristan

In medieval Italy, Niccolucio, a young Florentine Carthusian monk, leads a devout life until the Black Death kills all of his brothers, leaving him alone and filled with doubt. Habidah, an anthropologist from an alien world racked by plague, is overwhelmed by the suffering. Unable to maintain her neutrality, she saves Niccolucio from the brink of death. Habidah discovers that neither her home's plague nor her assignment on Niccolucio's ravaged planet are as she's been led to believe. Suddenly, the pair are drawn into a worldsspanning conspiracy to topple an empire larger than the human imagination can contain.

Science fiction

THE DIMINISHED

PATTERSON, Kaitlyn Sage

In the Alskad Empire, nearly all are born with a twin, two halves to form one whole... yet, some face the world alone. A rare few are singleborn in each generation, and therefore given the right to rule by the gods and goddesses. Bo Trousillion is one of these few, born into the royal line and destined to rule. Though he has been chosen to succeed his great-aunt, Queen Runa, as the leader of the Alskad Empire, Bo has never felt equal to the grand future before him. When one twin dies, the other usually follows, unable to face the world without their other half. Those who survive are considered diminished, doomed to succumb to the violent grief that inevitably destroys everyone, whose twin has died...

DAVID BRIN PRESENTS CHASING SHADOWS: VISIONS OF OUR COMING TRANSPARENT WORLD

POTTS, Stephen W (editor)

As we debate Internet privacy, revenge porn, the NSA, and Edward Snowden, cameras get smaller, faster, and more numerous. Has Orwell's Big Brother finally come to pass? Or have we become a global society of thousands of Little Brothers - watching, judging, and reporting on one another? Noted author and futurist David Brin and scholar Stephen Potts, partnering with the Arthur C Clarke Centre for Human Imagination, and inspired by Brin's nonfiction book The Transparent Society, have compiled essays and short stories from writers such as William Gibson, Ramez Naam, Cat Rambo, Neal Stephenson, Bruce Sterling, Vernor Vinge, and many others - to examine the benefits and pitfalls of technologic transparency in all its permutations.

GODS, MONSTERS, AND THE LUCKY PEACH ROBSON, Kelly

In 2267. Earth has just begun to recover from worldwide ecological disasters. Minh is part of the generation that first moved back up to the surface of the Earth from the underground hells, to reclaim humanity's ancestral habitat. She's spent her entire life restoring river ecosystems, but lately the kind of long-term restoration projects Minh works on have been stalled, due to the invention of time travel. When she gets the opportunity take a team to 2000 BC to survey the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, she jumps at the chance to uncover the secrets of the shadowy think tank that controls time travel technology. A 176pp Tor.com novella.

Science fiction CARVE THE MARK 02: THE FATES DIVIDE

ROTH, Veronica

The lives of Cyra Noavek and Akos Kereseth are ruled by their fates, spoken by the oracles at their births. The fates, once determined, are inescapable. Alos is in love with Cyra, in spite of his fate: he will die in service to Cyra's family. And when Cyra's father, Lazmet Noavek - a soulless tyrant, thought to be dead reclaims the Shotet throne, Akos believes his end is closer than ever. As Lazmet ignites a barbaric war, Cyra and Akos are desperate to stop him at any cost. For Cyra, that could mean taking the life of the man who may - or may not - be her father. For Akos, it could mean giving his own. In a stunning twist, the two will discover how fate defines their lives, in ways most unexpected. A sequel to Carve the Mark (PBK, \$19.99).

YA fantasy

ARGENEAU FAMILY 27: TWICE BITTEN SANDS, Lynsay

PBK Paranormal romance

LOCK IN 02: HEAD ON

Hilketa is a frenetic and violent pastime where players attack each other with swords and hammers. The main goal of the game: obtain your opponent's head and carry it through the goalposts. With flesh and bone bodies, a sport like this would be impossible. But all the players are 'threeps', robot-like bodies controlled by people with Haden's Syndrome, so anything goes. No one gets hurt, but the brutality is real and the crowds love it. Until a star athlete drops dead on the playing field. Is it an accident, or murder? FBI agents and Haden-related crime investigators, Chris Shane and Leslie Vann, are called in to uncover the truth – and in doing so travel to the darker side of the fast-growing sport of Hilketa, where fortunes are made or lost, and where players and owners do whatever it takes to win, on and off the field. A novel of the near future, *Head On* is a standalone follow-up to the critically-acclaimed Lock In. Chilling near-future SF, with the thrills of a gritty cop procedural, HeadOn brings Scalzi's trademark snappy dialogue and technological speculation to the future world of sports. Recommended.

ONE CLEAR ICE-COLD JANUARY MORNING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY

SCHIMMELPFENNIG, Roland

One clear, ice-cold January morning shortly after dawn, a wolf crosses the border between Poland and Germany. His trail leads all the way to Berlin, connecting the lives of disparate individuals whose paths intersect and diverge... The first novel of Germany's most celebrated contemporary playwright.

ADMIRAL SANTIAGO 02: KRIS LONGKNIFE'S RELIEF

SHEPHERD, Mike

Sandy Santiago has problems coming out her ears. Granny Rita is out of control. The workers are out on strike. Worse, the murderous alien raiders are testing Alwa's defence perimeter. Once she has her house in order, Sandy is strongly thinking of getting her own good look at what appears to be the alien home world.

Science fiction

**EARTHCORE** 

SIGLER, Scott

Deep below a desolate Utah mountain lies the largest platinum deposit ever discovered. A billion-dollar find, it waits for any company that can drill a world's record, three-mile-deep mine shaft. EarthCore is the company with the technology, the resources and the guts to go after the mother lode. Young executive Connell Kirkland is the company's driving force, pushing himself and those around him to uncover the massive treasure. But at three miles below the surface, where the rocks are so hot they burn bare skin, something has been waiting for centuries. Waiting... and guarding. Kirkland and EarthCore are about to find out firsthand why this treasure has never been unearthed.

Science fiction thriller

FORM AND VOID 01: THE GLASS BREAKS

SMITH, A J

Seventeen-year-old Duncan Greenfire is alive. Three hours ago, he was chained to the rocks and submerged as the incoming tide washed over his head. Now, the waters are receding and Duncan's continued survival has completed his initiation as a Sea Wolf. It is the 167th year of the Dark Age. The Sea Wolves and their Eastron kin can break the glass and step into the void, slipping from the real world and reappearing wherever they wish. Wielding their power, they conquered the native Pure Ones and established their own Kingdom. The Sea Wolves glorify in piracy and slaughter. Their rule is absolute, but young Duncan Greenfire and duellist Adeline Brand will discover a conspiracy to end their dominion, a conspiracy to shatter the glass that separates the worlds of Form and Void and unleash a primeval chaos across the world.

I STILL DREAM SMYTHE, James

1997. Seventeen-year-old Laura Bow has invented a rudimentary artificial intelligence, and named it Organon. At first, it's intended to be a sounding board for her teenage frustrations, a surrogate best friend; but as she grows older, Organon grows with her.

As the world becomes a very different place, technology changes the way we live, love and die; massive corporations develop rival intelligences to Laura's, ones without safety barriers, or morals; and Laura is forced to decide whether to share her creation with the world. If it falls into the wrong hands, she knows, its power could be abused. But what if Organon is the only thing that can stop humanity from hurting itself, irreparably?

EMBRACED 03:

EIGHT SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING A DRAGON SPARKS, Kerrelyn

Follows How to Tame a Beast in Seven Days and So I Married A Sorcerer (PBK, \$19.95 each), which have had raves from customers.

Paranormal romance **PBK** CAPTAIN FUTURE: AVENGERS OF THE MOON

STEELE, Allen Curt Newton has spent most of his life hidden from the rest

disembodied brain of a renowned scientist. Curt's innate curiosity

of humankind, being raised by a robot, an android, and the

and nose for trouble inadvertently lead him into a plot to destabilise the Solar Coalition and assassinate the president. There's only one way to uncover the evil mastermind - Curt must become Captain Future. With the permission of the Edmond Hamilton estate, Allen Steele revives the exciting adventures of Captain Future.

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STEWART, Alex

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