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_____Anderson, Kevin J. & Van Vogt, A. E. **SLAN HUNTER**. Tor, 31.00 hc.

The sequel to SLAN, completed by Anderson from Van Vogt's partial draft and outline. Slans are a race of superior mutants in the far future, smarter and stronger than homo sapiens and able to read minds. Yet they are a persecuted minority, survivors of terrible genocidal wars, who live in hiding from the mass of humanity. Now a new war among the races of mankind bursts out, and all types of humanity struggle to survive, including Jommy Cross, mutant hero of SLAN.

_____Archer, Alex. **GOD OF THUNDER**. [ROGUE ANGEL #7]. Gold Eagle, 7.99 pb.

When a former colleague is murdered, archaeologist Annja Creed continues her research on the Norse god of Thunder. When coded clues lead her on a treasure hunt in the forests of Latvia, she realizes that a ruthless corps of mercenaries are also on the hunt - and they're even willing to murder to find it!

_____Asaro, Catherine. **THE FIRE OPAL**. Luna, 18.95 tp.

A royal stranger, beaten and bloody, is left for dead at the feet of the priestess Ginger-Sun, who carries the power of the shape mages. Fate makes Ginger the prince's wife and hence a target for those who would murder him to crown another - and force her magic into twisted ferocity. Unless Ginger can master her dark powers, violence will reign in Taka Mal, and in her soul.

_____Bacon-Smith, Camille. **DAEMON EYES**. Daw, 10.99 pb.

EYE OF THE DAEMON and EYES OF THE EMPRESS in an omnibus volume.

_____Baker, Kage. **THE SONS OF HEAVEN**. [COMPANY]. Tor, 31.95 hc.

The conclusion to the story of Mendoza and The Company. The mortal masters of the Company, terrified of a coup, invest in a plan they believe will terminate their immortal servants. And they awaken a powerful AI whom they call Dr Zeus. Recommended.

_____Ballard, J. G. **KINGDOM COME**. Collins, 17.95 tp [UK ed].

An unemployed advertising executive, investigating the circumstances of the murder of his father in a vast shopping mall, begins to learn of a subterranean connection between consumerism and fascism.

_____Banks, L. A. **THE FORSAKEN**. [VAMPIRE HUNTRESS LEGEND]. St. Martin, 10.99 pb.

The chairman of the Vampire Council is dead and Lilith, consort of the Unnamed One, along with the Unnamed One himself, are out for

revenge against Damali Richards and her lover Carlos Rivera. A carefully orchestrated plan is in motion that will bring back the one entity that Damali, Carlos and the Guardian team cannot best.

_____ **Banks, L. A. THE CURSED: A VAMPIRE HUNTRESS LEGEND. Griffin, 18.50 tp.**

Lilith, Satan's Consort, now sits on the vampire throne. She raises all the dark covens, hoping to distract Damali and her team while the unborn heir to the Dark Realms awaits his own birth. But Lilith needs to harvest Damali's newly discovered angelic powers so that her evil progeny may walk through the veil between worlds and take his throne as the true Anti-Christ. However, by raising not only the dark covens, but all vampires that had not been slain by Damali, Lilith puts the world out of balance and kicks off the Armageddon.

_____ **Bardsley, Michelle. DON'T TALK BACK TO YOUR VAMPIRE. Eclipse, 9.99 pb.**

Eva LeRoy, Broken Heart, Oklahoma's librarian, got "vampirized" when everyone else did - during a vampire's feeding frenzy. But books still make her undead heart beat - and, strangely enough, so does Lorcan the Loner, the vampire who killed her...

_____ **Baxter, Stephen. CONQUEROR. [TIME'S TAPESTRY #2]. Ace, 31.00 hc.**

After the Vikings come and deliberately destroy the only copies of the Prophecy scroll, its text - and the fate of the land - is preserved only in the memory of a young girl.

_____ **Bear, Elizabeth. WHISKEY AND WATER: A NOVEL OF THE PROMETHEAN AGE. Roc, 17.50 tp.**

Matthew Magician, after ending an age old war, is still the protector of New York. So when he finds a young woman brutally murdered by a Fae creature, he must bring her killer to justice before his mentor, Jane Andraste, uses the crime to justify more war - and before he confronts an even larger threat in the greatest Adversary of all.

_____ **Bradbury, Ray. NOW AND FOREVER. Morrow, 29.95 hc.**

Contains two novellas. "Somewhere a Band Is Playing" is classic Bradbury fantasy, in which a young writer steps off a train at a deserted station, only to discover that the town residents are not what they seem. "Moby-Dick, Leviathan '99" is trademark Bradbury science fiction, in which the young Ishmael Hunnicut Jones prepares to go on his first interstellar hunt on a starship commanded by an old blind captain, and crewed by Quell, a mysterious mind-reading alien being.

_____ **Bujold, Lois McMaster. LEGACY. [SHARING KNIFE #2]. Morrow, 32.95 hc.**

Newly married Fawn and Dag, a seasoned Lakewalker soldier-sorcerer, move from Fawn's family farm to settle in Dag's Lakewalker home at Hickory Lake Camp. Their arrival is greeted with prejudice and

suspicion by many in the camp, some even urging permanent exile for Dag. Dag is called away by a magically malicious attack on an unprotected farmer town. What is discovered there will change both Dag and his new bride, and alter the uneasy relationship between farmers and Lakewalkers - and offer a glimmer of hope for the future.

_____ **Bull, Emma. TERRITORY. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Tombstone, Arizona, 1881. Jesse Fox left his Eastern college education to travel West. Here he meets the physician Chow Lung, who insists that Jesse has a talent for magic. In Tombstone, Jesse meets the tubercular Doc Holliday, whose inner magic is as suppressed as his own, but whose power is enough to attract the sorcerous attention of Wyatt Earp. Mildred Benjamin is a young widow making her living as a newspaper typesetter, and - unbeknownst to the other ladies of Tombstone - selling tales of Western derring-do to the magazines back East. Like Jesse, Mildred has episodes of seeing things that can't possibly be there. When a failed stage holdup results in two dead, Tombstone explodes with speculation about who attempted the robbery. The truth could destroy Earp's plans for wealth and glory, and he'll do anything to bury it. Meanwhile, outlaw leader John Ringo wants the same turf as Earp.

_____ **Dart-Thornton, Cecilia. WEATHERWITCH. [CROWTHISTLE CHRONICLES #3]. Tor, 9.99 pb.**

Astarial is the darling of the Weathermaster clan, yet an air of sadness surrounds this beauty, for Astarial lost her mother to an evil enchantment and her father soon after when grief engulfed him and he set off on a quest to find a way to free his love. Now near adulthood, Astarial is at a crossroads. She can stay hidden from the world and use her powers in small ways to do small good. Or she can embark on a quest to fully realize the power that surges in her blood and perhaps undo the evil that her ancestors wreaked. Her decision will reshape the world.

_____ **Davidson, MaryJanice & Alongi, Anthony. JENNIFER SCALES AND THE MESSENGER OF LIGHT. Ace, 9.99 pb.**

Jennifer Scales finds high school difficult. She's half weredragon and half beaststalker. Weredragons and beaststalkers are mortal enemies, but Jennifer is hoping they'll learn to get along. Then she finds out she has a half-brother with a few too many legs and who is hell-bent on payback for a life of abandonment.

_____ **Dodd, Christina. SCENT OF DARKNESS. Signet, 10.99 pb.**

Ann Smith loves her handsome, dynamic boss, Jasha Wilder, but her daring plan to seduce him goes awry when she encounters a powerful wolf who - before her horrified eyes - changes into the man she adores. She soon discovers she can't escape her destiny, for she is the woman fated to break the curse that binds his soul.

_____ **Dolley, Chris. SHIFT. Baen, 28.99 hc.**

Peter Pendennis killed and dissected eleven people before they caught him. Now he is safely locked away in an institution - but one of the multiple personalities he is host to claims to be the astronaut John Bruce, who is now running for President of the United States. And now another murderer is operating with the same MO as Pendennis. Is it possible that Pendennis is linked with the new murderer through Bruce's test of a higher-dimensional FTL ship?

_____ **Dozois, Gardner. THE YEAR'S BEST SCIENCE FICTION 24TH ANNUAL. Griffin, 26.95 tp.**

Dan Simmons, Ken MacLeod, Alastair Reynolds, Michael Swanwick, Geoff Ryman, Allen Steele, Nancy Kress, Robert Reed, Michael Cassott, Charles Stross, Howard Waldrop and many other talents are featured in this roundup of the year's best.

_____ **Drake, David. THE MIRROR OF WORLDS [LORD OF THE ISLE CROWN OF THE ISLES #2]. Tor, 31.95 hc.**

The world itself has suffered a magical upheaval. The ocean has receded and the Isles have become the higher ground of a newly formed continent. But the new continent is a patchwork of geography from the distant past and future, peopled by creatures from all times and places. Garric and his companions must now struggle for the survival of humanity.

_____ **Esslemont, Ian C. NIGHT OF KNIVES: A NOVEL OF THE MALAZ. Bantam Press, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

The tiny island and city of Malaz is now a sleepy, seedy backwater port. But tonight the Shadow Moon is due, with its demon hounds and other, darker, beings. It is also the night the Emperor Kellanved, missing for all these years, is prophesized to return. As factions within the greater Empire battle over the imperial throne, the Shadow Moon summons a far more alien and ancient presence for an all-out assault upon the island.

_____ **Fforde, Jasper. FIRST AMONG SEQUELS: A THURSDAY NEXT NOVEL. Hodder, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

After a decree makes books interactive in order to boost lagging readership, Goliath's invention of a trans-fictional tourist bus puts Thursday in the position of having to side with the enemy to prevent a greater evil that threatens the very fabric of the reading experience.

_____ **Flint, Eric (ed). THE BEST OF JIM BAEN'S UNIVERSE. Baen, 29.99 hc.**

The best sf stories that have appeared in the online magazine, "Jim Baen's Universe". Mike Resnick and Gene Wolfe are on board, and so are best-selling writers David Drake, Gregory Benford, Esther Friesner and more.

_____ **Flint, Eric. DANCE OF TIME [BELISARIUS #6]. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

The Malwa prepare a fresh attack whose success will leave them rulers of the world - and the monster that guides the Malwa will rule the

whole future! Belisarius has arrayed the forces of Mankind against the Malwa evil. On his breast is the jewel sent to his support from a future of hope and freedom, willing to guide him but never to direct his actions.

_____ **Freedman, Dave. NATURAL SELECTION. Hyperion/Mirama, 9.99 pb.**

A new underwater species is found, one so dangerous and adaptable that it threatens to upset the world's already delicate balance. Because this manta ray isn't just content to stay underwater. It's learning to fly - and it's on the hunt!

_____ **Garcia y Robertson, R. FIREBIRD. Tor, 9.99 pb.**

In the fantastic land of Markovy east of Europe, in the Iron Wood filled with werewolves and other unpleasant creatures, in the house of the dreaded Bone Witch, lives a young orphan girl named Aria. Her life is changed forever when a foreign knight, Sir Roye de Roye, enters the forest pursued by enemies, carrying with him the most precious artifact of the kingdom, the egg of the Firebird. Aria saves him and falls in love with him, and it becomes her mission in life to restore the egg to the firebird's nest. And so she and her knight set out on a wonderful quest, filled with spectacle, romance, and hairs-breadth escapes, to save the land and find a life together.

_____ **Gates, R. Patrick. VADERS. Pinnacle, 9.99 pb.**

Billions of spores arrive and invade your body and change them into hideous monsters. As survivors turn against one another the monsters prepare for the next stage of their invasion.

_____ **Gotlieb, Phyllis. BIRTHSTONE. Robert J Sawyer, 19.95 tp.**

On a dark and moonless planet, mutations have left women as little more than wombs, while men can teleport but have limited control over the ability. When aliens come to plunder this world's resources, the already harsh environment degrades exponentially. Will the Galactic Federation find this world in time to help the natives restore their women and save their civilization?

_____ **Gran, Sara. COME CLOSER. Berkley, 9.99 pb.**

Amanda is happily married to Ed, works as an architect and likes her life - until disturbances begin, the odd noises, the practical joker who seems determined to sabotage her at work, the occasional blackouts that have no medical explanation. Ed seems less lovable, and instead of the book she had ordered by mail, she receives "Demon Possession, Past and Present." Soon after, Amanda-accidentally-burns her husband with her cigarette. Can she be going mad? Or has she been possessed by a female demon, Naamah, known to students of the Kabbalah?

_____ **Greenberg, Martin H & Helfers, John (eds). MAN VS MACHINE. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

As our world and daily lives become more and more involved with and dependent on complex technology, concern over what the future

holds increases. If computers develop genuine AI will they still willingly serve mankind? Lindsfold, Saberhagen, Fawcett, Gorman, Leigh , Swann and more.

_____ **Hamilton, Laurell K. HARLEQUIN: AN ANITA BLAKE VAMPIRE HUNTER NOVEL. Berkley, 32.50 hc.**

It is forbidden to speak of The Harlequin unless you've been contacted. And to be contacted by the Harlequin is to be under a sentence of death. Anita will need to garner all the support she can muster - Master Vampire Jean-Claude, alpha-werewolf Richard, shapeshifters Nathaniel and Micah, Edward - oh, the list goes on and on.

_____ **Haydon, Elizabeth. THE THIEF QUEEN'S DAUGHTER [LOST JOURNALS OF VEN POLYPHEME #2]. Starscape, 21.95 tp.**

On his first day on the job as Royal Reporter of the land of Serendair, King Vandemere sends young Ven into the Gated City to discover the origin of a mysterious artifact given to the king's father. The Gated City is ruled by the powerful Raven's Guild and the Queen of Thieves. Ven and his friends enter the Gated City ready for adventure. But when one friend is kidnapped and it is revealed that they are traveling in the company of the runaway daughter of the Queen of Thieves herself, their adventure turns deadly. For the ruthless Thief Queen will stop at nothing to get her daughter back.

_____ **Herbert, Brian & Anderson, Kevin J. HUNTERS OF DUNE. [DUNE #7]. Tor, 9.99 pb.**

At the end of CHAPTERHOUSE DUNE a ship carrying the gholas of Duncan Idaho, Sheeana (a young woman who can control sandworms), and a crew of various refugees escapes into the uncharted galaxy, fleeing from the monstrous Honored Matres, dark counterparts to the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood. Duncan's no-ship is forced to elude the diabolical traps set by the ferocious, unknown Enemy. The fugitives use genetic technology from Scytale, the last Tleilaxu Master, to revive key figures from Dune's past to meet the challenges thrown at them.

_____ **Horton, Rich (ed). FANTASY: THE BEST OF THE YEAR 2007. Cosmos, 9.99 pb.**

320 pages: the best fantasy prose of 2006.

_____ **Howard, Robert E. SHADOW KINGDOMS. [WEIRD WORKS OF ROBERT E. HOWARD #1]. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

First in a 10 book series that chronologically collects Howard's stories that appeared in the pulps.

_____ **Kenner, Julie. CALIFORNIA DEMON: THE SECRET LIFE OF A DEMON-HUNTING SOCCER MOM. Jove, 10.99 pb.**

After 14 years busting her tail as a suburban housewife, raising two kids and supporting her husband's political ambitions, retired demon-hunter Kate Connor is ready to rejoin the workforce.

_____ **King, Stephen. LISEY'S STORY. Pocket, 12.99 prem pb.**

Two years ago Lisey Landon lost her novelist husband. She understood there had been a place he went - a place that both terrified and healed him, could eat him alive or give the ideas he needed. Now it's her turn to face his demons. The task of sorting his papers becomes a nearly fatal journey into the darkness he inhabited.

_____ **Knight, E. E. VALENTINE'S EXILE. [VAMPIRE EARTH #5]. Roc, 10.99 pb.**

The newly formed Texas and Ozark Republics have dealt the vampiric aliens their first major defeat. David Valentine is revered as a hero, but has a dangerous enemy within his own ranks, who will have him facing charges for abusing the Quisling prisoners - the human pawns of the Kurians. But there's always those who criticize freedom fighters for prisoner abuse. Luckily their phones are tapped.

_____ **Knight, E. E. VALENTINE'S RESOLVE: A NOVEL OF THE VAMPIRE EARTH. [VAMPIRE EARTH #6]. Roc, 30.00 hc.**

Earth's allies in the Vampire Conflict, the Lifeweavers, have vanished. How can mankind resist their alien enemies without their help?

_____ **Kushner, Ellen. THE PRIVILEGE OF THE SWORD. Spectra, 8.99 pb.**

Winner Locus Award, best fantasy of the year. Katherine's uncle, the Mad Duke Tremontaine, decides it would be amusing if Katherine learned swordplay. Blade in hand, it's up to Katherine to navigate a maze of secrets and scoundrels and to gain the self-discovery that comes to those who master: the privilege of the sword. Recommended.

_____ **Landon, Kristin. THE HIDDEN WORLDS. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

After the Earth was destroyed by ruthless machine intelligences, humanity was saved by a hereditary guild of jump pilots, who now control all travel and communication among the Hidden Worlds - and whose power 19 year old Linnea may topple.

_____ **LeBlanc, Deborah. MORBID CURIOSITY. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

The proprietor of the tattoo shop promises that his tattoos will fulfill their owner's deepest wishes. But the tattoos soon take on a life of their own, and soon it is the owners who are doing the bidding of the tattoos.

_____ **Llywelyn, Morgan. THE GREENER SHORE: A NOVEL OF THE DRUIDS OF HIBERNIA. Del Rey, 19.95 tp.**

Sequel to DRUIDS. Ainvar's clan is reestablished in a new homeland, as his wife Briga overcomes all obstacles.

_____ **Lukyanenko, Sergei. TWILIGHT WATCH. [NIGHT WATCH #3]. Doubleday, 16.95 tp [CDN ed].**

The note has been sent to Zebulon and to the Inquisition's offices in Berne - a place whose address only the highest level of mages and sorcerers know. An Other has exposed the truth about their kind to a human, and now intends to convert that human into an Other. Anton, representing the Night Watch, and High Vampire Kostya Saushkin for the

Day Watch, begin to investigate the apartment complex to which the letter writer has been traced.

_____ **Maverick, Liz. WIRED. Love Spell, 8.99 pb.**

Accosted on the street by two mortal enemies, L. Roxanne Zabrovsky learns that fate can follow different timelines. And now she must make choices. Is the man she loves really the man she thinks she knows - or is there a version of her life in which he's her enemy? If she doesn't know who she was before, should she take a chance on becoming that person again?

_____ **Maxey, James. BITTERWOOD. Solaris, 9.99 pb [UK ed].**

Dragons rule the world and humans are forced to work as slaves. One name, however, strikes fear among the oppressors. Bitterwood. The last dragon hunter is a legend who is about to return.

_____ **McCaffrey, Anne & Scarborough, Elizabeth A. SECOND WAVE [ACORNA'S CHILDREN #2]. Eos, 10.99 pb.**

It seems that Khorii and her friends, confined with the rest of the survivors on Paloduro, may now be able to stem the tide of death and disease - until ominous signs indicate that the perpetrators are near and that the epidemic is only beginning. As old enemies reemerge and a shocking family secret is revealed, Khorii must unlock the malevolent mysteries of the deadly pestilence with the aid of her android "brother" before their unknown foes complete their covert mission to cripple the entire star system.

_____ **Morgan, Richard. BLACK MAN. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

Earth has finally achieved political stability and the new colony on Mars is growing. But the strife of the 21st century has left an uneasy legacy of genetically enhanced alpha males designed for war - and who now have no wars to fight.

_____ **Moriarty, Chris. SPIN CONTROL. Spectra, 8.99 pb.**

A clone and member of the space-faring Syndicates, Arkady has defected to Israel with a hot commodity: a genetic weapon powerful enough to wipe out humanity. But Israel's not buying it. They're selling it - and Arkady - to the highest bidder. The Artificial Life Emancipation Front sends in Major Catherine Li. Drummed out of the Peacekeepers for executing Syndicate prisoners, Li has now literally hooked up with an AI who has lived many lifetimes and shunted through many bodies. Winner of the Philip K. Dick Award.

_____ **Norton, Andre. MASKS OF THE OUTCASTS. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

CATSEYE and NIGHT OF MASKS in a single volume.

_____ **Paul, Donna. DRAGONFIRE. [DRAGON KEEPERS #4].**

WaterBrook, 17.99 tp.

Fiery dragons scorch the countryside as an evil husband-and-wife wizard duo battle one another for supremacy. Kale's works to find, hatch, and train an army of dragons, but then is shocked by a betrayal. As the

Amaran countrymen seek escape, she must search for her husband, family, and friends while organizing an underground movement to weaken the enemy.

_____ **Perry, Steve & Perry, Dal. CHRIS BUNCH'S THE GANGSTER CONSPIRACY. [STAR RISK #5]. Roc, 10.99 pb.**

The Star Risk, Ltd. team has a standing objective: "We'll do anything for money." And when they're hired by a political top gun to clear his assassinated father's name, wealth beyond their wildest dreams is finally within their grasp...if they can stay alive long enough to forge the cheque.

_____ **Piccirilli, Tom. THE MIDNIGHT ROAD. Bantam, 8.99 pb.**

Flynn, investigator for the Suffolk County Child Protective Services, was unprepared for the nightmare inside the Shepards' million-dollar Long Island home. In less than an hour after that he plunges into a frozen harbour. It was a miracle they were able to resuscitate him. But a determined homicide detective and a beautiful, inquisitive reporter have questions about what really happened at the Shepard house - and why the people around Flynn are suddenly being murdered. Flynn has questions of his own, especially when one of the victims dies while handing him a note: THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT.

_____ **Rhodes, Jenna. THE FOUR FORGES. [ELVEN WAYS #1]. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

Brought to the world of Kerith by an unknown cataclysm, the powerful and arrogant Vaelinar race consider themselves far superior to the natives whose own magic has been shorn away by a civil war. Two young people, one broken of soul and the other broken of mind, find their fates intertwined as their mixed bloodlines both curse and bless them. Can a river-borne slave and a street-savvy half-breed find their own personal truth in time to avert another civil war?

_____ **Rich, Frank. DAY OF JUDGMENT. [JAKE STRAIT #3]. Gold Eagle, 7.99 pb.**

The damned, the dirty and the depraved all call the confines of inner-city hell home. And that's exactly where Jake Strait finds himself when a gorgeous blond angel hires him to infiltrate a religious sect to find her sister. But what Jake discovers is a wild-eyed prophet on the make, putting everyone at risk

_____ **Ringo, John. DEEPER BLUE. Baen, 31.99 hc.**

Heartsick over the deaths of so many of his Keldara followers, and one in particular, Mike Harmon decides to sit this one out. WMDs headed for the US no longer matter to the Kildar. But when his best friend and intel specialist both are seriously wounded in an ambush aimed at him, the Kildar gets his gameface back on. Mike has always said that he's not a nice guy, and he's about to prove it to a boatload of terrorists and Colombian drug dealers.

_____ **Roberson, Jennifer. DEEPWOOD. [KARAVANS #2]. Daw, 32.50 hc.**

Audrun, Davyn, their four children, and the caravan's mysterious guide, have no sooner departed the safety of the caravan than they are overtaken by the sentient deepwood. The deepwood wishes to claim for itself the couple's unborn fifth child.

_____ **Roberts, Adam. LAND OF THE HEADLESS. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

A poet is accused of rape. He is found guilty, and in accordance with strict religious edict, beheaded. And then, fitted with an ordinator, neck valve and visual receptors, he is sent out into the world. But he carries a very public stigma and the only thing left for him is to join the army.

_____ **Rowen, Michelle. FANGED & FABULOUS. Warner, 9.99 pb.**

Quinn, the vampire hunter-turned-hunted who has declared his undying (literally) love for her, is willing to teach vampire Sarah Dearly hand-to-hand combat. Sarah soon finds forced to decide between Thierry, her brooding vampire lover and the man whose training sessions leave her hot and steamy.

_____ **Rowling, J. K. HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS. [HARRY POTTER #7]. Raincoast, 45.00 hc [CDN ed].**

The new Harry Potter, available with either the Children's cover or the Adult.

_____ **Scarrow, Simon. THE EAGLE'S PROPHECY. [MACRO AND CATO #6]. Headline, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

Spring 45 AD: Centurions Macro and Cato are in Rome, awaiting investigation for their involvement in the death of a fellow officer, when Narcissus, the imperial secretary, sends them to rescue an imperial agent and vital secrets captured by pirates off the Illyrian coast. Unfortunately their old enemy Vitellius will also be going.

_____ **Scarrow, Simon. EAGLE IN THE SAND. [MACRO AND CATO #7]. Headline, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

Trouble is brewing in Syria, on the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire. With the troops in a deplorable state, centurions Macro and Cato are despatched to restore order. But another challenge faces them as Bannus, a local tribesman, is preaching violent opposition to Rome, and rebellion is imminent. As the local revolt grows in scale, Macro and Cato must stamp out corruption in the cohort and restore it to fighting fitness to quash Bannus - before the eastern provinces are lost to the Empire forever.

_____ **Sherman, David & Cragg, Dan. STARFIST: FIRESTORM. Del Rey, 27.95 hc.**

The Marines of the 34th FIST are sent to reinforce Confederation garrisons under attack by secessionist forces. Two army divisions - perhaps thirty thousand soldiers - are being overwhelmed, and somebody

expects a thousand Marines to save the day. As pompous Confederation generals wreak even more havoc than the enemy, there are those who call the mission suicide - but not the Marines.

_____ **Shetterly, Will. THE GOSPEL OF THE KNIFE. Tor, 31.95 hc.**

1969: Christopher Nix is 14 years old and discovering sex, drugs and rock'n roll in the heart of Florida - a young long-haired hippie among rednecks who'd just as soon kill him. But then the Nix family is contacted by a mysterious benefactor who wants to send Chris to an exclusive private school, no expense spared. Mr. Jay Dumont claims that Chris's grandfather saved his life during WWI, and though Grandpa Uvdall is dead, the debt remains to be paid. But as Chris will discover, there is a great deal more to it than that. He will have to accept and understand the Powers that have surrounded his family all his life, and learn to use his own magical gifts, if he is to survive Dumont's plan.

_____ **Slater, Ian. DARPA ALPHA. [WWIII #11]. Ballantine, 8.99 pb.**

[Vancouver author]. Terrorists have hijacked the American Darpa Alpha advanced technology that can transform rifle rounds into tank crushers. General Freeman has already failed to keep the technology on American soil. Now, with 1400 marines he must follow the enemy into a state-within-a-state on the Sino-Russian border.

_____ **Stackpole, Michael A. THE NEW WORLD. [DISCOVERY TRILOGY #3]. Spectra, 19.95 tp.**

It is the moment of final conflict, and the grandchildren of the Royal Cartographer are at the center of the climactic struggle. Keles Anturasi will race across the world, fleeing assassins, seeking control over powers he can barely understand. His brother, Jorim, having ascended to godhood, now finds himself pitted against an elder god - the very god who once created the entire pantheon and now seeks its destruction. And their sister, Nirati, embarks on a treacherous crusade with a dead hero to wage war on hell itself! As the final battle lines are drawn, they will gather the land's newly awakened defenders of the ancient past.

_____ **Stein, Jeanne C. BLOOD DRIVE. [ANNA STRONG #2]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

Anna Strong, once a bounty hunter and now a vampire, discovers that her long-dead brother may have had a daughter - and that the girl's in serious danger. There's some very dangerous people after - but they're about to learn that there is nothing more dangerous than a bounty hunter with an unnatural thirst for blood.

_____ **Stross, Charles. GLASSHOUSE. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

Interstellar travel is made possible in the 27th century by teleport gates. Conflicts are fought through network worms that censor refugees' personalities. Robin, memory-less and on the run from a faceless enemy, volunteers to participate in a unique and experimental new civil order.

This decision places him at the mercy of both the experimenters and his own unbalanced psyche. Nebula nominee. Recommended.

_____ **Sturgeon, Theodore. THE NAIL AND THE ORACLE: 1960-1969. [THE COMPLETE STORIES OF THEODORE STURGEON #11]. North Atlantic, 44.00 hc.**

Ten major stories written during the 1960s.

_____ **Turtledove, Harry. THE DISUNITED STATES OF AMERICA. [CROSSTIME TRAFFIC #4]. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

War between Virginia and Ohio breaks out. Ohio sets a tailored virus loose on Virginia. Virginia swiftly imposes a quarantine, trapping cross-time travellers Becky and Justin and Randolph Brooks. All the three of them can do is watch as plague and violence take over the town.

_____ **Turtledove, Harry. THE GRAPPLE. [SETTLING ACCOUNTS #3]. Del Rey, 21.00 tp.**

The Confederacy is reeling after the loss of their army at Pittsburgh. As the United States tries to suppress the Mormon rebellion, those Negro guerrillas who managed to escape the death camps set up by the CSA are disrupting the rural economy. And each side works feverishly, hoping to build an atomic bomb before the other.

_____ **Turtledove, Harry. BRIDGE OF THE SEPARATOR. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

The pious Rhavas must make his way through a Videssos torn apart by civil war and barbarian invasion. And when evil seems to have swallowed the whole world, what is a cleric who reverences logic as well as goodness supposed to believe? It's a harder question than Rhavas wishes it were . . . particularly when he discovers that his wishes - or curses - now can kill. Has evil Skotos chosen Rhavas as his agent? And can Rhavas resist the temptation to strike anyone down who gets in his way?

_____ **Twelve Hawks, J. DARK RIVER. [FOURTH REALM (TRAVELER) #2]. Doubleday, 29.95 hc.**

Gabriel, a Traveler, one of a centuries-old line of prophets trying to inspire the world to resist the "Vast Machine" that monitors our lives, is in hiding in the shadows of New York - until a stunning piece of news is revealed. His father, who has been missing for nearly 20 years, may still be alive. Simultaneously, Gabriel's brother, Michael, now allied with the Brethren of the Vast Machine, receives the news and begins a full-scale search. Gabriel yearns to find and protect his Traveler father; Michael aims to destroy the man whose existence threatens his new power. The race moves from New York to London, Rome, Berlin, and a remote region of Africa that is rumored to harbor one of history's greatest treasures.

_____ **VanderMeer, Jeff. SHRIEK: AN AFTERWORD. Tor, 18.50 tp.**

Herein are recorded: the adventures of Janice Shriek's brother Duncan, a historian obsessed with a doomed love affair and a secret that may kill or transform him; a war between rival publishing houses that will change Ambergris forever; and the gray caps, a marginalized people armed with advanced fungal technologies who have been waiting underground for their chance to mold the future of the city.

_____ **Webber, Minda. THE REINVENTED MISS BLUEBEARD. Love Spell, 8.99 pb.**

Humorous paranormal romance. Eve, daughter of the famous pirate Bluebeard, invents a husband for herself so she can become a psychiatrist. She opens a clinic in London for disturbed paranormals.

_____ **Weis, Margaret. MASTER OF DRAGONS. [DRAGONVARLD #3]. Tor, 9.99 pb.**

Sequel to MISTRESS OF DRAGONS and DRAGON'S SON. Two renegade dragons have a plan to enslave all mankind with the help of an army of crazed demi-human dragons. It is up to two brothers and Draconas to restore the status quo of coexistence between Dragonkind and humankind.

_____ **Wheldon, Phaedra. WRAITH: A ZOE MARTINIQUE INVESTIGATION. Ace, 17.50 tp.**

Zoe Martinique is invisible when she travels. One night she witnesses a murder/soul-stealing and then learns to her shock that the killer cannot only see but hurt her.

_____ **Wilson, Robert Charles. AXIS. Tor, 29.95 hc.**

The sequel to the Hugo Award-winning SPIN takes us to the "world next door" - the planet engineered by the mysterious Hypotheticals to support human life, and connected to Earth by way of the Arch that towers hundreds of miles over the Indian Ocean. Humans are colonizing this new world - and, predictably, fiercely exploiting its resources, chiefly large deposits of oil in the western deserts of the continent of Equatoria. Lise Adams is a young woman attempting to uncover the mystery of her father's disappearance ten years earlier. Turk Findley is an ex-sailor and sometimes-drifter. They come together when an infall of cometary dust seeds the planet with tiny remnant Hypothetical machines. Soon, this seemingly hospitable world will become very alien indeed - as the nature of time is once again twisted, by entities unknown.

_____ **Wright, John C. FUGITIVES OF CHAOS [CHRONICLES OF CHAOS #2]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

Five orphans raised in a strict British boarding school begin to discover that they are not human. They do not age, while the world around them does. The orphans have been kidnapped from their true parents, robbed of their powers, and raised in ignorance by super-beings: pagan gods or fairy-queens, Cyclopes, sea-monsters, witches, or things even stranger. The five have made strange discoveries about

themselves. The children must experiment with and learn to control their abilities in order to escape their captors. Something very important must be at stake in their imprisonment.

_____ **Yolen, Jane & Stemple, Adam. TROLL BRIDGE: A ROCK'N' ROLL FAIRY TALE. Starscape, 6.99 tp.**

Sixteen-year-old harpist prodigy Moira and the three brothers who are members of a popular teen boy band, find themselves in a mystical wilderness where a magical fox named Fossegrim and the monstrous troll Aenmarr of Austraegir engage in a deadly tug-of-war. They battle for possession of a mysterious magical fiddle - and an ancient compact between Trollholm and the outer world.

_____ **Young, Robyn. BRETHERN. NAL, 18.50 tp.**

On the eve of the last Crusade, two men's destinies will come together as two great civilizations go to war. Amidst conspiracy and intrigue in Europe, Will Campbell, a young knight, risks his life to recover the stolen Book of the Grail. Meanwhile, the former slave Baybars Bundukdari and his army have taken over Egypt and Syria, and are planning a new Holy War.

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_____ **Abraham, Daniel. A SHADOW IN SUMMER. [THE LONG PRICE QUARTET #1]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

The city-state of Saraykeht dominates the Summer Cities: commerce and trade fill the streets. Any desire can be satisfied and people know that their city is a bastion of progress in a harsh world. The poet-sorcerer Heshai and the captive spirit Seedless are the heart of the city's influence. The armies of Galt want to conquer Saraykeht by destroying its prosperity and a terrible crime is planned against Heshai and Seedless. If it succeeds, Saraykeht will fall. Recommended.

_____ **Anvil, Christopher & Flint, Eric. THE TROUBLE WITH HUMANS. Baen, 18.99 tp.**

Stories of how clever humans manage to best the slow-witted aliens who constantly underestimate them.

_____ **Armintrout, Jennifer. ASHES TO ASHES. [BLOOD TIES #3]. Mira, 8.50 pb.**

An ancient vampire is locked in a battle for the existence of the entire human race against a bloodsucking near-deity.

_____ **Arthur, Keri. EMBRACED BY DARKNESS. Dell, 8.99 pb.**

Riley Jenson's family's alpha male demands that she solve the mystery of a vanished girl. But the job comes with a catch: if Riley fails, her own mother will die. Now the stakes are raised, the hunt is on...and when more women vanish, Riley is caught between a lover who demands that she give up her work, a serial killer who knows no boundaries, and a

club where humans and supernaturals mix - at their own peril. Thrust into a realm of seduction and violence unlike any she could have imagined, Riley has to battle to save everything she holds dear. But the ultimate hunt has only just begun.

_____ **Asher, Neal. POLITY AGENT. Tor UK, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

Agent Cormac learns from refugees who appear in the Polity from eight centuries in the future that a pernicious virus - called the Jain technology - has destroyed the alien Maker civilization. He now must learn more about how this bears on certain disturbing current events.

_____ **Axler, James. SATAN'S SEED. [OUTLANDERS #42]. Gold Eagle, 7.99 pb.**

The Cerberus warriors must endure the most frightening tests of their ingenuity when they discover secrets linking alien technology, Nazi time-travel experiments and a 260-year old nightmare time-trawled in a new quest for power.

_____ **Beagle, Peter. I'M AFRAID YOU'VE GOT DRAGONS. Firebird, 15.00 hc.**

Gaius Aurelius Constantine Heliogabalus Thrax has inherited his dad's job as dragon catcher in Bellemontagne, a backward kingdom where the vermin are everywhere. He hates his job, kind of likes dragon, and would much rather be a prince's valet.

_____ **Bear, Elizabeth. UNDERTOW. Spectra, 8.99 pb.**

Andre Deschenes is a hired assassin on a backwater frontier world, but he wants to find a teacher who will forgive his murderous past - and teach him the art of conjuring - the training that allows you to manipulate odds and control probability. His world is run by a ruthless corporation and humans and aliens alike either work for it - or are destroyed by it. But revolution is stirring - and one more death may be all it takes to shift the balance.

_____ **Blair, Annette. SEX AND THE PSYCHIC WITCH. Sensation, 9.99 pb.**

Harmony, the buyer for her sisters' vintage curio shop, can read objects and learn of their former owners. Now a Celtic ring leads her to a castle on the coast of Massachusetts. King Paxton's money-pit is cursed, and he hopes that this leggy blonde can help him find peace with an angry ghost, a disgruntled crew - and his own heart.

_____ **Bova, Ben. THE AFTERMATH. [ASTEROID WARS #4]. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Victor Zacharias and his family ply the Asteroid Belt running an ore carrier. When they stumble into a military attack on a habitat, Victor escapes in a pod to draw off attack on his family. In this way he and his family become involved in the struggles and ongoing effects produced by the discovery of an alien artifact.

_____ **Braunbeck, Gary A. MR. HANDS. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

Little Sarah loved the odd, misshapen doll she named "Mr. Hands" - until the day she was murdered. Now her mother, Lucy, has discovered that this doll is a living being with terrifying power. And Lucy can control that power - a perfect opportunity to right some wrongs she's noted.

_____ **Brooke, Keith & Gevers, Nick (eds). INFINITY PLUS. Solaris, 18.99 pb.**

A collection of stories drawn from the British website Infinity Plus, featuring Michael Moorcock, Kim Stanley Robinson, Jeff Vandermeer and others.

_____ **Brooks, Terry. ARMAGEDDON'S CHILDREN. [GENESIS OF SHANNARA #1]. Del Rey, 10.99 pb.**

Not so very far in the future, civilization teeters on the verge of collapse. Only pockets of civilization remain, with only a few heroes to protect them. One such hero is Logan Tom. His mission is to locate a group of Seattle street kids and guard them with his life. Because one of them carries a magic that might - just might - be powerful enough to save the world.

_____ **Budz, Mark. TILL HUMAN VOICES WAKE US. [IDOLON #2]. Spectra, 8.99 pb.**

A tortured soul, brain-damaged in a motorcycle accident, issues a pirate broadcast out of a van in near-future California. In Depression-era San Francisco an architect with an inoperable brain tumor seeks a mystical cure. A post-human space traveler caught in a cosmic accident searches for a way to reconstruct himself and the future.

_____ **Bujold, Lois McMaster. MILES, MUTANTS AND MICROBES. Baen, 21.99 hc.**

FALLING FREE and DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY in one volume.

_____ **Caine, Rachel. THIN AIR. [WEATHER WARDEN #6]. Roc, 9.99 pb.**

After preventing Mother Earth from destroying the planet, Joanne Baldwin lost her memories thanks to Ashan the djinn - and they will remain lost forever unless Joanne can recover her identity - and destroy the demon who is impersonating her, fabulous shoes and all...

_____ **Carlson, Jeff. PLAGUE YEAR. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

The Machine Plague wiped out five billion people, forcing Earth's survivors to live at an altitude above ten thousand feet. But time is running out for remnants of the human race, and their only hope is a scientist aboard the International Space Station desperate to cure the plague.

_____ **Cherryh, C J. FORTRESS OF ICE. [FORTRESS #5]. Eos, 10.99 pb.**

Cefwyn, king at last, must rebuild his devastated kingdom. The embattled ruler is aided by his powerful friend Tristen Sihhe and two surprising allies in a struggle he must win: his two young sons. Elfwyn

Aswydd, the bastard son of Cefwyn and the sorceress Tarien Aswydd, has spent years unaware of his parentage, yet now it is his time to emerge and claim the gifted birthright he's been denied for so long. But a dark, sinister magic has crept close to the young man and seized hold of the kingdom.

_____ **Devereux, David. HUNTER'S MOON. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

Jack is a magician and exorcist and he's employed by the British government in a secret war so bizarre, so terrifying, that the public wouldn't believe it even if they knew about it. Wherever the forces of the night - demon summoners, witches, occultists - seek to plunge our work into the dark, Jack is waiting in the shadows to stop them.

_____ **Fallon, Jennifer. WARRIOR. [HYTHRUN WOLFBLADE #2]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

While Marla Wolfblade plays the games of politics and diplomacy, the High Arrion of the Sorcerers' Collective is plotting to destroy her - and the entire Wolfblade line. Her power and fortune, though great, may not be enough to protect herself and her family from the High Arrion's wrath - and her only ally and confidant, Elezaar the Fool, is toying with the idea of betrayal.

_____ **Fallon, Jennifer. WARLORD. [HYTHRUN WOLFBLADE #3]. Tor, 33.95 hc.**

On the border Fardohnya has massed its troops for an invasion, and Marla's eldest son, Damin Wolfblade, heir to the throne of Hythria, finds his ability to fight back is thwarted by tradition, politics, and the foolishness of the High Prince. Back in Krakandar Mahkas Damaran awaits news of the battle and has sealed the city against Damin's return. With the city on the brink of starvation, it seems only theft on an unprecedented scale can free Krakandar from Mahkas's madness and tyranny.

_____ **Feist, Raymond E. & Rosenberg, Joel. MURDER IN LAMUT. [LEGENDS OF THE RIFTWAR #2]. Eos, 18.95 tp.**

Durine, Kethol, and Pirojil are mercenaries who have spent 20 years fighting other people's battles, defeating the Tsurani and the Bugs and the goblins. Yet now it seems there are no more enemies to vanquish, leaving them with a few months of welcomed garrison duty as the Riftwar rages on west in Crydee. When the trio are ordered to accompany a lady and her husband safely to the city of LaMut, it looks like an easy-even cushy-assignment. But in Midkemia, nothing is that simple.

_____ **Flint, Eric & Freer, Dave. PYRAMID POWER. Baen, 28.99 hc.**

A power-mad Washington bureaucrat has press-ganged several of the survivors of the first excursion into the pyramid's worlds and sent them, along with a team trained in surgical strikes, to either bring back a missing VIP from mythological Greece or, failing that, kill him. However,

they miss their myth, and end up in the world of the Norse gods. Dealing with those Gods is a challenge in itself, but Ragnarok is coming, with the end of the world. And even a hard-headed maintenance man may have trouble fixing "that" problem!

_____ **Foster, Alan Dean. THE CANDLE OF DISTANT EARTH. [TAKEN #3]. Del Rey, 8.99 pb.**

Possessing universe-level social skills, Marcus Walker has become the leader of his own armada. Yet even a fleet commander is hard pressed to find a piece of space that no one's ever heard of, much less cares to find. To make matters worse, it seems the Vilenjji are proving to be notoriously sore losers. Even if Walker does pull off the impossible and pinpoint his needle of a solar system in the universe haystack, there's a good chance that the unrelenting Vilenjji will get to him before he ever gets back to Chicago.

_____ **Gibson, William. SPOOK COUNTRY. Putnam, 32.50 hc.**

Hollis Henry is an investigative journalist, on assignment from a magazine called 'Node'. 'Node' doesn't exist yet, which is fine; she's used to that. But it seems to be very actively blocking the kind of buzz that magazines normally cultivate before they start up. It's odd, even a little scary, if Hollis lets herself think about it much, which she doesn't; she can't afford to. Bobby Chombo is a "producer", and an enigma. In his day job, Bobby is a troubleshooter for manufacturers of military navigation equipment. He refuses to sleep in the same place twice. He meets no one. Hollis Henry has been told to find him.

_____ **Goodman, Alison. KILLING THE RABBIT. Bantam, 8.99 pb.**

A young indie filmmaker is disturbed when the women on whom she is doing a documentary begin to disappear. She learns that a rogue gene that gives women control over their fertility threatens big business medicine and could possibly change the course of human history.

_____ **Gould, Steven. JUMPER: GRIFFIN'S STORY. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Griffin is a Jumper: a person who can teleport to any place he has ever been. When he was nine men came to his house and murdered his parents. Griffin knows that the men were looking for him and that he must never let them find him. Griffin grows up with only two goals: to survive, and to kill the people who want him dead. And a Jumper bent on revenge is not going to let anything stand in his way.

_____ **Haldeman, Joe. A SEPARATE WAR AND OTHER STORIES.**

Ace, 10.99 pb.

15 previously uncollected stories.

_____ **Haldeman, Joe. THE ACCIDENTAL TIME MACHINE. Ace, 30.00 hc.**

Grad school dropout Matt Fuller is toiling as a lowly research assistant at MIT when, while measuring subtle quantum effect, his calibrator turns into a time machine. With a dead end job and a girlfriend

who left him for another man, Matt has nothing to lose taking a time machine trip himself - or so he thinks.

_____ **Handeland, Lori. HIDDEN MOON. [NIGHTCREATURES]. St. Martin, 8.99 pb.**

Claire Kennedy is back in her hometown, Lake Bluff, Georgia, as its new mayor. But then trouble comes to town in the form of Malachi Cartwright. When a tourist claims to have been mauled by a vicious wolf, and when the attacks turn deadly, Malachi's strange behavior rouses Claire's suspicions.

_____ **Herbert, Brian & Anderson, Kevin J. SANDWORMS OF DUNE. [DUNE #8]. Tor, 34.95 hc.**

SANDWORMS OF DUNE, continuing THE HUNTERS OF DUNE, will answer the questions Dune fans have been debating for two decades: the origin of the Honored Matres, the tantalizing future of the planet Arrakis, the final revelation of the Kwisatz Haderach, and the resolution to the war between Man and Machine.

_____ **Howard, Robert E. CRIMSON SHADOWS. [BEST OF ROBERT E. HOWARD #1]. Del Rey, 21.95 tp.**

Illustrated by Jim and Ruth Keegan. "The Shadow Kingdom", featuring Kull of Atlantis, "The Fightin' est Pair", featuring merchant seaman Steve Costigan, "The Grey God Passes", "Worms of the Earth", featuring Bran Mak Morn, a historical poem relating a momentous battle between Cimbri and the legions of Rome; and "Sharp's Gun Serenade" one of the last and funniest of the Breckinridge Elkins tales.

_____ **Howell, Morgan. KING'S PROPERTY. [QUEEN OF THE ORCS #1]. Del Rey, 8.99 pb.**

The adventures of a woman abducted into slavery who rises to become leader of her captors' army - and ultimately queen of the realm.

_____ **Isaak, Elaine. THE EUNUCH'S HEIR. Eos, 10.99 pb.**

Wolfram duRhys, the wild son of the courageous Kattanan duRhys who saved a kingdom, spends his days wenching, carousing, and shunning the legacy of his revered father. Then an assassination attempt forces him to flee to a distant land of magic and mystery - to enflame the love of a cloistered virgin, and the ire of a priestess who plans a bloody revenge.

_____ **Jarpe, Matthew. RADIO FREEFALL. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Power-mad, sociopathic computer-geek billionaire Walter Cheeseman wants to take over the Earth. Aqualung, a mysterious blues musician who also has superhuman tech skills, might be the catalyst for the resistance - or he might just be the pawn of artificial intelligences. To thwart the takeover, the orbitals and the moon colonies secede from Earth. And then something like the Singularity happens, but no one is quite sure.

_____**Jones, Stephen (ed). MAMMOTH BOOK OF MONSTERS. [MAMMOTH BOOK]. Carroll & Graf, 17.50 tp.**

Monstrous stories by the top names in horror writing, including Clive Barker, Harlan Ellison, Ramsey Campbell, Brian Lumley, Tanith Lee, Michael Marshall Smith, Kim Newman, Joe R. Lansdale, Lisa Tuttle, R. Chetwynd-Hayes, and Basil Copper.

_____**Keene, Brian. DEAD SEA. Leisure, 9.99 pb.**

There's zombies everywhere, the living dead, rotting predators driven only by a need to kill - and eat. The streets of the city are no longer safe, so Lamar Reed and a handful of others escape the carnage by taking a small Coast Guard ship out to sea. They're completely cut off from the dangers of the mainland. On the other hand, they're totally trapped.

_____**Kenyon, Sherrilyn. DEVIL MAY CRY: A DARK-HUNTER NOVEL. St. Martin's, 24.95 hc.**

Sin is an ancient god whose godhead was stolen by Artemis. Ever since that moment, he's done nothing but plot his revenge. When a chance meeting gives him the opportunity he's been waiting for he seizes it without hesitation. But things aren't what they appear and suddenly the hunter finds himself the hunted.

_____**Kiernan, Caitlin. LOW RED MOON. Roc, 10.99 pb.**

Married and pregnant, Chance Silvery is hallucinating, seeing blood everywhere, and terrified. It all leads to a woman with a thirst for violence, hiding from something that haunts her day and night. Something even more terrible than she is...

_____**Lessing, Doris. CLEFT. Harper, 32.95 hc.**

In the last years of his life, a contemplative Roman senator embarks on one last epic endeavor: to retell the history of human creation and reveal the little-known story of the Clefts, an ancient community of women living in an Edenic, coastal wilderness. The Clefts have no need nor knowledge of men - childbirth is controlled through the cycles of the moon, and they only bear female children. But with the unheralded birth of a strange, new child - a boy - the harmony of their community is suddenly thrown into jeopardy.

_____**Link, Kelly, Grant, Gavin & Datlow, Ellen (eds). THE YEAR'S BEST FANTASY AND HORROR 2007: 20TH ANNUAL COLLECTION. Griffin, 24.95 tp.**

Among those featured this year are: Clegg, Dowling, Farris, Ford, Fowler, Gallagher, Hand, Hoffman, Kessel, Lee, Little, Lynn, Maguire, Mieville, Oates, Straub. The editors give overviews of the year in fantasy and horror. There are also sections on graphic novels (Charles Vess), anime and manga (Joan D. Vinge), media (Ed Bryant) and music (Charles de Lint).

_____**Little, Bently. VANISHING. Signet, 10.99 pb.**

In Beverly Hills a businessman slaughters his entire family and leaves behind a video of the massacre and a cryptic message: 'this is where it begins'. Sure enough, it is only the beginning. Children everywhere are either being killed or are disappearing. Social worker Carrie Daniels wants to know why. God help her when she finds out.

_____**Lynch, Scott. RED SEAS UNDER RED SKIES. [LOCKE LAMORA #2]. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

Locke Lamora is back in an adventure that takes the conman from an attempt to rob a casino and into the midst of a desperate bid to bring a pirate fleet to justice.

_____**Malan, Violette. THE MIRROR PRINCE. Daw, 9.99 pb.**

[Canadian author]. Max Ravenhill was happy with his life as a history professor - until he met Cassandra. Told he was more than a thousand years old and that "Max" was just a construct, an implant in his mind, he learns that he is in danger and that his only hope for survival is to flee to Faerie.

_____**Malan, Violette. SLEEPING GOD. Daw, 18.50 tp.**

Masters of weapons and martial arts, Mercenaries Dhuly Wolfshhead and Parno Lionsmane have just saved one of the Marked, those gifted with special powers, from a mob that appears to be under the influence of a priest of the Sleeping God. They think it best to take ship for safer climes. But those climes, it turns out, are not safer at all.

_____**Mancusi, Marianne. MOONGAZER. Love Spell, 8.99 pb.**

New Yorker Skye Brown's idyllic urban life is disturbed by these dreams she's been having - dreams of a post-apocalyptic world, a bleak futuristic wasteland. In her dreams she's not Skye Browne but Mariah Quinn. And in her dreams there's Dawn, the beautiful yet haunted soldier, and Skye is but the empty shell of a girl he once loved.

_____**Massie, Beth. HOMEPLACE. Berkley, 9.99 pb.**

Charlene Myers, a struggling artist, inherits her isolated Blue Ridge foothills ancestral home. When she arrives she is troubled by memories of a visit there in her childhood. Slowly she begins to understand that she is not alone there, that something awaits her in the parlour at the top of the stairs.

_____**May, Julian. SORCERER'S MOON. [BOREAL MOON #3]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

King Conrig Ironcrown is quickly losing his powers - both magical and mental - and turns to foul Beaconfolk sorcery to repel a Salka attack on High Blenholme. He has put his first wife in the past, but she still lives, knowing that her son Orion is the true heir to High Blenholme.

_____**McCaffrey, Anne & Scarborough, Elizabeth A. THIRD WATCH [ACORNA'S CHILDREN #3]. Eos, 31.50 hc.**

Khorii, the rebellious daughter of Acorna and her lifemate, Aari, must contend with an overwhelming legacy to forge a path of her own.

She's faced hardship and danger, discovered a sister she never knew, and journeyed to the stars. But now she risks everything, for the enigmatic, mysterious enemy that has devastated the universe through plague and sedition has laid siege with a brutal attack. And there are other enemies even closer to home, waiting to strike at Khorii's family and destroy all that she loves.

_____**Monette, Sarah. THE VIRTU. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

Felix Harrowgate, once a powerful wizard, lost his magic when his former master wrest it away from him. His power was then used to shatter the Virtu, the keystone that exists for the protection and magic of the wizards. Felix's only chance now is somehow to restore the Virtu.

_____**Monette, Sarah. MIRADOR. Ace, 31.00 hc.**

Mildmay the Fox is an ex-assassin, ex-burglar, and Felix Harrowgate's half-brother. He finds himself drawn to an alluring spy of the Bastion, a rival school of wizards that wants nothing more than to bring down the Mirador - and that believes Felix Harrowgate is the key to its destruction.

_____**Paxson, Diana. RAVENS OF AVALON. [AVALON #6]. Viking, 32.50 hc.**

Prequel to THE FOREST HOUSE. Celtic princess Boudica, instead of becoming a Druid priestess, marries the Icenii High King Prasutagos. When Prasutagos dies, the Romans will not recognize Boudica as queen and beat her and rape her daughters. Boudica raises an army and strikes back at the Romans.

_____**Piper, H. Beam. LITTLE FUZZY. Cosmos, 8.99 pb (reissue).**

The planet Zarathustra is listed as uninhabited -- which means that the entire planet can be owned by a corporation. That owner is the rich and happy Zarathustra Company -- rich and happy, that is, until a prospector named Jack Holloway comes across undocumented species - a tiny, golden-furred little biped that he dubs "Little Fuzzy." Not only are the Little Fuzzies cute, they're bright too -- in fact, they may be sapient as people are . . . and that means everything the Zarathustra company owns on this world is at stake.

_____**Pratchett, Terry. TERRY PRATCHETT DISCWORLD COLLECTOR COLLECTOR'S EDITION CALENDAR 2008.**

[DISCWORLD CALENDAR #2008]. Gollancz, 29.95 cal [UK ed].

This year's edition.

_____**Rabe, Jean & Greenberg, Martin (eds). PANDORA'S CLOSET. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

19 new stories that ratchet the Pandora legend up a few notches. Zahn, Kevin Anderson, Moesta, Stackpole, Lindsfold, and Holder are among the authors included.

_____**Rankin, Robert. DA-DA-DI-DA-DA CODE. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

Alien, the multiverse, the Illuminati: every conspiracy theory you've ever heard - they're all here, wrapped in a plot that will leave Dan Brown fans breathless.

_____**Richardson, Kat. POLTERGEIST [GREYWALKER #2]. Roc, 17.50 tp.**

PI Harper Blaine is hired by a university research group that is attempting to create an artificial poltergeist. The head researcher suspects someone is faking the phenomena, but Harper's investigation reveals that the experiment has succeeded. Now Harper must determine if the murder of one of the group's members is the ghost itself.

_____**Sagara, Michelle. CAST IN SECRET. [ELANTRA #3]. Luna, 18.95 pb.**

Kaylin has returned to her own world from Nightshades castle and the Barrani High Court. She wants to get back to being a beat cop and go after strictly regular troublemakers - thieves, brawlers and the occasional murderer. But in her next case, which seems to be a simple abduction, the kidnappers aren't behaving in a logical manner - and neither is the family of the woman who was kidnapped.

_____**Sanderson, Brandon. THE FINAL EMPIRE. [MISTBORN #1]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

For a thousand years the Skaa slaved in misery and lived in fear under the omnipotent Lord Ruler. Then, in the Lord Ruler's most hellish prison, the half-Skaa Kelsier snapped - and found in himself the powers of a Mistborn. He devises the ultimate caper - with the Lord Ruler himself as the mark - and recruits the underworld's elite, the smartest and most trustworthy of allomancers. But Kel's plan stills like the ultimate long shot until he meets the ragged half-Skaa orphan girl Vin. She must learn to overcome her fear of betrayal if Kel is to help her master powers of which she never dreamed.

_____**Sanderson, Brandon. THE WELL OF ASCENSION [MISTBORN #2]. Tor, 34.95 hc.**

Kelsier's protege and slayer of the Lord Ruler Vin is now venerated by a budding new religion, a distinction that makes her intensely uncomfortable. Even more worrying, the mists have begun behaving strangely since the Lord Ruler died, and seem to harbor a strange vaporous entity that haunts her. And now three armies - one of them composed of ferocious giants - compete to conquer the city. There is no sign of the Lord Ruler's hidden cache of the allomantic metal atium. As the siege of Luthadel tightens, only the ancient legend of the Well of Ascension offers a glimmer of hope. But even if it really exists, no one knows where to find it or what manner of power it bestows.

_____**Schroeder, Karl. SUN OF SUNS [VIRGA #1]. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

Virga is a fullerene balloon 3000 kms in diameter, filled with air, water, and aimlessly floating chunks of rock. The humans who live in this

vast environment must build their own fusion suns and "towns" that are in the shape of enormous wood and rope wheels that are spun for gravity. Through this world moves bitter young Hayden Griffin, bent on taking revenge for the deaths of his parents six years ago.

_____**Schroeder, Karl. THE QUEEN OF CANDESCE. [VIRGA #2]. Tor, 31.95 hc.**

Venera, though armed with the Key of Candescence that can control the fate of the artificial worlds of Virga, falls through the void. She lands in Spyre and forges new alliances and meets new enemies, all the while pursuing her revenge.

_____**Slattery, Brian Francis. SPACEMAN BLUES: A LOVE SONG. Tor, 15.95 tp.**

When Manuel Rodrigo de Guzman Gonzalez disappears, Wendell Apogee decides to find out where he has gone and why. But in order to figure out what happened to Manuel, Wendell must contend with parties, cockfights, and chases; an underground city whose people live in houses suspended from cavern ceilings; urban weirdos and alien assassins; immigrants, the black market, flight, riots, and religious cults.

_____**Smith, Sherwood. INDA. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

Indevan Algara-Vayir was born the second son of a powerful prince, destined to stay at home and defend his family's castle. But when war threatens, Inda is sent to the Royal Academy where he learns the art of war and finds that danger and intrigue don't only come from outside the kingdom.

_____**Smith, Sherwood. FOX. [INDA #2]. Daw, 32.50 hc.**

The vicious political struggles among the nobility that have caught Inda up are only petty squabbles compared with what is to come. His future holds betrayals he cannot even imagine, severing him from all he holds dear and thrusting him onto the perilous decks of pirate ships and beyond.

_____**Turtledove, Harry. IN AT THE DEATH. [SETTLING ACCOUNTS #4]. Del Rey, 34.95 hc.**

The 10 book alternate history comes to an end. The Confederacy loses WWII and the victorious North occupies its territory and revenges itself on those responsible for the genocide.

_____**Weber, David. IN FURY BORN. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

An expanded (double) version of PATH OF FURY. Imperial Intelligence couldn't find them, the Imperial Fleet couldn't catch them, and local defenses couldn't stop them. It seemed the planet-wrecking pirates were invincible. But they made a big mistake when they raided ex-commando leader Alicia DeVries' quiet home world, tortured and murdered her family, and then left her for dead. Alicia decided to turn "pirate" herself, and stole a cutting-edge AI ship from the Empire to start her vendetta. Her fellow veterans think she's gone crazy, the Imperial

Fleet has shoot-on-sight orders. And of course the pirates want her dead, too. But Alicia DeVries has two allies nobody knows about, allies as implacable as she is: a self-aware computer, and a creature from the mists of Old Earth's most ancient legends. And this trio of furies won't rest until vengeance is served.

_____**White, Steve. BLOOD OF THE HEROES. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

Jason Thanou of the Temporal Regulatory Authority and Dr. Deirdre Sadaka-Ramirez are sent back to the Aegean Bronze Age to witness the 1628 B.C. Santorini explosion, the source of Greek mythology. When Jason and Deirdre are unable to return to the 24th century until a predetermined instant, they find that there is more to old legends of gods and heroes than anyone had imagined.

_____**Whyte, Jack. KNIGHTS OF THE BLACK AND WHITE. [THE TEMPLAR TRILOGY #1]. Penguin Canada, 13.50 pb [CDN ed].**

Not long after Sir Hugh is initiated into the powerful allegiance of French knights known as the Order, he is swept up in the madness of the First Crusade. Now the Order has given him a mission: find the treasure hidden deep within the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

_____**Whyte, Jack. STANDARD OF HONOUR. [THE TEMPLAR TRILOGY #2]. Viking Canada, 36.00 hc [CDN ed].**

The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ find themselves charged with a dangerous task - to uncover a hidden treasure that might destroy not only the Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem, but which could shatter the might of the Church itself.

_____**Zahn, Timothy. DRAGON AND THIEF: THE FIRST DRAGONBACK ADVENTURE. Tor, 8.99 pb (reissue).**

Jack Morgan, framed for theft, is hiding out when a downed spaceship brings him what looks like a dragon. Draycos needs a human host, immediately, and so Jack is it. The pair work together to escape the planet and begin a search for the truth behind Jack's frame-up and the identity of those who attacked Draycos.

SEPTEMBER 2007 NEW RELEASES

_____**Abe, Shana. THE DREAM THIEF [DRKON #2]. Bantam, 9.99 pb.**

In 18th century Darkfrith the members of the drakon tribe still possess the power to shift shape, dragon to human and back. Lia is a member of the tribe that does not possess this gift - yet she can hear the song of a powerful diamond now hidden deep in the Carpathian mountains. She must find this stone before those who would seek to use it to control or even destroy her tribe.

_____**Abraham, Daniel. LONG PRICE QUARTET: A BETRAYAL IN WINTER. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Otah Machi, exiled as a boy, returns to Machi, now that father--the Khai, or ruler--is dying and his eldest brother Bitrah has been assassinated. Tradition dictates that the sons of a dying Khai fall upon each other until only one remains to succeed his father. But something even worse is occurring in Machi. The Galts, an expansive empire, has allied with someone in Machi to bring down the ruling house. Otah is accused, the long-missing brother with an all-too-obvious motive for murder.

_____ **Archer, Alex. SECRET OF THE SLAVES. [ROGUE ANGEL #8]. Gold Eagle, 7.99 pb.**

When archaeologist Annja Creed is hired to find the lost city of Promise in Brazil, she is intrigued by the legends of a magical place where slaves were rumored to have discovered eternal youth. But strangers are not welcome in Promise and Annja is getting far too close to uncovering its well-kept secrets.

_____ **Asprin, Robert & Nye, Jody Lynn. CLASS DIS-MYTHED. [MYTHADVENTURES]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

The "legendary" magician Skeeve tries to live up to his reputation by training young spellcasters in the tricks of the trade - with less than magical results.

_____ **Axler, James. REMEMBER TOMORROW. [DEATHLANDS #79]. Gold Eagle, 7.99 pb.**

An earthquake in the Arkansas dustbowls shakes up the warriors, leaving an amnesiac J.B. Dix in the employ of the ironfisted ruler of Duma. Can Ryan and the others save their friend from the most dangerous villain in all the Deathlands?

_____ **Baker, Kage. THE MACHINE'S CHILD. [THE COMPANY #7]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

Mendoza was banished long ago, to a prison lost in time where rebellious immortals are "dealt with." Now her past lovers: Alec, Nicholas, and Bell-Fairfax, are determined to rescue her, but first they must learn how to live together, because all three happen to be sharing Alec's body. What they find when they discover Mendoza is even worse than what they could have imagined, and enough for them to decide to finally fight back against the Company.

_____ **Benford, Gregory & Malartre, Elisabeth. BEYOND HUMAN: LIVING WITH ROBOTS AND CYBORGS. Forge, 31.00 hc.**

Soon robots will be everywhere, performing surgery, exploring hazardous places, making rescues, fighting fires, handling heavy goods. Cyborgs will be less obvious. These additions to the human body are interior now, as rebuilt joints, elbows and hearts. Soon we will cross the line between repair and augmentation, probably first in sports medicine, then spreading to everyone who wants to make a body perform better and last longer.

_____ **Brooks, Max. WORLD WAR Z. Three Rivers, 21.00 tp.**

The survivors of the horrible Zombie War that depopulated and destroyed North America recount, in their own words, how horrible it was.

_____ **Brooks, Terry. THE ELVES OF CINTRA. [GENESIS OF SHANNARA #2]. Del Rey, 34.95 hc.**

Logan Tom must infiltrate a refugee compound to rescue Hawk, the leader of the street urchins, who has yet to learn the truth about who and what he is. Meanwhile, Angel Perez has joined an equally urgent mission: to find the Ellcrys, a fabled talisman crucial to protecting the Elven realm against an influx of unspeakable evil from the dread dimension known as the Forbidding. But Angel and her Elf allies must beware - for a demon spy, with a monstrous creature at its command, walks among them. As the legions of darkness draw the noose tighter, and the time of confrontation draws near, those chosen to defend the soul of the world must draw their battle lines and prepare to fight with, and for, their lives. If they fail, humanity falls.

_____ **Brooks, Terry. TANEQUIL. [HIGH DRUID OF SHANNARA #2]. Del Rey, 10.99 pb.**

Grianna Ohmsford, rightful High Druid of Shannara, is trapped within the Forbidding. Her enemies have taken the Druid Council to war against the free-born. And so Grianna's nephew Pen Ohmsford must free her. In order to do so he seeks the mystical Tanequil, an ancient sentient tree that has the magic that may free the captive Grianna.

_____ **Brooks, Terry. STRAKEN [HIGH DRUID OF SHANNARA #3]. Del Rey, 10.99 pb.**

A young boy must attempt a mission from which he may never return; the tattered remnant of an army must face a killing machine against which it has no defense; and an entire world must brace against the arrival of a demonic entity.

_____ **Card, Orson Scott & Johnston, Aaron. INVASIVE PROCEDURES. Tor, 31.95 hc.**

George Galen has created a method to alter human DNA, not just to heal diseases, but to "improve" people - make them stronger, make them able to heal more quickly, and make them compliant to his will. Frank Hartman, a virologist working for the government's ultra-secret bio-hazard agency, has discovered how to neutralize Galen's DNA-changing virus, making him the one man who stands in the way of Galen's plan to "improve" the entire human race.

_____ **Cast, P. C. DIVINE BY BLOOD. Luna, 18.95 tp.**

Morrigan MacCallan discovers the powers within her, and believes the voice that has been whispering to her since childhood must be that of Epona, Great Goddess of the mythical world Partholon. She is catapulted to Partholon, where she is accepted by the secretive and mystical cave-

dwelling Sidetha. There she meets a stonemaster who touches her heart and helps her see through the curtains of darkness that surround her.

_____ **Clegg, Douglas. THE LADY OF SERPENTS. [VAMPYRICON #2]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

To end the sorceress Enora's reign of terror, Aleric - prophesied messiah - must find the alchemist behind her power. Though that might mean unleashing Pythia, the Lady of the Serpents, Aleric's old enemy, and the seductress who ended his mortal life.

_____ **Clegg, Douglas. THE QUEEN OF WOLVES. [VAMPYRICON #3]. Ace, 30.00 hc.**

Aleric and Pythia, back in the land of Saracens, must raise an army. Enora, now Queen of the Wastelands, has begun her quest to call the Dark Madonna from beyond the Veil. Aleric now confronts, with some reluctance, his destiny to become the Messiah of the Damned and lead the undead against the Mother of Darkness.

_____ **Cornish, D. M. MONSTER BLOOD TATTOO. [FOUNDLING #1]. Penguin, 11.50 tp.**

Meet Rosamunda Foundling, a boy with a girl's name who is about to begin a dangerous life in the service of the Emperor of the Half-Continent. What starts as a simple journey becomes a dangerous and complicated set of battles and decisions. Humans, monsters, unearthly creatures . . . who among these can Rosamunda trust?

_____ **Croggon, Alison. THE RIDDLE. [PELLINOR #2]. Candlewick, 11.50 tp.**

Maerad is a girl with a tragic and bitter past, but her powers grow stronger by the day. Now she and her mentor, Cadvan, hunted by both the Light and the Dark, must unravel the Riddle of the Treesong before their fractured kingdom erupts in chaos. The quest leads Maerad over terrifying seas and vast stretches of glacial wilderness, ever closer to the seductive Winterking -- ally of her most powerful enemy, the Nameless One. Trapped in the Winterking's icy realm, Maerad must confront what she has suspected all along: that she is the greatest riddle of all.

_____ **Crowley, John. THE SOLITUDES. [AEGYPT #1]. Overlook, 20.00 tp (reissue).**

Pierre Moffett seeks more than one history of the world, and when he gets off a bus at Faraway Hills, he steps into a story that has been awaiting him there. His search will bring him to Rosie Rasmussen, another seeker marked by loss. Both will be led to the path toward the longed-for country of their oldest dreams.

_____ **Czerneda, Julie E. REAP THE WILD WIND. [STRATIFICATION #1]. Daw, 31.00 hc.**

Set - at an earlier time - in the Trade Pact Universe. The Clan is still a people divided into small tribes, scattered over a fraction of their world and prevented from advancing by two other powerful races. Then Aliens

begin to explore their planet, upsetting the balance among the three races. And this is when one young woman is on the verge of mastering the forbidden power of the M'hir.

_____ **De Lint, Charles. LITTLE GIRL LOST. Viking, 22.50 hc.**

When fourteen-year-old TJ and her family are forced to move from their farm to the suburbs, she has to give up her beloved horse, Red. But she makes a surprising new friend. Elizabeth is a Little, a six-inch-high punked-out teen with an attitude, who has run away from home to make her way in the world. TJ and Elizabeth the Big and the Little soon become friends, but each quickly finds herself in a truly life-threatening situation, and they are unable to help each other.

_____ **Farland, David. SONS OF THE OAK. [RUNELORDS #5]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

Gaborn, the supernatural Earth King, has been traveling far from his home, and finally succumbs to his accelerated aging. His death is the signal for a revolution, an attack from the supernatural realms by immensely powerful immortal beings. These forces fear that Fallion's potential power is so great that he might become able to reorder the universe!

_____ **Farland, David. WORLDBINDER. [RUNELORDS #6]. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Fallion and Jaz, the sons of the great Earth King Gaborn, are now living as fugitives in their own kingdom, biding their time until they can regain their rightful places in the land. Fallion seems destined to heal the world, and feels the calling to act. When he attempts to do so, though, two entire worlds collapse into one, and nothing will ever be the same again.

_____ **Frost, P. R. HOUNDING THE MOON: A TESS NONCOIRE ADVENTURE. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

Fantasy writer Tess Noncoire's life takes an unexpected turn after she falls ill with a strange and potentially deadly virus. She finds herself being cared for at the hidden retreat of the Sisterhood of Celestial Blade Warriors. They saved her life and then began training her in the martial arts used against demons. With a new sidekick named Scrap, it's now up to Tess to fend off a ferocious hound who is on the loose, attacking Navaho children.

_____ **Frost, P. R. MOON IN THE MIRROR. [TESS NONCOIRE #2]. Daw, 31.00 hc.**

Successful fantasy writer Theresa Noncoire has also been trained by the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors to fight demonic incursions into our world. Teamed with a mischievous imp called Scrap, she returned home after saving the world only to discover that demonic trouble has followed her right to her own doorstep.

_____ **Gedge, Pauline. TWICE BORN. Penguin, 24.00 tp [CDN ed].**

Ancient Egypt. Huy is just making a new start in life when an unexpected attack takes his life. After five days in a crypt being prepared for burial, Huy miraculously revives. His mysterious return to life makes him a pariah and he finds himself haunted by visions of the deaths of those around him.

_____ **Golden, Christopher & Sniegoski, Thomas E. CRASHING PARADISE. [MENAGERIE #4]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

The Legion of Doom is hell-bent on breaking into Eden, and they've got the perfect captive to help them: Eve, mother of all humanity - and all vampires. Only Doyle and the Menagerie can stop them from turning a blessed garden into a paradise lost.

_____ **Grant, Rob. FAT. Gollancz, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

In the near future everyone is fat. Grenville, fat, needs to be thin; Hayleigh, a teenage girl, is obsessed with her terror of being fat, and Jeremy, self-absorbed and self-adoring, is employed to promote the government's new 'Fat Farms'.

_____ **Greenberg, Martin & Hines, Jim (eds). HEROES IN TRAINING. Daw, 10.99 pb.**

13 original stories about ordinary or inexperienced people learning to become extraordinary heroes. Friesner, Smith, Bailey, Greenwood, Burstein, Czerneda, David and more.

_____ **Harris, Charlaïne & Kelner, Toni (eds). MANY BLOODY RETURNS: TALES OF BIRTHDAYS WITH BITE. Ace, 31.00 hc.**

13 all-new stories that combine vampires with birthdays. Vampires, in case you haven't noticed, will easily combine with almost any concept. Vampires and barnacles. Vampires and cloud formations. Vampires and differential topology. Charlaïne Harris, Jim Butcher, and Kelley Armstrong are among the contributors.

_____ **Hearn, Lian. HEAVEN'S NET IS WIDE. Riverhead, 33.50 hc.**

This is the story of Lord Otori Shigeru's training in the ways of the warrior and feudal lord, his relationship with the Tribe of mysteriously powerful assassins, the battles that tested his skills and talents, and his fateful meeting with Lady Maruyama.

_____ **Hogan, James P. GIANTS: THE TWO WORLDS. [GIANTS]. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

GIANT'S STAR and ENTOVERSE in one volume.

_____ **Howell, Morgan. CLAN DAUGHTER. [QUEEN OF THE ORCS #2]. Del Rey, 8.99 pb.**

The human woman Dar bonds with the orc army and begins her climb toward leadership of their realm.

_____ **Howison, Del & Gelb, Jeff (eds). DARK DELICACIES. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

19 original macabre tales of horror, including entries from Barker, Bradbury, Strieber, F. Paul Wilson, and Yarbro.

_____ **Huff, Tanya. THE QUARTERS NOVELS VOL 1. Daw, 12.99 pb.**
SING THE FOUR QUARTERS and FIFTH QUARTER, the first two in the series, in one volume.

_____ **Hughes, Matthew. THE SPIRAL LABYRINTH: A TALE OF HENGHIS HAPTHORN. Night Shade, 29.99 hc.**

It was bad enough when Henghis Hapthorn, Old Earth's foremost discriminator and die-hard empiricist, had to accept that the cosmos was shortly to rewrite its basic operating system, replacing rational cause-and-effect with detestable magic. Now he finds himself cast forward several centuries, stranded in a primitive world of contending wizards and hungry dragons, and without his magic-savvy alter ego. Worse, some entity with a will powerful enough to bend space and time is searching for him through the Nine Planes, bellowing "Bring me Apthorn!" in a voice loud enough to frighten demons.

_____ **Hutson, Shaun. DYING WORDS. Orbit UK, 10.99 pb [UK ed]**

Author Megan Hunter has begun a promotional tour for her new biography of Cassano, an obscure mentor of Dante, when her editor is murdered. The only evidence are two destroyed manuscripts - one her's, the other the latest blockbuster by horror writer John Paxton. There is nothing to link the two - but this murder, and then the next, and the next...

_____ **Irvine, Ian. FATE OF THE FALLEN. [SONG OF TEARS #1]. Orbit UK, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

Nish, son of the corrupt God-Emperor Jal-Nish Hlaar, is due to be released after ten years in a dungeon. The oppressed peoples of the world see him as their only hope. But Nish is powerless and without allies. And his father offers him everything he ever desired to become his lieutenant - or else another ten years in prison.

_____ **Jacques, Brian. VOYAGE OF SLAVES. [CASTAWAYS OF THE FLYING DUTCHMAN #3]. Ace, 10.99 pb.**

Adrift in the Mediterranean, Ben and his loyal dog Ned - cursed by an avenging angel to roam the earth forever - fall into the clutches of a slaver, and have no one to rely on but each other in their quest for freedom.

_____ **Kenin, Eve. DRIVEN. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

Raina Bowen knows she can handle herself just fine against anything the harsh Northern Waste throws at her. Until it throws her an enigmatic stranger called Wizard. There's something not quite right about this guy. Before she can strip bare Wizard's secrets, they're lured into a race for their lives, battling rival truckers, ice pirates - and a merciless maniac with a very personal vendetta.

_____ **Kratman, Tom. A DESERT CALLED PEACE. Baen, 27.99 hc.**

When Salafi madmen bent on a new jihad kill FSC Captain Patrick Hennessey's family in a cowardly attack, a legendary warrior is born: Carrera, the scourge of Salafism. Forging an army from the decrepit

remains of a military in a failing state, he will revenge himself on those who killed his family. And when he is finished there will be peace: the peace of an empty wind as it blows across a desert strewn with the bones of Carrera's enemies.

_____ **Lackey, Mercedes. MUSIC TO MY SORROW. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

Eric Banyon, known as Bedlam's Bard, managed to save his younger brother Magnus from what seemed to be a killer demon, but now he must rescue Magnus from their tyrannical parents. Eric is prepared for a custody battle, but doesn't realize his parents are allied with evangelist Billy Fairchild, himself a tool of the evil Unseleighe elves.

_____ **Link, Kelly & Grant, Gavin (eds). THE BEST OF LADY CHURCHILL'S ROSEBUD WRISTLET. Del Rey, 21.00 tp.**

Stories from Nalo Hopkinson, Karen Joy Fowler, Karen Russell, Jeffrey Ford, Kelly Link, James Sallis, and dozens of others.

_____ **Lloyd, Tom. STORMCALLER. Gollancz, 14.95 tp [UK ed].**

Isak is a white-eyed, despised, trapped in poverty, abused by his father. But the Gods have marked him as heir-elect to the brooding Lord Bahl. And the men who would be kings themselves watch Isak with mounting malice and envy as he is shaped and moulded to fulfill the prophecies.

_____ **Lloyd, Tom. TWILIGHT HERALD. Gollancz, 24.95 tp [UK ed].**

The sequel to THE STORMCALLER. The eyes of the Land are on the minor city of Scree, suffering from an unnatural drought and surrounded by volatile mercenary armies that may be its only salvation. The city is a strange sanctuary for a fugitive abbot, kings and princes, lords and monsters, a motley cast who walk the sun-scorched streets as the city begins to tear itself apart. The Twilight Reign is coming, and nothing lies beyond the reach of its shadow.

_____ **Lumley, Brian. NECROSCOPE: THE TOUCH. [NECROSCOPE]. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

Scott is mourning his beloved wife when he is struck by a golden arrow of light - a fragment of the soul of Harry Keogh, the original Necroscope - and gains strange powers. This, he learns in dreams, means he must battle three Shing't who have decided to prove the existence of God by becoming so evil that He will have to act against them. This fate has fallen on him because he is now the Necroscope - and because the Shing't murdered his wife.

_____ **McKendrick, Elspeth. PERFIDA. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

Sophie de Havilland seeks escape from the nightmare of 1939 Berlin. One man offered hope: a handsome half-American. But while his spicy scent and strong arms seduced her with safety, the lightning on his collar and his searing blue eyes reminded her that sometimes the handsomest faces hide perfidious intent.

_____ **McKinley, Robin. DRAGONHAVEN. Putnam, 22.50 hc.**

Jake Mendoza comes to live in Smokehill National Park, home to the few remaining dragona dragons - which are now extinct in the wild. On his first overnight solo trek, Jake finds a dragona dragon dying next to the human she killed. The dragon has just given birth, and one of the babies is still alive. What Jake decides to do will determine not only their futures, but the future of Smokehill itself.

_____ **Mignola, Mike & Golden, Christopher. BALTIMORE: OR, THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER AND THE VAMPIRE. Spectra, 32.00 hc.**

When Lord Henry Baltimore awakens the wrath of a vampire on the battlefields of World War I, a virulent plague has been unleashed that even death cannot end. Now Baltimore has summoned three old friends to a lonely inn, where they share their tales of terror and misadventure as they await Baltimore's arrival. Before the night is through, they will learn what is required to banish the plague - and the creature who named Baltimore his nemesis - once and for all.

_____ **Miller, Karen. INNOCENT MAGE. Orbit US, 9.99 pb.**

In the kingdom of Lur, to use magic unlawfully means death. The Doranen have ruled Lur with magic since arriving as refugees centuries ago. To keep Lur safe, the native Olken inhabitants agreed to abandon their own magic. Magic is now forbidden, and any who break this law are executed. But the Olken have a secret - a prophecy. The Innocent Mage will save Lur from destruction, and members of The Circle have dedicated themselves to preserving Olken magic until this day arrives.

_____ **Modesitt, L E. NATURAL ORDERMAGE. [RECLUCE]. Tor, 34.95 hc.**

Rahl, a young apprentice scrivener on the island of Recluce, likes life to work out in his favour. To make sure things go his way, he uses a small amount of order magic in opportunistic moments. This gets him banished to Hamor, where his learning continues under dangerous circumstances. During Rahl's exile in Hamor, working in the Ordermage Council's import and export business, his powers increase - and so does the amount of trouble he can get into.

_____ **Moore, James A. BLOOD RED. Berkley, 10.99 pb.**

This Halloween arrives in Black Stone Bay, Rhode Island, in a murder of crows casting a shadow on each house one by one. It's an omen of the arrival of a stranger to the town, a stranger with an insatiable thirst and a terrible plan for a night no one is meant to survive.

_____ **Niven, Larry & Lerner, Edward M. FLEET OF WORLDS. [KNOWN SPACE]. Tor, 31.00 hc.**

Kirsten Quinn-Kovacs gratefully serves the gentle race that rescued her ancestors from a dying starship, gave them a world, and nurtures them still. A chain reaction of supernovae at the galaxy's core has unleashed a wave of lethal radiation that will sterilize the galaxy. The Citizens flee, taking their planets, the Fleet of Worlds, with them.

Someone must scout ahead, and Kirsten and her crew eagerly volunteer. Under the guiding eye of Nessus, their Citizen mentor, they explore for any possible dangers in the Fleet's path - and uncover long-hidden truths that will shake the foundations of worlds.

_____ **Niven, Larry, Colebatch, Hal & Harrington, Matthew (eds).** **MAN-KZIN WARS XI. Baen, 9.99 pb.**

The kzin have by no means given up. New weapons, new strategies and new leaders. Those monkey-boys from Earth had better watch their backs - once, again, it's howling time in Known Space.

_____ **Norton, Andre & Rabe, Jean. A TASTE OF MAGIC. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

Wisteria, magically attuned to nature, sees the peacefulness of her backwoods existence shattered when her village is attacked by the raiding force of the bellicose Lord Purvis. Wisteria and a young adolescent lass, the only survivors, go after Purvis.

_____ **Parker, K. J. EVIL FOR EVIL. [ENGINEER TRILOGY #2]. Orbit UK, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

The engineer Ziani, forced to flee his city and leave behind his wife and daughter, now seeks a terrible vengeance. But he will not be able to achieve this by himself. He must draw up his plans using the blood of others.

_____ **Partridge, Norman. DARK HARVEST. Tor, 15.95 tp.**

Halloween, 1963. They call him the October Boy, or Ol' Hacksaw Face, or Sawtooth Jack. Whatever the name, everybody in this small Midwestern town knows who he is. How he rises from the cornfields every Halloween, a butcher knife in his hand, and makes his way toward town, where gangs of teenage boys eagerly await their chance to confront the legendary nightmare. Both the hunter and the hunted, the October Boy is the prize in an annual rite of life and death. Pete McCormick knows that killing the October Boy is his one chance to escape a dead-end future in this one-horse town. He's willing to risk everything, including his life, to be a winner for once. But before the night is over, Pete will look into the saw-toothed face of horror - and discover the terrifying true secret of the October Boy.

_____ **Rankin, Robert. TOYMINATOR. [EDDIE BEAR #2]. Gollancz, 10.99 pb [UK ed].**

All these occurrences of STC (Spontaneous Toy Combustion), the preachers say, signal the Last Days. But could there be a simpler explanation - alien invasion, for instance? With the body count rising, it's time for Eddie Bear to step forward.

_____ **Rawn, Melanie. SPELLBINDER: A LOVE STORY WITH MAGICAL INTERRUPTIONS. Tor, 10.99 pb.**

Holly McClure is one of New York's small community of wizards and witches, a successful writer who tries to ignore her heritage except when

the local Magistrate needs her special gift in his coven. But now a black coven is coming, run by a murderous psychopath. Holly is in jeopardy, for there are those who would like to drain her of her blood, a fluid that has the power to amplify spells.

_____ **Ringo, John & Taylor, Travis. VORPAL BLADE. Baen, 29.99 hc.**

The sequel to INTO THE LOOKING GLASS. William Weaver, PhD. and SEAL Chief Adams are back and Bill got himself a ship! The former SSBN "Nebraska" has been converted, using mostly garage mechanics and baling wire, into a warp ship ready to go "out there." But as everyone knows, the people who really are going to bear the brunt are the poor Security guys, Force Recon Marines who are kept in the dark and fed manure all day. That is until they land on an alien planet, get partially wiped out and then load back up again.

_____ **Roberts, Adam. SPLINTER. Solaris, 18.99 tp.**

Hector travels across America to visit his father on a ranch. He discovers that he has constructed a cult who await the impact of an asteroid. However, Hector is amazed when the section of Earth that the ranch is on suddenly breaks free from the rest of the planet during the collision. He struggles with his skepticism and acceptance of the fact that he is part of the remnants of the human race, on a splinter from the Earth.

_____ **Ruckley, Brian. WINTERBIRTH. Orbit US, 18.99 tp.**

It is a godless world. An uneasy truce exists between the human clans and the ancient races. But now the clan of the Black Road moves south, and their arrival will herald a new age of war and chaos. Behind it all seems to be one man, Aeglyss, whose desire for power will only be sated when he has achieved his ultimate goal: immortality.

_____ **Rusch, Kristine Kathryn. RECOVERY MAN. [RETRIEVAL ARTIST #6]. Roc, 9.99 pb.**

Retrieval Artist Miles Flint has uncovered a long-held secret to his past linked to the Aleyd Corporation - and a kidnapping by the mysterious Recovery Man, in a case that threatens the entire Earth Alliance legal system.

_____ **Ryan, C J. BURDENS OF EMPIRE. Spectra, 9.99 pb.**

Gloria VanDeen discovers the hardships of dealing with insurgency and bureaucratic foul-ups on the colonized alien world of Denastri.

_____ **Saintcrow, Lilith. DEVIL'S RIGHT HAND. [DANTE VALENTINE #3]. Orbit US, 9.99 pb.**

Dante Valentine, necromancer and bounty hunter, along with her lover Japhrimel, are summoned by Lucifer and told to hunt down four demons who've escaped from hell.

_____ **SanGiovanni, Mary. HOLLOWER. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

The Hollower at times can look like a man in a black coat and a black hat, but its sole purpose is to stalk, to torment and to drive its

victims to their deaths. It can sense each victim's weaknesses, change its appearance and strike however it will hurt the most, physically - and mentally. Dave Kohlar is a man racked with guilt, doubt and worry - the perfect prey.

_____ **Savile, Steven. SLAINE THE DEFILER. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

Possessing the secret plans of Slough Fegg for the onset of Ragnarock, Slaine hunts Tall Isen, the wanderer, and together with Ukko they cross between worlds. Only when he obtains the Cauldron of Rebirth can he return home to Murias to claim his place at the head of his people.

_____ **Sizemore, S. PRIMAL DESIRES. Pocket, 8.99 pb.**

Vegas performer Jason Cage is also Prime in one of the most powerful of the vampire families. He saves Sofia Hunyara from a werewolf attack and knows he's found a soul mate. However, family duty clashes with Sofia's desire for Jason.

_____ **Skipp, John. LONG LAST CALL. Leisure, 9.99 pb.**

A well-dressed stranger enters a strip club at closing time with a briefcase full of cash to spend. And every dollar he spends stirs up a bit more hatred, a little more repressed rage in whoever he gives it to. As the night passes, the pressure builds - and the stranger waits for all of his blood-drenched plans to be fulfilled.

_____ **Smith, Cordwainer. WHEN THE PEOPLE FELL. Baen, 18.99 tp.**

New compilation. After the time of the ships with gigantic sails, controlled by something part human and part machine, there will come the reign of the all-powerful Lords of the Instrumentality, who rule Earth and its colony worlds with ruthless benevolence, suffocating the human spirit for millennia.

_____ **Snyder, Maria V. MAGIC STUDY. Luna, 16.95 tp.**

Sequel to POISON STUDY. After saving the Commander's life, Yelena is set free - though she must leave Ixia. She has less than a year to get her magic under control or be destroyed by the other wizards for disrupting the order of things. She returns to her birth country of Sitia, where she finds it difficult to accept the changes she's going through - especially as she gets involved with the exiled prince of Ixia, who wants her help in leading a coup against the Commander and Valek. Recommended.

_____ **Somers, Jeff. ELECTRIC CHURCH. Orbit US, 16.50 tp.**

Avery Cates, the best hit man in the business, is to eliminate Dennis Squalor. Squalor is the founder of the Electric Church, a fast-growing new religion in which the converted become Monks -- cyborgs with human brains, enhanced robotic bodies, and virtually unlimited life spans. This assignment will be the most dangerous job he's ever undertaken -- and it may well be his last.

_____ **Stirling, S. M. THE SUNRISE LANDS. Roc, 31.00 hc.**

Rudi Mackenzie, son and heir of the mystic Juniper, must journey with seven friends across a continent in chaos to the Sunrise Lands to solve the riddle of what destroyed a civilization.

_____ **Stirling, S. M. A MEETING AT CORVALLIS. [CHANGE #3]. Roc, 10.99 pb.**

In the 10th year after the Change in western Oregon the Lord Protector and Warlord of Portland, Norman Arminger, has extended his neo-feudal empire over much of the Pacific Northwest. Against him stand Michael Havel's Bearkillers and their allies, Clan MacKenzie. The only thing preventing open warfare is that Clan MacKenzie holds Arminger's daughter. But there is a plan to retrieve her.

_____ **Stross, Charles. CLAN CORPORATE. [MERCHANT PRINCES #3]. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

Miriam Beckstein got in touch with her roots and it nearly killed her! She discovered her family comes from an alternate reality and is too much like the mafia for comfort. Miriam started a profitable business in a third world, outside the family reach, and fell in love with a distant relative - but he died saving her life. Now, however, Miriam may be overreaching. If she gets caught, death or a fate worse is around the bend. There is the brain-damaged son of the local king - who needs a wife. But they'd never make her do that, would they?

_____ **Walton, Jo. FARTHING. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

Lucy is a daughter of an upper-crust English family: her parents were leading figures in the "Farthing set", the group that overthrew Churchill and negotiated peace with Hitler eight years before. Despite the fact she is happily married to a London Jew, Lucy and her husband have been invited to a country retreat. But, on the first night, a major politician of the Farthing set is found murdered, with abundant signs that the killing was ritualistic. It quickly becomes clear to Lucy that she and David were brought to the retreat in order to pin the murder on David. Nebula nominee.

_____ **Watt-Evans, Lawrence. THE SPRIGGAN MIRROR. [ETHSHAR]. Leisure, 8.99 pb.**

When the Wizards' Guild finally got fed up with the little green nuisances that called themselves "spriggans," the Guild hired Gresh the Supplier to fetch them the magic mirror that created the troublesome imps. The wizards thought finding it looked impossible. Gresh thought his methods would do the job. But no one had asked the spriggans what they thought!

JULY 2007 NEW GAME AND MEDIA TIE-INS

_____ **Abnett, Dan. BROTHERS OF THE SNAKE. [WARHAMMER 40,000]. Black Library, 23.99 hc.**

In the grim darkness of the far future, the Space Marines stand supreme as the defenders of humanity. Brothers of the Snake follows the exploits of the Iron Snakes Space Marines, as they battle the enemies of man in all their foul variety.

_____ **Bennett, Christopher L. THE BURIED AGE. [STAR TREK NEXT GENERATION]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

Between the loss of his first command, the Stargazer, and the launch of his career on the Enterprise, Picard uncovers the "buried age" of the Star Trek Universe, the ancient history of the galaxy stretching back millions of years.

_____ **Byers, Richard Lee. ENEMY WITHIN. [WARHAMMER]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

The practice of magic is strictly controlled in the Empire, and rogue mages are ruthlessly hunted down. An Imperial wizard is blackmailed into infiltrating a vile Chaos cult - if he doesn't he'll be denounced as a heretic. Can he complete his assignment without being corrupted.

_____ **David, Peter. BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: SAGITTARIUS IS BLEEDING. Tor, 8.99 pb.**

Earth, the fabled home of the lost colony, can be found. President Roslin has seen this in a vision which has the power of truth. Recently, though, her dreams have been darker, of a galaxy overrun by Cylons. The Midguardians, radicals who believe that the end of humanity is coming soon, have learned of Roslin's dreams and taken them as a sign.

_____ **David, Peter. FANTASTIC FOUR: WHAT LIES BETWEEN. Pocket Star, 9.99 pb.**

A trip to space and an encounter with a cosmic storm mutates four explorers into superheroes. They will battle Victor Von Doom, the billionaire industrialist who financed the trip - now also a mutant.

_____ **De Wolf, Parker. THE LEFT HAND OF DEATH. [EBERRON LANTERNLIGHT FILES #1]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

When a simple pay-off turns to murder, a quiet operator getting by in the seediest parts of Sharn finds himself in possession of a strange relic. His enemies want the relic, he wants its owner, the City Watch wants him arrested, and even his friends want him dead.

_____ **Gibson, Allyn & Killiany, Kevin & Ward, And Kevin Dilmore Dayton & Mack, David & DeCandido, Keith R A. GRAND DESIGNS: STAR TREK: CORPS OF ENGINEERS. [STAR TREK SCE]. Pocket, 19.99 tp.**

These are the voyages of the "U.S.S. da Vinci," Their mission: to solve the problems of the galaxy, one disaster at a time. Starfleet veteran Captain David Gold, along with his crack Starfleet Corps of Engineers team lead by former engineer Commander Sonya Gomez, travel throughout the Federation and beyond to fix the unfixable, repair the irreparable, and solve the unsolvable. Whether it's an artificial planetary

ring that was damaged during the Dominion War, an out-of-control generation ship, a weapons inspection gone horribly wrong, shutting down a crashed probe, solving a centuries-old medical mystery, or clearing a sargasso sea of derelict ships, the S.C.E. is on the case!

_____ **Johnson, Jaleigh. THE HOWLING DELVE. [FORGOTTEN REALMS DUNGEONS #2]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

An orphan mage returns to the only home she's ever known to find it transformed into a dungeon, her former master missing or trapped within. To make matters worse, the thieves that hold the dungeon won't let her leave - not for supplies, not for help. It will take all of her courage, skill, and magic to survive long enough to figure out what happened to her home.

_____ **Karpyshyn, Drew. DARTH BANE PATH OF DESTRUCTION. [STAR WARS OLD REPUBLIC]. Del Rey, 8.99 pb.**

The Old Republic was rife with evil Sith, a constant thorn in the side of the Jedi. But one, Darth Bane, is plotting a rise to power that will replace the Brotherhood of the Sith and replace it with an order guided by his newly conceived Rule of Two.

_____ **Odom, Mel. EXODUS [HELLGATE LONDON #1]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

The Templars, who have luckily been keeping up with technology, are on hand to battle the demonic creatures that poured through an interdimensional portal that opened in London. Unfortunately, most of the human race is already dead, but they'll do what they can to meld magic and science to fight the hordes.

_____ **Salvatore, R. A. ROAD OF THE PATRIARCH. [FORGOTTEN REALMS SELLSWORDS #3]. Wizards, 10.99 pb.**

ILNEZHARA and TAZMIKELLA are ancient dragons of great power, accustomed to easily manipulating the humans around them. But not all humans are so easily led. When they pushed Entreri and Jarlaxle into the heart of the Bloodstone Lands, not even they could have imagined the strength of the human assassin's resolve, or the limitless expanse of the drow mercenary's ambition.

_____ **Smith, Dean Wesley (ed). STRANGE NEW WORLDS 10. [STAR TREK]. Pocket, 17.99 tp.**

10th collection of Star Trek stories written by fans for fans

_____ **Weis, Margaret & Hickman, Tracy. DRAGONS OF THE HIGHLORD SKIES [DRAGONLANCE THE LOST CHRONICLES #2]. Wizards, 32.00 hc.**

An elven wizard named Feal-Thas has taken a dragon orb to the distant land of Ice Wall. Dragon Highlord Ariakas assigns the task of its recovery to Kitiara Uth-Matar, half-sister of the sickly mage Raistin and his good-natured twin Caramon. Kitiara, who is rising up the ranks of the dark forces, must undertake the journey to the Ice Castle of Feal-Thas,

where she will have a dramatic confrontation with Laurana, a leader of the forces of good.

AUGUST 2007 NEW GAME AND MEDIA TIE-INS

_____ **Bills, Randall N. PANDORA'S GAMBIT: A BATTLETECH NOVEL. [MECHWARRIOR DARK AGE #27]. Roc, 9.99 pb.**

In the year 3069 the Free Worlds League was shattered and the House of Marik disgraced. Now three warriors vie to reunite the realm, turning the world of Marik into a battleground in a narcissistic attempt to save it.

_____ **Bishop, David & Dunn, Christian. FIENDS OF THE RISING SUN. [FIENDS]. Black Flame, 9.99 pb.**

This volume reveals the involvement of Japanese vampyrs in the Pacific war, from the build-up to the devastating attack upon Pearl Harbour to American troops landing at Guadalcanal eight months later. The story is seen through the eyes of US Marines, sailors and pilots as they battle against an enemy that would rather die than admit defeat. But in this war, death is where the hell truly begins.

_____ **DeCandido, Keith. EXTINCTION. [RESIDENT EVIL]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

Sequel to APOCALYPSE. Alice and fellow survivor Carlos Olivera are running with a pack of humans led by a new ally, Claire Redfield. They are cutting through the wastelands on their way to Alaska, hunted by the minions of the scheming Dr. Isaacs.

_____ **Greenwood, Ed. SWORDS OF DRAGONFIRE [FORGOTTEN REALMS KNIGHTS OF MYTH DRANNOR #2]. Wizards, 32.00 hc.**

Florin and his friends have finally made a name for themselves - only to find themselves the pawns of both dark and noble forces in a battle for power. Together, the Swords of Eveningstar must untangle the web of lies that surround them before the threat to the kingdom eclipses their ability to defend it.

_____ **Gross, Dave. BLACK WOLF. [FORGOTTEN REALMS SEMBIA: GATEWAY TO THE REALMS]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

Talbot Uskevren, the second son of one of Selgaunt's most powerful families, will need to employ both his talent for the sword and his talent for acting when a rival House comes looking for blood. The only way for Talbot to survive against the Black Brotherhood is to let the inner wolf loose, and the only way for him to live in Selgaunt's society is to keep the wolf chained.

_____ **Lee, Mike & Long, Nathan & Gascoigne, Marc & Dunn, Christian (eds). INVASION!. [WARHAMMER]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

An collection of Warhammer short stories that explores the theme of invasion, both literally and metaphorically, from the shores of Naggaroth, the Land of Chill, to the dark forests that lie at the heart of the Empire.

_____ **McNeill, Graham. WARHAMMER 40,000 NOVELS: HORUS HERESY: FULGRIM: THE LAST PHOENIX. [WARHAMMER 40000 HORUS HER]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

It is the 31st millennium, and humanity is at the peak of its powers. As the Great Crusade, led by Warmaster Horus, continues to conquer the galaxy, Fulgrim, Primarch of the Emperor's Children, leads his warriors into battle against a vile alien foe. From the blood of this campaign are sown the seeds that will lead this proud Legion to treachery, taking them down the darkest of paths of corruption. Leading up to the carnage of the Dropsite Massacre on Istvan V, this is the tale of Fulgrim's tragic fall from grace.

_____ **Morrow, Leanna. FEARFUL SYMMETRY. [STAR TREK DEEP SPACE NINE]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

Sequel to WARPATH. A Cardassian sleeper agent was once surgically altered to resemble and replace a Bajoran resistance fighter. Now, robbed of the past 16 years, she's back with a vengeance.

_____ **Niles, Steve & Mariotte, Jeff. IMMORTAL REMAINS. [30 DAYS OF NIGHT]. Pocket Star, 9.99 pb.**

Based on the graphic novel series. A serial killer prowls the residential streets of Savannah Georgia. The danger to the human race, however, is far greater than that posed by a mere murderer.

_____ **Parker, Steve. REBEL WINTER. [WARHAMMER 40,000 NOVELS]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

On the brutal battlefields of the 41st Millennium, the life of an Imperial Guardsman is harsh and short. On the snowy wastes of Danik's World, a regiment of Vostroyans is ordered to hold their ground to protect the retreat of other Imperial forces. When their own orders come to move back, they discover they have been stranded behind enemy lines. Cold, hungry and running out of supplies, trapped between rebel forces and hordes of orks, can the Guardsmen ever fight their way back to safety?

_____ **Rabe, Jean. THE REBELLION. [DRAGONLANCE STONETELLERS #1]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

When a series of earthquakes strike a Dark Knight mining camp, goblin and hobgoblin slaves take advantage of the bedlam and revolt, pitting the Dark Knights against their slaves. Direfang, a hobgoblin foreman with deep scars and a long, brutal history of servitude, attempts to rally the surviving goblins and hobgoblins and lead them out of Neraka.

_____ **Traviss, Karen. TRUE COLORS [STAR WARS REPUBLIC COMMANDO #3]. Del Rey, 10.99 pb.**

Boba Fett and his commandos decide to switch sides and to help the resistance beat the Yuuzhan Vong - even if it means working with a

Jedi agent. Denounced as traitors, Fett's Mandalorians need to stay one step ahead of their Yuuzhan Vong paymasters-and the Republic who sees them as collaborators with the most destructive enemy the galaxy has ever faced.

SEPTEMBER 2007 NEW GAME AND MEDIA TIE-INS

_____ **Abnett, Dan. THE SAINT. [WARHAMMER 40,000 GAUNT'S GHOST OMNIBUS #2]. Black Library, 14.99 tp.**

This omnibus edition follows the second cycle of the Gaunt's Ghost. It includes the four novels, HONOUR GUARD, THE GUNS OF TANITH, STRAIGHT SILVER and SABBAT MARTYR. The story arc follows the First and Only from warzone to warzone of the Chaos-infested Sabbats World system fighting enemies in many guises and shapes.

_____ **Denning, Troy. INFERNO. [STAR WARS LEGACY OF THE FORCE #6]. Del Rey, 10.99 pb.**

Continuation of LEGACY OF THE FORCE: SACRFICE. Civil war and a shocking turn of events leaves the Skywalker and Solo clans reeling.

_____ **Dillard, J. M. RESISTANCE [STAR TREK NEXT GENERATION]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

After the Enterprise is repaired, Picard reassembles his crew. The replacements he finds for Riker and Troi are not working out. And there isn't time for a shakedown mission - the Borg are back.

_____ **Friedman, Michael Jan. DEATH IN WINTER [STAR TREK NEXT GENERATION]. Pocket, 9.99 pb.**

Dr. Beverly Crusher, now chief medical officer for Starfleet, has been declared missing in action on a distant planet that has rebelled against the Romulan Empire - and presumed dead. Picard is chosen to complete her mission to save the plague-ravaged natives. However, political forces on the Romulan homeworld are pressing for military action against the rebellion there.

_____ **Hamilton, Laurell K. RAVENLOFT COVENANT: DEATH OF A DARKLORD. Wizards, 8.99 pb (reissue).**

A young woman finds that she has a talent for magic in a land and a family unforgiving of such abilities. Her attempts to redeem herself in the eyes of her family - by aiding them on their quest to end the dark magic that has destroyed a neighbouring town - have tragic results.

_____ **Hoare, Andy. STAR OF DAMOCLES. [WARHAMMER 40,000 ROGUE TRADER #2]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

Rogue trader patriarch Lucian Gerrit and his family get swept up in an Imperial Crusade to track down and exterminate the alien tau. Having crossed the desolate area of space known as the Damocles Gulf, the fleet arrives on the borders of the tau empire. Can Gerrit's

resourcefulness save the day when the Imperial forces find themselves outnumbered and outgunned, thousands of light years from home?

_____ **Irvine, Alex. THE ULTIMATES: AGAINST ALL ENEMIES. Pocket Star, 9.99 pb.**

Captain America leaks the technology to detect the alien Chitauri using on-the-spot DNA screening after the defense department refuses to disseminate it. Meanwhile Hank Pym, hoping to get back onto the Ultimates team, has been working with his ants on his own method of spotting the Chitauri.

_____ **Kemp, Paul. SHADOW STORM. [FORGOTTEN REALMS TWILIGHT WAR #2]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

The archwizards of Shade Enclave have come out of the desert with a message of peace, and an act of war. Split by petty disputes and causeless feuds, the merchant realm of Sembia is wide open for invasion, and with no shortage of Sembians more than happy to sell out to the Shadovar, can only one man--even if that man is Erevis Cale--do anything to stop it?

_____ **Rosenberg, Aaron. TIDE OF DARKNESS: WORLDS OF WARCRAFT. Pocket Star, 9.99 pb.**

The Orc Horde's new WarChief, Orgrim Doomhammer, seems unstoppable. The human lord of Azeroth, Sir Lothar, hatches a plan to enlist the aid of the mysterious Elves and the wily Dwarves.

_____ **Smedman, Lisa. STORM OF THE DEAD. [FORGOTTEN REALMS LADY PENTINENT #2]. Wizards, 8.99 pb.**

Vancouver author. When Lolth and Eilistraee, two drow goddesses, compete for control of the dark elves of Faern, more than just the drow are caught in the middle. Though the drow will survive their game, what's at stake is the very nature of what it means to be a dark elf.

_____ **Werner, C. PALACE OF THE PLAGUE LORD. [WARHAMMER]. Black Library, 9.99 pb.**

The last warrior of a fierce Norse tribe sets out in a perilous quest deep into the dreaded Chaos Wastes, a land of magic and madness that lies far to the north of the Empire.*bc*