

**Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore
Uncle Edgar's Mystery Bookstore
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Hours: M-F 10am to 7pm Sat. 10am to 6pm Sun. Noon to 5pm

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Parking

Metered parking (25 cents for 20 minutes) is available in front of the store. Meters are enforced 8am-6pm Monday through Saturday (except for federal holidays). Note the number on the pole you park by, and pay at the box located between the dental office driveway and Popeyes driveway. The box accepts quarters, dollar coins, and credit cards, and prints a receipt that shows the expiration time. Meter parking for vehicles with Disability License Plates or a Disability Certificate is free. (Rates and hours shown are subject to change without notice - the meters are run by the city, not by us.)

Free parking is also available in the dental office lot after 5pm Monday through Thursday, and all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Holiday Schedule

Thursday, November 23	Closed
Monday, December 25:	Closed
Monday, January 1:	Closed

Autographing Events (at Uncle Hugo's)

Saturday, December 9, 1-2pm **Lois McMaster Bujold** *Penric's Mission*

Neogenesis by **Sharon Lee and Steve Miller** (\$25.00) is the next book in the Liaden Universe series, and has an official release date of January 2. We have arranged to get signed copies from the authors, and if you order by December 10 you can get your copy personalized if you wish. After December 10, you'll only be able to get signed copies, while they last. (Sorry, no in-store autographing event)

Sales

The **37th Anniversary Sale** runs Friday, November 24, through Sunday, December 3, giving you two weekends to take advantage of the sale. December 1 marks Uncle Edgar's 37th anniversary. Come into Uncle Edgar's or Uncle Hugo's and save 10% off everything except discount cards, gift certificates, or merchandise that is already marked 40% off. A discount card will save you even more - you'll get both 10% savings from the discount card and 10% off from the sale. (Sale prices apply to in-store purchases, but not to mail, phone, or website orders.)

On **Small Business Saturday**, November 25, our store T-shirts, sweatshirts, and bookbags are half price. (And get Anniversary Sale savings while you shop!)

Our annual **Inventory Reduction Sale** will be December 26-31, and will feature deep discounts on things we really, really want to get rid of. It will not be a storewide sale like the Anniversary Sale.

Award News

The World Fantasy Awards included Best Novel to **The Sudden Appearance of Hope** by Claire North (\$15.99) and Best Long Fiction to **The Dream-Quest of Vellitt Boe** by Kij Johnson (\$14.99).

The Dragon Awards included Best Science Fiction Novel to **Babylon's Ashes** by James S. A. Corey (\$16.99) and Best Fantasy Novel to **Monster Hunter Memoirs: Grunge** by Larry Correia and John Ringo (\$7.99).

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature went to **Kingfisher** by Patricia A. McKillip (\$27.00, \$16.00 trade pb due late February).

The Anthony Awards included Best Novel to **A Great Reckoning** by Louise Penny (\$9.99) and Best First Novel to **IQ** by Joe Ide (\$15.99).

The Shamus Awards included Best Private Eye Novel to **Where It Hurts** by Reed Farrell Coleman (\$16.00), Best First Private Eye Novel to **IQ** by Joe Ide (\$15.99) and Best Original Private Eye Paperback to **The Perplexing Theft of the Jewel in the Crown** by Vaseem Khan (\$15.99).

The UK Crime Writers/ Association announced the Dagger Awards for 2017.

The Diamond Dagger for Lifetime Achievement went to Ann Cleeves.

The Gold Dagger for Best Crime Novel Written in English went to **The Dry** by Jane Harper (\$25.99, \$15.99 trade pb due early January). The other finalists were **The Beautiful Dead** by Belinda Bauer (\$16.00), **Dead Man's Blues** by Ray Celestin (\$25.95), **Spook Street** by Mick Herron (\$26.95, \$15.95 trade pb mid December), **A Rising Man** by Abir Mukherjee (\$25.95), and **The Girl in Green** by Derek B. Miller (\$26.00, \$14.99 mid January).

The International Dagger for Best Crime Novel Translated into English went to **The Dying Detective** by Leif GW Persson (\$27.95). The other finalists were **A Fine Line** by Gianrico Carofiglio (\$14.95), **Blood Wedding** by Pierre Lemaitre (\$16.95), **A Cold Death** by Antonio Manzini, **The Legacy of the Bones** by Delores Redondo, and **A Climate of Fear** by Fred Vargas (\$16.00).

The Ian Fleming Steel Dagger for Best Thriller went to **Spook Street** by Mick Herron (\$26.95, \$15.95 trade pb due mid-December). The other finalists were **You Will Know Me** by Megan Abbott (\$15.99), **The Killing Game** by J. S. Carol, **We Go Around in the Night and Are Consumed by Fire** by Jules Grant, **Redemption Road** by John Hart (\$16.99), and **The Constant Soldier** by William Ryan.

The John Creasey New Blood Dagger for Best First Crime Novel went to **Tall Oaks** by Chris Whitaker. The other finalists were **The Pictures** by Guy Bolton (\$24.99), **Ragdoll** by Daniel Cole (\$15.99), **Distress Signals** by Catherine Ryan Howard, **Sirens** by Joseph Knox, and **Good Me, Bad Me** by Ali Land (\$25.95).

The Historical Dagger for Best Historical Crime Novel went to **A Rising Man** by Abir Mukherjee (\$25.95). The other finalists were **The Devil's Feast** by M. J. Carter (\$26.00), **The Ashes of Berlin** by Luke McCallin, **The Long Drop** by Denise Mina (\$15.99), **By Gaslight** by Steven Price (\$18.00), and **The City in Darkness** by Michael Russell (\$13.99).

Holiday Gift Ideas

Our most popular gift option continues to be our gift certificate. We can issue one for any amount. It can be used at either or both Uncles. It can even be used for mail orders, and it can be purchased over the phone (with a credit card), and we can mail it to the purchaser or to the recipient, or we can just enter the balance on a credit file here in the store to avoid the risk of the gift certificate being lost.

Calendars used to be a very popular gift item, but so many people are now using assorted electrical devices in place of a wall calendar that the calendar market has shrunk quite a bit. Last year we didn't carry any calendars. This year we brought in small numbers of a few calendars from England, and have already sold out of a couple of designs. We still have copies of **Arthur Rackham** (\$15.99), **Cthulhu** (\$15.99), **The Sci-Fi Art of Virgil Finlay** (\$15.99, black and white illustrations from the pulps), and **Unicorns** (\$15.99). We've also special ordered calendars for some customers.

We also have lots of art books, and humor books, including many that can be given to people who don't read sf or mysteries. And of course we have hundreds of signed books.

We still have a bunch of signed copies of **Provenance** by Ann Leckie (\$26.00), that she signed at Uncle Hugo's on October 2. We are almost out of copies of **The River Bank** by Kij Johnson (\$24.00), that she signed at Uncle Hugo's on October 14. We are out of signed copies of **Vallista** by Steven Brust (\$25.99), that he signed on October 28, and the publisher is also out of copies. We are trying to get more copies from one of the wholesalers before they run out of copies, and if we can get more copies we'll try to get Steven to drop by and sign them.

We've recently been receiving a lot of signed books from publishers. At Uncle Hugo's, these have included **River's Edge** by James P. Blaylock (\$40.00 limited edition), **Children of the Fleet** by Orson Scott Card (\$25.99), **Future Home of the Living God** by Louise Erdrich (\$28.99), **It Devours!** by Joseph Fink & Jeffrey Cranor (\$21.99, second Welcome to Night Vale novel, and we still have signed copies of **Welcome to Night Vale** (\$19.99), the first of the series), **Strange Weather** by Joe Hill (\$27.99), **Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker** by Gregory Maguire (\$26.99), and **The Ship of the Dead: Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard III** by Rick Riordan (\$19.99). We also received a couple of cases of signed copies of **Oathbringer** by Brandon Sanderson (\$34.99) with the cases beat to hell by UPS, so we ended up with two good copies (long gone), some slightly beat up copies (almost gone) and four really beat up copies. We'll see if we can get more good copies, but we're not optimistic.

At Uncle Edgar's we've recently received signed copies of **The Midnight Line** by Lee Child (\$28.99, the new Jack Reacher title, with all bumped a bit and some really beat up), **Two Kinds of Truth** by Michael Connelly (\$29.00), **Earthly Remains** by Donn Leon (\$25.00), **Fallout** by Sara Paretsky (\$27.99), **Deep Freeze** by John Sandford (\$29.00, Virgil Flowers novel), **The House of Unexpected Sisters** by Alexander McCall Smith (\$25.95, No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series) and **In This Grave** by Jacqueline Winspear (\$27.99). David Housewright stopped by and signed **What the Dead Leave Behind** (\$25.99) and William Kent Krueger stopped by and signed **Sulfur Springs** (\$26.00).

How's Business by Don Blyly

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that bookstore sales tumbled 10.9% in August and are down 2.5% for the first 8 months of the year. Our sales are also down a bit for the year, but more of our sales are for used books, which have a higher profit margin than new books, so we're still hanging in there, unlike some other bookstores.

The Seattle Mystery Bookstore announced on September 18 that they were going out of business on September 30.

Book World, a 45 store chain based in Wisconsin, just announced that they are closing down the entire chain over the next 10 weeks. They have some downtown stores in various small towns around the upper Midwest, and they have some shopping mall stores. As people have shifted their purchasing away from department stores to e-commerce sites, the shopping malls have lost their anchor tenants, and once that happened the foot traffic in the malls spiraled down, and the book sales in the malls plummeted over the last 12 months, while the rent remains high. The downtown stores have continued to do well, but for some reason the chain decided to close all their stores. Book World had been the fourth largest surviving bookstore chain in the U.S.

Last year 786,935 ISBNs (International Standard Book Number) were issued for self-published books (and some of the self-published authors are so clueless that they put out their books without ISBNs, so that wholesalers and most retailers won't touch them because the computers don't know how to handle a book without an ISBN).

At Uncle Edgar's, the stock of used books has actually gone down a little, but at Uncle Hugo's we are buried in used books. It's getting hard to find books on the bottom shelves because there are such tall piles of used books in front of the shelves, and we have many more collectible used mass market books than we've ever seen before. Blame it on baby boomers downsizing their libraries. If your budget is strained by the price of new books, remember that we have thousands of very good books, with many of them only costing \$4.00 each.

We are going through what has become one of my least liked parts of the year—health insurance renewal. We received the annual letters telling us that the policy we were part of this year would not be renewed for next year, but the insurance company would try to put us into the new policy that came the closest to our old policy. At the end of October, the agent called to ask if we wanted to renew our policy. I told her that we would love to renew the policy we had this year, but we had been notified that the same policy was not available for the new year. "Oh, you know

about that already?" she said. "Well I have a new policy for you that's even better than the old policy. Do you want to sign up for the new policy?" "Not without finding out what it covers and what it costs." "Okay, I'll e-mail the policy summaries and the quotes to you."

The new "better" policy she wanted me to agree to without looking at it would have increased the co-pay for a doctor's visit by \$30 per visit, and would have increased the cost of the policy by almost \$200 per person per month. Elizabeth and I did a lot of research on-line and came up with two other policies that we could have lived with, with one being much more to our liking, and then I requested that the agent give us quotes for both of the other policies. She gave us a quote on one of the policies (the one we thought would be best for our needs) and it was slightly better and significantly less expensive than the "better" policy she wanted us to agree to. We are now going through all the paperwork to switch coverage to the new plan. (And this year was less of a hassle than last year, which was a real nightmare.)

I've been going through this annual headache for decades and just assumed that this was the way things had to be done. Then I turned 65 and was able to sign up for Medicare, and life has been so much easier for me. But I still have to go through the annual headache for the policy for the employees. I remember back when Obamacare was in the planning stages, there were a few people in Congress that wanted to allow people the option to pay a fee and join the Medicare program as a form of competition to the insurance companies, but Congress-critters of both parties quickly killed that idea, demonstrating the campaign contributions from insurance companies work

After my comments last issue about the research I had done on the book distribution network while I was working on a Ph. D., some customers asked if I had completed the Ph. D. No, I didn't, but some people might be interested in the circumstances that led to my dropping out of the program. The Dean of the University of Minnesota Business School at the time felt that one of his most important tasks was to raise the national ranking of the school.

The only people who get to vote on the ranking of the business schools are college professors at business schools. While the professors might be honest about their opinions about a lot of schools, they have a tendency to highly rate two schools in particular to advance their own careers: the school where they currently teach and the school where they received their Ph. D. The Dean decided that this meant that every spot in the Ph. D. program that was taken by a student likely to go into the business world instead of going into academia constituted a wasted opportunity to turn out a future vote for the U of M business school, so he sent out an order to purge the Ph. D. program of anybody likely to go into the business world.

I was one of the people to be purged. They waited until my advisor was out of the country on sabbatical, so that he couldn't interfere. They took a look at the student ratings of my teaching for my first semester of teaching undergraduates, and told me that it was unsatisfactory, and that I would not be offered employment next year, either for teaching or for doing the research that I had been doing prior to my first semester of teaching. They had just given another Ph. D. student an award for being the best instructor in the entire program, and I managed to get a look at that student's ratings from his first semester of teaching, and it was almost identical to mine. Back when I was at the University of Illinois I had received the highest ranking of any instructor at the Champaign-Urbana campus for my last year there. So, it would have been easy to figure out what was going on even if I hadn't already heard about the purge going on.

I managed to keep myself busy without being in the program. A lot of space had just opened up in the building where Uncle Hugo's was then located. The first month after dropping out of school, I knocked out a wall and doubled the size on Uncle Hugo's. The next month, the American Booksellers Association held a workshop in Chicago on organizing regional bookseller organizations. I was the only one from Minnesota to attend, and as soon as I got back to town I started working on creating the Upper Midwest Booksellers Association to represent all independent bookstores in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and western Wisconsin (mainly with help from the sales representatives from the major publishers, because many of the other booksellers felt more comfortable about working with them instead of working with competitors). After a couple on months of that, I took over another space in the building where Uncle Hugo's was then located and started building bookshelves for Uncle Edgar's Mystery Bookstore.

About 2 or 3 years later, something interesting happened with the business school. An alumni (who only got a bachelor's degree, not a Ph. D.) gave the school a huge amount of money (I think \$50 million to \$100 million, but I don't remember the exact amount) and got the school named after himself. Suddenly, the school decided that having alumni going into business instead of academia was not such a bad thing. The Dean was replaced. Most of the faculty that had given me a hard time were soon gone. My advisor received an endowed chair in entrepreneurship. I probably could have gotten back into the program, but by then I was too busy and about to get married, so I didn't try.

Looking over the forthcoming book listings, it's amazing to me how many publishers decided to dramatically cut back on the number of titles released during the month of December. Since December is the month with the most foot traffic in bookstores, you'd think they'd want to have a lot of new titles for the customers to look over, but instead a lot of titles got pushed back to February, which probably has the least amount of foot traffic in the year. Decades ago, the publishers had large numbers of sales representatives that actually visited the bookstores and sent comments back to New York about what the bookstores had to say about things. There are now very few sales reps that visit stores, and the communication between bookstores and publishers has suffered as a result. I remember in the 1980s and 1990s telling many sales reps that the publishers should try to get as many of the January titles into the stores before the first week of January because we saw so many customers with gift certificates for the first couple of weeks after Christmas, looking for something new to spend their loot on. And for several years most publishers that had been shipping their January titles to arrive around the middle of January (because nobody goes out to shop in January, so it doesn't matter when we ship stuff) did in fact try to get the January titles into the stores between Christmas and the first week of January. This benefited the customers with gift certificates, the bookstores, the publishers, and the authors with books released in January. But over the years, the timing of book releases has drifted back to patterns that don't make sense to me.

I've heard that the art departments of the major publishers have become very concerned about making their book covers look like they are NOT self-published books. The theory is that enough people have now been burned by picking up bad self-published books that if the cover looks professional, the customer will assume that the book has been professionally edited and proof-read, and the customer will then be more willing to spend their money on the book. I have seen a few self-published books that have good covers, but most of them do look rather bad. I have also read at least a bit of some very bad self-published books, as well as a few good ones. But I've also read some books from the major publishers that were obviously "proof-read by spell checker," and a few that didn't even receive a spell checker proof-reading. I have no objection to the publishers spending a little more on their covers, but I wish they would also pay more attention to proof-reading. But the customers don't find out about the bad proof-reading until after they have spent their money.

Traffic on Chicago Avenue continues to be a problem, especially during rush hours, because of the bridges being rebuilt on Portland Avenue and Cedar Avenue over the Greenway, the closing of the Franklin Street bridge over I-35W, the periodic closing of Portland Avenue over I-94, and sometimes road construction issues on I-35W. The Franklin Street bridge will be out for at least another year, and the I-35W construction will move from phase to phase over the next four years, but the rest of the problems should be resolved within the next few weeks. We are really looking forward to the traffic returning to normal levels, so that people can get to and from the Uncles easily.

The Superbowl hype continues. During the same news program on the same station, I'll hear one report claiming that over 100,000 people will be in town for the Superbowl, followed by another report that claims over 1,000,000 people will be coming to town for the Superbowl, followed by another report that "hundreds of thousands of out-of-staters" will be coming to town for the Superbowl (so they should all be aware of all the street closings in downtown Minneapolis for 10 days for the Superbowl). It sure is a good thing those "hundreds of thousands of out-of-staters" are watching the Minneapolis local news reports months in advance to find out about street closings. And now the transit drivers are threatening to strike during the Superbowl. When I moved to Minneapolis, I used to spend a lot of time downtown, but over the decades all the businesses that appealed to me went out of business, and I rarely go downtown any more. And every time I drive through it, I'm amazed by how much new construction has taken place since the last time I drove through. But I really hope that I don't have to go through downtown during the 10 days of Superbowl madness. We don't expect to see a huge amount of action at the Uncles from the Superbowl, whether it brings 100,000 people or 1,000,000 people to town. A few of the fans might be interested in science fiction or mystery books, but most of them won't be interested. The Midtown Sheraton across the street from the Uncles will probably be packed with football fans (making it difficult for families of people in the hospital to find a place to stay), and some of them will probably wander across the street and look around. The Global Marketplace in the former Sears building is planning to try to draw in some of the Superbowl crowd, and if they are successful I expect that some of the football fans will wander across the street to the Uncles. Many of the ethnic food places in the Global Marketplace have high hopes of getting catering contracts for Superbowl parties. As a result, the Global Marketplace people are much more excited about the Superbowl than are the other businesses near the Uncles.

Ecko has been the store dog for almost 2 years now, but she hasn't been coming to the store quite so often lately. She has some kind of allergy that makes her very itchy. When it first developed around August, 2016, the vet said it was probably ragweed allergy, because a lot of dogs have that and it was the right time of the year for it. Ecko took some medicine for a while and the rash went away. Last winter, the allergy came back, and since there was no ragweed around, the vet decided that she had probably developed an allergy to chicken, because most dog food has chicken as a component. Ecko took more medicine and started eating salmon kibble (at about 4 times the cost of kibble containing chicken) and the rash went away. In August, the rash came back, the vet said ragweed allergy again and Ecko started taking medicine again. The rash went away for a while, but after the frost had killed the

ragweed, the rash came back. A different vet said that it was not a food allergy, because a food allergy would produce runny nose and runny ears as well as the rash. She wasn't sure what was causing the problem, but Ecco is on meds again, and the rash is slowly going away. When Ecco is at home, she mainly sleeps and thus is not aware of the rash. When Ecco is at the store, she is busy greeting customers, almost never sleeps, and is quite aware of the rash, resulting in lots of scratching. Ecco loves being at the store and greeting customers, but I've been cutting back on her trips to the store to reduce her scratching.

Short Recommendations by Don Blyly

When I started hearing good things about **The Martian** by Andy Weir (\$15.00), back before the movie came out, I was reluctant to try it because it was getting such good reviews outside the science fiction field, and the standards for what is "good" are often different outside the field versus inside the field. But eventually, I tried it, and I loved it, and it stayed on our Recommended Science Fiction display until the publisher killed off the mass market edition. I still recommend it often to people who are interested in engineering science fiction. Andy Weir's new book, **Artemis** (\$27.00, due mid-November), is even better. Set on the only city on the moon, it is told from the point of view of Jasmine "Jazz" Bashara, who was brought to the moon from Saudi Arabia at the age of 6. Her father is a master welder, and she is very bright and could probably succeed at anything she set her mind to. But at 16 she went into a fierce state of teen rebellion and moved out, and that's still her attitude 10 years later. Officially, she picks up shipments at the port and delivers them to the people or companies that they are addressed to. Unofficially, she went into business with an former school pen pal on Earth. He got a job as a load specialist at the spaceport in Kenya, and together the two of them handle all the smuggling to the moon. A very rich smuggling customer (a case of expensive cigars per month, among other things) offers her a huge amount of money if she can figure out how to sabotage a moon company that he wants to buy out. She puts her engineering skills to work, along with her knowledge of the various safety systems in Artemis, and her friendships with various other residents with high-tech skills, and plans how she's going to sabotage the company. But she wasn't aware that the company was secretly owned by a Brazilian mob, and things become dangerously complicated. Publishers Weekly gave **Artemis** a starred review, but in the mystery/thriller category rather than the science fiction category, and it works very well in both categories.

I've enjoyed Walter Jon Walters novels for decades, but he is primarily known for his science fiction novels. **Quillifer** (\$27.99) is the first of a fantasy series. Set in a fantasy world at about the level of the early Renaissance, the story is told from the point of view of Quillifer, the well-educated and highly ambitious son of a butcher. He is often the brightest person in any given room, and he uses his smart mouth to point this out to everybody, which is not looked upon with favor by the aristocracy. He is quite a womanizer, and he'd rather use clever schemes than hard work to achieve his goals. And he has an angry goddess plotting revenge against him. The book is enormous fun, and I particularly enjoyed Walters' use of language in this book. Walters says he has the first six books plotted, and has a contract for the first three books, and I'm looking forward to reading many more of Quillifer's adventures. After all the grimness of George R. R. Martin's series and all of Joe Abercrombie's books (which I also enjoy), it's a pleasure to read such a humorous fantasy.

A customer complained that he thought **Grand Central Arena** by Ryk E. Spoor (\$7.99) should be on our recommended science fiction display. I tried it, and now that book plus the sequel, **Spheres of Influence** (\$7.99), are on the recommended sf display. I haven't yet read the third book of the trilogy, **Challenges of the Deeps** (\$16.00), but it's high on my list to read. At the beginning of **Grand Central Arena**, humans have settled most of the Solar system, have wiped out most physical wants, and most humans have an artificial intelligence installed in their brain to help them get information quickly and process it. But lack of a faster than light drive has kept them stuck in the Solar system—until Dr. Simon Sandrisson invents a FTL drive. He has sent out some probes, and some have returned with interesting data and some have not returned. He assembles a crew for the first human ship, and he chooses Ariane Austin, a top spaceship racing pilot, to pilot the new ship. When the drive is turned on, every AI system on the ship crashes and Ariane's reflexes and training barely save them from disaster. It seems that in the far distant past (perhaps a billion years ago) some race arranged things so that any race that discovers a FTL drive would end up in this artificial universe, thus keeping them from invading other star systems. There are now 5000 alien races living in the Arena, and they all have to play by the rules created by the mysterious creator of this universe. The humans are the first new race to enter the Arena in thousands of years, and they gradually learn the rules, make allies and enemies, and do fairly well. The Arena decides that Ariane is the Leader of the Faction of Humanity because she led the small crew of her ship to the success they have enjoyed so far. She eventually realizes that the Arena considers her to be the leader on all of humanity, not just the small crew in the Arena. At the end of the first book, she leads part of the crew back to the Solar system to brief the government on what has happened and to lead more humans to the Arena. The politicians don't understand how the Arena works, but they

are not happy with a racing pilot as the leader of all of humanity, and some plan to change that. **Spheres of Influence** has lots of fast-paced action as Ariane and her crew deal with plots against the humans and among the humans, both in the Arena and in the Solar system. Very enjoyable space opera.

Because I enjoyed Spoor's space operas so much, I also tried **Phoenix Rising** (\$7.99), the beginning of a fantasy series. It was also very good. In a world with humans, elves (by a different name), dwarves (by a different name), an intelligent saurian race that lives thousands of years, active gods of light and demons of darkness, and lots of other interesting critters good and bad, my favorite character was Poplock Duckweed, an adventurous little toad that plays a major role in the book, while the other toads are too lazy to play a role in such dangerous events. Every couple of thousand years another chaoswar breaks out, with civilizations being crushed as the forces of good and evil battle for control of the world, and at the beginning of the book it is almost time for the next chaoswar to break out. The forces of evil have been plotting for a long time to win it all this time. But there are also forces of good that have been recruiting and training agents of good (including five from our world) and trying to get them into place to thwart the bad guys. The series continues with **Phoenix in Shadow** (not currently in print) and **Phoenix Ascendant** (\$16.00).

Spoor has also co-written several science fiction books with Eric Flint, none of which I've read yet: **Boundary** (\$7.99), **Portal** (\$7.99), **Threshold** (\$7.99), **Castaway Planet** (\$7.99), and **Castaway Odyssey** (\$7.99). I've heard particularly good things about the Castaway novels and will try to find time to read those soon.

I made the mistake of picking up **Children of the Divide** by Patrick S. Tomlinson (\$7.99) without realizing that it was the third book of a series, and I had not read the previous books, **Ark** (\$7.99) and **Trident's Forge** (\$7.99). **Ark** tells the story of a generation ship of 30,000 people fleeing a dying earth, and a murder mystery that takes place on the ship. **Trident's Forge** tells the story of the generation ship finding a habitable planet, but it already has an intelligent race, and the struggle to get the two cultures to work together. **Children of the Divide** starts 18 years after the generation ship reached the colony planet Gaia, and the new generation of both the humans and the aliens are coming of age. There is a lot of trust between some of the humans and some of the aliens, but not by all of either race. When a very advanced alien installation (far too advanced to have been left there by the natives of Gaia) is found on the moon (which is worshiped as a god by the natives), all sorts of fractures appear in the understandings between the races. Add in a terrorist attack (launched by a conspiracy of both humans and natives) and the kidnapping of the human chief of police's daughter (actually an alien child raised as a human, while elsewhere a human child was raised as an alien), and I was too hooked on this story to go back to the earlier books—and it worked just fine that way. But I suggest that others read the books in the proper order.

Kevin Hearne is primarily known for his Iron Druid series, beginning with **Hounded** (\$7.99). This delightful series of humorous contemporary fantasies is up to eight paperbacks, one hardcover from a major publisher, and a couple of short hardcovers from a small press, featuring Atticus O'Sullivan, a 2000 year old druid, and his Irish wolf hound Oberon (with whom he has a telepathic link). Kevin decided that he wanted to try his hand at big, fat, heroic fantasy novels, with **A Plague of Giants** (\$28.99) being the first of the series. This series has many more characters to keep track of, many more subplots to follow, and is much darker than the Iron Druid series. The continent where the story takes place (at least for the first book) has six nations, each with a distinctive culture and its own kind of magic-users. Then the continent is invaded by armies of Bone Giants, who slaughter everybody in their path, and nobody can figure out where they came from or what their motivation is. Much of the story is told by a magic-using bard, who has been sent (for reasons that are not clear by the end of the first book) to share the story of the war with another nation and the many refugees that have fled there. He uses his magic to have his voice reach all the people gathered for his daily story sessions, and he makes himself appear to be the person whose story he is telling. At first, I felt overwhelmed by the sheer number of characters and plots I was supposed to keep track of, and didn't see how they all fit together, but around the halfway point in the book I started to enjoy it (in spite of the fact that it had only one funny scene in the entire book). By the end of the book, I had fit all the pieces together and was eager for the next book.

For years I've been hearing good things about the urban fantasies of Justin Gustainis, and I finally found time to read some. I started with Occult Crimes Unit series, **Hard Spell**, **Evil Spell**, and **Known Devil**, about a police unit in Scranton, Pennsylvania that deals with supernatural crimes. The series is very good, and it's also out of print, so you'll have to look for it used. We don't see them come in used very often, and they disappear very quickly when they do come in. I then read his earlier Morris and Chastain Supernatural Investigations series, **Black Magic Woman** (\$7.99), **Evil Ways** (\$7.99), and **Sympathy for the Devil** (\$7.99). Quincey Morris is a "consultant" from Texas (because it would involve too much red tape from the state to be able to call himself a private investigator) who helps people with supernatural problems. He has a network of contacts all over the country who help him with various cases. One of the people he calls on most often is Libby Chastain, a white witch from New York City. Lot of

fast action, interesting plot twists, and fun character interactions. Each book comes to a satisfactory ending, but some plot elements carry over from book to book, and the character relationships advance from book to book, so this series should be read in order.

I enjoyed Wesley Chu's Tao series, **The Lives of Tao** (\$7.99), **The Deaths of Tao** (\$7.99), and **The Rebirths of Tao** (\$7.99). Many millions of years ago, an alien starship was passing through the Solar system developed a problem and the only place the aliens could go was Earth. But they can't survive in Earth's atmosphere on their own, so they established a symbiotic relationship with Earth life forms and have been working ever since to force Earth life to evolve to the point that they can build a new starship and continue their journey. They almost have humans to the point where construction could begin when a civil war breaks out among the aliens. One group wants to just convert Earth's atmosphere to something they can breath (which will wipe out all other life on Earth), while the other group figures that after millions of years of forcing evolution, a few more centuries isn't much time to wait to make the original plan work. In the first trilogy, the brilliant alien Tao is stuck with a rather mediocre human as a symbiote, which isn't helping much with the war. The first trilogy ends with a bit of a cliff hanger. **The Rise of Io** (\$7.99) is the first book of a second trilogy, taking place a few years after the end of the first trilogy. Io is a very low-ranking alien who has been involved in some of the worst decisions in human history, and suddenly Io becomes a symbiote of a very bright and stubborn young human refugee in Asia who has survived by being a thief, con-artist, and smuggler. The civil war is still going on, and Io isn't sure which side to be on. The early part of the book was a little slow as the author feeds information to the reader, who might not have already read the Tao series, but eventually the story gets up to speed and becomes an enjoyable addition to the series.

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING SCIENCE FICTION **ALREADY RECEIVED**

- Arthur Rackham 2018 Wall Calendar** \$15.99 (Full color.)
- Cthulhu 2018 Wall Calendar** \$15.99 (Full color, various artists.)
- Doctor Who 2018 Diary** \$18.99 (Full color photos throughout. A desk diary celebrating 55 years of companions.)
- Doctor Who Magazine #514** \$11.99 (Exclusive interviews: the two Masters; more.)
- Doctor Who Magazine #515** \$11.99 (Farewell to Steven Moffat; more.)
- Doctor Who Magazine #516** \$11.99 (Jodie Whittaker on becoming the Thirteenth Doctor; more.)
- Doctor Who Magazine #517** \$11.99 (Celebrating 30 years of the Seventh Doctor with Sylvester McCoy; more.)
- Fantasy & Science Fiction November / December 2017** \$8.99 (New fiction, reviews, more)
- Harry Potter: A Journey Through a History of Magic** \$19.99 (Ages 8 and up. Companion volume to the British Library exhibition.)
- Locus #680 September 2017** \$7.50 (Interviews with Matt Ruff and Karin Tidbeck; Brian Aldiss obituary; forthcoming books; industry news; reviews; more.)
- Locus #681 October 2017** \$7.50 (Interviews with James Patrick Kelly and Annalee Newitz; Jerry Pournelle obituary; industry news; reviews; more.)
- Locus #682 November 2017** \$7.50 (Interviews with David Marusek and Aliette de Bodard; industry news; reviews; more.)
- The Sci-Fi Art of Virgil Finlay 2018 Wall Calendar** \$15.99 (Black & white.)
- Unicorns 2018 Wall Calendar** \$15.99 (Full color, various artists.)
- Blaylock, James P. **River's Edge** \$40.00 (Langdon St. Ives: Novella. Amid a litter of poisoned fish and seabirds, a girl's body has washed up on the edge of the River Medway. When simple answers to the mystery suggest insidious secrets, Landgon and Alice St. Ives are drawn into a web of conspiracies; Signed copies)
- Brennan, Sarah Rees **In Other Lands** \$19.95 (Ages 13 and up. When Elliot's class goes on a field trip and he can see a wall that no one else can see, he is given the chance to go to school in the Borderlands. On the other side of the wall, classes involve more weaponry and fitness training and fewer mermaids than he expected. But there's also a chance that Elliot might be able to change the world.)
- Bujold, Lois McMaster **Penric's Mission** \$25.00 (World of the Five Gods: Novella. Learned Penric sails to Cedonia disguised as a young lawyer on business. His real mission is clandestine diplomacy on behalf of the Duke of Adria. His usual traveling companion, the slyly clever chaos demon Desdemona, is the only one in on the secret - or so it's supposed to be. Instead, upon arrival, Penric finds himself gravely injured, and imprisoned in the darkest of dungeons. Escape will not be easy: Penric has more than one brush with

- disaster in his immediate future, as well as a meeting with an intriguing young widow; Signed copies in stock now; autographing at Uncle Hugo's Saturday, 12/9, 1-2pm)
- Bullington, Jesse (ed) **Swords V. Cthulhu** \$13.99 (PBO; Anthology. Tales of swift-bladed action in the horrific world of H.P. Lovecraft.)
- Collins/Myers (ed) **Evil Is a Matter of Perspective** \$22.95 (Anthology. Villains take center stage in these 19 grimdark fantasy tales.)
- Cornell, Paul **Who Killed Sherlock Holmes?** \$14.95 (Shadow Police #3: The Great Detective's ghost has walked London's streets for decades, given shape by people's memories. Now someone has put a ceremonial dagger through his chest. But what's the motive? DI James Quill and his team pursue a criminal genius who lures them into a maze of clues and evidence.)
- Esslemont, Ian C. **Deadhouse Landing** \$17.99 (Malazan Empire: Path to Ascendancy #2: When the threat of war with the isle of Nap doesn't faze would-be emperor Kellanved, Dancer knows there is more going on than Kellanved says. Dancer must choose: stick by him, or give up on their partnership?)
- Evans, Erin M. **The Devil You Know** \$7.99 (Forgotten Realms: Brimstone Angels #5: Bryseis Kakistos is planning to kill the king of the Hells. All she needs is a little help from Farideh, which she should, from all accounts, be happy to give? After all, who could object to killing the king of the Hells? Except, as it turns out, Farideh.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Mox / Crime Country** \$14.95 (Shadow #116: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Teeth of the Dragon / Jade Dragon** \$14.95 (Shadow #118: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Crime's Stronghold / Death Diamonds** \$14.95 (Shadow #119: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **The Cup of Confucius / No Time for Murder** \$14.95 (Shadow #120: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Hidden Death / The Shadow Meets The Mask** \$14.95 (Shadow #121: Pulp reprints.)
- Hearne, Kevin **The Squirrel on the Train** \$25.00 (Novella. Irish wolfhounds Oberon and Orlaith and Boston terrier Starbuck are off to Portland to smell all the things, accompanied by Druid Atticus O'Sullivan. But there are sinister agendas afoot: there is a squirrel atop the train; and, at the train station, a dead body that is a doppelganger for Atticus.)
- Isbell, Tom **The Capture** \$9.99 (Prey #2: Ages 13 and up. Book, Hope, and Cat head back to Camp Liberty, hoping to free the other Less Thans and Sisters. With new enemies lurking, the group must put their fate in the hands of unexpected allies. But at what cost?)
- Jones, G. Wayman **The Black Bat's Summons / The White Witch** \$14.95 (Black Bat #8: Pulp reprints.)
- Jones, Stephen (ed) **Waiting** \$25.95 (Lovecraft Squad #2: Anthology. Tales of a secret worldwide organization dedicated to battling eldritch monstrosities.)
- Mack, David **Desperate Hours** \$16.00 (Star Trek: Discovery: PBO; Captain Georgiou and her crew must protect a Federation colony that is under attack by an ancient alien vessel that surfaced from the deeps of the planet's uncharted sea.)
- Nastos, Mat **Man with the Iron Heart** \$16.95 (Donner Grimm #1: PBO; 1942: Ian MacAndrew and his men parachute into Nazi-occupied Prague, sent to kill the Butcher of Prague. When things go from bad to worse, MacAndrew finds himself thrust into a battle of myth and legend. With marble-skinned warrior Donner Grimm at his side, he faces necromancers, Nazi berserkers, and the power of the Jotnar, all vying to bring about Ragnarok and the end of humanity.)
- Olson, Melissa F. **Blood Gamble** \$14.95 (Disrupted Magic #2: When the cardinal vampire of Los Angeles convinces Scarlett to go investigate a new vampire-themed stage show in Las Vegas, she winds up shoulder-deep in sequins, slot machines, and Old World intrigue.)
- Olukotun, Deji Bryce **After the Flare** \$16.99 (Nigerians in Space #2: PBO; A catastrophic solar flare reshapes world order - in an instant, electricity grids are crippled, followed by devastating cyberattacks that paralyze communications. Only one space program is still functioning: the planet's hopes rest with Nigeria's plan to launch a daring rescue mission to the International Space Station.)
- Parker, K.J. **The Two of Swords Volume 2** \$15.99 (PBO; Continues the story of war on a grand scale, told through the eyes of soldiers, politicians, victims, and heroes.)
- Pearlman, Robb **Search for Spock** \$14.95 (Star Trek: A 'Where's Waldo' style book - hunt for Spock among crewmates, aliens, villains, and bystanders.)
- Silverberg, Robert **The Emperor and the Maula** \$25.00 (Novella. Written in 1992 and printed only once in an abbreviated version, this edition restores over 15,000 words of text. A far-future retelling of the tale of Scheherazade.)
- Smith, A.J. **The World Raven** \$12.95 (Long War #4: The dead god's power-mad priestess has

deployed a mass of men and beasts onto the plains. This is the final battle for the mortal lands of Ro. Far to the north, the ice men muster their Exemplars against the witch's assassins. In the southern deserts, a squire with no master walks unscathed through a poisoned city. And in the halls beyond the world, a thrice-born man dares to tread the path of Giants.)

- Sparks, Joel **Cat Dice** \$11.00 (Call of Catthulhu: A set of six 6-sided dice - faces 1-2 show Sad Cats, faces 3-6 show Happy Cats (faces are also numbered, so these can be used for any game requiring 6-sided dice).)
- Sullivan, Kathryn **Agents, Adepts, and Apprentices** \$15.99 (Ages 13 and up. Collection. In these stories of magic and off-world adventures, girls are the explorers, the wizards, and the ones who solve problems and rescue people.)
- Wells, H.G. **Christina Alberta's Father** \$14.95 (Reissue; In the months following his wife's death, Mr. Preemby, a retired laundryman, becomes convinced that he is the incarnation of Sargon, the ancient king of Sumeria, returned to save a world upturned by the Great War. Trying to make sense of Mr. Preemby is his stepdaughter, Christina Alberta.)

EARLY DECEMBER

- Ahmed/Carson/Grant/Miller **Canto Bight** \$28.99 (Star Wars: Anthology. Four interconnected novellas featuring the adventures of the aliens and creatures who frequent the captivating casino.)
- Arden, Katherine **The Girl in the Tower** \$27.00 (Vasya #2: Cast out as a witch by her village, Vasya disguises herself as a boy and riding her trusted horse Solovey into the woods. A battle with some bandits earns her the admiration of the Grand Prince of Moscow. She must guard her secrets to remain in his good graces, even as she realizes his kingdom is threatened by arcane forces only she will be able to stop.)
- Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia **Of the Divine** \$6.99 (Mancer #2: The time has come for Kavet's royal house to magically challenge Osei dominion. Amid these plans, Dahlia's arrival in the city shouldn't matter. She has no magic and no royal lineage, and yet Henna immediately knows Dahlia is important. She just can't see why.)
- Bara, Dave **Defiant** \$7.99 (Lightship #3: On a diplomatic mission to Korivar, an old ally of Pendax, Peter and Karina are attacked by the Korivar government.)
- Barwin, Gary **Yiddish for Pirates** \$18.00 (From a present-day Florida nursing home, a wisecracking yet poetic parrot tells tales of the 1490s, of pirates, buried treasure, and a search for the Fountain of Youth by his 'shoulder' Moishe, a young Jewish man who has been expelled from Spain.)
- Bing, Stanley **Immortal Life** \$26.00 (Monstrous tech tycoon Arthur Vogel's time is running out, but he has a plan to cheat death: Gene, a human being specifically created to house Vogel's consciousness. Gene has other ideas.)
- Blake, Deborah **Dangerously Divine** \$7.99 (Broken Riders #2: PBO; Ciera Evans has dedicated her life to saving lost teens by any means necessary. She works alone, but when Gregori Sun proposes they team up, she is tempted - in more ways than one.)
- Charlton, Blake **Spellbreaker** \$16.99 (Spellwright #3: Leandra obtains a prophetic spell that provides a glimpse into her future, and discovers that she is doomed to murder someone she loves soon - but who? Her quest to unravel the mystery becomes more urgent as Ixos is plagued by conflict and disaster.)
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi et al **Avengers of the New World Book 1** \$16.99 (Black Panther #4: Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 13-18 of the comic book. Where have all the gods of Wakanda gone? T'Challa means to find out.)
- Corey, James S.A. **Persepolis Rising** \$28.00 (Expanse #7: The inner planets and belt have formed a tentative alliance haunted by a history of wars and prejudices. On the lost colony world of Laconia, a hidden enemy has a new vision for all of humanity - and the power to enforce it. New technologies clash with old as the ancient patterns of war and subjugation return, but the forces being unleashed have their own price, and will change the shape of humanity unexpectedly.)
- Correia, L/Kupari, M **Alliance of Shadows** \$7.99 (Lorenzo & Valentine #3: Europe is in chaos, and Valentine is there with a small team of mercs trying to track down a dangerous mastermind who is determined to do away with those standing between her and ultimate power. Meanwhile, in a drug lord's dungeon, Lorenzo makes a deal that may lead him to cross paths with Valentine again.)
- Douglas, Ian **Darkness Falling** \$7.99 (Andromedan Dark #2: PBO; The colony ship has reached a part of the universe no human has ever seen, and is facing something that seems to

- have no weakness, whose sole purpose seems to be devouring civilizations. With both time and space as enemies, Lord Commander Grayson St. Clair must figure out a way to maintain military order on a mission that was supposed to be civilian, and to bring the ship back to the Milky Way.)
- Ellsworth, Spencer **Shadow Sun Seven** \$16.99 (Starfire #2: PBO; Jaqi, Araskar, and Z are on the run from everyone - the Resistance, the remnants of the Empire, the cyborg Suits, and the Matakas. The Matakas are the most pressing concern because the insectoid aliens have the drop on them. But Araskar knows how to get to a huge supply of pure oxygen cells, and that might be enough to buy their freedom. With the Matakas as troops, they break into Shadow Sun Seven.)
- Flint/Gannon **1636: The Vatican Sanctions** \$25.00 (Ring of Fire: Most of the Roman Catholic Church's senior leaders have converged in Burgundy, where renegade Pope Urban plans to offer an ecumenical olive branch to other Christian denominations. Fortunately, he has up-time help to fend off assassination attempts.)
- Foglio, Phil&Kaja **The Incorruptible Library** \$25.00 (Girl Genius Second Journey Volume 3: PBO; Ages 13 and up. Full color graphic novel. Agatha continues her search for a way to free the Heterodynes' castle from a bubble of stopped time.)
- Gaiman, Neil et al **Only the End of the World Again** \$19.99 (Reissue; Graphic novel. Adjustor Lawrence Talbot sets up shop in Innsmouth, only to discover that the world may be ending, and that the instrument of its destruction is a werewolf.)
- Garrison, Nathan **The Light That Binds** \$7.99 (Sundered World #3: A new threat has emerged: the Ruvak. It quickly becomes clear that the forces of man, mierothi, and valynkar combined are no match for this new foe, who are vast in number and peculiarly resistant to magic. Queen Arivana must now make hard decisions for her people and for the world.)
- Goodkind, Terry **Death's Mistress** \$9.99 (Nicci Chronicles #1: With the reign of Richard and Kahlan finally stabilized, Nicci sets out on her own for new adventures, her first job being to keep the unworldly prophet Nathan out of trouble.)
- Goscinnny/Uderzo/et al **Asterix and the Missing Scroll** \$12.99 (Asterix #36: Ages 9 and up. Full color graphic novel. When Julius Caesar's publisher recommends cutting a chapter about defeats at the hands of the Gauls of Armorica, can Asterix and his friends make sure the truth is revealed?)
- Haley, Guy **The Devastation of Baal** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Space Marine Conquests: Lord Dante returns to Baal to marshal the entire Blood Angels Chapter and their Successors against Hive Fleet Leviathan.)
- Hossain, Saad Z. **Djinn City** \$16.00 (Indelbed is a lonely kid living in a crumbling mansion in chaotic Bangladesh. When he learns that his dead mother was a djinn and his drunken lout of a father is a magician, his whole world is turned inside out. And then he's kidnapped by a djinn.)
- Hunter, Faith **Flame in the Dark** \$7.99 (Soulwood #3: PBO; Nell's team is called in to hunt for a would-be assassin who is invisible to security cameras and literally disappeared.)
- Jemisin, N.K. **Mass Effect: Initiation** \$7.99 (PBO; Novel based on the game.)
- Kessel, John **The Moon and the Other** \$16.99 (22nd century: Millions live in underground lunar city-states. The Society of Cousins is a matriarchy, where men are supported in any career choice but can't vote. When the Organization of Lunar States sends a team to investigate how the men are treated, the Society's secrets are revealed, the first lunar war erupts, and everyone must decide what is truly worth fighting for.)
- King, Stephen **Revival** \$9.99 (The charismatic new minister and his beautiful wife will transform young Jamie's New England town. The men and boys are a bit in love with Mrs. Jacobs; the women and girls with Reverend Jacobs. Then tragedy strikes, the preacher curses God, and is banished. Jamie plays in bands, running from his family tragedies, losing jobs when his addictions get the better of him. Decades later, sober and living a decent life, he and Reverend Jacobs meet again in a pact beyond even the Devil's devising, and the many terrifying meanings of Revival are revealed.)
- Lackey, Mercedes (ed) **Pathways** \$7.99 (Valdemar: Anthology. Original tales of Valdemar, including one by Lackey.)
- Lee, Tanith **The White Serpent** \$7.99 (Wars of Vis #3: Reissue; Aztira can grant life and defy death, enchant men or destroy them. Rehger, sold into slavery as a child, will become one of the finest warriors in the land, but all his prowess at arms will not save him from the dangerous bewitchment of the White Witch.)
- Maaren, Kari **Weave a Circle Round** \$15.99 (Freddy doesn't want people to think she's weird, but her family makes that difficult. Then Cuerva Lachance and Josiah move in next door.

- They definitely aren't normal. Neither is their house, which defies the laws of physics. Neither is Freddy's situation, when she suddenly finds herself stuck thousands of years in the past with her very weird neighbors.)
- Mack, David **Fortune of War** \$7.99 (Star Trek: Titan: PBO; A discovery by a Federation cultural research team draws the attention of several ruthless factions to the desolate worlds and derelict spacecraft of the exterminated Husnocks.)
- Martin, George (ed) **Mississippi Roll** \$27.99 (Wild Cards #24: A mosaic novel. Take an adventurous jaunt along the great river with many of your favorite Wild Cards.)
- Matheson, Richard **Duel: Terror Stories** \$8.99 (Collection. Horror stories, including several that inspired episodes of *The Twilight Zone*.)
- Matthews, Susan R. **Fleet Insurgent** \$16.00 (Under Jurisdiction: PBO; Collects all the short fiction set in the Jurisdiction universe.)
- McClellan, Brian **Sins of Empire** \$15.99 (Gods of Blood & Powder #1: A new series set in the Powder Mage world. Only the iron will of the chancellor and her secret police hold the city of Landfall together against the unrest of an oppressed population and the machinations of powerful empires. The insurrection must be purged with guile and force, a task which falls to spy Michel Brevis, convicted war hero Mad Ben Styke, and mercenary general Lady Vloro Flint.)
- McNeill, Graham **The Crimson King** \$18.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Removed from the concerns of the galaxy at large, Magnus the Red has dedicated himself to preserving all the knowledge once held in the great libraries of Tizca. But his sons can see that he is a broken soul, mind and memories slipping away into the tumult of the warp.)
- Moon, Elizabeth **Cold Welcome** \$8.99 (Vatta's Peace #1: Kylara Vatta has been summoned home to Slotter Key. When her shuttle is sabotaged, crashing in arctic waters, she and her fellow passengers manage to reach a frozen island, long reported to be a terraforming failure. What she discovers there is shocking.)
- Moore, James A. **The Last Sacrifice** \$7.99 (Tides of War #1: Since time began, the Grakhul have sought to keep the world in balance and the gods appeased. When they take the family of Brogan McTyre to offer as sacrifice to the deities, everything changes.)
- Palmer, Ada **Seven Surrenders** \$17.99 (Terra Ignota #2: It is a world in which near-instantaneous travel is free, automation provides for basic needs, binary gender distinctions are archaic, and nationality is a fading memory. And the entire social order is teetering, because even in utopia, humans will conspire - and because something new has arisen, a child who can bring inanimate objects to conscious life.)
- Palmer, Ada **The Will to Battle** \$26.99 (Terra Ignota #3: Corruption, deception, and insurgency hum within the once steadfast leadership of the Hives. For decades, even centuries, the leaders of the great Hives maintained stability with a trickle of secret murders, mathematically planned, so that no faction could ever dominate. As the great secret becomes more widely known, the Hives' facade of solidarity is slipping away. Now everyone scrambles to prepare for the seemingly inevitable war.)
- Reynolds, Josh **Plague Garden** \$16.00 (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Gardus, newly reforged and fresh from the destruction of the Scabrous Sprawl, must lead his warriors into the heart of Nurgle's realm in search of missing Lord-Castellant Lorrus Grymn.)
- Roberts, Nora **Year One** \$27.99 (Chronicles of the One #1: The sickness came on suddenly and spread quickly; law and government collapsed. And as science and tech receded, magic rose in its place. Some good. And some unimaginably evil.)
- Savile, Steven **Glass Town** \$25.99 (In 1924, two brothers both loved actress Eleanor Raines, who disappeared during the filming of Alfred Hitchcock's debut film, which itself is now lost. The actress was never seen again, and a gangster disappeared the same day. Generations have passed. Everyone involved is long dead. But even now their dark, twisted secret threatens to tear the city apart.)
- Scholes, Ken **Hymn** \$29.99 (Psalms of Isaak #5: Believing that his son is dead, Rudolfo has pretended to join the Y'Zirite forces, but plans to destroy them with a targeted poison. Jin Li Tam is fighting a war with her own father that will bring Y'Zir to ruin. And on the Moon, Neb takes the power of the Last Home Temple for his own.)
- Skovron, Jon **Blood and Tempest** \$9.99 (Empire of Storms #3: PBO; As Hope struggles to understand what it means to be a warrior who has vowed to never again take up a sword, Red is enjoying his new role as imperial spy - perhaps a bit too much. His employer tasks him with recruiting Hope and Brigga Lin to help rid the empire of biomancy once and for all.)
- Smith, Nicholas Sansbury **Extinction War** \$9.99 (Extinction Cycle #7: In Europe, Team Ghost returns from a mission deep in enemy territory to find that the Variant army has grown stronger and is

- advancing on Paris. In the US, the Safe Zones continue to rally behind the ROT flag; Davis and Beckham will risk everything to defeat ROT and prevent civil war.)
- Spoor, Ryk E. **Princess Holy Aura** \$16.00 (PBO; A child's scream leads Stephen Russ to an alley, where a white rat tells him that his courage make him the perfect choice to be a defender of the world against the forces of Azathoth Nine-Armed. A defender named Princess Holy Aura.)
- Stross, Charles **Empire Games** \$15.99 (Empire Games #1: In an alternate 2020, two nuclear superpowers are set on a collision course, two increasingly desperate paratime espionage agencies are fumbling around looking for a solution, and a mother and long-lost daughter are about to find themselves on opposite sides of the confrontation.)
- Sutherland, Tui T. **Darkstalker** \$7.99 (Wings of Fire: Legends #1: Ages 8 and up. In the SeaWing kingdom, a young prince learns he is an animus, capable of wonderful magic that comes at a terrible price. In the mind of a NightWing dragonet, a thousand futures unfold, almost all of them leading to disaster. And the most powerful dragon ever is clawing his way out of his egg: Darkstalker, who will change the world forever.)
- Weber, David **Shadow of Victory** \$8.99 (Honorverse #7: The Alignment launched a covert op designed to harden Solarian determination to destroy the Star Empire and undercut Manticore's reputation as a star nation of its word. But even the best laid plans can have unintended consequences, and in this case one of those may be a new dawn of freedom for star nations everywhere.)
- Wendig, Chuck **Thunderbird** \$16.99 (Miriam Black #4: Miriam is becoming addicted to her death visions, but also trying out something new: hope. She is in search of another psychic who can help with her curse, but instead finds a group of domestic terrorists in her deadliest vision to date.)

MID DECEMBER

- Aaronovitch, Ben et al **Detective Stories** \$16.99 (Rivers of London GN #4: PBO; Full color graphic novel. Wizardly PC Peter Grant, DC Sahra Guleed, and their associates tackle supernatural crime in London.)
- Abnett, Dan **The Founding: First & Only / Ghostmaker / Necropolis** \$21.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Gaunt's Ghosts: Omnibus reprint. 3 novels.)
- Abnett, Dan **The Warmaster** \$27.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Gaunt's Ghosts: Gaunt and the Tanith First race to the strategically vital forge world of Urdesh, which is besieged by the brutal armies of Anarch Sek.)
- Ahmed, Saladin et al **Hard Time** \$17.99 (Black Bolt #1: Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 1-6 of the comic book. The silent king of the Inhumans is imprisoned. But where, and why, and who could be powerful enough to hold him captive?)
- Cervený, Catherine **The Chaos of Luck** \$15.99 (Felicia Sevigny #2: Felicia Sevigny has come to Mars for a fresh start, bringing the tarot cards that have been her family's trade for generations, and hoping to leave the rest of her troubled past behind. But her cards keep predicting something even darker ahead. It could mean the end - for her and Alexei, for the entire TriSystem, for all of humanity.)
- Datlow, Ellen (ed) **Mad Hatters and March Hares** \$15.99 Trade PB, \$29.99 Hardcover (Anthology. Original stories set in Lewis Carroll's Wonderland.)
- Davis, Jim **Garfield Feeds His Face** \$14.00 (Garfield #64: Full color comic strips.)
- Morden, Simon **The White City** \$13.99 (Down #2: Mary and Dalip now hold maps that reveal the way to the White City, but to get there they must rely on Crows, who has betrayed them at every turn. And they must ask themselves how far they will go to find their way home, because if there's one thing the White City offers those brave enough to enter, it's more than they bargained for.)
- Parker, K.J. **The Two of Swords Volume 3** \$15.99 (Continues the story of war on a grand scale, told through the eyes of soldiers, politicians, victims, and heroes.)
- Reynolds, Josh **Fabius Bile: Primogenitor** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Once the chief apothecary of the Emperor's Children, Fabius Bile possesses a knowledge of genetic manipulation second to none. Exiled for his dark experiments, he has retreated deep into the Eye of Terror, leaving a trail of twisted abominations in his wake.)
- Schubert, Sean **Fyre** \$16.00 (A torrent of flames scorched the Earth and most of its inhabitants and civilizations. With those responsible determined to finish the job, humanity's last hope is a group of young survivors in Alaska.)
- Stevenson, Noelle et al **A Bird's-Eye View** \$14.99 (Lumberjanes #7: Ages 10 and up. Full color graphic novel. The High Council is coming to camp, and counselor Jen is determined that

everything will be perfect - even though a storm is brewing, and kittens from the boys' camp are manifesting magical powers.)

Sykes/Espiritu **Brave Chef Brianna** \$14.99 (Ages 8 and up. Full color graphic novel. Determined to win the competition to take over her family's restaurant empire, Brianna sets up shop the only place she can afford: Monster City. Now she has a weird menu, a harpy managing her kitchen, and a dining room full of skeleton businessmen.)

EARLY JANUARY

Bates, Callie **The Waking Land** \$16.00 (Waking Land #1: When the king who raised her like a daughter dies under suspicious circumstances, Elanna is accused of his murder, and must flee for her life, returning to the homeland of magical legends she had forsaken. Feeling a strange, deep connection to the natural world, she also must face the truth about the powers that stir within her.)

Black, Holly **The Cruel Prince** \$18.99 (Folk of the Air #1: Ages 15 and up. Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, but humans are despised by many of the fey, especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him - and face the consequences; Signed copies expected)

Bleackley, H.G. **Sleep Over** \$14.99 (An oral history of a devastating apocalypse caused by a worldwide plague of insomnia.)

Bova, Ben **Survival** \$25.99 (Star Quest #3: A human team sent to scout a few hundred lightyears in front of the death wave encounters a far more advanced civilization of machine intelligences. They have survived earlier death waves, and are uninterested in helping save other civilizations - but to protect themselves, they refuse to let the humans leave their planet.)

Brockway, Robert **Kill All Angels** \$26.99 (Vicious Circuit #3: Carey and Randall have reached LA during the early 1980s punk scene, which is heavily mixed up with Chinatown. A young Chinese girl is the Empty One that seems to run things there. In modern times, Kaitlyn and company have also returned to LA, because she has been having visions that may be telling her how to kill all the angels, and LA is the only place they know where to find one.)

Brust, Steven/White, Skyler **The Skill of Our Hands** \$16.99 (Incrementalists #2: Phil has been shot dead. The Incrementalists will bring him back, but first they need to know what happened. Their investigation leads down unexpected paths in contemporary Arizona, but the key may lay in 1859 Kansas and the fate of John Brown.)

Duncan, Rod **The Queen of All Crows** \$9.99 (Map of Unknown Things #1: Set in 2012 in the world of the Gas-Lit Empire. The nations of the world are bound together in an alliance overseen by the International Patent Office and its ruthless stranglehold on technology. When airships begin disappearing, the Patent Office sends spies to investigate.)

Flint/Barber **1636: Mission to the Mughals** \$7.99 (Ring of Fire: With the USE in need of a reliable source of medicinal opiates, as well as other goods not available in Europe, Prime Minister Mike Stearns sends a mission to the Mughal Empire with the aim of securing a trade deal.)

Gilman, Laura Anne **The Cold Eye** \$16.99 (Devil's West #2: There is a growing danger in the bones of the land that is killing livestock, threatening souls, and weakening the power of magic. Can Isobel and Gabriel stop the people behind it before the Territory unravels?)

Guerrier, Simon **The Book of Whoniversal Records** \$19.99 (Full color. A handy compilation of the greatest and strangest details of the Whoverse.)

Hobb, Robin **Assassin's Fate** \$9.99 (Fitz & the Fool #3: Fitz and the Fool, believing Bee is dead, embark on a mission of revenge to the island where the Servants live - a place the Fool once called home and later called prison.)

Hodgson, William Hope **The House on the Borderland and Other Mysterious Places** \$17.99 (Collected Fiction #2: 2nd of 5 volumes collecting Hodgson's dark and unsettling stories and novels.)

Joyner, C. Courtney **Nemo Rising** \$27.99 (With sea monsters sinking ships up and down the Atlantic coast, President Ulysses S. Grant is forced to seek assistance from Captain Nemo, who is in prison awaiting execution for war crimes. Back aboard his submarine, Nemo sets off in search of answers under the sea - but the enemy may be closer than he realizes.)

Kelly, Phil **Farsight: Crisis of Faith** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Promising young commander Farsight is promoted to lead a crusade to reclaim the tau's lost colonies from mankind, but soon finds himself facing unanticipated enemies.)

Knaak, Richard A. **Cut from the Same Shadow and Other Tales** \$16.00 (Legends of the Dragonrealm: Five novellas, two original to this collection.)

Lee, Sharon/Miller, Steve **Neogenesis** \$25.00 (Liaden: Among those with a stake in the freedom of Independent Logics is Theo Waitley. Theo's brother Val Con yos'Phelium presides over a household employing an AI butler, and recently approved the 'birth' of the butler's child. Then there's Uncle, the shadowy mastermind from the Old Universe. And the puppet-masters at the Lyre Institute. All have an interest in the newly awakening Self-Aware Logic that is rumored to have the power to destroy universes. The question is: Who will get to it first? ; Signed copies expected)

Lewis, Erika **Game of Shadows** \$7.99 (Between his ability to see ghosts and his mother watching his every move, Ethan feels imprisoned. When he seizes a chance to leave the house for the first time in his life, he finds himself in an eerie world like nothing he's ever seen - and learns that his destiny is likely to get him killed.)

Malfi, Ronald **The Night Parade** \$9.99 (A plague of delusions, daydreams, and nightmares threatens to wipe out the human race.)

Moore, David (ed) **The True History of the Strange Brigade** \$9.99 (Anthology. Five tales of the Department of Antiquities, tasked with confronting the ancient and terrible supernatural evils found lurking in remote corners of the British Empire.)

Moore, James A. **Fallen Gods** \$14.99 (Tides of War #2: Brogan McTyre and his compatriots are wanted dead or alive, preferably alive so they can be sacrificed to the raging gods. Deep in the heart of the Broken Blade Mountains is a sword containing the heart of a god slain in combat. It might give Brogan an edge against the gods, but finding it isn't going to be easy.)

Moreci, Michael **Black Star Renegades** \$27.99 (Cade Sura holds the future in his hands: the ultimate weapon that will bring total peace. He doesn't want it, but if he doesn't wield it, everyone's totally screwed. He's not going to let destiny send him on a suicide run, though - with the help of some friends, he's going to use it to chart a new destiny for the galaxy, and for himself.)

Newman, Kim **The Man from the Diogenes Club** \$14.95 (Collection. 10 tales of debonair psychic investigator Richard Jespersion of the Diogenes Club, the least-known yet most essential branch of British Intelligence.)

Ober, Damien Lincoln **Doctor Benjamin Franklin's Dream America** \$14.99 (18th-century America: After an internet plague breaks out in the cloud, killing any user who accesses a networked device, a faction of the Founding Fathers codes a new operating system designed to stabilize the cloud and ensure lasting American prosperity. Believing the draconian regulations of the new OS betray the hard-fought revolution, Thomas Jefferson organizes a small-government opposition to fight Washington's Federalist administration.)

Parisien/Wolfe (ed) **Robots vs. Fairies** \$16.99 (Anthology. Stories pitting robots against fairies.)

Reynolds, Josh **Fulgrim: The Palatine Phoenix** \$19.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: Determined to take his rightful place in the Crusade, and accompanied by seven of his finest warriors, Fulgrim seeks to bring a rebellious world into compliance by any means necessary.)

Savile, Steven **Vampire Wars: Inheritance / Dominion / Retribution** \$21.00 (Warhammer: Von Carstein #1 / #2 / #3: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels.)

Scalzi, John **The Collapsing Empire** \$9.99 (FTL travel became possible when humans discovered The Flow. They spread into space, creating the Interdependency, whose ethos requires that no human outpost can survive without the others - a hedge against war, but also a means of control for the rulers. When it's discovered that The Flow is shifting, possibly cutting off all human worlds from FTL travel forever, a scientist, a starship captain, and the Empress race against time to discover if anything can be salvaged from an empire on the brink of collapse.)

Shvartsman, Alex (ed) **The Cackle of Cthulhu** \$16.00 (PBO; Anthology. Stories that lampoon, parody, and subvert Lovecraft's Mythos.)

Singh, Nalini **Silver Silence** \$7.99 (Psy-Changeling: Trinity #1: Silver has no room in her life for wildness and chaos, and that's exactly what Valentin, alpha of the StoneWater Bears, brings with him. Then an assassin almost succeeds in poisoning Silver. Her would-be assassin has no idea what they've unleashed.)

Taylor, Travis S. **Kill Before Dying** \$7.99 (Tau Ceti #5: 150 years after the Martian Separatist Wars,

- Alexander Moore and his forces return to the stars to hunt down remnant weaponry platforms left by the brilliant, mad AI Copernicus. Copernicus, meanwhile, has formed an alliance with something else out there, and plans to wipe humanity from the galaxy.)
- Thorpe, Gav **Angels of Caliban** \$9.99 (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarch Lion El'Jonson stands as Lord Protector of Ultramar - but when word comes of the Night Lords' attack on Sotha, the Lion's brutal actions bring Imperium Secundus once again to the brink of civil war.)
- Tilahun, Na'amien Gobert **The Tree** \$14.99 (Wrath & Athenaeum #2: PBO; Between Earth and Corpiliu, a war is developing on two fronts, one that might mean the end of both dimensions.)
- Weber, David **In Enemy Hands limited leatherbound edition** \$36.00 (Honor Harrington #7: Reissue; Honor's orders take her straight into an ambush. She has two options: see her people die in a futile battle, or surrender to the Peeps. And so Honor finds herself bound for a prison planet, and scheduled for execution; Signed copies)
- Wilks, Eileen **Dragon Blood** \$7.99 (Lupi #14: Lily and Rule must find their ways back to each other as the war against a vengeful goddess reaches its climax.)
- Williams, Tad **The Heart of What Was Lost** \$15.00 (Osten Ard: Set between the end of *To Green Angel Tower* and its epilogue, telling how King Simon and Queen Miramele's forces drove the Norns out of the lands of men.)
- Wilson, G. Willow et al **Mecca** \$17.99 (Ms. Marvel #8: Ages 13 and up. Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 19-24 of the comic book. An enemy from Ms. Marvel's past resurfaces, targeting those closest to Kamala.)
- Wright, John C. **Count to Infinity** \$27.99 (Montrose #5: The alien monstrosities of Ain are revealed at last, their hidden past laid bare along with the reason for their brutal treatment of other species. And they still have one more secret that could upend everything Montrose has fought so long to achieve.)
- Zahn, Timothy **Cobra Traitor** \$16.00 (Cobra Rebellion #3: PBO; The alien Troft are planning to annihilate the Cobras. To survive, the Cobras may have to align themselves with the hated Dominion of Man.)

MID JANUARY

- Annandale, David **Castellan Crowe: Warden of the Blade** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Castellan Crowe and his brother Purifiers bring purging flame to a daemonic incursion that threatens Sandava I, but what awaits them there is more insidious and powerful than they imagine. And they must reckon as well with the dread Blade of Antwyr, as it seeks to destroy its guardian Crowe.)
- Asher, Neal **Infinity Engine** \$15.99 (Polity: Transformation #3: In the outskirts of space and the far corners of the Polity, complex dealings are in play as rogue AI Penny Royal makes a final stand.)
- Bancroft, Josiah **Senlin Ascends** \$15.99 (Books of Babel #1: On a trip to the Tower of Babel, schoolmaster Thomas Senlin gets separated from his wife. To find her, he must navigate madhouses, ballrooms, and burlesque theaters, and survive betrayal, assassins, and the illusions of the Tower.)
- Belcher, R.S. **Nightwise** \$16.99 (A promise to a dying friend sets occult legend Laytham Ballard on the trail of an escaped Serbian war criminal with a sinister history of blood sacrifices. To find the man, Ballard must follow a treacherous path while risking what's left of his soul.)
- Bolander, Brooke **The Only Harmless Great Thing** \$10.99 (Novella. In the early years of the 20th century, a group of female factory workers in New Jersey slowly died of radiation poisoning. Around the same time, an Indian elephant was deliberately put to death with electricity on Coney Island. These are the facts. Now these tragedies are intertwined in an alternate history of rage, radioactivity, and injustice crying out to be righted.)
- Brown, Pierce **Iron Gold** \$28.00 (Red Rising #4: Ten years later, Darrow and the Rising are battling the remaining Gold loyalist forces, closer than ever to abolishing the caste system. But new foes will emerge from the shadows to threaten the imperfect victory they have earned.)
- Carey, Jacqueline **Miranda and Caliban** \$15.99 (A retelling of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* centered on Miranda, Prospero's dutiful daughter, and Caliban, the feral boy Prospero has enchanted to serve him.)
- Carey, M.R. (Mike) **The Boy on the Bridge** \$16.99 (Set ten years before *The Girl with All the Gifts*.)

- Once upon a time, in a land blighted by terror, there was a very clever boy. The people thought he could save them, so they opened their gates and sent him out into the world. To where the monsters lived.)
- Cogman, Genevieve **The Lost Plot** \$15.00 (Invisible Library #4: A dragon wants Irene to find a copy of a very rare book, a task which might improve Irene's tarnished standing at the Library. Irene and Kai hunt for the book in a Prohibition-era New York full of museums, but they're not the only ones after it.)
- Dyer, Thoraiya **Crossroads of Canopy** \$15.99 (Titan's Forest #1: Unar serves in the Garden of the goddess Audblayin, ruler of growth and fertility. When the goddess dies, Unar sees an opportunity for glory - at the risk of descending into the unknown dangers of Understorey to look for a reincarnated newborn god.)
- Emerson, Kevin **Last Day on Mars** \$6.99 (Chronicle of the Dark Star #1: Ages 8 and up. 2213: With the Earth burned to a cinder by the sun, which is becoming a supernova, humanity has fled to Mars to prepare for a much longer trip to a distant world. Scheduled to leave Mars on the last starliner, Liam and his friend Phoebe make a series of discoveries about time and space - and learn that humans are just one of many races locked in a struggle for survival.)
- Gay, Kelly **Smoke and Shadow** \$9.99 (Halo: Novel based on the game.)
- Goodkind, Terry **Shroud of Eternity** \$29.99 (Nicci Chronicles #2: Nicci and her companions Nathan and Bannon set out on a quest to restore Nathan's magic and, in Nicci's case, save the world; Signed copies expected)
- Haley, Guy **Dark Imperium** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Cadia has fallen, and a Great Rift in the warp has opened. From its depths spew daemons and the horrors of Old Night. But a long-absent hero has returned, and with him comes the wrath of the Ultramarines reborn.)
- Harkaway, Nick **Gnomon** \$28.95 (When a suspected dissident dies in custody, a trusted state inspector is assigned to find out what went wrong during the interrogation. What she finds in the neural recordings are impossible characters in the suspect's psyche - and embedded in those memories a code that must be deciphered to reveal what the suspect was hiding.)
- Hoare, Andy **Rogue Trader: Rogue Star / Star of Damocles / Savage Scars** \$21.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels.)
- Isbell, Tom **The Release** \$9.99 (Prey #3: Ages 13 and up. Book, Cat, Hope, and the others plot to overthrow Chancellor Maddox before she implements her Final Solution.)
- Islington, James **An Echo of Things to Come** \$16.99 (Licanius #2: Amnesty has been declared for the Augurs, but their reprieve may have come too late. In the capital, Wirr becomes Northwarden amid controversy, and Asha investigates the disappearance of the Shadows. Caeden races to fulfill the treacherous bargain with the Lyth, even as his returning memories suggest that the roots of the ancient war may not be as clear-cut as they seemed.)
- Joshi, S.T. (ed) **Black Wings of Cthulhu Volume 5** \$14.95 (Anthology. Original stories of the Lovecraft Mythos.)
- McCullough, Kelly **Magic, Madness, and Mischief** \$16.99 (Ages 10 and up. Kalvan is worried. Either he's losing it, or he really did wake up with uncontrollable fire magic, and accidentally summon a snarky talking fire hare. But the same fire magic that allows him to talk his way in and out of trouble burned too brightly in Kalvan's mother, leaving her damaged and vulnerable to the spells of the Winter King. Can Kalvan gain control of his power in time to save her? Signed copies expected)
- McGuire, Seanan **Beneath the Sugar Sky** \$17.99 (Wayward Children #3: Novella. When Rini lands with a literal splash in the pond behind Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children, the last thing she expects to find is that her mother Sumi died years before Rini was even conceived. But Rini can't let reality get in the way of her quest - not when she has an entire world to save. Luckily, the student body knows a lot about quests; Signed copies expected)
- Mehrotra, Rati **Markswoman** \$15.99 (Asiana #1: The Order of Kali, elite warriors armed with telepathic blades, are guided by a strict code and sworn to protect the people of Asiana. When the dangerous Mistress of the Mental Arts assumes control of the Order, Kyra searches for proof that the woman committed murder to gain power.)
- Mieville, China **The Last Days of New Paris** \$15.00 (1941: In wartime Marseille, occultist Jack Parsons stumbles onto an anti-Nazi group that includes surrealist Andre Breton. Parsons unwittingly unleashes the power of dreams and nightmares, changing the war and the world forever. 1950: Thibaut, a lone Surrealist fighter, walks a new,

- hallucinogenic Paris, where the Nazis and the Resistance engage in unending conflict, where living images and texts and the forces of Hell stalk the streets. To escape, he must join forces with Sam, an American photographer. But Sam is being hunted, and new secrets will emerge that will test their loyalties to each other, to Paris old and new, and to reality itself.)
- Okorafor, Nnedi **The Night Masquerade** \$14.99 (Binti #3: Novella. Although Binti's people are peaceful on the whole, the same can not be said of the Khoush, who fan the flames of their ancient rivalry with the Meduse. Far from her village when the conflicts start, Binti hurries home. It is up to her and her new friend Mwinyi to intervene and try to prevent a war.)
- Reynolds, Alastair **Elysium Fire** \$15.99 (Ten thousand city-state habitats orbit the planet Yellowstone, forming a near-perfect democratic human paradise, but even utopia needs a police force, and Panoply prefect Tom Dreyfus has a new emergency on his hands. Across the habitats, people are dying suddenly and randomly from a bizarre malfunction of their neural implants, leaving no clues as to the cause of their deaths. And as panic rises in the populace, a charismatic figure is sowing insurrection.)
- Sagara, Michelle **Cast in Deception** \$15.99 (Elantra #13: Annarion has begun to mend his relationship with his outcast brother, and is determined to restore their family's honor by undertaking the Barrani Test of Name. Knowing the risks involved if the dark force lying beneath the Barrani Court is unleashed, Kaylin and her friends must find a way to stop him.)
- Shelley, Mary **Frankenstein: The 1818 Text** \$10.00 (Her original 1818 text, restoring the hard-hitting and politically charged aspects of her writing, as well as her unflinching wit and strong voice - all of which were heavily edited by her husband and male editors for the 1831 edition.)
- Spurrier, Jo **Black Sun Light My Way** \$15.99 (Children of the Black Sun #2: Sierra has always battled to control her powers, but now her life depends on keeping her skills hidden from the Akharians as she and Isidro draw closer to Demon's Spire. When her powers turn destructive, she must turn for help to the uncertain mercy of her old enemy Rasten.)
- Stross, Charles **Dark State** \$25.99 (Empire Games #2: In the near-future, two nuclear superpowers are about to collide across timelines. In Commissioner Burgeson's timeline, her top agents run a high-risk extraction of a major political player. Meanwhile, Rita, newly minted spy and Burgeson's estranged daughter, must contend with an activated sleeper cell that threatens to unravel everything.)
- Tarkoff, Sarah **Sinless** \$15.99 (Eye of the Beholder #1: Those who are 'good' are blessed with beauty, while those who are not suffer disfigurement, or even death. When cleric's daughter Grace Luther discovers information that her world is more complicated than it seems, she finds herself in an epic battle where good and evil are not so easily determined.)
- Wells, Dan **Ones and Zeroes** \$9.99 (Mirador #2: Ages 13 and up. Marisa is on the hunt for mysterious hacker Grendel when she receives word that her amateur Overworld team has been invited to an exclusive tournament. The tournament turns out to be more than it seems - and winning might be the only way to get out alive.)
- Wendig, Chuck **The Raptor & the Wren** \$16.99 (Miriam Black #5: Miriam has learned she must undo the tragedies of her past in order to move forward. One of those is Wren, now a teen caught in a bad relationship with the forces that haunt Miriam. Miriam must try to save the girl.)
- Wexler, Django **The Infernal Battalion** \$28.00 (Shadow Campaigns #5: The Beast has been loosed on the world. Absorbing mind after mind, it threatens the heart of Vordan. Yet the queen and her trusted soldiers have more than arcane powers to fear - it seems they cannot trust one of their own.)
- Wirkus, Tim **The Infinite Future** \$28.00 (A writer, a journalist turned librarian, and an excommunicated Mormon historian set out to discover the true identity of a forgotten Brazilian sf writer, and whether his fabled never-published masterpiece actually exists.)

EARLY FEBRUARY

- Abnett, Dan **The Saint: Honour Guard / The Guns of Tanith / Straight Silver / Sabbat Martyr** \$21.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Gaunt's Ghosts: Omnibus reprint. 4 novels.)
- Adams, D/Goss, J **Doctor Who and the Krikkitmen** \$19.99 (A group of androids in cricket whites

- materialize in a pavilion at Lords Cricket Ground and violently steal the Ashes.)
- Ambrose, E.C. **Elisha Daemon** \$7.99 (Dark Apostle #5: PBO; Elisha must save plague-stricken England from the path of its destruction - or risk succumbing to the dark magic he is trying to eradicate.)
- Anderson, Poul **The Complete Psychotechnic League Volume 2** \$16.00 (PBO; 2nd of 3 volumes reprinting the novels and short fiction in this series.)
- Archer/Schofield **The Complete Predator Omnibus: Concrete Jungle / Cold War / Big Game** \$9.99 (Omnibus reprint. 3 novels.)
- Banks, Angelica **Blueberry Pancakes Forever** \$7.99 (Tuesday McGillycuddy #3: Ages 8 and up. When Denis McGillycuddy dies, time seems to freeze for Tuesday and her mother. In the land of story, Vivienne's world is frozen in perpetual winter. When a villain takes Vivienne hostage, it's up to Tuesday to save her friend - and herself.)
- Barnes, John **Gaudeamus** \$8.99 (Industrial spy Travis Bismark tells the tale of a machine that bends physics to make possible both teleportation and time travel, and how it gets stolen twice.)
- Beaulieu, Bradley P. **With Blood Upon the Sand** \$18.00 (Shattered Sands #2: When Ceda and Emre are drawn into a blood mage's plot, they learn a secret that could shatter the power of the hated kings. But all may be undone if Ceda cannot learn to navigate the shifting tides of power, and to control the growing anger of the asirim that threatens to overwhelm her.)
- Bishop, Anne **Etched in Bone** \$8.99 (Others #5: After the Elders cleansed and reclaimed many human towns, Lakeside Courtyard emerged relatively unscathed. Simon and Meg must still work with the human pack to maintain the fragile peace. But their efforts are threatened when Montgomery's shady brother arrives, looking for easy pickings.)
- Briggs, Patricia **Silence Fallen** \$7.99 (Mercy Thompson #10: Attacked and abducted in her home territory, Mercy finds herself in the clutches of the most powerful vampire in the world. She escapes in coyote form, only to find herself without money or clothing in the heart of Europe. She has allies to find and enemies to fight, and needs to figure out which is which.)
- Brust, Steven **lorich** \$8.99 (Vlad Taltos #12: Why is Alieria suddenly arrested for something everyone knows she's been doing for ages? Why aren't her powerful friends coming to her rescue? Why does she utterly refuse to do anything about her own defense?)
- Burke, Sue **Semiosis** \$25.99 (Colonists from Earth wanted the perfect home, but they'll have to survive on the one they found. They don't realize that another life form watches and waits.)
- Card, O/Johnston, A **The Swarm** \$8.99 (Second Formic War #1: There is a Formic mothership out beyond the Kuiper Belt, and it's heading into the system, unstoppable by any weapons that Earth can muster.)
- Corlett, Anne **The Space Between the Stars** \$15.00 (All Jamie Allenby ever wanted was space, finding work on a frontier world on the edge of civilization. Then the virus hit. Now Jamie finds herself dreadfully alone - until a garbled message from Earth gives her hope. She finds other survivors, and their ragtag group travels through space, drawn to the promise of a new beginning on Earth. But their dream will pit them against those desperately clinging to the old ways.)
- Correia, Larry/Ringo, John **Sinners** \$7.99 (Monster Hunter Memoirs #2: 1980s: Chad Oliver Gardenier is dispatched to New Orleans to reinforce the beleaguered members of HMI's Hoodoo Squad in their fight against loup garou, shadow demons, houdoun necromancers, giant bipedal crocodiles, and vampires.)
- Durst, Sarah Beth **The Reluctant Queen** \$7.99 (Queens of Renthia #2: Queen Daleina is hiding a secret: she is dying. And if she leaves the world before a new heir is ready, the spirits of the realm will run wild, destorying her cities and slaughtering her people.)
- El Akkad, Omar **American War** \$16.95 (Sarat Chestnut is only six when the war breaks out in 2074. But even she knows that oil is outlawed, that her home state of Louisiana is half underwater, and that the unmanned drones that fill the sky are not there to protect her.)
- Favro, Terri **Generation Robot** \$24.99 (Nonfiction. A look at a century of science fact, fiction, and speculation, from the 1950 publication of *I, Robot* to the 2050 Singularity when artificial and human intelligence are predicted to merge.)
- Flint/Goodlett/Huff **1637: The Volga Rules** \$25.00 (Ring of Fire: Inspired by up-timer politics, the winds of rebellion have spread to Russia, where an entire village of serfs now pulls up stakes to make a run for freedom - even as Czar Michael gets some up-timer help to escape the house arrest imposed by his aristocracy and set up a government in exile.)

Fredsti/Fitzgerald **Time Shards** \$14.95 (A cataclysm in the 23rd century shatters six centuries of Earth's timeline into fragments, leaving the past, present, and future existing side by side.)

French, John **Tallarn** \$18.00 (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Perturabo, lord of the Iron Warriors, unleashes a deadly bombardment against the world of Tallarn.)

Gaiman, Neil **Norse Mythology audiobook** \$19.99 (Unabridged; read by the author. Gaiman fashions the great northern tales into a novelistic arc, from the genesis of the nine worlds, to the exploits of deities, dwarves, and giants, to the twilight of the gods and the rebirth of a new time and people.)

Goodkind, Terry **Nest** \$14.99 (Kate Bishop has been thrust into a police inquiry that reveals shocking family secrets. Mysterious author Jack Raines says he has the answers to her questions. But hot on their heels is a force of vicious and bloodthirsty super-predators.)

Gower, Jasmine **Moonshine** \$12.99 (Daisy is a modern girl, keen to establish herself in Soot City, but reluctant to give up the forbidden magic inherited from her grandmother. When bounty hunters start combing the city for magicians, Daisy must decide whether to stay with her new employer - and reveal the grim source of her occult powers.)

Green, Simon R. **Into the Thinnest of Air** \$28.99 (Ishmael Jones #5: Ishmael and his partner Penny are attending the reopening of an ancient Cornish inn. The guests are entertaining one another with ghost stories inspired by local legends when one disappears into thin air. And then another. Is the inn really subject to an ancient curse?)

Hartman, Rachel **Shadow Scale** \$11.99 (Ages 12 and up. Companion novel to *Seraphina*. Tangled in a war between dragon rebels and the human court, Seraphina plans to use her half-dragon / half-human identity to unite the kingdom. But first she must find the other half-dragons, whose unique gifts may make the difference in the battle for the future of her world.)

Hoover, P.J. **Tut: My Epic Battle to Save the World** \$9.99 (Tut #2: Ages 8 and up. When the Egyptian god Apep, Lord of Chaos, kidnaps Tut's brother Gilgamesh, can Tut and his friends Tia and Henry find Gil, and stop Apep's scheme to swallow the sun and plunge the world into eternal darkness?)

James, Vic **Tarnished City** \$25.00 (Dark Gifts #2: In a modern Britain where magic users control wealth and politics, an uprising has been crushed. In its aftermath, the ruthless Jardines make a play for ultimate power. And the Hadleys, once an ordinary family, must find the extraordinary strength to fight back.)

Johnson, Les **Mission to Methone** \$16.00 (PBO; 2065: Chris Holt discovers one of the asteroids he's surveying is in fact a derelict alien spaceship.)

Joyce, P.W. **Old Celtic Romances** \$16.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1879. 13 tales from Celtic mythology, translated by an expert folklorist from rare Gaelic manuscripts.)

Kloos, Marko **Points of Impact** \$14.95 (Frontline #6: Earth's forces have chased the Lanky ships out of the solar system, but flushing the invaders out of their burrows on Mars is wearing down troops, and for the extrasolar colonies, the threat of Lanky attack continues.)

Koch, Gini **Aliens Abroad** \$7.99 (Alien #16: PBO; With Earth becoming overcrowded and the solar system filling up with aliens, it's time to use the tech from the Alpha Centauri and Vatasusan systems to explore new planets and see if any uninhabited ones can be claimed.)

L'Engle, Madeleine **A Wrinkle in Time movie tie-in edition** \$8.99 (Reissue; Ages 10 and up. The arrival of an unearthly stranger takes Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and her schoolmate Calvin on an uncanny search for Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while working on a secret government project.)

L'Engle/Voiklis/Roy **Becoming Madeleine** \$19.99 (Ages 9 and up. A biography of Madeleine L'Engle, written by her granddaughters. Includes photos, letters, and journal entries from throughout the writer's life.)

Mack, David **The Midnight Front** \$15.99 (Dark Arts #1: It's World War II, and Winston Churchill has enlisted wizards to combat the dark forces aiding the Nazis. Unfortunately, the Chosen One was murdered by Axis operatives before he could come into his power. Cade Martin is Plan B.)

Moon, Elizabeth **Into the Fire** \$28.00 (Vatta's Peace #2: Much of the organization behind the secret arctic base still lurks in the shadows. Ky is determined to force the perpetrators into the light, and uncover decades of secrets - some of which lie at the heart of her family's greatest tragedy.)

Moore, Deborah D. **Time Shadows** \$16.00 (Centuries-old sorceress Morgan wants to make amends for the bad things she's done. There is a spell that opens a gateway to the past, but

Morgan must convince someone to travel back for her. To repay Morgan's kindness to her, Sage Aster agrees to undertake the tasks, never knowing quite what she is to accomplish to make things right.)

Myers, Tina LeCount **The Song of All** \$14.99 (Legacy of the Heavens #1: On the fringes of the tundra, humans war with immortals in the name of their shared gods.)

Pierce, Tamora **Tempests and Slaughter** \$18.99 (Numair #1: Ages 12 and up. The youngest student at the Imperial University of Carthak, Arram Draper has a Gift with unlimited potential for greatness - and for attracting trouble. At his side are Varice, a clever girl with an often-overlooked talent, and Ozorne, a 'leftover prince' with secret ambitions. They forge a bond that will one day shape kingdoms.)

Saadawi, Ahmed **Frankenstein in Baghdad** \$16.00 (In US-occupied Baghdad, Hadi collects human body parts and stitches them together to create a corpse. He claims his goal is to have the government recognize the parts as people and give them proper burial. When the corpse goes missing, eerie murders sweep the city, and reports stream in of horrendous-looking criminals who cannot be killed.)

Sagara, Michelle **Grave** \$7.99 (Queen of the Dead #3: Nathan is trapped in the citadel of the Queen of the Dead. Emma wants to free him, but the city is the heart of the Queen's power. Even with hunters and her own dead at her side, what hope does Emma have against that power?)

Salvatore, R.A. **Child of a Mad God** \$25.99 (Coven #1: The story of a witch's daughter born under the Blood Moon, how she finds herself alone in a tribe of vicious barbarians, and how she came to know the world; Signed copies expected)

Smith, Chandler Klang **The Sky Is Yours** \$27.00 (In the burned-out futuristic city of Empire Island, three young people navigate a crumbling metropolis plagued by dragons, facing fire, conspiracy, mayhem, unholy drugs, dragon-worshippers, and the monsters lurking within themselves.)

Spencer, Wen **Project Elfhome** \$7.99 (Elfhome: Collection. Shorter works exploring the realm of Elfhome.)

St. Martin, Ian **Lucius: The Faultless Blade** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: With his armies exhausted by unending war and consumed by their own twisted iniquities, Fulgrim's champion Lucius turns to an erstwhile brother of the Emperor's Children to rebuild his strength, but faces betrayal from without and within.)

Stewart, Sean **Clouds End** \$16.95 (Reissue; When a mad emperor's forces attack the mystical island of Clouds End, a young woman and her supernatural twin forge an uneasy alliance to defend their home.)

Sullivan, Michael J. **Age of Swords** \$9.99 (First Empire #2: The magical weaponcraft of the dwarves could decide the war between humans and elves. It's up to our heroes to win over the dwarves, before humankind loses the war forever.)

Sweterlitsch, Tom **The Gone World** \$27.00 (Clandestine operative Shannon Moss investigates the murder of a Navy SEAL's family and tries to locate the man's missing daughter. The SEAL was an astronaut aboard a spaceship assumed lost to the currents of Deep Time, and Moss suspects the mental trauma of time travel may have triggered the violence.)

Swift, E.J. **Paris Adrift** \$15.99 (Determined to escape her old life, misfit student Hallie heads to Paris, where she discovers a time portal in the keg room of a notorious bar.)

Taylor, Travis S. **Bringers of Hell** \$23.00 (Tau Ceti #6: As the war with the alien Chiata Horde drags on, hope comes from an unlikely source: a map in the crumbled ruins of the Thgreet homeworld may lead to victory for General Moore's army.)

Tidbeck, Karin **Jagannath** \$16.00 (Reissue; Tiptree and World Fantasy Award finalist. Collection. Tales of literary sf, speculative fiction, and fantasy.)

Vaughan/Staples **Saga Volume 8** \$16.99 (Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 43-48 of the comic book. After the traumatic events of the War for Phang, Hazel, her parents, and their surviving companions embark on a life-changing adventure at the westernmost edge of the universe.)

Vernon, Ursula **Whiskerella** \$12.99 (Hamster Princess #5: Ages 8 and up. Princess Harriet is less than thrilled to attend a boring ball in honor of a visiting ambassador. Things get more interesting when she winds up trying to sort out a beautiful stranger, a not-so-wicked stepsister, an incontinent lizard, and a fairy's spell that's really more of a curse.)

Ward, Dayton **Drastic Measures** \$16.00 (Star Trek: Discovery: PBO; 2246: Commander Georgiou is tasked with leading a hastily assembled group of first responders to the Federation colony on Tarsus IV, where an aggressive contagion is ravaging the food supplies.)

Wells, Alex **Blood Binds the Pack** \$7.99 (Tanegawa's World #2: PBO; TransRift Inc. is

- determined to mine every last grain of the source of their power from Tanegawa's World, no matter the cost. Now the Ghost Wolves aren't just outlaws - they're the Resistance.)
- Whitehead, Colson **The Underground Railroad** \$16.95 (Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award, Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award, and Carnegie Medal. Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation, on the cusp of womanhood, where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she escapes with him. This railroad is no metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. On a harrowing flight from one state to the next, Cora encounters strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop.)
- Wurts, Janny **Destiny's Conflict** \$26.99 (Wars of Light & Shadow: Sword of the Canon #2: With Lysaer's unstable integrity under threat, Daliana faces the most frightening decision of her life. Arithon's quest to recover his obscured past entangles him in intrigue and ancient perils. Elaira's pursuit of a secret embroils her in the terrible directive of the Fellowship Sorcerers, while Dakar confronts a hard reckoning, and Tarens is steered by destiny.)
- Zahn, Timothy **Thrawn** \$9.99 (Star Wars: The story of Thrawn's rise to power, uncovering the events that created the iconic villain.)

MID FEBRUARY

- Barnhill, Kelly **Dreadful Young Ladies and Other Stories** \$24.95 (Collection. Short fiction teeming with uncanny characters whose stories unfold in worlds at once strikingly human and eerily original. Includes the World Fantasy Award-winning novella 'The Unlicensed Magician'; Signed copies expected)
- Brooker, Charlie (ed) **Black Mirror Volume I** \$28.00 (Anthology. Original novellas based on the Netflix show, which uses sf tropes to comment on 21st-century politics and society.)
- Caine, Rachel/Aguirre, Ann **Honor Among Thieves** \$17.99 (Honors #1: Ages 13 and up. An antisocial misfit with attitude, Zara is recruited into the Honors, an elite team of humans selected by a race of sentient alien ships to explore the outer reaches of the universe. On Nadim, the alien ship she is assigned to, Zara starts to feel at home for the first time. But neither her Honors training nor her street smarts have prepared her for the ominous truths that lurk among the stars.)
- Chabon, Michael et al **The Escapist: Amazing Adventures** \$24.99 (Full color graphic novel. 26 tales of the Escapist and his associate Luna Moth.)
- Clark, Andy **Shroud of Night** \$16.00 (Warhammer 40,000: On the oceanic hive world of Tsadrekha, the darkness is held at bay by the golden light of a unique beacon - and so the warbands of the Heretic Astartes circle the planet, warring to claim this rich prize for their Dark Gods.)
- Cole, Myke **The Armored Saint** \$17.99 (Sacred Throne #1: Novella. After witnessing horrendous slaughter, young Heloise opposes the Order, and risks bringing their wrath down on herself, her family, and her village. She must confront the true risk that wizards pose to the world, and weigh the safety of her people against justice.)
- Corey, James S.A. et al **The Expanse** \$14.99 (Full color graphic novel. Reveals the origin stories of the crew members.)
- Dietz, William C. **Battle Hymn** \$27.00 (America Rising #3: Mac must dodge bounty hunters as she works to help President Sloan reunify the country by reclaiming a strategic oil reserve in the heart of Confederate territory, and freeing hundreds of Union POWs. But to truly have peace, they will have to take down the New Confederacy's leadership - including Mac's father.)
- Doctorow, C/Wang, J **In Real Life** \$12.99 (Reissue; Ages 12 and up. Full color graphic novel. Anda loves the Coarsegold Online role-playing game. She can be a leader, a fighter, a hero, and make friends with people around the world. But things become complicated when she befriends a poor Chinese kid whose game avatar collects valuable objects and sells them to players with money to burn. This is strictly against the game rules - but Anda soon realizes that right and wrong are not so straightforward when a real person's real livelihood is at stake.)
- Donnelly, Lara Elena **Amberlough** \$15.99 (Amberlough Dossier #1: In an alternate 20th century, a gay double agent schemes to protect his smuggler lover during the rise of a Fascist government coup.)
- Dyer, Thoraiya **Echoes of Understorey** \$15.99 (Titan's Forest #2: As the ordinary sister of a goddess, Imeris has always felt pressured to be the best fighter. When she fails

- disastrously during a mission to capture body-snatching sorceress Kirrik, Imeris climbs up to the world of Canopy to learn new ways to defeat Kirrik, and unexpectedly finds herself recruited for a Hunt for the Ages, chasing a terrifying divine monster.)
- Elliott, Kate **Dead Empire** \$17.99 (Black Wolves #2: As Captain Kellas and his rebel Black Wolves struggle to overthrow the last heirs of the palace regime she was once part of, Marshal Dannarah abandons her homeland to fight for the throne of the Simiakan Empire. But the fates of the Hundred and the Empire become linked unexpectedly when stolen magic rouses an enemy left for dead long ago.)
- Erickson, Steve **Shadowbahn** \$16.00 (The Twin Towers suddenly reappear in the Dakota Badlands. To the thousands of people drawn to them, the Towers seem to sing, even as everyone hears a different song.)
- Gear, W. Michael **Outpost** \$26.00 (Donovan #1: On a treacherous alien planet, corporate threats and dangerous creatures imperil the lives of the inhabitants.)
- Harding, Traci **Eternity Gate** \$16.99 (Timekeepers #2: The discovery of a gate thought to lead to several universes provides the timekeepers with a chance to undermine the nemesis stalking them - and a chance to remember their lives as the Grigori, who once dwelt with the fallen Elohim in the dark universe beyond the Eternity Gate.)
- Harding, Traci **AWOL** \$16.99 (Timekeepers #3: The timekeepers agree to return to the Astro-Marine Institute Explorer to stop their nemesis from interfering with the departure of an otherworldly being. But one team member decides to undertake an unsanctioned detour - to an opportunity to prevent the incident altogether.)
- Kalfar, Jaroslav **Spaceman of Bohemia** \$15.99 (On a mission to examine a cosmic dust cloud covering Venus, Jakub Procha encounters an unlikely fellow passenger - a giant alien spider. They form an unlikely bond, but when the mission is thrown into crisis by Russian rivals, Jakub is forced to make violent decisions in a desperate quest to return to Earth.)
- Kessel, John **Pride and Prometheus** \$27.99 (Threatened with destruction unless he fashions a wife for his Creature, Victor Frankenstein travels to England, where he meets Mary and Kitty Bennet (of the *Pride and Prejudice* Bennets). He and Mary are attracted to each other. But where will Victor find a female body to create the Creature's mate?)
- Kress, Nancy **Tomorrow's Kin** \$15.99 (Yesterday's Kin #1: The aliens have landed their Embassy ship in New York Harbor, and will only speak with the UN. Dr. Marianne Jenner, an obscure geneticist, is one of the few invited to visit the alien Embassy. The truth is about to be revealed: Earth's scientists have 10 months to prevent a disaster.)
- Mastai, Elan **All Our Wrong Todays** \$16.00 (Tom lives in an idyllic 2016. When a time-travel mishap lands him in our own 2016, he is horrified - until he discovers wonderful versions of his family, his career, and possibly his soulmate. Should he fix the flow of history to bring his utopian universe back, or try to forge a life in our messy timeline?)
- McLemore, Anna-Marie **When the Moon Was Ours** \$10.99 (Ages 12 and up. Tiptree Award winner. Everyone thinks best friends Miel and Sam are as strange as they are inseparable. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist. Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees, and for how little anyone knows about his early life. Now the Bonner girls, four sisters rumored to be witches, want the roses that grow from Miel's skin, convinced that their scent can make anyone fall in love. And they're willing to use every secret Miel has fought to protect to make sure she gives them up.)
- Miller, Tom **The Philosopher's Flight** \$26.00 (Robert Weekes is an empirical philosopher, a field dominated by women. When he falls hard for Danielle Hardin, a disillusioned war hero turned radical, her activism and his recklessness attract the attention of a group of men bent on destroying philosophy.)
- Modesitt Jr., L.E. **Recluce Tales** \$15.99 (Recluce: Collection. 20 stories (16 originals and 4 reprints) spanning the thousand-year history of Recluce and its complex magic system.)
- Pedreira, David **Gunpowder Moon** \$14.99 (2072: When a bomb kills one of his diggers, Caden Dechert, chief of the US mining operation on the edge of the Sea of Serenity, goes on the hunt to expose the culprit before more blood is spilled.)
- Powell, Gareth L. **Embers of War** \$14.95 (When a ship goes missing in a disputed system, reclaimed warship Trouble Dog and her crew are assigned to investigate and save whoever they can. But what looks like a straightforward rescue mission turns into something far more dangerous. To survive and save her crew, Trouble Dog is going to have to remember how to fight.)
- Stevenson, Noelle et al **Stone Cold** \$14.99 (Lumberjanes #8: Ages 10 and up. Full color graphic novel. Excited to have Barney starting their first week at camp, the Roanokes run over to the Zodiac cabin, only to find everyone turned to stone!)

- Thorpe, Gav **The Sundering: Malekith / Shadow King / Caledor** \$21.00 (Warhammer Time of Legends: Omnibus reprint. 3 novels plus related short stories.)
- Walton, Jo **Starlings** \$15.95 (A collection of her short fiction.)
- Westerfeld/Lanagan/Bianco **Swarm** \$12.99 (Zeroes #2: Ages 14 and up. The reunited Zeroes are trying to lay low and get their illegal nightclub started. Then two strangers come to town, bringing with them a whole different kind of crowd-based chaos. And hot on their tails is an even more sinister crowd-power.)
- Yuknavitch, Lidia **The Book of Joan** \$15.99 (Fleeing unending violence and Earth's now-radioactive surface, humans have regrouped to a mysterious platform known as CIEL. The surviving humans have become sexless, pale creatures floating in isolation. Out of the ranks of the endless wars rises a cult leader who turns CIEL into a quasi-corporate police state. A group of rebels unite, galvanized by the heroic song of the child-warrior Joan. When she is killed, the consequences are astonishing.)

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING MYSTERY

ALREADY RECEIVED

- Mystery Scene #151** \$7.50 (Attica Locke; James Benn; reviews; more.)
- Mystery Scene #152** \$7.50 (James Patterson; Barbara Ross; reviews; more.)
- Buell, John **The Pyx** \$11.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1959. When a heroin-addicted call girl falls from a swanky penthouse terrace, homicide detective Henderson is assigned to the case. Was it murder? Suicide?)
- Carson, Clare **Orkney Twilight** \$14.95 (Sam Coyle #1: All families have secrets. But some have more secrets than others. Jim's stories get taller with each glass of whisky. His daughter Sam thinks it's time she found out the truth about her dad. On vacation in Orkney, Sam spies on Jim as he travels across the island. What has he hidden in the abandoned watchtower? Who is he meeting in the stone circle at dusk? And why is he suddenly obsessed with Norse myths?)
- Cleeves, Ann **Telling Tales** \$16.99 (Vera Stanhope #2: Reissue; 10 years ago, Jeanie Long was charge with murdering Abigail Mantel. But new evidence proves her innocent, which means the killer is still at large. As Inspector Vera Stanhope makes fresh enquiries in the East Yorkshire village, tensions mount. But are people afraid of the killer, or of their own guilty pasts?)
- Gooden, Philip **May We Borrow Your Language?** \$12.95 (The English language is a linguistic mongrel, its vocabulary resulting from centuries of borrowing from other tongues: from the Celtic languages of pre-Roman Britain, Norman French, Old Scandinavian, Persian, Sanskrit, Algonquian, Cantonese, Hawaiian, and a host of others. This book explores the stories behind scores of words that the English language has filched.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Mox / Crime Country** \$14.95 (Shadow #116: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Teeth of the Dragon / Jade Dragon** \$14.95 (Shadow #118: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Crime's Stronghold / Death Diamonds** \$14.95 (Shadow #119: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **The Cup of Confucius / No Time for Murder** \$14.95 (Shadow #120: Pulp reprints.)
- Grant, Maxwell **Hidden Death / The Shadow Meets The Mask** \$14.95 (Shadow #121: Pulp reprints.)
- Jones, G. Wayman **The Black Bat's Summons / The White Witch** \$14.95 (Black Bat #8: Pulp reprints.)
- Jones, Peter **Quid Pro Quo: What the Romans Really Gave the English Language** \$18.95 (Nonfiction. From germs and bullets to custard and tinsel, Jones traces the origins of hundreds of everyday English words with Latin roots.)
- Lauren, O/Chester, HC **The Screaming Statue** \$6.99 (Curiosity House #2: Ages 8 and up. Orphans Philippa, Sam, Thomas, and Max must avenge a friend's death, try to save their home, and unravel the secrets of their past - before their past unravels them.)
- Ludlum/Lustbader **The Bourne Initiative** \$9.99 (Bourne #14: The death of the head of Russia's feared FSB leads to a scramble to stop his final cyber operation: a plan to steal the US nuclear launch codes.)
- MacKenzie, A.J. **The Body on the Doorstep** \$12.95 (Hardcastle & Chaytor #1: PBO; Kent, 1796: Shocked to discover a dying man on his doorstep - and lucky to avoid a bullet himself - Reverend Hardcastle finds himself entrusted with the victim's cryptic last words. Ably assisted by the ingenious Mrs. Chaytor, Hardcastle sets out to solve the mystery.)
- Nickson, Chris **Modern Crimes** \$15.95 (Lottie Armstrong #1: PBO; 1924: WPC Lottie Armstrong, one of the first women to walk a beat in Leeds, follows the trail of a missing girl to the underbelly of the city, and to corruption in high places.)

- O'Donnell, P/Romero, E **The Killing Game: The Killing Game / The Last Aristocrat / The Zombie** \$19.95 (Modesty Blaise: PBO; Reprints classic black & white comic strips featuring three adventures of detective Modesty Blaise and her trusty henchman Willie Garvin.)
- Penny, Louise **Glass Houses** \$28.99 (Armand Gamache #13: When a mysterious figure appears on the village green in Three Pines, Armand Gamache knows something is seriously wrong. Yet legally he can only watch, and wait, and hope his mounting fears are not realized.)
- Ronka, Matti **A Man with a Killer's Face** \$14.99 (PBO; Viktor served lethally in the Soviet Special Forces, but now lives quietly in Helsinki, and helps ethnic Finns emigrating from Russia adjust to their new surroundings. When he is persuaded to search for a missing woman, the trail leads into the criminal underworld.)
- Shipton, Elisabeth **Female Tommies: The Frontline Women of the First World War** \$21.95 (Nonfiction. Through their diaries, letters, and memoirs, meet the women who defied convention and followed their convictions to defend the less fortunate and fight for their country during the Great War.)
- Taylor, Andrew **The Greeks Had a Word for It: Words You Never Knew You Can't Do Without** \$14.95 (Nonfiction. Do you ever search in vain for exactly the right word? Perhaps you want to articulate the vague desire to be far away. Or you can't quite convey that odd urge to go outside and check to see if anyone is coming. Maybe you're struggling to express there being just the right amount of something - not too much, but not too little. While the English may not have a word for it, the good news is that the Greeks, the Norwegians, the Dutch, or possibly the Inuits probably do. This delightful assortment of words from around the world will come to the rescue when the English language fails.)
- Wishart, David **Family Commitments** \$16.99 (Corvinus investigates when his major-domo's long-lost brother turns up - and turns out to be a crook on the run whose partner in crime just died under very suspicious circumstances.)

EARLY DECEMBER

- Bannalec, Jean-Luc **Murder on Brittany Shores** \$14.99 (Georges Dupin #2: When 3 bodies wash ashore in the idyllic Glenan Islands, the deaths appear accidental, but as the victims' identities come to light, cantankerous Commissaire Dupin is pulled in to investigate cold-blooded murder.)
- Blum, Christine E. **Full Bodied Murder** \$7.99 (Rose Avenue #1: Halsey is looking forward to joining the local Wine Club, but accidentally goes to the wrong house and finds a dead body instead.)
- Burns, V.M. **The Plot Is Murder** \$15.00 (Mystery Bookshop #1: Samantha is preparing to open a mystery bookstore in a small town on the shores of Lake Michigan, and penning a cozy mystery in her spare time. She finds herself a suspect when a shady realtor is found murdered in her back yard)
- Cahoon, Lynn **Of Murder and Men** \$7.99 (Cat Latimer #3: When her business partner Shauna's beau is murdered, Cat investigates.)
- Castillo, Linda **Gone Missing** \$7.99 (Kate Burkholder #4: Rumspringa is a one-year period when Amish teens are allowed to experience life without the rules, a time of personal discovery and growth before committing to the church. When a young girl disappears without a trace, fear spreads through the community. Kate delves into the life of the missing teen and discovers links to cold cases.)
- Cavanagh, Steve **The Defense** \$9.99 (Eddie Flynn #1: Eddie Flynn used to be a con artist. Then he became a lawyer. Turns out the two jobs aren't all that different. He vowed never to set foot in a courtroom again after a case went disastrously wrong. But a Russian mobster on trial for murder has kidnapped Eddie's daughter. Now Eddie has 48 hours to use every con, bluff, grift, and trick in the book to defend an impossible trial and save his daughter.)
- Chandler, Jessie **Puzzle Box** \$16.95 (When she overhears her grandmother and her art-world cronies planning a daring theft, Flynn decides to crash the party, and ends up taking on the heist herself.)
- Childs, Laura **Egg Drop Dead** \$7.99 (Cackleberry Club #7: When a local dairy farmer is murdered, Suzanne, Petra, and Toni go on the hunt for the killer.)
- Cole, Daniel **Ragdoll** \$15.99 (New Blood Dagger shortlist. Detectives Wolf Fawkes and Emily Baxter catch the case of a lifetime: a crime scene where the dead body is sewn together from parts of six different victims.)

Dams, Jeanne M. **Smile and Be a Villain** \$17.95 (Dorothy Martin #18: On a visit to the beautiful island of Alderney in the English Channel, Dorothy and her husband wind up investigating the murder of an American visitor.)

Delany, Vicki **Hark the Herald Angels Slay** \$7.99 (Year-Round Christmas #3: PBO; The town is gearing up to celebrate Christmas in July when Merry's ex Max arrives to do a feature story on the town. When Max is murdered, Merry investigates.)

Dunlap, Susan **Out of Nowhere** \$17.95 (Darcy Lott #7: Darcy is thrilled to be reunited with her long-lost brother Mike, but her joy turns to fear when he is attacked. He has no idea who is targeting him, but Darcy is determined to find out.)

Dyer-Seeley, Kate **In Cave Danger** \$7.99 (Meg Reed #5: On a caving expedition, Meg discovers a Forest Service employee stabbed with a trowel.)

Eaton, J.C. **Ditched 4 Murder** \$7.99 (Sophie Kimball #2: Phee helps investigate when a millionaire is murdered at the golf course not far from her mom's house.)

Eriksson, Kjell **Stone Coffin** \$16.99 (Ann Lindell #3: A woman and her daughter are killed by a car on the road to Uppsala. Was it an accident? When the woman's husband disappears the same day, the police discover he had recently bought property overseas.)

Fowler, Christopher **Wild Chamber** \$27.00 (Bryant & May Peculiar Crimes Unit #14: In London's Regent Park, a man sees a girl walking her dog. Then the dog and the girl vanish into thin air. Now octogenarian detectives Arthur Bryant and John May and their colleagues are investigating the most baffling case of their careers.)

Golakai, H.J. **The Lazarus Effect** \$14.95 (Vee Johnson #1: Vee Johnson, an investigative journalist in Cape Town, and her oddball assistant Chloe Bishop delve into the secrets of the fractured Fourie and Paulsen families. What happened to Jacqui Paulsen, who vanished two years ago?)

Gregory, Susanna **The Executioner of St. Paul's** \$13.99 (Thomas Chaloner #12: 1665 CE: St. Paul's Cathedral is crumbling from neglect. Repair or demolish? Both sides have fanatical adherents. Large sums of money have disappeared, and major players have vanished mysteriously. When a skeleton is found, Chaloner reluctantly returns to London to investigate.)

Gunn, Elizabeth **Denny's Law** \$17.95 (Sarah Burke #6: A murder leads Sarah Burke to investigate a money-laundering ring with connections extending far beyond Tucson. But does the key to solving the case lie closer to home than she realizes?)

Haddock, Nancy **A Crime of Poison** \$7.99 (Silver Six #3: PBO; Nixy is in charge of keeping the Fall Folk Art Festival and Bake Sale running smoothly. When a local troublemaker is found dead, two of the Silver Six are accused of his murder.)

Hambly, Barbara **Drinking Gourd** \$17.95 (Benjamin January #14: When Jubal Cain, the man who coordinates the Underground Railroad in Mississippi, is accused of killing Vicksburg's chief conductor, Benjamin January must track down the real killer.)

Hambly, Barbara **Murder in July** \$28.99 (Benjamin January #15: 1839: When the body of an Englishman is found floating in a New Orleans canal, January uncovers a link to a killer he failed to catch in Paris nine years earlier. Now he must unravel both killings.)

Hammett, Dashiell **The Big Book of the Continental Op** \$25.00 (Collects all 28 stories, the original serialized versions of novels *Red Harvest* and *The Dain Curse*, and previously unpublished material, starring the Continental Op, a tough, wry, unglamorous gumshoe.)

Harrison, Cora **A Shocking Assassination** \$17.95 (Reverend Mother Aquinas #2: Cork, 1924: When a young reporter is accused of murder, the Reverend Mother investigates.)

Hiebert, Michael **A Thorn Among the Lilies** \$9.99 (Leah Teal #3: After agreeing to take her daughter to a psychic for a reading, detective Leah Teal is startled when the psychic instead hints at a string of gruesome murders and insists that Leah intervene to prevent more.)

Hollon, Cheryl **Etched in Tears** \$7.99 (Webb's Glass Shop #4: Savannah investigates when a celebrated glass artist is found murdered at the museum with an old reference letter from her father in his pocket.)

James, Bill **The Principals** \$17.95 (It's all-out war in this witty satire on academic life. Two universities in the same city set out to destroy each other, the better to take over one another's buildings, students, and, above all, bank balances.)

Kaaberbol, Lene **A Lady in the Shadows** \$16.00 (Madeline Karno #2: 1894: As she looks into the murder of a prostitute, forensic pathologist Madeleine Karno must ask a terrifying question: does France now have their very own Jack the Ripper?)

Kellerman, Jonathan **Heartbreak Hotel** \$9.99 (Alex Delaware #32: Nearly 100, Della Mars isn't child psychologist Alex Delaware's typical patient. But she's sought him out for a reason, although she refuses to reveal it during their first session. When she's strangled before

their second session, Alex teams up with LAPD detective Milo Sturgis on the investigation.)

Koontz, Dean **The Silent Corner** \$9.99 (Jane Hawk #1: People of talent and accomplishment, happy and sound of mind, have been committing suicide in surprising numbers. When her husband joins their ranks, Jane Hawk must do what her grief, fear, and fury demand: find the truth, no matter what.)

Leeson, Gayle **Honey-Baked Homicide** \$7.99 (Down South Cafe #3: PBO; When an unassuming local beekeeper is murdered, Amy investigates.)

Leon, Donna **A Sea of Troubles** \$16.00 (Guido Brunetti #10: Reissue; When Brunetti investigates the murder of two Venetian fisherman, the small community closes ranks, forcing him to accept an offer from his boss's secretary to visit her relatives there to search for clues.)

Lin, Ed **Snakes Can't Run** \$11.99 (Robert Chow #2: Chinatown, 1976: When two smuggled Chinese are found dead near the Brooklyn Bridge, detective Robert Chow goes after the ruthless human smugglers responsible.)

Mackintosh, Clare **I Let You Go** \$9.99 (Jenna moves to a cottage on the Welsh coast to try to escape the memory of a car accident and the loss of her child. At the same time, a pair of Bristol police investigators try to get to the bottom of this hit-and-run.)

Matthews, Olivia **Mayhem & Mass** \$7.99 (Sister Lou #1: Sister Lou expected some pushback when she invited her friend Maurice to be a guest speaker. The theology professor is well known for his controversial views. But she wasn't prepared to find him bashed over the head in his hotel room.)

Maxwell, Alyssa **A Pinch of Poison** \$15.00 (Renshaw & Huntford #2: To benefit wounded veterans, Lady Phoebe and Eva have organized a luncheon at a local school for young ladies, and encouraged the students to participate in the cooking. Their plan becomes disastrous when the headmistress is poisoned.)

McConnon, Maggie **Bel, Book, and Scandal** \$7.99 (Bel McGrath #3: PBO; A photo jolts Bel back to a dark chapter in her past: her best friend's disappearance. Bel decides to find out what happened to Amy, and whether she is still alive.)

McDermid, Val **Insidious Intent** \$26.00 (Hill & Jordan #10: Tony and Carol hunt for a serial killer who targets single women attending weddings without a date.)

McDermid, Val **Out of Bounds** \$16.00 (Karen Pirie #3: When a teenage joyrider ends up in a coma, a DNA test reveals a connection to an unsolved murder from 22 years ago. As detective Karen Pirie investigates, she also finds herself drawn to another mystery she has no business investigating, rooted in a terrorist bombing two decades earlier.)

Melville, Alan **Death of Anton** \$12.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1936. When animal trainer Anton is found dead in the tiger cage, it seems the tigers mauled him to death - but DI Minto of Scotland Yard is not convinced.)

Melville, Alan **Quick Curtain** \$12.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1934. When the star of a musical extravaganza drops dead on stage, and another cast member is found dead soon after, Inspector Wilson - who happened to be in the audience - takes charge of the proceedings in his own inimitable way.)

Ould, Chris **The Blood Strand** \$7.99 (Faroes #1: British homicide detective Jan Reyna left the Faroes as a child, but is drawn back when his estranged father is found unconscious in an isolated spot, with a shotgun by his side and someone else's blood in the car.)

Paretsky, Sara **Fallout** \$9.99 (V.I. Warshawski #18: The search for a vanished film student and a faded Hollywood star leads V.I. to Kansas, where she and her dog track the pair through a university town, across fields dotted with Cold War missile silos, and into a past, riven by long-simmering racial tensions, that holds the key to the mysteries of the present.)

Pavone, Chris **The Accident** \$9.99 (A manuscript full of shocking revelations and disturbing truths puts literary agent Isabel Reed, eager to publish it, on a collision course with veteran CIA station chief Hayden Gray, who will stop at nothing to keep it from seeing the light of day. As they try to outwit each other, the anonymous author watches from afar.)

Postgate, Raymond **Somebody at the Door** \$12.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1943. Inspector Holly investigates when Councillor Grayling is murdered on his way home from the train station.)

Rollins, James **The Demon Crown** \$28.99 (SIGMA Force #13: When a construction project beneath the National Mall unearths a terrifying secret dating back to the Civil War, SIGMA Force must unlock a deadly mystery that dates back to the very origins of life on Earth; Signed copies expected)

Shelton, Paige **Comic Sans Murder** \$7.99 (Dangerous Type #3: PBO; A world-famous horror

- author's vacation takes a turn for the worse when he finds an abandoned ski boot on the slopes with a human foot inside.)
- Simenon, Georges **Maigret's Mistake** \$13.00 (Maigret #43: Inspector Maigret investigates when a young woman with a troubled past is found murdered in Paris.)
- Smith, Alexander McCall **Chance Developments** \$16.00 (Collection. Short stories on the subjects of love and art, each inspired by an intriguing old photo.)
- Tate, Clover **Live and Let Fly** \$7.99 (Kite Shop #2: PBO; Emmy gets into an argument with the contest judge at the annual kite festival, and winds up a murder suspect when the woman is killed.)
- Truman, M/Bain, D **Deadly Medicine** \$8.99 (Capital Crimes #29: When a medical researcher who was working on a breakthrough painkiller is murdered in Washington, DC, PI Robert Brixton searches for the man's missing papers and the killer.)
- Weaver, Ashley **Murder at the Brightwell** \$9.99 (Amory Ames #1: Reissue; Edgar finalist. 1930: Amory Ames accompanies her former fiance Gil Trent to a seaside resort, to help him prevent his sister's marriage to disreputable Rupert Howe. When Rupert is murdered and Gil is arrested, Amory is determined to prove Gil's innocence.)
- Woods, Stuart **Fast & Loose** \$9.99 (Stone Barrington #41: Stone Barrington's newest foe has a short fuse - and it's just been lit.)

MID DECEMBER

- Aaronovitch, Ben et al **Detective Stories** \$16.99 (Rivers of London GN #4: PBO; Full color graphic novel. Wizardly PC Peter Grant, DC Sahra Guleed, and their associates tackle supernatural crime in London.)
- Block, Lawrence (ed) **In Sunlight or in Shadow** \$15.95 (Anthology. Stories inspired by the paintings of Edward Hopper.)
- Connolly, Sheila **Cruel Winter** \$15.99 (County Cork #5: When a major snowstorm rolls in around Sullivan's pub, Maura finds herself stranded in a bar full of patrons - including a suspect from a long-ago murder case, who asserts her innocence and asks to share her side of the story.)
- Herron, Mick **Spook Street** \$15.95 (Slough House #4: Steel Dagger winner; Gold Dagger shortlist. What happens when an old spook loses his mind? Does the Service have a retirement home for those who know too much? Or does someone take care of the senile spy for good? These are River Cartwright's questions when his grandfather develops dementia. And that's not all the agents of Slough House have to worry about after a bomb goes off in the middle of a busy shopping center.)
- Jance, J.A. **Man Overboard** \$9.99 (Ali Reynolds #12: When a brilliant software engineer falls to his death on a cruise, it's declared a suicide; his aunt asks Ali Reynolds to look into the case.)
- Rowland, Laura Joh **The Ripper's Shadow** \$15.99 (Sarah Bain #1: London, 1888: Whitechapel photographer Sarah Bain supplements her meager income by taking illicit 'boudoir photographs' of the local ladies. When two of her models are gruesomely murdered, she suspects it's more than coincidence, and with a motley crew of friends begins delving into the crime of the century.)
- Todd, Charles **Racing the Devil** \$14.99 (Ian Rutledge #18: 1919: A group of British officers are racing motorcars from Paris to Nice. When two of their vehicles are nearly run off the road, no one will admit knowing which driver was responsible. A year later, Inspector Rutledge investigates a fatal crash in the South Downs. Is it connected to the events in France?)

EARLY JANUARY

- Alexander, Ellie **Another One Bites the Crust** \$7.99 (Bakeshop #7: PBO; Torte is in charge of supplying Elizabethan-era treats for the Shakespeare Festival. Plans go awry when one of Jules' friends is accused of murdering one of the actors.)
- Allingham, Margery **The Crime at Black Dudley** \$16.00 (Albert Champion #1: Reissue; A social weekend at Black Dudley manor is spoiled by murder and a criminal gang. Luckily for everyone, among the guests is Albert Champion, a garrulous and affable party-crasher with a great knack for solving mysteries.)
- Allingham, Margery **Mystery Mile** \$16.00 (Albert Champion #2: Reissue; Champion sets out to catch the infamous leader of the deadly Simister gang.)

Archer, Winnie **Crust No One** \$7.99 (Bread Shop #2: Ivy investigates when a local produce supplier disappears.)

Barton, Fiona **The Widow** \$9.99 (There's a lot Jean hasn't said over the years about the crime her husband was suspected of committing. Now he's dead, and there's no reason to stay quiet. There are people who want to hear her story. And Jean has learned in the last few years that she can make people believe anything.)

Berenson, Alex **The Prisoner** \$9.99 (John Wells #12: To unmask a CIA mole spying for Daesh, John Wells must go undercover as a jihadi.)

Berry, Steve **The Lost Order** \$9.99 (Cotton Malone #12: As Malone tries to uncover the truth about a legendary secret, he finds himself on a perilous adventure that takes him from the Senate floor to the Smithsonian to the deepest woods of Arkansas and finally to the mountains of New Mexico.)

Black, Lisa **Unpunished** \$9.99 (Gardiner & Renner #2: Forensic investigator Maggie Gardiner and homicide detective Jack Renner investigate when a dead body is found hanging above the assembly line of a Cleveland newspaper.)

Blaedel, Sara **The Night Women** \$9.99 (Louise Rick #10: A murder and the discovery of an abandoned child put detective Louise Rick on the trail of a human trafficking ring operating in Copenhagen.)

Blaedel, Sara **The Running Girl** \$9.99 (Louise Rick #11: Violent party-crashers send a young girl fleeing for help; when she's struck and killed by a car, detective Louise Rick investigates.)

Blaedel, Sara **The Stolen Angel** \$9.99 (Louise Rick #12: Detective Rick's skills as a trained negotiator are tested when a seriously ill little girl is kidnapped.)

Bradford, Laura **Dial M for Mousse** \$7.99 (Emergency Desert Squad #3: PBO; Winnie is hired to make motivational treats for an artists' retreat; her deliveries are interrupted when she stumbles over the organizer's dead body.)

Bude, John **Death Makes a Prophet** \$12.95 (William Meredith #11: Reissue; Originally published in 1947. The Children of Osiris, led by eccentric High Prophet Eustace Mildmann, is a seething hotbed of petty resentment, jealousy, and dark secrets. When murder ensues, Inspector Meredith investigates.)

Burke, James Lee **Robicheaux** \$27.99 Hardcover, \$39.99 Unabridged Audio CDs (Robicheaux #21: Dave Robicheaux may have committed the homicide he's investigating, one which involved the death of the man who killed Dave's wife. As he works to clear his name and make sense of the murder, he encounters a cast of characters and a resurgence of dark social forces that threaten to destroy all those he loves; Signed copies expected)

Camilleri, Andrea **The Pyramid of Mud** \$16.00 (Montalbano #22: After days of rain and flooding, Montalbano is called out to investigate when a murdered man is found dead on a building site. All the evidence points him towards the murky world of builders, construction firms, and government contracts.)

Child, Lee **No Middle Name** \$9.99 (Jack Reacher: 11 short stories plus a novella original to this collection.)

Coleman, Reed Farrel **What You Break** \$16.00 (Gus Murphy #2: Gus and his girlfriend Magdalena are put in harm's way when Gus is caught up in the distant aftershocks of heinous crimes committed decades ago in Vietnam and Russia.)

Crais, Robert **The Wanted** \$28.00 (Cole & Pike #17: When single mother Devon Connor hires PI Elvis Cole, it's because her son Tyson is flashing cash and she's afraid he's dealing drugs. But the truth is devastatingly different - he's responsible for a string of high-end burglaries; Signed copies expected)

de Hahn, Tracee **Swiss Vendetta** \$16.99 (Agnes Luthi #1: On the eve of a terrible blizzard, Inspector Agnes Luthi takes on her first homicide case, a stabbing on the lawn of a grand chateau near Lausanne, Switzerland.)

Dorsey, Tim **Clownfish Blues** \$15.99 (Serge Storms #20: Serge sets out with his sidekick Coleman to shoot his own episodes of his favorite classic TV show, *Route 66*. Their adventure takes a detour when they find out someone is trying to tilt the odds in the Florida state lottery.)

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne **Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment** \$15.95 (Nonfiction. A timely and deeply researched history of gun culture and how it reflects race and power in the USA.)

Eastland, Sam **The Red Moth** \$14.95 (Pekkala #4: With Hitler's forces smashing into Soviet territory, Stalin summons Pekkala to investigate the cryptic contents of a briefcase retrieved from a downed German scout plane.)

Gardiner, Meg **UNSUB** \$9.99 (20 years ago, a serial killer terrorized the Bay Area and nearly destroyed Caitlin Hendrix's father, the lead investigator on the case. Now the killings have started again, and Caitlin is determined to decipher the twisted messages and stop the carnage.)

Gibbins, David **Testament** \$9.99 (Jack Howard #9: Marine archaeologist Jack Howard is on the most important and perilous dive of his life: hunting for Nazi gold.)

Harper, Jane **The Dry** \$15.99 (Gold Dagger and Ned Kelly winner. 20 years ago, Luke and Aaron were each other's alibis when Aaron was accused of murder. Now Luke has been found dead after committing a terrible crime, and Aaron, a federal investigator in Melbourne, has received a note: 'Luke lied. You lied. Be at the funeral.')

Haseldine, Jane **Duplicity** \$9.99 (Julia Gooden #2: Julia's husband is about to bring Nick Rossi, Detroit's most devious criminal, to trial. When a courthouse bomb kills the key witness and critically injures her husband, Julia is certain Rossi orchestrated the attack. She'll need all her skills as an investigative journalist to follow a trail of blackmail, payback, and political ambition to the truth.)

Hearon, Leigh **Unbridled Murder** \$7.99 (Carson Stables #3: When Annie finds the sleazy owner of a feedlot trampled in his corral, she must track down a killer while trying to save the feedlot horses from slaughter.)

Higgins, Jack **The Midnight Bell** \$9.99 (Sean Dillon #22: Ripples from events in Ulster, London, and Washington, DC, meet and overlap, creating havoc in their wake. Desperate men will act, secrets will be revealed, and the midnight bell will toll.)

Housewright, David **Darkness, Sing Me a Song** \$25.99 (Holland Taylor #4: Wealthy Eleanor Barrington has hired Twin Cities PI Holland Taylor to do a background check on her son's girlfriend. When the young woman is murdered and Barrington is arrested, Taylor finds himself in the thick of things; Signed copies expected)

Iles, Greg **Mississippi Blood** \$9.99 (Penn Cage #6: Dr. Tom Cage is about to be tried for murder. Worst of all, he has frozen Penn out of the trial preparations, preferring to risk dying in prison to revealing the truth of the crime to his son.)

James, Miranda **Twelve Angry Librarians** \$7.99 (Cat in the Stacks #8: The Southern Academic Libraries Association is holding their annual meeting at Athena College, with the keynote speech to be delivered by Charlie's high school nemesis. When the irritating man is found dead, Charlie is at the top of the suspect list. Charlie and Diesel will have to check out every clue to catch the killer.)

Khan, Ausma Zehanat **Among the Ruins** \$16.99 (Khattak & Getty #3: Canadian cop Esa Khattak investigates when a Canadian-Iranian filmmaker is murdered in an notorious Iranian prison, where she had been seeking the release of a political prisoner.)

Kopfler, Pamela **Better Dead** \$7.99 (B&B Spirits #1: Holly has converted her family's Louisiana plantation into a B&B. She wasn't expecting her no-good cheating husband's ghost to show up, looking for her help to bust up the drug smuggling ring he was involved with.)

Lin, Ed **One Red Bastard** \$11.99 (Robert Chow #3: 1976: New York's Chinatown is in turmoil over the news that Mao's daughter is seeking asylum in the US. When his girlfriend Lonnie gets to interview the woman's Chinese representative, trainee detective Robert Chow is thrilled. But hours after the interview, the man is found dead, and Lonnie is the main suspect.)

Parker, R/Knott, R **Revelation** \$7.99 (Cole & Hitch #9: Territorial Marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch join the hunt for escaped prisoner Augustus Driggs, who is going after a hidden cache of gold and the men who double-crossed him, and is willing to leave a bloody path of destruction in his wake.)

Parsons, Kelly **Under the Knife** \$9.99 (When his wife dies of complications during surgery, biotech tycoon Morgan Finney vows to ruin the surgeon's reputation and destroy her life.)

Perry, Thomas **The Bomb Maker** \$26.00 (A former LAPD Bomb Squad commander returns to help his old squad catch a bomber who seems to be targeting the Bomb Squad itself.)

Perry, Thomas **The Old Man** \$16.00 (Dan Chase looks like a harmless retiree, but most widowers don't have multiple IDs, money stockpiled in banks across the country, and a bugout kit with two Berettas in it. Decades ago, he was in Army Intelligence. And now the fallout from long-ago events is about to catch up to him.)

Robb, J.D. **Secrets in Death** \$8.99 (Eve Dallas #45: Lt. Eve Dallas investigates the murder of a professional gossip with a side business in blackmail.)

Robotham, Michael **The Secrets She Keeps** \$17.00 (A wealthy, chic customer has no way of knowing that her mundane conversation with a grocery store employee will change the course of her not-so-perfect life forever.)

Ross, Barbara **Stowed Away** \$7.99 (Maine Clambake #6: PBO; Julia and her family are working

- hard to get ready for clambake season. But preparations are put on hold when a yacht drops anchor in the harbor and delivers an unexpected cargo of murder.)
- Ryan, Annelise **Dead in the Water** \$7.99 (Mattie Winston #8: When the new hire at the Medical Examiner's office is murdered on a fishing trip with his girlfriend, Mattie is going to have to dive deep for clues.)
- Shelton, Paige **Of Books and Bagpipes** \$7.99 (Scottish Bookshop #2: Delaney's boss asks her to retrieve a rare edition of a Scottish comic; her trip to Castle Doune ends up being more than she bargained for when she finds a dead man on the castle ramparts.)
- Siger, Jeffrey **An Aegean April** \$15.95 (Andreas Kaldis #9: Kaldis investigates when a prominent citizen is killed with a sword in the garden of his mansion.)
- Simenon, Georges **Maigret Goes to School** \$13.00 (Maigret #44: Inspector Maigret is called to a small village near La Rochelle to investigate the murder of the local postmistress.)
- Smith, Karen Rose **Murder with Lemon Tea Cakes** \$7.99 (Daisy's Tea Garden #1: In an old Victorian home in Pennsylvania Amish country, Daisy and her aunt Iris serve soup, scones, and tea to tourists and locals. When their garden becomes a crime scene and her aunt becomes a murder suspect, Amy sets out to find a killer.)
- Sutton, Phoebe **Colorado Boulevard** \$16.00 (Crush #3: When his roommate is kidnapped, tough bodyguard Crush springs into action to save him.)
- Wilson, Andrew **A Talent for Murder** \$16.00 (1926: Mystery writer Agatha Christie falls into the hands of a blackmailer who plans to force her to use her knowledge about murder to kill on his behalf.)
- Wilson, F. Paul **The God Gene** \$25.99 (ICE Sequence #2: When his zoologist brother suddenly liquidates his assets and vanishes, the only clues Rick Hayden and Laura Fanning have are his brother's book. The search takes them to an uncharted island off the coast of Mozambique, and to the edge of evolution.)
- Woods, Stuart **Unbound** \$28.00 (Stone Barrington #44: Stone is pulled along for the ride when a friend pursues a perilous course of vengeance.)

MID JANUARY

- Bauer, Belinda **The Beautiful Dead** \$16.00 (Gold Dagger shortlist. TV crime reporter Eve Singer's career is flagging, until she covers a spate of bizarre murders. Then the killer contacts Eve about her coverage. As he becomes increasingly obsessed with her, she realizes there's a thin line between inside information and becoming an accomplice to murder - possibly her own.)
- Boylan, Jennifer **Long Black Veil** \$16.00 (Judith's past is dredged up when the body of a college friend is discovered 20 years after her disappearance. Judith is the only one who can testify to another friend's innocence - the only problem is that, on that fateful night, Judith was a very different person from the woman she is today.)
- Brody, Frances **A Death in the Dales** \$16.99 (Kate Shackleton #7: 1920s: While investigating the death of a Yorkshire landlord, Kate also helps search for a missing boy, and uncovers another suspicious death.)
- Bugge, Carole **The Haunting of Torre Abbey** \$12.95 (Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: Reissue; Holmes receives a request for aid from Lord Charles Cary, whose family is apparently being threatened by ghosts in and around the family manor, a former monastery.)
- Cleeves, Ann **Hidden Depths** \$16.99 (Vera Stanhope #3: Reissue; Murders involving corpses strewn with flowers set DI Vera Stanhope on the trail of a killer who is making art out of death.)
- Cornwell, Bernard **Fools and Mortals** \$27.99 (Elizabethan England: Penniless actor Richard Shakespeare dreams of a glittering career in the world dominated by his older brother William. Instead, when a priceless manuscript goes missing, he finds himself entangled in a high-stakes game of duplicity and betrayal.)
- Delany, Vicki **Body on Baker Street** \$15.99 (Sherlock Holmes Bookshop #2: When the illustrious author of the controversial Hudson and Holmes mystery series drops dead during an autographing event, Gemma and Jayne investigate.)
- Kutscher, Volker **Babylon Berlin** \$17.00 (Gereon Rath #1: Berlin, 1929: When a dead man without an identity, bearing traces of atrocious torture, is discovered, Gereon Rath hopes to work his way up from vice squad to homicide division by investigating.)
- LoTempio, T.C. **Purr M for Murder** \$15.99 (Cat Rescue #1: To raise funds for the local animal shelter, Sydney and her sister Kat organize an event at a local coffeeshop. When the landlord threatens to shut down the event and then turns up dead, the sisters have to

- clear their names.)
- MacRae, Molly **Plaid and Plagiarism** \$15.95 (Highland Bookshop #1: Four friends who moved to the Scottish Highlands to run a bookshop find themselves embroiled in a murder investigation when a local advice columnist turns up dead in a garden shed.)
- Massey, Sujata **The Widows of Malabar Hill** \$26.95 (Perveen Mistry #1: Bombay, 1921: Perveen Mistry has just joined her father's law firm. Going through the paperwork for executing a wealthy Muslim's will, Perveen becomes suspicious when she discovers that all three widows, who live in strict seclusion, have apparently signed over their full inheritance to a charity, and decides to investigate.)
- Miller, Derek B. **The Girl in Green** \$14.99 (Gold Dagger shortlist. In 1991, journalist Thomas Benton and US Army Private Arwood Hobbes found themselves embroiled in an attack in Kuwait in which a local girl was killed. Years later, they are offered an opportunity to redeem themselves when that same girl is found alive and in need of salvation. Or is she?)
- Petrie, Nick **Light It Up** \$26.00 (Peter Ash #3: While investigating the hijacking of security vehicles full of cash, Peter Ash begins to have questions about what's really going on.)
- Preston/Child **City of Endless Night** \$28.00 (Pendergast #17: Pendergast and Vincent D'Agosta team up to investigate the murder and mutilation of a tech billionaire's daughter.)
- Rowland, Laura Joh **A Mortal Likeness** \$26.99 (Sarah Bain #2: London, 1889: Photographer Sarah Bain runs a PI agency with Lord Hugh Staunton and former street urchin Mick O'Reilly. They land a big new case when a surveillance photograph happens to reveal a clue about the kidnapping of a wealthy banker's infant son.)
- Sigurdardottir, Yrsa **The Undesired** \$16.99 (Odinn is looking into alleged abuse at a juvenile detention center in rural Iceland, following the unexplained death of the colleague who was previously running the investigation. The more he finds out, the more it looks like there are links to odd events there in the 1970s.)
- Zander, Joakin **The Believer** \$16.99 (Following rumors that her brother Fadi was radicalized and died fighting for Daesh, Yasmine Ajam heads back to Stockholm to discover what really happened to him.)

EARLY FEBRUARY

- Barr, Nevada **Boar Island** \$9.99 (Anna Pigeon #18: At her new posting at Acadia National Park in Maine, Anna tries to help a friend's daughter deal with cyberbullying and a stalker.)
- Blackmoore, Stephanie **Murder Borrowed, Murder Blue** \$7.99 (Wedding Planner #3: PBO; A celebrity couple getting hitched on Valentine's Day should be a big boost for Mallory's wedding planner business. Just one problem: the maid of honor has dropped out of the wedding party by dropping dead.)
- Bolton, Ginger **Survival of the Fritters** \$15.95 (Deputy Donut #1: Emily runs the best donut shop in Fallingbrook, Wisconsin, with some help from her father-in-law and her tabby cat Deputy Donut. She decides to investigate when a regular customer is murdered on the same day the woman's son was murdered five years earlier, a case that was never solved.)
- Bradley, Alan **The Grave's a Fine and Private Place** \$26.00 (Flavia de Luce #9: A trip on the river in a punt becomes much more exciting for Flavia when she finds a human corpse in the water.)
- Brennan, Allison **Breaking Point** \$9.99 (Lucy Kincaid #13: When she learns that a friend's sister is missing, FBI agent Lucy Kincaid doesn't think twice about helping, even though it's out of her jurisdiction.)
- Brown, D/DeFelice, J **Act of Revenge** \$9.99 (Puppet Master #2: When terrorist attacks target Boston on Easter Sunday, roboticist Louis Massina takes it personally - Boston is his city, and one of his employees has been taken hostage.)
- Cavallaro, Brittany **The Last of August** \$9.99 (Charlotte Holmes & James Watson #2: Ages 13 and up. James and Charlotte are spending winter break in Sussex. When her Uncle Leander goes missing from the Holmes estate, the game is afoot once again.)
- Child, Lincoln **Full Wolf Moon** \$9.99 (Jeremy Logan #5: A hiker's severely mauled body is found in the Adirondacks. Logan discovers no shortage of suspects capable of the attack - and no shortage of locals willing to point the finger and spread incredible rumors, including one even the local forest ranger believes: werewolves.)
- Childs, Laura **Pekoe Most Poison** \$7.99 (Tea Shop #18: At a party thrown by Doreen Briggs, one of Charleston's most prominent hostesses, a fire starts at one of the tables and Doreen's husband drops dead. As Theo reviews the guest list for suspects, she finds

herself drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse.)

Connelly, Michael **The Late Show** \$15.99 (Renee Ballard #1: Detective Ballard works the night shift in Hollywood, each morning turning her cases over to day shift detectives. But one night she catches two cases she doesn't want to part with, and decides not to give up at dawn.)

Day, Maddie **Biscuits and Slashed Browns** \$7.99 (Country Store #4: PBO; Things get sticky at the local maple syrup festival when an obnoxious academic is stabbed to death outside the sugar shack.)

Dorsey, Tim **The Pope of Palm Beach** \$26.99 (Serge Storms #21: Serge and his sidekick Coleman set out on a literary pilgrimage, headed for the seaside town where they spent their formative years. Along the way, Serge disturbs some long-forgotten ground, attracting a cast of villains that only Florida could produce. As the body count grows, so does the list of questions.)

Downing, David **Jack of Spies** \$9.99 (Jack McColl #1: Reissue; 1913: Traveling salesman Jack McColl moonlights collecting intelligence for His Majesty's Navy in the Far East, but with a geopolitical catastrophe brewing, he finds the task growing much more dangerous. Then he realizes that his girlfriend's Irish-American family might be embroiled in the Irish Republican movement. Must he choose between his country and the woman he loves?)

Farjeon, J. Jefferson **Seven Dead** \$12.95 (Reissue; Originally published in 1939. Amateur thief Ted Lyte chooses an isolated house for his first crime, only to find a locked room containing seven dead bodies. DI Kendall takes the case with the help of passing yachtsman Thomas Hazeldean.)

Fluke, Joanne **Banana Cream Pie Murder** \$7.99 (Hannah Swensen #23: When her mother's neighbor is murdered in the condo downstairs, Hannah sets out to solve the crime.)

Frederick, Heather Vogel **Yours Truly** \$7.99 (Pumpkin Falls #2: Ages 10 and up. Tourists flock to Pumpkin Falls for the annual Maple Festival. When someone tries to sabotage the trees on the Franklin family farm, Truly rallies the Pumpkin Falls Private Eyes to investigate.)

Graves, Sarah **Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake** \$25.00 (Jake & Ellie #1: Jake Tiptree and her best friend Ellie White have decided to open a bakery using Ellie's old family recipes. Their plans take an ugly turn when the health inspector is found murdered in their kitchen.)

Gregory, Lena **Clairvoyant and Present Danger** \$7.99 (Bay Island Psychic #3: PBO; Communications with a ghost land Cass in the middle of a murder investigation - much to the chagrin of local law enforcement.)

Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia **Shadow Play** \$28.99 (Bill Slider #20: DCI Slider and his team investigate the murder of a man with a decidedly shady past. Whose enforcer was he? And what did he have to do with the blackmailing of an MP?)

Herbert, A.L. **Murder with Fried Chicken and Waffles** \$7.99 (Mahalia Watkins #1: Running her soul food restaurant in Maryland, Halia Watkins has her hands full cooking, hosting, and keeping her boisterous young cousin Wavonne from sassing the customers. When a fast-talking entrepreneur turns up dead in her kitchen after hours and Wavonne is a suspect, can Halia serve up the real villain?)

Heywood, Joseph **Buckular Dystrophy** \$18.95 (Woods Cop #10: Game warden Grady Service faces a bizarre string of big cases during deer season.)

Hunter, Maddy **Say No Moor** \$15.99 (Passport to Peril #11: PBO; Emily offers discounts to several bloggers in exchange for highlighting her tour of Cornwall, England - a publicity plan that may backfire when the quarrelsome host at their historic inn dies under suspicious circumstances.)

Jaffarian, Sue Ann **Too Big to Die** \$14.99 (Odelia Grey #12: PBO; After Odelia and Greg rescue a dog from a closed car on a hot day, a video of the rescue goes viral, and the man who helped them winds up dead.)

Jones, Stephen Mack **August Snow** \$15.95 (The son of an African American father and a Mexican mother, August Snow joined the Detroit police only to be drummed out of the force by a conspiracy of corrupt cops and politicians. Powerful businesswoman Eleanore Paget wants him to investigate unusual happenings at her bank, but Snow turns her down. When she dies the next day, an apparent suicide, August isn't buying it, and starts asking questions.)

Klein, Libby **Class Reunions Are Murder** \$7.99 (Poppy McAllister #1: Poppy reluctantly heads home for her 25th high school reunion, only to wind up a suspect when her high school nemesis is murdered right in front of Poppy's old locker.)

Lutz, John **The Honorable Traitors** \$9.99 (Thomas Laker #1: Officially, Lake works for the

NSA. His real employer, known as the Gray Outfit, is not listed anywhere. When a Washington, DC, power broker is killed in a bombing, Laker teams up with cryptographer Ava North to search for clues.)

MacBride, Stuart **Now We Are Dead** \$25.99 (Recently demoted for fitting up a suspect, Sergeant Roberta Steel has a problem. The perp is back on the streets, and women are being attacked, but if Steel goes anywhere near him, she'll be thrown off the force. How much is she willing to sacrifice to stop him?)

Macmillan, Gilly **What She Knew** \$9.99 (Edgar and Thriller Award finalist. Rachel is walking in a Bristol park on a Sunday afternoon. As always, her son Ben runs on ahead of her. Rachel has no reason to worry - until Ben vanishes.)

Mandys, Pavel (ed) **Prague Noir** \$15.95 (PBO; Anthology. Original crime stories set in the capital of the Czech Republic.)

Martin, Kat **Beyond Danger** \$7.99 (Beau Reese forms an uneasy alliance with stunning PI Cassidy Jones to find out who killed his father.)

Morley, Christopher **Parnassus on Wheels / The Haunted Bookshop** \$14.95 (Reissue; Reprints 2 novellas about bookselling.)

Nesbo, Jo **The Thirst** \$16.00 (Harry Hole #11: Harry is drawn back into the Oslo police force when a serial murderer begins targeting Tinder daters - a murderer whose MO reignites Harry's hunt for a nemesis from his past.)

O'Connor, Carlene **Murder at an Irish Wedding** \$7.99 (Irish Village #2: When the best man at a celebrity wedding is found murdered in the woods, Siobhan's beau, local garda Macdara Flannery, becomes prime suspect.)

Ortiz, Paul **An African American and Latinx History of the United States** \$27.95 (Nonfiction. A revisionist history spanning more than two centuries that shows how placing African American, Latinx, and Indigenous voices front and center transforms American history into one of the working class organizing themselves against imperialism.)

Randall, Shari **Curses, Boiled Again!** \$7.99 (Lobster Shack #1: Allie is helping out at her family's New England seafood shack, but winds up sleuthing after a celebrity judge is poisoned during the Lobster Festival.)

Reichs, Kathy **Two Nights** \$9.99 (Sunnie's thirst for justice stems from her own dark past. A girl has gone missing, lost in the chaos of a bomb explosion, and the family needs Sunnie's help. Is the girl dead? Did someone take her? If she is out there, why doesn't she want to be found?)

Ryan, Sofie **The Fast and the Furriest** \$7.99 (Second Chance Cat #5: PBO; Sarah couldn't run Second Chance without her right-hand man Mac, but no one knows much about his earlier life. When a woman from his past shows up in town, and is murdered, suspicion falls on Mac. Sarah hopes she can prove his innocence quick as a whisker.)

Schutt, Bill/Finch, JR **The Himalayan Codex** \$9.99 (Hell's Gate #1: 1946: R.J. MacCready thinks he's going to the Himalayas to examine recently discovered mammoth bones, but learns he's being sent there to investigate an ancient codex, in which Pliny the Elder purports to have discovered a new race of humans in the mountains.)

Scottoline, Lisa **Keep Quiet** \$8.99 (When Jake and his 16-year-old son Ryan get in an auto accident that threatens to derail Ryan's chances at college, Jake makes a decision that saves his son from formal punishment, but plunges them both into a world of guilt, lies, and secrecy.)

Sheridan, Sara **London Calling** \$15.95 (Mirabelle Bevan #2: A debutante, last seen in Soho with a saxophone player, has disappeared. When the police take the musician into custody, Mirabelle and her friend Vesta decide to do a bit of investigating in London's smoky jazz clubs.)

Simenon, Georges **Maigret and the Dead Girl (alternate title: Maigret and the Young Girl)** \$13.00 (Maigret #45: Maigret and fellow inspector Lognon clash in their investigations into the murder of an unidentified young woman in a Montmartre park.)

Smith, Alexander McCall **A Time of Love and Tartan** \$15.95 (44 Scotland Street #12: When Pat accepts her ex Bruce's invitation for coffee, she has no idea of the complications in her romantic and professional life that will follow. Meanwhile, Matthew, her boss at the art gallery, attracts the attention of the police after a misunderstanding at the local bookstore.)

Smith, Michael Farris **Desperation Road** \$15.99 (Russell's prison sentence is served, his debt paid. He returns home, only to discover that revenge lives all around him. That same day, Maben and her young daughter spend their last dollar on a room for the night, a night that ends with Maben running through the darkness holding a pistol, and a dead deputy sprawled in the road. With the dawn, destinies collide, and Russell is forced to decide whose life he will save - his own, or those of the woman and child.)

- Swain, James **Super Con** \$15.95 (Billy Cunningham #3: Master grifter Billy Cunningham is scheming with a gang of high-profile cheats to pull off a scam that could rake in millions. Everything is going as planned until a crime lord strong-arms Billy into rigging the Super Bowl too.)
- Todd, Charles **The Gate Keeper** \$26.99 (Ian Rutledge #19: An aimless drive lands Inspector Rutledge with a murder investigation when he finds a car stopped on a desolate road, a woman with blood on her hands, and a dead man lying on the ground.)
- Tremayne, S.K. **The Fire Child** \$7.99 (Rachel's marriage to dark, handsome David seems ideal, but when her stepson's behavior changes disturbingly, her perfect life begins to unravel.)
- Washburn, Tim **The Day After Oblivion** \$9.99 (In the US, the DoD and NSA computer networks have been hacked. Bombs are detonated, missiles are launched, counterstrikes are ordered. The death toll is incalculable. Can those who remain survive long enough to rebuild - or will it just take them a little longer to die?)
- Watterson, Kate **Crushed** \$9.99 (Ellie MacIntosh #5: Detective Ellie MacIntosh and her partner Jason Santiago track a conscienceless killer who is leaving them message on the victims' bodies.)
- Ziegler, Philip **Between the Wars: 1919-1939** \$15.99 (Nonfiction. Ziegler examines the major international turning points - cultural and social as well as political and military - that led the world from the Great War to WWII.)

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- Beaton, M.C. **Death of an Honest Man** \$25.00 Hardcover, \$30.00 Unabridged Audiobook (Hamish Macbeth #34: Police sergeant Hamish Macbeth investigates the murder of a newcomer who managed to become remarkably unpopular in a very short time.)
- Cumming, Charles **A Divided Spy** \$16.99 (Tom Kell #3: Offered an unexpected chance at revenge, former MI6 officer Thomas Kell embarks on a mission to recruit a top Russian spy who possesses a terrifying secret.)
- Finch, Charles **The Woman in the Water** \$25.99 (Charles Lenox Prequel: London, 1850: Young Charles Lenox struggles to make a name for himself as a detective, but Scotland Yard won't take him seriously, and his friends deride him for working. When the newspaper publishes a letter whose anonymous author claims to have committed the perfect crime and promises to kill again, Lenox seizes the chance to prove himself.)
- Holt, Anne **Dead Joker** \$17.00 (Hanne Wilhelmsen #5: DI Hanne Wilhelmsen investigates when the Chief Public Prosecutor is suspected of his wife's brutal murder.)
- James, Miranda **Claws for Concern** \$26.00 (Cat in the Stacks #9: Charlie has been helping an elderly man navigate the library's genealogy database, but is startled to learn that the man is focused on his late aunt's husband. And true-crime writer Jack Pemberton is sure the visitor was involved in a shocking murder years ago. As this cold case heats up, Charlie and his cat Diesel have to uncover a killer.)
- Kanon, Joseph **Defectors** \$17.00 (12 years ago, Simon's brother Frank was exposed as a Communist spy and vanished behind the Iron Curtain. Now Frank wants Simon to come to Moscow to edit his memoirs. Simon agrees, only to find himself dragged into Frank's latest scheme, and caught between the KGB and the CIA.)
- Lansdale, Joe R. **Rusty Puppy** \$15.99 (Hap & Leonard #10: Hap and Leonard investigate the murder of a young black man who had been asking too many questions about the racist police force in their East Texas town.)
- Matthews, Jason **Red Sparrow** \$9.99 (Egorova & Nash #1: Reissue; Edgar and Thriller Award winner. In Putin-era Russia, young Russian spy Dominika Egorova, unwillingly trained as a seductress, and first-tour CIA officer Nate Nash, handler for America's most valuable mole in Moscow, collide in a charged atmosphere of tradecraft, deception, and a forbidden spiral of carnal attraction.)
- Mosley, Walter **Down the River Unto the Sea** \$27.00 (Ex-cop Joe King Oliver spent time in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Now he's a PI, on a crusade to clear his own name, as well as that of a radical Black journalist accused of killing two cops.)
- Rankin, Ian **Rather Be the Devil** \$15.99 (John Rebus #21: Rebus looks into a cold case, the 1970s death of a socialite in a luxurious Edinburgh hotel. His inquiries make him some very dangerous and powerful enemies.)
- Saylor, Steven **The Throne of Caesar** \$27.99 (Roma Sub Rosa #13: 44 BCE: Gordianus has achieved Equestrian rank and retired from investigating - until he's summoned to meet with Cicero and then with Julius Caesar himself, and asked to see if there are any conspiracies against Caesar's life.)

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The Legacy \$25.99 (Huldar & Freyja #1: The only person who might have answers about a baffling murder is the victim's young daughter, found hiding in the room where her mother died. But she's not talking. Detective Huldar turns to psychologist Freyja for help with the case.)

Westlake, Donald E.

Help I Am Being Held Prisoner \$9.95 (Reissue; Harold landed in jail for a practical joke that left 20 cars wrecked on the highway and two politicians' careers in tatters. Now he's just trying to keep a low profile in the Big House. He wants no part of his fellow inmates' plan to use an escape tunnel to rob two banks. But it's too late: he's in it up to his neck.)