

Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore

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Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, which this year means it is November 24. This has been going on nationally for several years to encourage people to support local small businesses. We will be giving away a free Uncles' book bag (normally \$10) to anybody who spends \$100.00 or more on Small Business Saturday (and that includes purchases of gift certificates).

38th Anniversary Sale

December 1 marks Uncle Edgar's 38th anniversary. Come into Uncle Edgar's or Uncle Hugo's and save 10% off everything except discount cards, gift certificates, or merchandise already marked 40% off. A discount card will save you even more—you'll get 10% off for the discount card and 10% off for the sale. (Sale prices apply only to in-store sales, not to mail orders.) The sale runs Friday, November 30 through Sunday, December 9, giving you two weekends to save. We will be having our

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING SCIENCE FICTION

ALREADY RECEIVED

	Fantasy & Science Fiction November / December 2018 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Fantasy & Science Fiction September / October 2018 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Locus #692 September 2018 (Interviews with Kelly Robson and Rebecca Roanhorse; forthcoming books; industry news, reviews, and more)	\$7.50
	Locus #693 October 2018 (Interviews with N.K. Jemisin and Kate Elliott; industry news, reviews, and more)	\$7.50
	Locus #694 November 2018 (Interview with Andy Duncan; SF in Israel; industry news, reviews, and more)	\$7.50
Abbott, James	The Never King (PBO; For years, legendary commander Xavir Argentum has ruled nothing but a prison gang. When a former spymaster infiltrates the prison, bringing news of an old enemy's treachery, plans are forged. Vengeance comes to those who wait)	\$14.95
Anderson/Dickson	Hokas Pokas (Reissue; Collection. Reprints 3 adventures featuring the friendly, fuzzy aliens with vivid imaginations who have never quite grasped the difference between human fiction and reality)	\$16.00
Anonymous	Slender Man (PBO; Lauren Bailey has disappeared. As friends speculate on what happened and the police search for answers, Matt Barker dreams of trees, and a black sky, and something drawing closer. Through fragments of journals, news stories, and online conversations, a figure begins to emerge - a tall, slender figure - and all divisions between fiction and delusion, between nightmare and reality, begin to fall)	\$15.99
Ashley, Mike (ed) Coleman, Claire	Moonrise (PBO; Anthology. 12 classic tales of lunar adventure)	\$14.95
	Terra Nullius (In the near future, Australia experiences colonization once more. The Natives of the Colony are restless. The Settlers are eager to bring peace to their new home, and they have a plan: tear Native families apart, and re-educate those resist. Jacky has escaped the Home where the Settlers sent him, but where will he go? The Head of the Department for the Protection of Natives, known to Settlers and Natives alike as the Devil, is chasing Jacky. And when the Devil catches him, Sister Bagra, who knows her duty to the ungodly, will be waiting for Jacky back at Home)	\$17.00
Colgan, Jenny T.	The Christmas Invasion (Doctor Who: PBO; Novelization of the 2005 episode scripted by Russell T. Davies)	\$9.99
Cox, Alex	I Am (Not) a Number (A cult filmmaker's take on the puzzles of The Prisoner TV series)	\$16.95
Duncan, Andy	Agent of Utopia (PBO; Collection. 12 sf and fantasy stories (2 original to this volume))	\$17.00
Erikson, Steven	Rejoice: A Knife to the Heart (Imagine a First Contact without contact, an alien arrival where no aliens show up. Imagine the sudden appearance of exclusion zones all over the planet, into which no humans are allowed. Imagine an end to violence, from the schoolyard bully to war. Imagine an end to borders, an end to crime. Imagine a world where hate has no outlet and the only harm one can do is to oneself. Imagine a world transformed, but with no guidance and no hint of what's coming next. What would you do? How would you feel? What questions can you ask when the only possible answers come from the all-too-human face in your mirror?)	\$27.95
Grant, Maxwell	The Scent of Death / The Chinese Primrose (Shadow # 126: Pulp reprints)	\$14.95

annual inventory reduction sale December 26-31, but that will feature deep discounts on things we really want to get rid of. It will not be a store-wide sale like the 38th Anniversary Sale.

Award News

The World Fantasy Award for best novel went in a tie to **The Changeling** by Victor Lavalle (\$18.00) and **Jade City** by Fonda Lee (\$15.99). The other contenders were **The City of Brass** by S. A. Chakraborty (\$16.99), **Ka: Dar Oakley in the Ruins of Ymr** by John Crowley (\$16.99), **The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter** by Theiodor Goss (\$16.99), and **Spoonbenders** by Daryl Gregory (\$16.95). Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Charles de Lint and Elizabeth Wollheim.

The Hugo Awards included Best Novel to **The Stone Sky** by N. K. Jemisin (\$16.99), Best Novella to **All Systems Red** by Martha Wells (\$14.99 tr pb, \$16.99 hc due in January), Best Series to Lois McMaster Bujold for the World of Five Gods series, and the World Science Fiction Society Award for Best Young Adult Book (not a Hugo) went to **Akata Warrior** by Nnedi Okorafor (\$10.99).

The Dragon Awards included Best Science Fiction Novel to **Artemis** by Andy Weir (\$16.00), Best Fantasy Novel to **Oathbringer** by Brandon Sanderson (\$23.99 tr pb), Best Young Adult/Middle Grade Novel to **Children of Blood and Bone** by Tomi Adeyemi (\$18.99),

Grant, Maxwell	The Silent Death / Charg, Monster (Shadow # 127: Pulp reprints)... \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Shadowed Millions / No Safety in Numbers (Shadow # 128: Pulp reprints)..... \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Mobsmen on the Spot / Murder Trail (Shadow # 129: Pulp reprints).....\$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Hands in the Dark / Murder Marsh (Shadow # 130: Pulp reprints) . . \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Vanished Treasure / Isle of Gold (Shadow # 131: Pulp reprints). . . . \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Fingers of Death / The Blackest Mail (Shadow # 132: Pulp reprints). \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	Syndicate of Sin / Merry Mrs. Macbeth (Shadow # 133: Pulp reprints)..... \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	The Creeping Death / The Banshee Murders (Shadow # 134: Pulp reprints)..... \$14.95
Grant, Maxwell	The Ghost Murders / Ships of Doom (Shadow # 135: Pulp reprints). \$14.95
Hale, Ginn	The Long Past & Other Stories (Collection. Short fiction set in an alternate 1800s in which warring mages have opened up vast inland seas - and with the flooding come creatures from the long-distant past)..... \$16.95
Henderson, J.A.	It's Only the End of the World (PBO; YA; Charlie Fay is the teen son of radical computer hackers. The Jekyll serum has given him superpowers. And apparently he's the only one who can save humanity from mass extinction - although he'll need some help from a rogue AI and smart-mouthed Daffodil McNugget)..... \$9.95
Jackson, Shelley	Riddance (The Sybil Joins Vocational School appears to be a sanctuary for children seeking to cure their speech impediments. The Headmistress has other ideas. Through their stutters, she and the students can channel ghostly voices communicating from the land of the dead, a realm the Headmistress visits at will. Things change for the school and the Headmistress when a student's disappearance draws the attention of parents and police)..... \$28.00
Kelly, Walt	Pogo: The Complete Dell Comics Volume 6 (Full color graphic novel. Includes all the Pogo stories from Pogo Possum issues 15 and 16 plus Pogo stories from Four Color #254, Our Gang # 6, and a previously unpublished story 'Giants of Siant's')... \$50.00
Kelly, Walt	Out of This World At Home (Pogo: The Complete Syndicated Comic Strip Volume 5: Reprints the 1957-1958 comics. Daily strips in black & white, Sunday strips in color)..... \$45.00
Lui, Marjorie et al	Haven (Monstress Volume 3: PBO; Full color. Reprints issues 13-18 of the comic book. Maika travels to the neutral city of Pontus in search of temporary refuge. She has spent most of her life learning how to fight, but how will she fare when the only way to save her life is to make friends?). \$16.99
Machen, Arthur	The Great God Pan & Other Classic Horror Stories (Slim collection of four stories)..... \$6.00
Mannering, Paul	Engines of Empathy (Drakeforth # 1: Reissue; Charlotte Pudding, a computer psychologist, has her routine disrupted by a shadowy corporation, a man who claims to be a retired god, and the secrets of her own family history. Her quest for answers will lead her to a religion based on quantum physics, a hunt for a rare plant oil, and a fight against a black-belt in sarcasm). \$13.99
Mannering, Paul	Pisces of Fate (Drakeforth # 2: Reissue; After the death of his parents, Ascott Pudding ran away to the ends of the Earth - the Aardvark Archipelago, where, he finds himself in the grip of an ancient mystery and an extremely violent invertebrate. With the help of his best friend Shoal and an artistically temperamental parrot, Ascott will face down a homicidal octopus, an extreme whale-based sporting event, and several varieties of pirate). \$14.99
Marciuliano, Francesco	You Need More Sleep (Our feline overlords have spent eons observing, napping, pondering, napping, and taking notes about the human condition. In between naps, they've realized that we humans could use some guidance, and have condescended to share their invaluable wisdom. Full color cat photos throughout). \$12.95
North, Ryan	How to Invent Everything: A Survival Guide for the Stranded Time Traveller (What would you do if a time machine hurled you thousands of years into the past, and then broke? How would you survive? Could you improve on humanity's original timeline? And how hard would it be to domesticate a giant wombat? With this book as your guide, you'll survive and thrive in any period in Earth's history). \$27.00
Prescott, Bev	2 Degrees (PBO; 2092: Storms, disease, famine, thirst, and war show no mercy on the living. Farmer Sharon Clausen has a secret apple tree that keeps her and her wife Eve fed. Once a month they travel to Boston to trade apples with Dr. Ryan for Eve's leukemia treatment. When Eve is kidnapped and the Ryans are murdered, Sharon's quest to rescue

Best Military Science Fiction or Fantasy Novel to **A Call to Vengeance** by David Weber, Timothy Zahn, and Thomas Page (\$26.00, \$8.99 pb due mid-December), and Best Alternate History Novel to **Uncharted** by Kevin J. Anderson and Sarah A. Hoyt (\$25.00).

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature went to **Ka: Dar Oakley in the Ruins of Ymr** by John Crowley (\$16.99).

Many mystery awards were presented at Bouchercon:

The Anthony Award for Best Novel went to **Bluebird, Bluebird** by Attica Locke (\$15.99), for Best First Novel to **Hollywood Homicide** by Kellye Garrett (\$14.99), for Best Paperback Original to **The Day I Died** by Lori Rader-Day (\$14.99), and the Bill Crider Award for Best Novel in a Series to **Y is for Yesterday** by Sue Grafton (\$16.00).

The Barry Awards included Best Novel to **The Marsh King's Daughter** by Karen Dionne (\$16.00), Best First Novel to **The Dry** by Jane Harper (\$9.99), Best Paperback Original to **The Deep Dark Descending** by Allen Eskens (\$15.95), and Best Thriller to **Unsub** by Meg Gardiner (\$9.99).

The Shamus Awards included Best PI Hardcover to **The Room of White Fire** by T. Jefferson Parker (\$9.99 pb), Best First PI Novel to **The Last Place You Look** by Kristen Lepionka (\$16.99), and Best PI Paperback Original to **Lights Out Summer** by Rich Zahradnik (\$15.95).

The Macavity Awards

	her wife leads her to team up with an eclectic team of misfits). \$16.95
Proposch/Sequiera/etc (ed)	Cthulhu Deep Down Under Volume 2 (Anthology. Mythos fiction by Australian authors, including both reprints and original tales of cosmic horror visited upon the land down under). \$14.99
Ralphs, Matt	Fire Girl (Hazel Hooper # 1: Kids; More than anything, young Hazel wants to be a witch. And when her mother is kidnapped, Hazel discovers she does have magic - she's just not very good at controlling it. And she may have accidentally created a grumpy dormouse familiar. The pair set out to track down her mother). \$10.99
Rospond, Brandon (ed)	Dimensional Gates (Beyond Antares: Anthology. Stories set in the universe of the Seventh Age of Humanity). \$18.00
Rospond, Brandon (ed)	Open Signal (Beyond Antares: Anthology. Stories set in the universe of the Seventh Age of Humanity). \$18.00
Stross, Charles	The Nightmare Stacks (Laundry Files #7: After accidentally becoming a vampire, Alex was drafted by the Laundry, Britain's secret counter-occult agency. Now he's been dispatched to Leeds to help assess the cost of renovating a Cold War bunker into new headquarters. Unfortunately, Leeds is his hometown, and he's being pressured into visiting his judgmental parents). \$16.99
Twain, Mark	The Speculative Fiction of Mark Twain (PBO; The great American humorist applied his wit and imagination to spinning these tales about time travel, mental telepathy, instantaneous communication, alternate history, and utopian worlds). \$7.00
Vaughan/Staples	Saga Volume 9 (PBO; Adults only. Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 49-54 of the comic book). \$14.99
Whelan, Michael Whittaker, K.J.	Beyond Science Fiction (PBO; Full color collection of his sf & fantasy art). \$25.00 False Lights (Napoleon has won the Battle of Waterloo and England is under French occupation. A half-drowned girl washes up on a Cornish beach, escaping French soldiers after the murder of her black sea captain father. An aristocratic soldier-spy, haunted by his part in the defeat at Waterloo, plans to spring the Duke of Wellington from captivity. Together, they become enmeshed in a web of treachery and espionage). \$12.95
	<u>DUE EARLY DECEMBER</u>
	Doctor Who Mad Libs: Bigger on the Inside Edition (Includes a poster of the Thirteenth Doctor. Enjoy all the fun of the hit TV show with 21 time-traveling fill-in-the-blank stories). \$6.99
Abnett, Dan	The Victory Part I: Blood Pact / Salvation's Reach (Warhammer 40,000: Gaunt's Ghosts: Omnibus reprint of 2 novels plus short stories). \$18.00
Abnett, Dan	The Warmaster (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). \$16.00
Andrews, Ilona	Diamond Fire (Hidden Legacy: Novella. Catalina Baylor is looking forward to her sister's wedding, but something underhanded is going on. To make this wedding happen, Catalina will have to use her magic). \$3.99
Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Of the Mortal Realm (Mancer # 3: The city of Kavet is cast into the middle of the final showdown between the infernal Abyss and the divine Numini. It is a battle that could reshape the world, and a battle not all will survive). \$7.99
Bedford, Jacey	Rowankind (Rowankind # 3: 1802: How do you contain magical creatures accidentally loosed in the British countryside? How do you convince a crew of barely reformed pirates to go straight when there's smuggling to be done? How do you find a lost notebook full of deadly spells? How do you mediate between a mad king and the seven lords of the Fae? Ross and Corwen have several problems to solve). \$7.99
Belcher, R.S.	King of the Road (Brotherhood of the Wheel # 2: At home in North Carolina, Jimmie and his squire Heck find themselves drawn into a war between two biker gangs, one led by a biker with new supernatural allies, and one an all-female werewolf pack. Meanwhile, Lovina is drawn into a missing person case that leads to a trailer park seemingly haunted by killer clowns). \$28.99
Belcher, R.S.	The Queen of Swords (Golgotha # 3: 1870: Maude Stapleton leaves Golgotha in search of her kidnapped daughter, and finds herself caught in the middle of a secret war between the Daughters of Lilith and their ancient enemies the Sons of Typhon). . . \$17.99
Black, Holly	The Cruel Prince (Folk of the Air # 1: YA; 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). \$12.99
Blue, Elly (ed)	Bikes Not Rockets (Anthology. As you ride down the intergalactic bike path, you come

included Best Mystery Novel to **Magpie Murders** by Anthony Horowitz (\$16.99), Best First Mystery Novel to **The Lost Ones**, by Sheena Kamal (\$15.99), and Best Mystery-Related Nonfiction to **The Story of Classic Crime in 100 Books** by Martin Edwards (\$15.95).

The U.K. Crime Writers Association has announced the Dagger Awards for 2018, including The Ian Fleming Steel Dagger to **Bluebird, Bluebird** by Attica Locke (\$15.99), The John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger to **Lola** by Melissa Scrivner Love (\$16.00), The International Dagger to **After the Fire** by Henning Mankell (\$16.95), and a bunch of awards to books not yet scheduled for U.S. release.

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 of the 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 electronic devices in place of a wall calendar that the calendar market has shrunk quite a bit. A couple of years ago we stopped carrying calendars, and a few people had us special order calendars for them, but most people didn't seem to care. Last

Brandt, Gerald	to a crossroads. Which path will you take? Find out in these twelve stories). . . . \$11.95
	The Rebel (San Angeles #3: War has started between the corporations, and the people of the lower levels are suffering the most. Kris finds herself torn between working with the insurgents, who are becoming more like the corporations they oppose, and helping the people of the lower levels). . . . \$7.99
Cobley, Michael	Splintered Suns (Brannan Pyke #2: For Pyke and his crew, it should be just another heist: break into a museum vault, steal a tracking device, and use it to find an ancient ship buried in a backwater planet's sandy wastes. Except another gang of treasure hunters is after the tracking device - and somewhere aboard the buried ship is a relic that will unlock all the treasures and technologies of a lost civilization). . . . \$15.99
Cogman, Genevieve	The Mortal Word (Invisible Library #5: The Library is mediating a dragon-Fae peace conference. When an important dragon is stabbed to death, Vale and Irene are tasked with solving the case. The investigation takes them to 1890s Paris, where evidence suggests the victim might have uncovered proof of treachery by one or more Librarians). . . . \$15.00
Czerneda, Julie (ed)	Tales from Plexis (Trade Pact Universe: Anthology. Original stories set at the infamous interstellar Plexis Supermarket. Learn more about the famed Claws & Jaws: Interspecies Cuisine. Solve mysteries. Slip through service tunnels. Shop with goldtags. Plexis awaits your pleasure). . . . \$20.00
Davis/Ruocchio (ed) de Castell, Sebastien	Space Pioneers (Anthology. Stories of space exploration and colonization)... \$7.99
	Soulbinder (Spellslinger #4: Bounty hunters dog Kellen's heels, and his curse is growing stronger, bringing dark and violent visions. He searches desperately for an order of monks rumored to have a cure, but salvation comes with a high price). . . . \$15.99
Dee, C/Guerrier, S	The Women Who Lived (Doctor Who: Stories of the women of the Whoniverse, from Sarah Jane Smith to Bill Potts, from Susan Foreman to the Thirteenth Doctor: scientists, soldiers, queens, canteen workers, and more). . . . \$23.99
Dickson, Gordon R. Douglas, Ian	The Magnificent Wilf (Reissue). . . . \$16.00
	Bright Light (Star Carrier #8: Stripped of his command, Trevor Gray is unsure what to do with his life. But the super-AI Konstantin has a plan: connect Gray with the Pan-Europeans, and set him on a course to the remote star Deneb to make contact with a mysterious alien civilization, and maybe - if they can make it in time - prevent humanity from being wiped out). . . . \$7.99
Dunne, Rachel	The Shattered Sun (Bound Gods #3: With his ragtag band of fighters, Joros seeks to defeat the ancient gods newly released from long imprisonment. But the Twins have champions of their own, and powers beyond knowing). . . . \$16.99
Durfee, Brian Lee	The Blackest Heart (Five Warrior Angels #2: Returning to Gul Kana, Princess Jondralyn suffers a devastating loss, even while her sister Tala finds faith within herself while facing off against villains. Hawkwood is captured, betrayed knight Gault wonders about the fate of his daughter, and Nail embarks on the deadliest quest the Five Isles has ever known) . . . \$19.99
Durst, Sarah Beth	Fire and Heist (YA; In Sky's family, leading your first heist is a major milestone, a chance to gain power and acceptance within your family and society. But stealing your first treasure can be complicated, especially when you're a wyvern - a human who can turn into a dragon). . . . \$17.99
Erikson, Steven	The Search for Spark (Willful Child #3: The not too bright but exceedingly cocksure Captain Hadrian Sawback and his motley crew embark on another chaotic adventure through interstellar space). . . . \$27.99
Flint, E/Freer, D	All the Plagues of Hell (Heirs of Alexandria #5: The snake-god of plague has been awakened by Lucia del Maino, who plots to marry and then murder Carlo Sforza, the usurper who now rules Milan. And other trouble is brewing for Sforza as well). . . . \$25.00
Flint, E/Kimble, A	Iron Angels (A bizarre kidnapping leads FBI special agent Jasper Wilde into the world of a strange religious cult and even stranger criminals. Something wicked has come to the Chicago suburbs). . . . \$7.99
Fry, Jason	The Last Jedi expanded edition (Star Wars: The official novelization of the film, expanded to include deleted and alternate scenes from the script)... \$9.99
Golden, Christie	Before the Storm (World of Warcraft: Prequel to The Battle for Azeroth game expansion). . . . \$7.99
Goodkind, Terry	Shroud of Eternity (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) . . . \$9.99
Haley/Guymer etc	The Beast Arises Volume 2 (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint of 4 novels)

year we brought in a small number of calendars from England, and only sold about half of them. So this year we are again not carrying calendars, but we have special ordered a few for customers.

We also have hundreds of signed books, lots of art books, and humor books, including many that can be given to people who don't read sf or mysteries. And the publishers are pushing out a lot of very good novels in time for holiday gift-giving.

How's Business? by Don Blyly

I keep watching the various reports of national book sales being up some months and down other months, but always doing less well than the rest of retail. Sales at the Uncles also fluctuate compared to the same month the year before, but our fluctuations don't seem to have anything to do with the national fluctuations. Our September sales were up a little from last year, but October sales were way down compared to last year, and November so far is also way down compared to last year. I think the main problem is that we had a lot of late-November-style weather in early October and a lot of late-December-style weather in early November. We've certainly had a lot of good books coming into the store, but not enough customers have been coming in to buy them.

For years we've been unhappy about the decrease in the number of books coming out in mass market paperback. As more books come out in trade

Harkaway, Nick	Gnomon (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). \$16.95	\$21.00
Humberg, C/Perplies, B Jacobs, John Hornor	In the Heart of Chaos (Star Trek: Prometheus)... \$7.99 Infernal Machines (Incorruptibles #3: Rume is under attack, the Autumn Lords have had their true nature revealed, and the emperor is descending into madness. And Fisk and Shoe - mercenaries and unlikely heroes - must find their way to Fisk's family. There might be quite a lot in their way. A war, for one thing). \$13.99	
Jemisin, N.K.	How Long 'til Black Future Month? (Collection of short fiction by the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author). \$26.00	
Keck, David	A King in Cobwebs (Durand #3: The land is at the mercy of an unfit king. As rebellion sparks in a conquered duchy, the final bond holding back the Banished breaks, unleashing nightmarish evil. In his final battle against the Banished, Durand must face the whispering darkness responsible for it all: the king in cobwebs). \$17.99	
Kenson, Steve	The Expanse Roleplaying Game Master's Kit (Includes: a sturdy full-color GM screen with essential tables and references for game play on one side and artwork on the other; four quick-reference cards to put stunts and actions at your fingertips; a combat tracker; a set of pre-generated Player Characters; and a complete adventure)... \$24.95	
Konrath, J.A.	Origin (In 1906, a crew working on the Panama Canal unearthed something that could not be identified or explained. Something sinister and very much alive. A century later, scientists gather at an underground facility in New Mexico to determine what this being is) \$7.99	
Lackey, Mercedes (ed)	Choices (Valdemar: Anthology. Short stories set in the Valdemar universe, including a new story by Lackey)... \$7.99	
Lazellari, Edward	Blood of Ten Kings (Aandor #3: The Guardians return to their reality, ill-equipped to fend off Farrenheil's invading soldiers. Daniel and Seth must vanquish ancient ghosts to claim their birthright powers, and Cat must fight to keep her husband Callum). \$32.99	
McClellan, Brian	Wrath of Empire (Gods of Blood & Powder #2: With the capital city occupied, refugees look for safety on the frontier. In the capital, Michel Bravis smuggles more refugees out of the city, but with enemies on every side, he may be forced to find help with the very occupiers he's trying to undermine. Meanwhile, Ben Styke is raising his own army, and searching for an artifact that might turn the tides of war in their favor)... \$16.99	
Mitchell, J. Barton	The Razor (Marcus Flynn has been sent to Angel Fire, a prison planet. His first day there, the guards suddenly abandon the planet, leaving the inmates to die. There is more to Angel Fire than meets the eye, and Flynn soon makes unlikely allies - and the most dangerous of enemies)... \$26.99	
North, Ryan et al	Squirrels Fall Like Dominoes (Unbeatable Squirrel Girl #9: Full color graphic novel. Reprints issues 32-36 of the comic). \$15.99	
Passarella, John	Halloween (2018) movie novelization (Official novelization of the revamp of the classic horror film)... \$7.99	
Pini, W/Pini, R	The Complete ElfQuest Volume 5 (Massive reprint of Elfquest: Hidden Years #16-29 plus the entire 'Wild Hunt' sequence. With Cutter leading his warriors against human warlord Grohmul Djun, his chief-daughter Ember takes her tribemates far away into unknown lands). \$24.99	
Sawyer, Jamie	Exodus (Eternity War #2: With their starship badly damaged, Lieutenant Keira Jenkins and her Jackals find themselves adrift in hostile territory. Somehow they must find a way to warn the Alliance before the Black Spiral unleashes a new war across the galaxy. But first they must face the Alliance's oldest enemy: the Asiatic Directorate. And the Directorate has a score to settle with Jenkins)... \$9.99	
Schenck, Bradley W.	Slaves of the Switchboard of Doom (An illustrated adventure inspired by the future imagined at the 1939 World's Fair, populated by bubble-helmeted heroes, robot sidekicks, mad scientists, rocket engineers, switchboard operators, space pirates, and more) \$15.99	
Solomons, David	The Secret in Vault 13 (Doctor Who: Kids). \$16.99	
Szpara, K.M. (ed)	Transcendent I (Anthology. Some of the best transgender and genderqueer sf, fantasy, speculative fiction, and horror stories of 2015). \$20.00	
Takacs, Bogi (ed)	Transcendent 3 (Anthology. Some of the best transgender and genderqueer sf, fantasy, speculative fiction, and horror stories of 2017). \$18.00	

paperback instead of mass market paperbacks, the trade paperbacks spend less time on the new release shelf and the mass market paperbacks spend longer on the new release shelf. The shelf space for backlist trade paperbacks keeps getting more crowded, and the shelves for the backlist mass market paperbacks looks less full. (For us, a title becomes “backlist” when it comes off the new release shelf, but various publishers have internal rules about how many months old a book has to be before it is declared “backlist”.) A few years back, Dorchester went under, and we had carried a lot of horror and paranormal romance mass markets from them at Uncle Hugo’s, and they distributed Hard Case Crime mass markets to Uncle Edgar’s. The titles to Uncle Hugo’s usually only sold 1-3 copies per title, and Hard Case Crime found another distributor, so there wasn’t much effect to our business. About a year ago Uncle Hugo’s made some changes to our shelving for backlist mass market so that they wouldn’t look so empty, and also to make it easier to move around the store.

Berkley used to publish a huge number of cozy mystery series in mass market, so many that around 1/4 of Uncle Edgar’s mass market new release shelf used to be Berkley cozies. Around a year ago we heard that Berkley was killing off most of their cozy series, and we were worried. Then we heard that Kensington was picking up most of the cozy series that Berkley was killing off, and we were relieved. The customers don’t care if the spine says Berkley or

Torgersen, Brad R.	A Star Wheeled Sky (Centuries ago, fleeing Armageddon on Earth, humans found the Waywork, an alien superhighway system between a closed sphere of stars. Now the five Starstates, ruling all that's left of humanity, are poised on the brink of another terrible war) \$16.00
Vande Velde, Vivian	The Prince Problem (Kids; When a hasty witch mistakes him for a bully, Prince Telmund is cursed to transform into a new animal every time he falls asleep. Princess Amelia has a wide range of practical skills, none of which help her escape the ball her parents have thrown, which ends with her being kidnapped). \$16.99
Watters, Shannon et al Wilde, Fran	Parents' Day (Lumberjanes Volume 10: Kids; Full color). \$14.99 Horizon (Bone Universe #3: Kirit Densira has lost everything she loved most - her mother, her home, and the skies above. Her estranged brother Nat Brokenwings is still trying to save his family in the face of catastrophe. They will need to band together once more to ensure their community's survival). \$17.99
Wilkins, Kim	Daughters of the Storm (Daughters of the Storm #1: The King, near death, lies in a magically induced coma. To save him and the kingdom, his five daughters - warrior, magician, lover, zealot, gossip - set out to find a cure, even as their stepbrother connives to gather power to himself). \$16.00
Windo, Nick Clark	The Feed (The Feed is accessible everywhere, by everyone, linking to information, events, interactions, and emotions. When it collapses, it takes modern society with it, leaving people scavenging to survive)..... \$16.99
	<u>DUE MID-DECEMBER</u>
	Death on the Pitch (Anthology. Stories of the goriest sport in existence: Blood Bowl, combining strategy, tactics, and sheer wanton violence, featuring cheating dwarfs, second-rate wizards, homicidal orcs, and injured heroes fighting for old glory)..... \$16.00
Croggon, Alison	The Bone Queen (Pellinor Prequel: YA; With darkness gathering and Bards giving in to fear and paranoia, it falls to a guilt-ridden ex-Bard and a neophyte with unsettling abilities to bring peace to the living and the dead)..... \$9.99
Daniels, D.J.	Green Jay and Crow (Eva is a body double, 3D printed from plant matter, disposable. She should have disintegrated weeks ago. Instead she has managed to stay alive, hidden by the Chemical Conjurers and aided by the unfathomable alien Tenties. What she really needs to survive is inside a Time Locked box held by the local crime boss). \$9.99
Dembski-Bowden, Aaron	The Emperor's Gift (Warhammer 40,000: Reissue). \$16.00
Gaiman, Neil et al	Dream Country 30th anniversary edition (Sandman #3: Full color. Reprints issues 17-20 of the comic book). \$19.99
Kyme, Nick	Born of Flame: The Hammer and the Anvil (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Includes a novel, two novellas, and two stories)..... \$18.00
Orzel, Chad	Breakfast with Einstein (Orzel illuminates the strange phenomena lurking just beneath the surface of our ordinary lives by explaining the complicated physics involved. From the sun, alarm clocks, and the red glow of a toaster's hot filaments to the chemistry of food aroma, a typical day is rich in examples of quantum weirdness). \$16.95
Sugar, Rebecca et al	Ultimate Dough-Down (Steven Universe: Kids; Full color. An original standalone graphic novel. Lars is in space, leaving Sadie running the Big Donut on her own. It's up to Steven and the Crystal Gems to help her win the Ultimate Dough-Down)..... \$14.99
Valente, Catherynne M.	Space Opera (Humans expected to discover a grand universe of diplomacy, gunships, wormholes, and alien councils. Instead, humanity's fate rests with the musicians, dancers, and roadies chosen to compete in a high-stakes intergalactic talent show). \$14.99
White, Alex	A Bad Deal for the Whole Galaxy (Salvagers #2: Nilah and Boots hear word of a cult that may have links to an ancient, all-powerful magic. Nilah goes undercover to find the source of their power, while Boots confronts a turncoat former treasure-hunting partner). \$15.99
	<u>DUE EARLY JANUARY</u>
Annandale/Guymer etc	The Beast Arises Volume 3 (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint of 4 novels) \$21.00
Asaro, Catherine	The Bronze Skies (Skolian Empire: Major Bhaajan #2: Summoned by the Ruby Pharaoh, PI Major Bhaajan is tasked with finding a killer - a Jagernaut who killed a government official. The killer's spinal node should have prevented the murder, but the Ruby Pharaoh is sure of what she saw, and believes the Jagernaut will kill again).. \$7.99
Asher, Neal	Polity Agent (Polity: Agent Cormac #4: When refugees from 800 years in the future gate into the Polity, Cormac learns that the Maker civilization has been destroyed by a pernicious virus known as the Jain technology. This raises questions. Meanwhile an entity

Kensington, as long as they can continue to get the series that they are following. The Berkley and Kensington books come from the same warehouse, in the same box, on the same invoice, so we don't care what imprint is on the spine.

But Kensington started putting a lot of the books out in e-book only instead of mass market paperbacks. (They also began to put out a lot of books in Uncle Hugo's territory in e-book only, but those are overwhelmingly by authors that we've never heard of before, so it doesn't make much difference to Uncle Hugo's.) Many of the cozy mysteries that Kensington was putting out in e-book only were continuations of series that our customers had been following in mass market paperback. The number of new mass markets for Uncle Edgar's went down and the time spent on the new release shelf went up.

With all the changes going on in the publishing field, we've started making significant changes to the physical layout of the books at Uncle Edgar's. We used to have the new mass market paperbacks alphabetical by author in one area, the new trade paperbacks alphabetical by author in another area, and the new hardcovers alphabetical by author in a third area. But with some series, part of the series was in mass market paperback, part in trade paperback, and the newest was in hardcover. We have now changed things so that the new mass market paperbacks, trade paperback, and hardcovers are all arranged together, alphabetical by author, which should make it much easier for customers to find what they are looking for. The

Bova, Ben	called the Legate is distributing pernicious Jain nodes, and a renegade attack ship has encountered something very nasty outside the Polity itself)..... \$7.99 Survival (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). \$9.99
Cambias, James L.	Arkad's World (Arkad's struggle to survive on the lawless streets of an alien world is interrupted by the arrival of three other humans seeking a priceless treasure that might free Earth from alien domination. He risks everything when he joins their quest)... \$24.00
Chabon, Michael	Bookends: Collected Intros and Outros (A compilation of pieces about literature - classics as well as his own - that present a look into his literary origins and influences, the books that shaped his tastes and formed his ideas about writing and reading). \$16.99
Chu, Wesley	The Fall of Io (Io #2: Ella and Io are beginning to trust each other. Of course, Ella is also dealing with the entire Prophus high command and the rest of her new team. The enemy Genjix are a constant threat, and it looks like the Prophus may have seriously underestimated them. Someone should really do something about that - but are Ella and Io the right agents for the job?). \$12.99
Clarke, Cassandra Rose	Battle Born (Halo: YA; Novel based on the popular game)... \$9.99
Cronin, Justin	The Passage TV tie-in edition (Amy Bellafonte #1: A security breach at a secret facility unleashes the monstrous product of a military experiment. As civilization breaks down to predators and prey, FBI agent Brad Wolgast flees with 6-year-old Amy, a refugee from the project, whose odyssey will lead her towards the time and place where she must finish what should never have begun)... \$9.99
Drake, David	The Storm (Time of Heroes #2: Jon is dedicating his life to reuniting the scattered hamlets into a Commonwealth. He has makers to build weapons and clerks to handle the business of government, but he also needs champions to face the powers of chaos that listen to no argument but force)... \$26.00
Duncan, Rod	The Outlaw and the Upstart King (Map of Unknown Things #2: Every clan agrees: tattoos are the only law on the Island of the Free, and there can never be a king. But a returning exile has smuggled something across the water that could send the old ways up in flames). \$12.99
Evenson, BK/Perry, SD	Criminal Enterprise / No Exit (Aliens Omnibus #7: Omnibus reprint of 2 novels about the deadly Xenomorphs)... \$9.99
Fink, J/Cranor, J	It Devours! (Night Vale Novel #2: Nilanjana Sikdar is an outsider working for Carlos, Night Vale's top scientist. She relies on fact and logic as her guiding principles - principles that are put into question when Carlos tasks her with investigating a mysterious rumbling in the desert wasteland outside the town; audiobook \$19.99). \$16.99
Gloss, Molly	Outside the Gates (Reissue; When Vren tells his family about his ability to talk to animals, he is cast outside the villages gates, into a world he has been taught is filled with terrifying creatures. He expects to die alone, but instead finds refuge among a community of people with extraordinary powers)... \$14.99
Goodkind, Terry	Siege of Stone (Nicci Chronicles #3: A vast army of half-stone soldiers from the ancient past have awakened, led by one of history's greatest commanders. Can Nicci, Nathan, and Bannon help Ildakar survive this unbreakable siege?). \$31.99
Hearne, Kevin	Scourged (Iron Druid #9: Atticus travels to Asgard to face off against the Norse gods. Can he prevent Ragnarok?)... \$7.99
King, William	Tyrion & Teclis: Blood of Aenarion / Sword of Caledor / Bane of Malekith (Warhammer Chronicles: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels). \$21.00
Kless, Eyal	The Lost Puzzler (Tarakan Chronicles #1: A lowly scribe is charged with a dangerous task. He must venture into the wilds beyond the glass and steel towers at the center of the destroyed Tarakan empire, and discover the fate of a child who disappeared more than a decade ago, born of a rare breed of marked people with the power to restore the lost civilization to glory once more). \$16.99
Matthews, Susan R.	Crimes Against Humanity (Under Jurisdiction #8: The Langsariks' Hilton Shires has forged a coalition to bring the Gonebeyond slavers to justice. The criminal cartels know that the key to taking down Shires is to get rid of renegade Fleet Inquisitor Andrej Koscuisko - but how? Enter His Excellency Danyo Pefisct, who plans to enslave Koscuisko for the personal pleasure of a Jurisdiction crimelord). \$16.00
McNeill, Graham	The Crimson King (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy)... \$9.99

back wall, which used to be new mass market paperbacks N-Z is now the beginning of the used mass market alphabet. As we started moving things around, we also looked at the sales of a lot of the older mystery titles, and found that many books early in the series by major authors hadn't sold a new copy in maybe 5 years, maybe 10 years, sometimes not in 15 years. Those titles were still selling well as used books, but our customers were waiting for used copies to come in rather than paying for new copies. So we returned a lot of new books that hadn't sold in years to make more room to display the used books better. After we're finished with the newsletter, some of the shelves toward the center of the store will be used to expand our used hardcover section, getting a lot of the piles of used books off the floor so that you can actually see what's on the bottom shelves without moving the huge piles on the floor.

Another change at Uncle Edgar's: Elizabeth got a new full-time job (not in retailing), but will still be at Uncle Edgar's on Saturdays and occasionally for a few hours other days. Mary has been working Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for several months, and Kai has been working Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays for few months. Mary has read a lot more mysteries than Kai, but both will be happy to help you find what you are looking for. And both sometimes come to me when they can't get the computer to cooperate (and sometimes I can figure out the problem, with 17 more years of experience with the computer not cooperating).

Moon, Elizabeth	Divided Allegiance (Paksenarrion #2: Reissue)..... \$16.00
Moore, James A.	Gates of the Dead (Tides of War #3: Raging gods have laid waste to the Five Kingdoms. Only Torema remains, swollen with millions of refugees. Brogan and his warriors must fight the He-Kisshi to reach the Gateway, the sole portal for gods to enter the mortal world - and the only place they can be killed). \$8.99
Morgan, David	Monty Python Speaks!: The Complete Oral History (Includes four new chapters focusing on the members' oeuvre over the last twenty years. Interviews with Monty Python's founding members, plus actors, producers, and other collaborators, that offer a peek behind the scenes of their creative process, friendships, and feuds)... \$17.99
Paolini, Christopher	The Fork, the Witch, and the Worm (Tales from Alagaesia Volume I: Eragon: YA; It's been a year since Eragon set out in search of the perfect home to train a new generation of Dragon Riders. He is struggling with an endless sea of tasks when a vision, unexpected visitors, and an exciting Urgal legend offer much-needed distraction and perspective. Here are three original stories set in Alagaesia, interspersed with scenes from Eragon's own unfolding adventure. Plus an excerpt from the memoir of Angela the herbalist, penned by Angela Paolini, the inspiration for the character). \$16.99
Powers, Tim	Down and Out in Purgatory: The Collected Short Stories (World Fantasy finalist. Collection. 20 tales of mind-bending sf, twisted metaphysics, and supernatural wonder)..... \$7.99
Rucker, Rudy	Mathematicians in Love (Reissue; Bela gets Alma's interest by starting the wildest rock band ever. Then Paul alters reality to make Alma his - but accidentally sends her into a higher world of mathematician cockroaches and cone shells bent on using Earth to run metamathematical experiments. It's up to Bela to bring her back, repair reality, and stop the aliens)..... \$14.99
Rucker, Rudy	Turing & Burroughs (Reissue; What if Alan Turing faked his suicide to escape assassination, and then became the lover of Beat author William Burroughs? And what if they then mutated into giant shapeshifting slugs, fled the agents tracking them, raised Burroughs' wife from the dead, and tweaked the H-bombs of Los Alamos to use them for a very different purpose?)..... \$14.99
Salvatore, R.A.	Child of a Mad God (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). \$9.99
Siddell, Thomas	Refine (Gunnerkrigg Court #5: YA; Antimony's new responsibilities at school thrust her into the heart of the forest, taking friends Parley and Smitty along for the ride).. \$16.99
Stephens, Anna	Darksoul (Godblind #2: The people of the besieged city of Rilporin prepare to fight to the last rather than surrender to the armies of the Mireces and their evil Red Gods) \$15.99
Sutherland, Tui T.	Darkness of Dragons (Wings of Fire #10: Kids; Qibli knows he could stop Darkstalker, if only he had magic, even a sliver of the ancient dragon's all-powerful scroll. Instead, Qibli can only grasp the small animus objects he's borrowed from Turtle. But with some clever thinking, his talons finally hold the power to make a difference). . . . \$7.99
Weber, D/Zahn, T/Pope,T	A Call to Vengeance (Honorverse: Manticore Ascendant #3: A shadowy enemy seeks to conquer Star Kingdom, while forces within Manticore's government seek to weaken the Navy for their own political gain. It's up to officers like Travis Long and Lisa Donnelly to defend the Star Kingdom and the Navy against these threats). \$8.99
DUE MID-JANUARY	
Alderman, Naomi	Inferno! Volume 2 (Anthology from the worlds of Warhammer)..... \$16.00
Arden, Katherine	The Power (All over the world, women are discovering they have the power. With a flick of the fingers they can inflict terrible pain, even death. Suddenly, every man on the planet finds they've lost control. And, with this small twist of nature, the world drastically resets) \$16.99
Bakker, R. Scott	The Winter of the Witch (Winternight #3: Moscow has been struck by disaster, and its people are searching for answers and someone to blame. Vasya finds herself alone, beset on all sides, with the fate of both worlds resting on her shoulders)... \$28.00
Black, Holly	The Unholy Consult (Aspect-Emperor #4: The conclusion of the series). . \$18.95
Caine, Rachel/Aguirre, Ann	The Wicked King (Folk of the Air #2: YA; To keep her younger brother Oak safe, Jude has made herself the power behind wicked King Cardan's throne. When it becomes all too clear that someone means to betray her, Jude must uncover the traitor)... \$19.99
	Honor Among Thieves (Honors #1: YA; 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

Two years ago 786,935 ISBNs (International Standard Book Number) were issued for self-published books, and last year over 1,000,000 more ISBNs were issued for self-published books. And some 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. Even among the self-published books with ISBNs that are carried by wholesalers, most are offered at a "short" discount (much lower discount than a bookstore can survive with) and are non-returnable. For decades we tried to have as complete a selection as possible of the science fiction, fantasy, and mystery books in print, but over the last few years this has become impossible.

We've been listing our used hardcovers and trade paperbacks (but not used mass market paperbacks) and our signed books on Abebooks for over 15 years, with about 29,000 titles at the moment. This allows many people from around the world to see what we have to offer and provides an easy way to order the books (although we save money and frequently the customers save money if they order the books directly from us instead of through Abebooks). It makes it easy for local customers to determine if we have a used book that they are looking for without having to drive to the store or call the store. And it helps us to quickly determine if we need used books that customers bring in to sell to us.

Cargill, C. Robert	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). \$9.99
Carroll/Eskew/Mann	We Are Where the Nightmares Go and Other Stories (Collection. Unnerving horror and fantasy short fiction). \$16.99
Chakraborty, S.A.	Judges Volume 1 (Anthology. USA, 2033 CE: In a time of widespread poverty, inequality, and unrest, Special Prosecutor Eustace Fargo's controversial new justice laws have come into effect. Protests and violence meet the first Judges as they hit the street to enforce the Law; the cure, it's clear, is far worse than the disease). \$11.99
Charish, Kristi	The Kingdom of Copper (Daevabad #2: Even as Nahri embraces her heritage and the power it holds, she realizes she's been trapped in a gilded cage by a king who rules from the throne that once belonged to her family - and one misstep could doom her tribe. Meanwhile, exiled for defying his father, Ali is forced to rely on the frightening abilities the marid gifted him. And as a new century approaches and the djinn gather in Daevabad for celebrations, a threat brews unseen in the northern borderlands). \$26.99
Cherryh, C.J.	Lipstick Voodoo (Kincaid Strange #2: When her roommate Nathan - the ghost of a grunge-rocker - comes home bound to a dead body, it's up to Kincaid to figure out how to free him, ideally before a powerful sorcerer's ghost discovers that Nate is trapped in the body he covets). \$14.95
Cherryh, C.J./Fancher, J	Emergence (Foreigner #19: Bren Cameron has undertaken a mission to the human enclave of Mospheira, and both his presence on the island and his absence from the continent have stirred old enemies into new actions). \$7.99
Cook, Glen	Alliance Rising (Alliance-Union: Years after Sol lagged behind other megastations like Pell and Cyteen, Alpha station receives news of an incoming ship with no identification. The denizens of Alpha wait anxiously for news on the outsiders, each with their own suspicions) \$26.00
DeSantis, Marc	The Heirs of Babylon (Reissue; 2193: Two centuries after nuclear and chemical weapons nearly annihilated the global population, the last humans struggle on in isolated communities, living in fear of the Political Office. When the Gathering is called, a decrepit warship carries Kurt and a ragtag group of reluctant soldiers to the ritual massing for war against an unknown and unseen Enemy). \$14.99
Dinnick, Richard	Nature's Knight (Kings of War: Tales of Mantica: Young Dillen falls in with a motley group of travelers - merchants, performers, mercenaries, and more. They are headed toward the Euhedral Library - if they can survive the brigands along the way). \$18.00
Edwards, Graham	Myths and Legends (Doctor Who: Tales the Time Lords have told for thousands of years, explaining their culture, history, hopes, and fears). \$11.99
Forstchen, William R.	String City (In an interdimensional city - home to gods, living concepts, and even stranger things - a stringwalker who can travel between realities is hired to investigate an explosion at a casino). \$11.99
Froud, Brian	48 Hours (In under 48 hours, Earth will be hit by a major solar storm. A coronal mass ejection is expected, which will severely damage electronic infrastructure. But NASA's latest findings suggest it will instead be an extinction-level event. How will humanity react to that news?) \$26.99
Groening, Matt	World of Faerie (A revised and expanded edition, featuring previously unpublished imagery from his oeuvre. Beautiful portrayals of faeries, as well as Froud's own thought about his vision of the magical realm). \$35.00
Harvey, Andrew	Simpsons Comics Showstopper (Full color. Reprints stories from the comic book series). \$16.99
Heinlein/Robinson	Nightfall (Clemhorn: The Cross-Temporal Empire encompasses 54 parallel Earths, and its ruling Council is riven by dissent. The death of First Leader Manet has sent the Council into an irrevocable slide towards a civil war that threatens the lives of the Clemhorn siblings and the future of the Empire). \$18.00
Henson, Jim et al	Variable Star (Reissue). \$18.99
Henson, Jim et al	Labyrinth novelization (Novelization of the classic fantasy film). \$14.99
Hinks, Darius	The Power of the Dark Crystal Volume 1 (Full color. Years have passed since the Crystal was healed and peace was restored on Thra. Now the planet is sick, and those on the surface are not the only ones affected. Thurma, a young Fireling from the planet's core, is tasked with stealing a shard of the Crystal to restore power to her land. Along the way she'll befriend a young Gelfling, and conjure the Skeksis and Mystics). \$16.99
Hodgson, William Hope	Mephiston: Revenant Crusade (Warhammer 40,000). \$16.00
	The Dream of X and Other Fantastic Visions (Collected Fiction #5: Reissue;

But it also makes us a target for scam artists. Several months ago I received an e-mail from a guy, wanting me to set aside a \$200 signed hardcover. He claimed that he didn't believe in using credit cards, so he'd have to send me a cashier's check. But he claimed that he didn't believe in using the post office, so I'd have to send him a street address that UPS or FedEx could use to deliver the check. Since our street address is prominently displayed most places with our name, this seemed a little strange, but I sent him the street address and set the book aside for him. A few weeks went by without a check, so I sent him a reminder. He then claimed that he had told his secretary to send me a cashier's check for the correct amount, but his secretary had gotten confused and included her own paycheck in the amount that she had sent to me, so I'd have to refund the extra to his secretary after I had cashed the cashier's check. The deal was starting to smell. A couple of weeks later, UPS delivered a check (not a cashier's check) supposedly drawn on a large New York City engineering firm for \$1999.67, supposedly sent from a manufacturing firm in Georgia. But when I used the UPS tracking number, I found that it had been sent from Louisiana. The story had also changed. Now, the extra money was for his wife in Louisiana, and he insisted that I had to deposit the check at once, and within 24 hours buy a postal money order for the extra amount payable to his wife, and send the postal money order and the \$200 book to his wife's address in Louisiana immediately. I e-

Horth, Nick	Fifth of five volumes collecting Hodgson's dark and unsettling stories and novels). \$17.99
Jones, Darynda	Callis and Toll: The Silver Shard (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar). \$16.00
	Summoned to Thirteenth Grave (Charley Davidson #13: Charley is allowed to return to the earthly plane after a mere century in exile. Is it too much to hope that not much has changed? Apparently it is - but now that she's back, it's time to put to rest some burning questions that still need answers). \$27.99
Kenyon, Kay	Serpent in the Heather (Dark Talents #2: 1936: Britain is being terrorized by a killer targeting young people with Talents; Kim Tavistock undertakes her first SIS mission, infiltrating a spiritualist cult that may have ties to the murders. Meanwhile, Julian Tavistock uncovers a terrifying Nazi plot). \$14.99
Lee, Yoon Ha	Dragon Pearl (Kids; Min comes from a long line of fox spirits, but to keep the family safe, Min's mother forbids using fox-magic. Min feels hemmed in by the household rules, and wants to join the Space Forces like her brother Jun). \$16.99
Mack, David	The Iron Codex (Dark Arts #2: 1954: In southeast Asia, Cade chases ghosts and flees his past. In the US, Briet heads the Pentagon's top-secret magickal warfare program. And in South America, Anja hunts fugitive Nazi sorcerers with the help of the Iron Codex, a powerful magickal tome - until a chance encounter sparks an international race to find her and steal the Codex). \$17.99
Martin, George (ed)	Mississippi Roll (Wild Cards #24: A mosaic novel, written by Stephen Leigh, John Jos. Miller, Kevin Andrew Murphy, Carrie Vaughn, David D. Levine, and Cherie Priest). \$18.99
McCormack, Una	The Way to the Stars (Star Trek: Discovery: The backstory of inexperienced Starfleet cadet Sylvia Tilly). \$16.00
McCullough, Kelly	Magic, Madness, and Mischief (Kalvan Monroe #1: Kids; 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). \$8.99
McCullough, Kelly	Spirits, Spells, and Snark (Kalvan Monroe #2: Kids; Kalvan mastered his magic, defeated his evil stepfather, and freed the land. Every story he's ever read told him things should be good now. But he also broke the spell that helped his mother keep her grip on reality. And it turns out that the magical powers aren't done with him yet. And there are constant attempts on his life. And there's school. Oh, and Earth itself is talking to him. Is it too late to just give up and hide under his bed? Signed copies expected). \$17.99
McNeill, Graham	Blood Angels: The Complete Rafen Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint). \$21.00
McNeill, Graham	The Uriel Ventris Chronicles (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels) \$21.00
Moreci, Michael	Black Star Renegades (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) \$17.99
Palmer, Ada	The Will to Battle (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). \$18.99
Pendell, Dale	The Great Bay: Chronicles of the Collapse (A fictional vision of a fast-approaching future in which sea levels rise and a decimated population must find new ways to live. Includes detailed maps that depict a massive transformation of California)\$14.95
Reynolds, Alastair	Shadow Captain (Adrana & Fura #2: Adrana and Fura have finally been reunited, but Adrana is haunted by her enslavement on Bosa Sennen's pirate ship, and Fura is obsessed by rumors of treasure hidden on that same ship. Neither is safe, because the galaxy wants Bosa Sennen dead, and doesn't care if she's already been killed: they'll happily take whoever is flying her ship). \$15.99
Robinson, B/Reily, M	Designing Starships Volume 2: Voyager and Beyond (Star Trek: Explores the design process behind the creation of the iconic ships, covering more than thirty individual ships). \$29.95

mailed back that I wasn't going to fall for this, and I asked him if I should return the check to the New York City engineering firm it was supposedly drawn on or to the Georgia manufacturing company that supposedly sent it to me. He actually responded and told me to tear that sucker up. (I did send letters to both the engineering company and the manufacturing company, explaining what had happened, in case there was somebody in either company helping with the scam. Because nothing actually went through the post office, the postal fraud people were not interested.)

Since then I've had 2 more e-mails, each using a different name, asking me to set aside a \$250 signed hardcover, claiming that the customer doesn't believe in credit cards, and needed a street address that UPS or Fed Ex could deliver to. Both were from Louisiana. I didn't bother to respond to either.

Last issue I talked about the fire that destroyed the Roberts Shoes building, and that the owner expected the insurance company to examine the rubble and then clean up the site in late June, but instead the insurance company examine the rubble and then took away the heavy equipment, leaving the pile of rubble behind. I ran into the owner at a meeting in the middle of September and asked him what was going on. He said that the city requires a permit to clean up the rubble, and he had been trying for months to get the permit. But every time he thinks he's provided the city with everything they want to issue the permit, the city comes up with another

Smith, Ronald L.	The Young Prince (Black Panther Novel: Kids; As conflict brews near Wakanda, twelve-year old T'Challa and his best friend M'Baku are sent to the US to attend South Side Middle School in the heart of Chicago. When strange things start happening around the school, T'Challa must protect his friends and stop an ancient evil)..... \$7.99
Swann, S. Andrew	Marked (Detective Dana Rohan bears a secret Mark that allows her to walk into alternate pasts and futures. It allows her to go back and see a crime as it's being committed. The life she's carefully built around this secret crumbles when she finds herself hunted by Shadows coming out of Chaos. She will travel through a host of alternate worlds to learn the true meaning of her Mark, and why someone wants her dead)..... \$16.00
Tarkoff, Sarah	Fearless (Eye of the Beholder # 2: Grace has insinuated herself into Prophet Joshua's inner circle on a mission to destroy his mind-influencing nanotech. But a shocking discovery sends her hunting for answers about her path, with secretive government agent Zack shadowing her every move)..... \$16.99
Todd, Ruthven Weber, David	Space Cat and the Kittens (Space Cat # 4: Reissue; Kids)..... \$16.95 Through Fiery Trials (Safehold # 10: Those on the side of human progress through advanced technology have finally triumphed. But even though a provisional veil of peace has fallen over the human colonies, many secrets of Safehold's past remain to be unearthed)..... \$28.99
Wells, Martha	All Systems Red (Murderbot Diaries # 1 hardcover reprint: Nebula winner, Philip K. Dick and Hugo finalist. Novella. In a corporate-dominated future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company, and accompanied by security droids. On a distant planet, a self-aware SecUnit has hacked its own governor module, and is balanced between self-discovery and an idle instinct to kill all humans. But when a neighboring mission goes dark, it's up to the droid and the team of scientists it accompanies to get to the truth). \$16.99
Wendig, Chuck	Vultures (Miriam Black # 6: Miriam confronts two terrifying discoveries: the Trespasser can now inhabit the living as well as the dead; and Miriam is pregnant. She knows her baby is fated to die, but Miriam is the Fatebreaker. And if the rules have changed for her nemesis, her own powers are changing as well). \$16.99
Werner, C.L.	Warriors of the Chaos Wastes: Wulfrik / Blood for the Blood God / Palace of the Plague Lord (Warhammer Chronicles: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels)..... \$21.00
Wexler, Django	Ship of Smoke and Steel (Wells of Sorcery # 1: YA; When eighteen-year-old Isoka's magic is discovered by the government of the Blessed Empire, she's arrested and sent on a mission to steal a legendary ghost ship from which no one has ever returned. If she fails, her sister's life will be forfeit)..... \$17.99
Williams, Tad	The Heart of What Was Lost (Osten Ard: Set between the end of To Green Angel Tower and its epilogue, telling how King Simon and Queen Miriam's forces drove the Norns out of the lands of men)..... \$7.99
Yu, Mimi	The Girl King (YA; Lu expects to become the first female ruler of the Diyi Huo empire, while her timid sister Min expects to live in Lu's shadow. When a cousin is named heir instead, Lu goes on the run. Left to face the court alone, Min's hidden power awakens - a forbidden magic that could let her claim the throne herself). \$17.99
<u>DUE EARLY FEBRUARY</u>	
Abnett, Dan Asher, Neal	The Anarch (Warhammer 40,000: Gaunt's Ghosts). \$27.00 Line War (Polity: Agent Cormac # 5: One of Erebus' wormships kills millions on Klurhammon for no tactical reason, and the AI entity controlling the lethal Jain technology attacks the Polity. When further attacks ensue, it brings some of the most dangerous individuals in the Polity to the front lines of the war. The attacks seem erratic, but is there a strategy behind them? And could that spell the end of the Polity? Only Agent Cormac can figure it out)..... \$7.99
Bancroft, Josiah	The Hod King (Books of Babel # 3: Fearing an uprising, the Sphinx sends Senlin to investigate a plot that has taken hold in Pelphia. Meanwhile, Voleta and Iren attempt to reach Marya. And Edith joins forces with a fellow wakeman to investigate a friend's disappearance)..... \$15.99
Bishop, Anne	Lake Silence (Others # 6: Vicki DeVine was hoping to find a new career and a new life running a rustic resort near Lake Silence. But when her lodger Aggie Crowe - one of the shape-shifting Others - discovers a murdered man, Vicki finds trouble instead). . . \$7.99
Bond, Gwenda	Stranger Things: Suspicious Minds (Prequel to the hit Netflix series, teasing fans with details about Eleven's mother and her time as a test subject in the MKUltra

demand. He was providing the latest paperwork demanded by the city, and hoped the site would be cleaned up before the ground froze. In the middle of October the heavy equipment came back, and for 2 or 3 days a week the trucks would haul away rubble for a few hours. They finally got the rubble removed and the hole filled after about a month, but it was after the ground had frozen and been covered with snow. I was surprised that so much heavy equipment would be left on the site for so long, mostly not doing anything.

The post office is requesting lots of rate increases starting January 27, 2019, including a 10% increase in first class postage, about 6% on priority mail, and increases on most other domestic mail charges, including media mail. I've tried to find out how much they plan to increase media mail, but I can't find that information on their website. They frequently don't get the full increase that they ask for. We have kept our rate for shipping books by media mail the same since 2004, in spite of many increases in postal rates in the last 14 years. After I find out how much the media mail rates are really going up, I may have to consider finally increasing what we charge. I'll let you know in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, buy a bunch of forever stamps before the price goes up January 27. The postal rates for international mail has been going up much faster than the domestic mail rate, but that usually happens in the summer.

Short Recommendations

	program). \$28.00
Briggs, Patricia	Burn Bright (Alpha & Omega # 5: Werewolves too damaged to live safely among their own kind are exiled to the outskirts of Aspen Creek, close enough to the Marrok's pack to have its support. An SOS take Charles and Anna into the mountains, where they interrupt the abduction of a wildling. Now they must use their skills to track down the attackers) \$7.99
Bujold, Lois McMaster	The Prisoner of Limnos (Temple sorcerer Penric and the widow Nikys have reached safety in Orbas when a letter from a friend brings frightening news: Nikys' mother has been taken hostage by her brother's Cedonian enemies, and confined in a precarious island sanctuary. Nikys, Penric, and of course Desdemona must infiltrate the hostile country once more; Signed copies expected). \$25.00
Butler, D.J. (Dave)	Witchy Winter (Sarah Calhoun #2: To win the Serpent Throne, Sarah Calhoun will have to defeat the other candidates, win over the kingdom's regent, and learn the will of a hidden goddess). \$7.99
Carriger, Gail	Competence (Custard Protocol #3: When she uncovers rumors of a new kind of vampire, Prim and her crew set off for Peru, where they encounter airship pirates and strange atmospheric phenomena. Forced into extreme subterfuge, Prim must also answer three of life's most challenging questions). \$15.99
Clayton, Dhonielle	The Belles (YA; In opulent Orleans, Belles are revered, for they control Beauty, a commodity coveted above all else. People are born gray and damned, and only a Belle's talents can transform them. Camellia is a Belle, and wants to be the favorite chosen by the Queen to tend the royal family. She arrives at court, only to discover that dark secrets live there - and that her powers are far greater, and potentially more dangerous, than she ever imagined). \$10.99
Coates, Ta-Nehisi et al	The Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda Part I (Black Panther #6: Full color. Collects issues 1-6 (2018) of the comic book). \$17.99
Correia, Larry	House of Assassins (Forgotten Warrior #2: Ashok Vadal and the Sons of the Black Sword march to rescue the prophet Thera from the shapeshifting wizard who holds her prisoner. Autographing at Uncle Hugo's on Monday, 2/4 from 5-6pm). \$25.00
Craddock, Curtis	A Labyrinth of Scions and Sorcery (Risen Kingdoms #2: Isabelle, unfairly convicted of breaking the treaty she helped write, is drawn into the mystery of a series of gruesome murders perpetrated by someone known as the Harvest King). \$27.99
DasGupta, Sayantani	The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala #1: Kids; On the morning of her 12th birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular New Jersey student - until her parents vanish and a drooling rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen. Turns out there might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories). \$7.99
Durst, Sarah Beth	The Queen of Sorrow (Queens of Renthia #3: When Queen Naelin's children are kidnapped by spirits, she blames defeated Queen Mercot, and is ready to start a war. But Mercot has grander plans than a battle with her neighbors - taking the children is merely one step in a plot to change the future of Renthia). \$7.99
Dyer, Thoraiya	Tides of the Titans (Titan's Forest #3: Leaper is a man of many skills, but none of them satisfy his yearning for the Queen of Airakland. When she is murdered, he vows revenge. His mission will lead him away from his forest home, across the vast floodplains, and to the edges of time and myth). \$19.99
Faust, C/Phillips, G	The Killing Joke novelization (Batman: Novel based on the graphic novel. Escaping Arkham Asylum, the Clown Prince of Crime plots his most lethal caper). \$12.95
Feist, Raymond E.	King of Ashes (Firemane #1: Two young men - an unknowing heir to a throne and a talented swordsmith - will discover that their fates, and that of their world, are entwined. The legendary War of Betrayal never truly ended, and they must discover the secret of who truly threatens their world). \$7.99
French, John Frohock, T.	Slaves to Darkness (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy). \$18.00
	Where Oblivion Lives (Los Nefilim: 1930s: In the supernatural war between angels and daimons that will determine humankind's future, Diago has sided with Los Nefilim, the offspring of angels with the power to harness music and light. As the forces of evil gather, Diago must locate the special chord that will unite the nefilim voices, giving them the power to avert the coming civil war and saving Spain). \$16.99
Gaiman, N/Pratchett, T	Good Omens TV tie-in edition (Reissue). \$9.99
Gaiman, Neil et al	The Problem of Susan and Other Stories (Full color. Graphic adaptations of two short stories and two poems). \$17.99
Gaiman, Neil et al	Season of Mists 30th anniversary edition (Sandman #4: Full color. Reprints

by Don Blyly

House of Assassins by Larry Correia (\$25.00, due early February) is the middle book of the trilogy which began with **Son of the Black Sword**. Larry will be signing at Uncle Hugo's on Monday, February 4, 5-6 pm (assuming a blizzard doesn't keep his plane from landing).

Son of the Black Sword won the Dragon Award for best fantasy of 2015. On a world with a very strict caste system for the humans, there has been a war going on for centuries between the humans (who control the land) and the demons (who control the oceans). The only way the humans have survived is with magical weapons, and the number of magical weapons keep dropping. After it's previous owner died, an ancient magical sword picks young Ashok to bear it (after first killing or maiming a number of other people who tried to claim it). After years of training, Ashok became a Protector, part of an elite military order of roving law enforcers. Ashok became legendary not only for defeating incursions of demons, but also for his extremely black and white attitude toward law enforcement. Near the end of the first book, Ashok gets caught in the middle of political maneuverings of rival political factions.

The second book follows the stories of all the major characters from the first book, and Ashok slowly comes to realize that he has been played by evil factions and begins to have a more flexible attitude towards certain things, in between lots of action and adventures. **House of**

Gear, W. Michael	issues 21-28 of the comic book). \$19.99
Gloss, Molly	Outpost (Donovan # 1: On a treacherous alien planet, corporate threats and dangerous creatures imperil the lives of the inhabitants). \$7.99
Hale, S / Hale, D Hinks, Darius	Wild Life (Reissue; In 1905, among the lava sinkholes and logging camps of the Northwest frontier, free-thinking, trouser-wearing writer Charlotte Bridger Drummond joins the search for a missing child; finds herself face to face with a band of Sasquatch)\$15.99
Ings, Simon	2 Fuzzy, 2 Furious (Unbeatable Squirrel Girl Novel: Kids). \$7.99
James, Marlon	The Ingenious (Millennia ago, Athanor was set adrift in time and space. Ever since, it has accumulated cultures, citizens, and species, turning into a vast metropolis. Isten and her gang of political exiles live off petty crime in Athanor's seediest alleys, but dream of escaping from the impossible city that imprisons them and returning home to lead a revolution). \$12.99
Kupari, Mike	The Smoke (Humanity has been split into three different species. Mutual incomprehension has fractured the globe. As humans race to be the first of their kind to reach the stars, another Great War looms). \$14.95
LaValle, V/Adams, JJ (ed)	Black Leopard, Red Wolf (Dark Star # 1: Hired to find a lost boy, Tracker finds himself part of a band of unusual hunters - a giant, a witch, a shapeshifter - on the same quest. As the group searches from perfumed citadels to infested rivers to the enchanted darklands and beyond, set upon at every turn by creatures intent on destroying them, Tracker starts to wonder. Who is this mysterious boy? Why do so many people want to stop him being found? And, most importantly, who is telling the truth and who is lying? Signed copies expected). 30.00
Lawhead, Stephen R.	Sins of Her Father (Catherine Blackwood #2: Zander Krycek has become accustomed to exile on the planet of Heinlein, leaving his years as a revolutionary, president of Ithaca, and the Butcher of Jonasport behind him. Until his daughter Talia, member of the council that exiled him, comes to ask for his help). \$7.99
Le Guin, Ursula K.	A People's Future of the United States (Anthology. Speculative stories that challenge oppression and imagine new futures for America - dark and light, dystopian and utopian - for anyone who believes in our power to dream a just world). \$17.00
Lyons, Jenn	In the Region of the Summer Stars (Eirlandia # 1: Ravaged by Scalda forces, the last hope for Eirlandia lies with the island's warring tribes. Wrongly cast out of his tribe, Conor, the Celtic king's first-born son, embarks on a dangerous mission to prove his innocence. He discovers that the Scalda have captured the Fae to use as a weapon - and Conor's own people have joined the invasion). \$8.99
MacNiven, Robbie Malerman, Josh	Always Coming Home (author's expanded edition) (Reissue; A novel in the form of an anthropologist's report of the Kesh society, a people who might live a long time from now in a future Napa Valley, California, after an apocalypse caused by industrialization and environmental exploitation. This edition includes additional texts Le Guin 'translated' from the Kesh, including the complete text of the short novel-within-a-novel Dangerous People, plus a hundred pages of Le Guin's essays about this work, and all one hundred of Margaret Chodos' original drawings). \$35.00
Manieri, Evie	Ursula K. Le Guin: The Last Interview and Other Conversations (The interviews collected here span forty years of her pioneering and prolific career as a feminist sf and fantasy writer, covering everything from her Berkeley childhood to her world-building process to envisioning the end of capitalism). \$16.99
McDevitt, Jack	The Ruin of Kings (Kihrin is a bastard orphan who grew up on tales of long-lost princes and grand quests. When he is claimed as the long-lost son of a treasonous prince, what happens isn't what the stories promised). \$24.99
	Blood of Iax (Warhammer 40,000). \$16.00
	Unbury Carol (In a mystical version of the Old West, Carol sometimes falls into the Black Place, appearing dead for several days. Only two people know about this: her husband Dwight; and her former lover, legendary outlaw James Moxie. But this time, when she falls, Dwight is planning to bury her and inherit her fortune - and James hits the Trail again, desperate to save her. Hot on his heels are threats both human and other). \$17.00
	Strife's Bane (Shattered Kingdoms # 3: Lahliil must return to Shadar to save the person she loves most, and to rebuild. What she finds is a kingdom riven by political discord, with an enemy's ships sailing just beyond the horizon). \$29.99
	The Long Sunset (Academy # 7: A message from an alien race has arrived: a piece of music from an unexplored area. Despite growing fears that alien encounters may lead to war, the last interstellar ship is prepared for the journey. What Hutch and her crew find at

Assassins is very good, but please read the first book before reading the second.

The Ruin of Kings by Jenn Lyons (\$24.99, due early February) is the first of a major epic fantasy series of five books. The advance reading copy compared it to Brandon Sanderson and Patrick Rothfuss, and it really is that good. All five books are finished and will be issued 9 months apart. No more waiting for years for the next book to be written and published.

Kihrin grew up in the poor part of the capital of the empire with the man he thought of as his father, a blind musician. But he became a talented thief due to the tutoring of the woman who was like a substitute mother to him. When he was kidnapped by a cruel man from a major house, who falsely claimed him as his son and heir, Kihrin started to realize that there are many who want to use him because of an ancient prophecy, and not all of them are human. Demons, gods, witches, wizards, a very possessive dragon, and various human and non-human factions all want to use him.

The Sisters of the Winter Wood by Rena Rossner (\$27.00) was selected by **Publishers Weekly** as one of the best books of 2018, and I also enjoyed it, though not as much as **Publishers Weekly** apparently did.

The book is a fantasy that makes use of Eastern European folk tales. In a remote village in the deep forests near the border of Moldova and Ukraine, a family has been guarding secrets. The

Mihalik, Jessie	the other end of the galaxy is completely unexpected) \$8.99
	Polaris Rising (Ada's only value to her High House was in a political marriage. She eluded her father for two years, but her luck has run out. When the ship returning her to Earth is attacked by a rival House, she strikes a deal with Marcus, a dangerous fugitive rumored to have killed his entire chain of command during a rebellion). \$16.99
Mitchell, Sandy	Choose Your Enemies (Warhammer 40,000: Ciaphas Cain #10). \$16.00
Modesitt Jr., L.E.	Endgames (Imager #12: Charyn struggles to gain control of his realm - Solidar cannot be allowed to slide into turmoil that will leave the High Holders with their ancient power and privilege, and the common people with nothing. But the stakes are even higher than Charyn realizes). \$28.99
Niven, Larry (ed)	Man-Kzin Wars XV (Anthology. Short fiction about the ongoing wars between humans and the predatory catlike Kzin). \$16.00
Okorafor, Nnedi	Binti: The Complete Trilogy (Reissue; Collection of 3 novellas). \$26.00
Powell, Gareth L.	Embers of War (Embers of War #1: 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). \$7.99
Pratchett, T/Gaiman, N	Good Omens TV tie-in edition (Reissue). \$9.99
Ryder-Hanrahan, Gareth	The Gutter Prayer (Black Iron #1: Three young thieves - an orphan, a ghoul, and a cursed man - have been betrayed by their guildmaster. Their quest for revenge will uncover dark truths about their city, and pull them into a centuries-old magical war). . . . \$15.99
Sagara, Michelle	Cast in Oblivion (Elantra #14: Kaylin wasn't sent to the West March to start a war, but her mission to bring back nine Barrani might do just that). \$16.99
Salvatore, R.A.	Reckoning of Fallen Gods (Coven #2: War is coming to the mountain. Far to the west, a fallen empire stirs, one that sees a solar eclipse as a call to war). \$28.99
Sappingfield, Eliot	A Problematic Paradox (Nikola Cross #1: Kids; When extraterrestrials kidnap her dad and try to recruit her, young chemistry buff Nikola Cross winds up taking refuge at a school for geniuses where students use wormholes to commute, and classes like Practical Quantum Mechanics are the norm). \$8.99
Sarath, Patrice	Fog Season (Port Saint Frey #2: Who is the Gentleman Bandit? Why hasn't he been captured? What really happened the night the Guildmaster disappeared? When the Guild hires Abel Fresnel, a detective with special powers of his own, to find the answers, Tesara and Yvienne have to keep mum. Everything seems under control until a dead man turns up in the dumbwaiter). \$12.99
Sidor, S.A.	The Beast of Nightfall Lodge (Singular Antiquities #2: In the mountains of New Mexico, a bloodthirsty creature is on the loose, and a wealthy big game hunter has offered a reward for its capture. Bounty hunter Rex McTroy and Egyptologist Rom Hardy will face blizzards, trappers, hunters, a mad doctor, wild animals - and a monster so fearsome it must be a legend come to life). \$8.99
Smith, Chandler Klang	The Sky Is Yours (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). \$16.00
Sullivan, Michael J.	Age of War (First Empire #3: When the battle between humankind and the cruel beings who once ruled them finally ignites, it falls to Persephone, first female leader of her tribe, to become the hero the world needs). \$9.99
Sweterlitsch, Tom	The Gone World (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). \$16.00
Taylor, Travis S.	Bringers of Hell (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). \$7.99
Ursu, Anne	The Lost Girl (Kids; Everyone realized early on that identical twins Iris and Lark had better outcomes when they were together. But for fifth grade, they are split into different classrooms, and something breaks in both of them). \$16.99
Walton, David	Three Laws Lethal (Near-future New York City: Self-driving cars roam the streets, and rival entrepreneurs compete to produce the smartest AIs, training them in a virtual world to anticipate traffic and potential customers. Only Naomi, inventor of the world where they

father is able to transform into a bear, and the mother is able to transform into a swan. The story is told alternately by the two daughters, Liba and Laya. Liba, the older daughter, tells her part of the story in prose, and Laya tells her part in verse. As they approach adulthood, Liba is about to gain the power to transform into a bear, and Laya is getting close to being able to transform into a swan. When a troupe of mysterious men come to the village, Laya falls under their magical influence, as the men try to start a pogrom that could kill a large portion of the village, including Liba and Laya's family.

Brian McClellan is known for his wonderful Powder Mage fantasy series, but with **War Cry** (\$11.99) he gives us a novella (89 pages) about a new fantasy world. A war has dragged on for years between the two sides, both of which use aircraft and magic to fight the war. Teado is a shape-shifting military asset, and the war has been going on since before he was born, with each side claiming the war will be over soon. Teado's platoon has been stationed on the high plains for years, never with enough supplies, with aging, faulty equipment, and their numbers dwindling. I'll admit that the writing is very good, but I would have preferred a novel instead of a little sliver of the world.

An Argumentation of Historians by Jodi Taylor (\$12.99) is the ninth novel in the Chronicles of St. Mary's time travel series (and there is also a short story collection). I enjoyed it, just as I've enjoyed all the rest

Weber, David	train, recognizes that the AI are developing their own goals, and are willing to kill for them. Should she stop them, or help her creations achieve their full potential? \$17.00 War of Honor limited edition (Honor Harrington # 10: Reissue; No one wanted another war. Thomas Theisman didn't. Baron High Ridge didn't. His Imperial Majesty Gustav didn't. Protector Benjamin didn't. And Honor Harrington certainly didn't. Unfortunately, what they wanted didn't matter; Signed copies) \$36.00
Wilkins, Kim	Sisters of the Fire (Daughters of the Storm #2: Four years ago, the five sisters worked together to restore their father to the throne, but fractured the bonds uniting them. Blue dutifully serves as heir. Rowan hides in exile with her aunt. Ash is learning magic and hunting dragons. Ivy rules a prosperous seaport. And Willow hides a dangerous secret - one that could destroy all that the sisters once saved). \$27.00
Winters, Ben	Golden State (In the Golden State, knowingly contradicting the truth is the greatest crime, and stopping those crimes is Laszlo's job. As such, he is one of the few individuals permitted to harbor untruths, to speculate on what might have happened. And when those in control of the facts twist them for nefarious purposes, the Speculators are the only ones with the power to fight back). \$28.00
Wraight, Chris	The Lords of Silence (Warhammer 40,000). \$16.00
DUE MID-FEBRUARY	
Anders, Charlie Jane	The City in the Middle of the Night (January is a dying planet, divided between permanently frozen darkness on one side and endless blazing sunshine on the other. Humanity survives in two cities built in the habitable sliver of dusk. Sophie, a reluctant revolutionary, is supposed to be dead after being exiled into the night. Saved only by forming a bond with the enigmatic beasts who roam the ice, she vows to stay hidden, but fate has other plans; Signed copies expected). \$26.99
Bates, Callie	The Memory of Fire (Waking Land #2: The land has awoken, and news of magic's rebirth has traveled across the sea. Jahan is ready to stop hiding his powers, and returns to the imperial capital to face his dark past and learn to embrace his gifts). \$17.00
Brown, Pierce	Dark Age (Red Rising # 5: Outlawed by the Republic he founded, Darrow wages a rogue war on Mercury, hoping to salvage the dream of Eo. But as he leaves death and destruction in his wake, is he still the hero who broke the chains? Lysander has returned to the Core, determined to bring peace back to humanity at the edge of his sword. But theirs are not the only fates hanging in the balance). \$28.00
Caine, Rachel/Aguirre, Ann	Honor Bound (Honors # 2: YA; Zara, Beatriz, and their ship Nadim barely escaped a bloody battle. Now they need safe haven, but with two wounded Leviathans to treat and refugees to help, they'll have to settle for the nearest outpost: the Sliver, a dangerous warren of alien criminals, where Zara discovers secrets that may have the power to turn the tide of the war - in the wrong direction). \$17.99
Clark, P. Djeli	The Haunting of Tram Car 015 (Novella. In an alternate Cairo, the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments, and Supernatural Enemies handles issues that arise between humans and otherworldly beings. Senior Agent Hamed Nasr and his new partner are called in to subdue a possessed tram car; the case grows more complicated as the origins of the demon are revealed). \$14.99
Esselmont, Ian C.	Kellanved's Reach (Malazan Empire: Path to Ascendancy # 3: Kellanved, reluctantly accompanied by his decidedly skeptical friend Dancer, traverses continents and journeys through the Realms in search of an ancient mystery involving the Elder races and the semi-mythic Army of Dust and Bone). \$19.99
Fforde, Jasper	Early Riser (Every Winter, humanity hibernates in a snow-draped landscape devoid of human activity. Well, not quite. It's Charlie Worthing's first season with the Winter Consuls, the committed but mildly unhinged group responsible for ensuring safe hibernation. While investigating an outbreak of viral dreams he has to: avoid the Villains and their penchant for murder, kidnapping, and stamp collecting; not get eaten by Nightwalkers; and sidestep the increasingly less mythical WinterVolk). \$28.00
Gay, Kelly	Halo: Renegades (Novel based on the popular game). \$16.00
Grant, Mira	The Rising: Feed / Deadline / Blackout (Newsflesh # 1 / # 2 / # 3: Omnibus reprint of 3 sf horror novels). \$19.99
Haley, Guy	Corax: Lord of Shadows (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy). \$19.00
Harris, Joanne M.	The Testament of Loki (Loki # 2: Jumps isn't happy about Loki sneaking into her mind - she was calling on Thor. Worse, her best friends have also been co-opted by Odin and Freya. Thor is sharing the mind of a dog, and finds that it suits him. Odin has a plan to bring the Norse gods back to ascendancy, Loki has his own ideas - and nothing is going to

of the series, but it felt like the author is starting to run dry of new ideas and new jokes. I'll still pick up the next in the series, but not quite as eagerly as I picked up the earlier books.

Marked by Benedict Jacka (\$7.99) is the ninth novel in the Mage Alex Verus series, set in modern London. Alex is still stuck in the middle of the conflict between the Light mages and the Dark mages. The Light mages had added Dark mage Morden to the Council, hoping to find a peaceful resolution, and Alex was forced to be Morden's assistant. Then Morden double-crossed the Council and was thrown into prison until they get around to trying and executing him. But until then, Alex takes over Morden's seat on the council, but isn't trusted by anybody.

Project Elfhome by Wen Spencer (\$7.99) is a collection of short stories that take place in the Elfhom universe before, during, and between the four novels in the series. The stories are fun, and reminded me of how much I enjoyed the series, and how much I wish the next novel would come out. I think that if somebody read the short stories without having read the novels, they would miss a lot of the humor.

Caine's Mutiny by Charles E. Gannon (\$7.99) is the fourth in the military sf series that began with **Fire With Fire** (\$7.99) and continued with **Trial by Fire** (\$7.99) and **Raising Caine** (\$7.99). The novel assumes you have already read the earlier books, provides lots

Hines, Jim C.	go according to plan). \$15.99
	Terminal Uprising (Janitors of the Postapocalypse #2: It's been four months since Mops and her team of hygiene and sanitation specialists stole their ship and stopped a bioterror attack against the Krakau homeworld. Now they've learned that a secret Krakau laboratory on Earth is working on a new weapon. It will defeat the Prodryans, or drown the galaxy in chaos. To learn the truth, Mops and her crew will have to do the thing she fears most: return to Earth). \$26.00
Jones, Howard Andrew	For the Killing of Kings (When squire Elenai's mentor uncovers evidence that the great sword hung in their hall is a forgery, she is forced to flee for her life, her only ally the reckless archer Kyrkenall. Framed for murder and treason, they race to recover the real sword). \$26.99
Kyme, Nick	Tallarn (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy). \$9.99
Liu, Ken (ed)	Broken Stars (Anthology. Short sf fiction by Chinese authors, most of it written in this decade). \$27.99
Macallan, Angus	Gates of Stone (Lord of the Islands #1: Princess Katerina has been informed that, as a female, she will not be inheriting the throne. Exiled to a foreign backwater, she murders her husband and sets out in search of the wealth and power she will need to reclaim her throne. Elsewhere, pampered Prince Jun sets off on a mad quest to recover his father's ancient sword. Fate draws him toward Katerina and a shattering conflict that will change the world). \$16.00
Mann, George	The Revenant Express (Newbury and Hobbes #5: A journey to St. Petersburg, to fetch a clockwork heart for Veronica Hobbes, grows complicated when Newbury and Veronica's sister Amelia run into an old enemy seeking revenge. Can they defeat him and get the heart back to the Fixer in time to save Veronica?). \$26.99
Miller, Tom	The Philosopher's Flight (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). \$16.00
Murad, M/Shurin, J (ed)	The Outcast Hours (Anthology. Stories of people who live at night: poets, police, writers, waiters, gamers, goddesses, tourists, traders, the hidden, the forbidden, the lonely, and the lovers). \$15.99
Powell, Gareth L.	Fleet of Knives (Embers of War #2: The crew of the Trouble Dog is tasked with investigating a distress call from a human starship, whose crew have sought refuge aboard an abandoned alien generation ship with deadly secrets of its own. Meanwhile, recovered war criminal Ona Sudak is smuggled out of her prison - the Marble Armada wants her to accompany its ships as observer and liaison as they enforce peace across the human Generality). \$14.95
Shallcross, Leife	The Beast's Heart (17th century France: Transformed into a brutish animal and imprisoned in his castle with only invisible servants for company, Beast is given one last chance to reclaim his old life when Isabeau, lured to the castle to save her father's life, agrees to spend a year with him). \$15.00
Werner, C.L.	Gotrek & Felix Volume 2: Dragonslayer / Beastslayer / Vampireslayer (Warhammer Chronicles: Omnibus reprint of 3 novels plus short stories). \$21.00
Werner, Clint	The Tainted Heart (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar). \$16.00
West, Michelle	Firstborn (House War #7: The blue leaf was created to serve a purpose that neither Jewel nor Carver understands. With Ellerson by his side, Carver intends to traverse the wild Winter to reach home and the people who are waiting for him. There are those who do understand the significance of the leaf, and the disaster that will prevail if it remains in his hands. But time is of the essence. These lands are not unclaimed, and the Lord of them is waking from his ancient slumber). \$26.00
Wilgus, Alison	The Knife at Your Back (Chronin #1: New York City, 2042: College student Mirai Yoshida is studying Japanese history, learning swordsmanship, and preparing to travel to 1864 Japan. When she winds up marooned in the past, she disguises herself as a wandering samurai). \$17.99

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING MYSTERIES

ALREADY RECEIVED

Ace, Cathy	The Case of the Unsuitable Suitor (WISE Enquiries #4: When Huw Hughes, the village's prodigal son, returns and sets his cap at Annie Parker, village publican Tudor begs Annie's colleagues at the WISE Enquiries Agency to unearth the truth behind Huw having
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(over 1000 pages) of fast-paced action, and ends with a cliff-hanger. Caine Riordan and his human crew are being helped by an alien race that he thinks he can trust. Humans are raiding on the alien planet Turkh'Saar, which is not supposed to have any humans, and this could unite other alien races into a renewed war against the humans. Another race has been gathering human soldiers for centuries from several time-periods on Earth, kept them frozen until they would be useful, and then thawed them and placed them on Turkh'Saar to create problems for the current human situation. Caine wants to rescue the humans and remove all evidence that they had ever been on the planet, but alien forces want to prevent that. Many battles ensue, both on the planet and in space. When Caine succeeds against almost impossible odds, his human superiors are not pleased.

A few issues back, I recommended **The Wrong Stars** by Tim Pratt (\$8.99) as very good space opera. The sequel, **The Dreaming Stars** (\$8.99), takes the same spaceship crew on a new adventure to another star system, where they encounter another deadly alien menace (a nanotech swarm that has been eating human ships and is threatening to eat a human colony planet). Very good, but when can I get the next installment?

I've previously recommended the first three books from K. B. Wagers, **Behind the Throne** (\$14.99), **After the Crown** (\$15.99), and **Beyond the Empire** (\$15.99).

Alexander, Michelle	been widowed three times)..... \$17.95 The New Jim Crow (Legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues that we have not ended racial caste in America, merely redesigned it. By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the US criminal justice system functions as a system of racial control, relegating millions to permanent second-class status). . \$19.95
Anderson, Carol	White Rage (An acclaimed historian chronicles the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America, from the Civil War to the present)..... \$17.00
Baer, Ann	Medieval Woman: Village Life in the Middle Ages (Reissue; Nonfiction. A year in the life of a peasant woman in medieval England is evoked in this portrait of Marion, a carpenter's wife, and her extended family). \$14.95
Baldacci, David	End Game (Will Robie #5: Robie returns from an overseas mission to discover that his boss has gone missing, last seen in a remote Colorado town where violence is brewing) \$9.99
Baldwin, James	The Fire Next Time (Reissue; Originally published in 1963. This slim volume combines Baldwin's account of his early life in Harlem with his disturbing examination of the consequences of racial injustice in the US). \$13.95
Baldwin, James	Nobody Knows My Name (Reissue; Originally published in 1961. Essays examining topics ranging from race relations in the US to the role of the writer in society, plus personal accounts of Richard Wright, Norman Mailer, and other writers). \$14.00
Baldwin, James	Notes of a Native Son (Reissue; Originally published in 1955. Essays on life in Harlem, the protest novel, movies, and African Americans abroad). \$15.00
Barclay, Linwood	Parting Shot (After a tragedy rocks Promise Falls, Cal Weaver is asked to investigate the threats being made to the accused's family. He accepts the job, only to find himself caught up in a vicious revenge plot)..... \$9.99
Bell Jr., Albert A.	The Gods Help Those (Pliny the Younger #7: PBO; Pliny hoped to improve relations with his unpleasant wife and her mother by investing in a warehouse on the Tiber with them. Now the building has collapsed due to heavy rains. Pliny discovers several dead people inside, including a man with a narrow red equestrian stripe on his tunic, dead from a knife wound in the back)..... \$15.95
Bryan, Beverley	Heart of the Race (Reissue; Originally published in 1985. This book reclaims and records black women's place in British history, documenting their day-to-day struggles, their experiences of education, work and health care, and the personal and political struggles they have waged to preserve a sense of identity and community, as well as their relationship to the British state throughout its long history of slavery, empire, and colonialism). \$19.95
Buchholz, Simone	Blue Night (Chastity Riley #1: After convicting a superior for corruption and shooting a gangster, hard-bitten state prosecutor Chastity Riley has been transferred to the tedium of witness protection. However, when she is assigned an anonymous man lying under police guard in a hospital - bones broken, a finger cut off, and speaking only in riddles - she senses a big, exciting case). \$14.95
Buckley, Fiona	The Heretic's Creed (Ursula Blanchard #14: 1577: Sir William Cecil tasks Ursula with visiting a group of recusant women who possess an ancient book Dr. John Dee is eager to get hold of. His two previous emissaries vanished without a trace. What happened to them? Will Ursula suffer the same fate?). \$17.95
Carofiglio, Gianrico	The Cold Summer (1992: Fenoglio, a member of the Italian Carabinieri, must deal with the new gang wars raging around Bari, and solve a boy's murder, in a world where the prosecutors are hard to distinguish from the prosecuted). \$14.95
Clare, Alys	The Devil's Cup (Hawkenlye #17: 1216: His rule threatened, King John summons Sir Josse to support him. But can Sir Josse save the king from himself? Meanwhile, Josse's daughter Meggie is summoned to Hawkenlye to attend a sick patient, an elderly woman who warns of terrible danger unless she can complete her mission. Her patient's words send Meggie on a perilous journey to retrieve a cursed treasure). \$17.95
Coates, Ta-Nehisi	Between the World and Me (What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? The US built an empire on the idea of 'race', a falsehood that damages us all, but falls most heavily on the bodies of black people - historically exploited through slavery and segregation, and today threatened, incarcerated, and murdered out of all proportion)..... \$25.00
Coates, Ta-Nehisi	We Were Eight Years in Power ('We were eight years in power' was the lament of Reconstruction-era black politicians as the American experiment in multiracial democracy ended with the return of white supremacist rule in the South. In these essays,

Princess Hailimi Bristol was the middle daughter of the ruling family of the Indranan Empire, a small Hindu matriarchy consisting of forty five planets spread over twenty eight star systems, about 1000 years after the diaspora from Earth. When her father was assassinated, she headed out to the stars to try to track down his killer. She failed at that, but found that she liked the freedom of the galaxy a lot more than being a part of the court at home. She became one of the top gunrunners of the galaxy, until she was dragged back home to court because more of her family have been murdered. She doesn't want to be back at court, and most of the court doesn't want her back, but it takes her gunrunner attitudes and contacts to save the family empire.

There Before the Chaos (\$15.99) is the first of the next trilogy. Hail and the rest of the crew have saved the empire and want to start making repairs. But against her will, she becomes involved in a religious war between two alien civilizations that threatens to make the human race collateral damage. Lots of fast action and political intrigue, just as in the first trilogy.

The Raven Tower by Ann Leckie (\$13.99, due the end of February) is her first fantasy novel. The world once was full of gods, and most of the gods got their power from the worship of their followers. But sometimes gods got power from consuming other gods. And when a god finds that another god tried to consume him but failed, it can lead to bad feelings.

I had a problem with the

Cooper Jr., Clarence	Coates explores the echoes of that history in our own time: the election of a black president followed by a vicious backlash that fueled the election of the man Coates argues is America's 'first white president')..... \$18.00
Cooper, Susan Rogers	The Syndicate (Reissue; Originally published in 1960. A hard-hitting story plunging into the psycho-sexual depths of a ruthless enforcer sent to retrieve syndicate money) \$14.95
Dams, Jeanne M.	Student Body (E.J. Pugh # 13: Graham Pugh should be having a ball as a university freshman. Unfortunately, his roommate is a complete jerk. Even more unfortunately, Graham wakes up one morning to find the jerk dead on the floor. E.J. is determined to prove her son's innocence). \$17.95
Dard, Frederic	The Missing Masterpiece (Dorothy Martin # 19: On a holiday in France, Dorothy finds herself embroiled in mysteries: a woman has drowned in quicksand, a man has suffered a near-fatal fall at an abbey, and an American archaeologist has gone missing - all seemingly connected to a monk named Abelard who has been dead for almost nine centuries). \$17.95
Davis, Lindsey	The Gravediggers' Bread (A chance encounter with a beautiful blonde in the town post-office and Blaise is hooked - he'll do anything to stay by her side, and soon finds himself working for her husband, a funeral director. But the tension in this strange love triangle begins to mount, and eventually results in a highly unorthodox burial). . \$13.95
Dawson, Janet	The Third Nero (Flavia Albia # 5: 90 CE: Flavia Alba reluctantly agrees to do some investigating for the increasingly paranoid Emperor Domitian). \$16.99
Driscoll, Sara	The Ghost in Roomette Four (California Zephyr # 3: PBO; 1954: Zephyrette Jill McLeod walks through the Silver Gorge Pullman car, and sees a shimmering light. A ghost? Jill doubts the evidence of her own eyes, but soon learns that others have seen the phenomenon, too. Is there a connection to an incident two months earlier, when Jill found the body of a young man there?). \$15.95
Du Bois, W.E.B.	Before It's Too Late (FBI K-9 # 2: FBI special agent Meg Jennings and her search & rescue dog Hawk race against the clock to stop a twisted killer's body count from climbing higher). \$9.99
Edim, Glory (ed)	Black Reconstruction in America (Reissue; Originally published in 1935. This pioneering work was the first full-length study of the role black Americans played in the crucial period after the Civil War, when the slaves had been freed and the attempt was made to reconstruct American society). \$22.00
Edwards, Martin (ed)	Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves (Original essays by black women writers that shine a light on how important it is that all of us - regardless of gender, race, religion, or ability - have the opportunity to find ourselves included in literature)..... \$20.00
Emerson, Kathy Lynn	Mystery Tour (PBO; Anthology. Crime spreads across the globe in these short stories by members of the UK Crime Writer's Association). \$14.95
Evanovich, Janet	Murder in a Cornish Alehouse (Rosamond Jaffrey # 3: 1584: Mistress Rosamond Jaffrey is summoned to Cornwall, only to find herself embroiled in a murder investigation involving smugglers, piracy, and rumours of treason). \$17.95
Fishman, David E.	Hardcore Twenty-Four audiobook (Stephanie Plum # 24)..... \$14.99
Forshaw, Barry Forshaw	The Book Smugglers (National Jewish Book Award winner. Nonfiction. The story of a group of poets turned partisans, and scholars turned smugglers, in Vilna, Lithuania, ghetto residents who rescued thousands of rare books and manuscripts - first from the Nazis and then from the Soviets). \$24.95
Fowler, Christopher	Historical Noir (PBO; A reader's guide to historical crime fiction)..... \$16.95
Gilliland, Rhonda (ed)	Wild Chamber (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)..... \$16.00
Grabenstein, Chris	Cooked to Death: Hell for the Holidays (Anthology. Midwestern authors serve up tales of crime and cookery with holiday themes. Includes recipes). \$17.95
	Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race (Mr. Lemoncello # 3: Kids; Mr. Lemoncello is testing his new game! If Kyle can make it through the first round, he and the other finalists will go on a great race - by bicycle, bookmobile, and Mr. Lemoncello's corporate banana jet - to find fascinating facts about famous Americans. But when a few surprising 'facts' surface about Mr. Lemoncello, it might be Go to Jail and Lose a Turn all at once! Could Kyle's hero be a fraud?). \$7.99

way the story was told. There is an “I” character who tells much of the story as “you did this”, “you asked that”, etc. I quickly figured out that the “I” character was a god and the “you” character was a human that the god was trying to communicate with. Sometimes the “I” character tells the story from his own point of view. The mixing of the “I” point of view and the “you” point of view seemed awkward to me. I did enjoy the novel in spite of this.

Who Dunit - Short Mystery Reviews by Mary McKinley

If you've been in recently you may have noticed that we're shifting books to make them more accessible, so if you're looking for something specific and can't find it, be sure to ask! We appreciate your support in keeping the oldest independent SF bookstore (since 1974) and one of the oldest independent mystery bookstores (opened in 1980) in business.

Like so may of us in my generation, I cut my mystery teeth on Encyclopedia Brown, Nancy Drew, the Hardy boys, and that lot. In high school, my boyfriend gave me a copy of the complete Sherlock Holmes stories - and I was hooked. I read Poe, John D. MacDonald, Agatha Christie, and many other classics. I always felt that working in a bookstore would end up costing, rather than making any money because, well books! So far, so good - I try to limit myself to one book a week. Now I just need the time to read.

So what does Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a famous basket

Grafton, Sue	Y Is for Yesterday (Kinsey Millhone #25)..... \$16.00
Greenwald, Tommy	My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog (Crimebiters # 1: Kids; Jimmy loves his new dog Abby, but she has some unusual habits, and he's beginning to wonder if she's a vampire. Jimmy's friend Irwin thinks Jimmy is being ridiculous, but when Abby uncovers a crime in progress, even Irwin has to admit that perhaps Abby has some special powers)... \$12.99
Greenwald, Tommy	It's a Doggy Dog World (Crimebiters # 2: Kids)..... \$12.99
Greenwald, Tommy	Dog Day After School (Crimebiters # 3: Kids)..... \$12.99
Gregory, Dick	Defining Moments in Black History (Comedian and social justice activist Dick Gregory charts the empowering yet often obscured past of the African American experience, moving from African ancestry and surviving the Middle Passage through the Great Migration and the Harlem Renaissance to modern times)..... \$15.99
Hirvonen, Elina	When Time Runs Out (A young man is shooting people from a rooftop in Helsinki. His mother is confronted with a horrifying scenario she is powerless to stop. His sister can only watch events unfold from afar. Over the course of a day, one family fractures. But this crisis goes beyond their small lives: Aslak is not the only boy on a rooftop with a gun today)..... \$12.95
Hoch, Edward D.	Challenge the Impossible (Sam Hawthorne # 4: Sam Hawthorne, a New England country doctor, solves fifteen seemingly impossible crimes in these stories originally published between 1940 and 1944). \$19.00
Hoeg, Peter	The Susan Effect (Susan is expert at finding out secrets; people feel compelled to confide in her, and unwittingly confess their innermost thoughts. She has exploited this talent, but now her family is in jeopardy and a prison sentence hangs over her head, until she gets an offer from a former government official. All charges dropped if she uses her power one more time, to track down the surviving members of a secretive think tank, and find out the details of their mysterious final report). \$14.95
Hornsby, Wendy	Number 7, Rue Jacob (Maggie MacGowen # 11: PBO; Jean-Paul and Maggie begin a nightmare trip across Europe as they try to stay a step ahead of a predator who uses every electronic medium to stalk them. Who? And why? As they try to answer those questions, their nemesis uses the internet to offer a reward for their capture, turning the pursuit into a crazy real-world game). \$15.95
James, Bill	Close (Harpur & Iles # 34: Thomas Hart drifted into a dodgy career as a PI and grew clever at tailing suspects and the other tricks of the trade. Not quite clever enough, though - it's up to Harpur and Iles to figure out how Hart came to be executed behind the wheel of a Ford Focus on a quiet suburban street). \$17.95
Jecks, Michael	Murder Too Soon (Jack Blackjack # 2: 1554: Jack's employer believes that a spy has been installed in the Princess Elizabeth's household, and dispatches Jack to deal with the threat. Jack arrives, only to find that a murder has already been committed)... \$17.95
Jones, Peter	Quid Pro Quo: What the Romans Really Gave the English Language (Nonfiction. From germs and bullets to custard and tinsel, Jones traces the origins of hundreds of everyday English words with Latin roots). \$14.95
Kendi, Ibram X.	Stamped from the Beginning (National Book Award winner. An award-winning historian traces how racist ideas were created, spread, and deeply rooted in American society)..... \$19.99
King Jr., Martin Luther	Why We Can't Wait (Reissue; Originally published in 1964. King's classic exploration of the events and forces behind the Civil Rights Movement, including his 'Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963')..... \$9.99
Kope, Spencer	Collecting the Dead (Special Tracking Unit # 1: The Special Tracking Unit is tasked with finding the lost or abducted and bringing them home. Magnus 'Steps' Craig is renowned for his ability to find and follow trails over any surface, giving his team an edge for stopping serial killers. Now there's a new monster at large, and the bodies are piling up)... \$9.99
Lawrence, Hilda	Blood Upon the Snow (Mark East # 1: Reissue; Originally published in 1944. PI Mark East arrives at an elegant estate to serve as private secretary to a nervous archeologist. It soon becomes apparent that East's employer is actually in need of a bodyguard. After a snow storm isolates the house, the occupants start dying under mysterious circumstances). \$14.95
Laycock, S/West, C	Lost Countries: Exotic Tales from an Old Stamp Album (Nonfiction. Pick up an old stamp album, and you'll find a host of exotic and unfamiliar names - distant lands, vanished territories, lost countries. Do they still exist? If not, where were they? And what happened to them?)..... \$21.95
Lindgren, Minna	Escape from Sunset Grove (Lavender Ladies # 2: Under threat from falling

ball player, have to say about Mycroft Holmes, Sherlock's older brother? Recently out in mass market paperback (\$7.99) and written with Anna Waterhouse, **Mycroft Holmes** is a not-so-classic "smarter brother" story. This book covers Mycroft as a young man, fresh out of Cambridge, and shows how he became the man that he is - founder of the Diogenes Club and the backbone of and the power behind the British government. The story stays true to the time period - it's well researched, stays true to the mores. His "Dr. Watson" is a Cyrus Douglas, black man from Trinidad, and as they are traveling to Trinidad, Cyrus often has to act as Mycroft's servant. Once in Trinidad, they go on the hunt to find out who, or what, is making children disappear. If you read this expecting Mycroft to be as he is in the Doyle stories, you'll be disappointed. This is an active Mycroft, one who follows the trail, and isn't afraid of exertion. He's also young - only 23 - and I suspect in later books we'll find out why he became solitary and sedentary. Sherlock makes a brief appearance, but this isn't his story.

And if you liked this, **Mycroft and Sherlock** came out in hardcover (\$25.99) in October. In this novel, we find out why Mycroft is sedentary and why he delegates the "footwork" to Sherlock and his friend Cyrus as they try to discover how opium is being brought into the community. We see a young (18 years) Sherlock and watch his interest grow in solving crimes as he and Cyrus work out who is killing, stripping, and draining bodies of blood only to leave

Lindgren, Minna	<p>masonry, best friends Irma and Siiri are forced out of Sunset Grove to negotiate 21st-century living in the center of Helsinki. Joined by a growing number of friends in their flat-share, they face unexpected questions. As they dig deeper, they find themselves following a trail of corruption, deceit, and intimidation)..... \$13.95</p> <p>The End of Sunset Grove (Lavender Ladies #3: Best friends Irma and Siiri are relieved to return home, but find that Sunset Grove is under sinister new management that promises spiritual enlightenment in return for donations from residents. The staff has been replaced by technology that remotely takes care of all of their needs, if they could figure out how it works. The Lavender Ladies plan an elaborate act of sabotage - but their last hurrah has some drastic consequences). \$13.95</p>
Mckesson, DeRay	<p>On the Other Side of Freedom (Drawing from his own experiences as an activist, organizer, educator, and public official, Mckesson lays out the intellectual, pragmatic, and political framework for a new liberation movement. Continuing a conversation about activism, resistance, and justice that embraces our nation's complex history, he dissects how deliberate oppression persists, how racial injustice strips our lives of promise, and how technology has added a new dimension to mass action and social change). \$25.00</p>
Odden, Karen	<p>A Dangerous Duet (PBO; Victorian London: Determined to raise money to attend the Royal Academy, Nell Hallam disguises herself as a man and slips out at night to play piano at a popular Soho music hall. When she learns that a notorious and deadly crime ring is working in the music hall's shadows, she is drawn into a conspiracy that stretches the length of London). \$15.99</p>
Ostler, Rosemarie	<p>Splendiferous Speech (PBO; Ostler takes readers along on the journey as Americans declare linguistic independence from England and embrace their own speech, exploring sources of American vernacular such as the western frontier, the bumptious world of politics, and the sensationalism of popular 19th-century newspapers). \$17.99</p>
Pascoe, Bruce	<p>Dark Emu (Pascoe uncovers evidence that, long before the arrival of white people, Aboriginal people across the Australian continent were building dams and wells; planting, irrigating, and harvesting seeds, and then preserving the surplus and storing it in houses, sheds, or secure vessels; and creating elaborate cemeteries and manipulating the landscape. All of these behaviors were inconsistent with the hunter-gatherer tag, which turns out have been a convenient lie that worked to justify dispossession). \$15.95</p>
Schweizer, Mark	<p>The Choir Director Wore Out (Liturgical Mystery #15: St. Germaine is in a season of change: a couple of new shops have opened on the square; a Renaissance Festival has just opened out at Camp Possumtickle; and St. Barnabas Church has a new priest, straight from France, who is also a famous mystery author and detective. Good thing, because Hayden Konig's police department has a raft of homicides on its hands with no end in sight. Signed copies)..... \$13.95</p>
Sequiera, Christopher (ed)	<p>Sherlock Holmes: The Australian Casebook (Anthology. Original stories of the Great Detective during his 1890 trip Down Under, written by Australian authors) \$26.95</p>
Simon, Clea	<p>The Ninth Life (Blackie & Care #1: Blackie is rescued from drowning by Care, a strange pink-haired girl. Care has sworn to avenge her mentor's murder, but first she must escape the clutches of drug dealers, murderers, and thieves. Blackie would repay her kindness if he could, but he is only a cat in this blighted city). \$17.95</p>
Simon, Clea	<p>As Dark As My Fur (Blackie & Care #2: Blackie does not trust Care's new client, a factory owner who has hired the young PI to shadow a worker he suspects is stealing from him. With his feline sixth sense, Blackie know the client is lying - but how can the cat protect and warn his human companion?). \$17.95</p>
Smith, Alexander McCall	<p>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency BBC Radio Casebook Volume 2 (Collects eight episodes (total time six hours) of the BBC Radio 4 full-cast dramatization) \$36.95</p>
Staalesen, Gunnar	<p>Big Sister (Varg Veum #18: PBO; A woman introduces herself to Varg as his half-sister, and asks him to find her goddaughter, who disappeared two weeks ago). \$14.95</p>
Starns, Penny	<p>Odette: World War Two's Darling Spy (Reissue; This biography of SOE agent Odette Brailly delves into recently opened SOE personnel files to reveal the truth about this wartime heroine and the officer who posed as her husband, from her French Resistance undercover work to her unlikely survival in Ravensbruck concentration camp). . . \$19.95</p>
Studer, Jim	<p>The Mystery of Tony the Goat & Other Tales (Collection. Signed copies) \$14.95</p>
Swanson, Denise	<p>Die Me a River (Welcome Back to Scumble River #2: PBO; Skye and her husband</p>

them in a park. We also see the two brothers diverge in interests and tastes, and get a better understanding of the factors that drove them not necessarily apart, but farther from each other. These two books are related, but were also written to be stand-alone books. You can read them either in order or alone. It's hard to know who wrote what portion of the books, or if Jabbar wrote and Waterhouse "cleaned up", but the books are well written, the language flows, and I am finding that the history of the brothers and how they became the men that they are, fascinating. If you've ever wondered about Mycroft Holmes, this is a great way to get to know him. There will be a third book out in April of 2019, which is still untitled.

Based strictly on the title, I had to read **The First Prehistoric Serial Killer and Other Stories** by Teresa Solana, translated from the Spanish by Peter Bush (\$14.95). I was glad I did - this was laugh out loud funny, but twisted. The title story has the protagonist, who is useless at everything but thinking, discover forensics, psychoanalysis, and religion, as well as the first serial killer. The other stories include the depths a loving mother and her dying friend use to protect her daughter from a wife abuser. There's also a vampire who is just a trifle out of step with today's world, very picky ghosts, and a very entitled art curator with a very odd art display. The second part of the book has intertwining stories about the seedier side of big city living and a guide book to Barcelona. The author challenges

Tatum, Beverly Daniel	Wally are meeting with the priest to discuss their newborn twins' christening when an explosion at the nearby bowling alley rocks the rectory. And although the business was closed at the time of the blast, there's a body inside)..... \$7.99
	Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations about Race (Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see black youth seated together in the cafeteria - and the other kids are clustered in their own groups too. The same phenomenon can be observed in college dining halls, faculty lounges, and corporate cafeterias. Is this self-segregation a problem we should try to fix, or a coping strategy we should support?)..... \$18.99
Thompson, Victoria	City of Secrets (Counterfeit Lady #2: New York City, 1910s: When her friend Priscilla's second husband dies in a suspicious accident, and is found to have an empty bank account, Elizabeth discovers unsavory evidence that the death may have been connected to blackmail. To save Priscilla's future, Elizabeth must find the truth). \$26.00
Westbrook, William	The Bermuda Privateer (Nicholas Fallon #1: 1796: Privateer Nicholas Fallon finds diabolical pirates, traitorous allies, and unlikely friends when he is hired to protect a merchant's Caribbean salt trade from the French). \$19.95
Westbrook, William	The Black Ring (Nicholas Fallon #2: 1798: As Great Britain, France, and Spain vie for control of Caribbean trade, Nicholas Fallon and his crew deal with secret agents, slave rebellions, a soulless pirate, a lady in distress, and a plot that threatens Britain's presence in the islands)..... \$22.95
	<u>DUE EARLY DECEMBER</u>
Adams, Ellery	The Whispered Word (Nora Pennington #2: A reed-thin young woman is hiding in the fiction section of Nora's bookstore, wearing a hospital ID and faded bruises. Nora and her friends offer work, shelter, and support, but their guest isn't ready to divulge her secrets. When a customer is found dead, an apparent suicide, Nora uncovers a connection that points to the young woman as either a suspect - or another target)..... \$26.00
Atkins, Ace	The Fallen (Quinn Colson #7: A series of bank robberies, executed with skill and precision, have Mississippi sheriff Quinn Colson wondering if the robbers are former Army Rangers). \$9.99
Bartlett, L/Leeson, G	Yule Be Dead (Victoria Square #5: It's Christmas time, but not so jolly - Vonne Barnett has been found dead in Victoria Square. Vonne left a trail of men behind her, so the suspects are many, but the clues are few, as Artisan's Alley manager Katie Bonner finds when she investigates). \$7.99
Blake, Bethany	A Midwinter's Tail (Lucky Paws #4: Daphne and her basset hound Socrates investigate when the founder of a national chain of pet care stores is found murdered beneath the town Christmas tree)..... \$7.99
Blum, Christine E.	The Name of the Rose (Rose Avenue #3: The ladies of the wine club investigate when one of their members is suspected of drug smuggling and murder)..... \$7.99
Booth, Stephen	Dead in the Dark (Cooper & Fry #17: Years ago, Reece Bower was accused of killing his wife, a crime he denied. Extensive police searches near his home found no trace of her remains, and the case collapsed. Now memories of that investigation have been resurrected for DI Ben Cooper, because Reece Bower has disappeared, and his new wife wants answers) \$11.99
Bradford, Laura	Just Plain Murder (Claire Weatherly #6: Claire helps her beau Jakob investigate when the retired police chief who inspired him to become a cop is murdered).... \$7.99
Burns, V.M.	The Novel Art of Murder (Mystery Bookshop #3: When flamboyant phony Maria Romanov nabs the lead in the Shady Acres Senior Follies, Samantha's grandmother reads Maria the riot act, then lands the leading role on the suspect list after Maria is murdered) \$15.95
Cahoon, Lynn	Slay in Character (Cat Latimer #4: Cat and the members of her writers' retreat head to an Old West tourist town, and wind up investigating a murder). \$7.99
Cavanagh, Steve	The Plea (Eddie Flynn #2: When David Child, a major client of a corrupt New York law firm, is arrested for murder, the FBI asks lawyer Eddie Flynn to secure David as his client and turn him to testify against the firm). \$9.99
Childs, Laura	Eggs on Ice (Cackleberry Club #8: You'd have a dickens of a time finding someone who likes attorney Allen Sharpe, but it's still a shock when the Ghost of Christmas Past stabs him during the first rehearsal of A Christmas Carol). \$26.00
Crais, Robert	The Wanted (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). . . \$9.99

you to identify and follow the themes. Some of the stories felt incomplete - just a little bit more enjoyable for me, and this refers to the second half of the book. The first half is delightful. I will be looking for more of her writings.

I admit to being a sucker for books set in Scotland. Or books having Scottish protagonists. Pretty much anything with a Scottish connection. Catriona McPherson writes a new wonderful series starting with **Scot Free** (\$15.99). Lexy (Leagsaidh, in Gaelic) Campbell fell in love with an American and followed him to California when disaster strikes. She's divorced, broke, going home to Scotland, and trying to free her last client from a murder charge while not being charged herself. The story got a little contrived in the middle, with a lot of small details that added nothing to the story and were thrown out as red herrings, but it got neatly wrapped up in the end. There were a couple of intriguing twists along the way that kept my attention. This is lite reading, but enjoyable. **Scot and Soda**, book 2 in the series, is due out next April.

Amanda Flower's newest series is also Scottish in nature. **Flowers and Foul Play** (\$15.99) has our heroine stood up at the altar, put out of business by a big chain florist, and then her godfather dies, leaving her a Scottish cottage with a walled, dying garden. Of course, as she's checking out her garden she finds the dead body of her solicitor who

DeMille, Nelson	The Cuban Affair (Mac runs a charter fishing boat out of Key West, but his latest clients aren't looking to fish - they want to retrieve sixty million dollars their grandfather left hidden in Cuba when he fled Castro's revolution. Mac knows if he takes this job, he'll walk away rich - or not at all). \$9.99
Dent, Susie	Dent's Modern Tribes: The Secret Languages of Britain (Word expert Susie Dent has spent years interviewing professionals, hobbyists, and enthusiasts to compile this idiosyncratic phrasebook of British slang)... \$15.99
Doyle/Sandford	The Man Who Would Be Sherlock (Arthur Conan Doyle was involved in investigating dozens of real life cases, solving many, and zealously campaigning for justice in all. Sandford makes the case that many of the details of these cases provided fodder for his fictional detective's work)... \$28.99
Duncan, Francis	So Pretty a Problem (Mordecai Tremaine #5: Reissue; Adrian Carthallow is no stranger to controversy, but this time it's not his paintings provoking publicity - it's that his career has been terminated by a bullet to the head. His wife confesses, but the facts don't add up, so the town's police inspector turns to amateur criminologist Mordecai Tremaine for help). \$14.99
Duncan, Francis	In at the Death (Mordecai Tremaine #6: Reissue; When Mordecai Tremaine and Chief Inspector Jonathan Boyce investigate a murder in Bridgton, a question soon emerges: why did the highly regarded Dr. Hardene bring a revolver on a routine house call?)... \$14.99
Dyer-Seeley, Kate	Violet Tendencies (Rose City #2: Britta and Aunt Elin are building a float for the Portland Rose Festival parade. The festival attracts angry protesters; when their leader is strangled with a garland of violets, Britta investigates)... \$7.99
Fowler, Christopher	Hall of Mirrors (Bryant & May Peculiar Crimes Unit #15: London, 1969: After accidentally sinking a barge painted like the Yellow Submarine, Bryant and May are relegated to babysitting the star prosecution witness in the trial of a disreputable real estate developer. When their charge insists on attending a party at Tavistock Hall - rife with falling stone gryphons, secret passages, rumors of a mythical beast, and an all too real dismembered corpse - the pair find themselves with a proper country house murder to solve). \$27.00
Furlong, Susan	Splintered Silence (Bone Gap Travellers #1: Former Marine MP Brynn Callahan and her canine partner Wilco head to Bone Gap, Tennessee, and the insular Irish Traveller culture Brynn had escaped when she enlisted. When Wilco leads Brynn to a body in the woods, tensions between the Travellers and the 'settled' townspeople threaten to boil over) \$7.99
Glover, Allen	TV Noir: The Dark Genre on the Small Screen (Nonfiction. An illustrated survey of noir on TV)... \$45.00
Grafton, Sue	Y Is for Yesterday (Kinsey Millhone #25: In 1979, four teens sexually assaulted a classmate and filmed the attack. Then the tape disappeared, and the suspected thief was murdered. One boy turned state's evidence, two were convicted, and the ringleader escaped without a trace. Ten years later, one of the men has been released from prison - and has received a copy of the missing tape with a ransom demand. His family turns to Kinsey Millhone for help)... \$9.99
Greaney, Mark	Agent in Place (Gray Man #7: Fresh off his first mission back with the CIA, Gentry secures what seems like a straightforward contract job: kidnap the mistress of Syria's dictator to get intel that could destabilize the regime)... \$9.99
Gribble, Leonard	The Arsenal Stadium Mystery (Reissue; Originally published in 1939. A death during the second half sends Inspector Anthony Slade into the world of professional football to investigate deadly foul play on and off the pitch)... \$12.95
Guerra, Wendy	Revolution Sunday (Cleo travels to Spain to collect a prestigious award, only to learn that the Cuban expats there assume she's an informant for the Castro regime. That suspicion follows her home to Cuba, where she finds herself under constant government surveillance. When she falls in love with a Hollywood filmmaker, she discovers her family is not who she thought they were - and neither is the filmmaker)... \$16.99
Harper, Karen	Silent Scream (South Shores #5: Forensic psychologist Claire Britten joins an archaeological dig at a Florida peat bog. But some of the perfectly preserved corpses show signs of a grisly fate, and what started as an exploration of the past escalates into current danger)... \$7.99
Herron, Mick	This Is What Happened (Maggie Barnes is someone you would never look at twice, living alone in a London sublet with no close family and not much in the way of friends. She's just the kind of person who could vanish without anyone taking notice - or just the

is hated by everyone in town so there are more suspects than clues. The garden rapidly comes back to life the more time she spends there until it is once again flourishing with an ancient yellow rose twining around the menhir in the center. Overall, I found this book to be rambling, going off frequently on tangents, and primary characters rapidly changing personality - sweet and helpful one minute, then angry and combative the next, for no apparent reason. The premise of the book is supernatural to a certain extent, but it falls short, not able to maintain that link in a reasonable fashion. Book 2 in the series, **Death and Daisies**, has a November 2018 release date in hardcover (\$26.00).

On my list of books to read next is Christopher Fowler's Bryant and May series. These follow the lives of two English detectives that work for the Peculiar Crimes Unit. There's humor, detecting, murders, and history. In order, the books are: **Full Dark House, The Water Room, Seventy-Seven Clocks, Ten Second Staircase, White Corridor, The Victoria Vanishes, Bryant & May On the Loose, Bryant & May Off the Rails, Bryant & May and the Memory of Blood, Bryant & May and the Invisible Code, Bryant & May and the Bleeding Heart, Bryant & May and the Burning Man, Bryant & May: London's Glory, Bryant and May: Strange Tide and Bryant and May: Wild Chamber**, with two more scheduled for release in December of 2018 and March 2019. Most of these are in trade paperback format and range from

Hurwitz, Gregg	kind of person MI5 needs to infiltrate and thwart an international plot that threatens Britain)..... \$15.95
Jacobs, Nova	Hellbent (Evan Smoak #3: With government forces trying to scrub all traces of the Orphan Program, Jack Johns sends Evan on a final assignment: find and protect Jack's last recruit to the program)..... \$9.99
King, L/Klinger, L (ed)	The Last Equation of Isaac Severy (Bookseller Hazel Severy receives a letter from her mathematician grandfather days after he dies in an apparent suicide. The letter alludes to a secretive organization that is after his final equation, and charges Hazel with delivering it to a trusted colleague. But first she must find where it is hidden)... \$16.00
Larsen, Ward	For the Sake of the Game (Anthology. Original stories inspired by the Sherlock Holmes canon). \$25.95
Maxwell, Alyssa	Cutting Edge (After his helicopter goes down during a harrowing rescue, Alaskan Coast Guard rescue swimmer Trey DeBolt awakens in Maine to the news that he has been officially declared dead and drawn into an ultra-secret government program)..... \$9.99
McDermid, Val (V.L)	A Devious Death (Renshaw & Huntford #3: A summer getaway at her cousin Regina's newly purchased estate goes from tense to tragic when the hostess is found murdered in her bed. With suspects in every room, Lady Phoebe and her maid Eva must uncover the secrets of High Head Lodge)..... \$15.95
Ng, J/Blumberg-Kason, S (ed)	Broken Ground (Karen Pirie #5: Alice Somerville's inheritance lies in a Highland peat bog, buried by her grandfather at the end of World War II. When she finally uncovers it, she finds a body with a bullet hole between the eyes. Meanwhile, DCI Pirie is called in to unravel a case where nothing is quite as it seems). \$26.00
Parker, R/Lupica, M	Hong Kong Noir (Anthology. Original crime stories set in Hong Kong). \$15.95
Penny, Louise	Blood Feud (Sunny Randall #9: When Richie, the ex she still loves, is shot and nearly killed, Boston PI Sunny Randall is dragged into the thick of his family's business as she searches for answers and tries to stave off a mob war)..... \$27.00
Potenza, Carol	Kingdom of the Blind (Armand Gamache #14: When a peculiar letter arrives inviting Gamache to an abandoned farmhouse, the former head of the Surete de Quebec discovers that a complete stranger has named him one of the executors of her will, along with Myrna Landers, and a young builder. The will is so odd that they begin to wonder, but when a body is found, the terms of the will seem less peculiar and far more menacing) \$28.99
Preston, D/Child, L	Hearts of the Missing (Hillerman Prize winner. When a young woman linked to a list of missing Fire-Sky tribal members commits suicide, Pueblo police sergeant Nicky Matthews is assigned to the case)..... \$26.99
Reilly, Matthew	City of Endless Night (Pendergast #17: Pendergast and Vincent D'Agosta team up to investigate the murder and mutilation of a tech billionaire's daughter; unabridged audiobook \$20.00)..... \$9.99
Shaw, M.B.	The Three Secret Cities (Jack West Jr. #5: When Jack won the Great Games, he threw the four legendary kingdoms into turmoil. Now these dark forces are coming ruthlessly after him. With the end of all things rapidly approaching, Jack must find three lost cities of legend). \$26.99
Simenon, Georges	Murder at the Mill (Iris Grey #1: Iris is commissioned to paint a portrait of celebrated crime writer Dominic Wetherby. At the Wetherby's holiday party, the mulled wine is in full flow, but so are tensions among the guests. When a dead body is discovered the next day, is it a tragic accident, or a deadly crime?)..... \$27.99
Simon, Misty	Maigret's Secret (alternate title: Maigret Has Doubts) (Maigret #54: At a dinner party, Maigret tells of a case. A man named Adrien Josset was found guilty and executed for the murder of his wife Christine. Although all the clues pointed to Adrien's guilt, Maigret remained unconvinced, and still has doubts). \$13.00
Smith, Karen Rose	Deceased and Desist (Tallie Graver #3: Tallie's latest cleaning job, prepping a renovated B&B for a grand reopening, takes a macabre turn when she finds a shady building inspector dead in one of the bedrooms). \$7.99
St. James, Simone	Cut to the Chaise (Caprice De Luca #8: Caprice is busy arranging every last detail for her wedding reception at a local winery, but get sidetracked when the owner's husband is found stabbed to death in the tasting room)..... \$7.99
	The Broken Girls (Vermont, 1950: Idlewild Hall is a place for the troublemakers, the illegitimate, the girls who are too smart for their own good. Local legend says the school is haunted. Four roommates bond over their fears - until one of them disappears. Vermont, 2014: Two decades ago, the body of Fiona's sister was found near the ruins of Idlewild Hall.

\$15 to \$16.00 new, with a selection in used. Reviews to follow!

IQ (\$7.99) by Joe Ide was a surprise to me. I usually go for the lighter side of murder, preferring solving a mystery instead of finding a killer. I picked it up because it has received rave reviews and collected several awards including Winner of The Private Eye Writers of America's Shamus Award for Best First Private Eye Novel, Winner of the Macavity Award for Best First Novel, Winner of the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, Nominated for the Edgar Award, Barry Award, and Strand Critics Award for Best First Novel. It's also a "thinker's" story - think Sherlock Holmes and his ability to see what's there, as well as what's not. Isaiah Quintabe, or IQ as he is known, is a high school dropout. He grew up in East Long Beach, running with a gang, until disaster hit his family. Now he takes on cases that the LAPD won't and charges whatever his clients can afford - chickens, yard work, cash, whatever. This had me hooked from the beginning, starting with seeing how a serial rapist/killer thinks and plans and adapts to changes in situations. What people around him don't realize is that he is a genius with a wide streak of practicality and common sense - not a typical former gang-banger. He notices a cell phone on the ground where, only moments before, there was a young girl talking on it and who is now missing. On his way to protect a Rapper who has been receiving threats, he meets a dog breeder who specializes in large

Turow, Scott	When Fiona discovers the Hall is being restored, she decides to write a story about it. A shocking discovery during renovations links the loss of her sister to secrets that were meant to stay hidden in the past - and a voice that won't be silenced). \$15.00 Testimony (The International Criminal Court taps Bill ten Boom for a mystifying case: over a decade ago, in the chaos following the Bosnian war, a Roma refugee camp vanished overnight - and a witness has finally stepped forward). \$9.99
Washburn, Tim	Cyber Attack (Passenger jets drop from the sky. Water pumps fail at nuclear power plants. With each passing hour, orchestrated cyber attacks unleash death and destruction. Fear is going viral, and could lead to total annihilation, unless two specially trained FBI agents can penetrate the darkest recesses of the web to defeat a faceless enemy). . . \$7.99
Wilkinson, Ellen	The Division Bell Mystery (Reissue; Originally published in 1932. Wilkinson, one of the first women elected to Parliament, offers an insider's perspective on political scandal with sharp satire. A financier has been found shot in the House of Commons. Suspecting foul play, parliamentary private secretary Robert West takes on the role of amateur sleuth) \$12.95
Woods, Stuart	Shoot First (Stone Barrington # 45: Barrington is enjoying a round of golf when the game is violently interrupted - and the target may be the brilliant businesswoman behind a software startup on the cutting edge of technology). \$9.99
DUE MID-DECEMBER	
Baxter, Cynthia	Murder with a Cherry on Top (Lickety Splits # 1: Kate heads home to the Hudson Valley, hoping to indulge her dream of running an ice cream shop. She is less than thrilled when her high school nemesis Ashley starts selling frozen treats in the bakery across the street. When Ashley is murdered, Kate will need to get the scoop on the real killer to salvage her reputation). \$12.95
Blackmoore, Stephanie	Gown with the Wind (Wedding Planner # 4: Really, Mallory is fine handling the wedding arrangements for her ex Keith - until the bride-to-be winds up a murder suspect) \$7.99
Blaedel, Sara	The Stolen Angel (Louise Rick # 6: Detective Rick's skills as a trained negotiator are tested when a seriously ill little girl is kidnapped). \$7.99
Carr, Jack	The Terminal List (A Navy SEAL has nothing left to live for and everything to kill for after he discovers that the US government was behind the deaths of his team). . . \$9.99
Chisholm, P.F.	A Suspicion of Silver (Robert Carey # 9: 1593: Sir Robert Carey goes on the hunt for Joachim Hochstetter, suspected of plotting with the King of Spain and Scottish earls to assassinate King James VI). \$15.95
Connolly, Sheila	Many A Twist (County Cork # 6: Maura's estranged mother has moved back to Skibbereen and taken a job at the hotel outside town. When her new boss is found dead in the hotel gardens, Maura will leave no stone unturned to clear her mother's name). \$15.99
Copperman, E.J.	The Hostess With the Ghostess (Haunted Guesthouse # 9: The Jersey Shore lodge's latest polter-guest is Richard Harrison, the recently murdered brother of long-time resident ghost PI Paul Harrison. But Paul left the guesthouse months ago, and Alison hasn't been able to contact him. And she's going to need him, because Richard's death isn't the only unsolved case). \$15.99
Dorsey, Tim	The Pope of Palm Beach (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). \$15.99
Eaton, J.C.	Botched 4 Murder (Sophie Kimball # 4: Phee and her boyfriend Marshall investigate a murder at her mom's Arizona retirement community). \$7.99
Ferencik, Erica	The River at Night (On a hiking and rafting excursion in Maine's remote Allagash Wilderness, an accident leaves four women stranded without raft or supplies. And their discovery of a ramshackle camp nearby turns out not to be the salvation they were hoping for). \$9.99
Finlay, Mick	Arrowood (London, 1895: The police don't have the resources to deal with all the crime. The wealthy turn to Sherlock Holmes for help. In densely populated south London, people turn to Arrowood, a private investigator who understands people, not clues). . . . \$7.99
Goldstein, Debra H.	One Taste Too Many (Sarah Blair # 1: Sarah's ex has dropped dead, apparently poisoned by her twin sister Emily's award-winning rhubarb crisp. To crack the case, Sarah may have to face a fate worse than death: being in the kitchen!). \$7.99
Hillerman, Anne	Cave of Bones (Manuelito & Chee # 4: Bernie's planned speech at a program for at-risk

pit bulls and killing people for money. The story flips between the present - who IQ is today - and the past - the death of his brother - was it accidental or a murder? IQ doesn't have any police connections, all of the work is done through deduction and reasoning. His neighborhood is real, and poor. The author, Joe Ide, grew up not far from there and captures the atmosphere of poverty and the need to do anything for money. His next two books, **Righteous** (\$15.99; and **Wrecked** (\$27.00), are both on our shelves. If you like gritty, deductive, human protagonists, you will probably like **IQ**.

Janet Evanovich is up to her 25th Stephanie Plum book - **Look Alive Twenty-Five** (\$28.00), and we find Stephanie working at the Red River Deli trying to find out why the previous three managers have disappeared leaving just one shoe behind. This book was more satisfying to me than her previous two as it has more of a story. It is still pretty formulaic - Stephanie busts bond jumpers, some easy, some very difficult and dangerous, gets distracted by Ranger and Morelli (and no, still hasn't opted for one), has some supernatural help from Wulf Grimioire, and finally saves the day. As always, it's a fun read as long as you don't expect great literature or in-depth character building.

Years ago, I quit buying toys for kids as presents, instead buying them books. Once children discover books, there are whole universes that open up for them. Encyclopedia Brown books

Jones, S/Watts, P	teens is derailed when one of the attendees returns hours late from a hike, traumatized by stumbling over a human skeleton. And the instructor who went looking for the girl seems to have vanished). \$9.99 The Big Empty (Nathan Active #6: Nathan's investigation of a plane crash in the Big Empty casts suspicion of murder on more than one person in the small town of Chukchi) \$26.95
Kubica, Mary	Don't You Cry (Esther disappears from her Chicago apartment, leaving behind a letter that raises a lot of questions for her roommate Quinn. As Quinn searches for answers, a young man in a Michigan town falls under the spell of a mysterious woman). . . . \$9.99
Ortiz, Paul	An African American and Latinx History of the United States (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). \$16.00
Parra, Nancy J.	A Case of Syrah, Syrah (Sonoma Wine Country #1: Taylor lives on a small winery with her aunt and leads tours around Sonoma County. Things are running smoothly until a tour member is found dead with Taylor's corkscrew buried in her neck). \$15.99
Pressey, Rose	Fashions Fade, Haunted Is Eternal (Haunted Vintage #7: Cookie has been hired to dress models for a fashion shoot in a cemetery. When the grumpy photographer is edited out of the picture for good, Cookie investigates with help from her ghostly pals). . \$7.99
Robb, Candace	A Murdered Peace (Kate Clifford #3: York, 1400: Kate's cook and confidante Berend disappears shortly before Christmas, then returns wounded. He denies any connection to the Epiphany Uprising, but refuses to explain himself. When he is accused of murdering a merchant, more questions arise). \$15.95
Ross, Barbara	Steamed Open (Maine Clambake #7: Beachcombers, lighthouse buffs, and clambers are outraged after Bartholomew Frick puts up a gate in front of his newly inherited mansion, blocking access to the beach. When he winds up stabbed in the neck with a clam rake, there's a long list of suspects). \$7.99
Rowland, Laura Joh	A Mortal Likeness (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). \$15.99
Staub, Wendy Corsi	Dead of Winter (Lily Dale #3: When a body turns up in the lake, everyone pulls out all the stops to locate a missing child, identify the murder victim, and collar the killer) \$15.99
	<u>DUE EARLY JANUARY</u>
Alexander, Ellie	Live and Let Pie (Bakeshop #9: PBO; During a lakeside picnic, Jules and Helen discover old skeletal remains that might be connected to a 1960s missing person case) \$7.99
Bates, Quentin	Cold Breath (Gunnhildur #6: Gunnhildur agrees to act as bodyguard to a man with a price on his head, but they soon realize that the secure house outside Reykjavik is neither as safe nor as carefully hidden as the police thought). \$13.99
Bell, David	Somebody I Used to Know (When a young woman is murdered at a local motel, the police find Nick Hansen's name and address in her pocket. Convinced that there's a connection between the dead woman and his college girlfriend Marissa, Nick decides to investigate Marissa's death twenty years ago). \$9.99
Berry, Steve	The Bishop's Pawn (Cotton Malone #13: The US Justice Department turns to Cotton Malone for help investigating a delicate situation involving a stolen rare coin and a rogue FBI faction). \$9.99
Blaedel, Sara	The Drowned Girl (alternate title: Only One Life) (Louise Rick #3: When a young Jordanian immigrant girl is found in Holbraek Fjord with a piece of concrete tied around her waist, Inspector Rick investigates. Was it an 'honor killing?'). \$9.99
Burnell, Mark	The Rhythm Section (Stephanie Patrick #1: Reissue; When it turns out a bomb caused the plane crash that killed her family, Stephanie Patrick has one goal: revenge. She is recruited by a covert organization that will train her to commit acts of terrorism - and when she proves her loyalty, she will have a chance to take out those responsible for the crash). \$9.99
Cohen, William S.	Final Strike (Sean Falcone #3: Sean Falcone leads a dangerous op to bring a CEO home from Moscow and convince the Russians to help bring down an asteroid that threatens Earth). \$9.99
Cornwell, Bernard	Fools and Mortals (Elizabethan England: Penniless actor Richard Shakespeare dreams

are still written and we stock several of them. Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys are still around and in our used section. Best of all, we have new classics are on our shelves. Much to my amazement, I found that Alexander McCall Smith (of **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** books) writes a series of children's books featuring Precious Ramotswa's first cases as a child herself. Her books teach valuable lessons such as just because a person has lots of sweets doesn't mean that he has stolen them and to not be afraid to ask many questions - both good signs of a detective. The first book is **The Great Cake Mystery** (\$6.00; ages 7-10), and deals with disappearing sweets. The thief is finally found and the lesson, or moral of the story, is that appearances can be deceiving. In the second book, **The Mystery of Meerkat Hill** (\$6.99), Precious helps her new friends find their missing cow, with the help of a small friend. **The Mystery of the Missing Lion** (\$6.99), finds Precious visiting her Aunt Bee on a game preserve when an actor lion who is there for a movie, goes off on his own. Precious, with the help of her friend and the lion trainer, are able to track the missing lion down. Precious, with her quick thinking, prevents the lion trainer from accidentally trying to recover a wild lion, and, as is quite proper, he thanks her four times for saving his life. These books talk about Botswana, giving some history of the place and people, and are gentle reminders that we all live together and need to treat each other gently, whether human or animal.

Delaney, J.P.	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)..... \$16.99 The Girl Before ('Please make a list of every possession you consider essential to your life.' The request seems odd, even intrusive - and for the two women who reply, the consequences are devastating). \$9.99
Duncan, Francis	Behold a Fair Woman (Mordecai Tremaine #7: Reissue; In need of a vacation, Mordecai Tremaine heads to the picturesque island of Moulin d'Or. When a dead body is discovered, he must piece together the truth)... \$14.99
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Housewright, David	First, Kill the Lawyers (Holland Taylor #5: Five prominent Minneapolis attorneys

There are readers questions at the end of each book which could be used to open conversations with the readers. If you enjoy McCall's gentle humor and way with words, you (and your kids) will enjoy these books.

Mr. and Mrs, Bunny - Detectives Extraordinaire! (\$8.99; ages 8-12) translated from the Rabbit by Polly Horvath, is hilarious. Madeline comes home one day to find her parents missing and a note on the refrigerator written in a squiggly code. There are also lots of beady fox eyes watching her through the kitchen window. She is able to find two detective bunnies (because detectives get to wear fedoras) who are willing and able to help her. They end up calling in a marmot (and marmots never bring cake) to help decode the message because marmots are mad decoders. The foxes are thwarted, the mystery solved, the parents rescued, and the Bunnys decide to change hats. The second book, **Lord and Lady Bunny - almost Royalty** (\$8.99), has Madeline wanting to save for college even though that's a long way off. Her parents, being ex-hippies, have almost no money (\$6.27, to be exact), but they inherit a sweet shoppe in England, and travel across the pond to take up residence. Mrs. Bunny decides she wants to be queen, so she and her husband follow behind to Merrie Olde England. The Bunnys and Madeline are thrilled to be reunited, and Mrs. Bunny's book is published, Mr. Bunny debuts on stage as King Lear, and they invent magic candy that just has to be trained. As always,

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everything works out happily, and Mrs. Bunny gives her book royalties to Madeline for college, since her ex-hippie parents manage to end up with \$6.27 exactly after expenses.

Based on a comment from Don, I took a look at the Liturgical Mysteries by Mark Schweizer. These include **The Alto Wore Tweed, The Baritone Wore Chiffon, The Tenor Wore Tapshoes, The Soprano Wore Falsettos, The Bass Wore Scales, The Mezzo Wore Mink, The Diva Wore Diamonds, The Organist Wore Pumps, The Countertenor Wore Garlic, The Christmas Cantata, The Treble Wore Trouble, The Cantor Wore Crinolines, The Maestro Wore Mohair, The Lyric Wore Lycra, and The Choir Director Wore Out** (just in with signed copies). They range in price from \$12.95 to \$13.95. They take place in the small town of St. Germaine, North Carolina and feature Police Chief Hayden Konig in his quest to become the next great Mystery Writer. He even has Raymond Chandler's typewriter to help him write! Unfortunately, he's a terrible writer. Luckily, he's a much better deductive detective than a writer. He's also the choir director at the local Episcopal church, and dead bodies keep showing up in the strangest places: choir lofts, lakes, by a singing gorilla... I haven't read these (yet!), but I've sampled them. In between the excerpts of Hayden's horrible writings are delicious, funny stories that also gave me a decent musical education. This series just got added to my list of "must reads".

Wilson, F. Paul	Sorenson, a bright but unstable student who disappeared in the aftermath of a scandal involving millions of dollars in missing college funds). \$18.99 The Void Protocol (ICE Sequence #3: The product of technology confiscated from the Nazis sits in a bunker below a New Jersey military facility. No one knows what it is, but illegal human research has revealed what it can do. Humans with special abilities have been secretly collected. And so it sits, slowly changing the world). \$27.99
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