

Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore

Uncle Edgar's Mystery Bookstore

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Used Book Sale

We're having another used book sale to try to reduce the piles of used books. All used books will be at least 20% off, whether you have a discount card or not. The sale includes used paperbacks, used hardcovers, used magazines, used gaming books, and bagged books.

Because we have so many used audiobooks, we will be selling all used audiobooks at \$5.00 each, whether cassette or CD.

We used to do a fair amount of business in used true crime books, but they have been very slow for the last couple of years. We'd rather have the space for other uses, so all used true crime books will be 50% off.

We also used to do a fair amount of business in assorted men's action adventure series, but they've really slowed down and we have so many overstock copies in the basement. We will be giving 50% off the following series:

- Able Team (at Edgar's)
- Blade (at Hugo's)
- The Butcher (at Edgar's)

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING SCIENCE FICTION

ALREADY RECEIVED

	Fantasy & Science Fiction March / April 2019 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Fantasy & Science Fiction May / June 2019 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Locus #698 March 2019 (Interviews with Leigh Bardugo and S.A. Chakraborty; forthcoming books; industry news, reviews, and more).	\$7.50
	Locus #699 April 2019 (Interviews with Jasper Fforde and Sarah Beth Durst; industry news, reviews, and more).	\$7.50
	Locus #700 May 2019 (Interviews with G. Willow Wilson and Ilana C. Myer; Vonda McIntyre and Gene Wolfe obituaries; industry news, reviews, and more).	\$7.50
Adams, D/Goss, J	Doctor Who and the Krikkitmen (A group of androids in cricket whites materialize in a pavilion at Lords Cricket Ground and violently steal the Ashes). .	\$11.99
Bennett, Robert Jackson	Vigilance (In a near future America, citizens are put in a virtual reality environment to survive an active shooter).	\$14.99
Blumlein, Michael	Longer (A pair of pharmaceutical technicians discover an unidentified object (that may be alive) in space outside their lab).	\$16.99
Egan, Greg	Perihelion Summer (As a black hole approaches the Earth, a group of friends board a self-sustaining ship to wait out the encounter offshore).	\$14.99
Fredsti, Dana	Blood Ink (Lilith #2: PBO; Stuntwoman Lee Striga's new shoot takes her to New Orleans, where an arcane tattoo artist is using his clients in rituals to open an interdimensional gateway for a demon god).	\$14.95
Heartfield, Kate	Alice Payne Rides (After kidnapping Arthur of Brittany from 1203, Alice and her team realize they have inadvertently brought smallpox to 1780 and must journey to the future to find a cure).	\$14.99
Kamen, J/Feldstein, A	The Martian Monster And Other Stories (Political opportunists attempt to stop robots from achieving world peace).	\$29.99
Kessler, Liz	Emily Windsnap and the Falls of Forgotten Island (Emily Windsnap #7: Kids; Emily just wants a relaxing tropical vacation, but instead is tangled up in a prophecy to save a forgotten island from an earthquake).	\$6.99
King, Amy Sarig	Me and Marvin Gardens (Kids; A lonely boy befriends a strange creature that eats only plastic).	\$7.99
Malerman, Josh	Inspection (A boy and a girl from isolated schools meet in the forest and start to question their schools' purpose).	\$27.00
Maxwell, Lisa	The Devil's Thief (YA; Esta and Harte set off on a cross-country chase through time to steal back the elemental stones they need to save the future of magic).	\$18.99
Maxwell, Lisa	The Last Magician (YA; A time-traveling thief attempts to steal a book of magical secrets in a world where magic is all but extinct).	\$12.99
McNeill, Graham	Iron Warriors: The Complete Honsou Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000: PBO; Tales of the schemes of the embittered Warsmith Honsou in his struggles against the hated Space Marines of the Imperium).	\$18.00
Moon, Elizabeth	Oath of Gold (Reissue; Now an accomplished warrior in her own right, Paks takes on a holy quest that will test her limits, for the gods are no longer pleased with her, and their wrath may spell her destruction).	\$16.00
Nagata, Linda	Edges (A determined crew of spacefarers crosses light years to explore the fallen worlds of old and discover what monstrous life might have grown up among the ruins)..	\$18.00

Death Merchant (at Edgar's)
 Depth Force (at Edgar's)
 Domsday Warrior (at Hugo's)
 Endworld (at Hugo's)
 The Executioner (at Edgar's)
 Mack Bolan (at Edgar's)
 The Mercenary (at Edgar's)
 Nick Carter (at Edgar's)
 Penetrator (at Edgar's)
 Perry Rhodan (at Hugo's)
 Phoenix Force (at Edgar's)
 Richard Blade (at Hugo's)
 Seventh Carrier (at Hugo's)
 Stony Man (at Edgar's)
 TNT (at Edgar's)
 WWII (at Hugo's)

The sale runs Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 9. That gives you two weekends to take advantage of the sale.

This sale will be for customers shopping in the store—it does not apply to mail orders. If you are thinking about bringing in lots of used books to sell during the sale, expect a longer than normal wait. And don't bother to drag along your used true crime books.

Award News

The Nebula Award nominees for Best Novel are **The Calculating Stars** by Mary Robinette Kowal (\$18.99), **The Poppy War** by R. F. Kuang (\$15.99), **Blackfish City** by Sam J. Miller (\$14.99), **Spinning Silver** by Naomi Novik (\$17.00), **Witchmark** by C. L. Polk (\$15.99), and **Trail of Lightning** by Rebecca Roanhorse (\$17.99).

The Crawford Award for best first fantasy novel went to **The Poppy War** by R. F. Kuang (\$15.99).

The Philip K. Dick Award

Newman, Kim **One Thousand Monsters** (Anno Dracula: Japan, 1899: There are no vampires in Japan. That is the Emperor's position. The Emperor is wrong). \$9.99

Ollinger, Joe **10,000 Bones** (On Brink, calcium is the official currency. Other worlds limit shipments of it to maintain favorable exchange rates, leaving Brink's Commerce Board struggling to negotiate quotas to keep the population alive and growing. Taryn Dare is tasked with recovering black market calcium. A job recovering a human corpse draws her into an investigation that threatens the very fabric of her society). \$15.99

Pollack, Rachel **The Beatrix Gates** (PBO; This slim collection includes her queer cult favorite 'The Beatrix Gates' plus 'Trans Central Station', 'Burning Beard', 'The Woman Who Didn't Come Back', plus an interview with the author and a bibliography). \$14.00

Powell, Gareth L. **Ragged Alice** (DCI Holly Craig returns to her hometown to discover what seems like a simple hit-and-run, only to find something far more personal and deadly). \$14.99

Powers, Tim **More Walls Broken** (While trying to summon the ghost of a scientist, three academics open a door between the world of the living and dead that lets in something unexpected). \$25.00

Proposch/Sequiera/etc (ed) **Cthulhu: Land of the Long White Cloud** (Mythos stories from New Zealand) \$13.99

Schulman, Audrey **Theory of Bastards** (While recovering her ability to walk, Dr. Frankie Burk accepts a placement at a research institute to continue her work, a study that reveals bonobos may be as complex as humans). \$18.00

Sharps, N/Abbott, A (ed) **Kaiju Rising II: Reign of Monster** (From ocean trenches and dense jungles to alien worlds and other dimensions, the kaiju have returned in these sixteen original tales) \$22.95

DUE EARLY JUNE

Aaronovitch, Ben **First World Cat Problems** (Cats complain about everyday problems). . . \$15.95

Adams, Douglas **The October Man** (The German supernatural police confront a group of middle aged men who have awakened a bloody conflict from a previous century). \$40.00

Adams, Douglas **The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy: Primary Phase** (Radio play based on the novel). \$29.95

Adams, Douglas **The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy: Secondary Phase** (Radio play based on the novel). \$29.95

Adams, John Joseph (ed) **Wastelands: The New Apocalypse** (A collection of post-apocalyptic short stories). \$14.95

Afsharirad, David (ed) **The Year's Best Military & Adventure SF Volume 5** (Stories of military science fiction). \$16.00

Anderson, Kevin J. **Spine of the Dragon** (Wake the Dragon #1: When an outside threat arises, two warring nations must set aside their mutual hatred to fight their true enemy). . . \$26.99

Bakic, Asja **Mars: Stories** (Collection of short stories showing a series of twisted universes) \$16.95

Baltazar, Armand **Diego and the Rangers of Vastlantic** (Timeless #1: Kids; Full color illustrations throughout. A cosmic event fractured time and space, reshaping Earth. At Diego's middle school in New Chicago are kids from many historical eras and world cultures. The pieces do not always fit neatly, but this is the world Diego loves. Not everyone shares his views. When Diego's engineer father is taken by the Aeternum, Diego must rescue him and stop the evil group from disrupting the fragile peace humanity has forged). \$12.99

Barnhill, Kelly **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** (Kids; When Luna approaches her thirteenth birthday, her magic begins to emerge - but the kind, gentle witch who protected and raised her is far away. When a young man in the nearby Protectorate decides to kill the witch, it's up to Luna to protect those who have protected her). \$9.95

Bates, Callie **The Soul of Power** (Waking Land #3: When her revolutionary friend Elanna is captured, Sophy is left alone to navigate a thorny political maze). \$28.00

Bear, Elizabeth **The Red-Stained Wings** (Lotus Kingdoms #2: After delivering their message to the queen, Gage and the Dead Man must solve its riddle in the midst of a war). \$27.99

Beckett, Chris **America City** (In the near future, a British publicist teams up with an American Senator as he runs for president of a crumbling nation). \$15.95

Belcher, R.S. **The Shotgun Arcana** (Golgotha #2: 1870: Golgotha is a haven for the blessed and the damned. Sheriff Jon Highfather and his deputies have their hands full dealing with train robbers, brutal murders, and the usual outbreaks of weirdness. But now vicious killers are converging on the town, drawn by a grisly relic that dates back to the Donner Party - and

for best paperback original sf in the U.S. went to **Theory of Bastards** by Audrey Schulman (\$18.00) and a special citation went to **84K** by Claire North (\$15.99).

The British Science Fiction Association Award for best novel went to **Embers of War** by Gareth L. Powell (\$7.99).

The Hugo Award finalists for Best Novel are **The Calculating Stars** by Mary Robinette Kowal (\$18.99), **Record of a Spaceborn Few** by Becky Chambers (\$16.99), **Revenant Gun** by Yoon Ha Lee (\$9.99), **Space Opera** by Catherynne M. Valente (\$14.99), **Spinning Silver** by Naomi Novik (\$17.00), and **Trail of Lightning** by Rebecca Roanhorse (\$17.99).

The finalists for Best Novella are **Artificial Condition** by Martha Wells (\$16.99), **Beneath the Sugar Sky** by Seanan McGuire (\$17.99), **Binti: The Night Masquerade** by Nnedi Okorafor (\$15.99), **The Black God's Drums** by P. Djeli Clark (\$11.99), **Gods, Monsters, and the Lucky Peach** by Kelly Robson (\$14.99), and **The Tea Master and the Detective** by Alette de Bodard (out of print).

The Edgar Award for Best Mystery Novel went to **Down the River Unto the Sea** by Walter Mosley (\$15.99), Best First Novel by an American went to **Bearskin** by James A. McLaughlin (\$16.99), and Best Paperback Original to **If I Die Tonight** by Alison Gaylin (\$16.99).

The Agatha Awards included Best Contemporary

	the dawn of humanity).....	\$9.99
Bennett, Christopher L.	The Captain's Oath (The early career of Captain James T. Kirk).....	\$16.00
Black, Holly	The Modern Faerie Tales: Tithe / Valiant / Ironside (Reissue; YA; Omnibus reprint of 3 novels).....	\$13.99
Bond, G/Rowe, C	The Sphinx's Secret (Kids; After discovering that the New York Public Library Lions are actually sphinx's guarding magical artifacts, Stephen and his friend are given three days to save them from an evil warlock).....	\$6.99
Brooks, Terry	The Stiehl Assassin (Shannara: Fall of Shannara #3: The Skaar army advances on the Four Lands, and the Druids are all that stand in their way).....	\$28.00
Buettner, Robert	My Enemy's Enemy (A pair of aircraft historians discover a secret from WWII that may be the key to stopping World War Three).....	\$16.00
Butcher, Jim	Brief Cases (Dresden Files: Collection. Short fiction starring the Windy City's favorite wizard, including an original novella).....	\$17.00
Cantero, Edgar	This Body's Not Big Enough for Both of Us (A. Z. Kimrean are brother and sister, and have shared one scrawny body since birth. He's pure logic, she's all creativity - and they'll confuse everyone as they try to find out who is targeting the heirs to a cartel. And maybe rescue an undercover cop, deal with a plucky stowaway, and stop a major California drug war).....	\$16.00
Capetta, Amy Rose	The Lost Coast (YA; Danny joins a group of queer witches who need her help finding the lost member of group).....	\$17.99
Carlton, Clark Thomas	The Prophet of the Termite God (Antasy #2: Amidst warring insect peoples, the new Prophet-Commander Pleckoo must rise above the turmoil, survive assassins, and prevent the massacre of millions).....	\$8.99
Christopher, Adam	Darkness on the Edge of Town (Stranger Things: Chief Hopper tells Eleven about his old life as a police detective in New York City).....	\$28.00
Cooke, John B. (ed)	The Book of Weirdo (An examination of underground comix cartoonist R. Crumb's 1980s humor comics anthology).....	\$39.95
Dabos, Christelle	The Missing of Clairdelune (YA; After being promoted to Vice-Storyteller, Ophelia finds herself implicated in an investigation where the only person she can trust may be her enigmatic fiancé).....	\$20.95
DeVos, Megan	Anarchy (Anarchy #1: In a post-apocalyptic future, the world has split into rival factions warring over the scant resources).....	\$13.99
DeVos, Megan	Loyalty (Anarchy #2: Grace must choose between loyalty to her family and the young faction leader that she has feelings for).....	\$13.99
Drake, David	To Clear Away the Shadows (RCN #13: The war is over, giving science vessels like the Far Traveller a chance to explore the galaxy in relative safety, but conflicting motives among the crew give the journey its own dangers).....	\$25.00
Feehan, Christine	Shadow Warrior (Shadow Riders #4: A serial killer threatens a Chicago crime family, and Grace Murphy finds herself under the protection of the billionaire bad boy she has always felt drawn to).....	\$7.99
Flanagan, John	Duel at Araluen (Ranger's Apprentice: Royal Ranger #3: Kids; Ranger's apprentice Maddie and her friends must rescue her brother from the Red Fox Clan).....	\$18.99
Flint/Goodlett/Huff	1637: The Volga Rules (Ring of Fire: Inspired by up-timer politics, the winds of rebellion have spread to Russia, where an entire village of serfs now pulls up stakes to make a run for freedom - even as Czar Michael gets some up-timer help to escape the house arrest imposed by his aristocracy and set up a government in exile).....	\$7.99
French, John	The Siege of Terra: Solar War (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Terra now lies within the Warmaster's sites, but the way to the Throne will be hard as the primarch Rogal Dorn marshals the defenses).....	\$30.00
Gailey, Sarah	Magic for Liars (Ivy Gamble, a nonmagical PI, searches for a killer at a private academy for mages in Northern California).....	\$25.99
Goodkind, Terry	The Scribbly Man (Children of D'Hara #1: Monsters that once lurked just out of sight are now out in full force).....	\$13.95
Habiger, Geoff	Dinosaur Learning Activity Book (Fun activities with dinosaur facts).....	\$7.95
Heckel, Jack	The Darkest Lord (Dark Lord Avery Stewart must join the Company of the Fellowship in a frenzied war to destroy the magical artifact fueling the interworld chaos).....	\$8.99
Hooker, Sam	Peril in the Old Country (Terribly Serious Darkness #1: In the Old Country, Slood contends with doom, bloodthirsty vampires, and ghostly financial statements).....	\$14.99
Hooker, Sam	Soul Remains (Terribly Serious Darkness #2: Reluctant hero Slood Peril must save the Old Country from the advancing Dark).....	\$14.99

Novel to **Mardi Gras Murder** by Ellen Byron (\$26.99), Best Historical Novel to **The Widows of Malabar Hill** by Sujata Massey (\$15.95), and Best First Novel (in a tie) to **A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder** by Dianne Freeman (\$26.00) and **Curses Boiled Again** by Shari Randall (\$7.99).

How's Business? by Don Blyly

The assorted reports I've been reading suggest that national book sales so far this year are probably down around 8% in units and around 3-4% in dollars (because the price of books have been going up). Some of those reports include college bookstores (where sales of text books are way down due to increased text book rentals and increased use of computer data packs rather than bound books) and Christian bookstores (which have been going out of business at a rapid rate for the last few years) and some of the reports don't include college bookstores or Christian bookstores. At the Uncles, our sales have been down around 5% so far this year in dollars, and it would take a lot of work to try to figure out how much we are down in units.

Receiving damaged books from the publishers is always a pain, but we've recently seen a significant increase in the number of damaged books received in undamaged boxes. This can be caused by 2 things: (1) books that were already damaged before they were put into the box and (2) a really bad job of packing the box. If we receive five copies of a title and one of them is damaged,

Huang, S.L.	Zero Sum Game (Cas Russell #1: The vector calculus blazing through Cas Russell's brain lets her smash through opponents twice her size and dodge every bullet in a gunfight. Now she's discovered someone even more dangerous, intent on becoming the world's puppet master)..... \$18.99
Inman, Matthew	Why My Cat Is More Impressive Than Your Baby (Comics about cats, babies, lasers, and more). \$14.99
Ireland, Justina	Dread Nation (YA; Jane is a Negro, born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of the Civil War United States. She is almost finished with her education at Miss Preston's School of Combat, but uninterested in protecting the wealthy, and plans to return home. Then Baltimore families begin to go missing, and Jane finds herself in a desperate fight for her life against powerful enemies. And the restless dead, it seems, are the least of her problems)..... \$9.99
James, Vic	Bright Ruin (Dark Gifts #3: With one uprising crushed by the glittering elite, commoners and aristocrats now take sides for a final confrontation. At the center of it all are commoners Abi and Luke Hadley, and the youngest and most powerful member of the ruling family, the cold and inscrutable Silyen Jardine)..... \$17.00
Kander, Beth	Original Syn (A forbidden romance between a cyborg and one of the last original humans). \$18.95
Keyes, Greg	Godzilla: King of the Monsters novelization (Novelization of the 2019 film) \$7.99
Kim, CY/Carter, D	A Purse Full of Tales (A collection of folk tales from Korea). \$18.95
King, S/Vincent B (ed)	Flight or Fright (Scary stories set on planes). \$17.00
King, Stephen	The Outsider (When a boy's violated corpse is found in a town park, clues point to a popular Little League coach. He has an alibi, but the police and DA build what looks like an ironclad case against him. As the investigation expands, horrifying answers begin to emerge. The coach seems like a nice guy - but is he wearing another face?). \$18.99
Kraatz, Jeramey	Dark Side of the Moon (Kids; Benny and his friends must find the genius inventor who founded the moon platoon before the aliens attack again). \$6.99
Kraatz, Jeramey	The Moon Platoon (Kids; After winning a scholarship to a prestigious school on the Moon, Benny learns secrets that threaten his old home, the Earth). \$6.99
Lackey, Mercedes	The Hills Have Spies (Valdemar: Family Spies #1: As the next step in his training to one day be a Herald Spy, Justyn, Mags and Amily's oldest child, joins a troupe of traveling entertainers - and discovers growing unrest in the rural parts of Valdemar, where the indigenous Hawkbrothers face growing persecution). \$7.99
Lawrence, Mark	Limited Wish (A reluctant child prodigy an amateur time-traveler must resolve a timeline paradox before the universe is destroyed)..... \$14.95
Lee, Fonda	Cross Fire (Exo #2: YA; As a galactic invasion threatens, Donovan realizes that a human terrorist group holds the key that could stop an impending war, if he can convince them to work with the other species on Earth). \$9.99
Lee, Sharon/Miller, Steve	A Liden Universe Constellation Volume 4 (Liden: Collection. Short fiction set in the Liden Universe; Signed copies expected). \$16.00
Lord, Karen	Unraveling (Forensic psychiatrist Miranda teams up with a pair of otherworldly brothers to investigate seven unusual murders). \$26.00
Lynskey, Dorian	The Ministry of Truth (Examines the cultural origins and impact of the novel 1984) \$28.95
McAulty, Todd	The Robots of Gotham (After years of war, the US is yielding to a brutal coalition of nations ruled by fascist machines. Canadian businessman Barry Simcoe is in occupied Chicago. After a rogue war machine attacks his hotel, he meets a Russian medic from the occupying army, and I9 Black Winter, a badly damaged robot. Together they stumble on a machine conspiracy to unleash a plague, and learn that the US resistance is not as extinct as everyone believes). \$15.99
Miller, Rowenna	Fray (Unraveled Kingdom #2: Open revolt has been thwarted, but now the magical seamstress Sophia must navigate a royal court and foreign alliances while her powers become increasingly unpredictable). \$15.99
Miller, Sam J.	The Art of Starving (YA; Norton winner; Crawford, and Best YA Novel finalist. Matt hasn't eaten for days, because he has discovered that the less he eats, the more he seems to have special powers. The ability to see things he shouldn't be able to see. A knack for tuning into thoughts right out of people's heads. Maybe even the authority to bend time and space. And he's determined to find out just how the high school's bullies drove his sister Maya away). \$9.99

we've become (unfortunately) used to that, But when we receive five copies of a title and every copy is significantly damaged we have to delay filling mail orders, order more copies, and hope that the next shipment is less damaged.

I find that a lot of the dreams that I remember after I wake up revolve around two subjects that used to play a major role in the Uncle's business. I'm going to talk about why they were important and seem to appear so often in my dreams.

The Bookmen was a local book wholesaler that made being in the book business so much easier than it is now. When Uncle Hugo's started, it was too small to set up accounts directly with the publishers, so I had to rely on wholesalers. Even after we were able to set up accounts with the publishers, we still did much of our business with The Bookmen. If a new title took off much better than I had expected, it was faster and easier to pick up more copies from the Bookmen than to get up to a minimum order with a publisher, call in an order, and then wait a week or two for the books to arrive. If a publisher let me know that an author was flying into town the next day and wanted to stop by the store to sign his books, I could probably stock up at The Bookmen, while there was no chance that I could get extra copies from the publisher in time.

(Why would a publisher set up a signing tour for an author, buy the plane tickets weeks in advance, set up tv and radio appearances weeks in advance, and then wait until the day before the author reached

Newman, Kim (writing as Jack Yeovil)	Genevieve Undead (Warhammer Horror: Reissue; Vampire femme fatale Genevieve Dieudonne faces monsters & magicians, intrigue & evil, on a journey that takes her from an old theater to an accursed mansion and finally to a unicorn hunt)... \$16.00
North, Claire	The Gameshouse (In the Gameshouse, deadly games of chance and skill control the fate of empires). \$15.99
Ochse, Weston	Burning Sky (Tactical Support Team # 1: Back in the US after a tour in Afghanistan, the members of a Tactical Support Team are meeting people who already know them, remembering things that haven't happened, hearing words that don't exist - and dreaming of a sky that won't stop burning). \$8.99
Oh, Ellen	Spirit Hunters (Kids; Harper Raine's new house is haunted. Strange events give her a sense of deja vu, and she must put together the pieces of her memories before it is too late) \$6.99
Oloixarac, Pola	Dark Constellations (A 19th century scientist, a 20th century hacker, and a 21st century tech hub all play a role in the next step of human evolution). \$26.00
Parkin, L/Pearson, L	Ahistory: An Unauthorized History of the Doctor Who Universe Volume I (4th edition) (Doctor Who: Revised and expanded (by about 40%) fourth edition, incorporating all Doctor Who materials into a single timeline. Volume I encompasses the Prehistory and History sections of the universe). \$29.95
Parkin, L/Pearson, L	Ahistory: An Unauthorized History of the Doctor Who Universe Volume 2 (4th edition) (Doctor Who: Revised and expanded (by about 40%) fourth edition, incorporating all Doctor Who materials into a single timeline. Volume 2 includes the Present Day, UNIT, Modern Day (through 2017) and Gallifrey sections of the universe) \$29.95
Pinsker, Sarah	Sooner or Later Everything Falls Into the Sea (Collection of stories) \$17.00
Piven, J/Borgenicht, D	The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbooks (updated) (Updated 20th anniversary edition). \$18.95
Powers, Tim	Expiration Date (Last Call # 2: Reissue; Ghosts can be caught, bottled, and sold by covert dealers to addicts who inhale them. When a young boy accidentally inhales the ghost of Thomas Edison, he finds that all the factions of LA's occult underground want to kill him and get Edison's powerful ghost for themselves).. \$7.99
Pullman, Philip	La Belle Sauvage (YA; The first of three volumes, telling a tale that begins when Lyra is a baby and will end when she is grown up. At the center is the struggle between a despotic totalitarian organization that wants to stifle speculation and inquiry, and those who believe thought and speech should be free). \$14.99
Reichert, Michael Zucker	The Immortal Renshai (Renshai # 9: After a cataclysmic magical confrontation, elves and humans struggle to put their lives back together. But many are stranded in the Outworlds, and chances of rescuing them seems very slim - unless the powers of the elves, the human mages, and the one surviving sorcerer can be combined). \$8.99
Reynolds, J/Annandale, D	Rulers of the Dead: Nagash, The Undying King / Neferata, Mortarch of Blood (Reprints 2 novels).. . . . \$16.00
Rogerson, Margaret	Sorcery of Thorns (YA; Forced to go on the run with a sorcerer, whom she has always been taught were evil, Elisabeth starts to question everything she knows).. . . . \$17.99
Ruocchio, Christopher	Empire of Silence (Sun Eater # 1: The galaxy remembers Hadrian Marlowe as the hero who burned every last alien Cielcin from the sky. And as the monster who destroyed a sun, casually annihilating billions of human lives. But Hadrian was not a hero, or a monster, or even a soldier. This is his story). \$8.99
Salvatore, R.A.	Timeless (Drizzt # 1: A father and his son are reunited as old friends Zaknafein and Jarlaxle are joined by Drizzt, Hero of the North. But the scourge of Lolth's ambitions remain, and demons have been foisted on the unwitting of the surface. The resulting chaos and war will prove a great challenge for the three fighters).. . . . \$7.99
Samatar, Sofia	Tender: Stories (First collection of short fiction from an award-nominated fantasy writer). \$17.00
Solomon/Diggs/Hutson/Snipes	The Deep (Yetu holds the memories for her people - water-dwelling descendants of African slaves - to spare them the pain. But when the memories become too much for her, she flees to the surface and discovers the world they left behind). \$19.99
Steinhagen, Jon	The Hanging Artist (Franz Kafka and the giant insect of The Metamorphosis investigate a rash of mysterious hangings in 1924 Vienna).. \$11.99
Stephenson, Neal	Fall, or, Dodge in Hell (After tech billionaire Dodge Forthrast dies, his will dictates that his body is given to a cryonics company. Years later, his brain is revived to take part

town to let the bookstores where the author was not having a formal signing know about it? I've been asking that question for decades and never received an answer from a publisher. You'd think the publisher would let all the bookstores in the town know weeks in advance that the author was coming to town so that all the bookstores could be well stocked with the author's books when the publicity hit.)

The Bookmen also saved the day whenever a publisher screwed up shipments (like throwing 25 of the wrong title into the box) or forgetting to ship the order. Or whenever a box would fall apart on the way to the bookstore and half of the books were missing or unsaleable. As a result, I often went to The Bookmen three times per week to restock books, to see if anything had arrived at The Bookmen that I had on order from the publishers but not yet received my shipment, and to just wander around the warehouse looking for interesting titles published by companies that I didn't have an account with. And I discovered and bought a lot of books because I was able to wander around and look at them.

The Bookmen was the only major book wholesaler in the country that allowed booksellers and librarians to wander through the warehouse and look at the books. They also threw an annual party in December in the warehouse that was open not only to the local bookstore people and librarians but also others involved in the book industry (local authors, people who escorted out-of-town authors on tour, agents, etc.) and their families.

It's not surprising that I

Tchaikovsky, Adrian	in a digital afterlife)..... \$35.00
Teller, Danielle	Walking to Aldebaran (Gary Rendell has always wanted to be an astronaut, but when he finally realizes his dream, he finds himself the sole survivor of a team investigating an alien artifact).. \$30.00
Thorpe, Gav	All the Ever Afters (A retelling of Cinderella from the stepmother's perspective) \$15.99
Toutonghi, Steve	Wild Rider (Warhammer 40,000: Rise of the Ynnari: Clan Fireheart must ally with the Ynnari to combat a threat to their craftworld)..... \$16.00
Walton, Jo	Side Life (Vin, forced out of the software company he started, takes a job house-sitting a mansion whose owner has gone missing. There he discovers a secret basement lab with an array of computers and three large caskets. When he climbs into one of the caskets, his reality begins to unravel, and he finds himself on a terrifying journey). \$16.00
Weber, David	Lent (Miracles follow Girolamo everywhere, despite the Pope's attempts to bring him to heel). \$26.99
Werner, C.L.	At All Costs limited edition (Honor Harrington #11: Admiral Lady Dame Honor Harrington has been recalled from the Sidemore System to command Eighth Fleet and prevent the Republic from crushing the Alliance before the Star Kingdom can regain its strategic balance)..... \$40.00
Wilde, Fran	Skaven Wars: The Black Plague: Dead Winter / Blighted Empire / Wolf of Sigmar (Warhammer Chronicles: Reprints 3 novels)..... \$21.00
Wilde, Fran	The Fire Opal Mechanism (Jewel #2: A thief and a librarian stumble upon a mysterious clock powered by an ancient jewel). \$14.99
Williams, Walter Jon	Riverland (Kids; When a river appears in their secret place under the bed, two sisters must defend the boundary between dreams and reality). \$17.99
Windham/Reiff/Trevis	Conventions of War (Dread Empire's Fall #3: Reissue; Two space captains on opposite sides of the galaxy risk everything in the war against vicious aliens).... \$16.99
Yovanoff, Brenna	Tie Fighter Owners' Workshop Manual (An illustrated history of the Star Wars ship). \$24.99
	Runaway Max (Stranger Things: The backstory of Max Mayfield and how she came to find home in Hawkins). \$17.99
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Anderson, Taylor	Pass of Fire (Destroyermen #14: Matt Reddy and his crew leads the greatest army the humans and their allies have ever seen in a final showdown with the reptilian Grik) \$27.00
Barlowe, Wayne	God's Demon (Reissue; After a war which damned legions of angels to hell, one angel decides to attempt the impossible & rebel, staking everything on one shot for redemption) \$18.99
Belcher, R.S.	Men In Black novelization (Novelization of the fourth Men in Black movie)\$7.99
Brennan, Joseph Payne	Nine Horrors and a Dream (Reissue; Short stories)..... \$9.95
Card, OS/Johnston, A	The Hive (Second Formic War #2: Earth's warring nations and corporations must set aside their differences to mount an effective defense against the alien mothership)\$25.99
Cawdron, Peter	Reentry (Astronaut Liz Anderson brings the remnants of an AI back to a war-torn Earth) \$24.00
Chu, A/Lee, JK	Sea Sirens (Book of Dust #1: Kids; Young spy Malcolm finds himself drawn into a web of intrigue around a baby girl called Lyra)..... \$12.99
Crouch, Blake	Recursion (A neuroscientist develops a technology that allows people to preserve and relive their most intense memories, but others have found ways to use her tech to remake memories)..... \$27.00
Davis, Jim	Garfield Slurps and Burps (New compilation of Garfield comics). \$15.00
Denzel, Jason	Mystic Dragon (Mystic #2: The mystical realm of Fayun is threatening to overtake the mortal world. As the two worlds slowly blend together, Moth is thrown into chaos as people begin to vanish or are killed outright. Mystics from across the world gather to try to protect them). \$17.99
Emrys, Ruthanna	Deep Roots (Innsmouth Legacy #2: Aphra must repopulate Innsmouth, or risk seeing it torn down by developers. As she searches for long-lost relatives, she discovers that people have been going missing). \$17.99
Ford, Jackson	The Girl Who Could Move Sh*t with Her Mind (After discovering a body that looks like it could only have been killed by her unique telekinetic powers, Teagan Frost has just 24 hours to clear her name). \$15.99

often have dreams that take place at The Bookmen, as much time as I spent there. Often in a dream, a problem would arise affecting the bookstore, and I'd head off to The Bookmen to try to fix the problem. And then I'd wake up, realizing that The Bookmen was no longer around to fix the problem.

The closing of The Bookmen had a much larger impact on the Uncles than I had expected. Because The Bookmen allowed librarians to walk through the warehouse and inspect the books, all of the local library systems allowed each branch to have it's own budget for buying books to suit the needs and tastes of the regular users of each branch. Many of those librarians used part of their budget to buy books at the Uncles at a special library discount. They told us that the books we recommended to them were much more popular than the science fiction, fantasy, and mystery books purchased for them by the central administration. Because the librarians often came as groups of 2 or 3 at a time, we had to keep good stocks of the titles we recommended most often. If we strongly recommended a title or a series to one of the librarians, chances were that all of the librarians would want a copy for their branch. For many years we averaged between \$1000 and \$2000 per month in library sales, although the special library discount meant that we didn't make as much profit as we would if regular customers spent that kind of money. And we moved a lot of great books into the library systems. But after The Bookmen closed, all the central

Ford, R.S.	Hangman's Gate (War of the Archons 32: The rag-tag defenders of Dunrun are left to stand alone against the inhuman forces of the Iron Tusk). \$14.95
Freed, Alexander	Alphabet Squadron (Star Wars: A unique team of former rebel pilots struggles to end the war once and for all).. . . . \$28.99
Gladstone, Max	Empress of Forever (Innovator Vivian Liao's plan for ultimate success goes awry when she is transported to a far future ruled by an all-powerful Empress). \$18.99
Gomillion, Agnes	The Record Keeper (Once content to uphold her place in post-WWIII society, a new schoolmate causes Arika to question the price of peace). \$14.95
Greenberg, Louis	Green Valley (When her niece is abducted in a city devoid of surveillance technology, Lucie's search takes her to the bunker across town whose inhabitants are constantly submerged in a virtual reality world).. . . . \$14.95
Greg, Keyes	Kingdoms of the Cursed (High & Faraway #2: Separated after Errol's near-death, three friends must navigate dangerous magical worlds and their own inner selves to find each other again). \$14.99
Haley, Guy	Titandeth (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: The Beta-Garmon system occupies the only viable route to the Solar System and Terra. To break it, Horus assembles a war host of incredible proportions).. . . . \$18.00
Hall, Alexis	The Affair of the Mysterious Letter (John Wyndham finds himself drawn into the affairs of consulting sorceress Shaharazad Haas).. . . . \$16.00
Henry, Christina	The Girl in Red (Dangerous things stalk the woods in this post-apocalyptic retelling of Little Red Riding Hood).. . . . \$16.00
Henson Jim et al	The Dark Crystal novelization (Novel based on the film).. . . . \$14.99
Hinz, Christopher et al	Liege-Killer graphic novel (Graphic adaptation of the post-apocalyptic novel) \$19.95
Hoffmann, Ada	The Outside (When the AI gods that rule the universe declare Yasira's new energy drive heretical, they offer her a choice - track down her vanished mentor or face execution) \$14.99
Johnston, Cameron	God of Broken Things (Age of Tyranny #2: Tyrant magus Edrin Walker and his coterie of villains race to stop the advancing Skallgrim army).. . . . \$12.99
Kadrey, Richard	The Grand Dark (In the aftermath of war, a city distracts itself from the otherworldly horrors with wanton hedonism). \$26.99
Khaw, Cassandra	The Last Supper Before Ragnarok (Tanis Barlas, snake-woman assassin. Cason Cole, killer of gods. Louie Fitzsimmons, the last known Prophet. And Rupert Wong, a chef who just wants to stay home. It's up to them to answer the big question: where did the father gods go?). \$11.99
King, Reed	FKA USA (In a dystopian future America, a young man is plucked from obscurity and ordered by the president to bring a talking goat to the other side of the continent)\$27.99
King, W/Long, N	Gotrek & Felix: The Third Omnibus: Giantslayer / Orcslayer / Manslayer (Warhammer Chronicles: Reprints 3 novels plus short stories). . . . \$21.00
Kraatz, Jeramey	The Cosmic Alliance (Kids; Benny and his friends hope for an end to the war when they befriend a crew of peaceful aliens). \$6.99
Kyme, Nick	Old Earth (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Reborn in body and spirit beneath Mount Deathfire, Vulkan must choose between joining the war against the traitors, or following his own barely understood path all the way to the Throneworld).. . . . \$9.99
Marks, Laurie J.	Air Logic (Elemental Logic #4: When Medic is taken hostage, a strange boy leads Zanja to the place where she can save him). \$17.00
Murray, JS/Wearmouth, D	The Brink (Awakened #2: Intelligent, bloodthirsty monsters have spread from the New York subways worldwide, while a secret organization holds nations hostage with knowledge of how to kill them). \$25.99
O'Keefe, Megan E.	Velocity Weapon (A promising space sergeant is blown out of the sky and awakens two hundred years later in a deserted enemy warship controlled by an AI). \$15.99
Parker/Lyons/Scanlon	Shield of the Emperor: Fifteen Hours / Death World / Rebel Winter (Warhammer 40,000: Reprints 3 novels and 3 stories). \$21.00
Rossner, Rena	The Sisters of Winter Wood (Sisters Liba and Laya live a sheltered life on the Moldova-Ukraine border, but there are dangers lurking in the woods. As dark forces close in on their village, the sisters discover a family secret, and face their magical heritage) \$15.99
Rowling/Galbraith	Lethal White (Cormoran Strike #4: When a troubled young man comes to the office, asking them to investigate a crime he thinks he witnessed as a child, Strike and Ellacott set off on a twisting trail that leads through London's backstreets, Parliament's inner sanctim,

administrations wiped out the budgets for all the branch libraries, doing centralized buying for all the branches. Our library sales dropped to zero, and the volume of books we sold also went down. Over time, we also had to cut back on the number of copies per title that we stocked of our favorite books.

I also often have dreams that take place at science fiction conventions. I started attending science fiction conventions in 1968, when I came up to Minneapolis from Illinois for Minicon 2, and started selling books at conventions shortly after Uncle Hugo's opened in March, 1974. For decades Uncle Hugo's sold at conventions around the Midwest and at some world science fiction conventions. In the early years, Uncle Hugo's would close during Minicon because the books were more likely to sell at the convention than at the store, partly because most of our customers were spending the weekend at the convention. After a few years our customer base increased enough beyond the convention crowd that we kept the store open during Minicon (partly because of all the out-of-towners who wanted to visit the store to go through our used book collection).

Before Amazon became a major factor, many convention attendees viewed conventions as an opportunity to find books not available in the bookstores or drug stores in their home towns, and convention books sales were very good. As Amazon became more important and as national bookstore chains expanded, it became much easier to find a large selection of books without

Schroeder, Karl	and a sinister manor house).....	\$18.00
Smith, Sherwood	Stealing Worlds (Unable to get a job in the real world, Sura turns to the virtual world, and finds she has some very valuable skills).....	\$29.99
St. Martin, Ian	A Sword Named Truth (Young Allies #1: A group of young rulers must band together to defend their lands from kingdom of Norsunder).	\$27.00
Steinmetz, Ferrett	Angron: Slave of Nuceria (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: For the Twelfth Legion, the line between strength and flaw is a fine one. Will they follow their father and cast themselves in his broken image, or resist?).	\$19.00
Tesh, Emily	The Sol Majestic (An aspirational teen guru wins a free meal at the galaxy's most renowned restaurant, with disastrous consequences).....	\$16.99
Walton, David	Silver in the Wood (Tobias just wants to live a quiet life in the woods with his magic and his cat, but the handsome and curious new neighbor is digging up old secrets better left unburied).	\$11.99
West, Michelle	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 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
Whitesides, Tyler	War (House War #8: Jewel must battle demons and travel the ancient paths to find the Winter Queen and beg her to save her people).....	\$27.00
	The Shattered Realm of Ardor Benn (Kingdom of Grit #2: Master con artist Ard Benn must infiltrate a secret organization to find a missing royal heir and stop a war)	\$17.99
<u>DUE EARLY JULY</u>		
Allan, Nina	The Rift (Julie disappeared when she was 17. Now, 20 years later, her sister Selena finally sees her again. But should she believe Julie's tale of spending those years on another planet?).....	\$7.99
Barber, Mark	Steps To Deliverance (Kings of War: Tales of Mantica: Paladins Tancred and Orion must fight rebels whilst battling against the politics threatening to tear their force apart from within).....	\$18.00
Barlowe, Wayne	The Heart of Hell (Hell #2: Sargatanas and the demons have liberated Hell, but new monstrosities lurk in the depths).	\$27.99
Beaulieu, Bradley P.	Beneath the Twisted Trees (Shattered Sands #4: Hoping for allies in her fight against the Twelve Kings, Ceda promises the enslaved asirim freedom and revenge in exchange for their loyalty).	\$28.00
Booth, Naomi	Sealed (Fleeing the city to escape the skin-sealing epidemic, pregnant Alice and her partner Pete find a different kind of danger in the remote mountains).	\$14.95
Cho, Kat	Wicked Fox (YA; A fox spirit saves the life of a boy, and a tenuous friendship forms between them).	\$18.99
Clarke, Neil (ed)	The Best Science Fiction of the Year Volume 4 (The best short science fiction of 2019).....	\$19.99
Coles, Bennett R.	March of War (Virtues of War #3: In the escalating war between Earth and Centauri, Malloy is on the front lines, tasked with rescuing Kane and his forces. Emmes works behind the scenes, trying to keep the Centauri from learning Earth's plans).	\$7.99
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl movie tie-in edition (Reissue; Kids; 12-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire and a criminal mastermind. To restore his family's fortune, he has devised a plan that could topple civilizations and start a cross-species war. But he gets a bigger fight than he expected when he kidnaps fairy cop Captain Holly Short).	\$8.99
Correia, L/Ringo, J	Saints (Monster Hunter Memoirs #3: Everything is different in New Orleans: the food, the climate, the monsters. But the real reason New Orleans is so different is that a larval Great Old One is growing in power and just about ready to pop. If Chad can't convince the powers that be to get involved, the Big Easy and the entire world are going to fall under the power of the nastiest of nasties).....	\$7.99
del Toro, G/Funke, C	The Labyrinth of the Faun (Pan's Labyrinth: YA; A long-lost princess hopes to be reunited with her parents in a war-torn land).	\$19.99
DeVos, Megan	Revolution (Anarchy #3: War breaks out between Blackwing and Greystone, but an even greater threat is on the horizon).....	\$13.99
Estep, Jennifer	Protect the Prince (Crown of Shards #2: As the new queen of Bellona, Evie must contend with political rivals while securing an alliance with the prince of a neighboring	

going to a convention, and it became less profitable to haul a minivan full of books across several states to sell at a convention. It got to the point that if there was only one major book dealer at the regional convention, it was profitable. If there were two major book dealers at the convention, both would have a hard time making a profit. If there were more than two major book dealers, none of them would make a profit.

Then Uncle Hugo's computerized, and everything changed. Before computerization, I'd just take books from the shelves and put them in boxes to take to the convention, and after the convention I'd put the books back on the shelves. To re-order books, we'd walk around the store with publishers' catalogs, marking down what was on the shelves and then figure out what to order. When we computerized, we spent months building a database of what we wanted to have on the shelves and what we actually had on the shelves, and we'd push a few buttons to generate a re-order. The software had a "book fair" function, where every book that went to a convention had to be scanned into the computer before leaving the store and then scanned through the computer again when it returned to the store, so that the computer would be able to generate re-orders. If the "book fair" function had worked properly, this would have still made selling at conventions a much more time-consuming endeavor, but the "book fair" function did not work properly. We tried for a couple of

	kingdom).....	\$16.99
Gannon, Charles E.	Marque of Caine (Caine Riordan #5: While searching for his injured lover's cryopod, Caine Riordan discovers that the force behind the Dornaani collapse is turning its sights on Earth next).....	\$16.00
Gough, Julian	Connect (When Naomi's awkward teenage son releases her groundbreaking scientific discovery to the world, Naomi must decide how far she will go to protect her child).....	\$17.00
Groening, Matt	Simpsons Comics Colossal Compendium Volume 6 (Collects several issues of the comic book series, printed on heavier paper. Each volume in the series will include a unique paper craft that will allow fans to assemble a three-dimensional Springfield).....	\$18.99
Hamilton, Duncan M.	Dragon Slayer (A washed-up member of the King's Guard is tasked with slaying a marauding dragon, once thought extinct).....	\$17.99
Hamilton, Peter F.	Salvation (2204: Humanity is expanding into the wider galaxy, using linked jump gates that make everywhere just a step away. Then a mysterious alien ship is found crashed on a newly located world, carrying a strange and horrifying cargo. A team is dispatched to investigate, but one of them may not be all they seem).....	\$9.99
Harkness, Deborah	Time's Convert (A novel about what it takes to become a vampire, set in contemporary Paris and London, and in the colonies during the unrest that exploded into the Revolutionary War).....	\$18.00
Hendrix, Grady	We Sold Our Souls (In the 1990s, a heavy metal band was poised for success when lead singer Terry Hunt left for a solo career and rocketed to stardom. Now, when a shocking act of violence turns former guitarist Kris Pulaski's life upside down, she begins to suspect that Terry sabotaged more than just the band, and hits the road, hoping to reunite with her bandmates and confront Terry).....	\$14.99
Henson, Jim et al	Shadows of the Dark Crystal (Dark Crystal # 1: YA; Years before the events of the film, a young Gelfling woman leaves her secluded home to uncover the truth about her brother's disappearance).....	\$9.99
Henson, Jim et al	Song of the Dark Crystal (Dark Crystal # 2: YA; Naia and Kylan seek help from the Gelfling clans to stop the Skeksis from implementing the next stage of a sinister plan).....	\$9.99
Henson, Jim et al	Tides of the Dark Crystal (Dark Crystal Novel #3: As the Skeksis turn on the Gelfling, Amri must learn what it means to be a leader before the clans become fragmented beyond repair).....	\$9.99
Huff, Tanya	The Privilege of Peace (Peacekeeper #3: When Big Yellow returns and the Silvsiss test the Confederation's strength, Torin must become Gunnery Sergeant Kerr one more time and find a way to keep the peace).....	\$7.99
Irvine, Alex	X-Men: Days of Future Past (Kate Pryde must travel back in time to warn her teammates about the Sentinels to prevent the mutant-hunting machines from taking over America).....	\$9.99
Kuhn, Sarah	Heroine's Journey (Heroine Complex # 3: Bea Tanaka should have been allowed to become a full-fledged protector of San Francisco, but her older sister Evie and Evie's superhero partner Aveda Jupiter insist on seeing Bea as an impulsive teenager, rather than the responsible adult she's become. When a mysterious being starts communicating with Bea, hinting at an evil that's about to overtake the city, she seizes the opportunity to live the fabulous heroic life she's always wanted).....	\$7.99
Lackey, Mercedes et al	Avalanche (Secret World #5: The Metisians that escaped the carnage and destruction of their secret city must find safe refuge - without getting snapped up by various world governments. And now the Thullians have changed their tactics, attacking vulnerable targets all over Earth with no clues for ECHO as to where the forces are coming from)....	\$7.99
Lee, Yoon Ha	Hexarchate Stories (Machineries of Empire: Stories set in the world of Ninefox Gambit).....	\$11.99
Lovecraft, H.P./Tanabe, Gou	At The Mountains of Madness manga #1 (Lovecraftian manga).....	\$19.99
Lui, Cixin	Ball Lightning (After Chen's parents are incinerated before his eyes by a blast of ball lightning, he devotes his life to cracking the secret of the mysterious natural phenomenon. His search takes him to stormy mountaintops, an experimental military weapons lab, and an old Soviet science station).....	\$18.99
McCarthy, T.C.	Tyger Burning (Burmese supersoldier cyborg Maung uses an alien invasion as a chance for freedom, until his peaceful exile is interrupted by the discovery of a weapon that could be humanity's only hope for survival).....	\$16.00

conventions to enter everything we took to the convention into the “book fair” function, and then printed out a report to check by hand against what we brought back from the convention to make sure that the inventory records did not get too messed up. But eventually the combination of the computer problems and the declining business at conventions led us to stop selling at conventions.

Over the last 50+ years, the local science fiction conventions have been held at a lot of different hotels, many of which no longer exist. But a large number of the conventions were held at the former Radisson South, which has gone through a number of different owners, a number of management companies, and a number of different franchises. The hotel is currently operating under the DoubleTree franchise. Unfortunately, the current management company is very hostile to science fiction conventions, so many of the local science fiction conventions are now held at a different DoubleTree that welcomes the science fiction business. The former Radisson South is now frequently referred to in the local science fiction community as the Radish Tree, to differentiate it from the friendly DoubleTree hotel in St. Louis Park.

For those who are not familiar with the hotel, let me say that it has a lot of function space, a lot of sleeping rooms, a lot of rooms well suited for various sized parties. It is surrounded by a very large surface parking lot (but often not large enough, if a convention or trade show is

McDonald, Ed	Crowfall (Raven's Mark #3: A sorcerous cataclysm has hit the Range, and Ryhalt must lead his fellow Blackwing captains in the war for their survival). \$18.00
McLean, Peter	Priest of Lies (Rose Throne #2: Returning from the war, Tomas Piety just wants to rebuild his criminal empire, but instead is drawn into a web of political intrigue among the nobility). \$16.00
Miller, Sam J.	Destroy All Monsters (YA; After a traumatic event when they were twelve, Ash lost her memory and Solomon started retreating into a fantasy world of monsters). . . \$17.99
Modesitt Jr., L.E.	Outcasts of Order (Recluce #20: Order mage Belture discovers he possesses frightening powers not seen for centuries. With his new abilities, he survives war in Elparta and saves the lives of all. But his fellow mages now see him as a threat to be destroyed, and local merchants want to exploit him. To remain free, he's going to have to run). . . \$9.99
Morgan, Richard K.	Thin Air (On a Mars where corporate interests collide violently with an independence movement, Hakan Veil is a former enforcer whose body tech makes him a human killing machine. All he wants is a ticket back to Earth - which is what he's offered by the Earth Oversight organization, in exchange for acting as bodyguard to one of their investigators. It's an easy gig for a heavy hitter like Veil - until it isn't). \$18.00
Oh, Ellen	The Island of Monsters (Kids; When her family goes on vacation to a remote tropical island, Harper Raine must use her newly discovered spirit hunting talents to save the island from murderous spirits). \$6.99
Older, Malka	State Tectonics (Centenal Cycle #3: 5 years after the catastrophes of Information's last election, it's time to vote again - and the system that has ensured global peace for 25 years is more vulnerable than ever. The future of democracy must evolve or die). \$18.99
Reynolds, Josh	Soul Wars (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Nagash is rising, but the Anvils of the Heldenhammer stand firm in Glymmsforge, a city of Order in the heart of Nagash's domain) \$16.00
Ringo, J/Massa, M	River of Night (Black Tide Rising #6: Former bank manager Tom Smith leads a ragtag group of zombie apocalypse survivors in a quest to restart civilization). \$25.00
Rucker, Rudy	Jim and the Flims (Jim ruptures the membrane between our world and the afterworld (aka The Flimsy). Jim's wife is killed in the process, and Jim finds himself battling his grief - and an invasion of the Flims. Can Jim save Earth with the help of a posse of Santa Cruz punks, and bring his wife back to life?). \$14.99
Rucker, Rudy	Spacetime Donuts (Reissue; In a future where life is run by a supercomputer and is boringly predictable, Vernor Maxwell just wants some excitement. His quest leads him to the means to destroy the machine once and for all). \$14.99
Stewart, Alex	A Fistful of Elven Gold (Drago is posing as an assassin, trying to draw out a killer who targets bounty hunters. Instead, he attracts the attention of two separate factions from a far-off Elven kingdom, and finds himself pitched into a maelstrom of treachery and lethal politics). \$7.99
Swanwick, Michael	The Iron Dragon's Mother (Iron Dragon #2: When Caitlin is framed for the murder of her brother, she must disappear into Industrialized Faerie to find the one person who can clear her). \$26.99
Tremblay, Paul	Growing Things and Other Stories (19 imaginative short stories). . . \$25.99
Tremblay, Paul	The Cabin at the End of the World (While on vacation with her dads, 7-year-old Wen meets a group of mysterious strangers who say they need her help to save the world). \$15.99
Turtledove, Harry	Alpha and Omega (A team of archaeologists in Jerusalem discover a sign that the End of Days is near). \$28.99
VanderMeer, Ann & Jeff (ed)	The Big Book of Classic Fantasy (An anthology of stories that shaped our modern idea of 'fantasy'). \$25.00
Vaughn, S.K.	Across the Void (The sole survivor of a catastrophic accident in space has only the voice of her estranged husband to guide her back to Earth. And not everyone wants her to return). \$27.00
Villareal, Raymond A.	A People's History of the Vampire Uprising (After the corpse of an undocumented immigrant walks out of a morgue, more bodies arrive, and disappear. Soon, the CDC and the FBI must come to terms with what they're too late to stop: an epidemic of vampirism is sweeping the US. Impossibly strong, smart, attractive, and commanding, they quickly rise to prominence. And the stakes will change yet again when one of them decides to run for office). \$16.99
Warrington, Freda	The Dark Arts of Blood (Blood Wine #4: The vampires come up against an enemy that threatens their very existence). \$7.99

drawing in lots of local people who are not taking sleeping rooms). There are a large number of places to eat are various price points within convenient walking distance, and there are nearby overflow hotels once all the Radish Tree sleeping rooms are taken. Over the decades I've attended dozens of science fiction conventions plus a number of trade shows and other events at the Radish Tree, and have a high opinion of the physical facilities (except when I can't find parking in that very large lot).

I recently had a dream where I went to a science fiction convention at a hotel like the Radish Tree, but both the hotel and the parking lot were about 10 times the size of the real Radish Tree. This place was so large that it was hosting three different conventions at the same time, each of them with 3,000 to 5,000 attendees. I parked in the lot, walked some distance to one of the multiple entrances, and eventually found my way to the dealers room for the science fiction convention. I went through the entire dealers room and not a single dealer was selling books. I then wandered through the hotel for a while and accidentally walked into the dealers room for one of the other conventions. I walked through that room and couldn't tell the difference between the science fiction dealers room and the other convention's dealers room. At this point I was pretty disgusted and decided to head for home. I spent the next hour walking through the hotel trying to find the entrance I had come in, knowing that it would be closest to my car. After an hour I

Wendig, Chuck	Wanderers (When Shana's sister succumbs to the epidemic of 'sleepwalkers', Shana and the others still awake follow them to their destination to solve the mystery behind the epidemic). \$28.99
Whedon, Joss et al	Dr. Horrible graphic novel (Graphic novel based on the hit web musical)\$19.99
Wilson, G. Willow et al	Metamorphosis (Ms. Marvel: Kids; Ms. Marvel goes to the Valentine's Day dance while Jemma Simmons goes undercover at Kamala's school). \$12.99
Wooding, Chris	The Ember Blade (Darkwater Legacy #1: Wrongfully accused of treason and imprisoned, Aren and his friend are forced into an uneasy alliance with an actual rebel in order to escape). \$15.99
Yolen J/Stemple, A	The Last Tsar's Dragons (An alternate history of Russia's October Revolution with dragons). \$14.95

DUE MID JULY

Baoshu	Underhive (Necromunda: Anthology. Stories set in the sprawling, polluted hive cities of Necromunda). \$16.00
Bell, Alex	The Redemption of Time (Dying of cancer, Yun Tianming chooses to extract his brain and launch it into space to intercept alien invaders and send valuable information back to Earth).. \$26.99
Bova, Ben	The Ninth Circle (A man with a dark past but no memories is the key to a war between angels and demons). \$15.99
Brennan, Joseph Payne	Earth (With the help of ancient alien technology, humans have spread across the solar system, but tensions between the new worlds and the homeworld are about to explode into open war). \$29.99
Capek, Karel	The Shapes of Midnight (Reissue; Short horror stories).. \$12.95
Carey, M.R. (Mike)	The Absolute at Large (Reissue; An inventor develops a device that can provide low-cost energy, but instead of carbon dioxide it emits religious fervor). \$12.95
Clarke, Neil (ed)	Someone Like Me (Liz Kendall is a gentle woman devoted to bringing her kids up right. But there's another version of her that will do anything to get her way, no matter how extreme. To save herself and her family, Liz must find out where this new alter-ego has come from, and how to stop it). \$15.99
El-Mohtar, A/Gladstone, M	The Eagle Has Landed: 50 Years of Lunar Science Fiction (A selection of stories featuring the moon). \$19.99
Gloss, Molly	This is How You Lose the Time War (Two time-traveling agents from warring futures, working their way through the past, begin to exchange letters - and fall in love) \$19.99
Grigsby, Sean	Unforeseen: Stories (Collected short stories of Molly Gloss). \$24.99
Grossman, Lev et al	Ash Kickers (Smoke Eaters #2: The dragon menace is contained, but the firefighters face a new menace in the form of the Phoenix, which comes back stronger every time they kill it). \$8.99
Hall, Kerstin	Alice's Story (Alice and her friends set out for the magical land of Fillory, only to find it is not at all what they expected). \$26.99
Headley, Maria Dahvana	The Border Keeper (A man with a troubled past begs a favor from a woman who is not what she seems and must enter the nine hundred and ninety-nine realms of gods and demons). \$14.99
Huang, S.L.	The Mere Wife (A retelling of Beowulf set in the suburbs).. \$18.00
Lackey, Mercedes	Null Set (Cas Russell #2: Cas uses her math superpowers to save the world, if her past doesn't catch up to her first).. \$27.99
Lucas, Dale	Eye Spy (Valdemar: Family Spies #2: When Abi discovers she has a unique Gift to sense physical strain in objects, she must decide what path to use it for - healer, artificer, or spy) \$27.00
Martin, George RR (ed)	Good Company (Fifth Ward #3: Rem and Torval must escort a notorious thief through a dangerous forest back to the city he escaped from). \$15.99
Miller, Tom	Low Chicago (Wild Cards #25: A mosaic novel written by Saladin Ahmed, Paul Cornell, Marko Kloos, John Jos. Miller, Mary Anne Mohanraj, Kevin Andrew Murphy, Christopher Rowe, and Melinda M. Snodgrass. A time-travel adventure leads to the criminal underworld of 1920s Chicago, featuring a fresh cast of characters from the Wild Cards universe) \$18.99
	The Philosopher's War (As if it wasn't challenging enough being the first male member of the Rescue and Evacuation service, Robert Weekes discovers that his comrades are plotting to end the war by outlawed philosophical means).. \$26.99

decided that any exit would do, and finally found one. Standing inside the hotel in front of the exit door was a short woman in costume with a stroller draped in black cloth so that you couldn't see what was in the stroller, and she had a pet turkey, also in costume, with a leash attached to the back of the costume. The turkey walked over to me and acted very friendly, so I offered to hold the turkey's leash while she got the stroller through the door. We all got out of the door, and then a big group of people surged past, sweeping away the short woman and her stroller. I stood there holding the turkey's leash, looking around for her for a couple of minutes. Then the turkey and I went wandering through the parking lot trying to find my car, while I tried to figure out what to do with the turkey if we ever found my car. The turkey and I were still looking for my car when the alarm went off.

Book Signings

We just had a book signing for the latest book by P. C. Hodgell, **By Demons Possessed** (\$16.00). When we set the date for the signing, it didn't occur to me or to Pat (who lives in Wisconsin and thus has a very good excuse) that the signing was scheduled on the Minnesota fishing opener, when an estimated 500,000 people drop everything to run away to a lake to try to catch a fish. Because of the conflict, the signing was not exactly crowded, and we have plenty of copies of all the titles in this excellent fantasy series available. Pat says she isn't sure yet if she can finish off the series

Newman, Kim (writing as Jack Yeovil)	Beasts in Velvet (Warhammer Horror: Reissue; In the capital city of Altdorf, a disgraced watchman is tasked with stopping a vicious killer's reign of terror; all evidence points to the haughty members of the Imperial Court). \$16.00
Newman, Kim (writing as Jack Yeovil)	Silver Nails (Warhammer Horror: Reissue; In these five interwoven novellas, Genevieve Dieudonne faces danger from the bandit-infested Grey Mountains to the Chaos Wastes to the capital city of the Empire). \$16.00
Okungbowa, Suyi Davies	David Mogo, Godhunter (Deities walk the streets of Lagos, and a freelance godhunter may be all that stands between the city and a wizard's Taboo army). . . \$9.99
Patterson, J/Raymond, E	Sophia, Princess Among Beasts (A bookish princess has to defend her kingdom from an army of beasts, the likes of which she has only read about). \$26.00
Penelope, L.	Song of Blood & Stone (Earthsinger # 1: Jasmina lives in a land where whispers of invasion and war linger on the wind. She is an outcast, feared for her gift of Earthsong. Soldiers seek refuge in her isolated cabin, bringing with them an injured spy, who is saved by her healing Song. Together they escape, embarking on a perilous journey to save their land and uncover the secrets of The Queen Who Sleeps). \$17.99
Pini, W/Pini, R	The Complete ElfQuest Volume 6 (A collection of ElfQuest comics). . . \$24.99
Priest, Cherie	The Toll (The last thing Titus remembers before his wife disappears is crossing a narrow bridge. But when he calls the police, they tell him there is no such bridge on Route 177) \$16.99
Reynolds, Josh	Apocalypse (Warhammer 40,000: Space Marine Conquests: Several Space Marine Chapters mobilize to defend the cardinal world of Almace from an invasion by the twisted traitors of the Word Bearers). \$16.00
Robinson/Reily	The U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701-D Illustrated Handbook (Star Trek: The Next Generation: YA; An illustrated guide to the USS Enterprise). \$29.95
Ruocchio, Christopher	Howling Dark (Sun Eater # 2: Hadrian leads a band of mercenaries as he searches for a way to make contact with the alien Cielcin). \$27.00
Setchfield, Nick	The Spider Dance (Former secret service agent Christopher Winter investigates a magical Mafia in an alternate Cold War Europe). \$14.95
Smith, E.E. 'Doc'	Children of the Lens (Lensman # 6: Reissue; In order to save the Universe from destruction, Kim Kinnison must use his own children as bait for the evil powers in outer space). \$14.99
Strahan, Jonathan (ed)	Mission Critical (Stories of when machines go wrong). \$11.99
Takei, George et al	They Called Us Enemy (George Takei's graphic memoir of his childhood in an internment camp). \$19.99
Thompson, Tade	The Survival of Molly Southbourne (Molly Southbourne is on the run from people who know who she is more than she herself does). \$11.99
Wallace, Kali	Salvation Day (A separatist cult attempts to steal a spaceship thought abandoned after the crew was wiped out by a virus, but instead discovers a terrifying secret that could wipe out humanity). \$26.00
Winter, Evan	The Rage of Dragons (Burning # 1: Born without the gifts to call on dragons, Tau dedicates himself to becoming the greatest swordsman who ever lived in order to get revenge on the ones who betrayed him). \$26.00

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	Gods and Mortals (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Anthology. In these stories, Sigmar has returned to the Mortal Realms, and his eternal armies march across the lands smiting the unworthy). \$16.00
Abnett, Dan	Ravenor: The Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000: Reprints 3 novels). \$21.00
Anderson/Hoyt	Uncharted (Arcane America # 1: After Halley's comet was destroyed in a magical battle in 1759, the backlash isolated the New World from the Old. In 1803, in an America where magic works and history has been forever changed, wizard Benjamin Franklin commissions Lewis and Clark to find a route to the Pacific Ocean - and perhaps beyond the magical veil to the Old World - and stop the growing supernatural evil that is filling the American West) \$7.99
Bannister, Andrew	Iron Gods (Spin # 2: In the depths of space, an ancient beacon begins to broadcast a grave warning about the future of the Spin that has been hidden for ten thousand years) \$18.99
Barger, Shaun	Mage Against the Machine (2120: Nikolai is a cadet in the Mage King's army, tasked with maintaining the Veils that protect the mages from the nuclear wastelands outside their domes. Then he learns a dark secret: humanity still survives, and outside the

with one more book or if it will take two more books.

In early June we expect to be receiving a large shipment of signed copies of **Liaden Universe Constellation Volume 4** (short stories set in the Liaden universe) that Sharon Lee and Steve Miller will sign in Maine (and personalize for those who requested it) before forwarding the books on to us. If you haven't already requested a personalized copy, it's too late for you. But you can still request a signed copy.

In early August we will be receiving **The Flowers of Vashnoi** by Lois McMaster Bujold (\$25.00), a novella in the Vorkosigan series that follows **Captain Vorpatril's Alliance** and features Ekaterin Vorkosigan as the main character. Lois will be signing at Uncle Hugo's on Saturday, August 10, 1-2 pm. But as soon as we receive the shipment I'll haul about half of them out to Lois' place so that she can sign them and deal with any personalization requests we've received by that time.

Also in early August we will be receiving **Witchy Kingdom** by D. J. Butler (\$25.00), the third of the Sarah Calhoun series of alternate history fantasies. We have plenty of signed copies of the earlier books in mass market paperback, **Witchy Eye** (\$7.99) and **Witchy Winter** (\$7.99). We also have copies of his unrelated series of young adult books (written as Dave Butler). Dave will be signing at Uncle Hugo's on Wednesday, September 25, 5-6 pm, as well as perhaps doing a reading or playing music based on the Witchy series.

Baxter, Stephen	comes a war rages between the last free human enclaves and vast machine intelligences) \$16.99
Bradbury, Ray	Redemption (Xelee #8: Michael Poole and his companions travel to an alien artifact where time goes slower in order to find the Xeelee who destroyed Earth)... \$15.99
Brown, Pierce	The Toybee Convectector (Reissue; 22 stories). \$16.00
	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). \$28.99
Brust, Steven	Vallista (Vlad Taltos #15: Devera has appeared again, to lead Vlad into a mysterious, seemingly empty manor overlooking the Great Sea. There are corridors that double back, rooms that look out over other worlds, and, just maybe, answers to some of Vlad's questions about his world and his place in it). \$17.99
Bujold, Lois McMaster	The Flowers of Vashnoi (While working to recover the lands in the radioactive exclusion zone, Lady Vorkosigan discovers that the zone still contains deadly secrets; signing at Uncle Hugo's Saturday, August 10, 1-2 pm). \$25.00
Butler, D.J.	Witchy Kingdom (Sarah Calhoun #3: Various conflicts come to a head as Sarah and her brother search for their lost sibling; signing at Uncle Hugo's Wednesday, September 25, 5-6 pm). \$25.00
Buxton, Kira Jane	Hollow Kingdom (A pet crow fights to save humanity from an apocalypse). \$27.00
Caldecott, Andrew	Rotherweird (Four hundred years ago, twelve strangely gifted children were exiled to the city of Rotherweird. Now, a rich outsider wants to buy the town and uncover its secrets) \$26.99
Carew, Leo	The Spider (Northern Sky #2: Roper may have vanquished the Suthern army, but the greatest threat to his people lies in the hands of more shadowy forces). \$16.99
Carriger, Gail	Reticence (Custard Protocol #4: Confirmed outsider Percival Tunstell finds himself drawn into the family of misfits aboard the airship Spotted Custard). \$26.00
Chance, Karen	Brave the Tempest (Cassie Palmer #9: Cassie must keep the uneasy coalition of vampires, mages, and demons intact as they battle adversaries determined to wipe out the supernatural communities fighting force). \$7.99
Coates, Ta-Nehisi et al	The Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda Part 2 (Black Panther #7: For years the Maroons have lain dormant, planning the next stage of their rebellion. Now, with the Black Panther in their ranks it is time to strike). \$17.99
Cooney, C.S.E.	Desdemona and the Deep (The spoiled daughter of a rich mining family must retrieve the tithe of men her father promised to the world of goblins below)... \$14.99
Cordova, Zoraida	A Crash of Fate (Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge: Estranged childhood friends Izzy and Jules must comes to terms with who they are and what they mean to each other as they run from angry smugglers and a vengeful pirate). \$17.99
Correia, L/Hoyt, S	Monster Hunter Guardian (MHI #7: The monotony of Julie's maternity leave is broken when her son is kidnapped by an entity called Brother Death, who demands a dangerous artifact in exchange for the baby). \$25.00
Czerneda, Julie E.	Gossamer Mage (The Deathless Goddess controls all magic, but one mage has vowed to find and destroy her). \$26.00
Dane, Joel	Cry Pilot (Maseo Kaytu seeks to escape his criminal past by volunteering for a suicide mission against a rogue bio-weapon). \$16.00
DeCandido, Keith R.A.	Alien: Isolation (Determined to find out what happened to her missing mother, Amanda Ripley accepts a mission to retrieve a flight recorder from a space station that was ravaged by a xenomorph). \$7.99
Denning, Troy	Silent Storm (Halo: Novel based on the game; a Master Chief story)... \$16.00
Devenport, Emily	Medusa in the Graveyard (Medusa Cycle #2: Oichi and her fellow insurgents journey to the Graveyard to face the judgment of the sentient spaceships created by Oichi's ancestors)... \$18.99
DeVos, Megan	Annihilation (Anarchy #4: War has come to Blackwing, and the world's resources are running out)... \$13.99
Dickson, Gordon R.	Hour of the Horde (Reissue; Miles Vander must prove himself to his alien comrades if the galaxy is to have any chance of defeating the Horde). \$16.00
Feehan, Christine	Dark Sentinel (Carpathian #28: A human woman ignites the desire of her Carpathian lifemate - and of an ancient vampire with a score to settle)... \$7.99
Flint, Eric	Worlds 2 (Worlds II) (Collects some of his shorter fiction, including several Ring of

Uncle Edgar's is Hiring

Elizabeth has decided that working full time elsewhere plus all the work she has been doing at Uncle Edgar's is just too much. We are looking for a part-time person with the following skills:

- 1) Able to discuss mystery books with customers and make appropriate recommendations;
- 2) Able to lift boxes of books (for example flats of used mass market paperbacks);
- 3) Able to alphabetize accurately;
- 4) Basic computer skills;
- 5) Able to deal with phone calls from people asking for information about books, placing mail orders, etc.

At this point, we are looking for somebody to work Saturdays starting in late June, but more hours could be available if another employee wants some time off. Compensation include an employee discount on books. Send a resume to Don at UncleHugo@aol.com

Short Recommendations by Don Blyly

Since the last issue of the newsletter, I've done a lot of reading of older books that I missed when they first came out and relatively little reading of new books.

I've discussed here several times how much I enjoy Seanan McGuire's InCryptid series, but I had a long wait for the eighth book in the series, **That Ain't Witchcraft** (\$7.99). So I tackled her October Daye series (which is on the current Hugo Award ballot for Best Series). October "Toby" Daye is a half-fae private eye in

French, John	Fire pieces)..... \$7.99
Gonick, L/Wessner, D	Incarnation (Warhammer 40,000: Horusian Wars: Inquisitor Covenant's quest to stop a sect of renegade Inquisitors continues. When his foes seek to raise a Living Saint, he must do the unthinkable). \$16.00
Goulding, Laurie (ed)	The Cartoon Guide to Biology (A hilarious and informative handbook to the science of life)..... \$19.99
Gresh, Lois H.	The Burden of Loyalty (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Anthology. 2 novellas and 6 short stories)..... \$9.99
Griffin, Grant	The Adventure of the Innsmouth Mutations (Sherlock Holmes vs. Cthulhu # 3: Holmes and Watson follow Moriarty across the ocean and discover a structure designed to bring the Old Ones to the human sphere)..... \$14.95
Hamilton, Laurell K.	Myths & Fables (Star Wars: Fairy tales set in the world of Star Wars)..... \$17.99
Harris, Charlaine	Serpentine (Anita Blake #26: Anita Blake faces new deadly enemies as she and the people she loves confront major changes in their lives). \$8.99
Harris, Joanne M	An Easy Death (Gunnie Rose # 1: The US shattered into several countries in the wake of FDR's assassination and the Great Depression. Lizbeth Rose works as a guide and gunslinger in Texoma. Her latest clients are a pair of Russian wizards, looking for a magic practitioner they believe is a direct descendant of Grigori Rasputin)..... \$9.99
Hinks, Darius	The Blue Salt Road (Lost in a strange world with no memories, a man learns new notions of home and who his people truly are)..... \$22.99
Huddleston, Tom	The Orion Trilogy: The Vaults of Winter / Tears of Isha / Council of Beasts (Warhammer Chronicles: Reprints 3 novels)..... \$18.00
Kratman, Tom (ed)	Forest of the Ancients (Warhammer Adventures: Realm Quest: YA; With Elio stricken by a powerful curse, his friends venture into the Forest of Ancients, rumored dwelling place of a race of healers)..... \$8.99
Kuang, R.F.	Terra Nova: The Wars of Liberation (Carrera: Stories set in the world of Tom Kratman's Carrera series). \$16.00
Lee, Fonda	The Dragon Republic (Poppy War #2: After committing atrocities to save her people, Rin lives only for vengeance. But as she becomes tangled in political schemes, Rin fears she will have to use her deadly power once more to save her country)..... \$26.99
McCaffrey, Gigi	Jade War (Green Bone #2: Faced with threats on all sides, the Kaul family is forced to form new and dangerous alliances to ensure their survival)..... \$26.00
McDonald, Ian	Dragon's Code (Pern: While undercover among the exiled Oldtimers, Piemur senses a looming catastrophe that threatens the balance of power between Weyrs and Holds. He must rise to the challenge to avert disaster, or else dragons may end up fighting dragons)\$7.99
McDougall, Sophia	Wolf Moon (Luna #2: Corta Helio has fallen, its riches divided, its survivors scattered. And the last appointed heir, Lucas, has vanished. Only Lady Sun suspects that Lucas is not dead - and that he is still a major player in the game. To build a new Corta Helio, he needs allies. To find them, he undertakes an audacious journey to Earth). \$18.99
Miller, John Jackson	Savage City (In a world where the Roman Empire never fell, an explosion in the Coliseum kills the emperor and wounds the heir, whose dreams of glory are now under threat from all sides). \$15.99
Moreno-Garcia, Silvia	The Enterprise War (Captain Pike tries to bring the Enterprise home to fight the Klingons, but the ship is trapped in the Pergamum nebula)..... \$16.00
Naslund, Brian	Gods of Jade and Shadow (When Casiopea accidentally releases the Mayan God of Death, she is sent on a harrowing cross-country journey that could end in her death, or make all her dreams come true)..... \$26.00
Nevala-Lee, Alec	Blood of an Exile (Dragons of Terra #1: Bershada is offered a chance to be free of his exile if he kills a king, but it is not until he discovers that he is the only one able to save an innocent child that he takes an interest in the affairs of kings). \$16.99
O'Dell, Claire	Astounding (Drawing on dozens of interviews and thousands of unpublished letters, the author tells the story of John W. Campbell, Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein, and L. Ron Hubbard: their relationships, their conflicts, and their visions of the future)..... \$18.99
Okorafor, Nnedi et al	The Hound of Justice (Janet Watson & Sara Holmes #2: In a hi-tech dystopian deep South, Holmes and Watson investigate an attempt to assassinate the president).. \$15.99
Older, Daniel Jose	LaGuardia (A woman smuggles an alien plant through international and interstellar customs to her grandmother's tenement in the Bronx)..... \$19.99
	Shadowhouse Fall (Shadowshaper #2: YA; Sierra and Shadowhouse have been thrust into an ancient struggle with enemies old and new - a struggle they didn't want, but are determined to win. Revolution is brewing in the real world as well, as the shadowshapers

San Francisco, which has a large but secret fae population. Sometimes she takes cases from the human population to help pay the bills, but she mostly works for fae clients. The series consists of **Rosemary and Rue** (\$7.99), **A Local Habitation** (\$7.99), **An Artificial Night** (\$7.99), **Late Eclipses** (\$7.99), **One Salt Sea** (\$7.99), **Ashes of Honor** (\$7.99), **Chimes at Midnight** (\$7.99), **The Winter Long** (\$7.99), **A Red-Rose Chain** (\$7.99), **Once Broken Faith** (\$7.99), **The Brightest Fell** (\$7.99), and **Night and Silence** (\$26.00), and I read all of them except the new hardcover in about 2 weeks. The cases that Toby takes tend to be rather grim, giving the first couple of books a rather dark feel. In the third book her fetch, May Daye, is introduced. A fetch is a supernatural being who has all the memories of somebody who is about to die, and is supposed to guide the person to the lands of the dead. Toby and May start out with the same memories, the same attitudes, and they are both smart-asses. From the time May is introduced, there is a lot more humor in the books and I started enjoying them as much as the InCryptid series. Over the next several books, May develops her own personality, and many other characters join Toby's band of helpers. In the seventh book, *Borderland* Bookstore in San Francisco gets written into the series and appears in other novels after that. The books should be read in order, even if the first two are not quite as much fun as the rest of the series.

Marshall Ryan Maresca has had nine books out in the last

Powers, Zach	join the fight against systems that oppress and incarcerate their community).... \$9.99
Rowland, Alexandra	First Cosmic Velocity (Unable to find a way to bring space capsules back to Earth, the USSR employs sets of twins to pretend the space program is a success). \$26.00
Russell, Mary Doria	A Conspiracy of Truths (Accused of witchcraft and treason, Chant needs to unravel the puzzle of his imprisonment before they execute him. He is no witch - he is a member of an obscure order of wandering storytellers. With no country to call home, all he has is his wits. And yet he has one great power: his stories in the ears of the rulers. The tales he tells will topple the Queens of Nuryevet, and, just maybe, save his life)..... \$17.99
Ryan, Anthony	The Women of the Copper Country (Michigan, 1913. Annie Clements takes on the company men who exploit the mining town of Calumet). \$27.00
Scott, Cavan	The Wolf's Call (Raven's Blade # 1: A retired hero captures an assassin who warns him of an impending invasion and the healer who could be the key to their survival).. \$28.00
Sperring, Mark	Secrets of the Tau (Warhammer Adventures: Warped Galaxies: YA; Alone in a strange place and surrounded by aliens, who can Zelia, Talen, and Mekki really trust? And what are the secrets of the Tau?)..... \$8.99
Stevenson, Noelle et al	Princess Scallywag and the Brave, Brave Knight (Kids; If he can defeat the dragon, the bravest knight in the land will be rewarded with stinky-footed Princess Scallywag's hand in marriage). \$6.99
Stohl, M/Peterson, L	Jackalope Springs Eternal (Kids; To cheer up the Roanoke scouts, Jen leads them on a quest to find the most mysterious mythological monster of all: the Jackalope)\$14.99
Straczynski, J. Michael	This Is War (Kids; Polar opposite twins Max and Min unwittingly get involved in an interstellar war when Max brings home a pair of kittens during Min's Battle of the Bots competition)..... \$6.99
Sugar, Rebecca et al	Becoming Superman (Memoir of one of the most prolific writers in the comics world)..... \$28.99
Sullivan, Tricia	Find a Way (Kids; Stories set in the world of Steven Universe).. \$14.99
Tidhar, Lavie	Sweet Dreams (Charlie has the ability to walk in people's dreams and soothe their recurring nightmares. But when she is hired by a minor celebrity who dreams of a masked Creeper, she realizes that someone else might share her ability). \$14.95
Weis, M/Krammes, R	The Violent Century (For 70 years Oblivion and Fogg guarded the British Empire, until one night in Berlin, in the aftermath of WWII, a secret tore them apart. Now, recalled to the Retirement Bureau from which no one can retire, Fogg and Oblivion must face up to a past of terrible war and unacknowledged heroism - a life of dusty corridors and secret rooms, of furtive meetings and bloodstained fields - to answer one last, impossible question: What makes a hero?) \$16.95
Wellington, David	Kingmaker (Dragon Corsairs #3: Kate, Sophia, and the dragon Dalgren form a desperate plot to free Phillip from prison). \$29.99
Willett, Edward	The Last Astronaut (NASA's last living astronaut is pulled out of retirement to examine a strange and ominous alien artifact)..... \$15.99
Williamson, Michael Z.	Worldshaper (Shawna Keys learns that she has Worldshaping power, and that an Adversary has now invaded her world. She must set out into the uncounted Shaped worlds of the great Labyrinth to learn their secrets, and carry them to the mysterious Lady at the Labyrinth's heart)..... \$7.99
Yang, JY	Tide of Battle (Collection of his short fiction, essays, and Inappropriate Cocktail recipes)..... \$7.99
Zahn, Timothy	The Ascent to Godhood (Tensorate: The Protector is dead, and while the world rejoices, her greatest enemy drowns her sorrows, remembering when she dared to fall in love with her)..... \$11.99
Allan, Jay	Thrown: Treason (Star Wars: Thrawn faces an impossible choice between loyalty to his homeworld and the Empire). \$28.99
Baxter, Stephen	DUE MID AUGUST
Birmingham, John	The Emperor's Fist (Far Stars #4: A petty smuggler makes a discovery that could enable the emperor to crush the resistance, unless Ark and Astra join forces to stop him) \$15.99
Brennan, Marie	Vengeance (Xelee #7: After losing a million year war with the humans, the alien Xelee go back in time to kill humanity's inventor of faster-than-light travel)..... \$15.99
	The Cruel Stars (Five intrepid heroes must work together to defeat a sect of humanity purists bent on destroying anyone with genetic or cybernetic enhancements). . . . \$28.00
	Turning Darkness Into Light (Audrey deciphers a series of ancient tablets that will

four years, but I hadn't tried any of them. A regular customer called my attention to him, pointing out that he was writing four parallel series all set in the same magical city but with different characters in each series, and that most of the books were "caper" novels.

That sounded interesting, so I went to the used shelf and found a copy of **A Murder of Mages** (\$7.99), the first of the Maradaine Constabulary series. I was hooked on the series after the first chapter. Satrine Rainey was a street rat on the south side of town until she was picked up as a teenager by the intelligence service, trained, and sent off on an important foreign assignment. After her assignment, she left the service, married an Inspector First Class in the constabulary, and started a family on the north side (the better side) of town. Years later, her husband was beaten severely during an investigation and is now bed-bound with damage to his brain. With no money coming in and a husband and two teenage daughters to support, Satrine walks into the constabulary house in her old neighborhood with a forged letter from the constabulary commissioner, ordering the captain to hire her as an Inspector Third Class. He does so, and makes her partner with Minox "Jinx" Welling, who comes from a family of constables for generations, but nobody else wants to partner with him. This is partly because he insists on finding who really committed a crime rather than just arresting somebody and declaring the case solved, and partly because he has some magical ability but doesn't

Brown, Christopher	determine the fate of the modern Draconians' homeland). \$27.99 Rule of Capture (In a near-future America on the brink of civil war, lawyer Donny Kimoe is forced to choose between saving his revolutionary client and saving the country) \$15.99
Bucher, Troy Carrol	Lies of Descent (Two young people must unite their warring peoples to banish the gods who destroyed their homeland). \$26.00
Cox, Greg	The Antares Maelstrom (Star Trek: Captain Kirk and crew are dispatched to keep order when vast quantities of a rare energy source are discovered on a remote planet) \$16.00
Datlow, Ellen (ed)	Echoes (29 ghost stories). \$22.99
Dawson, Delilah S. et al	Sparrowhawk (Artemisia must fight her way out of the Faerie Realm to get back home) \$19.99
DiLouie, Craig	Our War (Child soldier siblings Hannah and Alex find themselves on opposite sides of the second American Civil War). \$26.00
Elliott, Zetta	Dragons in a Bag (Kids; When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she isn't his grandmother - but she is a witch. And she needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe). \$6.99
Ford, Jeffrey	Ahab's Return, or, The Last Voyage (Having escaped the white whale, Captain Ahab returns at last to the mainland, only to find his wife and child gone. His quest for them takes him to NYC, and to the offices of a tabloid newspaper, where a reporter offers to help Ahab navigate the city in exchange for the story of Ahab's escape). \$15.99
Gaiman, Neil et al	Snow, Glass, Apples (A not-so-evil stepmother is determined to save her kingdom from her monstrous stepdaughter in a chilling retelling of Snow White). \$17.99
Goodkind, Terry	Hateful Things (Children of D'Hara #2: The story of Richard and Kahlan's children) \$13.95
Guymer, David	Hamilcar: Champion of the Gods (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: When an ancient skaven warlock with a thirst for godhood turns his attention towards Hamilcar's divine soul, the Bear-Eater will need all his marital prowess and uncanny wits to survive). . . \$16.00
Haley, Guy	Konrad Curze: The Night Hunter (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: The tragic story of how the master of the Night Lords Legion became a monster and a weapon of terror). \$19.00
Hinks/Horth/Dicken/MacNiven	Champions of the Mortal Realms (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Novellas 'Warqueen', 'Heart of Winter', 'The Red Hours', and 'Bone Desert') \$16.00
Hogan, Reese	Shrouded Loyalties (When Mila Blackwood's submarine is attacked by a monster, she and a fellow sailor are marked with special abilities that could end the war - but in whose favor?). \$12.99
Hossain, Saad Z.	The Gurkha and the Lord of Tuesday (The djinn king Melek Ahmar wakes up from a thousand years of imprisoned slumber to find a world ruled by a tyrannical AI) \$14.99
Hurley, Kameron	Meet Me in the Future: Stories (Short stories). \$16.95
Inui, Rokuro	Automatic Eve (A superhuman automaton known as Eve holds secrets that threaten the succession of the shogunate). \$16.99
Jemisn, N.K.	How Long 'til Black Future Month? (Collection of short fiction by the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author). \$16.99
Kyme/Ware/St. Martin	Servants of the Imperium (Warhammer 40,000: Novellas 'Auric Gods', 'The Bloodied Rose', and 'Steel Daemon'). \$16.00
Landsman, Keren	The Heart of the Circle (Sorcerers fight religious extremists for the right to exist and fall in love). \$14.99
Link, K/Grant, G (ed)	Monstrous Affections (YA; Anthology. 15 tales where humans live side by side with monsters). \$14.99
Llywelyn, Morgan	Inch by Inch (Step by Step #2: The residents of Sycamore River have only just adjusted to the Change that caused a global apocalypse, when they discover that metal is now rotting). \$26.99
Lu, Marie	Warcross (Warcross #1: YA; When cyber bounty hunter Emika Chen accidentally glitches herself into the Warcross championships, she expects to be arrested. Instead, the game's founder asks her help uncovering a sinister plot). \$8.99
Martin, George R.R. (ed)	Knives Over Queens (Wild Cards #27: Sir Winston Churchill and Alan Turing set up an organization to combat an alien virus). \$29.99
McNeill, Graham	The Uriel Ventris Chronicles Volume 2: Nightbringer / Warriors of Ultramar / Dead Sky, Black Sun , (Reprints 3 novels plus stories). \$21.00

have control over it. Satrine picks up the nickname “Tricky” even before her forgery is discovered, and soon Jinx and Tricky are after a serial killer who targets mages. I loved the book.

I then picked up the first book published about the city of Maradaine, **The Thorn of Dentonhill** (\$8.99), which the publisher calls the first of the Maradaine series, but others call the first of the Thorn series or the first of the Batman series. Veranix Calbert is a third year student in magic at the University of Maradaine during the day, but at night he is at war with Willem Fenmere, the crime boss of Dentonhill, who murdered Veranix’s father and forced an illegal drug on Veranix’s mother until her mind burned out. There is a lot of fast paced action as Veranix, known as The Thorn, fights against Fenmere, his thugs, mages, hired assassins, etc., while trying to not flunk out of college.

The Thorn of Dentonhill was fun, but I just didn’t find the characters as interesting as Jinx and Tricky in the constable series, so I next read **An Import of Intrigue** (\$7.99), the second of the constabulary series. Much of this book is set in the foreign ghetto of Maradaine and introduces us to the many different cultures in the world, as well as showing us more about the families and the backgrounds of Jinx and Tricky.

I then tried the first of the Streets of Maradaine series, **The Holver Alley Crew** (\$7.99). Somebody torched several blocks of buildings late one night for a real estate deal, wiping out many businesses, many homes, and killing many people. Among

Modesitt Jr., L.E.	The Mage-Fire War (Recluce #21: The chaos mages flee to Montgren, a land without any mages, but they are soon followed by war). \$29.99
Moore, Ward	Bring the Jubilee (Reissue; In a future where the South won the Civil War, a young scholar travels back in time to reset the course of history)..... \$9.95
Oden, Scott	Twilight of the Gods (Grimnir #2: The Norse monster Grimnir leads a campaign to protect his people from the Christian invaders). \$27.99
Oh, Temi	Do You Dream of Terra-Two? (A team of scientists and teenagers set out on a 23 year journey to colonize another planet). \$16.99
Skinner, Andrew	Steel Frame (With her robotic shell destroyed, Rook is sold into indentured servitude in the farthest reaches of space, where something strange is stirring). \$11.99
Sparks, Anna Smith	The House of Sacrifice (Empires of Dust #3: Marith's power is growing, but his mind is growing more unstable, and his victories cannot continue forever)..... \$16.99
Tamaki, Mariko	Unicorn Power! (Lumberjanes Novel #1: Kids; Illustrated novel. When challenge-loving April leads her friends on a hike up the tallest mountain they've ever seen, they trespass into the lands of the ancient Cloud People. And did anyone happen to read those ominous signs posted at the base of the mountain? Also, unicorns). \$8.99
Turtledove, Harry	Through Darkest Europe (The liberal, tolerant, and highly educated cultures of North Africa and the Middle East have dominated the globe for centuries, while European fundamentalists carry out terrorist attacks on their own soil and elsewhere. Now European extremists have begun calling for a crusade. Khalid and his partner Dawud are sent to Rome, tasked with figuring out how to protect the tinpot Grand Duke, the impoverished Pope, and the overall status quo, before European instability destabilizes the rest of the globe. Then the bombs start to go off)..... \$18.99
Varela, Francesca G.	The Seas of Distant Stars (Kidnapped from her home planet as a child, Agapanthus hopes to find acceptance among the Deeyans by completing a rite of passage). . . \$17.95
Victoria, Ricardo	The Withered King (An immortal warrior trains new fighters to stop an ancient evil) \$17.95
Yongo, Micah	Pale Kings (When the supernatural creatures responsible for the invasion of the Five Realms are unveiled, can Neythan learn the truth about the power in his blood before it's too late?). \$12.99

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING MYSTERIES

ALREADY RECEIVED

Asner/Weinberger	Scots Dictionary: The Perfect Wee Guide to the Scots Language (PBO; A popular guide to Scotland and the Scottish language). \$10.95
	The Grouchy Historian (Actor Ed Asner, a self-proclaimed dauntless Democrat, leads the charge for liberals to reclaim the Constitution from the right-wingers who use it as their justification for doing whatever terrible thing they want to do. It's about time someone gave them hell and explained that progressives can read, too)..... \$16.00
Bauer, Belinda	Snap (A teenage boy hunts for his mother's killer)..... \$16.00
Brandeth, Benet	The Assassin of Verona (Will Shakespeare #2: William Shakespeare is on the run from the Pope, who is after a deadly secret)..... \$25.95
Broadribb, Steph	Deep Down Dead (Lori Anderson #1: With bills piling up, Florida bounty hunter Lori Anderson has to take her sick child along on a job that turns out to be none other than her former mentor)..... \$14.95
Browne, Howard	Halo For Hire (Omnibus reprint of 5 novels featuring hardboiled Chicago PI Paul Pine) \$60.00
Carr, John Dickson	The Mad Hatter Mystery (Gideon Fell #2: Reissue; Dr. Gideon Fell investigates the bizarre connection between a spate of top hat thefts and the disappearance of a rare Poe manuscript). \$15.95
Chaon, Dan	Ill Will (In 1983, Dustin Tillmans family was massacred, and his brother convicted. Now a psychologist, Dustin finds himself involved in a series of murders and begins to question his own testimony that put his brother behind bars). \$17.00
Christie, Agatha	The Mysterious Affair at Styles (Hercule Poirot #1: Reissue; Who poisoned wealthy Emily Inglethorp? Suspects abound, but how did the murderer get in and out of her locked bedroom?). \$9.95
Christie, Agatha	The Murder on the Links (Hercule Poirot #2: Reissue; Poirot arrives in France too late to save his client. But why is the dead man wearing an overcoat that is too big for him?)

those who survived are the Rynax brothers, who were raised by their father to be con artists and thieves, but are trying to go straight. Asti Rynax served in the intelligence service until an assignment shattered his brain. Brother Verci is married with a baby, and the new shop that Asti and Verci were about to open was destroyed in the fire, as well as Verci's home. The brothers put together a crew to go after whoever was responsible for torching their neighborhood, including other former criminals who tried to go straight, some criminals who never went straight, and some business people who were never criminals but are up for some revenge against the responsible parties. This is a wonderful caper novel, as is the sequel, **Lady Henterman's Wardrobe** (\$7.99), which I immediately read.

I then picked up the next two books in the Thorn series, **The Alchemy of Chaos** (\$7.99) and **The Imposters of Aventil** (\$7.99), and enjoyed both of them more than the first book. The characters were better developed and The Thorn had put together quite a team to help him in his mission. But something changed in **The Imposters of Aventil**. Up to that point, there was very little overlap between the different series, so you could just jump in anywhere and enjoy one series on its own. In **The Thorn of Dentonhill** there is a very minor character who ends up being killed by the serial killer in **A Murder of Mages**, and two constables on horseback are murdered in **The Thorn of Dentonhill** and that murder is briefly mentioned as an unsolved

Christie, Agatha	And for whom was the impassioned love letter in the coat's pocket?)..... \$9.95 The Secret Adversary (Tommy & Tuppence # 1: Reissue; Tommy and Tuppence, flat broke and out of work, embark on a daring business scheme: Young Adventurers Ltd., 'willing to do anything, go anywhere'. Their first assignment, for the sinister Mr. Whittington, draws them into a political conspiracy and plunges them into danger). \$9.95
Dashofy, Annette	Cry Wolf (A police chief and a coroner team up to solve a murder at an assisted living facility that might have dark ties to a distant past). \$15.95
Dionne, Karen	The Marsh King's Daughter (The child of an abductor and his victim, Helen is the only one with the skills to find her survivalist father after he escapes from prison). \$16.00
Doherty, Paul	The Mansions of Murder (Brother Athelstan # 18: Brother Athelstan investigates the murder of a priest stabbed in his own church next to a chest of stolen treasure) \$17.95
Faherty, Terence	Play a Cold Hand (Scott Elliott # 6: The head of a Hollywood Security agency is dead in an alley, and a murderer once thought retired stalks the streets again).. \$12.99
Fleming, Joan	When I Grow Rich (Nuri Iskirlak # 1: Reissue; A simple delivery for a friend ends up with scholar Nuri Bey running afoul of an international smuggling ring).. \$14.95
Fleming, Joan	Nothing Is the Number When You Die (Nuri Iskirlak # 2: Reissue; While searching for the missing son of an old flame, Nuri Iskirlak once again finds himself in more danger than he bargained for). \$14.95
Freeland, Liz	Murder in Greenwich Village (Louise Faulk # 1: After leaving her small town for the glamor of New York City, Louise Faulk finds her apartment at the center of a murder investigation where a former suitor is the prime suspect). \$15.95
Gardner, Danny	A Negro and an Ofay (Chicago, 1952. A disgraced ex-cop finds himself up to his neck in trouble from both the Chicago PD and the local crime syndicate). \$17.95
Gaylin, Alison	If I Die Tonight (PBO; A former 80s pop star accuses a teenage boy of stealing her car and running over another boy who tried to help, but not everything is as it seems) \$16.99
Gilbert, Michael	Death in Captivity (Reissue; A suspected informer is found dead in a collapsed escape tunnel in a prisoner-of-war camp in Italy). \$14.99
Gilliland, Rhonda (ed)	Cooked to Death: Cold Cut Files (Seventeen food-themed mysteries).. \$17.95
Hoffman, Carl	The Last Wild Men of Borneo (In 1984, Bruno Manser lived among the indigenous Penan people of Borneo, leading them against the logging industry that destroyed their homeland until he disappeared in 2000). \$17.99
Lorac, E.C.R.	Murder by Matchlight (Robert Macdonald: Reissue; London, 1945. A seemingly impossible murder during a blackout baffles the police, and CID MacDonald must unravel the true identities of both the killer and the victim).. \$12.95
Lourey, Jess	April Fools (Murder by Month # 12: PBO; Librarian and aspiring PI Mira James discovers that a secret her father carried to his grave is the key to saving a kidnapped girl) \$14.99
Marzano-Lesnevich, A	The Fact of a Body (While working on the case of a death-row murderer, Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich finds shocking parallels to her own past as she unearths long-buried family secrets). \$17.99
McLaughlin, James A.	Bearskin (Hoping to keep the Mexican drug cartels off his back, Rice Moore takes a job as a forest ranger in a remote Appalachian preserve, but a hostile altercation with poachers could undo all his hard work).. \$16.99
McNamara, Frances	Death at Selig Studios (Emily Cabot # 7: In 1909 amateur sleuth Emily Cabot investigates murders that take place on the grounds of the Selig Polyscope Company, an early motion picture studio in Chicago). \$17.99
McRae, Molly	Scones and Scoundrels (Highland Bookshop # 2: While hosting a gala for a visiting author, Janet and her friends discover the body of a young man in the B&B above their bookstore). \$15.95
Montgomery, Jess	The Widows (1924: When Lily learns that her husband, Sheriff Daniel Ross, has been killed while transporting a prisoner, she vows to avenge his death. Then a coal miner's widow appears at her door. Marvena Whitcomb is unaware that Daniel has died, and begs to speak with him about her missing daughter. Lily and Marvena realize that Daniel was not the man that either of them believed him to be - and that his murder is far more complex than it seemed).. \$26.99
Mortimer, Ian	The Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England (A traveler's guide to everyday life in medieval England).. \$16.99
O Seaghdha, Darach	Motherfocloir: Dispatches from a Not So Dead Language (A humorous investigation of the Irish language). \$12.95

case in **A Murder of Mages**, but it didn't matter which book you read first. But in **The Imposters of Aventil** Jinx and Tricky and some of Jinx's extended family play major roles, so it is a very good idea to have read the first two Constabulary novels before reading **The Imposters of Aventil**.

Next, I made the mistake of reading **A Parliament of Bones** (\$7.99), the third of the Constabulary novels, without first reading **The Way of the Shield** (\$7.99), the first of the Maradaine Elite series. **The Way of the Shield** shows us how corrupt the government is, how riddled with conspiracies it is, and introduces us to two of the main characters in **A Parliament of Bones**. There is also some crossover from the other two series into **A Parliament of Bones**.

I've been noticing a lot of people who pick up one book in one of the series and then come back to pick up every other book by Maresca in a purchasing binge. They are all good enough to justify buying them all, but don't read the third book in any of the series until you've read the early books of all the other series.

S. M. Stirling's **Theater of Spies** (\$17.00) is the second in the alternate history series that began with **Black Chamber** (\$16.00). Teddy Roosevelt is President of the U.S. at the beginning of World War I instead of Woodrow Wilson, and he is ready for war. In addition to building up the military, he has also created the Black Chamber, an elite espionage organization.

Since the last episode, the Germans have launched huge

Pluck, Thomas	Bad Boy Boogie (After serving a 25 year prison sentence, Jay Desmarteaux just wants to get on with his life. But someone wants him dead)..... \$17.95
Richardson, Kim Michele	The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek (PBO; Traveling librarian Cussy Mary Carter is determined to overcome the prejudice of the small-town Kentucky residents in order to show them the joy of reading)..... \$15.99
Roberts, S.C.	Holmes & Watson: A Miscellany (Reissue; A fictional biography of the iconic duo)..... \$15.95
Rowe, Rosemary	The Price of Freedom (Libertus # 17: When a tax collector commits suicide, having gambled everything away, Libertus is dispatched to make inquiries)..... \$17.95
Sayers, Dorothy	Whose Body? (Peter Wimsey # 1: Reissue; A financier has vanished from his bedroom. A corpse has been found in the bath of an architect's flat, wearing nothing but a pair of pince-nez. Intrigued by these odd events, gentleman sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey begins his own inquiry)..... \$9.95
Schmidt, Sarah	See What I Have Done (Four unreliable narrators tell their version of the infamous Lizzie Borden murders)..... \$16.00
Spinelli, Brad	The Painted Gun (PBO; A washed-up ex-journalist looking for a missing girl in San Francisco is framed for a series of murders)..... \$15.95
Swanson, Denise	Tart of Darkness (Chef-to-Go # 1: PBO; After opening a meal service in a college town, Dani is accused of murdering one of her boarders and has to scramble to clear her name)..... \$7.99
Swanson, Denise	Leave No Stone Unturned (Chef-to-Go # 2: PBO; When Normalton University's orientation week is marred by murder and a series of car jackings, Chef-to-Go owner Dani has to catch a killer before she becomes the next victim)..... \$7.99
Tudor, C.J.	The Chalk Man (As kids, Eddie and his friends played a game where they left drawings of chalk stick figures as messages to each other. When they all receive a mysterious chalk drawing in the mail, they assume it is a prank, until one of them ends up dead).. \$16.00
Turton, Stuart	The 7-1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle (Caught in a never-ending time loop of the day Evelyn dies, Aidan Bishop's only escape is to solve her murder)..... \$16.99
Unger, Lisa	Under My Skin (A year after her husband was murdered, Poppy is still suffering from blackouts and nightmares that are her only clues to what really happened that day)..... \$16.99
Wiley, Michael	Monument Road (Franky Dast # 1: A death-row inmate turned private investigator faces a dilemma when the detective who helped convict him asks for help with his own murder charge)..... \$17.95
Wojtas, Olga	Miss Blaine's Prefect and the Golden Samover (Boarding school librarian Shona McMonagle must travel back in time to Tzarist Russia to prevent a gross miscarriage of romance). \$14.95
Zahradnik, Rich	Lights Out Summer (Coleridge Taylor # 4: A young woman is gunned down on the same night Son of Sam strikes elsewhere in Queens. As Coleridge closes in on the mystery, a blackout sets off an orgy of looting and arson). \$15.95
<u>DUE EARLY JUNE</u>	
Aaronovitch, Ben	The October Man (The German supernatural police confront a group of middle aged men who have awakened a bloody conflict from a previous century)..... \$40.00
Allingham/Ripley	Mr. Campion's Fault (Albert Campion # 24: Campion investigates the death of an English master after his son, who was helping out at the school, is arrested)..... \$17.95
Allingham/Ripley	Mr. Campion's Abdication (Albert Campion # 25: Campion masquerades as a technical advisor to a suspicious film producer searching for buried treasure near the town where Edward III held secret trysts)..... \$17.95
Bellecourt, Clyde / Lurie, Jon	The Thunder Before the Storm (The autobiography of Ojibwe activist Clyde Bellecourt). \$19.95
Berenson, Laurien	Ruff Justice (Melanie Travis # 22: Aunt Peg stands out in the spring dog show with her dog's handmade leash, but sketchy secrets about the leash's artist arise after she is found strangled by one of her own creations)..... \$7.99
Black, Cara	Murder in Bel-Air (Aimee Leduc # 19: A woman is dead, and the last person seen talking to her was Aimee's mother, who has vanished)..... \$27.95
Blake, Bethany	Something Borrowed, Something Mewed (Lucky Paws # 5: When her sister's abrasive wedding planner is found strangled by a garter, Daphne must figure out if one of her in-laws is actually an outlaw)..... \$7.99
Booth, Stephen	Fall Down Dead (DI Ben Cooper investigates the suspicious death of a woman who fell

poison gas attacks on both London and Paris. The London attack wiped out almost all of the government and royal family. The French are fleeing Europe for North Africa as the German army marches into southern France. The Canadians have become part of the U.S. (each former province becoming a state), and the U.S. controls everything from the North Pole through Panama. Teddy sends the same two female agents from the Black Chamber on another espionage mission into Germany. There's more spying, sabotaging, another battle on a dirigible, etc. If you liked the first episode (and I did) you'll like the second episode.

I picked up the fat (almost 700 pages) advance reading copy of **Upon a Burning Throne** by Ashok K. Banker (\$26.00), the first of an epic fantasy series based on the ancient Indian classic **The Mahabharata**, and I was very impressed. While the story itself was very good, I was most impressed with the author's skill at telling the story from the points of view of so many different characters without the story ever becoming confusing. And reading about a non-European culture added to my interest in the story.

Who Dunit – Short Mystery Reviews by Mary McKinley

I discovered Aaron Elkins with his Gideon Oliver, squeamish forensic anthropologist, years ago and quickly snapped up all his books. I then sampled his Chris Nordgren, art curator books and

Brett, Simon	while hiking with a group in the mountains). \$11.99 The Liar in the Library (Fethering # 18: When Jude is accused of killing a sleazy author, she enlists the help of her sleuthing partner Carole to help clear her name) \$14.00
Brown, Rita Mae	Whiskers in the Dark (Mrs. Murphy # 27: Mrs. Murphy and her companions must find a killer at the National Beagle Club of America). \$28.00
Bruce, Leo	Case with Ropes and Rings (Sergeant Beef # 5: Reissue; Sergeant Beef goes undercover as a school caretaker to catch a killer). \$14.99
Bruce, Leo	Neck and Neck (Sergeant Beef # 7: Reissue; Sergeant Beef helps his biographer clear his name after being accused of murder). \$14.99
Bruce, Leo	Cold Blood (Sergeant Beef # 8: Reissue; Sergeant Beef investigates the death of a man bludgeoned by a croquet mallet). \$14.99
Byron, Ellen	Mardi Gras Murder (A hundred-year flood, a malicious murder, and a most unusual Mardi Gras converge at the Crozat Plantation B&B; Agatha Award winner). \$26.99
Cahoon, Lynn	Sconed to Death (Cat Latimer # 5: A celebrity chef is found dead at a local bakery while Cat organizes a retreat for cozy mystery writers). \$7.99
Castillo, Linda	A Gathering of Secrets (Kate Burkholder # 10: When investigating the death of a young Amish man burned alive in a barn, Kate finds herself stonewalled by the community to which she once belonged). \$9.99
Chesnutt, Charles W.	The Marrow of Tradition (Reissue; A fictionalized account of the Wilmington Race Riots). \$14.95
Cole, Trevor	The Whisky King (The story of Canada's most infamous bootlegger and the undercover Mountie on his trail). \$18.50
Collins, Sara	The Confessions of Frannie Langton (A servant and former slave is accused of murdering her employer and his wife, but claims not to remember the night it happened) \$26.99
Connolly, Sheila	Murder at the Mansion (Victorian Village # 1: In an effort to keep from going bankrupt, Kate's hometown hires her to restore a local Victorian mansion they hope will attract tourists. When Kate's rival for the job is murdered, she becomes the main suspect and has to clear her name and save the town). \$7.99
Crofts, Freeman Wills	Inspector French's Greatest Case (Inspector French # 1: Reissue; A diamond merchant is found dead next to an empty safe, and the quest for the killer will lead Inspector Joseph French on a journey around the world). \$12.99
Crofts, Freeman Wills	Inspector French and the Cheyne Mystery (Inspector French # 2: Reissue; Inspector French searches for a young woman, kidnapped by the gang of criminals she was trying to outwit). \$12.99
Doiron, Paul	Stay Hidden (Mike Bowditch # 9: A deer hunter is accused of shooting writer Ariel Evans, except that evidence shows he never fired the shot, and Ariel shows up the next day, alive, and determined to solve her own murder). \$17.99
Dratch, Dana	Seeing Red (Red Herring # 2: When Alex discovers a body in the B&B's basement and a 'reproduction' Renoir in the library, she begins to suspect that her boyfriend is more than a simple hotel owner). \$7.99
Dunnett, Kaitlyn	Crime & Punctuation (Deadly Edits # 1: Freelance editor Mikki accepts the manuscript of a mystery based on events in the town's not-too-distant past, and when the author turns up dead in the same way as the victim in the story, Mikki suspects it is no accident). \$15.95
Ellroy, James	This Storm (A team of misfits sign up for a dead-man job in WWII LA). \$29.95
Evans, Mary Anna	Undercurrents (Faye Longchamp # 11: While assessing a dig site near Memphis, Faye Longchamp unearths the body of a woman, the victim of a serial killer, and takes in the woman's young daughter). \$15.95
Fieseler, Robert	Tinderbox (An account of the arson at the Up Stairs Lounge and its role in the gay liberation movement). \$16.95
Finley, Jeremy	The Darkest Time of Night (When the grandson of a senator vanishes into the woods, his grandmother fears she knows what happened, but coming forward would ruin her family). \$9.99
Freeman, Dianne	A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder (Countess of Harleigh # 1: After the obligatory year of mourning, Frances Wynn, the American-born Countess of Harleigh, relocates to London. When the investigation into a rash of mysterious burglaries brings death to her doorstep, she rallies her wits, a circle of gossips, and her dashing neighbor George Hazelton to uncover the truth). \$15.95

finished them fairly fast. His most recent, **A Long Time Coming** (TPB, \$15.95) is a stand alone and rich in character. Val Caruso is an art curator who has hit a string of bad luck. His divorce is final, his promotion didn't happen, he turned 40, and his life is in a rut. Out of the blue, he's contacted by a Holocaust survivor who is trying to reclaim a pair of Renoir sketches. They were given to the family, looted by Italian Fascists, disappeared, and have finally shown up again at an auction. The survivor would like them back, and contacts Val to help. Of course, the path to recovery isn't simple. No sooner does he lay eyes on the sketches when he's savagely attacked, left for dead, and the sketches disappeared. And then it gets personal... As always, Elkin's dialog flows like real conversation, and it's believable how "regular" people can get caught up in criminal events by being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared (TPB \$16.00) by Jonas Jonasson. The forward says that "Those who say only what is true, they're not worth listening to" as a way of explaining that this is a novel - or make-believe - not all true. Allan Karlsson just turned 100, and still being of quite sound mind and body, decided that the nursing home he was in didn't meet his standards. For one thing, they wanted to limit his vodka intake. So on his birthday, he climbs out of his window, steals a suitcase full of cash, and goes in search of something to do. While looking

Gordon, Alexia	Fatality in F (Gethsemane Brown #4: Gethsemane is looking forward to a relaxing summer, until bodies start dropping like rose petals at the annual rose and garden show and her best friend is the prime suspect)..... \$15.95
Greenlaw, Linda	Bimini Twist (Jane Bunker #4: Jane looks into the disappearance of an exchange student during the Summer Solstice Soiree)..... \$7.99
Harper, Karen	Dark Storm (South Shores #6: Forensic psychology Claire Markwood digs up dark family secrets when her sister Darcy goes missing from a butterfly sanctuary).... \$7.99
Harris, Charlaiane	Small Kingdoms and Other Stories (Short stories about Anne DeWitt, a high school principal with a dark past)..... \$14.99
Hart, Rob	Potter's Field (Ash McKenna #5: McKenna's former employer, crime lord Ginny Tonic, asks for his help finding a missing drag queen)..... \$16.00
Herron, Mick	London Rules (Slough House #15: A team of defunct MI5 spies are tasked with protecting a beleaguered prime minister while dealing with their own personal problems)..... \$15.95
Hiaasen, Carl	Razor Girl (When Lane Coolman's car is bashed from behind on the road to the Florida keys, what appears to be an accident is anything but. Behind the wheel of the other car is Merry Mansfield, and the crash scam is only the beginning of events that spiral wildly out of control)..... \$9.99
Hornsby, Wendy	A Bouquet of Rue (Maggie MacGowen #12: Maggie's move to the Parisian suburbs is not as peaceful as she hoped, as she is drawn into the search for a missing girl while dealing with hostile locals)..... \$15.95
Howells, Debbie	Part of the Silence (Evie wakes up in a corn field with no memories except her name and the name of her daughter, but the police can't find any evidence of the girl's existence)..... \$7.99
Immergut, Debra Jo	The Captives (When prison psychologist Frank Lundquist recognizes one of his patients as his high school crush, he soon finds himself helping plot her escape)..... \$16.99
Jackson, Lisa	Liar, Liar (Though the media is obsessed with the death of former beauty queen Didi Storm, her daughter knows the body isn't her, and sets out to find the truth about the twisted lies in her family)..... \$9.99
James, Miranda	Claws for Concern (Cat in the Stacks #9: Charlie has been helping an elderly man navigate the library's genealogy database, but is startled to learn that the man is focused on his late aunt's husband. And true-crime writer Jack Pemberton is sure the visitor was involved in a shocking murder years ago. As this cold case heats up, Charlie and his cat Diesel have to uncover a killer)..... \$7.99
King, Laurie R.	Island of the Mad (Mary Russell #15: 1925: Russell and Holmes investigate when an old friend's beloved aunt fails to return following a supervised outing from the Bedlam lunatic asylum)..... \$17.00
Lapena, Shari	A Stranger in the House (Karen and Tom's idyllic newlywed life is shattered when Karen is hospitalized after a car crash and returns home to find someone has been in their house)..... \$9.99
Lustbader, Eric Van	Four Dominions (Testament #3: Lucifer's Fallen have awoken, and the end of days is upon us)..... \$9.99
McEvedy, Colin	Cities of the Classical World (An atlas of ancient civilizations)..... \$24.95
McTiernan, Dervla	The Ruin (When Cormac Reilly investigate the apparent suicide of a young man, he ends up going back to the case of the young man's mother, who died twenty years ago under suspicious circumstances)..... \$16.00
Miranda, Megan	The Perfect Stranger (Wishing for a chance to start over, Leah moves in with her old friend Emmy in a rural town where no one knows her past. But then Emmy disappears without a trace or even a hint that she ever existed at all)..... \$9.99
Montclair, Allison	The Right Sort of Man (Two women in post-WWII London join forces to open a marriage bureau, but their venture is threatened when their newest client is found murdered and the man they matched her with is main suspect)..... \$26.99
Nguyen, Viet Thanh (ed)	The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives (Essays from refugee writers)..... \$16.00
Oshiro, Mark	Anger Is a Gift (YA; Six years ago, Moss Jefferies' father was murdered by an Oakland police officer. Now in high school, Moss still has panic attacks. He and his classmates increasingly find themselves treated like criminals at school. New rules. Random locker searches. Constant intimidation. The students organize and push back against the administration. When tensions hit a fever pitch and tragedy strikes, Moss faces a choice: give in to fear and hate, or realize that anger can actually be a gift)..... \$9.99

for something new, he is introduced to the world of tablets and the internet, crooks and schemes, and does his best to stay at least one or two steps ahead of the police. Karlsson has lived through history getting involved with many public figures and events including Stalin, the Manhattan Project, WWII, and President Truman. I have to admit, the Scandinavian humor is a bit off for my tastes - there was some humor in the stories, but a lot of repetition. Karlsson does pick up a motley assortment of people on his travels who both add to and distract from the story, such as it is. If you like sagas, this is a great book, which has also been made into a movie. His second book, **The Accidental Further Adventures of the Hundred-Year-Old Man** (TPB \$15.99), is more contemporary in politics with many world leaders in for a trouncing. If you can set aside real life and look at this as an adventure - like Indiana Jones - it's a much more fun read. Don't try to make it realistic however; that's a set up for disappointment. Again, a lot of the Scandinavian humor isn't to my liking, but that's a personal taste.

Orange trees that are over two hundred years old and potentially immune to an orange killing disease. Pythons over 20 feet long and two hundred pounds. A twenty year old unsolved murder. And in the middle, Hannah Smith - fishing guide and private eye. **Seduced** (PB \$9.99) is the fourth in the Hanna Smith series by Randy Wayne White. This intrigued me as White seems to be a popular

Paretsky, Sara	Shell Game (V.I. Warshawski # 19: P.I. Warshawski returns to Chicago to save an old friend's nephew from a murder charge. The case involves a stolen artifact that could implicate a network of international criminals)..... \$9.99
Petrie, Nick	Tear It Down (Peter Ash # 4: June sends Peter to Memphis to help her friend Wanda, a photographer and war correspondent who has been receiving peculiar threats). \$16.00
Preston, Douglas	Talking to the Ground (A family's experience in tracing the path of the Navajo creation story in the Four Corners area)..... \$17.00
Redmond, Heather	A Tale of Two Murders (Dickens of a Crime # 1: When he witnesses a poisoning at a society dinner, young journalist Charles Dickens feels compelled to investigate the death)..... \$15.95
Ripley, Nathan	Find You in the Dark (A family man who's hobby is catching serial killers catches the attention of a serial killer himself, as well as a cop suspicious of all his anonymous tips)..... \$17.00
Robinson, Maggie	Who's Sorry Now? (Lady Adelaide # 2: After a string of high society murders threatens her sister, Lady Adelaide once again teams up with Inspector Hunter to solve the case)..... \$15.99
Rosenfelt, David	One Dog Night (Andy Carpenter # 9: Five years ago, Matt Stark took a golden retriever puppy to a shelter, and Andy Carpenter adopted her. When Matt is accused of murder, his wife hires Andy to defend him)..... \$7.99
Rosenfelt, David	Rescued (Andy Carpenter # 17: Defense lawyer Andy Carpenter would rather spend time on his dog rescue organization than on court cases. But he can't help getting involved when the driver of a truck transporting seventy rescue dogs is murdered). \$16.99
Roy, Lori	The Disappearing (Returning to her hometown after swearing never to go back, Lane Fielding must tear down the town's facade in order to solve her daughter's disappearance)..... \$16.00
Ryan, Donald P.	24 Hours in Ancient Egypt (A day in the life of ancient Egyptians from a variety of social strata)..... \$16.95
Schaffer, Bernard	The Thief of All Light (Santero & Rein # 1: A rookie cop obsessed with serial killers enlists the help of a bitter former detective to hunt down the most twisted killer she has ever faced). \$9.99
Scott, J. Todd	High White Sun (Chris Cherry # 2: While trying to reform the corrupt police department, new sheriff Chris Cherry is drawn into a conflict with violent white supremacists)..... \$9.99
Sefton, Maggie	Dyeing up Loose Ends (Knitting # 16: When her favorite waitress and friend Julie is murdered, Kelly enlists the help of the Lambspun knitters to bring her killer to justice)..... \$7.99
Shelton, Dave	The Book Case (Kids; After starting at a new boarding school, Daphne teams up with a crime-solving genius to investigate the strange happenings at the school). . . . \$17.99
Silva, Daniel	The Other Woman (Gabriel Allon # 18: As Russia seeks to silence a woman writing a memoir that will reveal the Kremlin's darkest secret, her only hope is assassin Gabriel Allon). \$9.99
Simenon, Georges	Maigret and the Tramp (alternate titles: Maigret and the Dossier / Maigret and the Bum) (Maigret # 60: A homeless man is thrown into the Seine to drown, but is rescued by two bargemen. Maigret must delve into the man's personal circumstances to figure who wanted him dead). \$13.00
Smith, Alexander McCall	The Quiet Side of Passion (Isabel Dalhousie # 12: Trying to juggle all her responsibilities, Isabel agrees to hire an au pair and an editorial assistant, but both come with romantic entanglements that interfere with their work)..... \$15.95
Smith, Karen Rose	Murder with Cucumber Sandwiches (Daisy's Tea Garden # 3: When a restaurant critic is poisoned after eating at Daisy's Tea Garden, Daisy must sift through his scandalous past to catch a killer)..... \$7.99
Starr, Mel	Deeds of Darkness (Hugh de Singleton # 10: Hugh takes to the road to investigate the disappearance of an old friend and finds a body on the way)..... \$12.95
Starr, Mel	Prince Edward's Warrant (Hugh de Singleton # 11: While attending the Black Prince during a relapse of his illness, Hugh is asked to look into the poisoning of an unpopular knight). \$12.95
Starr, Mel	Lucifer's Harvest (Hugh de Singleton # 9: Hugh finds himself at the side of his archnemesis as he travels with the party sent to retake Aquitaine). \$12.95
Steadman, Catherine	Something in the Water (While on honeymoon in Bora Bora, Erin and Mark find a secret in the water and must make a choice that will change their lives forever)

writer with a lot of books - not always a good sign, but worth taking a chance on. This book started off a little slow - talking a lot about the psyllids that carry Citrus Greening Disease that's wiping out the orange crops worldwide and the genetics of the original orange trees planted by the Spanish and the search for said trees. But then the bodies start turning up and the story builds from there. Hannah is cynical and untrusting, especially since every time she opens her heart, the person either dies or is a murderer and no one is who they seem to be. If you're snake phobic, avoid this book. There are graphic scenes with HUGE pythons and how they've taken over the Floridian ecological niche decimating much of the native wildlife, and why you don't want to go into swamps. Since they've eaten all the other animals on their island, they are turning to cannibalism and eating anything - and I do mean anything - that ventures into their territory. Of course, reading about the mosquitoes is enough to keep me out! The previous Hannah Smith books are **Gone** (PB \$9.99), **Deceived** (PB \$9.99), and **Haunted** (PB \$9.99). Based on the ability of the author to keep me on the edge of my seat in the last pages as the mystery unfolds and the pieces fall into place, I'll be reading more of this writer. My only quibble is that the author doesn't seem to have a good female voice - the character is female but it's just a bit off. Not enough to be unreadable, but enough to be noticeable. I think I'll give the Marion "Doc" Ford series a try. Based on the mosquitoes, pythons, and other

 \$17.00
Steinhauer, Olen	The Middleman (On a summer day, about four hundred people disappear from their lives, leaving behind cell phones, credit cards, jobs, houses, families. Why? The Massive Brigade believes change isn't coming fast enough to the US. But are they a protest group, a political movement, or a terrorist group? What special agent Rachel Proulx discovers will shock the entire nation, and the aftermath will reverberate through the FBI to the highest levels of government). \$18.00
Straley, John	Baby's First Felony (Cecil Younger #7: When a client asks Sitka criminal defense investigator Cecil Younger to track down some evidence to clear her of a charge, he winds up tangled in a case involving a large pile of someone else's cash, a deep freeze full of drug-stuffed fish, a murder, and a kidnapping). \$16.95
Walker, Martin	The Body in the Castle Well (Bruno #12: Bruno looks into the death of a young American who had been assisting an art historian). \$25.95
Whishaw, Iona	A Deceptive Devotion (Lane Winslow #6: While acting as translator for Countess Orlova, Lane is conflicted about keeping secrets from her fiance, especially when he is called on to investigate a murder). \$14.95
Wishart, David	Going Back (Marcus Corvinus #20: When a former praetor is found murdered on his estate near Carthage, the emperor dispatches Corvinus to investigate). \$16.99
Wolfe, Jennifer	Watch the Girls (Broke, washed up former teen star Liv Hendricks starts a web series where she poses as a PI. When a mysterious donor challenges her to look into a series of disappearances, Liv's show explodes in popularity as her discoveries grow more and more disturbing). \$7.99
Young, Kate	Southern Sass and Killer Cravings (Marygene Brown #1: Marygene returns to Atlanta to help her sister run the family diner, until a regular drops dead and her sister is led away in handcuffs. Marygene and Mama's spirit are the only ones who can clear her name). \$7.99

DUE MID JUNE

Atherton, Nancy	Aunt Dimity and the Heart of Gold (Aunt Dimity #24: A mysterious guest uncovers a secret room in the Harris's Manor). \$26.00
Bell, Gertrude	Persian Pictures (Sketches of Gertrude Bell's travels in the Middle East). . . \$17.00
Fesperman, Dan	Safe Houses (When two people are murdered, Anna must uncover secrets in her mother's past in West Germany to find out the truth). \$16.95
Goldberg, Leonard	The Disappearance of Alistair Ainsworth (Joanna Blalock #3: Joanna and the Watsons race to find a kidnapped cryptographer before the Germans can use him to decode England's messages). \$26.99
Gregory, D/Lipsyte, R	Nigger (Reissue; Memoir by one of America's best-loved comedians and activists) \$16.00
Grisham, John	The Reckoning (An upstanding WWII veteran refuses to give a motive for killing the local pastor and his friend). \$9.99
Holt, Anne	In Dust and Ashes (Hanne Wilhelmsen #10: While looking into the cold case of a man wrongfully convicted of killing his wife, Hanne Wilhelmsen finds eerie connections to the recent suicide of a right-wing extremist blogger). \$17.00
Hotchner, A.E.	The Amazing Adventures of Aaron Broom (A naive boy deals with unsavory characters as he sets out to prove his father's innocence). \$16.95
Houston, Victoria	Dead Big Dawg (Loon Lake #19: A pair of bodies are found in the lake, a local lawyer disappears, and a rarely used sawmill computer is taken over by foreign hackers). \$16.99
Hughley, DL/Moe, D	How Not to Get Shot (A satirical how-to guide for black people to act in the safest manner possible). \$15.99
Lees, Julian	The Bone Ritual (Dark Centre #1: The return of his childhood friend to Indonesia coincides with the arrival of a gruesome serial killer, and Inspektur Ruud fears the two events may be connected). \$15.99
Mina, Denise	Conviction (When a true crime podcast reveals her dark past, housewife Anna Mclean goes on the run across Europe with a former rock star as her only ally). \$27.00
Nordbo, Mads Peder	The Girl Without Skin (Matthew Cave #1: When a flayed corpse is found that echoes a scene from years earlier, the only person with answers is a girl who was accused of murdering her father the same way when she was just 14). \$15.95
Padura, Leonardo	Grab a Snake by the Tail (Mario Conde #6: Mario Conde investigates a ritual killing in Havana's Chinatown). \$14.95
Purser-Hallard, Philip	The Vanishing Man (Sherlock Holmes: Holmes and Watson investigate the literal

assorted critters, I'm glad I live in Minnesota and am looking at over a foot of snow right now - no pythons here!

Why are the nicest people the most morbid writers? And from Minnesota? Has Minnesota Nice taken over them so they have to release in other ways? I'm speaking of David Housewright, and **Dead Man's Mistress** (expected May 19; HC \$26.99; most likely signed). This is book #16 of his Rushmore McKenzie series and it opens with stolen paintings. The artist has since died (of natural causes), making his paintings all that more valuable, and his (in)famous model claims to own three more that haven't been seen by anyone and which are now missing, presumed stolen. The story is set primarily in the Grand Marais area, and many of the landmarks are familiar ones - the Great! Lakes Candy Kitchen (yummm) on the way up, the Angry Trout, the many galleries - a lot of my favorite places. McKenzie is a retired St. Paul detective, now an unlicensed PI who "helps" out friends. He's been hired to find the paintings and return them to the owner/model, who was also the artist's mistress. However, the artist's wife is also claiming them as well as the man who bought the collection from the wife. On the road to finding these paintings, McKenzie busts a burglary ring, visits Thunder Bay, has a run in with a fired Minneapolis cop who now works for the Cook County Sheriff's department, and finally discovers the murderer. There's also the ethical discussion of if an art piece is sufficiently good enough

Rinehart, Mary Roberts	disappearance of a self-proclaimed psychic)..... \$14.95 Miss Pinkerton (alternate title: The Double Alibi) (Hilda Adams #3: Reissue; To find out who killed a bedridden woman's nephew, Detective Inspector Patton dispatches nurse Hilda Adams to the woman's isolated home to care for the old woman and do some sleuthing). \$15.95
Rowling/Galbraith	Lethal White (Cormoran Strike #4: When a troubled young man comes to the office, asking them to investigate a crime he thinks he witnessed as a child, Strike and Ellacott set off on a twisting trail that leads through London's backstreets, Parliament's inner sanctum, and a sinister manor house). \$18.00
Stanley, Michael	Shoot the Bastards (When her friend goes missing while researching rhino poaching, journalist Crystal Nguyen goes after him and soon gets wrapped up in an international smuggling ring). \$15.99
Todd, Charles	A Forgotten Place (Bess Crawford #10: The Armistice is signed, but the war has left wounds. Concern for a despondent officer takes Bess to an isolated peninsula in Wales, where she finds a village that is hiding lethal secrets). \$15.99
Wilson, Derek	Elizabethan Society: High and Low Life, 1558-1603 (Short biographies of individuals who lived during the Elizabethan era). \$17.99
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	The Labyrinth of the Spirits (Cemetery of Forgotten Books #4: 1958: Alicia Gris investigates the disappearance of Spain's Minister of Culture, and finds a possible clue: a rare book hidden in the man's Madrid mansion. The trail leads to kidnappings and murders tied to the Franco regime). \$18.99
<u>DUE EARLY JULY</u>	
Abbott, Megan	Give Me Your Hand (When she was seventeen, Diane told her best friend Kit the worst thing she had ever done. Now, grown up and business rivals, Kit and Diane must decide just how far they will go to achieve their ambitions). \$16.99
Alexander, Ellie	The Pint of No Return (Sloan Krause #2: An abrasive documentarian is found dead, and Sloan suspects murder). \$7.99
Allan, JM/Pittard, C (ed)	The Cambridge Companion to Sherlock Holmes (Explores Sherlock Holmes in the Victorian context). \$19.99
Atkins, Ace	The Sinners (Quinn Colson #8: A drug-dealing criminal put away by Quinn's father is getting out of prison and battling a Gulf Coast syndicate for control of Tibbehah County. The one man standing in their way is Quinn). \$9.99
Atkinson, Kate	Big Sky (PI Jackson Brodie's quiet life is interrupted when a routine job tailing an unfaithful husband puts him the path of a human trafficking ring). \$28.00
Barrett, Casey	Against Nature (Duck Darley #2: When his former partner asks for his help investigating the death of her boyfriend, Duck Darley finds himself navigating the illicit underbelly of competitive sports). \$9.99
Barrett, Lorna	Poisoned Pages (Booktown #12: Bookstore owner Tricia Miles shows off her new cooking skills by hosting a housewarming cocktail party, and is horrified when one of the guests turns up poisoned). \$7.99
Beaton, M.C.	The Dead Ringer (Agatha Raisin #29: The renowned team of bell-ringers at St. Ethelred's is lead by twins Mavis and Millicent Dupin. When Millicent is murdered, Agatha investigates). \$7.99
Bellairs, George	Surfeit of Suspects (When three office directors are killed in a dynamite explosion, Superintendent Littlejohn must sift through a web of small-town grudges to catch the culprit). \$14.99
Betley, Matthew	Field of Valor (Logan West forms a covert task force to dismantle a nameless enemy intent on starting a war between the US and China). \$9.99
Blackwell, Juliet	Bewitched and Betrothed (Witchcraft #9: A magical menace threatens the city during Lily's family reunion). \$7.99
Bowen, Rhys	Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding (Royal Spyness #12: Georgie is wishing she and Darcy had eloped - her simple wedding has been transformed into a grand affair now that the queen is attending and has offered up the princesses as bridesmaids. As if that weren't enough, she's pretty sure that the gas leak in her bedroom at a country estate she's visiting was an attempt on her life). \$16.00
Brabazon, James	The Break Line (Max McLean #1: British assassin Max McLean is sent to Sierra Leone to find out who - or what - is killing innocent villagers, but soon realizes his handlers consider him expendable). \$9.99
Brecher, Christin	Murder's No Votive Confidence (Stella Wright #1: When a bride's uncle is found

to be mistaken for a piece created by a master, is it truly a forgery? Keep in mind that an estimated 20% of all art works in museums are forgeries. This was a fun read, and I wish that Rickie's Jazz Bar actually existed...

Who Killed the Fonz? by James Boice (HC, \$26.00). How can anyone who grew up with the show resist this book? Richie, now Richard, has moved out to Hollywood with his wife, Lori Beth. He was nominated for an Oscar for a screenplay, and then nothing. So when he gets word that the Fonz has died in a freak motorcycle accident, he has to go back to Milwaukee - Armani suit and all - to pay his respects. While there, Potsie and Ralph first give him a bad time claiming that he "sold out" to the Hollywood glamour, but when it appears the the Fonz was murdered, they bond to find out who did it, especially since the local police have no interest in investigating the accident. Richard is approached by a politician who asks him to write and direct an ad spot for his governor run, and deciding that it's better to do that than get back to Hollywood and write a "Star Wars" clone, he accepts the challenge. What happens after that would be giving away too much. There are frequent flashbacks to the TV show episodes, framed as memories of growing up. This is listed as a "gritty 80's Noir" but it's not. As one other reviewer noted, it's more of a cozy - and if you grew up with the gang, it's a comfortable cozy. Get it for the nostalgia and remember those Happy Days.

Brown, Sandra	murdered with the candle Stella made for the wedding, she teams up with a charming reporter and a sexy cop to uncover the killer). \$7.99
Bush, Nancy	Tailspin (Fearless pilot Rye is asked to deliver a mysterious black box, unaware that there are those who would kill for his cargo)... \$8.99
Cass, Laurie	Bad Things (Returning to the small town she once called home for the funeral of her brother, Kerry sets out to find the truth about his death)... \$7.99
Cleverly, Barbara	Booking the Crook (Bookmobile Cat #7: The new library board is threatening to shut down Minnie's pet project, but Minnie must put her personal problems aside when one of her regulars fails to turn up to collect her books)... \$7.99
Conte, Cate	Fall of Angels (John Redfyre #1: 1923: DI John Redfyre of the Cambridge CID is a handsome young veteran bred among the city's educated elite. He arrives at a college Christmas concert to witness a minor scandal: the trumpeter in the headlining duo is a young woman, which is unheard of in conservative academic circles. When she suffers a near-fatal fall after the show, Redfyre must consider whether someone was trying to kill her)... \$15.95
Day, Maddie	The Tell Tail Heart (Cat Cafe #3: A big name writer turns up dead in the canal on the same day an eccentric woman claims Maddie's cat is hers, and Maddie realizes that the neighbors she has known all her life are keeping secrets)... \$7.99
Delaney, Devon	Strangled Eggs and Ham (Country Store #6: When a vocal protester is murdered at the site of a planned resort, Robbie Jordan must catch the killer before her aunt becomes the next victim). \$7.99
Flower, Amanda	Guilty as Charred (Cook-off #3: Sherry Olivieri must juggle organizing a Fourth of July cook-off with investigating the murder of a woman found dead in the community garden)... \$7.99
Fox, Margalit	Toxic Toffee (Amish Candy Shop #4: When a jovial rabbit farmer is killed with a poisoned piece of toffee, Bailey and her sheriff boyfriend must uncover a twenty year old secret to unmask the killer). \$7.99
Gardiner, Meg	Conan Doyle for the Defense (Nonfiction. In 1908, a wealthy woman was murdered in Glasgow. The police found a convenient, but innocent, suspect in Oscar Slater, an immigrant Jewish cardsharp, who was sentenced for the crime. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was outraged, and scoured trial transcripts, newspaper accounts, and eyewitness statements, meticulously noting issues. In 1927, his work won Slater's freedom).. \$18.00
Gilstrap, John	Into the Black Nowhere (UNSUB #2: A serial killer is roaming the dark woods outside Austin, claiming a new victim every Saturday. FBI profiler Caitlin Hendrix must get inside his mind and stop him before he strikes again). \$9.99
Gordon, David	Total Mayhem (Jonathan Grave #11: Freelance operative Jonathan Grave penetrates a terrorist cell to stop the detonation of total mayhem on home ground). \$9.99
Green, Jonathan	The Bouncer (A bouncer with a checkered past and an FBI agent stuck on desk duty cross paths in the plot of a criminal mastermind). \$16.00
Griffin, J.M.	Sex Money Murder (Chronicles the rise and fall of one of the most notorious gangs of the 1980s)... \$17.95
Hollon, Cheryl	Left Fur Dead (Fur Bridge Farm #1: Jules and her telepathic rabbit, Bun, find the body of a stage magician that used to perform at her rabbit sanctuary)... \$7.99
Karjel, Robert	Down in Flames (Webb's Glass Shop #6: When a fatal hit and run outside Savannah's glass shop proves to be no accident, Savannah must find the driver before someone else meets a dead)... \$7.99
Keller, Julia	After the Monsoon (Ernst Grip #2: A Swedish army lieutenant drops dead on a shooting range in the desert. Was it an unfortunate accident, or something more nefarious? Ernst Grip is sent to the Horn of Africa to find out). \$16.99
King, Stephen	Bone on Bone (Bell Elkins #7: Bell returns to her hometown, where a prominent family is trapped in a grim struggle with drug addiction). \$17.99
Lippman, Laura	The Colorado Kid (Reissue; In Maine, an unidentified man is found dead. Only the dogged work of a pair of local newspapermen and a graduate student in forensics turns up any clues. And the more they learn about the man and the baffling circumstances of his death, the less they understand. Was it an impossible crime? Or something stranger still?) \$12.95
Martin, Faith	Sunburn (Over the course of a summer Polly and Adam abandon themselves to a steamy affair. But each is hiding dangerous, even lethal secrets. Then someone dies. Was it an accident? Or part of a plan?) \$9.99
	A Fatal Obsession (Ryder & Loveday #1: Oxford, 1960. Probationary WPC Trudy

The Liar in the Library (expected June 6; TPB \$14.00) by Simon Brett. OK, it seems that my mystery book education is sadly lacking - how have I never read read Simon Brett? This is the most recent in the Feathering series, with **The Blood on the Beach** (PB \$6.99), **Death on the Downs**, **The Torso in the Town**, **Murder in the Museum**, **The Hanging in the Hotel**, **The Witness at the Wedding** (PB \$7.99), **The Stabbing in the Stables**, **Death Under the Dryer**, **Blood at the Bookies**, **The Poisoning in the Pub**, **The Shooting in the Shop**, **Bones Under the Beach Hut**, **Guns in the Gallery**, **The Corpse on the Court**, **The Strangling on the Stage**, **The Tomb in Turkey**, **The Killing in the Cafe** previously. We often have some in used - come on in and check it out! This book features Jude, who has semi-retired to Feathering, and Carole - her less-than-warm neighbor, trying to clear Jude from a murder charge. Jude was the last person to see her old best friend's husband alive at an author party in the local library. Suspects appear and are cleared as in any good English countryside mystery, with the real killer well concealed until the end. This was a fun read - following some of the "Golden Age" mysteries, the bad guys got what was coming to them, and everything works out in the end.

Breaking Cat News: Cats Reporting on the News that Matters to Cats (\$12.99) and **Lupin Leaps In: A Breaking Cat News Adventure** (\$9.99) both are graphic novels by

	Loveday forms an unlikely partnership with the coroner to solve a string of murders) \$15.99
Parker, T. Jefferson	Swift Vengeance (Roland Ford #2: Private Investigator Roland Ford hunts down a mysterious killer while jockeying for position with the FBI and risks everything to save a friend in terrible jeopardy)..... \$9.99
Penny, Louise	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; also available trade pb \$16.99)..... \$9.99
Quinn, Spencer	The Heart of Barkness (Chet & Bernie #9: After seeing his favorite country singer perform at a dive bar, Bernie leaves a generous tip that is stolen twice before the night is over)..... \$25.99
Rendon, Marcie	Girl Gone Missing (Cash #2: In between classes and hauling beets, Cash begins to dream of the Cities and blonde Scandinavian girls calling for help)..... \$15.95
Roy, Lori	Gone Too Long (The case of a missing child found alive in a Klan leader's basement has startling connections to a girl who disappeared years ago)..... \$28.00
Rozan, S.J.	Paper Son (Chin & Smith #12: Lydia Chin and her partner go down to Mississippi to find the cousin Lydia didn't know she had, who is in jail)..... \$25.95
Rutger, Michael	The Anomaly (A rogue archaeologist is trapped in a mysterious cave that conceals a deadly secret)..... \$7.99
Ryan, Hank Phillippi	Trust Me (An accused killer insists she's innocent. A grieving journalist surfaces from the wreckage of her life. Their unlikely alliance will lead to a dangerous cat-and-mouse game) \$9.99
Saylor, Steven	The Throne of Caesar (Roma Sub Rosa #13: 44 BCE: Gordianus has achieved Equestrian rank and retired from investigating - until he's summoned to meet with Cicero and then with Julius Caesar himself, and asked to see if there are any conspiracies against Caesar's life)..... \$18.99
Simenon, Georges	Maigret's Anger (alternate title: Maigret Loses His Temper) (Maigret #61: Maigret investigates a body found near a cemetery, but loses his temper when his own reputation is threatened by the case)..... \$13.00
Slater, K.L.	Liar (When her son starts dating what seems like the perfect woman, Judi is suspicious. Delving into the woman's personal life, Judy uncovers shocking secrets with disastrous consequences)..... \$7.99
Symon, Vanda	Overkill (Sam Shephard #1: When the wife of her ex-lover is found dead under suspicious circumstances, police constable Sam Shephard must take matters into her own hands when she finds herself among the suspects)..... \$15.95
Tuomainen, Antti	Palm Beach, Finland (Detective Jan Nyman is sent to a bizarre holiday village in a sleepy seaside town to investigate a strange death)..... \$15.95
Walker, Martin	A Taste for Vengeance (Bruno #11: When a British tourist fails to turn up for a luxurious cooking vacation in St. Denis, the worried hostess calls on Bruno for help) \$16.00
Wassmer, Julie	Disappearance at Oare (Whitstable Pearl #5: Seven years ago, Christina Scott's husband vanished, taking nothing with him but his car, which was later found abandoned in the Oare Marshes. With the legal presumption of his death about to be made, Christina wants Pearl to investigate the disappearance)..... \$13.99
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Georgia Dunn and aren't mysteries in the classical sense, but as a cat owner, I found them hilarious - laugh out loud funny. There is poignancy - with the mysterious backyard cat, Elvis' great escape into the outdoors and fears that he'll be lost forever, and the Return of the Vacuum Cleaner - what will it destroy this time? These are sold as kids books, but adults will enjoy them too - much as Rocky and Bullwinkle are enjoyable on a whole different level as an adult!

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