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46th Anniversary Sale

Uncle Hugo's is the oldest surviving science fiction bookstore in the United States. We opened for business on March 2, 1974. To encourage you to help us celebrate Uncle Hugo's 46th Anniversary, we are having a sale. Come into either Uncle Hugo's or Uncle Edgar's and get 10% off everything except gift certificates and discount cards. A discount card will save you even more—you'll get the 10% off from the sale plus the 10% discount from the discount card. (Sale prices apply only to in-store sales, not to mail orders.)

The 46th Anniversary Sale lasts Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 8, giving you two weekends to take advantage of the sale.

New T-shirts & Sweatshirts

We are almost out of T-shirts and are getting low on some sizes and colors of sweatshirts, but we have to order at least 250 shirts at a time to get a reasonable price, and it doesn't make sense to invest in new T-shirts in the

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING SCIENCE FICTION

ALREADY RECEIVED

	Fantasy & Science Fiction January / February 2020 (New fiction, reviews, more).....	\$8.99
	Locus #707 December 2019 (Interviews with Rivers Solomon and Matthew Hughes; forthcoming books; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
	Locus #708 January 2020 (Interviews with Joe Abercrombie and Arkady Martine; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
	Locus #709 February 2020 (Interviews with Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone; 2019 year in review; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
Adeyemi, Tomi	Children of Virtue and Vengeance (Legacy of Orisha #2: YA; After bringing magic back to Orisha, Zelig and Amari struggle to unite the maji and secure the throne against enemies who are just as powerful as they are).....	\$19.99
Butler, Octavia E.	Parable of the Talents (Parable #2: Reissue; 2032: Lauren Olamina's love is divided among her young daughter, her community, and the revelation that led her to found a new faith that teaches 'God Is Change'. But the US government turns a blind eye to violent bigots who consider the mere existence of a black female leader a threat. And soon Lauren must either sacrifice her child and her followers, or forsake the religion that can transform human destiny).....	\$16.99
Collin, Lucy	Harry Potter Crochet (Patterns and yarns needed to make adorable dolls of Harry Potter and his friends. Includes a wand crochet hook).....	\$24.99
Hambly, Barbara	Prisoner of Midnight (James Asher #8: Dr. Lydia Asher boards a luxury vessel in order to rescue a kidnapped vampire, but soon evidence suggests there is another vampire on board).....	\$17.95
Hurley, Kameron	The Light Brigade (Soldiers are broken down into light to transport them into battle against Mars. Infantry recruit Dietz begins to experience combat drops that don't sync up with the platoon's. And those bad drops tell a story of the war that's not at all what the brass want soldiers to think is going on).....	\$16.99
Lansdale, Joe R.	The Sky Done Ripped (H.G. Wells and Ned the Seal assist two shipwreck survivors, save a famous apeman, and set out on a quest to find the Golden Fleece. But what are they going to do about She Who Must Be Obeyed and Eats Lunch Early, a mutated shipwreck survivor who has gained terrible powers?).....	\$40.00
Le Guin, Ursula	The Books of Earthsea: The Complete Illustrated Edition (Omnibus reprint of the classic fantasy series, illustrated by Charles Vess).....	\$59.99

EXPECTED EARLY MARCH

	Star Tales (Doctor Who: YA; A collection of some of the Doctor's adventures through Earth history).....	\$16.99
	If It Fits, I Sits (Reissue; Captioned full color photos of cats sitting in improbable places and positions).....	\$12.99
	The Mandalorian Poster Book (Star Wars: Kids; A collectible artwork of images from The Mandalorian).....	\$7.99
	Sons of the Emperor (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: Stories of eight primarchs and their greatest - or darkest - deeds).....	\$21.00
	Anathemas (Warhammer Horror: Grim tales of cosmic horrors and arcane menaces).....	\$16.00
Anders, Charlie Jane	The City in the Middle of the Night (January is a dying planet, divided between permanently frozen darkness on one side and endless blazing sunshine on the other.)	

middle of winter. We will be ordering a new printing of T-shirts and sweatshirts around the end of March. We normally order T-shirts in sizes adult small through XXL and sweatshirts in sizes adult large through XXL, but we can order smaller or larger sizes if we know that you want them before we place the order. The prices have stayed the same for the last six years, but we don't know yet if the price will go up this time. The current prices are \$14 for T-shirts in sizes up to XL and \$17 for XXL; for sweatshirts the current prices are \$27 for sizes up to XL and \$30 for XXL. Add a few dollars for XXXL and even more for XXXXL.

The shirts either have Uncle Hugo's on the front and Uncle Edgar's on the back, or Uncle Edgar's on the front and Uncle Hugo's on the back. For sweatshirts we usually go with ash (light grey), black, Kelly green, purple, red, and royal blue. We usually do about 10 different colors for the T-shirts, including the same colors as for the sweatshirts. The T-shirt manufacturers take some colors out of production and introduce some new colors each year, and we don't know yet which additional colors will be available this year.

If you are interested in placing a special order, let us know before the end of March what size you want, which logo you want on the front, whether you want a T-shirt or a sweatshirt, and your preference for color. An e-mail would be best so that we know how to contact you when we find out what the cost will be and to contact you again when the shipment arrives.

Arnold, Luke	Humanity survives in two cities built in the habitable sliver of dusk. Sophie, a reluctant revolutionary, is supposed to be dead after being exiled into the night. Saved only by forming a bond with the enigmatic beasts who roam the ice, she vows to stay hidden, but fate has other plans)..... \$18.99
Beltz, Temre	The Last Smile in Sunder City (Fetch Phillips #1: In a world that has lost its magic, a soldier turned PI tries to help the fantasy creatures whose lives he ruined) \$15.99
Bernstein, Abbie	The Tragical Tale of Birdie Bloom (Kids; An orphan and a witch - both doomed to tragic endings - form an unlikely friendship that just might change both of their fates) \$7.99
Bower, Eric	Altered Carbon: The Art and Making of the Series (A behind the scenes look at the show Altered Carbon). \$34.95
Bower, Eric	The Magnificent Flying Baron Estate (Inventions #1: Kids; Waldo Baron awakes one morning to find that his parents have turned their house into a flying machine, and are subsequently kidnapped by the sister of a notorious villain)..... \$7.99
Bower, Eric	The Splendid Baron Submarine (Inventions #2: Kids; The young, clumsy, and terribly unscientific Waldo Baron is once again dragged along on his inventor parents' adventures, this time to the bottom of the sea). \$7.99
Bower, Eric	The Wonderful Baron Doppelganger Device (Inventions #3: Kids; When W.B. is kidnapped and replaced by an imposter, he must escape and prove his identity by W.B.-ing harder than he's ever W.B.-ed before)..... \$7.99
Brooke-Hitching, Edward	The Sky Atlas (A collection of historical star maps)..... \$29.95
Bujold, Lois McMaster	Knife Children (Sharing Knife: Returning from two years patrolling the bitter wilds of Luthlia against the enigmatic, destructive malices, Lakewalker Barr Foxbrush discovers that the secret daughter he left behind in Oleana has disappeared after a terrible accusation.; Signed copies expected). \$25.00
Chadwick, Frank	Ship of Destiny (Sam Bitka #2: A mysterious alien probe reroutes an armed transport spaceship into the heart of a mysterious civilization of immortals who soon turn hostile \$16.00
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). \$17.00
Cipri, Nino	Finna (A week after breaking up, a pair of minimum-wage employees at a furniture store must journey through dimensional portals together to rescue an elderly customer)\$14.99
Correia, Larry	House of Assassins (Forgotten Warrior #2: Ashok Vadal and the Sons of the Black Sword march to rescue the prophet Thera from the shapeshifting wizard who holds her prisoner)..... \$8.99
DasGupta, Sayantani	The Game of Stars (Kiranmala #2: Kids; Kiran must return to the Kingdom Beyond to save her friends from a terrifying interdimensional game show). \$7.99
DasGupta, Sayantani	The Chaos Curse (Kiranmala #3: Kids; Kiran goes back to her hometown to save Prince Lal, who is trapped in a tree in the backyard of her best-enemy-for-life). . \$17.99
Doctorow, Cory	Radicalized (Collection. Four sf novellas connected by social, technological, and economic visions of today and of what the US could be in the very near future). . \$16.99
Dunbar, James	Claws on the Plain (Kings of War: After the construction of a Great Wall to end the orc invasion, mercenary general Uslo Dargent is in search of a new conflict to bring him glory and agrees to help a group of indentured Plainsmen return to their home across the Wall)..... \$16.00
Edmundson, Melissa (ed)	Women's Weird (Supernatural stories by women from the early 20th century) \$17.99
Flint/Spoor	Castaway Resolution (Boundary: Castaway #3: Two groups of castaways on a strange planet join forces, while back home Lieutenant Susan Fisher gathers clues about what happened to the missing starship)..... \$25.00
Flynn, Katie M.	The Companions (In a California ravaged by a deadly pandemic, many people have chosen to upload their consciousness to a mechanical body where they either stay with their families or are rented out as companions to the living). \$27.00
Foglio, Phil & Kaja	Agatha H and the Seige of Mechanicsburg (Girl Genius Novel: Agatha Heterodyne races to repair the ancient defense mechanisms of her ancestral castle before the rest of Europa takes revenge for the crimes of the past)..... \$24.99
Fredsti, Dana	Blood Ink (Lilith #2: 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). \$8.99

Award News

The Alex Award for 2020 for adult novels with special appeal to teen readers included **A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World** by C. A. Fletcher (\$16.99), **Middlegame** by Seanan McGuire (\$29.99, \$19.99 tr pb coming early April), and **Do You Dream of Terra-Two?** by Temi Oh (\$16.99)

The Mystery Writers of America have announced the nominees for the 2020 Edgar Allan Poe Awards.

The nominees for Best Novel are **Fake Like Me** by Barbara Bourland (\$28.00), **The Stranger Diaries** by Elly Griffiths (\$15.99), **The River** by Peter Heller (\$25.95, \$16.00 tr pb due early March), **Smoke and Ashes** by Abir Mukherjee (\$25.95, \$15.95 tr pb due mid May), and **Good Girl, Bad Girl** by Michael Robotham (\$27.00, \$17.00 tr pb due early May).

The nominees for Best First Novel by an American Author are **My Lovely Wife** by Samantha Downing (\$26.00, \$16.00 tr pb due early March), **Miracle Creek** by Angie Kim (\$27.00, \$17.00 tr pb due early April), **The Good Detective** by John McMahon (\$17.00), **The Secrets We Kept** by Lara Prescott (\$26.95), **Three-Fifths** by John Vercher (\$24.99), and **American Spy** by Lauren Wilkinson (\$27.00, \$17.00 tr pb due early March).

The nominees for Best Paperback Original are **Dread of Winter** by Susan Alice Bickford (\$15.95), **Freedom Road** by William Lashner (\$15.95), **Blood Relations** by Jonathan Moore

Frohock, T.	Carved from Stone and Dream (Los Nefilim: Faced with an impossible choice - to betray his comrades in Los Nefilim or watch his family die - Diago must tap into the daemonic heritage he has so long denied)..... \$17.99
Gailey, Sarah	When We Were Magic (YA; Four magical teens try to right a wrong after a boy is killed, despite a failed first attempt). \$18.99
Henson, Jim et al	Beneath the Dark Crystal Volume 3 (Dark Crystal: YA; Thurma and Kensho return to their homelands to unite them against an enemy more powerful than they can imagine). \$24.99
Hopkinson, Nalo et al	Anansi (Sandman Universe: House of Whispers # 2: The pandemic is spreading, and Erzulie calls upon the spider-god to help her unravel the truths of her history)... \$16.99
James, Anna	The Bookwanderers (Pages & Co. # 1: Kids; Tilly Pages discovers that she can follow her favorite characters into their books, and sets out to learn what really happened to her mother all those years ago). \$8.99
Kluwe, Chris	Otaku (In a dystopian future where the only escape is virtual reality, one young gamer stumbles on a deadly conspiracy that will cause her world to come crashing down) \$26.99
Kobayashi, Makoto	What's Michael?: Fatcat Collection Volume I (A collection of the tumultuously fun manga about the daily life of a cat). \$19.99
Kyme, Nick	Sepulchrum (Warhammer Horror: In the wake of a horror she can no longer remember, Morgavia ventures into the low-hive in search of someone who can manipulate minds, but finds instead a deadly plague). \$19.00
Lawrence, Mark	Holy Sister (Book of the Ancestor # 3: As the emperor moves to destroy the last bastion that stands against him, Nona Grey will stand as the convent's fiercest protector). \$7.99
Lebbon, Tim	The Edge (Relics # 3: When a woman is struck by lightning and vanishes, the search for her leads to a place folded away from reality and ruled by an immortal fairy). . . . \$8.99
Lee, Fonda	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)... \$16.99
Lee, Sharon/Miller, Steve	Carpe Diem (Liaden: Reissue; Val Con and Miri had assumed new identities as musicians, but a war has forced them to reveal their alien combat skills - and doubt their own growing partnership of trust and love. And a relentless assassin is closing in on their trail. Time to seize the day - if they can). \$8.99
Liu, Ken	The Hidden Girl and Other Stories (Selected stories and a novelette from Ken Liu)... \$26.00
Loriga, Ray	Surrender (A couple and their adopted child are told to relocate to 'the transparent city', where they will be provided for, but things are not as idyllic as they appear on the surface)... \$15.99
Lu, Marie	The Kingdom of Back (YA; A story about Nannerl Mozart, just as talented as her brother, who accepts an offer from a mysterious stranger in order to get the recognition she deserves)... \$18.99
Maas, Sarah J.	House of Earth and Blood (Crescent City # 1: Half-fae Bryce Quinlan is drawn into a murder investigation, aided by a Fallen angel). \$28.00
Marcus, Gideon (ed)	Rediscovery: Science Fiction by Women (1958 to 1963) (Stories of science fiction from the Silver Age written by unjustly forgotten women authors). \$14.99
Maresca, Marshall Ryan	The Fenmere Job (Streets of Maradaine # 3: The Rynax brothers must stop a former ally from running drugs through their neighborhood while attacks from the vigilante Thorn threaten to shatter the delicate peace in Maradaine). \$8.99
Martin, George R.R.	A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms (Song of Fire and Ice Prequel: Collection. Reprints 3 linked novellas featuring hedge knight Duncan and his squire Egg - who will one day be King Aegon V. Black & white illustrations by Gary Gianni). \$18.00
Martine, Arkady	A Memory Called Empire (Teixcala # 1: Ambassador Mahit Dzmare investigates her predecessor's death, and looks for a way to save her fiercely independent mining station from the ceaseless expansion of the Teixcalaanli Empire)... \$18.99
McGuire, Seanan	Imaginary Numbers (InCryptid # 9: Sarah Zellaby, adopted daughter of the Price family, is unable to escape her non-human origins and is caught up in a war between humans and cryptids)... \$7.99
Mohamed, Premea	Beneath the Rising (When Nick Prasad's childhood friend, supergenius Joanna, invents a reactor that could completely eliminate fossil fuels, she awakens an ancient evil that the two friends must work together to stop)... \$11.99
Morgan, Louisa	A Secret History of Witches (A generational story of a family of witches, who keep the practice alive even when the power seems to be gone, until magic flows anew at the start

(\$14.99), **February's Son** by Alan Parks (\$18.00), **The Hotel Neversink** by Adam O'Fallon Price (\$15.95), and **The Bird Boys** by Lisa Sandlin (\$16.95).

The nominees for the Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel are **Fatal Cajun Festival** by Ellen Byron (\$26.99), **The Long Call** by Ann Cleaves (\$26.99), **Fair Game** by Annette Dashofy (\$15.95), **The Missing Ones** by Edwin Hill (\$26.00), **A Better Man** by Louise Penny (\$28.99), and **The Murder List** by Hank Phillippi Ryan (\$14.99).

The nominees for Best First Mystery Novel are **A Dream of Death** by Connie Berry (\$26.99), **One Night Gone** by Tara Laskowski (\$16.99), **Murder Once Removed** by S. C. Perkins (\$7.99), **When It's Time for Leaving** by Ang Pompano (\$16.99), and **Staging for Murder** by Grace Topping (\$15.95).

The nominees for Best Historical Mystery are **Love and Death Among the Cheetahs** by Rhys Bowen (\$26.00), **Murder Knocks Twice** by Susanna Calkins (\$17.99), **The Pearl Dagger** by L. A. Chandler (\$15.95), **Charity's Burder** by Edith Maxwell (\$15.95), and **The Naming Game** by Gabriel Valjan.

How's Business? by Don Blyly

Nationally, it was not a good year for the book industry. Bookstore sales were down, while the rest of retail was up. Here at the Uncles, in-store sales for the year were down about 4% but

	of the Second World War).....	\$16.99
Morgan, Louisa	The Witch's Kind (In the aftermath of WWII, Barrie Anne and her aunt find an abandoned baby with powers like their own).....	\$16.99
Murray/Wearmouth	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).....	\$9.99
Nicholas, J.T.	Re-Coil (In a future where people can survive death by being uploaded into a new body, Carter Langston wakes up after dying only to find an assassin waiting for him, bent on destroying his core forever).....	\$14.95
Niven, Larry (ed)	Man-Kzin Wars XV (Anthology. Short fiction about the ongoing wars between humans and the predatory catlike Kzin).....	\$8.99
Niven/Pournelle/Barnes	Beowulf's Children (Heorot #2: Reissue; Generations after the colony was nearly devastated by the alien Grendel, a group of young rebels make their way to the mainland, confident they can vanquish any foe that stands in their way).....	\$16.00
North, Ryan et al	Powers of a Squirrel (Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Kids; Squirrel Girl is off to college, and must balance her studies with fighting supervillains).....	\$12.99
O'Meara, Mallory	The Lady From the Black Lagoon (The story of Milicent Patrick, the designer of the titular Creature from the Black Lagoon, uncovering what happened in her career after she was erased from film history).....	\$16.99
O'Regan/Kane (ed)	Cursed (A collection of dark retellings of classic fairy tales).....	\$14.95
Oh, Ellen	The Dragon Egg Princess (Kids; Jiho Park has inherited his family's immunity to magic and duty to protect the magical forest Kidahara. But when an ancient evil awakens deep within the woods, it's up to Jiho, a lost princess, and a bandit leader to save all their worlds).....	\$16.99
Perplies, Bernd	Black Leviathan (When Lian makes an dangerous enemy, he escapes on an airship by hiring on as a dragon hunter. But the ship's captain may be just as dangerous).....	\$18.99
Powers, Tim	Forced Perspectives (Vickery & Castine #2: Sebastian and Ingrid find themselves plunged into the supernatural secrets of Los Angeles, pursued by a predatory Silicon Valley guru).....	\$25.00
Roberson, Chris	Zombie Army: Fortress of the Dead (Set in the world of the Zombie Army games, a squad of deadhunters uncovers a hideout of SS officers that have found a way to control the Dead).....	\$8.99
Sargent, Pamela	Season of the Cats (Gena and Don are young and in love, and often pretend to be cats in their invented world of Catalonia. When they move into their own house and money gets tight, their imaginary world takes a darker turn. But Catalonia's feline residents have become so real that they begin to appear in Don and Gena's real lives, as stray cats - and they have a mission of their own).....	\$18.99
Sigler, Scott	Aliens: Phalanx (A planet of medieval castles is ravaged by Xenomorphs until a trio of young warriors discover a new weapon that could end the curse - if they are brave enough to fight their way into the lair of the Demon Mother).....	\$24.95
Singh, Nalini	Wolf Rain (Psy-Changeling: For most of her life, Memory's psychic powers have been harnessed by her kidnapper, but when a growly wolf rescues her, she is determined use her new freedom to live).....	\$7.99
Sugar, Rebecca et al	Playing By Ear (Steven Universe: Kids; New stories of music and friendship from the world of Steven Universe).....	\$14.99
Szpara, K.M.	Docile (Elisha is sold as a Docile to the heir of the company that makes the drugs to subdue Dociles; although he refuses to take Dociline, his new master is determined to turn him into the perfect Docile without it).....	\$27.99
Thorpe, Gav	The First Wall (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Siege of Terra: Rogal Dorn must use all his stratagems and ploys to win the battle for the Lion's Gate spaceport)..	\$30.00
Tieryas, Peter	Cyber Shogun Revolution (USJ #3: An ace mecha designer and a Tokko agent team up to stop a killer that once hunted Nazis but now targets the USJ itself)...	\$16.00
Tolkein/Day	The Hobbits of Tolkien (A guide to the history and society of Tolkien's hobbits).....	\$15.99
Turtledove, Harry	Alpha and Omega (A team of archaeologists in Jerusalem discover a sign that the End of Days is near).....	\$18.00
Wagers, K.B.	A Pale Light in the Black (NeoG #1: When Interceptor Team: Zuma's Ghost unexpectedly receives a new team member, they worry their chances at winning the Boarding Games are shot. But soon they have bigger problems to deal with as a routine mission turns deadly).....	\$26.99

mail order sales were up by about 34%, so overall our sales were up by about 2%.

Then came January. The previous year January was known for the polar vortex, including three days in a row with low temperatures below -20 degrees, and we had to close for a while because the furnace stopped working during the polar vortex. This January we had very little snow and above average temperatures. It was so much easier to get around this January than last January that we expected to see a significant increase in business. That didn't happen. But at least our heating bill was lower than last year.

I read a report that there were around 1.5 million new self-published titles last year, a large increase over the 1 million new self-published titles the previous year. I also read that 93% of all books sold less than 50 copies per year. While a few people are doing well with self-publishing, the vast majority are not.

The last 3 months have not been kind to Ecko, the store dog. She loves to drag me on half mile walks around the neighborhood near the store several times per day, being especially interested in the "sidewalk smorgasbord". One day she found half a burrito on the sidewalk by the hospital; another day she found 2 slices of bacon on the sidewalk in front of the hotel. And there are chicken bones from Popeyes scattered all over the neighborhood. One morning she found something in the alley behind Popeyes and when I tried to take it away from

Walton, Jo	Among Others (Reissue; Raised by a half-mad mother who dabbled in magic, Morwenna grew up playing among Welsh spirits and finding comfort in sf books. When a magical battle with her mother leaves her crippled, Morwenna flees to her father, and is sent to boarding school in magic-poor England. There, outcast and alone, she does magic in an attempt to find friends, but attracts her mother's attention, bringing about a reckoning) \$16.99
Ward, Dayton	Kirk Fu Manual (Star Trek: A guide to unarmed combat techniques from Starfleet captain James Kirk). \$14.99
Ward, J.R.	Blood Truth (A vampire teams up with a homicide cop to catch a serial killer who targets LARPer)s)..... \$8.99
Warner, Sylvia Townsend	Of Cats and Elfin s (Reissue; A collection of stories from Warner's Elfin universe) \$17.99
West, Michelle	Firstborn (House War #7: The blue leaf was created to serve a purpose that neither Jewel nor Carver understands. With Ellerson by his side, Carver intends to traverse the wild Winter to reach home and the people who are waiting for him. There are those who do understand the significance of the leaf, and the disaster that will prevail if it remains in his hands. But time is of the essence. These lands are not unclaimed, and the Lord of them is waking from his ancient slumber). \$8.99
Zahn, Timothy	Knight (Sibyl's War #2: Aliens abducted Nicole from the streets of Philadelphia. Now she's a Sibyl, with the ability to communicate with the aliens and their ship, and no one is happy - competing factions control different parts of the ship, with the Sibyls caught in the middle. But Nicole is done being bullied - she has a plan to seize control of the ship)\$8.99
Zub, Jim et al	Rick and Morty vs. Dungeons & Dragons Volume II: Painscape (A new adventure of the cast of Rick and Morty playing D&D)..... \$19.99
EXPECTED MID-MARCH	
Bennett, Christopher L.	The Higher Frontier (Star Trek: Investigating the massacre of a telepathic minority, the crew of the Enterprise must confront a faceless enemy wielding powerful extradimensional technology)..... \$16.00
Bishop, Anne	The Queen's Bargain (Black Jewels #10: Daemon realizes that suppressing his nature in order to spare his wife is causing his mind to splinter, and must go to the Witch Queen for aid)..... \$27.00
Bledsoe, Alex	Chapel of Ease (Tufa #4: One of the Tufa has written a musical based on his home town. First he is warned to stop the show; then he dies in his sleep. Matt Johanssen, one of the show's actors, volunteers to take the writer's ashes back to Needsville. While he's there, he hopes to learn more of the real story behind the play, setting him on a dangerous path, where some secrets deserve to stay buried). \$17.99
Briggs, Patricia	Smoke Bitten (Mercy Thompson #12: A shapeshifting fae monster escapes its prison and begins ravaging the Tri-Cities)..... \$28.00
Brooks, Mike	Rites of Passage (Warhammer 40,000: After murdering her husband, Lady Chettamandey's plans to inherit his power are curtailed when she is drawn into a world of ritual killings and cult murders where she is the only one who can prevent disaster) \$16.00
Brooks/McGilligan	Funny Man (A biography of iconic comedian Mel Brooks). \$19.99
Burk/Smith?	Who Is The Doctor 2: The Unofficial Guide to Doctor Who: The Modern Series (Doctor Who: A guide to the Doctor Who television series from series 7 through 11). \$19.95
Butler, Octavia E.	Wild Seed (Patternists #1: Reissue; An ancient body-hopping spirit bent on breeding a race of superhumans meets an undying woman who is the only one who can defy him) \$16.99
Caldwell, Patrice (ed)	A Phoenix First Must Burn (Stories of black girl magic, resistance, and hope) \$18.99
Carson, Rae	The Rise of Skywalker expanded edition (Star Wars: A novelization of the movie)..... \$28.99
Cole, Myke	Sixteenth Watch (A coast guard officer must prevent the first lunar war in history) \$14.99
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)..... \$17.00
Dalglish, David	Ravencaller (Keepers #2: Ancient magic has cursed the highest members of the Church,

her, I found that it was some kind of plant material instead of a bone, and she managed to swallow some of it. A few hours later, her legs started to shake, she looked frightened, and then she couldn't even stand up. I took her into an emergency vet clinic, and they started asking me if she could have gotten into some anti-freeze, some household cleaners, some human medicine, etc. They then did a blood test and found THC in her system. Apparently somebody had dropped their stash in the alley behind Popeyes and she managed to eat some of it. The vet explained that a dog has over 100 times more receptors for THC than a human has, so she was very stoned and scared because she had never experienced anything like this before. She gave Ecko some activated charcoal mixed into baby food to help absorb anything still in her digestive tract and injected a lot of water under her skin on her back to make her urinate a lot more to flush the THC out of her system. \$484 later, we managed to leave the clinic, having turned down the offer to leave her overnight at the clinic for observation for an additional \$1000 plus. She is always so eager for food that I couldn't tell if she had the munchies or not. She spent a couple of days at home in a darkened room and then returned to the store. (After this experience, I talked to another guy whose dog had also found a bit of weed while taking a walk, with similar results and a similar vet bill. This raises a problem with legalized recreational pot that I had never thought of before.) She didn't learn any

	and the only hope for a cure lies in Adria Eveson's attempts to befriend an imprisoned cultist). \$16.99
Dawson, Delilah S. et al	Star Pig (YA; En route to Space Camp in actual space, Vess's shuttle veers off course where she is rescued by a giant space-faring tardigrade). \$14.99
Edwards, Patrick	Echo Cycle (2070. A boy, bullied for his sexuality in an ultra-conservative Britain, disappears on a class trip to the continent and is discovered decades later by his best friend on a diplomatic mission). \$14.95
El-Mohtar/Gladstone	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) \$14.99
Estep, Jennifer	Crush the King (Crown of Shards #3: After surviving yet another assassination attempt, Evie attempts to strike back at her enemies, but things don't go entirely to plan and she finds herself facing a terrifying new threat). \$17.99
Evans/Coolidge (ed)	That We May Live (Anthology of speculative fiction stories from China and Hong Kong). \$16.95
Gear, Kathleen O'Neal	Cries from the Lost Island (History nerd Hal Stevens doesn't believe his classmate is the reincarnation of Cleopatra as she claims, or that she talks to ancient demon. But then she is murdered, and her last request sends Hal to Egypt searching for the lost grave of Cleopatra). \$26.00
Haley, Guy	Belisarius Cawl: The Great Work (Warhammer 40,000: Brilliant mechanic Belisarius Cawl explores a barren and hostile world to uncover the final piece of his Great Work). \$16.00
Hamilton, Duncan M.	Servant of the Crown (Dragonslayer #3: Gill and the dragon Pharadon discover that dragons are not the only magical creatures in the land). \$17.99
Henson, Jim et al	Power of the Dark Crystal Volume 3 (Dark Crystal: Kids; Full color graphic novel. As Thurma attempts to cast aside her guilt and affection for Kensho and complete her mission, the two are reunited. If Thra and Mithra are to coexist, these unlikely heroes must reconcile their differences and uncover the secret connecting their worlds). \$16.99
Hill, M.T.	The Breach (A reporter covering the death of an urban climber discovers unsettling circumstances around his death and must risk more and more to get the answers she wants) \$14.95
Johnston, E.K.	Queen's Shadow (Star Wars: YA; After stepping down from being Queen, Padme Amidala becomes Naboo's representative in the Galactic Senate, and must figure out how to navigate the treacherous waters of politics). \$9.99
Jones, S.A.	The Fortress (When his wife discovers Jonathon's infidelity, she agrees to continue the marriage if he spends a year in the women-run Fortress where men's lives are highly restricted). \$16.95
Katsu, Alma	The Deep (Annie Hebbley, a maid on the Titanic, is convinced of a sinister presence on the ship. Then disaster strikes. Years later, on the sister ship Britannic, she encounters a fellow survivor as they realize the terror is not yet over). \$27.00
Kessler, Liz	Emily Windsnap and the Pirate Prince (Emily Windsnap #8: Kids; When her boyfriend is kidnapped by pirates, Emily joins the crew for a chance to rescue him, but ends up befriendng the crew and must find a way to stay true to herself). \$6.99
Klune, T.J.	The House in the Cerulean Sea (A caseworker for magical children must determine whether he dares break apart a home of oddballs, even if they could bring about the end of the world). \$26.99
Lee, Eeleen	Liquid Crystal Nightingale (When a social outcast on a space station is accused of murdering an industrial heiress, she is thrown into a desperate race to clear her name while the station braces for battle with a shadowy alien enemy). \$11.99
Maberry, Jonathan	Glimpse (After borrowing a pair of reading glasses, Rain Thomas starts seeing strange phantoms through a crack in the lens). \$17.99
North, Ryan et al	To All the Squirrels I've Loved Before (Unbeatable Squirrel Girl #12: Kids; The unbeatable Squirrel Girl must face certain defeat in order to save her friend). . . . \$15.99
Okubo, Jamilla	Tales of East Africa (A collection of mythology and folklore from East Africa) \$22.95
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). \$17.00
Pelevin, Victor	S.N.U.F.F. (Karpov lives in a sky city, and works as a drone pilot, either using the drone's camera to record the events unfolding in the land below, or using the drone's weapons to create a newsworthy event for his employers at Big Byz Media). \$13.99

lessons about grabbing food-like items on her walks. Since she supposedly has a sense of smell around 10,000 times better than a human, I'm constantly amazed at how often she lunges for a cigarette butt on the sidewalk, thinking it is a chicken wing bone.

About a month later she partially tore the dew-claw on her front right foot, probably while running up and down the length of the chain link fence along the back edge of the back yard, telling off somebody in the alley. That has resulted in several visits to the vet, some pain pills, some antibiotics, and hundreds of dollars in vet bills.

Short Recommendations by Don Blyly

I've previously recommended **Castaway Planet** and **Castaway Odyssey** by Eric Flint and Ryk E. Spoor, a couple of modern attempts to duplicate a Heinlein juvie. The third volume is **Castaway Resolution** (\$25.00, early March). Much of this story involves the adults in a distant star system that put together a research team to visit the system where the castaways are located, without realizing there are any castaways at their destination. The book does a fine job of wrapping up the series, but is best read after reading the first two books in the trilogy (which are not currently available as new books).

Hope for the Best (\$13.99) is the tenth novel in Jodi Taylor's *The Chronicles of St. Mary's* series, from a different publisher in the U.S. than the

Pini, Wendy & Richard	The Complete ElfQuest Volume 7 (Seeking refuge in the Palace from the expanding human population, Chief Cutter discovers that the Palace has secrets that could lead to the elves' undoing). \$24.99
Qiufan, Chen	Waste Tide (Located off the coast of China, Silicon Isle is the global capital for electronic waste recycling. When a virus is unleashed there, war erupts between the rich and the poor, between Chinese tradition and US ambition, between humanity's past and its future). \$17.99
Reese, Byron	The Fourth Age (An examination on how the invention of computers and AI will affect the future of humanity). \$17.00
Robson, Eddie	Hearts of Oak (A king and his advisor - who happens to be a talking cat - must find out what is causing the strange happenings in the land). \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	Dark Shadows (Dark Shadows # 1: Reissue; A reprint of the classic gothic novels that inspired the TV show of the same name). \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	Victoria Winters (Dark Shadows # 2: Reissue; Victoria Winters stays on at Collins house, determined to solve the mystery of her own identity even though someone is trying to kill her). \$14.99
Ruff, Matt	88 Names (A tour guide for VR games finds himself in over his head when a job with a wealthy client has real world consequences). \$27.99
Skillingstead, Jack	The Chaos Function (When a journalist finds a strange technology that allows her to bring her boyfriend back from the dead by changing the past, she unwittingly shifts the future to the brink of nuclear and biological disaster). \$15.99
Stirling, S.M.	Shadows of Annihilation (Black Chamber #3: In an alternate WWI, the spy organization Black Chamber must prevent an escaped German POW from sabotaging their production of Annihilation Gas). \$18.00
Strahan, Jonathan (ed)	Made to Order: Robots and Revolution (A collection of stories about robots and oppression). \$11.99
Tamaki, Mariko	The Good Egg (Lumberjanes Novel #3: Kids; When Ripley comes across an unusual abandoned egg, she's determined to take care of it until the parent comes back. This plan is foiled when poachers steal the egg for someone's collection). \$8.99
Vaughn, Carrie	The Immortal Conquistador (The history of Kitty's friend Rick, once a Spanish Conquistador and now a vampire). \$15.95
Warner, Sylvia Townsend	Lolly Willows (Reissue; A reprint of the 1926 story about a polite middle-aged woman who leaves London society for a remote village in order to join a coven of witches). \$12.95
Weekes, Patrick	Tevinter Nights (Dragon Age: PBO; An anthology of stories following characters from the first three Dragon Age games and introducing characters from the forthcoming fourth game). \$18.99
Winter, Evan	The Rage of Dragons (Burning # 1: Reissue; 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). \$16.99
Wolf, Deborah A.	The Seared Lands (Dragon's Legacy #3: Aasah and his apprentice Yaela look to greener lands, even if they have to seize them by force). \$14.95
Yong, Jin	A Hero Born (Condor Heroes # 1: A former soldier of Genghis Khan must make his way back to China to fulfill his destiny). \$18.99

EXPECTED EARLY APRIL

	Picard official collector's edition (Star Trek: A behind the scenes guide to the Picard television show). \$19.99
	Sagas of the Space Wolves: Ragnar Blackmane / Curse of the Wulfen / Legacy of Russ / The Hunt for Logan Grimnar (Warhammer 40,000: Omnibus reprint of 4 novels plus short fiction). \$21.00
Ares, Michael David	Dayfall (Manhattan is ringed by a large seawall, and shrouded in darkness by nuclear winter. Crime and corruption thrive, and when the sun begins to reappear, it only gets worse. A young detective is forced to go on the run, hoping against all odds that he can save the city before the arrival of the mysterious and dreaded event known as 'dayfall'). \$8.99
Banker, Ashok K.	Upon a Burning Throne (Two princes have been declared heirs to the Burnt Empire, but there is another with a claim: a girl from an outlying kingdom whose father is a powerful demonlord). \$17.99
Barry, Max	Providence (In the future, humanity is fighting a war with an alien race, using AI powered ships to minimize casualties. But when the human crew of one of these ships suffers a surprising attack and contact with home is severed, they must confront the truths of the

previous books in the series, with a slightly smaller trim size than the earlier books in the series, and with a small "10" on the back of the book. (The one thing that has always bothered me about this wonderful time travel series is that the earlier books are not numbered on the cover, and it helps a lot if you read them in order.)

Max gets the bright idea to help the Time Police in a complex plan to try to trap the renegade time traveler Clive Ronan, so that it will be safe for her son to leave the protective custody of the Time Police and come home to St. Mary's. Of course, things go spectacularly wrong.

Several of Jodi Taylor's non-St. Mary's books will become available in the U.S. for the first time over the next couple of months, and I'm looking forward to seeing if they are as much fun as the St. Mary's books.

The Book of Koli (\$16.99, coming mid-April) by M. R. Carey (aka Mike Carey) is the first of a post-apocalyptic trilogy set in England. Many generations after an ecological collapse, Koli is a young guy growing up in a small walled village, and the language in which he tells his story makes clear that he didn't have much education. When the ecology started to go bad, the humans had genetically altered the trees so that they could move to areas with sufficient water and fertilizer, and since then the genetics have altered to the point that the trees can move much faster than planned, and have discovered the squished humans make great fertilizer. So,

Bear, Elizabeth	war and the secrets they are hiding)..... \$27.00
Brooks, Mike	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)..... \$18.99
Brooks, Terry	Road to Redemption (Necromunda: As the life he built burns around him, Zeke of House Cawdor takes up the weapons he swore to leave behind, stopping at nothing to find the culprits). \$16.00
Craddock, Curtis	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). \$8.99
Davis/Ruocchio (ed)	A Labyrinth of Scions and Sorcery (Risen Kingdoms #2: Isabelle, unfairly convicted of breaking the treaty she helped write, is drawn into the mystery of a series of gruesome murders perpetrated by someone known as the Harvest King). \$18.99
Denning, Troy	Overruled! (Stories about lawyers - both good and bad - in space). \$16.00
Fink/Cranor	Oblivion (Halo: The Master Chief and Blue Team must capture a disabled Covenant frigate in what is obviously a trap). \$16.00
Gear, W. Michael	The Faceless Old Woman Who Secretly Lives in Your Home (Night Vale Novel #3: The story of the Faceless Old Woman, from her life to her death and how her spirit made its way to Night Vale.; Signed copies expected; audiobook \$39.99).\$21.99
Gorey/Mortensen	Pariah (Donovan #3: Talina and Kylee have taken refuge in the ruins of Mundo Base, but the quetzals are playing a deadly game that forces them to flee further into the wilderness. And in Port Authority, Dan Wirth discovers he's not the meanest man on the planet: corporate assassin Tamarland Benteen is making a move for control). \$8.99
Heinlein, Robert A.	Nonsense! The Curious Story of Edward Gorey (A picture book biography of eccentric artist Edward Gorey). \$17.99
Henson, Jim et al	The Pursuit of the Pankera (A spin-off of Heinlein's Number of the Beast that follows the characters into parallel universes). \$29.99
Hinks, Darius	Coronation Volume I (Labyrinth: YA; Full color graphic novel. In 18th-century Venice, a young woman seeks to save her child from an unknown fate within the Labyrinth) \$16.99
Hunter, Erin	Ghoulslayer (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Gotrek, his oaths now ashes, journeys through the Realm of Death to seek vengeance against the Undying King)..... \$16.00
Hunter, Erin	Lost Stars (Warriors: Broken Code #1: Kids; While all five Clans are settling into their homes around the lake, a darkness begins to spread that threatens the cats, their ancestors in StarClan, and the warrior code itself). \$7.99
Hunter, Erin	Veil of Shadows (Warriors: Broken Code #3: Kids; When Bramblestar begins to act strangely after losing one of his lives, those closest to him suspect that this is not the real Bramblestar and must return his spirit to its rightful place before the Clans erupt into war) \$17.99
Hunter, Erin	A Warrior's Spirit (Warriors: Kids; Three stand-alone novellas from the Warriors world). \$7.99
Irvine, Alex	Anthropocene Rag (In a far future US populated by monsters and AI, one AI assembles a ragtag team to find a mythical city to understand those who created him) \$14.99
Jemisin, N.K.	The City We Became (An ancient evil stirs, threatening to destroy the six avatars of New York City, unless they can band together to stop it once and for all.; Signed copies expected). \$28.00
Jones, Darynda	A Bad Day for Sunshine (Sunshine Vicram #1: Small town police chief Sunshine Vicram has to contend with a nationwide manhunt and the attentions of several very attractive men). \$27.99
Jordan, Zack	The Last Human (In the civilized galaxy, humans have been deemed too dangerous to exist. But Sarya, the last human, is more concerned with hiding her identity than finding out why, until she is forced to go on the run at the helm of a stolen spaceship)... \$27.00
Kozloff, Sarah	A Broken Queen (Nine Realms #3: While recovering from her imprisonment, Cerulia begins to question whether she should still attempt to regain her throne). \$16.99
Kyme/Goulding (ed)	Heralds of the Siege (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Anthology. In these stories, a galaxy burns and brother turns on brother as the conflict brought about by a beloved son's betrayal reaches its fateful end). \$9.99
Lee, Corry L.	Weave the Lightning (A prince who can't control his magic runs away and meets a revolutionary who must keep her magic a secret). \$11.99
Major, Tim	Snakeskins (When her first shedding ceremony goes awry and produces a clone, Caitlin must decide whether she wants the newcomer dead or alive. She finds herself drawn into the

on sunny days the trees hunt the humans and on very cloudy days the humans harvest trees. There are still a very limited number of functioning technological wonders from before the collapse, and those in charge of the village use that tech to stay in power. About half of the book is about Koli coming of age in the village and the other half is after he is forced out of the village into the hostile world. In the first book, Koli comes across as naive (because of his age and background) and not very bright (partly because of the language he uses). I'm hoping that the next two books will give a better understanding of the rest of the world and how it got to the condition it is in.

K.B. Wagers has written a series of fast-paced space operas about Hail Bristol, who was born a princess of a Hindu matriarchy. When her father was assassinated, she left the royal court of the empire to try to track down the killer. When she lost the trail, she became a famed gun-runner with all the best underground connections. But when other members of her family start being killed, she is dragged back to her home planet to become empress of the Indranan Empire. The first trilogy, *The Indranan War*, consists of **Behind the Throne** (\$14.99), **After the Crown** (\$15.99), and **Beyond the Empire** (\$15.99).

By the end of the first trilogy, she has saved the empire, but it is battered and she is looking forward to patching it up. But there is an escalating war between aliens that is threatening to spiral into human space, and

McCarthy, Wil	struggle to prevent the Great British Prosperity Party from establishing a corrupt new world order)..... \$8.99
McGuire, Seanan	The Collapsium (Queendom of Sol # 1: Reissue; Two rival scientists engineer a device formed of miniature black holes, but when a saboteur attacks the device, they must put aside their differences in order to save the solar system)..... \$16.00
Mills, Simeon	Middlegame (Meet Roger, skilled with words, understanding the world through the power of story. Meet his twin Dodger, who understands the world through the power of math. They aren't exactly human, though they don't realize it. They aren't exactly gods either. Not yet. Meet Reed, skilled in the alchemical arts. He created them, and plans to raise the twins to the highest power. To ascend with them and claim their authority as his own. Godhood is attainable. Pray it isn't attained)..... \$19.99
Myer, Ilana C.	The Obsoletes (When Kanga becomes the basketball star of their small town, his fraternal twin Darryl must work extra hard to keep the neighbors from discovering that they are both robots)..... \$16.00
Niven/Pournelle/Barnes	The Poet King (Harp & Ring # 3: The former Court Poet Lin Amaristoth gathers allies old and new to stop the coronation of the Poet King)..... \$29.99
Palmer, Suzanne	Starborn and Godsons (Heorot # 4: In the battle for survival, the colonists of Avalon have lost the ability to travel in space, but something approaches from the stars)..... \$25.00
Prineas, Sarah	Finder (Finder Chronicles # 1: Repo man Fergus Ferguson gets more than he bargained for when a simple mission to find a spacecraft lands him in the middle of a civil war)..... \$7.99
Resnick, Mike	Dragonfell (Kids; When a stranger accuses Rafi of being 'dragon-touched', he sets off to discover the truth about dragons, and about himself)..... \$7.99
Ringo/Poole (ed)	The Master of Dreams (Dreamscape # 1: Eddie Raven must travel between realities to outrun the dark force pursuing him)..... \$7.99
Roth, Veronica	Voices of the Fall (Black Tide Rising: Anthology. Original stories set in Ringo's zombie apocalypse universe)..... \$8.99
Shoemaker, Martin L.	Chosen Ones (Ten years after a group of teenage Chosen Ones defeated the Dark One, a member of their group dies, and the survivors realize that the Dark One's plan was bigger than they thought.; Signed copies expected)..... \$26.99
Smith, Donald (ed)	Today I Am Carey (Mildred has Alzheimer's. Carey is an android who takes care of Mildred, but its true mission is to become a copy of her, from the inside out. After Mildred dies, Carey finds new purpose with Mildred's family. There Carey must learn to live, to grow, to be)..... \$8.99
Soontornvat, Christina	The Anthology of Scottish Folk Tales (Stories and legends from Scottish folklore)..... \$22.95
Stevermer, Caroline	A Wish in the Dark (Kids; A boy born in prison escapes into a world of privilege that will never accept him, while the prison warden's daughter is determined to bring him in and restore the family name)..... \$17.99
Stoddard, Ben	The Glass Magician (1905, New York: A stage magician discovers she has the power to shapeshift and uses that power to impersonate members of society's elite.; Signing at Uncle Hugo's Saturday, April 18, 1-2 pm)..... \$26.99
Tarkoff, Sarah	Drowned Secrets (An exiled naiaid seeks vengeance on the ones who wronged her)..... \$18.00
Taylor, Jodi	Ruthless (Eye of the Beholder # 3: After unmasking government lies and joining the rebellion, Grace finds herself hailed as a prophet and must overcome her doubts to lead the rebellion to victory)..... \$16.99
Torgersen, Brad R.	White Silence (Elizabeth Cage # 1: After her husband dies, Elizabeth Cage goes on the run from mysterious entities who want to use her gifts for their own ends)..... \$13.99
van Praag, Menna	A Star-Wheeled Sky (Centuries ago, fleeing Armageddon on Earth, humans found the Waywork, an alien superhighway system between a closed sphere of stars. Now the five Starstates, ruling all that's left of humanity, are poised on the brink of another terrible war)..... \$8.99
Vo, Nghi	The Sisters Grimm (Separated at birth, four half-sisters with the power to control the elements must find their way back to the mystical land of their childhood in order to face their father's soldiers in gladiatorial combat)..... \$27.99
	The Empress of Salt and Fortune (A young royal is sent south into a political marriage, where, with the help of her handmaiden, she is determined to make her mark on history)..... \$12.99

Hail is pulled into the middle of it in **There Before the Chaos** (\$15.99, The Farian War #1). At the beginning of **Down Among the Dead** (\$16.99, The Farian War #2), Hail is the captive of one of the alien races, and they are seriously messing with her mind, including repeatedly killing her and bringing her back to life so that she will eventually learn to bring herself back to life when she leads the attack on the home planet of the other alien race. She eventually figures out what is going on and does unexpected things, leading to an ending of the second book that made me want to start the third book immediately. But it seems I'll have to wait a while for the next in the series.

A Pale Light in the Black (\$26.99, coming early March) is the beginning of a new series by K. B. Wagers from a different publisher. The Near-Earth Orbital Guard (NeoG) is like the Coast Guard of outer space, with both rescue and law enforcement roles. Every year the Boarding Games take place on Earth, pitting the best teams of NeoG against the best teams of the other military branches, and last year the crew of the NeoG Interceptor Zuma's Ghost came in second to a SEAL team. This year they want to come out on top. Between their rescue missions and their anti-smuggler missions, they practice for the Game. And then a large part of the book is dedicated to the Preliminaries (where a bunch of NeoG crews go to Earth to determine which teams get to represent NeoG) and the Games.

The characters and their interactions are fun, the science is

Vonnegut, Kurt

Werner, C.L.

Yong, Jin

Zahn, Timothy

Aldred, Sophie

Anderson/Yelchin

Ashery, Asef

Barnett, Barbara

Belton, Claire

Bennett, Robert Jackson

Brown, Pierce

Bruce, Camilla

Carey, M.R. (Mike)

Carlaftes, Peter (ed)

Chokshi, Roshani

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Colfer, Eoin

Dalcher, Christina

Dinnick, Richard

Durst, Sarah Beth

Espinosa, Rod

If This Isn't Nice, What Is? (A collection of graduation speeches given by author Kurt Vonnegut)... \$17.95
Beastgrave (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: When a fearsome vision promises Ghroth the power he craves, he leads a small band of warriors across the wastes to seize a relic that will give him dominion over all the beastkin)... \$16.00
A Bond Undone (Condor Heroes #2: Guo Jing journeys through the land of his parents while the widow of a man he killed tracks him down, intent on revenge)... \$30.99
Thrown: Treason (Star Wars: Thrawn faces an impossible choice between loyalty to his homeworld and the Empire)... \$9.99

EXPECTED MID-APRIL

Inferno! Volume 5 (New fiction from across the Games Workshop universes) \$16.00
Extraordinary Droids (Star Wars: Kids; A charming, informative guide to the droids of a galaxy far, far away)... \$16.99
At Childhood's End (Doctor Who: The Thirteenth Doctor meets classic companion Ace)... \$19.99
The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge (Kids; An elfin historian is sent to spy on the goblin kingdom, where he befriends a goblin archivist despite a series of blunders and cultural misunderstandings)... \$14.99
Simantov (The Soothsayer Task Force investigates a series of missing women, only to discover that it is the start of a war between angels)... \$14.99
Alchemy of Glass (The past, present, and future of an immortal apothecary collide in an attempt to prevent a catastrophic future)... \$17.00
Pusheen Mini Puzzles (A miniature puzzle set with images of the popular cartoon cat)... \$9.95
Shorefall (Founders #2: Sancia and her allies sow the seeds of a magical-industrial revolution, while her enemies plot to resurrect an ancient evil)... \$28.00
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)... \$17.00
You Let Me In (The final manuscript of Cassandra Tipp, an author with several bodies in her past, though her own has yet to be found)... \$25.99
The Book of Koli (Rampart #1: Koli has lived in the village all his life, believing himself safe from the bloodthirsty plant life outside. He is wrong)... \$16.99
The Faking of the President (A collection of speculative alternate history stories about U.S. presidents)... \$16.00
Aru Shah and the Song of Death (Pandava #2: Kids; The god of love's bow and arrow have gone missing, and are being used to turn people into heartless fighting machines. If Aru doesn't find the arrow by the next full moon, she'll be kicked out of the Otherworld for good)... \$7.99
Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes (Pandava #3: Kids; Aru Shah and her friends must rescue a pair of prophetic twins in order to prevent war between the demons and the devas)... \$16.99
Artemis Fowl movie tie-in edition (Artemis Fowl #1: 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
Master Class (When Elena's son fails to achieve a satisfactory Quotient, she transfers to a state school to be with him and discovers the shocking atrocities and eugenics experiments that are inflicted on the children there)... \$27.00
The Thirteenth Doctor's Sonic Screwdriver Kit (Doctor Who: A deluxe mini replica of the Thirteenth Doctor's sonic screwdriver, complete with light and sound)... \$12.95
Race the Sands (Two desperate women team up to win a deadly monster-riding race)... \$17.99
The Unremembered Lands (Courageous Princess #2: Kids; Full color graphic novel. After freeing the people of Leptia from a tyrant king, Princess Mabelrose is finally making her way home. She discovers that her father was on a quest to rescue her, but now

terrible, and the plot moves along well. I enjoyed the book, between cringes over the bad science. (When one character gets punched out in the Preliminaries on Earth, we are told “he dropped faster the someone stepping onto a high-g asteroid.” Both the good guys and the bad guys fight with swords on space ships, apparently on the basis that a bullet could puncture the wall of the ship, but a sword thrust couldn’t puncture the wall. The entire asteroid belt is patrolled from a base orbiting Jupiter. And it takes a few hours for a NeoG Interceptor to get from their base orbiting Jupiter to a science station orbiting Saturn.) If bad science doesn’t bother you, you’ll probably enjoy it even more than I did.

Penric’s Progress by Lois McMaster Bujold (\$25.00, signed copies available) is a collection of three novellas set in the World of the Five Gods (**The Curse of Chalion**, **The Paladin of Souls**, and **The Hallowed Hunt**), but it is not necessary to have read any of the novels to enjoy the Penric stories. The Penric stories are separated by at least a century from the original novels and have a completely new batch of characters. Each of the Penric stories originally came out as an e-book, an audio-book, and then as individual hardcovers from Subterranean Press.

One of the five gods, The Bastard, is responsible for demons. When young Lord Penric is on the way to his betrothal, he comes upon an elderly Temple divine who is dying. When she dies, her demon jumps to Penric, and as the demon and Penric learn to

Foiles, Lisa	he and a posse of princes are the ones who need to be rescued). \$14.99
Ford, R.S.	Ash Ridley and the Phoenix (After bonding to a baby phoenix, circus stablehand Ash is whisked away to an elite boarding school for children with animal companions) \$16.00
Gaiman, Neil	Hangman’s Gate (War of the Archons # 2: The rag-tag defenders of Dunrun are left to stand alone against the inhuman forces of the Iron Tusk). \$8.99
Gloss, Molly	The Annotated American Gods (A new annotated version of the story of ex-con turned bodyguard Shadow in a world where the gods walk among us). \$50.00
Haley, Guy	Unforeseen: Stories (Collection. A career retrospective of her short fiction, including three stories original to this volume). \$16.00
Hamilton/McCaskey (ed)	The Lost and the Damned (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Siege of Terra: Throneworld faces a losing battle as Horus launches his assault). \$18.00
Hendrix, Grady	Fantastic Hope (A collection of stories about people in hopeless situations that nonetheless find hope). \$17.00
Henry, Christina	The Southern Book Club’s Guide to Slaying Vampires (A women’s book club must protect its suburban community from a mysterious and handsome stranger who turns out to be a real monster). \$22.99
Hernandez, Carlos	Looking Glass (Chronicles of Alice: Four new novellas based on the works of Lewis Carroll). \$16.00
Hutchinson, Shaun David	Sal and Gabi Break the Universe (Sal & Gabi # 1: Kids; Sal’s sleight of hand tricks are actually the power to conjure objects, such as putting a raw chicken in his classmate’s locker. Unfortunately, this manipulation of space and time could put the entire universe at risk). \$7.99
Jingfang, Hao	The Past and Other Things That Should Stay Buried (YA; Dino’s best friend July dies suddenly, but then comes back to life. mostly). \$11.99
Koja, Kathe	Vagabonds (After a civil war between the two planets, a group of young people from Mars are sent to Earth to reconcile humanity, but find themselves shunned by both sides) \$28.99
Kozloff, Sarah	Velocities (Thirteen stories of dark fantasy and horror). \$15.95
L’Engle, Madeleine	The Cerulean Queen (Nine Realms # 4: After regaining the throne, Cerulia must master all of her powers to restore order to her kingdom). \$16.99
Lawrence, Mark	The Moment of Tenderness (A collection of short stories, some never before published, from beloved author Madeleine L’Engle). \$27.00
Lebbon, Tim	The Girl and the Stars (Book of the Ice # 1: A young girl is cast out of her society because of her gift and must fight to survive as she discovers secrets about her world that could change her people forever). \$27.00
Liu, Ken (ed)	Eden (In a future where only a few Zones are left to untouched nature, a man sets out on a daring expedition to the oldest zone, not knowing that his ex-wife has gone there ahead of him). \$14.95
Martin, George R.R. (ed)	Broken Stars (Anthology. Short sf fiction by Chinese authors, most of it written in this decade). \$18.99
Moreci, Michael	Texas Hold’em (Wild Cards # 26: A mosaic novel. Michelle Pond thinks she has the know-how to chaperone a group of Jokers at a high school jazz competition in San Antonio, but it isn’t long before the students turn wayward). \$18.99
Morgan, Louisa	We Are Mayhem (Black Star Renegades # 2: The Renegades have discovered the Rokura, the most powerful weapon ever known. They could use it to win the battle for galactic freedom - if Cade Sura ever figures out how to use it). \$17.99
Mueller, Richard	The Age of Witches (In Gilded Age New York, a centuries-long clash between two magical families comes to a head when a young witch must choose between her love for a dashing young lord and loyalty to her family). \$28.00
Noon, Jeff	Ghostbusters: The Original Movie Novelizations Omnibus (A novelization of the first two movies). \$9.99
Resnick, Mike	Creeping Jenny (John Nyquist # 3: In a bizarre village where the rules are determined by which Saint rules that day, Nyquist seeks the answer to the one mystery he never solved - the disappearance of his father). \$14.99
Reynolds, Alastair	The Mistress of Illusions (Dreamscape # 2: Eddie must find out Lisa’s true identity before he incurs the wrath of a demon lord). \$26.00
	Bone Silence (Adrana & Fura # 3: The Ness sisters are being hunted for a crime they didn’t commit. In order to survive long enough to find answers, they are going to need to use every dirty, piratical trick in the book). \$16.99

communicate with each other. Penric starts to learn how to be a sorcerer, and the religious orders are very upset that the demon did not go to the religious scholar who was scheduled to receive it. But the demon is very happy to be paired with Penric and has no interest in pairing with anybody else.

Penric's Progress contains the first 3 of the 6 Penric novellas written so far (**Penric's Demon**, **Penric and the Shaman**, and **Penric's Fox** (the only one of the three which we still have some signed copies of the Subterranean Press edition at \$25.00, and my favorite of the three). The next three novellas are **Penric's Mission**, **Mira's Last Dance**, and **The Prisoner of Limnos**, which we still have as Subterranean Press books at \$25.00 each, but they will be contained in the **Penric's Travels** omnibus in early May at \$25.00.

I'm a big fan of Brian McClellan's books. He first wrote the Powder Mage Trilogy (**Promise of Blood** (\$16.99), **The Crimson Campaign** (\$17.00) and **The Autumn Republic** (\$16.99). The kings rely on the power of the Privileged, who are magic users. But then black powder is developed, and not only is it useful for firearms, but some people can sniff black powder and use it for magical abilities totally different from the magic used by the Privileged. The balance of power suddenly shifts and war breaks out, with various gods taking sides in the human war. At the end of the wonderful series, some of the surviving main characters decide to head over to another continent

Ross, Marilyn	Strangers at Collins House (Dark Shadows #3: Reissue; Victoria receives a gift of jewels that once belonged to a woman who she strongly resembles. As she attempts on her life continue, Victoria wonders if she is the victim of thieves, or if someone is trying to prevent her from learning about her past). \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	The Mystery of Collinwood (Dark Shadows #4: Reissue; Victoria comes face to face with a new enemy, the Professor Mark Veno who employs the power of hypnotism) \$14.99
Scalzi, John	The Last Emperox (Interdependency #3: Emperox Grayland II struggles to maintain control of a collapsing interstellar empire).. \$26.99
Skovron, Jon	The Ranger of Marzanna (Goddess War #1: When their father is murdered by imperial soldiers, two siblings set out on opposite paths - one to destroy the Empire forever and the other to save it). \$15.99
Skrutskie, Emily	Bonds of Brass (Bloodright #1: Ettian Nassun, a young pilot, risks everything to save his best friend, only to find that he is secretly the heir to the brutal Empire that destroyed Ettian's life). \$27.00
Stout, Dan	Titan's Day (Carter Archives #2: As the city is flooded with newcomers seeking the city's newfound riches, an anonymous woman is found dead and Detective Carter is determined to find her killer). \$26.00
Tanzer, Molly	Creatures of Charm and Hunger (Diabolist's Library #3: Two young witches find their friendship tested as they take drastically different paths to protect their society from Nazi diabolists). \$16.99
Taylor, Jodi	Dark Light (Elizabeth Cage #2: While on the runs from her enemies, Elizabeth Cage arrives in the picturesque village of Greyston and finds herself involved in an ages-old ceremony that will end in death). \$13.99
Taylor, Jodi	The Nothing Girl (Frogmorton Farm #1: A shy, stuttering girl finds a new beginning when a mystical golden horse only she can see appears and helps her find a husband) \$13.99
Taylor, Jodi	The Something Girl (Frogmorton Farm #2: While Jenny cares for the quirky inhabitants of Frogmorton Farm, a sinister presence begins dogging her heels)... \$13.99
Taylor, Jodi	Doing Time (Time Police #1: Long ago in the future, the Time Police was founded to protect the past. But in order to save the future, they will have to rely on the three worst recruits in history). \$24.99
Vilhjalmsson, Alexander	Dan Shadows of the Short Days (In a magical dystopian Reykjavik, a student of magic and an outcast artist fight to change their city for good)... \$24.99
Ward, Matthew	Legacy of Ash (Legacy #1: A heretic warrior, a political prisoner, and his sister, must put aside their differences in order to save their home)... \$16.99
Watts, Peter	Blindsight (Reissue; In the late 21st century, when something alien is discovered beyond the edge of the solar system, a team led by an enigmatic AI and a genetically-engineered vampire sets out to make contact). \$18.99
White, Corey J.	Repo Virtual (A thief's job gets more complicated when he realizes the object he has stolen is the first sentient AI). \$26.99
Zahn, Timothy	Queen (Sybil's War #3: The climactic conclusion the Sybil's War). \$27.99
EXPECTED EARLY MAY	
	Doggos Doing Things (A book of dog photographs based on the Instagram account of the same name). \$17.00
Akers, W.M.	Westside Saints (Westside #2: Manhattan, 1922. Cynical PI Gilda Carr doesn't believe in miracles, even when her long-dead mother walks into her parlor with amnesia) \$27.99
Alexander, Zeno	The Library of Ever (Kids; Lenora finds a door in her library that leads to a magical Library containing all the information in the universe). \$7.99
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). . . \$19.99
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) \$8.99
Annandale, David	Neferata: The Dominion of Bones (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Though she is besieged on all sides, Neferata will make even the champions of the Dark Gods puppets to her schemes)... \$16.00
Armstrong, Kelley	A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying (Kids; Rowen destined to be the next queen,

until things cool down on their home continent.

The Gods of Blood and Powder Trilogy (**Sins of Empire** (\$16.99), **Wrath of Empire** (\$16.99), and **Blood of Empire** (\$29.00, recently released) follows those characters from the Powder Mage Trilogy plus a lot of new characters.

Most of the characters have been introduced and the political situation in capital city of Landfall on the continent of Fatrasta has been laid out when suddenly the Dynize empire invades from yet another continent, bringing yet another kind of magic into the story. There are godstones hidden in Fatrasta, and the Dynize believe that if they can seize and activate the godstones, they can turn their emperor into a god (or perhaps his top henchman can become a god before the emperor figures out what is going on). Military battles, magical battles, political battles, double crosses, etc., run up and down Fatrasta through the three books, and into Dynize in the third book. By the end of the third book, the Dynize and the godstones have been dealt with, and some of the surviving characters hop onto a ship, perhaps headed for another trilogy, perhaps not.

I get a lot of advance reading copies of books from the publishers, though not that often of the books I'd really like to receive. They pile up in the back room, and when I can't find anything I want to read among the recent arrivals, I go through the piles of older titles to sample authors I haven't read before. That's how I discovered Frank

Asher, Neal	though she would rather be a monster hunter like her brother Rhydd. But when tragedy strikes, Rowen must set off on a journey to battle a dangerous gryphon, accompanied by a baby jackalope and a grumpy wolf). \$9.99
Asher, Neal	Prador Moon (Polity: Reissue; A legendary guerrilla fighter and a brilliant scientist are the Polity's best chance for defeating the voracious, crab-like invaders known as the Prador) \$7.99
Barron, Rena	The Human (Polity: Rise of the Jain #3: An entire galaxy hangs in the balance as Orlandinde works to neutralize the ancient Jain technology). \$26.99
Beaulieu, Bradley P.	Maya and the Rising Dark (Kids; Twelve-year-old Maya's search for her missing father puts her at the center of a battle between our world, the Orishas, and the sinister Dark World). \$16.99
Blackmoore, Stephen	A Veil of Spears (Shattered Sands #3: The kings have been hounding the Moonless Host, and many have been forced to flee the city, including Ceda. But the once-unified front of the kings is crumbling as they vie against one another. Ceda hopes to use that to her advantage, but whom to trust?). \$8.99
Bujold, Lois McMaster	Ghost Money (Eric Carter #5: A mage with connections to the Chinese Triads is pulling dozens of ghosts into our world and turning them into deadly weapons). \$7.99
Caldecott, Andrew	Penric's Travels: Penric's Mission / Mira's Last Dance / The Prisoner of Limnos (World of the Five Gods: Omnibus reprint of 3 novellas; signing at Uncle Hugo's Saturday, May 9, 1-2 pm). \$25.00
Campbell, J (Henry, J)	Rotherweird (Rotherweird #1: 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). \$16.99
Campbell, Ramsey	Triumphant (Genesis Fleet #3: After helping its neighboring colony fend off an invasion, Glenlyon becomes the target of an attack from enemy star systems). \$7.99
Card/Johnston	The Wise Friend (When Patrick discovers his late aunt was involved in the occult, he is wary of the places she talks about in her journal, but his teenage son is fascinated by them). \$14.95
Clare/Chu	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). \$8.99
Clark, Henry	The Red Scrolls of Magic (Shadowhunters: Eldest Curses #1: YA; Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood find their romantic getaway interrupted by news of a demon-worshipping cult that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that, it seems, Magnus started years ago as a joke). \$14.99
Doore, K.A.	What We Found in the Corn Maze and How It Saved a Dragon (Kids; Cal and his friends find a magic book full of seemingly useless spells, but when they are transported to the world the book comes from, they will have to figure out how to make the magic work in order to save the last dragon). \$16.99
Elison, Meg	The Perfect Assassin (Ghadid #1: Assassins are being murdered. Even worse, the restless spirits of the murdered are roaming the streets, seeking any body to possess. Ordered to solve the murders, Amastan must find this perfect assassin, or become the next target). \$7.99
Feehan, Christine	Big Girl (A collection of sci fi stories examining weight and body image). \$14.00
Fields, D.K.	Shadow Flight (Shadow Riders #5: When Nicoletta once again finds herself in the sights of dangerous men, a split second decision has Taviano breaking all of the Ferraro family's rules to keep her safe). \$7.99
French, John	Widow's Welcome (A detective in a gritty fantasy world encounters a man with his mouth sewn shut and is drawn into a conspiracy surrounding the upcoming election) \$15.95
Gailey, Sarah	Divination (Warhammer 40,000: Horusian Wars: Short stories about the Inquisitor Covenant). \$16.00
Grant/Marshall	Magic for Liars (Ivy Gamble, a nonmagical PI, searches for a killer at a private academy for mages in Northern California). \$17.99
Harris, Charlaine	The Quanderhorn Xperimentations (England, 1952: A time of peace, regeneration, and hope. Unfortunately, it's been 1952 for the last 65 years. Assisted by his ragtag crew, maverick scientific genius Professor Quanderhorn is determined to save the world. Even if he has to destroy it in the process). \$15.99
	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

Chadwick, and after reading one book I grabbed every other book I could find by him. He is great with fast-paced action adventure with interesting science, he shows great skill at working in back stories without slowing the action for a data dump, but what I like most is the way he handles characters. He has written 5 books for Baen Books, 2 of which are already unavailable.

The Forever Machine is a parallel world novel that is already unavailable. An American history expert is called in as a consultant by a British intelligence officer that he had served with in Afghanistan. The British think they have found evidence of somebody using a time machine to alter history. The American is accidentally sent to an 1888 London where Mars has already been colonized.

His other 4 books are hard sf/space operas/ military sf set in a universe where the alien Varoki came up with faster-than-light travel and started exploring. Whenever they found another alien race, they added the new aliens to the Cottohazz, a confederation of races, but as a condition of joining the new race had to agree to the intellectual property laws of the Varoki, which gave patent protection forever to inventions, such as the faster-than-light drive, and any new inventions based on the same science went to the holders of the patents on the older inventions. And various Varoki corporations own all the patents on all kinds of things that the other races want to buy. All the new technology improved the lives of the new members of the Cottohazz, but the Varoki always came out on

Hernandez, Carlos	practitioner they believe is a direct descendant of Grigori Rasputin)..... \$16.00
Hodgell, P.C.	Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe (Sal & Gabi #2: Kids; Sal and Gabi must work together to keep the Rogue Gabi from another universe under control while solving the mystery of a student's disappearance). \$16.99
James, Anna	By Demons Possessed (Kencyrath #9: Something is preying on the gods of Taitastigon, and the new Pantheon is falling. Jame reluctantly returns, and finds the city in turmoil. It seems many in Lower Town have lost their shadows - not funny when you realize that a shadow is cast by a soul). \$8.99
Kay, Guy Gavriel	The Lost Fairy Tales (Pages & Co. #2: Kids; Tilly and Oskar go into a book of fairy tales to find the characters in chaos, and an old foe rears its head once again)... \$16.99
King, Stephen	A Brightness Long Ago (Fantasy 15th century Europe: In a chamber overlooking the nighttime waterways of a maritime city, a man looks back on his youth and the people who shaped his life)..... \$18.00
Kress, Nancy	If It Bleeds (A collection of novellas by Stephen King). \$30.00
Kress, Nancy	The Eleventh Gate (In the midst of war, a physicist and a space princess discover a star-jump gate that leads to a planet that could change the fate of the Eight Worlds) \$16.00
Krueger, Paul	Sea Change (An activist lawyer must go deep underground to unravel the truth behind the ecological disaster that paralyzed the food industry and destroyed her family).\$15.95
Lackey, Mercedes	Steel Crow Saga (In a world of enchanted steel and magical animal companions, a band of rogues and royals unite to defeat a killer who defies the laws of magic).. \$18.00
Lam, Laura	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) \$7.99
Major, Tim	Goldilocks (An all-female crew heads for what they hope is a habitable planet in the Goldilocks Zone)..... \$27.00
Mann, George	Hope Island (Workaholic Nina Scaife takes her daughter Laurie to a remote island in the hopes of reconnecting with her, but as the strange island children begin to lure Laurie away, Nina discovers the first of the dead bodies). \$14.95
Martell, Nick	The Revenant Express (Newbury & Hobbes #5: A journey to St. Petersburg, to fetch a clockwork heart for Veronica Hobbes, grows complicated when Newbury and Veronica's sister Amelia run into an old enemy seeking revenge. Can they defeat him and get the heart back to the Fixer in time to save Veronica?). \$16.99
Martin, George R.R.	The Kingdom of Liars (Legacy of the Mercenary King #1: Once exiled from court, Michael lives a hardscrabble life as a criminal until he gets a chance to return, and finds himself thrust into a world of self-serving dictators and gun-wielding rebels)... \$27.99
McFly, Bexy	Fire & Blood (The first of two volumes detailing the definitive history of the Targaryens in Westeros. Black & white illustrations throughout)..... \$22.00
McNeill, Graham	Pussweek: A Cat's Guide to Feline Empowerment (A feline parody of fashion and celebrity gossip magazines)..... \$16.95
North, Ryan et al	Sons of the Selenar (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Siege of Terra: A Shattered Legion crew follows a series of garbled messages to the surface of Luna, where they find a secret that will change the course of the galaxy's war over Terra). \$27.00
Older, Daniel Jose	Big Squirrels Don't Cry (Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Kids; Squirrel Girl and her friends must keep the Earth from total destruction, even after they are hurled back in time and erased from history)..... \$12.99
Orwell/Lynskey	Freedom Fire (Dactyl Hill #2: Kids; 1863: Magdalys and the squad are flying south on pteroback. South to rescue her brother. South to the civil war. They link up with the dino-mounted troops of the Louisiana Native Guard, an all-black Union regiment fighting to free their people. And Magadalys' burgeoning powers might be the Union's last hope) \$6.99
Palmer, Suzanne	The Ministry of Truth (Examines the cultural origins and impact of the novel 1984) \$17.00
Quantick, David	Driving the Deep (Finder Chronicles #2: Fergus Ferguson returns to Earth to return the motorcycle he stole from his cousin at fifteen, only to find that someone has gotten to it first and filled his storage unit with stolen art)..... \$27.00
Reynolds, Josh	All My Colors (A darkly comic novel about a man who remembers a book that may not exist, with dire consequences).. \$8.99
	Wrath of N'Kai (Arkham Horror: An international thief of esoteric artifacts stumbles onto a nightmarish cult in 1920s New England)..... \$16.95

top. The humans were the 6th race in the Cottohazz, and are at the bottom of the heap financially and with regard to power in the Cottohazz.

How Dark the World Becomes (\$7.99) is the first of the series and features Sasha Naradnyo as the main character. His parents were among the 100,000 humans that the Varoki recruited to the harsh colony planet Peesgtaan as labor, with the promise of transportation back to Earth when the work was done. When the shell company that hired them went bankrupt, there was no transportation back to Earth, and things have been tough for the humans ever since. There are certain things that the humans do better than any of the other races, and one of those things is organized crime. Sasha is a mid-level crime boss when his homicidal sociopathic boss decides to kill him, and at the same time the human nanny of a couple of very rich Varoki kids is looking for a bodyguard to help smuggle them off the planet after their father is murdered by some well-connected hitmen who also wanted to kill the kids. A very good, gritty noir novel in a science fiction setting results, which eventually becomes military sf. Sasha reminds me a lot of the early Vlad Taltos by Steven Brust.

The second book, **Come the Revolution** (\$15.00), still has Sasha as the main character, but he is now the security chief for one of the two kids from the first novel, and they are on the Varoki home world. When the Varoki set up the Cottohazz, they had 27 nations on their home world, so they forced each of the other alien

Riordan, Rick	Camp Jupiter Classified (Trials of Apollo: Kids; The personal journal of Claudia, who may or may not be behind the chaos at Camp Jupiter)..... \$10.99
Robinson, Ben	Star Trek: The U.S.S. Voyager NCC-74656 Illustrated Handbook (A detailed, illustrated guide to Captain Janeway's starship, the Voyager). \$34.95
Schmitz/Flint/Freer	The Shaman of Karres (Witches of Karres #4: Captain Pausert and the three witches roam the spaceways, dealing with a slave culture that makes slaves happy with servitude, and looking for a lost pet). \$25.00
Shackle, Mike	We Are the Dead (Last War #1: When a land that has lost its magic is invaded by a magical enemy, the hope of the kingdom lies in the hands of schoolboys, single mothers, and crippled warriors). \$15.99
Simmons, Wm. Mark	A Witch in Time (Half-life Chronicles #5: Awakened in a world he doesn't quite recognize, half-vampire Christopher Csejthe learns that Interpol is interested in some of his associations with Dracula, and that a trio of witches from Greek myth want him dead - for good this time. But what's worse is that the IRS is looking into his tax returns). . . \$8.99
Smith, Kim	The Runaway TARDIS (Doctor Who: Kids; Lizzie runs away from home after not being able to make new friends at school. When she stows away in the TARDIS, she gets taken on journeys through time and space and learns that making friends isn't so hard after all. but will she ever get back home?)..... \$18.99
Stevenson, Noelle et al	Campfire Songs (Lumberjanes: Kids; A costume party is almost ruined when mischievous faeries steal all the decorations; a rainstorm washes a litter of mysterious green kittens to the Lumberjanes' doorstep). \$14.99
Stivers, Carole	The Mother Code (After the world is ravaged by a bioweapon, the only hope for humanity's survival is a group of children placed in protective cocoons, to emerge when it is safe and be raised by robots programmed to act as mothers). \$26.00
Sugar, Rebecca et al	Crystal Clean (Steven Universe: Kids; Steven and the Gems must discover the truth behind the mysterious vandalism on the boardwalk). \$14.99
Sullivan, Michael J.	Age of Empyre (First Empire #6: While Imlay plots to overthrow the fane for transgressions against his people, a mystic and a keeper are the only hope for the Rhunes) \$28.00
Sutherland, Tui T.	The Hive Queen (Wings of Fire #12: Kids; Cricket and her friends search for the secret of Queen Wasp's control over the Hive in order to prevent a LeafWing attack). . . \$7.99
Walker, Adrian J.	The Human Son (500 years in the future, the new guardians of Earth raise a single human child to determine whether our species is safe to reintroduce to the planet they saved). \$11.99
Weber/Holo	The Gordian Protocol (A stranger tells Dr. Benjamin Schroder that his psychotic episodes are actually visions of alternate timelines. If that's true, Schroder is about to become a mass murderer, because whether he acts or refuses to act, he is the one man who will decide which universes will live and which will die). \$8.99
Wells, Martha	Network Effect (Murderbot Diaries #5: When Murderbot's human associates (not friends, never friends) are captured, and another not-friend from its past requires urgent assistance, Murderbot must choose between inertia and action). \$26.99
Whedon, Joss et al	The Unification War Volume 3 (Firefly: In order to escape the clutches of Boss Moon, Captain Mal Reynolds must turn to one of the the most ruthless, terrifying people in the entire 'verse - Ma Reynolds). \$19.99
Whedon/Lovegrove	The Ghost Machine (Firefly: The crew takes on a sealed crate that River insists contains ghosts. Whatever it is, the crew find themselves haunted by hallucinations of their deepest desires, with River being the only one unaffected). \$24.95
	EXPECTED MID-MAY
	Vaults of Obsidian (Warhammer 40,000: A collection of stories from the Blackstone Fortress). \$16.00
Barnes, J.S.	Dracula's Child (Years later, the Harker family is still haunted by what happened in Transylvania. Meanwhile, a naturalist brings a new species of bat to London as something thought long-forgotten begins to stir). \$14.95
Bova, Ben	Uranus (Outer Planets #1: A scientist risks exposing a criminal underworld when he sends probes to Uranus). \$27.99
Boyden, Alina	Stealing Thunder (Transgender hijra girl Razia Khan, part-time dancing girl and part-time thief, finds herself falling for the dragon-riding prince). \$16.00
Briggs, Andy	CTRL S (When Theo's mother is kidnapped, he must follow the trail of clues in a virtual reality universe to save her). \$13.99

races to divide into 27 nations, with each nation getting one representative in the Cottohazz, and the Varoki still have 27 nations, which sometimes go to war with each other, usually on colony planets. A military coup takes over the nation where Sasha and his associates are located, with a rabidly anti-human civilian spokesman helping to call the shots for the new government. Sasha gets his Varoki charges safely to another nation, but can't get himself out. He hides in a human slum, helping a human resistance movement fight off racist vigilante militia forces and eventually the military forces that staged the coup. Lots of fast action and lots of interesting characters.

The third book, **Chain of Command**, switches to a different main character and is military sf involving fleet action in space. It is also no longer available in the U.S. The mass market edition came out last March, quickly sold out, and so far Baen Books has not reprinted it. Lt. Sam Bitka is a U.S. Navy Reserve officer who has been called up to active duty, but is fed up with the Navy establishment and just wants to get back to his civilian job. But the Navy has made him tactical officer on a space destroyer sent to the K'Tok system where there is a human colony on a planet mainly occupied by the Varoki. A human fleet is sent to the system, officially to "show the flag" to discourage Varoki aggression against humans, but a high-level admiral safely back on Earth has decided that a war would be great for his career. Meanwhile, a segment of the Varoki military

Brooks, Max	Devolution (A high-tech green living enclave is cut off from the rest of society by the eruption of Mt. Rainier, where they fall under siege of creatures straight out of local legend) \$28.00
Camp, Bryan	Gather the Fortunes (Crescent City #2: When a young boy escapes his destined end, Renai must find the deity responsible). \$15.99
Canavan, Trudi	Maker's Curse (Millennium's Rule #4: When an old enemy brings news of a threat unlike any the worlds have faced before, Rielle and Tyen must reunite to save humanity) \$28.00
Clifton, Mark	What Have I Done? (A collection of psychological science fiction stories from the 1950s)..... \$14.95
Collins, Suzanne	The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (Hunger Games Prequel: YA; The story of the Tenth Hunger Games, sixty-four years before original trilogy)..... \$27.99
Crichton/Wilson	The Andromeda Evolution (Decades after the deadly particle nearly wiped out humanity, a new strain of the Andromeda particle is discovered deep in the jungle).\$9.99
Dabos, Christelle	A Winter's Promise (Mirror Visitor #1: YA; Ophelia's ability to read the past of objects is unmatched in all of Anima, and she can travel through mirrors. Sent far from home for an arranged marriage, she slowly realizes that she is a pawn in a political game that will have far-reaching ramifications). \$11.95
Foster, Nigel	Revelations (Forty years after first contact, true communication with aliens continues to elude humanity, but trade has been established: the alien Gliese will trade FTL engines for live human beings (any age or condition)). \$14.95
Frazetta, Frank	Fantastic Paintings of Frazetta (Art book of classic pulp illustrator Frank Frazetta)..... \$39.95
Frelih, Jasmin B.	In/Half (Decades after the collapse of global communications, three very different childhood friends come together to celebrate their fiftieth birthdays). \$16.95
Gear, W. Michael	Unreconciled (Donovan #4: When Kalico vanishes during the attempted resettlement of a cult of messianic cannibals, Talina and her friends must go to his rescue before he ends up on the menu). \$27.00
Glass, Jenna	Queen of the Unwanted (Women's War #2: Alys and Ellin face challenges to their respective thrones as a distant king works to reverse the spell wrought by Alys's mother) \$17.00
Harrow, Alex E.	The Ten Thousand Doors of January (A young woman living in a mysterious mansion finds a strange and magical book). \$16.99
Higgins, Peter	Dragon Heart (A family fights their way across a dying land, but when the heart of a dragon begins to beat in their daughter's chest, they face a battle they cannot possibly win) \$15.99
Howell, Elizabeth	The Science of Time Travel (An exploration of the physics behind time travel through the lens of popular science fiction franchises)..... \$14.99
Jones, Stephen Graham	The Only Good Indians (Four American Indian men from the Blackfoot Nation find themselves in a struggle for their lives against an entity seeking revenge for what they did during an elk hunt ten years ago)..... \$26.99
King, Stephen et al	Lady of Shadows (Dark Tower: Drawing of the Three GN #3: Part three of the graphic novel adaptation of Stephen King's The Drawing of the Three). \$24.99
Lambert, Christophe	T.I.M.E. Stories: The Heiden File (When Tessa is recruited by a mysterious time-traveling agency to prevent temporal disruptions, she begins to suspect the organization has a hidden agenda). \$14.99
Lyons, Jayne	100% Wolf movie tie-in (Reissue; Kids; The youngest of a noble line of werewolves, Freddy is utterly disgraced when the full moon turns him into a poodle. Thrown out of the pack, he ends up at the dog pound, where he discovers that a great werewolf hunter is planning to destroy the pack. It's up to Freddy to stop him). \$8.99
Mihalik, Jessie	Chaos Reigning (Consortium Rebellion #3: Catarina von Hasenberg goes undercover to find out who betrayed her House, an easy enough mission as long as that pesky yet gorgeous bodyguard doesn't get in her way)..... \$16.99
Miller, Rowenna	Rule (Unraveled Kingdom #3: Magical seamstress Sophie joins forces with the Reformist army and weaves magic into their uniforms). \$16.99
Moore, Christopher	Shakespeare for Squirrels (Pocket of Dog Snogging #3: While fleeing an angry Duke, Pocket meets the fairy king Oberon who offers to lift his death sentence if he can find out who killed Robin Goodfellow.; Signed copies expected). \$28.99
Moore, Stuart	X-Men: The Dark Phoenix Saga (Jean Grey is manipulated into betraying her teammates and the X-Men must find a way to defeat her without killing her)..... \$9.99

that was behind the coup back in **Come the Revolution** has decided to launch a war against the humans, figuring that once a war is started their government will be forced to support it. The book is spectacularly good military sf and would have a permanent spot on my Recommended SF display if it were available. Bitka ends up commanding the destroyer and plotting combat strategies that win the battles in the K'Tok system, but in ways that piss off the high ranking officers back on Earth.

The fourth book, **Ship of Destiny** (\$16.00, coming early March), is a direct sequel to **Chain of Command**, and the reader is expected to already be familiar with Bitka and all the other characters from the previous book. Bitka has been transferred to another ship in the K'Tok system when an alien probe nobody has ever seen before pops up near his ship, sends a coded message that takes over the faster-than-light drive, and the ship takes them on a 3000 light year journey to a section of the galaxy that is far beyond anything the Cottohazz has explored. They encounter an alien race, and the Guardians. The Guardians are immortal beings who go around genetically manipulating critters into intelligent races, so that the races can worship the Guardians. All of the races that the Guardians create have 3 fingers and a thumb (just like the Guardians) and speak the same language as the Guardians. The Guardians believe that all intelligent races were created by them. Yet here is a ship full of humans and other aliens that clearly were not

Moren, Dan	The Aleph Extraction (Galactic Cold War #2: Commonwealth operative Simon Kovalic must lead a misfit band - now with a volatile new member - in a heist to steal a quasi-mythical alien artifact from the galaxy's most ruthless gangster). \$15.99
Muir, Tamsyn	Gideon the Ninth (Ninth House #1: Undead swordswoman Gideon takes a job as a bodyguard to a lesbian necromancer as the price for her freedom). \$17.99
Mulgrew, Kate	How to Forget (A memoir by iconic actress Kate Mulgrew about caring for her aging parents and the family secrets that came to light after their deaths). \$18.99
Rocha, Kit	Deal with the Devil (Mercenary Librarians #1: A mercenary librarian teams up with a supersoldier in order to save a crumbling America). \$17.99
Schwab, V.E. et al	The Rebel Army (Shades of Magic GN #3: The Rebel Army, formed of traitors from all three Empires, sets its sights on London, but first must cross Verose, where Maxim, Isra, and the royal guard are waiting). \$16.99
Schwab, Victoria	This Savage Song (Monsters of Verity #1: YA; In a city where violence begets actual monsters, a ruthless girl and a gentle boy must work together to save their city). \$12.99
Schwab, Victoria	Our Dark Duet (Monsters of Verity #2: YA; Kate hunts a new kind of monster in a neighboring territory while August struggles to keep Verity from collapsing into chaos) \$12.99
Slatter, Angela	Vigil (Verity Fassbinder #1: Verity is charged with keeping the peace between humans and the supernatural Weyrd in Brisbane, and sometimes that means investigating who is selling illegal wine made from children's tears). \$15.99
Tarpley, Matt	Cat's Cafe (A printed version of the webcomic featuring adorable critters who take on real problems with friendship, acceptance, and coffee). \$14.99
Ursu, Anne	The Lost Girl (Kids; Everyone realized early on that identical twins Iris and Lark had better outcomes when they were together. But for fifth grade, they are split into different classrooms, and something breaks in both of them. At the same time, in the city around them, things great and small are going missing without a trace. Iris decides it's up to her to find a way to keep her sister safe). \$7.99
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). \$18.00
Williams, Tad	Empire of Grass (Last King of Osten Ard #2: As the countries and peoples of the High Ward bicker among themselves, battle, bloodshed, and dark magics threaten to pull them to pieces. The mystery of the Witchwood Crown is a deadly puzzle that Simon, Miriamel, and their allies must solve if they wish to survive). \$20.00

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING MYSTERIES

ALREADY RECEIVED

Buchan/Harris	The Thirty-One Kings (Richard Hannay #6: 1940: As German troops pour across France, veteran soldier and adventurer Richard Hannay is called back to duty, and sent to Paris to locate an asset code named 'Roland'). \$15.95
Burnell, Mark	The Rhythm Section (Stephanie Patrick #1: Reissue; When it turns out a bomb caused the plane crash that killed her family, Stephanie Patrick has one goal: revenge. She is recruited by a covert organization that will train her to commit acts of terrorism - and when she proves her loyalty, she will have a chance to take out those responsible for the crash). \$9.99
Dams, Jeanne M.	A Dagger Before Me (Dorothy Martin #21: When the Montcalm family dagger is stolen and then used in a murder, suspicion falls on the family head). \$17.95
Dorsey, Tim	Naked Came the Florida Man (Serge Storms #23: In the midst of a hurricane, Serge and Colman embark on a road trip touring Florida cemeteries and unmasking local cryptids). \$27.99
Evanovich, Janet	Look Alive Twenty-Five audiobook (Stephanie Plum #25: The Red River Deli in Trenton is world-famous for its pastrami, its coleslaw, and its disappearing managers - three in the last month, the only clue in each case a shoe left behind. The police are baffled. Lula thinks it's alien abductions. They'd better figure it out before new manager Stephanie Plum vanishes). \$14.99
Finch, Charles	The Vanishing Man (Charles Lenox Prequel #2: London, 1853: The Duke of Dorset turns to Charles Lenox for help when a painting is stolen from his study. The case makes Lenox uneasy, and a vicious attack on the Duke confirms his anxiety). \$17.99
Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia	Headlong (Bill Slider #21: When a literary agent is found dead under strange

created by Guardians, and they are using star drive technology stolen from a missing Guardian. Bitka is once again in a war where he is outnumbered by technologically superior aliens.

Another older advance reading copy I read was **War Dogs** by Greg Bear (\$16.00). Some aliens secretly landed on Earth, plugged into the internet, started leaking technological information to selected parties for stock, until they had a bunch of important contacts and a lot of wealth, and then became public. There were only about 30 of them, and they became known as the Gurus. They developed considerable influence with governments and major industries. If the humans did what the Gurus wanted, the technology transfer continued. If the humans displeased the Gurus, the technology transfer stopped. Before long, the Gurus got whatever they wanted. Then they mentioned that there was a very hostile race that had been chasing the Gurus, and the hostile race had now entered the solar system and were building bases on Mars, so the humans would have to go to war on Mars. With some new technology from the Gurus, the governments of Earth launched a war against Mars. The alien race on Mars is referred to as the Antagonists, shortened to the Antags, and sometimes to the Ants. They refuse to communicate with the humans. The small number of human colonists who followed Elon Musk to Mars are left alone by both sides, but the human soldiers sent at the request of the Gurus are fought fiercely. The grunts

	circumstances, DCI Slider is pressured to declare it an accident, but the number of people with grudges against the dead woman leaves him skeptical, and his team investigates) \$17.95
Housewright, David	A Hard Ticket Home (Mac McKenzie # 1: Reissue; A little girl is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant, but the only genetic match is her disappeared sister. In order to find her, McKenzie will have to scour the backstreets of the Twin Cities as he uncovers a darker conspiracy than he imagined). \$16.95
Housewright, David	Tin City (Mac McKenzie # 2: Reissue; When a friend asks McKenzie to look into why his bees are dying, Mac stirs up a whole hornet's nest of trouble with the hostile neighbors) \$16.95
Housewright, David	Pretty Girl Gone (Mac McKenzie # 3: Reissue; An old girlfriend, who just happens to be the First Lady of Minnesota, needs Mac's help when her husband is being blackmailed about a secret in his past). \$16.95
Housewright, David	Dead Boyfriends (Mac McKenzie # 4: Reissue; Mac believes a seemingly straightforward case of a cheating boyfriend and an opportune baseball bat has more going on beneath the surface, but his investigations put him in the path of a shadowy figure who controls the Twin Cities underworld). \$16.95
Housewright, David	Madman on a Drum (Mac McKenzie # 5: Reissue; After Mac helps a friend pay ransom for his kidnapped daughter, the kidnapper is murdered and someone is using the ransom money to put out a hit on Mac). \$16.95
Housewright, David	Jelly's Gold (Mac McKenzie # 6: Reissue; McKenzie and a couple of grad students hunt for a fortune in gold, stolen by a gangster in the 1930s and reportedly hidden in St. Paul. But they aren't the only ones looking). \$16.95
Housewright, David	The Taking of Libbie, SD (Mac McKenzie # 7: Reissue; After being kidnapped and taken to the small town of Libbie, South Dakota - which just lost pretty much everything it had to a con man using McKenzie's name - McKenzie is determined to help the devastated townspeople, as well as catch the crook who has besmirched his reputation). . . . \$16.95
Housewright, David	Highway 61 (Mac McKenzie # 8: Reissue; McKenzie's girlfriend's daughter asks him to help her father, who met a girl, then awoke hours later from a blackout, in a motel room with the girl's murdered body on the floor). \$16.95
Jecks, Michael	A Missed Murder (Jack Blackjack # 3: Jack defies his spymaster by saving a man he was ordered to kill, and finds himself in peril). \$17.95
Sandford, John	Holy Ghost audiobook (Virgil Flowers # 11: In an attempt to put itself on the map, Pinion, Minnesota's mayor decides to invent a miracle and build a shrine. All the pilgrims would need food and shelter, right? What could go wrong? When the dead body shows up, they find out). \$19.99
	<u>DUE EARLY MARCH</u>
Adler-Olsen, Jussi	Victim 2117 (Department Q # 8: A woman's death sparks a chain of events bringing a troubled teen, a terrorist, and Department Q's own Assad, on a collision course that could cost thousands of lives). \$28.00
Askew, Claire	All the Hidden Truths (Helen Birch # 1: In the aftermath of a bombing, the mothers of the killer and a victim team up with a DI Helen Birch to search for answers). . \$15.99
Bailey, Martine	The Almanack (Tabitha Hart is urgently summoned home, only to find her mother dead when she arrives. As a killer draws near, Tabitha must unravel the cryptic clues in her mother's almanack in order to survive). \$14.00
Bengtsdotter, Lina	For the Missing (Charlie Lager # 1: In order to save a missing girl, DI Charlie Lager must return to her hometown to find her and get out before her own secrets come to light) \$15.99
Bickford, Susan Alice	Dread of Winter (Returning to her hometown at her dying mother's request, Sydney Lucerno must face the predators she thought she'd escape and discover the truth about what happened when she left). \$15.95
Bourland, Barbara	Fake Like Me (After a fire destroys her entire exhibition, a young artist is given three months to recreate the paintings. She takes up residence at a retreat where a brilliant artist drowned herself, but her work is haunted by the question - what really happened to Carey Logan?). \$28.00
Box, C.J.	Long Range (Joe Pickett # 20: A woman is dead from a seemingly impossible shot, and Joe's best friend is suspected of being the killer). \$28.00
Brecher, Christin	Murder Makes Scents (Stella Wright # 2: Stella receives an anonymous note claiming her mother smuggled a secret formula out of France - and threatens her life if it

start to wonder why the Gurus insist on sending human soldiers instead of supplying the technology for fighting robots. The orders from Earth often don't make sense. And then some truly ancient technology is found under Mars that seems to be beyond anything they've seen from either the Gurus or the Ants. The story is told from the point of view of a grunt who has spent several tours on Mars. Both grunts and a few people back on Earth are starting to suspect something strange is going on, but the governments want the technology transfers to continue. I have the second book of the trilogy, **Killing Titan** (\$15.99) set aside to read as soon as the newsletter is finished. The final book is **Take Back the Sky** (\$15.99).

Fortune's Favor (\$8.00, signed) and **Shout of Honor** (\$10.00, signed) by Sharon Lee & Steve Miller are short trade paperbacks of short stories in the Liaden Universe series. I have a strong preference for novels over short stories, but still enjoyed these stories that help to flesh out the universe while telling stories that don't fit into the story arcs of the novels.

Who Dunit–Short Mystery Reviews by Mary McKinley

As the cataloging of used hardcovers and trade paperbacks continue, we're finding more oldies but goodies. Check our listing on Abebooks.com.

Let's talk about Cozies for a bit. Do you read them? Why? For the recipes and/or patterns?

	isn't returned).....	\$7.99
Brown, Dale	The Kremlin Strike (McLanahan #23: The McLanahans and their team must destroy a Russian space station armed with superweapons).....	\$9.99
Buckley, Julia	Death with a Dark Red Rose (Writer's Apprentice #5: When a friend goes missing, Lena casts suspicion on a new corporation in town, but the truth may be stranger than fiction).....	\$7.99
Cain/Madden Calkins, Susanna	The Voice of James M. Cain (A biography of the classic noir writer). . . .	\$27.95
	Murder Knocks Twice (Speakeasy #1: When Gina takes a job at a notorious speakeasy, she is warned that her predecessor died under mysterious circumstance. Then the local photographer is murdered, and Gina starts to wonder what secret he captured with his camera that someone would kill to keep hidden).	\$17.99
Cameron, Marc	Open Carry (Arliss Cutter #1: When the crew of a reality TV show is murdered in the Alaskan wilderness, US Marshal Arliss Cutter must find the bodies and check for footage of the killer).	\$9.99
Carr, Jack	True Believer (James Reece #2: When a former Iraqi commando unleashes a string of terrorist attacks during the holiday season, the US government calls on domestic terrorist James Reece, the one man who can turn the Iraqi against his masters).	\$9.99
Carr, John Dickson	It Walks by Night (Henri Bencolin #1: Reissue; A killer who altered his face with plastic surgery returns to murder his wife's new lover).	\$14.99
Cavallaro, Brittany	A Question of Holmes (Charlotte Holmes & James Watson #4: YA; At a summer theater program, Charlotte and Jamie are drawn into the case of a girl who went missing the year before).	\$10.99
Chandler, L.A.	The Pearl Dagger (Art Deco #3: In order to stop a violent syndicate from spreading through Europe, Lane sets sail for London, where she discovers a pearl dagger that could be the clue she needs in her hunt for justice).	\$15.95
Chandler, Jessie	Quest for Redemption (When she overhears her grandmother and her art-world cronies planning a daring theft, Flynn decides to crash the party, and ends up taking on the heist herself).....	\$16.95
Chien, Vivien	Egg Drop Dead (Noodle Shop #5: PBO; When Donna Feng's nanny is found dead after a dinner party catered by the Ho-Lee Noodle House, Donna finds herself the prime suspect and enlists Lana Lee's help to catch the real killer).	\$7.99
Childs, Laura	Lavender Blue Murder (Tea Shop #21: Theodosia attends a hunt styled after an old-fashioned English shooting party, but when the host turns up dead, his wife pleads with Theodosia to help find the killer).	\$26.00
Coben, Harlan	The Stranger movie tie-in edition (Reissue; When Adam learns a devastating secret about his wife Corinne and confronts her, the mirage of their perfect life disappears. Soon Adam finds himself tangled in something far darker: a conspiracy that will not only ruin lives - it will end them).....	\$9.99
Coffin, Bruce Robert	Within Plain Sight (John Byron #4: Portland police detective John Byron is called to the scene of a murder that shares striking similarities with a spate of murders committed in Boston by a serial killer known as the Horseman).	\$12.99
Cole, Stephanie	Al Dente's Inferno (Tuscan Cooking School #1: Nell's frantic preparations to get a Tuscan cooking school ready for students threaten to come undone when a tourist is found dead on opening night).....	\$7.99
Cussler, Clive & Dirk	Celtic Empire (Dirk Pitt #25: Dirk Pitt investigates a series of mysterious events that all relate to an Egyptian princess who fled her land millennia ago).....	\$9.99
Damhaug, Torkil	Medusa (Oslo Crime Files #1: When he is accused of murder, Axel insists that the real killer must be his estranged twin brother, whom his family has never met or seen with him in photographs).	\$15.99
Damhaug, Torkil	Death By Water (Oslo Crime Files #2: After her sister disappears before her appearance on a talk show, Liss flies home to Oslo to find her, but the secrets of the past have a startling effect on the present).	\$15.99
Damhaug, Torkil	Fireraiser (Oslo Crime Files #3: Synne is determined to solve her brother's disappearance while a deadly arsonist stalks the streets of Oslo).....	\$15.99
Damhaug, Torkil	Certain Signs That You Are Dead (Oslo Crime Files #4: A patient in a hospital disappears, only to turn up dead in a basement. When forensic pathologist Jennifer Platerud is called in to investigate, she has no idea how closely she is already involved in the case)	\$15.99
Dashofy, Annette	Fair Game (Zoe Chambers #8: A week at the county fair leads to a gruesome discovery while Zoe stubbornly tries to reunite a family).....	\$15.95

Because they're quick and usually not too bloody or violent? Or did the title or animal on the cover draw you in? I've decided my next dream job would be to write titles for cozies... I do have a few favorite authors previously mentioned - Nancy Atherton's Aunt Dimity, Donna Andrews Meg Lanslow, and any of Elizabeth Peters. I admit I read them for the recipes - knitting is still magic to me, and people that can read the patterns - I admire them.

Which brings me to **Murder with Cherry Tarts** (\$7.99) by Karen Rose Smith. This is book four in her Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery Series, preceded by **Murder with Lemon Tea Cakes** (\$7.99), **Murder with Cinnamon Scones** (\$7.99), and **Murder with Cucumber Sandwiches** (\$7.99). I love cherry tarts, and looking at this cover all day makes me hungry. I have not read the previous books, and found that I didn't need to - there's enough of a recap threaded in to be able to know who is who. I found the writing very readable and could hear the distinct voices of the characters as the story progresses. And what a story! Daisy is the owner of a local Tea Shop in a tourist area, and one of her employees has started taking home the leftover pastries and soup each night. Concerned, Daisy follows her to a less than touristy part of town (aka the bad part of town) and finds that she's giving the food to a widower, Keith, and his daughter who are living in his van. To make matters worse, Keith becomes the prime suspect in the murder of a local shop owner. Daisy, of course, has

DiRico, Maria	Here Comes the Body (Catering Hall # 1: Newly single Mia Carina is seeking a fresh start with her father's catering business but when a giant cake for a bachelor party contains a deadly surprise, her father becomes the main suspect and it's up to Mia to clear his name) \$7.99
Dodd, Christina	Dead Girl Running (Cape Charade # 1: Missing a year's worth of memories, Kellen Adams hopes to find peace as a receptionist at a remote resort, but when the bodies start to pile up, everyone is a suspect and Kellen wonders if the killer's identity is somewhere in her own lost memories). \$7.99
Dodd, Christina	What Doesn't Kill Her (Cape Charade # 2: Kellen Adams is learning the truth of her lost memories, changing the course of her life as she goes on the run through the wilderness with a seven year old girl). \$8.99
Downing, Samantha	My Lovely Wife (A husband and wife are each keeping a terrible secret from each other. but they don't know that their spouse is keeping the same one). \$16.00
Eaton, J.C.	Dressed Up 4 Murder (Sophie Kimball # 6: When people start turning up dead at a pet costume contest, it's up to Phee and her her chiweenie Streetman to sniff out a killer) \$7.99
Evanovich, J & P	The Big Kahuna (Kate O'Hare # 6: To investigate a billionaire's disappearance, FBI Agent Kate O'Hare and con man Nick Fox go undercover as a married couple in a surfer community). \$9.99
Fluke, Joanne	Coconut Layer Cake Murder (Hannah Swensen # 26: Hannah must clear her sister's boyfriend of a murder charge, which is difficult because he doesn't remember what happened the night the woman died). \$27.00
Freeland, Liz	An Orphan of Hell's Kitchen (Louise Falk # 3: The boys of the New York City Police Department are quick to dismiss the death of a young prostitute, but something about the case pulls at Louise and she suspects the killer might have been a caretaker of the dead woman's infant son). \$15.95
Gibney, Patricia	The Stolen Girls (Lottie Parker # 2: A woman and her young son beg Detective Lottie Parker for help as a serial killer stalks them). \$7.99
Goodman, Carol	The Sea of Lost Girls (Tess's efforts to hide her dark past are complicated when her son is suspected of murdering his girlfriend). \$16.99
Gore, Ariel (ed)	Santa Fe Noir (Stories that go beyond the tourism brochure to show a darker side of Santa Fe).. \$15.95
Griffin, J.M.	Who's Dead, Doc? (Jules & Bun # 2: Jules goes undercover as a judge at a rabbit show in order to catch a killer). \$7.99
Hamdouchi, Abdelilah	Bled Dry (Detective Hanash # 1: Detective Hanash investigates the death of a prostitute in the seedy underbelly of Casablanca). \$17.95
Harris, C.S.	Who Slays the Wicked (Sebastian St. Cyr # 14: When his niece's dissolute husband is murdered, Sebastian St. Cyr must find the killer to keep his niece from being punished for the crime). \$16.00
Heller, Peter	The River (Two best friends embark on a wilderness adventure. One night, they hear a man and a woman arguing; the next morning, they see the man but find no trace of the woman). \$16.00
Henaff, Sophie	Stick Together (Awkward Squad # 2: Morale is low as resentment against the Awkward Squad grows, and Capestan finds it hard to motivate them to investigate the murder of her ex-husband's father). \$16.99
Hill, Edwin	The Missing Ones (Hester Thursby # 2: A child goes missing on an island off the coast of Maine, and isn't the first. Hester must untangle the secrets at the center of a small community to find the missing children). \$26.00
Howard, Greg	The Whispers (Kids; Riley goes on a camping trip in the woods in order to ask the magical Whispers to bring his mom back hom). \$8.99
Hunter, Phillip	Murder Under a Green Sea (Max & Martha # 1: Max discovers members of his old platoon are being knocked off one by one. With the police believing Max is the murderer, he is forced to go on the run (with his very capable wife, Martha), to solve the murder) \$14.95
James, Laura	Mystery on the Ostrich Express (Flamingo Detective # 2: Kids; When an expensive necklace disappears from a moving train, it's up to Fabio the flamingo detective to solve the case). \$6.99
Jones, Peter	Memento Mori (A look at how Ancient Roman culture handled death). \$15.95
Kashian, Tina	On the Lamb (Kebab Kitchen # 4: During the annual Bikers on the Beach fundraiser, a man is found choked to death on a piece of taffy that pins one of Lucy's friends as the

to help and then runs into her own troubles. It seems that the real killer doesn't want to be found, so measures are taken to prevent Daisy from clearing the name of the suspect and finding the real killer including vandalizing her business van and attempted murder. This was fast paced, moved right along, and had a bit of a surprise ending. Overall, a very satisfactory read and another series for me to start at the beginning! And cherry tarts for dessert...

M. C. Beaton, the author of the Agatha Raisin and Hamish McBeth series, died December 2019. She was a prolific writer and her above mentioned characters became TV shows. I've heard from some readers that the shows were vastly different from the books, which really isn't any great revelation. So in the interest of science, I decided to find out for myself. The most recent book is **Beating About the Bush** (\$26.99) and is the 30th in the Agatha Raisin series. Aggie continues in her anti-heroine role, irascible, argumentative - all-in-all a rather unpleasant person. So it comes as a surprise when she falls in love with a murder suspect that is very similar to her, except that the suspect has four legs... If you're already a fan of Agatha, you'll love this book. If you're new to her, you'll soon be a fan. If you want the books to be like the TV show, you'll be disappointed - the books are so much better! More depth, more characters, less "nice" Agatha, and much funnier! Reading about her love life and mishaps makes me quit complaining about mine. For all

	main suspect).....	\$7.99
Kendall, Mikki	Hood Feminism (Essays critiquing the modern feminist movement for failing to handle issues of race and class and meeting basic needs).....	\$26.00
Kent, Serena	Death in Provence (Penelope Kite # 1: When Penelope leaves behind an unfaithful ex-husband to buy her dream house in Provence, she doesn't expect to find a body floating in the swimming pool of her new home).....	\$16.99
Kent, Serena	Death in Avignon (Penelope Kite #2: While on a date at an art gallery, Penelope witnesses a controversial painter choke to death and sets out to find the killer amongst the jealous lovers and scheming rivals).	\$16.99
Lashner, William	Freedom Road (Fresh out of jail, Oliver Cross jumps parole to search for his missing granddaughter).....	\$15.95
Laskowski, Tara	One Night Gone (A recent divorcee housesitting in a wealthy beach town becomes obsessed with the disappearance of a teenage girl there decades before).....	\$16.99
Lehane, Dennis	Since We Fell (After a painful past, Rachel has found happiness. But that is threatened when she sees something she shouldn't - or thinks she does. She's pulled into a plot that will test the limits of her damaged psyche and force her to find a strength she never knew she had).	\$9.99
Leon, Donna	Trace Elements (Guido Brunetti #29: A dying woman begs Brunetti to seek justice for her husband, a man in charge of measuring the city's water supply who was killed in a suspicious accident.; Signed copies expected).....	\$27.00
Marquand, John P.	Your Turn, Mr. Moto (alternate titles: No Hero / Mr. Moto Takes a Hand) (Mr. Moto # 1: Reissue; A washed-up American pilot stranded in Japan meets the intriguing Mr. Moto and unknowing enters a life-threatening plot of international espionage).	\$15.95
Marr, Elspeth	A Victorian Lady's Guide to Life (A collection of advice and reflections from a Victorian woman, in a journal that was found and published by her grandson)... ..	\$13.95
Marston, Edward	Points of Danger (Robert Colbeck # 16: A Member of Parliament is killed during a bungled train robbery, but Inspector Colbeck suspects murder was the plan all along)	\$12.95
Maxwell, Edith	Charity's Burden (Quaker Midwife # 4: Rose is suspicious when a woman dies in an early miscarriage and learns that the woman's husband has connections to someone offering prohibited medical services).....	\$15.99
McCrum, Mark	The Festival Murders (Francis Meadows # 1: When a scandalous critic is murdered at a literary festival, Francis Meadows must take on the role he has only explored in fiction - that of amateur detective).	\$14.00
McMahon, John	The Good Detective (P.T. Marsh # 1: When Detective P.T. Marsh goes too far trying to protect a woman from an abusive boyfriend, he realizes he may have killed the main suspect in an arson and a lynching, with links to a conspiracy stretching all the way back to the Civil War).....	\$17.00
Methos, Victor	A Killer's Wife (Prosecutor Jessica Yardley must confront her ex-husband when the FBI asks her to hunt down a copycat killer).	\$15.95
Milford, Kate	Bluecrowne (Greenglass # 3: Kids; Lucy Bluecrowne is beginning a new life ashore with her stepmother and half-brother, although she's certain she belongs on her father's ship. Then two strangers decide her little brother is the pyrotechnical prodigy they need to enact a nefarious plan; it will take all of Lucy's fighting instincts to keep her family together)	\$7.99
Moore, Jonathan	Blood Relations (PI Lee Crowe finds Claire Gravesend dead on top of a Rolls Royce. Her wealthy mother hires Crowe to find out what happened to her, but as he digs into Claire's secret life, he eventually finds her - alive).	\$14.99
Mosley, Walter	Trouble Is What I Do (Leonid McGill # 6: Leonid McGill is asked to deliver a letter to a wealthy heiress revealing her black lineage, but her father is willing to kill to keep it a secret).	\$24.00
Newman, Cathy	Bloody Brilliant Women (Pioneering women throughout British history, from household names to forgotten engineers).....	\$16.99
Page, Katherine Hall	The Body in the Wake (Faith Fairchild #24: With all pursuing separate projects, Faith is looking forward to spending some time with her friends this summer. But when a body is discovered in Lily pond, it's up to Faith to find some answers).....	\$7.99
Paris, B.A.	The Breakdown (Cass is having trouble remembering things, except the one thing she can't forget - the sight of a woman who was killed. But there wasn't anything she could have done, was there?).	\$9.99

her lack of tact and brashness, she does have (deeply buried) a heart of gold and good friends. We have a good share of Beaton's previous books in both new and used and in various formats. Become a fan!

And speaking of popular series taken from books - I have to give a shout-out to Kerry Greenwood's Phryne Fisher series. I had forgotten how rich the books are - in depth, descriptive, and overall more satisfying. We generally have most of them in stock either new or used and while they don't have to be strictly read in order, the first few do. **Cocaine Blues** (tpb, \$15.00) is the first and covers our introduction to the Hon. Miss Fisher, and how she decided to move back to Australia. We also meet Dot and both of the Butlers - that's right - Mr Butler is married. We also have **Introducing the Honorable Phryne Fisher: Cocaine Blues / Flying Too High / Murder on the Ballarat** (tpb \$24.99) which combines all of the first three. That should get you ready for the release of the Phryne Fisher movie on February 27 - "Miss Fisher and The Crypt of Tears". Some of the later books have Mr. Butler's cocktail recipes in the back - some of them sound downright yummy.

Moving on to a more serious vein, **The Confessions of Frannie Langton** (hc, \$26.99) by Sara Collins provides a wonderful character study. The setting in London in 1826. Frannie is a servant accused of the double murder of her employers. She was born a slave in Jamaica, and at

Parker/Atkins	Spenser Confidential (original title: Wonderland) (Spenser # 41: Reissue; Boxing trainer Henry Cimoli asks Spenser for help: a developer is trying to buy Henry's condo, and sent thugs to move the process along. Spenser and his apprentice Sixkill find a trail leading to a mysterious woman, a Las Vegas kingpin, and a plan to turn a chunk of land north of Boston into a casino). \$9.99
Parks, Brad	The Last Act (An out of work actor is hired by the FBI to go undercover at a prison to befriend an inmate and get him to reveal the location of important documents)... \$9.99
Pompano, Ang	When It's Time for Leaving (When Al's estranged father gives him the deed to his old detective agency, the ex-cop wants nothing to do with it. But then he finds a dead body on the agency's doorstep)... \$16.99
Prescott, Lara	The Secrets We Kept (At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are assigned a mission to smuggle the novel Doctor Zhivago into the USSR, where no one dares publish it)... \$26.95
Preston/Child	Old Bones (Nora Kelly # 1: On an expedition to excavate the site of the Donner Party tragedy, curator Nora Kelly finds herself in danger from a present-day threat whose search for the lost party is only the tip of the horrifying iceberg). \$16.99
Price, Adam O'Fallon	The Hotel Neversink (A family grapples with the legacy of a hotel with a dark past) \$15.95
Quinn, Spencer	Ruff vs. Fluff (Queenie & Arthur # 1: Kids; Queenie the cat and Arthur the dog may love their humans, twins Harmony and Bro, but that doesn't change the fact that they are mortal enemies. When the twins' beloved uncle is framed for murder, can Queenie and Arthur put aside their differences long enough to clear his name?) \$7.99
Reeve, Alex	Half Moon Street (UK title: The House on Half Moon Street) (Leo Stanhope # 1: A bookish transgender man in Victorian England is accused of murder and must find a way to clear his name and find the real killer). \$14.95
Ricciardi, David	Rogue Strike (Jake Keller # 2: When their drone is hacked and starts attacking innocent civilians, Jake and Curt find themselves in a desperate race to find out who is actually behind the crime). \$9.99
Ritchie, Peter	Cause of Death (Grace Macallan # 1: DCI Grace Macallan's career hits a serious roadblock when speaking up about the truth causes her to be transferred to a new team. But while investigating a string of murders and trying to rebuild her reputation, Grace is left to wonder if telling the truth is always the right thing to do).. \$14.95
Ritchie, Peter	Evidence of Death (Grace Macallan # 2: Underworld rivalries across three different cities spill out into the streets, leaving Grace to keep the fragile peace before it explodes) \$15.95
Ross, Stewart	Solve It Like Sherlock (Puzzles in the form of cases that contain all the evidence you need to solve it). \$16.95
Rubenhold, Hallie	The Five (Social historian Rubenhold reveals the varied lives of five women killed by Jack the Ripper, placing them in the context of the poverty, homelessness, and rampant misogyny of Victorian London)... \$16.99
Rutger, Michael	The Possession (Nolan Moore # 2: Nolan Moore and his team investigate a case of witchcraft and possession in a town that may not let them leave). \$7.99
Ryan, Hank Phillippi	The Murder List (In a cat and mouse game, the battle for justice becomes a battle for survival for law student Rachel North). \$14.99
Scarrow/Andrews	Pirata (AD 25. A young sailor survives being attacked by pirates by joining the crew and rising through the ranks). \$15.99
Shelton, Paige	The Loch Ness Papers (Scottish Bookshop # 4: When the Loch Ness monster-obsessed pastor for her wedding is accused of murder, Delaney Nichols must clear his name in the midst of all her other wedding preparations)... \$7.99
Simenon, Georges	Maigret's Childhood Friend (alternate title: Maigret's Boyhood Friend) (Maigret # 69: A long lost friend pays a visit to Maigret, asking for help finding out who murdered his roommate). \$15.00
Souza, Joseph	Pray for the Girl (After serving in Afghanistan, Lucy has a hard time adjusting to life in her small Maine town. But the murder of a local Muslim teen brings up memories that force her to confront a truth more brutal than she imagined in the last place she expected) \$9.99
Spillane/Collins	The Big Bang (Mike Hammer: Reissue; Started and outlined by Spillane in the 1960s, completed by Collins. Hammer and his beautiful, deadly partner Velda take on the narcotics racket in NYC)... \$8.99
Swanson, Peter	Eight Perfect Murders (A bookseller compiles a list of literature's most perfect

age 7 was taken into the house and taught to read by the Lady of the House - a bored white woman - the most dangerous kind according to the cook. As she grows up, she is taken under the wing of her owner to help him in his experiments. His goal is to prove that slaves - African Americans - aren't human - and performing horrible tests on them to prove his hypothesis. After a huge fire, he takes Fannie to a colleague of his in London and leaves her to be a maid for the wife. Slavery had been abolished in Britain by then, so Frannie was a servant - unpaid and still subject to abuse, but theoretically free. When asked why she didn't leave, she replied that no one told her she could. This book has been described as Gothic and compared to Jane Eyre and while there are similarities, they tend to be more in how women, especially women of color, were perceived and treated. There's the obligatory opium, the obligatory forbidden love, and the missing memory of whether or not Frannie really killed the couple. In many respects, this is a very powerful, well told story. It kept me turning the pages until the very end, which I found a little disappointing - everything was tied up neatly, and a little too rapidly. Overall, however, it was a fascinating story and I could almost see it happening as a true story.

I'm a non-native Minnesotan (nevermind that I've lived here most of my life) and I have yet to get used to winter (did I mention I moved here in 1972?). So along about midwinter, I find that reading books set in warmer

Toler, Pamela D. **Crimes, only to have the FBI come knocking on his door asking about a series of unsolved murders that look eerily like the crimes on his list)**..... \$27.99

Topping, Grace **Women Warriors** (Toler tells the stories of women who fought because they wanted to, because they had to, or because they could, from Vikings and African queens to cross-dressing military doctors and WWII Russian fighter pilots)..... \$16.00

Van Dine, S.S. **Staging Is Murder** (Laura Bishop #1: While staging a 19th century mansion for sale, Laura finds a dead body in the laundry chute and is determined to find the killer and clear her assistant's name). \$15.95

Webb, Betty **The Dragon Murder Case** (Philo Vance #7: Reissue; A man drowns in a pool rumored to be haunted by a monster, but luckily Philo Vance is an expert in pools and dragons)..... \$14.95

Weiss, Kirsten **The Panda of Death** (Gunn Zoo #6: When Joe discovers he has a biological son he knew nothing about, the young man comes to Gunn Landing to meet him, but is promptly arrested for murder)..... \$15.99

Pies Before Guys (Pie Town #4: When a professor, accused of plagiarism, turns up dead after a poetry slam at Pie Town, Val and the Baker Street Bakers decide to investigate) \$7.99

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Camilleri, Andrea **The Safety Net** (Montalbano #25: Montalbano finds some old films shot by his father, each of the same house on the same day across several years)..... \$16.00

Chow, Jennifer J. **Mimi Lee Gets a Clue** (Sassy Cat #1: Pet groomer Mimi Lee and her talking cat Marshmallow team up to solve the murder of a local Chihuahua breeder)..... \$16.00

Collins, Max Allan **Do No Harm** (Nathan Heller #19: A man is convicted for the murder of his wife, but claims he woke up to find her killed by a mysterious intruder). \$27.99

Cox, Helen **Murder by the Minster** (Kitt Hartley #1: When her friend is accused of stabbing her ex with a fountain pen, librarian Kitt Hartley takes the skills she learned from mystery novels and puts them into practice to find the real killer). \$15.99

De Palma/Lehman **Are Snakes Necessary?** (A beautiful young woman puts her reputation and career on the line in order to join a Senator's campaign to pursue revenge)..... \$22.99

Doherty, Paul **Death's Dark Valley** (Hugh Corbett #20: Sir Hugh Corbett is summoned to Holyrood, where the a mysterious prisoner is being kept in the abbey's basement). \$15.99

Ferrars, E.X. **Something Wicked** (Andrew Basnett #1: Reissue; The elderly professor Basnett moves into a quiet town just down the road from a woman who definitely did not kill anyone. But when another body turns up, suspicion again lands on his neighbor, filling Basnett with unease). \$14.95

Fox, Candice **Gone by Midnight** (Crimson Lake #3: A child disappears from a hotel room and only disgraced cop Ted Conkaffey - who is dealing with his own family troubles - can find him) \$27.99

Havill, Steven F. **Less Than a Moment** (Posadas County #24: The newspaper inadvertently releases news of Sheriff Torrez's nephew's arrest, and is later the victim of a drive-by shooting. Could the two cases be connected?)..... \$15.99

Herron, Mick **Joe Country** (Slough House #6: When the man responsible for killing a slow horse breaks cover, Jackson Lamb rounds up the rest of the defunct spies to even the score) \$16.95

Lawton, John **Hammer to Fall** (Joe Wilderness #3: After an embarrassing incident, Wilderness is sent to a remote outpost in Finland where he becomes involved in a vodka smuggling ring and possible nuclear weapons development). \$26.00

Leon, Donna **Unto Us a Son Is Given** (Guido Brunetti #28: When an old family friend unexpectedly drops dead in the street, Commissario Brunetti winds up untangling a long-hidden mystery in the man's life that ultimately led to murder). \$16.00

Massey, Sujata **The Satapur Moonstone** (Perveen Mistry #2: 1922: Satapur's two maharanis are in dispute over the crown prince's education, and Perveen Mistry is called in to provide legal counsel. Too late, she realizes she has walked into a trap. But whose? And how can she protect the royal children?)..... \$16.95

Perry, Anne **Triple Jeopardy** (Daniel Pitt #2: Young lawyer Daniel Pitt must defend a British diplomat who is accused of a theft that may hide a deadly crime)..... \$17.00

Purnell, Sonia **A Woman of No Importance** (The untold story of Virginia Hall, rejected from the US foreign service because of her gender and prosthetic leg, who talked her way into Churchill's 'ministry of ungentlemanly warfare' and became the first woman spy to deploy

climates helps - which is why I love Tim Dorsey (recently reviewed), Carl Hiaasen, Randy Wayne White (previously reviewed), John D. MacDonald (needs no review), Laura Morrigan (previously reviewed), and Elaine Veits Dead End series. Of those, so far Tim Dorsey has been my favorite - how can you not love an altruistic psychopath? Veits is another cozy writer and I've enjoyed her books too. We have all these writers in stock in various formats and conditions - check our website for used or call or come in.

Hiaasen is a popular writer - I've seen his books come and go with regular frequency, so I figured it was time to pick one up and read it. His books are non-series, so off our used paperback shelf, I grabbed **Razor Girl**, in part because it has a redhead in a convertible on the cover. Merry Mansfield has a highly specialized job - she kidnaps people for the mob and has a pretty decent technique for getting to them - she rear-ends them and then asks for a ride. Most people are glad to oblige, in part because her technique/excuse is that she's shaving while driving - an intimate area. Her latest mark is an accident in more ways than one - he's not the one she's looking for. He is an innocent bystander who gets kidnapped and is "disappeared". Merry and Andrew Yancy, an ex-cop, go on the search for Lane Coolman, hoping to rescue him before it's too late. Along the way they meet an interesting assortment of characters, including giant Gambian pouched rats, reality TV stars who believe in themselves

Raybourn, Deanna	to occupied France)..... \$18.00
Reichs, Kathy	A Murderous Relation (Veronica Speedwell # 5: Veronica and Stoker must retrieve a jewel from an exclusive London club before it can be traced back to the Prince). \$26.00
Robertson, Cara	A Conspiracy of Bones (Temperance Brennan # 19: Tempe, still recovering from neurosurgery, will need all her forensic tradecraft to identify a faceless corpse. And why did the dead man have her phone number?)..... \$27.00
Rollins, James	The Trial of Lizzie Borden (A thorough examination of the Lizzie Borden murders and the legal proceedings that followed). \$17.00
Rose, Sarah	The Last Odyssey (SIGMA Force # 15: A clockwork map leading to the lost city of Troy is discovered in Greenland, but when the map traces the path of Odysseus's journey into the Greek underworld, Sigma Force is called in to prevent a tyrant from igniting global war) \$28.99
Van Dine, S.S.	D-Day Girls (Rose draws on recently declassified files, diaries, and oral histories to tell the story of three women recruited to the SOE in 1942. Together they derailed trains, blew up weapons caches, destroyed power and phone lines, and gathered crucial intelligence, laying the groundwork for the D-Day invasion). \$18.00
Wilkinson, Lauren	The Casino Murder Case (Philo Vance # 8: Reissue; When the owners of a gambling den are poisoned, Philo Vance is called upon for his expertise in poisons and snickering) \$14.95
Woods, Stuart	American Spy (During the Cold War, FBI Agent Marie Mitchell's career has stalled due to discrimination, so she jumps at the chance to be part of a task force to take down the president of Burkina Faso, even though she secretly admires him)..... \$17.00
Allan, Barbara	Hit List (Stone Barrington # 53: Stone Barrington finds his name on a hit list, and as the bodies pile up with the killer no closer to being caught, he has no choice but to face the problem head-on)..... \$28.00
Brennan, Allison	EXPECTED EARLY APRIL
Bruns/Olson	Antiques Ravin' (Trash 'N' Treasures # 14: A series of creepy crimes at an Edgar Allen Poe festival contain clues pointing to a heartless killer)..... \$7.99
Burke, Alafair	Cut and Run (Lucy Kincaid # 16: PBO; When storm unearths the remains of a family from a years-old cold case, Lucy is dead-set on solving it, despite opposition from the original investigators). \$8.99
Burrows-Johnson, Jeanne	Rules of Engagement (Don Riley, head of US Cyber Command, is all that stands between a terrorist and World War Three)..... \$9.99
Cartmel, Andrew	The Better Sister (Estranged sisters Chloe and Nicky are reluctantly drawn together to confront family secrets when Chloe's husband - who is also Nicky's ex - is murdered) \$16.99
Cass, Laurie	Murders of Conveyance (Natalie Seachrist # 3: One of Natalie's psychic dreams leads her to Chinatown on the hunt for a stolen artifact)..... \$16.95
Coulter/Ellison	Victory Disc (Vinyl Detective # 3: The search for a rare record ensnares the Vinyl Detective in a mystery with roots stretching back to World War II, when three young RAF airmen played in the legendary Flare Path Orchestra. Hired to find the rest of their recordings, he discovers that the war's battles are not yet over - and can still prove lethal) \$8.99
Deaver, Jeffery	Gone with the Whisker (Bookmobile Cat # 8: When Minnie discovers the body of one of the bookmobile's loyal patrons during a fireworks show, she knows she won't rest until she get to the bottom of this crime)..... \$7.99
Ehrhart, Peggy	The Last Second (Brit in the FBI # 6: A former astronaut believes she is following alien orders when she launches a satellite armed with an EMP bomb that has the power to devastate the world)..... \$9.99
Erickson, Alex	The Never Game (Colter Shaw # 1: Expert tracker Colter Shaw is called in to investigate a series of disappearances in Silicon Valley; the clues point to a video game) \$9.99
Finn, A.J.	A Fatal Yarn (Knit & Nibble # 5: An anonymous activist is covering trees marked for removal with yarn, so when the project's biggest supporter winds up dead, suspicion falls on Knit and Nibble club)..... \$7.99
	The Pomeranian Always Barks Twice (Forever Pets # 1: When Liz agrees to help an elderly man find a new home for his Pomeranian, the last thing she expects is for him to turn up dead and for her son to be accused of his murder)..... \$7.99
	The Woman in the Window media tie-in (A nervous recluse is spying on the

too much, illegal beach sand selling - you name it, Florida has it. I found myself laughing throughout the book, and may have a new favorite Florida writer.

On a sadder note, Mark Schweizer, the author of the Liturgical Mysteries (previously reviewed) also passed away last November. His books, in order, are **The Alto Wore Tweed, The Baritone Wore Chiffon, The Tenor Wore Tapshoes, The Soprano Wore Falsettos, The Bass Wore Scales, The Mezzo Wore Mink, The Diva Wore Diamonds, The Organist Wore Pumps, The Countertenor Wore Garlic, The Christmas Cantata, The Treble Wore Trouble, The Cantor Wore Crinolines, The Maestro Wore Mohair, The Lyric Wore Lycra, and The Choir Director Wore Out**. We do have all these in stock, some signed copies, and they are worth the read. Funny, well plotted, and if you like music, you'll love these and learn a lot. All are at \$12.95 new.

"The Peculiar Crimes Unit". Doesn't that conjure up deep mysteries and intrigue? Christopher Fowler has written a series of books about this unit which is located in London. Bryant and May are pretty much the last detectives working in the unit and they are rapidly aging out. I decided to start at the beginning with **Full Dark House** (\$17.00). I found it strange that the book opens with a bang - the PCU is blown up by a bomb, killing Bryant. But wait - you ask - how can there be a series if the character is dead? May knows he

Gilio-Whitaker, Dina	neighbors when she sees something she shouldn't, and her safe little world starts to crumble; tr pb also available at \$17.99)..... \$9.99
Hagberg, David	As Long as Grass Grows (A history of indigenous resistance, activism, and environmentalism)..... \$16.00
Hamilton, Glen Erik	First Kill (Kirk McGarvey: Newly-minted black ops officer Kirk McGarvey finds his first job - assassinate a brutal Chilean general - is being sabotaged from back home). . \$9.99
Heywood, Joseph	Mercy River (Van Shaw #4: When his friend and fellow Ranger is arrested for murder, Van Shaw journeys to a remote Oregon town with a dark history of drug dealing and white supremacy)..... \$7.99
Hill, Susan	Bad Optics (Woods Cop #11: Grady is on unpaid suspension until spring, but stubbornly continues to patrol the Mosquito Wilderness. When he senses political shenanigans - someone wants to illegally commercialize the Mosquito - he decides to fight back)..... \$19.95
Hollis, Lee	The Comforts of Home (Simon Serrailier #9: Simon takes on a cold case while an arsonist rampages around the city). \$16.00
Howells, Debbie	Death of a Blueberry Tart (Hayley Powell #12: When Hayley's mom is suspected of murdering her old high school rival, Hayley's friends and their mothers team up to help clear her name)..... \$7.99
Jensen, Louise	Her Sister's Lie (When her sister is murdered, Hannah steps up to take care of her young nephew. But she suspects the boy is hiding something, and must confront the secrets in her own past to figure out what). \$7.99
Kavanagh, Emma	The Date (Ali wakes up after a blind date with no memory of the night before and no recognition of the face she sees in the mirror). \$7.99
Kelly, Diane	I Am Watching (After finding a pair of bodies as a child, Isla Bell grows up to become a professor of criminal psychology where she eventually convinces the killer from that formative incident to participate in a study, even as she worries he is going back to his old ways). \$7.99
Kim, Angie	Dead in the Doorway (House-Flipper #2: PBO; When house-flipper Whitney Whitaker finds a corpse in the foyer of her newest project, Whitney decides to take matters into her own hands to solve this mystery)..... \$7.99
McKevett, G.A.	Miracle Creek (A facility for a supposed miracle treatment explodes, killing two people, in what was clearly not an accident)..... \$17.00
Neubauer, Erica Ruth	Bitter Brew (Savannah Reid #24: A coroner friend comes to PI Savannah Reid for help after covering up a suicide that she later realizes may have been murder)..... \$7.99
Panowich, Brian	Murder at the Mena House (Jane Wunderly #1: Her aunt's attempts at matchmaking become the least of Jane's problems when she stumbles across the body of a dead socialite in a Cairo hotel)..... \$26.00
Parks, Adele	Like Lions (Clayton Burroughs #2: After years of carefully walking the line between his life in law enforcement and his criminal family, Georgia sheriff Clayton Burroughs finally has to make a choice when a rival crime family makes a foray into Burroughs territory, leaving behind a trail of bodies)..... \$16.99
Rosenfelt, David	I Invited Her In (When Mel's college friend Abi emails her asking for a place to stay for a few days, Mel can hardly refuse, even though her friend's presence brings up dark memories she thought she had buried forever)..... \$9.99
Sandford, John	The K Team (K Team #1: Andy Carpenter's wife, Laurie, misses her old life as a cop and so jumps at the chance to help her old partner and his K-9 companion). \$27.99
Schaffer, Bernard	Neon Prey (Lucas Davenport #29: A warrant for a minor matter brings the US Marshals to a home that turns out to contain trophies from a score of killings. Now Davenport is on the trail of a serial murder who operated for years without being noticed). \$9.99
Spence, Gerry	An Unsettled Grave (Santero & Rein #2: The discovery of a child's foot buried in the woods leads Santero and Rein to a decades-old cold case as Santero learns the dark secrets of her mentor's youth). \$9.99
Spencer-Fleming, Julia	Court of Lies (Lillian Adams is on trial for the murder of her husband, and the prosecutor is determined to advance his own career by framing her)..... \$9.99
Steinhauer, Olen	Hid from Our Eyes (Fergusson & van Alstyne #9: Three similar murders, decades apart, one of which Russ van Alstyne was involved in; now a police chief, it's up to him to solve the third murder before he is removed from the case)..... \$27.99
	The Last Tourist (Milo Weaver #4: A young CIA analyst finds Milo hiding out in the Sahara to question him about a series of suspicious deaths, but the conversation is interrupted by 'Tourists' - assassins - and the two are forced to run.; Signed copies expected)

has to find out who killed Bryant, and the trail leads back to the London Blitz and their first case together. A dancer in the new "Orpheus" is found without her feet - odd in itself, but more bodies turn up in the theatre district and, in a London that's still scarred by war, everyone is terrified. The overall tone of the book is dark - there is some humor but even that is dark. The timeline switches from the '40s to the present day, and we see how the odd couple (think Scully and Mulder) grew up together and honed their talents from rookies to grumpy old detectives. There's a touch of paranormal, but not as much as the Peculiar Crimes Unit seemed to evoke. Instead, it's more of a police procedural - a "how-to" of tracking down criminals and bringing them to justice. In order, the books are: **Full Dark House, The Water Room, Seventy-Seven Clocks, Ten Second Staircase, White Corridor, The Victoria Vanishes, Bryant & May on the Loose, Bryant & May off the Rails, The Memory of Blood, Bryant & May and the Invisible Code, Bryant & May and the Bleeding Heart, Bryant & May and the Burning Man, Bryant & May: London's Glory, Bryant & May: Strange Tide, Wild Chamber, Hall of Mirrors, and The Lonely Hour**, most of which we have in various new/used selections from \$15 to \$28.

Minnesota has been my adopted state for years - I tried leaving it once and got sucked back into it, largely because of the quality of life and the rich culture - museums, theaters, authors,

Thompson, Victoria \$27.99
Tuomainen, Antti	Murder on Trinity Place (Gaslight #22: 1900: Frank and Sarah Malloy investigate when a neighbor's relative is murdered)..... \$7.99
Tuti, Ilaria	Little Siberia (When a priest named Joel is given a valuable meteorite for safekeeping, he must fend off would-be thieves while also trying to figure out the true parentage of his pregnant wife's child)..... \$15.95
Wells, Carolyn	Flowers Over the Inferno (Superintendent Teresa Battaglia, a veteran detective in her mid-sixties, is called to investigate a body found in the woods and realizes the case is connected to a history that could put a group of children in danger)..... \$16.95
Winslow, Don	Murder in the Bookshop (Fleming Stone: Reissue; A man is found murdered in a bookstore where a valuable book is stolen). \$15.99
Winspear, Jacqueline	Broken (Five short novellas of crime, revenge, and redemption). \$29.99
	The American Agent (Maisie Dobbs #15: As the blitzkrieg terrorizes Britain, Maisie must balance the demands of solving a dangerous murder case with her need to protect Anna, a young evacuee she wants to adopt). \$16.99

EXPECTED MID-APRIL

	This Is My Bookstore (100 postcards of beautiful bookstores from around the world)..... \$22.95
Baldacci, David	Walk the Wire (Amos Decker #6: The corpse of a murdered and seemingly autopsied woman leads Decker and Jamison to a wealthy oil town in North Dakota that sits next to an Air Force Station guarding secrets that could be the key to this case). \$29.00
Bell Jr., Albert A.	Hiding from the Past (Pliny the Younger #8: Pliny and his friend Tacitus are stranded in a remote Alpine village, where they had tried to solve a murder ten years before). \$15.95
Bengtsson, Lina	For the Dead (Charlie Lager #2: Drawn back to her hometown of Gullspang, DI Charlie Lager is haunted by a girl who went missing decades ago and is convinced that the original investigation was flawed)..... \$15.99
Black, Cara	Three Hours in Paris (Paris, 1940. A young American markswoman has been recruited by British Intelligence to assassinate Hitler, but the operation is rushed and she suspects a set-up)..... \$27.95
Blaedel, Sara	Her Father's Secret (Family Secrets #2: A woman's murder is only the beginning as Ilka Jensen, newly arrived in rural Wisconsin from Denmark, races to unravel the maze of secrets her father left behind there)..... \$8.99
Blaedel, Sara	The Third Sister (Family Secrets #3: Ilka sets out for her father's last known location to confront him about the secrets that have torn apart her life). \$27.00
Brown, Rita&Sneaky Pie	Whiskers in the Dark (Mrs. Murphy #27: Mrs. Murphy and her companions must find a killer at the National Beagle Club of America)..... \$17.00
Clancy/Maden	Enemy Contact (Jack Ryan Jr. : Jack Ryan Jr. is dispatched to Poland to find out who is behind a CIA leak and finds a criminal conspiracy that is intertwined with the fate of an old friend)..... \$9.99
Connelly, Michael	The Night Fire (Harry Bosch #24 / Renee Ballard #3: Bosch and Ballard team up to solve the case Bosch's mentor spent 20 years on)..... \$16.99
Dazieri, Sandrone	Kill the Angel (Caselli & Torre #2: A train full of dead bodies is declared a terrorist attack, but Caselli and Torre don't buy it and set out to find the truth)..... \$17.00
de Muriel, Oscar	The Darker Arts (Frey & McGray #5: Three businessmen are all found dead after a seance. The medium, a friend of McGray's, claims a spirit killed them, and while he believes her, he must find a rational explanation for the police in order to clear her name).\$15.99
Di Filippo, Paul	The Deadly Kiss-Off (Glen & Stan #2: Glen and Stan's plans to sell a pallet of computer chips into quick cash go awry with the involvement of an adlepeated inventor, some sexy Eurotrash, and an unconventional explosives expert). \$16.99
Felton, James	52 Times Britain Was a Bellend (A chronicle of the weird, ludicrous, and downright 'baddie' things Britain has done throughout history). \$17.99
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