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Award News

The Nebula Award nominees for Best Novel are **Marque of Caine** by Charles E. Gannon (\$16.00, \$8.99 reprint due early June), **The Ten Thousand Doors of January** by Alix E. Harrow (\$16.99), **A Memory Called Empire** by Arkady Martine (\$18.99), **Gods of Jade and Shadow** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (\$16.00), **Gideon the Ninth** by Tamsyn Muir (\$25.99, \$17.99 reprint due mid July), and **A Song for a New Day** by Sarah Pinsker (\$16.00).

The Crawford Award for best first fantasy novel went to **Gideon the Ninth** by Tamsyn Muir (\$25.99, \$17.99 reprint due mid July).

The Philip K. Dick Award for best paperback original sf in the U.S. went to **Sooner or Later Everything Falls Into the Sea** by Sarah Pinsker (\$17.00).

The Hugo Award finalists for Best Novel are **The City in the Middle of the Night** by Charlie Jane Anders (\$18.99),

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING SCIENCE FICTION ALREADY RECEIVED

	Fantasy & Science Fiction March / April 2020 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Fantasy & Science Fiction May / June 2020 (New fiction, reviews, more)	\$8.99
	Locus #710 March 2020 (Interviews with Nina Allan, Gareth L. Powell, and Sue Burke; forthcoming books; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
	Locus #711 April 2020 (Interviews with Tamsyn Muir and Kate Heartfield; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
	Locus #712 May 2020 (Interviews with Elizabeth Bear and C.L. Polk; Hugo ballot; industry news, reviews, and more).....	\$8.99
Aaronovitch, Ben	False Value (Peter Grant takes a security job at the Serious Cybernetics Company, where his coworkers are civilians - and geekier than he is. And it seems there's a secret hidden at SCC, one that stretches back to Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage, and forward to the future of artificial intelligence - a secret that is just as magical as it is technological)...	\$26.00
Adams, John Joseph (ed)	The New Apocalypse (Wastelands: Anthology. Whether the end comes via nuclear war, pandemic, climate change, or cosmological disaster, these original stories explore the extraordinary trials and tribulations of those who survive).....	\$9.99
Barnes, Steven	Assassin and Other Stories (A novel plus 4 short stories (2 written with Tananarive Due) and a teleplay).....	\$30.00
Blaylock, James P.	The Shadow on the Doorstep (A baker's dozen of his short fiction, selected by the author).....	\$30.00
Brown, Liam	Skin (In a future where humans have become allergic to each other, Angela sees a mysterious man who appears to be immune to the new plague).....	\$11.99
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).....	\$25.00
Henderson, Zenna	Believing: The Other Stories of Zenna Henderson (Collects all her non-People stories, previously published in her collections The Anything Box and Holding Wonder, plus 5 stories and 3 poems never before collected).....	\$32.00
Hines, Jim	The Goblin Master's Grimoire (A collection of his (frequently humorous) short fantasy fiction).....	\$25.00
Masson, Cynthea	The Alchemists' Council (Newly initiated alchemist Jaden uncovers evidence that the Council's methods to maintain balance in the world come at a terrible price, and turns to a group of rebels for help setting things right).....	\$14.95
Resnick, Mike	Win Some, Lose Some (Collects 30 of his award-nominated short stories).\$35.00	
Robinson, Kim Stanley	Stan's Kitchen (The Boskone 57 Guest of Honor book, with stories and essays selected by the author.; Signed copies).....	\$30.00
Sawyer, Robert	Relativity (A collection of short fiction, essays, articles, and speeches).....	\$25.00
Schlobin/Harrison	Andre Norton: A Primary and Secondary Bibliography, 2nd edition	

Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir (\$25.99, \$17.99 reprint due mid July), **The Light Brigade** by Kameron Hurley (\$16.99), **A Memory Called Empire** by Arkady Martine (\$18.99), **Middlegame** by Seanan McGuire (\$19.99) and **The Ten Thousand Doors of January** by Alix E. Harrow (\$16.99).

The finalists for Best Novella are “Anxiety Is the Dizziness of Freedom” by Ted Chiang (contained in **Exhalation** \$25.95), **The Deep** by Rivers Solomon, with Daveed Diggs, William Hutson & Jonathan Snipes (\$19.99, \$14.99 reprint due early August), **The Haunting of Tram Car 015** by P. Djèlí Clark (\$14.99), **In an Absent Dream** by Seanan McGuire (\$17.99), **This Is How You Lose the Time War** by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone (\$14.99) and **To Be Taught, If Fortunate** by Becky Chambers (\$12.99).

The Minnesota Book Awards included **Black Leopard, Red Wolf** by Marlon James (\$18.00) for Genre Fiction (although the press release I received claimed it was for Genre Nonfiction) and **Catfishing on CatNet** by Naomi Kritzer (\$17.99) for Young Adult Literature.

The Edgar Award for Best Novel went to **The Stranger Diaries** by Elly Griffiths (\$15.99), Best First Novel by an American went to **Miracle Creek** by Angie Kim (\$17.00), and Best Paperback Original went to **The Hotel Neversink** by Adam O’Fallon Price.

(A complete bibliography through November 1994 of Norton's work, plus much of the criticism and reviews of it. Updated and revised from the 1980 edition). \$12.50

EXPECTED EARLY JUNE

Azad, Nafiza	The Candle and the Flame (YA; In a city once ravaged by chaotic djinn and now protected by the benevolent Ifrit, musician Fatima is drawn into the the intrigues of the maharajah and the dangers of a magical battlefield). \$10.99
Baker, Tom	Scratchman (Doctor Who: The Doctor and companions arrive at a remote Scottish island where a monster called the Scratchman invokes their worst nightmares). . \$11.99
Brown, Jeffrey	Once Upon a Space-Time! (Space-Time # 1: Kids; Jide and Petra are selected to join their alien classmates on a field trip to Mars). \$13.99
Butler, D.J.	Witchy Kingdom (Sarah Calhoun # 3: Various conflicts come to a head as Sarah and her brother search for their lost sibling). \$8.99
Caruso, Melissa	The Obsidian Tower (Rooks & Ruin # 1: A girl with broken magic opens a tower that unleashes a threat that could doom the entire world). \$16.99
Datlow, Ellen (ed)	Final Cuts (Stories of horror inspired by the golden age of Hollywood). \$16.95
Drake, David	To Clear Away the Shadows (RCN # 13: The war is over, giving science vessels like the Far Traveller a chance to explore the galaxy in relative safety, but conflicting motives among the crew give the journey its own dangers). \$8.99
Ford, Jeffrey	Out of Body (A small-town librarian witnesses a murder, and what had been routine sleep paralysis morphs into something more deadly as he discovers a serial killer that can travel through dreams). \$15.99
Foster, Alan Dean	The Unsettling Stars (Star Trek: In the Abrams timeline, Kirk and crew investigate a peaceful alien race under siege, but encounter questions as to why they were attacked in the first place). \$16.00
Gannon, Charles E.	Marque of Caine (Caine Riordan # 5: While searching for his injured lover's cryopod, Caine Riordan discovers that the force behind the Dornaani collapse is turning its sights on Earth next). \$8.99
Greenberg, Louis	Green Valley (When her niece is abducted in a city devoid of surveillance technology, Lucie's search takes her to the bunker across town whose inhabitants are constantly submerged in a virtual reality world). \$8.99
Guymer, David	Lion El'Jonson: Lord of the First (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: While the Emperor gathers his forces, the Lord of the First instead draws his Legion to the farthest reaches of the galaxy to subdue a single rebellious world). \$19.00
Harrison, Rachel	Mark of Faith (Warhammer 40,000: After being denied a martyr's death, Sister Evangeline is tasked with retrieving the Shield of Saint Katherine from beyond the Rift) \$16.00
Henson, Jim et al	The Quest for the Dual Glaive (Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance: The warrior Ordon is sent to retrieve a mythical weapon that can save his village, but when he meets young Fara, the two must find a way to work together to defeat the Arathim). \$24.99
Hopstaken/Prusi	Stoker's Wilde (Stoker & Wilde # 1: Bram Stoker and Oscar Wilde team up to fight vampires). \$14.95
Horton, Rich (ed)	The Year's Best Science Fiction & Fantasy 2020 Edition (Some of the best stories of 2019). \$19.95
Humphreys, Chris	Smoke in the Glass (Immortals' Blood # 1: Three realms ruled by immortal deities face invasion from a savage fourth land, their only hope a group of broken and desperate companions). \$15.99
Hunter, Erin et al	A Shadow in RiverClan (When RiverClan takes in a rogue cat named Sasha, Feathertail must find a way to escape the shadows of her past and protect her Clan's future) \$12.99
Jodorowsky/Moebius	The Incal (John Difoof, a low-class detective in a dystopian world, discovers an ancient artifact called "The Incal," bringing him into a conflict that will pit him against the galaxy's greatest warrior). \$29.99

The Agatha awards included Best Contemporary Novel to **The Long Call** by Ann Cleeves (\$26.99, \$16.99 reprint expected early August), Best First Novel to **One Night Gone** by Tara Laskowski (\$16.99), and Best Historical Novel to **Charity's Burden** by Edith Maxwell (\$15.99).

How's Business? by Don Blyly

I was planning to do a fresh print-run of T-shirts and sweatshirts at the beginning of April. Then the government closed us down on March 28 for the coronavirus lock-down. I decided that I couldn't afford to spend thousands of dollars on new shirts when cash was so tight and people wouldn't be able to come in and buy them. Whenever we are allowed to re-open I'll place the shirt order and hope to be re-stocked within a couple of weeks.

For the two weeks before the lock-down reached the bookstores, we saw almost no used books coming in, but the used books were going out by the grocery bag full. We almost never had more than 3 customers in the store at a time, but they were really stocking up for the lock-down everybody knew was coming. I think we could have safely continued to operate during the lock-down, but the state decided that bookstores were non-essential and closed us down, while also deciding that liquor stores were essential and required them to stay open.

When the state closed us down, we were supposed to be

Johnson, Katherine	Reaching for the Moon (Kids; The autobiography of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson). \$7.99
Johnston, E.K.	The Afterward (YA; Apprentice Knight turned hero Kalanthe Ironheart faces a foe that may force her to betray her kingdom and those she loves - including the thief Olsa) \$10.99
Johnston, E.K.	Queen's Peril (Star Wars: YA; When Naboo is invaded by forces of the Trade Federation, Queen Amidala and her handmaidens will face the greatest test of themselves and each other). \$17.99
Kadrey, Richard	The Grand Dark (In the aftermath of war, a city distracts itself from the otherworldly horrors with wanton hedonism). \$16.99
Kloos, Marko	Ballistic (Palladium Wars #2: Aden goes on the run, taking a smuggler ship to the planet Gretia, which is on the verge of rebellion). \$14.95
Lahey, Sarah	Gravity Is Heartless (When an unexpected tragedy causes climate scientist Quinn Buyers to lose everything, she embarks on a quest for answers that takes her across a world ravaged by climate change). \$16.95
Lee/Rosenfield	A Trick of Light (After being struck by lightning, Cameron now has the ability to manipulate electronics with his mind. He teams up with Nia, a lonely hacker, to right the wrongs of the world). \$16.99
Lim, Elizabeth	Spin the Dawn (Blood of Stars #1: YA; Dreaming of becoming the greatest tailor in the land, Maia disguises herself as her brother to join the competition to become court tailor). \$10.99
Llewelyn-Wells, Charlotte	(ed) Tales From the Crucible (KeyForge: Ten stories from the patchwork universe of KeyForge). \$16.95
Lord, Karen	Unraveling (Dr. Miranda Ecouvo is thrown out of time and into a realm of labyrinths and spirits, where she encounters brothers Chance and the Trickster. Together they search for the mastermind behind a series of unusual murders). \$16.00
Martin, Emily B.	Sunshield (An outlaw, a prisoner, and a diplomat find their fates entwined as they all seek, in their own way, to right the inequalities of their society). \$16.99
McDermott, Will	Soulless Fury (Necromunda: Scrutinator Primus ventures into the Underhive to bring the outlaw Mad Donna to justice). \$16.00
McNeill, Graham	Elves: Defenders of Ulthuan / Sons of Ellyrion / Guardians of the Forest (Omnibus reprint of 3 novels and 3 stories). \$21.00
Morrow, Bethany C.	A Song Below Water (Tavia, already isolated by being one of the only black girls in town, must keep her siren heritage a secret even as sirens gain national attention when an internet celebrity reveals herself to be one). \$17.99
Ness, Patrick	Burn (A dragon in 1950s America takes a job at a farm, where he befriends a girl while pursuing a mysterious prophecy). \$18.99
Older, Daniel Jose	Thunder Run (Dactyl Hill Squad #3: Facing battles on two fronts, the Union needs Magdalys's dinowrangling skills more than ever to save the fractured nation). . . . \$16.99
Pon, Cindy	Ruse (Jason Zhou #2: YA; Jason Zhou, reunited with his friends, play a treacherous cat and mouse game in the streets of Shanghai, determined to take back the tech Jin has stolen) \$11.99
Pournelle/Weber/Pournelle	Mamelukes (Janissaries #4: After 13 years on the alien world of Tran, new aliens arrive bringing dangerous gifts that change everything Rick thought he knew about his mission). \$25.00
Pyle, Nathan W.	Strange Planet (Comics viewing daily life on Earth from an alien point of view) \$14.99
Reynolds, Alastair	Revelation Space (Inhibitors #1: Eons ago, something annihilated the Amarantin civilization just as it was on the verge of space flight. Dan Sylveste forges a dangerous alliance with a crew of cyborgs to solve the riddle of the Amaratin destruction). . . \$16.99
Reynolds, Alastair	Redemption Ark (Inhibitors #3: 26th century: Humanity's only hope of surviving the Inhibitors is a cache of doomsday weapons, and Clavain is determined to find them. But other factions want the weapons - and the weapons have another agenda altogether)

able to re-open on April 11. That was then pushed back to May 4. That was then pushed back to May 18. As I write this, I have no idea when we will be allowed to let customers back into the store, or what kinds of safety measures will be required. Probably the staff will have to wear masks. Perhaps the customers will have to wear masks. Perhaps everybody will have to be checked with a no-contact thermometer before being allowed in the store. Probably there will be a limit to how many customers can be in the store at a time. We had to cancel all of the signing events listed in the last issue of the newsletter, and I didn't even try to set up any signing events for this issue. We'll just have to get the authors to sneak into the store to sign their books instead of having any events.

When we found out that the state was about to close us down, I talked to the staff about their options. Almost everybody had a little over 2 weeks of sick time accumulated, and they were allowed to use that sick time to collect full pay during the shut down (which was originally only supposed to last 2 weeks). Or they could file for unemployment insurance immediately, get half their normal pay during the shut down, but still have the sick pay available, just in case they got sick and needed it after we re-opened. Everybody decided to hold onto their sick pay for future use, and I provided them with the information they needed to apply for unemployment insurance. Turns out that they made the correct decision. Not only did the shut down last a lot longer than

	\$16.99
Reynolds, Alastair	Absolution Gap (Inhibitors #4: Clavain and a group of refugees make a desperate alliance with an unexpected visitor, an avenging angel with the power to lead humanity to safety - or draw down its darkest enemy).....	\$16.99
Rogerson, Margaret	Sorcery of Thorns (YA; Forced to go on the run with a sorcerer, whom she has always been taught were evil, Elisabeth starts to question everything she knows).....	\$11.99
Rowland, Alexandra	A Choir of Lies (After years hiding his power to change the world with stories, Ylfing is discovered and must decide how to use his powers).....	\$16.00
Ryan, Anthony	The Wolf's Call (Raven's Blade #1: A retired hero captures an assassin who warns him of an impending invasion and the healer who could be the key to their survival)..	\$18.00
Sage, Angie	Maximillian Fly (A gentle creature in the shape of a giant cockroach takes in two children who are fleeing dangerous powers).....	\$7.99
Sapkowski, Andrzej	The Last Wish (media tie-in cover) (Witcher Collection #1: Reissue; Geralt the Witcher holds the line against the monsters plaguing humanity).....	\$8.99
Sawyer, Robert J.	The Oppenheimer Alternative (While researching the possibility of a nuclear fusion bomb, scientist Oppenheimer discovers that the sun will soon eject its outer layer in a cataclysm that will destroy the solar system).....	\$16.99
Seuss/Jones	Becoming Dr. Seuss (The definitive biography of Theodore Geisel, better known as children's book author Dr. Seuss).....	\$18.00
Singer/Cole	Burn-In (An FBI agent teams up with the first police robot to hunt a shadowy terrorist).....	\$28.00
Stephenson, Neal	Fall, or, Dodge in Hell (After tech billionaire Dodge Forthrast dies, his will dictates that his body is given to a cryonics company. Years later, his brain is revived to take part in a digital afterlife).....	\$21.99
Stevenson, Noelle et al	X Marks the Spot (Lumberjanes #14: Ripley finds a treasure map that leads them to the pieces of an ancient Greek statue, that, once assembled, come to life as a vindictive ex-goddess).....	\$14.99
Turnbull, Cadwell	The Lesson (For years the inhabitants of a remote island have maintained an uneasy peace with a race of super advanced alien researchers, until a boy is killed and the conflict quickly escalates).....	\$16.99
Vane, Milla	A Heart of Blood and Ashes (Gathering of Dragons #1: A barbarian warlord captures the king's daughter responsible for the death of his parents, only for her to propose a marriage alliance).....	\$7.99
Wacks/Kollin	Caller of Lightning (Arcane America #3: When magic returns to the America of the 1700's, Benjamin Franklin is determined to unravel its mysteries).....	\$25.00
Weisman, Greg	Forsaken (Magic: The Gathering: War of the Spark #2: Kaya, the newest member of Gatewatch, must track down and exact retribution on the traitor Liliana Vess)...	\$17.00
West, Michelle	War (House War #8: Jewel must battle demons and travel the ancient paths to find the Winter Queen and beg her to save her people).....	\$8.99
Woods/Weisskopf (ed)	Give Me LibertyCon (An anthology by some of the biggest names in sci-fi to fund a charity in honor of LibertyCon founder Timothy Bolgeo).....	\$16.00
Wragg, David	The Black Hawks (Articles of Faith #1: A knight seeking a way out of his dead-end job agrees to escort a stranded prince to safety, but soon realizes he needs backup in the form of the Black Hawk mercenaries).....	\$16.99

EXPECTED MID-JUNE

Anderson, Taylor	Winds of Wrath (Destroyermen #15: Undermined by treachery, Matt Reddy must steam his battered ship halfway across the world to confront the mightiest armada the world has ever seen).....	\$27.00
Asher, Neal	Shadow of the Scorpion (Polity: Ian Cormac signs up with Earth Central Security and is sent out to help restore and maintain order on worlds devastated by the war. There he discovers that the Prador are as murderous as ever, but not nearly as treacherous or dangerous as some of his fellow humans).....	\$7.99

the 2 weeks that sick pay would have covered, but the Feds were sending each of them a weekly check for \$600 on top of the state unemployment insurance payment. Everybody is tired of being stuck at home and would like to be back in the bookstore, but those \$600 weekly checks from the Feds means they are making a lot more not working than they will be making once the store opens again.

When the store was closed to the public, I planned to spend about 5 hours per day at the store, accepting deliveries from the post office and UPS, working on mail orders, working on returns, trying to catch up on paperwork, etc. It turned out that the mail orders came in so strongly that I've actually been working 8-11 hours per day just on mail orders, seven days a week.

There were all sorts of federal, state, county, and city plans to help small businesses, all with different rules, purposes, dollar amounts, and chances of actually getting some help. I looked over a lot of options and decided that the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan from the Small Business Administration looked like it would be really useful. The business has to apply through a bank, which processes the form, passes it along to the SBA, and eventually the SBA approves and guarantees the loan, and then eventually the bank passes along the money. The business then has 8 weeks to spend at least 75% of the money the way the government wants it to be spent in order for the loan to turn into a grant, but the 75% has to be spent for approved uses no later than

Beaulieu, Bradley P.	Beneath the Twisted Trees (Shattered Sands #4: Hoping for allies in her fight against the Twelve Kings, Ceda promises the enslaved asirim freedom and revenge in exchange for their loyalty). \$18.00
Benford/Niven	Glorious (Bowl of Heaven #3: The astronauts explore a dangerous, alien-built space labyrinth while dealing with their own personal triumphs and conflicts). \$29.99
Chu/Lee	Sky Island (Trot & Cap'n Bill #2: Kids; Full color graphic novel. Trot and her cat Cap'n Bill must rescue a Sea Siren friend from the clutches of a ruthless amusement park owner) \$12.99
Doore, K.A.	The Unconquered City (Ghadid #3: Illi must travel to the nation of Hathage in order to find the source of the monstrous guul, but the cost of stopping them may be too high to pay). \$19.99
Draven, Grace	Dragon Unleashed (Fallen Empire #1: A dragon shapeshifter and a healer with power over the earth fight a corrupt empire where magic is outlawed). \$16.00
Durst, Sara Beth	Catalyst (Kids; When Zoe's kitten, Pipsqueak, grows to the size of a horse and starts to talk, Zoe must find a way to keep her hidden and safe). \$16.99
Durst, Sara Beth	Spark (Kids; Mina and her lightning beast companion have discovered that the magic that controls the country's weather comes at a terrible price. Can they find a way to speak out against it?). \$7.99
Engstrom, Doug	Corporate Gunslinger (In a near-future America, legal battles can be settled in duels fought by gunslingers for hire. When Kira, a seemingly invincible gunslinger, is injured during a public duel, she is forced to confront the truth about her life and what she has become). \$15.99
Flanagan, John	Duel at Araluen (Ranger's Apprentice: Royal Ranger #3: Kids; Ranger's apprentice Maddie and her friends must rescue her brother from the Red Fox Clan). \$8.99
Forest, Jean-Claude	Barbarella (A new English translation of the erotic sci fi adventures of Barbarella) \$22.99
Gaiman, Neil et al	The Moment of the Storm (American Gods GN #3: The new and old gods agree to meet in the center of America to exchange the body of the old gods' fallen leader, as they head toward the inevitable god war). \$29.99
Gerrold, David	Hella (When a new ship arrives on the colony of Hella, a young man with special abilities must stop a would-be autocrat from taking over his home). \$26.00
Harrison, Kim	American Demon (Rachel Morgan #14: Rachel and her friends' efforts to save the world have unleashed a plague of zombies). \$28.00
Hobb, Robin	Royal Assassin: The Illustrated Edition (Farseer #2: After barely surviving his first mission, Fitz is reluctantly drawn back into the court intrigues at Buckkeep) \$35.00
Huddleston, Tom	Flight of the Kharadron (Warhammer Adventures: Realm Quest: Alish and the others are captured by the sky-faring Kharadon, and must steal a heavily guarded treasure in order to win their freedom). \$8.99
Johnson, Alaya Dawn	Trouble the Saints (Amidst the whirl of city life in 1930s New York, a girl from Harlem is drawn into a glittering underworld where she is hired to use her knives to strike fear amongst its most dangerous denizens). \$26.99
King, Stephen et al	Bitter Medicine (The latest volume in the graphic novel adaptation of The Dark Tower) \$26.99
Lackey, Mercedes	Spy, Spy Again (Valdemar: Family Spies #3: Kyril and Tory must use their magical Gifts to rescue the kidnapped daughter of an assassin). \$27.00
Lee, Yoon Ha	Phoenix Extravagant (In an empire that rules with the force of magical painted automata, a painter goes in search of a new source of pigment and discovers something darker than they ever imagined). \$24.99
Mack, Katie	The End of Everything (A description of the physics behind five theories of how the universe will end). \$26.00
Mamatas, Nick	Move Under Ground (Jack Kerouac and the other Beat poets set out on a road trip to defeat Cthulhu, the entity behind modern society's illness of conformity and

June 30 (no matter when the bank eventually puts the money into your account) or it stays a loan. It took a while before I could get through on the internet to download the form. Since I've been with US Bank for 43 years, I tried to go through them. I had a question about how to fill in one line on the form, so I e-mailed the special portal for PPP at US Bank about this (while mentioning that I had been a customer for 43 years). All I got back was a robo-reply that they were no longer accepting applications. After a week I e-mailed again, pointing out what bad customer relations it was to not even reply to an e-mail from a customer of 43 years, and included a copy of my e-mail of the previous week. I once again got back the same robo-reply that they were no longer accepting applications. I heard a report on MPR about other businesses having similar disappointing experiences with large banks and PPP. One owner got her paperwork in early, but nothing happened. She actually managed to get ahold of a person at Wells Fargo, who told her that the bank was not even looking at any forms for businesses with fewer than 25 employees. There were reports of small businesses who switched their bank accounts to small local banks and quickly received PPP loans from the small banks. But the large banks just were not interested in helping small businesses.

I saw somewhere, probably **The New York Times**, that almost every business that is signing up for these SBA loans that can turn into grants is assuming that they will be able to meet the requirements for the

Neville, Carl	commercialism). \$12.95
Newman, Peter	Eminent Domain (In the Socialist Utopia of the People's Republic of Britain, a routine criminal investigation spirals out of control with world-shattering consequences). \$18.95
Porter, Angela	The Deathless (Assassins strike at the immortal rulers who are the only force holding the threatening Wilds at bay). \$16.99
Proehl, Bob	Spectacular Sea Life Designs Coloring Book (A coloring book of ocean-themed designs). \$5.99
Pyle, Nathan W.	The Nobody People (Resonant #1: Ordinary people with extraordinary abilities band together against bigotry and fear. Will their combined talents spark a much-needed revolution, or an apocalypse?). \$18.00
Quinn, Seabury	Stranger Planet (Comics viewing daily life on Earth from an alien point of view.; Signed copies expected). \$15.99
Scott, Cavan	The Best of Jules de Grandin (A collection of classic pulp tales of the paranormal detective Jules de Grandin). \$24.99
Sugar, Rebecca et al	War of the Orks (Warhammer Adventures: Warped Galaxies: Zelia and her friend arrive on the jungle planet Weald where they become embroiled in a war between two ork tribes). \$8.99
Thompson, Jill	Our Fearful Trip (Steven Universe: Lars and the Off Colors blast off into a mysterious nebula that forces them to confront their deepest, darkest fears). \$14.99
Vaughn, Carrie	Scary Godmother complete omnibus (Kids; Strange happenings, kind monsters, and Halloween adventures to delight and spook young and old alike! Includes the four full-color picture books plus all the comic book stories and a sketchbook section) \$29.99
Wallace, Kali	The Ghosts of Sherwood (Locksley #1: After twenty years of a fragile truce in Nottingham, Robin and Marian's children are kidnapped and the two must call on all their old allies to get them back). \$12.99
Ward, Dayton	Salvation Day (A separatist cult attempts to steal a spaceship thought abandoned after the crew was wiped out by a virus, but instead discovers a terrifying secret that could wipe out humanity). \$16.00
Wilson, G. Willow et al	Agents of Influence (Star Trek: Captain Kirk and crew must discover the truth behind a secret weapons experiment while extracting three Starfleet agents from Klingon space) \$16.00
Zulawski, Jerzy	Invisible Kingdom Volume 2 (Graphic novel. Once unknowing pawns of the most ubiquitous religion and pervasive mega-corporation, captain Grix and acolyte Vess are now renegades - and in danger from ruthless space privateers). \$19.99
Addison, Katherine	The Lunar Trilogy (The first English translation of the sci fi classic, written between 1901 and 1911, tells the story of marooned astronauts founding a colony on the Moon) \$18.00
EXPECTED EARLY JULY	
Ammann, Keith	The Angel of the Crows (Jack the Ripper stalks the streets of an alternate London where angels walk among humans, and their Fall can have deadly consequences). \$27.99
Belton, Claire et al	Live to Tell the Tale (A guide to combat in Dungeons & Dragons). \$26.00
Blackwood, Algernon	Let's Bake (A book of recipes themed around the popular cartoon cat Pusheen)\$19.99
Blauvelt, Christian	Roarings from Further Out (Four "weird fiction" novellas of the 20th century) \$15.95
Bujold, Lois McMaster	Use the Force! (Star Wars: Kids; A playful and informative guide to all things Jedi) \$7.99
Carey, Jacqueline	The Orphans of Raspay (World of the Five Gods: After being captured by island raiders, Penric and Desdemona find themselves caring for a pair of young orphans who are searching for their missing father; signed copies expected). \$25.00
	Kushiel's Dart (Kushiel's Legacy #1: Phedre, a courtesan marked by the gods, is trained to be the ultimate weapon in court intrigue). \$8.99

loan to become a grant. But the people are signing up for the loans and accepting the money before the small print has been written by the Treasury regarding turning the loans into grants. If they are all turned into grants, it will balloon the deficit by over a trillion dollars. So it is quite possible that when the Treasury gets around to writing the small print, it will be a lot more difficult to convert the loan to a grant than anybody expected when they signed the loan papers.

A regular customer called in a mail order and we started talking about the problems with the PPP loan process. He said that the PPP and other SBA rescue loan programs were sold to the public as a bail-out for small businesses, but were actually designed to be an undercover bail-out for the banks, who will be collecting billions of dollars for processing the forms and giving the loans (which are 100% guaranteed by the government).

Lake Street Council, one of our local business associations, made arrangements with a local accounting firm to provide free help with figuring out how to apply for the multitude of programs available. The accounting firm passed me along to a person who specializes (at the moment) in helping with PPP loans. She passed along a link to a place to fill out the PPP form online, and then it is passed along to small banks which are willing to help small businesses. The online version of the form was much easier to fill out than the paper form I had previously filled out, but I haven't heard back about what has happened to my application or when I might see

Chakraborty, S.A.	The Empire of Gold (Daevabad #3: After fleeing the city, Nahri and Ali are haunted by those they left behind and must take a stand to protect the ones they love; signed copies expected). \$28.99
Chiang, Ted	Exhalation (His second collection of fantastical and elegant sf and fantasy stories) \$16.95
Cho, Zen	The Order of the Pure Moon Reflected in Water (Guet Imm, a young votary of the Order of the Pure Moon, joins up with an eclectic group of thieves (whether they like it or not) in order to protect a sacred object). \$19.99
Coles, Bennett R.	Winds of Marque (Blackwood & Virtue #1: In a dense star cluster, the star sailing ship HMSS Daring has a letter of marque to capture illegal trading vessels, and is tasked with finding the pirates' base, but their mission faces threats from within their own ranks) \$7.99
Correia/Ezell (ed)	Noir Fatale (Anthology. Original noir sf and fantasy stories, each featuring the femme fatale archetype).. \$8.99
Dawson, Delilah S.	Galaxy's Edge: Black Spire (Star Wars: To supply General Leia's Resistance, top spy Vi Moradi gathers a band of colorful misfits on a world that redefines scum and villainy) \$9.99
Dawson/Hearne	The Princess Beard (Tales of Pell #3: A princess, awakening after a years-long magical sleep to find no prince charming, decides to join a band of pirates). . . . \$17.00
Douglas, Ian	Alien Secrets (Solar Warden #1: PBO; When Navy SEAL Mark Hunter witnesses a UFO destroy a compound developing weapons of mass destruction, he is recruited into a secret government organization that has been harboring a secret alliance with aliens since WWII) \$7.99
Flint, Eric	1637: The Polish Maelstrom (Ring of Fire: After seizing control of Lower Silesia, Gretchen Richter's small army is approached about forming an alliance with the Polish revolutionaries in control of Galicia. And the Bohemians send an army, ostensibly to aid the revolutionaries, but also to expand their king's growing empire. Poland is coming to a boil) \$8.99
Freed, Alexander	Shadow Fall (Star Wars: Alphabet Squadron #2: The Alphabet Squadron sets a trap to take down the Shadow Wing once and for all). \$28.99
Goodkind, Terry	Into Darkness (Children of D'Hara #5: The fifth story about Richard and Kahlan's children).. \$19.95
Goss, Theodora	The Sinister Mystery of the Mesmerizing Girl (Athena Club #3: When their maid Alice is kidnapped - along with their friend Sherlock Holmes - the Athena club uncovers a plot that threatens Queen Victoria and the future of the British Empire) \$16.99
Hamilton, Peter F.	Salvation Lost (Salvation Sequence #2: A seemingly benign alien race is reveal to be one of the worst threats humanity has ever faced). \$9.99
King, Stephen	The Outsider (When a boy's violated corpse is found in a town park, clues point to a popular Little League coach. He has an alibi, but the police and DA build what looks like an ironclad case against him. As the investigation expands, horrifying answers begin to emerge. The coach seems like a nice guy - but is he wearing another face?). \$10.99
Kratman, Tom (ed)	Terra Nova: The Wars of Liberation (Carrera: Anthology. Stories set in the world of Tom Kratman's Carrera series). \$8.99
Madson, Devin	We Ride the Storm (Reborn Empire #1: A warrior, an assassin, and a princess pursue their own ambitions, no matter what, against the backdrop of a burgeoning war) \$15.99
McClellan, Brian	Blood of Empire (Gods of Blood & Powder #3: A spy, a sellsword, and a general must find unlikely and dangerous allies in order to turn the tides of war). \$17.99
Moreno-Garcia, Silvia	Mexican Gothic (1950s: A frantic letter from her cousin, begging for someone to save her from a mysterious doom, takes Noemi to a mansion in the Mexican countryside. There are many secrets behind the walls of High Place, and the house itself begins to invade Noemi's dreams with visions of blood and doom).. \$27.00

some money (with the June 30 deadline for spending 75% for approved uses getting closer all the time).

Even if I get the loan, the banks are getting nervous about the exact terms for forgiveness and the repayment of the portion not forgiven. Banks are trying to pressure the SBA and the Treasury Department to issue standard forms for calculating forgiveness, so that different banks will come up with the same outcome based on the same numbers, as well as making it clear what evidence the borrowers will be expected to present to the banks to justify their hoped-for forgiveness.

There was also a Hennepin County program aimed at really small businesses (20 or fewer employees) owned and operated within the county. The application period was only about a week, and once they have all the applications and determine which ones qualify, there will then be a lottery to determine who wins some help. If you win the lottery, all you have to do to convert the "loan" into a grant is to spend the money like the county wants you to and then still be in business in Hennepin County a year after you receive the money. I applied for the program but haven't heard anything back yet. I figure that if I win the lottery, I'll just use the money to pay a portion of my Hennepin County property taxes. But the money will be dispersed to the lottery winners after the deadline for payment of the first half of the annual property taxes.

We have been receiving most of the new titles when expected, but some have been

Parry, H.G.	A Declaration of the Rights of Magicians (In an alternate Age of Enlightenment, revolutionaries, magicians, and abolitionists must combine their efforts to unmask a hidden enemy bent on sending the world into chaos)..... \$28.00
Patrick, Den	Stormtide (Ashen Torment #2: Steiner's crew go their separate ways, each fighting their own battles against the dark rule that has cost them so much)..... \$16.99
Ruocchio, Christopher	Howling Dark (Sun Eater #2: Hadrian leads a band of mercenaries as he searches for a way to make contact with the alien Cielcin)..... \$8.99
Slatter, Angela	CorpseLight (Verity Fassbinder #2: Verity's investigation into a haunted house takes her to Brisbane's Chinatown, where she is confronted by fox spirit assassins). . . . \$15.99
Smith, Sherwood	A Sword Named Truth (Young Allies #1: A group of young rulers must band together to defend their lands from kingdom of Norsunder). \$8.99
Straczynski, J. Michael	Becoming Superman (Memoir of one of the most prolific writers in the comics world)..... \$18.99
Whedon/Lovegrove	The Magnificent Nine (Firefly: The crew helps one of Jayne's old flames defend her hardscrabble desert home from outlaw gangs)..... \$14.95
Wolfe, Gene	Interlibrary Loan (E.A. Smithe is the uploaded personality of a deceased mystery writer, who can now be checked out from the library. But when he is checked out by a little girl hoping to save her mother, he encounters another E.A. Smithe, who should be dead) \$25.99
EXPECTED MID-JULY	
Abnett, Dan	Triumff (Reissue; 2010: Queen Elizabeth XXX sits upon the throne of a British empire run by alchemy and superstition. Now Sir Rupert Triumff, dashing swordsman and champion drinker, has uncovered a vile plot to dethrone her glorious majesty. For the honor of the nation: to arms!)..... \$14.99
Abnett, Dan	Saturnine (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Siege of Terra: Vastly outnumbered and hopelessly outgunned, the Praetorian of Terra must decide which battles to sacrifice so others can be won)..... \$30.00
Alten, Steve	MEG: Generations (The megalodon shark stirs from its slumber while a rare liopleurodon is being transported across the ocean)..... \$17.99
Anthony, Piers	Jest Right (A woman no one takes seriously joins a traveling show as a performer and goes on a quest for the Good Magician). \$16.99
Asaro, Catherine	The Vanished Seas (Skolian Empire: Major Bhaajan #3: The powerful elite of the City of Cries are disappearing, and only PI Bhaajan, who grew up in the Undercity, can find them - if she isn't murdered first). \$16.00
Ashby, Madeline	ReV: The Third Machine Dynasty (When the failsafe preventing AI from harming humans is hacked, the vicious vN Portia revives the battle between herself and her granddaughter in the fight for humanity's lives). \$15.99
Asher, Neal	The Technician (Polity: The Theocracy has been dead for twenty years, and the Polity rules on Masada. But there are rebels who cannot accept the new order; their hatred for surviving theocrats is undiminished, and Jeremiah Tombs is at the top of their hit list. The war drone Amistad recruits Leif Grant, an ex-rebel Commander, to protect Tombs. Meanwhile, in deep space, the mechanism the Atheter used to reduce themselves to animals stirs from slumber and begins to power up its weapons). \$7.99
Beaulieu, Bradley P.	When Jackals Storm the Walls (Shattered Sands #5: Ceda sets out on a quest to find the reincarnation of a slain goddess). \$28.00
Bowling, Nicholas	Alpha Omega (When a school faces a series of natural and supernatural horrors, the one person who can save them is an expelled pupil who has vanished into the VR game world of Alpha/Omega).. \$14.95
Buettner, Robert	My Enemy's Enemy (A pair of aircraft historians discover a secret from WWII that may be the key to stopping World War Three)..... \$8.99
Butcher, Jim	Peace Talks (Dresden Files #16: When the supernatural nations of the world meet up to negotiate an end to hostilities, Harry Dresden joins the White Council's security team to

officially delayed (sometimes by several months) and some just show up later than the on-line release date information indicate that they should arrive. For example, **Penric's Travels** by Lois McMaster Bujold had a release date of May 5, and I had a lot of mail orders for which **Penric's Travels** was the last item keeping me from shipping the order. Although I ordered directly from the publisher, I was also watching the website of the national book wholesaler, since they usually receive their shipments a week or so before my shipment arrives, so that they can start filling orders for smaller stores that can't meet the minimums for doing business directly with the publishers. On May 5, the wholesaler was still claiming May 5 as the release date but hadn't received any copies. The publisher's website still claimed May 5 as the release date, but showed that my order had not yet been invoiced. So I called customer service and found that customer service was closed down while everybody worked from home. I had to send my query to a customer service e-mail address and hope that somebody would answer it from home, apparently without access to the company computer system. About 9 hours later I received a response, telling me that customer service was not capable of providing any information about any particular title, but they were aware that their warehouse was way behind schedule in shipping books, but I was invited to send my query again in a week, at which point they might or might not be able to give me more information. I passed this

Butler, D.J.	make sure things stay civil). \$28.00
Buxton, Kira Jane	In the Palace of Shadow and Joy (A bard who carries the entire history of his people and a heartbroken mercenary are hired to protect an opera singer). \$16.00
Cho, Kat	Hollow Kingdom (A pet crow fights to save humanity from an apocalypse). \$16.99
Clarke, Neil (ed)	Wicked Fox (YA; A fox spirit saves the life of a boy, and a tenuous friendship forms between them). \$10.99
Cole, Myke	The Best Science Fiction of the Year Volume 5 (A collection of short science fiction that showcases the talent, variety, and "sensawunda" the genre has to offer) \$19.99
Cox, Richard	The Killing Light (Sacred Throne #3: Heloise must hold together a fragile alliance to defeat the devils pouring into the world). \$16.99
Daud, Somaiya	House of the Rising Sun (Humanity struggles to survive when all electronics suddenly stop working).. \$15.99
Davis, Jim	Mirage (YA; In a world dominated by the brutal Vathek empire, Amani dreams: of what life was like before the occupation; of writing poetry like the old-world poems she adores; of receiving a sign from Dihya that one day she will have an adventure beyond her isolated home. Then adventure comes - she is kidnapped and taken to the palace to serve as a double for the cruel and hated Princess Maram - and possibly to die in her place). \$10.99
Dawidziak, Mark	Easy as Pie (A full-color compilation of the latest Garfield comic strips).. . . . \$15.00
del Toro/Funke	Everything I Need to Know I Learned in the Twilight Zone (A lighthearted collection of life lessons, ground rules, inspirational thoughts, and stirring reminders found in Rod Serling's timeless TV series). \$17.99
Doctorow, Cory	The Labyrinth of the Faun (Pan's Labyrinth: YA; A long-lost princess hopes to be reunited with her parents in a war-torn land). \$12.99
Doctorow, Cory	Little Brother / Homeland (Reissue; YA; Reprints 2 award-winning sf novels featuring young hacker Marcus Yallow). \$18.99
Egan, Greg	Poesy the Monster Slayer (After her parents go to bed, Poesy excitedly awaits the monsters that creep into her room, fending them off with her favorite toys and her trusty Monster Book). \$18.99
Elliott, Kate	The Best of Greg Egan (Stories from his decades-long career that address a range of scientific and philosophical concerns). \$19.99
Ellis, Lindsay	Unconquerable Sun (Princess Sun has finally come of age and must rely on her wits and her companions to survive and make her mark on the interstellar empire).. \$27.99
Evans, Claire L.	Axiom's End (When Cora Sabino learns that her father is part of a government conspiracy to cover up first contact with aliens, she volunteers to act as a interpreter to the monstrous extraterrestrial).. \$27.99
Ewing, Al	Broad Band (The history of the internet is more than just alpha nerds, programmers, and male garage-to-riches billionaires. Get to know Ada Lovelace, who wove the first computer program in 1842, and Grace Hopper, the tenacious mathematician who democratized computing after WWII. Meet Elizabeth Feinler, the one-woman Google who kept the earliest version of the Internet online, and Stacy Horn, the New York cyberpunk who ran one of the world's earliest social networks out of her New York City apartment in the 1980s).. \$16.00
Feist, Raymond E.	The Fictional Man (A screenwriter begins to question his reality in a world where genetically engineered fictional characters walk among us).. \$11.99
Ford, Jackson	Queen of Storms (Firemane #2: Hatu must keep his identity as a lost prince a secret from his friends, who are assassins posing as innkeepers in the peaceful town of Beran's Hill. But that peace is about to be shattered).. \$29.99
Guymer, David	Random Sh-t Flying Through the Air (Teagan Frost #2: Now working for the government, Teagan must save L.A. from a boy who can cause earthquakes).. . . . \$16.99
	The Court of the Blind King (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Prince Lurien of the Deepkin finds opportunity in a time of peril, if he can overcome the myriad foes of Idoneth) \$16.00

information along to Lois, and she said that she had received her author copies a few days before, so it was printed. But she says she normally gets her author copies 3-4 weeks before the book reaches the bookstores. A week after the release date, the wholesaler still hasn't received it and the publisher's website claims the book is "not yet published". Things may be even stranger with **The Shaman of Karres** (Witches of Karres #4) by Eric Flint and Dave Freer, same publisher, same release date. While I received the advance reading copy of **Penric's Travels** months in advance of the scheduled release date, I received the advance reading copy of **The Shaman of Karres** a few days after the scheduled release date. But the publisher and the national book wholesaler are still claiming a release date of May 5, even a week after that date, but no sign of the book.

Most of the prices are still the same as when we ordered the new titles, but we had several books that were ordered at \$17.00 show up priced at \$19.95. Several warehouses have closed or significantly reduced the pace at which orders are processed (social distancing leading to fewer workers being allowed in the warehouse at a time). The largest book printer in the U.S. filed for bankruptcy in April, but that was not related to coronavirus and they are still printing books while trying to reduce their debt load. Barnes & Noble closed over 500 of their stores, the largest bookstore chains in both Canada and the U.K. completely closed down, and well over half the

Haley, Guy	Titandearth (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: The Beta-Garmon system occupies the only viable route to the Solar System and Terra. To break it, Horus assembles a war host of incredible proportions)..... \$9.99
Henderson, Alexis	The Year of the Witching (In the lands of Bethel, Immanuelle's very existence is blasphemy - the result of her mother's disgraceful union with an outsider of a different race. She does her best to follow Holy Protocol, until her dead mother's journal opens her eyes to the truth about the witches in the surrounding woods, and the grim truths of Bethel's Church and its history)..... \$26.00
Hinks, Darius	Mephiston: City of Light (Warhammer 40,000: Mephiston must confront his darkest fears in order to prevent a ritual that will empower the daemonprimarch Magnus) \$16.00
Kling, Marc-Uwe	Qualityland (In a dystopian future where every aspect of life is determined by algorithms run by The Shop, one man dares to return a product he does not want and calls into question the very foundations of society). \$16.99
Kowal, Mary Robinette	The Relentless Moon (Lady Astronaut #3: Lady Astronaut Nicole Wargin uses her political skills to keep the evacuation of Earth on track, but is less than happy when her husband decides to run for President; \$30.99 hardcover also available). \$17.99
Kuang, R.F.	The Dragon Republic (Poppy War #2: After committing atrocities to save her people, Rin lives only for vengeance. But as she becomes tangled in political schemes, Rin fears she will have to use her deadly power once more to save her country)..... \$16.99
Kuhn, Sarah	Haunted Heroine (Heroine Complex #4: Evei and her team go undercover as grad students to investigate a series of mysterious hauntings)..... \$16.00
Llywelyn, Morgan	Drop by Drop (Step by Step #1: Global catastrophe occurs when all plastic mysteriously liquefies, causing the failure of small components that make many technologies possible. In Sycamore River, people's lives are disrupted as things melt around them, sometimes with fatal results. And this is only the beginning)..... \$17.99
Llywelyn, Morgan	Inch by Inch (Step by Step #2: The residents of Sycamore River have only just adjusted to the Change that caused a global apocalypse, when they discover that metal is now rotting)..... \$16.99
Lyons, Jenn	The Name of All Things (Chorus of Dragons #2: Kihrin is approached by a mysterious woman who claims his enemy, the wizard Relos Var, possesses one of the most powerful magical artifacts in the world)..... \$17.99
Marciano/Chenoweth	Evil Alien Warlord Cat (Klawde #1: Kids; An unlikely friendship forms between a lonely boy and a cat who happens to be an exiled emperor from space)..... \$7.99
Marciano/Chenoweth	Enemies (Klawde #2: Kids; As Raj starts a new school, both he and Klawde must contend with figures from their past showing up in the most unlikely places)..... \$7.99
Martin, George RR (ed)	Knaves Over Queens (Wild Cards #27: A mosaic novel. Sir Winston Churchill and Alan Turing set up an organization to combat an alien virus). \$19.99
Miller, John Jackson	Die Standing (Star Trek: Discovery: When a young Trill, Emony Dax, discovers a powerful interstellar menace, former Terran Emperor Philippa Georgiou recognizes it as a superweapon that could enable her to create her empire anew)..... \$16.00
Modesitt Jr., L.E.	Quantum Shadows (On a world called Heaven, where humanity's ten major religions each govern a nation, Corvyn, who hold the memory of Fall from Grace, uncovers a threat that could cause another Fall). \$27.99
Murphy, John P.	Red Noise (Caught up in a space station turf war between gangs and corrupt law, a lone asteroid miner decides to take them all down)..... \$14.99
Okorafor, Nnedi	Binti: The Complete Trilogy: Binti / Home / The Night Masquerade (Collection of 3 novellas plus a bonus Binti story). \$17.00
Posey, Jay	Every Sky a Grave (Ascendence #1: Humankind has conquered the galaxy by mastering the Language of the universe, but the discovery of a nameless alien species threaten the stability of the empire)..... \$27.00
Priest, Christopher	Episodes (Eleven stories by Christopher Priest spanning the range between realism and the fantastic). \$15.99

independent bookstores in the U.S. were closed down by state lock-down orders. I strongly suspect this has resulted in most publishers trimming the size of the print-runs on their new releases, which will make it more difficult to get re-stocked on titles that sell quickly when stores are allowed to re-open. At the Uncles, I've been processing the new books as they come in, pulling older titles from the new release areas to make room for the new titles. For the hardcovers and trade paperback new release areas the titles received after the lock-down have already pushed off almost every title we received before the lock-down. If this continues much longer, the new titles received just after the lock-down began will be pushed off the new release displays without ever being seen by customers.

We check just before the Newsletter goes to the printer to see if the price or release date has changed since we first entered the data, but we have less confidence than usual that everything will arrive as expected this period.

About a week after the lock-down forced the Uncles to close, I was in Uncle Hugo's working on mail orders while waiting for the mail man and UPS to make their deliveries when I noticed activity at the Sheraton Hotel across the street. A sign company sent a giant cherry-picker to remove the Sheraton sign from above the fourth floor on the front of the building, and then to remove the Sheraton sign from the fourth floor at the back of the building. The next day Ecko and I walked past the front of the building, and all

Quantick, David	Night Train (A woman wakes up on a train full of the dead with no clue as to how she got there)..... \$14.95
Ringo/Gannon	At the End of the World (Black Tide Rising #7: Six kids forced on a summer cruise must learn to work together for survival when the rest of the world is overrun by a zombie plague)..... \$25.00
Rinzler, J.W.	All Up (As Nazi Germany's Wernher von Braun, Soviet Russia's Sergei Korolev, and America's Robert Goddard work to fulfill their countries' geopolitical objectives, alongside the Space Age history is a strange but well-documented trail of UFOs, leading to a desperate struggle in the corridors of power. Who will control the alien technology for their hidden agendas during the Cold War?)..... \$28.00
Ross, Marilyn	The Curse of Collinwood (Dark Shadows #5: Originally published in 1969. Members of the Collins family who have been dead for more than a century rise and walk again)..... \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	Barnabas Collins (Dark Shadows #6: Originally published in 1969. The 175-year-old vampire Barnabas Collins arrives in Collinwood). \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	The Secret of Barnabas Collins (Dark Shadows #7: Originally published in 1969. While searching for a woman who can end his curse, Barnabas meets the lovely Clare Duncan). \$14.99
Ross, Marilyn	The Demon of Barnabas Collins (Dark Shadows #8: Originally published in 1969. A movie star introduces Barnabas to a doctor who might be able to lift his curse) \$14.99
Russell, Mary Doria	The Women of the Copper Country (Michigan, 1913. Annie Clements takes on the company men who exploit the mining town of Calumet). \$17.00
Santos, Wayne	The Chimera Code (A mage, a hacker, and a cyborg are hired by a virtual construct to destroy the other copies of himself). \$11.99
Shatner/Fisher	Live Long And. (A memoir of his journey from childhood to stardom, and the bumps in the road)..... \$16.99
Slatter, Angela	Restoration (Verity Fassbinder #3: A jealous fallen angel asks Verity for help finding a lost treasure)..... \$15.99
Steiger, Isabelle	The Rightful Queen (Elesthene #2: Strategist Arianrod Margraine must protect a kingdom with scant resources while helping return the queen of another land to her throne) \$29.99
Stohl/Peterson	Now With Fleas! (Cats vs. Robots #2: The Wengrod family creates a swarm of robotic fleas in an attempt to halt intergalactic war)..... \$7.99
Strahan, Jonathan (ed)	The Book of Dragons (A diverse collection of dragon stories from some of the greatest writers of today)..... \$35.00
Strugatsky, Arkady & Boris	Lame Fate / Ugly Swans (An author faces a dilemma when he is asked to submit a writing sample to a machine capable of evaluating the objective value of any literary work) \$18.99
Sullivan, Kathryn D.	Handprints on Hubble (The first US woman to walk in space recounts her experience as part of the team that launched, rescued, repaired, and maintained the Hubble Space Telescope)..... \$17.95
Tamaki, Mariko	The Lumberjanes BEASTiary (Lumberjanes: Kids; A guide to all the coolest creatures in the Lumberjanes books, presented by each of the campers). \$16.99
Taylor/Zahn/Williamson	Battle Luna (Moon colonists make a discovery that they claim as their own, starting a battle for independence from Earth).. \$25.00
Tomorrow, Tom	Life in the Stupidverse (Comics poking fun at the first years of the Trump presidency)..... \$19.99
Tremblay, Paul	Growing Things and Other Stories (Collection. From global catastrophe to the demons inside our heads, Tremblay illuminates our primal fears and darkest dreams in these tales of literary horror and psychological suspense). \$16.99
Tremblay, Paul	Survivor Song (A doctor and her pregnant friend travel through a Massachusetts ravaged by a virulent strain of rabies in order to find a vaccine for the unborn baby)

identification had been removed from the front of the building at ground level, and no lights seemed to be on in the lobby or the check-in area. The parking lot was almost empty, but that had been the case for several weeks. (The bar/restaurant had been forced by the state to close several weeks earlier.) Around back the trash dumpster had been removed. A couple of days later, the old blue Sheraton shuttle bus showed up in front of the building, painted all white with no signage on it. I contacted John at the nearby Safety Center (although he had been working from home for a couple of weeks due to the lock-down) to see if he knew what was going on. He checked with some people and got back to me. There was a new owner of the building, and he had decided that the Sheraton franchise fee was too high, but hadn't yet decided what he was going to do once the lock-down ended.

The Sheraton building had been built by The Ryan Companies, which also bought all of the old Sears complex and redeveloped it. The Ryan Companies continued to manage it (very well) for about 12 years, but they sold it about 3 years ago, and things started to slowly go down hill. Now the party that had bought it from Ryan has sold to somebody else, and we'll eventually see how that works out. There was a guest room on the second floor where pillows and bedding had been piled up partially blocking the window for about a month and a half, which has now been cleaned up, and there were a couple of guys trying to clean up litter in the bushes on

	\$27.99
Trudeau, G.B.	Lewser! (A collection of Doonesbury cartoons that mirthfully and mercilessly skewer the Trump administration).....	\$16.99
Tuma, Refe & Susan	What the Dinosaurs Did at School board book (A picture book of meticulously posed and photographed toy dinosaurs showing their adventures during a day at school).....	\$7.99
Van Loan, Ryan	The Sin in the Steel (Fall of the Gods # 1: A teen detective and her soldier bodyguard are hired to investigate an interruption in the sugar trade in a magical steampunk world).....	\$27.99
VanderMeer, Ann&Jeff (ed)	The Big Book of Modern Fantasy (Stories from around the world spanning the decades-long history of modern fantasy writing).....	\$25.00
VanderMeer, Jeff	A Peculiar Peril (Jonathan Lambshead # 1: An orphan teen inherits an old mansion that contains a portal to an alternate Earth ruled by an occult dictator).....	\$19.99
Vane, Milla	A Touch of Stone and Snow (Gathering of Dragons # 2: A disgraced soldier must team up with the childhood friend who betrayed her in order to save the western realms from a sorcerer warlord).....	\$7.99
Wallace, Matt	Savage Legion (Savage Rebellion # 1: Evie joins a league of expendable warriors in order to find the man she loves and expose the corruption of the seemingly utopian society).....	\$26.99
Walton, Jo	Or What You Will (A character who has been lurking in an author's head for decades without being written fears what will become of him when the author dies, and comes up with a plan for them both to find immortality).....	\$26.99
Wexler, Django	Ashes of the Sun (Burningblade & Silvereye # 1: Two siblings, separated for years, come face to face on opposite sides of a civil war).....	\$16.99
Williams, Liz	Banner of Souls (When surveillance tech powered by the spirits of the dead reveals a threat to a young Messiah, a Martian warrior must protect the girl from deadly assassins).....	\$14.95
Yoss	Red Dust (On the intergalactic trading station William S. Burroughs, a positronic robot detective will need all of his training - and all his careful study of Raymond Chandler's hardboiled detectives - to outmaneuver a perp with psi powers).....	\$17.00

EXPECTED EARLY AUGUST

	Scions of the Emperor (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Primarchs: A collection of Horus Heresy Primarch stories).....	\$21.00
Abnett, Dan	Horus Rising (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: Reissue; On the eve of victory, the Emperor leaves the front lines, entrusting the great crusade to his favourite son Horus. Will promoting the idealistic Horus sow the seeds of heresy amongst his brothers?)... \$19.00	
Anderson, Brian D.	A Chorus of Fire (Sorcerer's Song # 2: Mariyah seeks the power to make the world safe while Lem struggles to keep from descending into darkness as he searches for her)\$18.99	
Beukes, Lauren	Afterland (After 99% of the male population has been wiped out by a plague, Cole and her son - disguised as a girl - go on the run looking for a safe haven).....	\$28.00
Booth, Naomi	Sealed (Fleeing the city to escape the skin-sealing epidemic, pregnant Alice and her partner Pete find a different kind of danger in the remote mountains).....	\$8.99
Bourne/Kelly/Mead/Peebles	Battlestar Galactica Shipyards (An illustrated guide to the ships of the reimagined Battlestar Galactica series).....	\$29.95
Bova/Beason	Space Station Down (A millionaire space tourist murders everyone on the ISS and prepares to crash it into New York City. The only one who can stop him is the lone surviving astronaut who must engage him in a deadly game of cat and mouse).....	\$26.99
Brust, Steven	The Baron of Magister Valley (Viscount of Adrilankha # 4: A nobleman is betrayed by those he trusted and subsequently imprisoned. After centuries of confinement, he contrives to escape and prepares to avenge himself against his betrayers; signed copies expected).....	\$26.99
Bucher, Troy Carrol	Lies of Descent (Fallen Gods' War # 1: Two young people must unite their warring	

the patio about 6 weeks after the signs came down. But there is no indication of when they will try to re-open. I feel sorry for anybody trying to re-open a hotel under current circumstances.

But out in the hotel parking lot, there are still 3 large black Suburbans with dark tinted windows still in the same parking spaces they have occupied since at least last fall. So I guess the Men in Black are still on duty somewhere.

Next door to the Uncles, the dental clinic has been closed even longer than we have been. I'm not sure if they closed when the state banned "elective surgery" (which includes teeth cleaning and other dental procedures) or if they closed a few days earlier, but they've had people working on some remodeling inside the building for the last few days. I think the ban on "elective surgery" was lifted a few days ago, but so far the clinic hasn't re-opened.

During normal times I usually go to a batch of places that offer carry-out within about a mile of the store to pick up lunch for myself and any of the staff that wants something from the same place. Since the lock-down, I've been stuck in the store between 10 am and 3 pm, awaiting deliveries, packing mail orders, and being available for phone calls to Uncle Hugo's, so I have been living on microwave food instead of supporting the local restaurants. I am so tired of chicken pot pies and hope that my favorite local restaurants are still open whenever the Uncles are allowed to re-open to the public.

Butler, Octavia E.	peoples to banish the gods who destroyed their homeland). \$7.99 Mind of My Mind (Patternists #2: For 4,000 years, an immortal has been spreading the seeds of a race of superhumans. But now Mary, a young telepath from the ghetto, has found a way to awaken her kind and challenge her creator for the right to rule her people) \$16.99
Carey, Jacqueline	Kushiel's Chosen (Kushiel's Legacy #2: To save her country, Phedre must return to the intricate and dangerous life of a courtesan). \$8.99
Dabos, Christelle	The Missing of Clairdelune (Mirror Visitor #2: YA; After being promoted to Vice-Storyteller, Ophelia finds herself implicated in an investigation where the only person she can trust may be her enigmatic fiancé). \$11.95
Davis/Ruocchio (ed) del Toro/Hogan	Cosmic Corsairs (Stories about pirates in space). \$16.00 The Hollow Ones (A rookie FBI agent sees a shadowy figure leaving her partner after he turns violent and forces her to shoot him. Her investigation puts her on the trail of John Silence, a mysterious man who claims to be humanity's only defense against an unspeakable evil). \$28.00
Feehan, Christine	Dark Illusion (Carpathian #29: Mage Julija Brennan's attempt to warn the Carpathians of a threat has put a target on her back. She and ancient warrior Isai Florea must learn to rely on each other to stop the plot). \$7.99
Flint/Hunt	1636: The Atlantic Encounter (Ring of Fire: The time-displaced Americans set out on an expedition to the Americas of this new timeline). \$25.00
Ford, R.S.	The Spear of Malice (War of the Archons #3: The queen regent of Kantor struggles to maintain the city-state's neutrality while protecting her young children). \$14.95
Hamilton, Laurell K.	Sucker Punch (Anita Blake #27: Anita Blake races against time to clear the name of a young wereleopard who has been accused of murder). \$28.00
Hull, Guy	The Dogs That Made Australia (The history of how dogs transformed Australia from a starving colony to a pastoral powerhouse). \$18.99
Hunter, Faith	Spells for the Dead (Soulwood #5: Nell Ingram faces down a powerful life-stealing magic while a paranormal-hating FBI agent tries to derail the investigation). \$7.99
Jacobs, John Hornor Jennings, Kathleen	A Lush and Seething Hell (Two horror stories of found texts). \$16.99 Flyaway (A young woman receives a note from one of her vanished brothers that makes her question her memories of their disappearance and sends her into a search involving curses and monsters). \$19.99
Johnson, Micaiah	The Space Between Worlds (An outsider who can travel between worlds discovers a secret that threatens her new home and her fragile place in it). \$28.00
Kenyon, Sherrilyn	At Death's Door (Deadman's Cross #3: After dying and being trapped in a voodoo doll, Valynda Moore is offered a chance at a new life if she can defeat the beast she has sworn to keep locked away). \$8.99
Koepp, David	Cold Storage (When a highly mutative organism capable of extinction-level destruction escapes cold storage, a bioterror operative and two unwitting security guards must figure out how to quarantine the horror again). \$9.99
Kratman, Tom	Days of Burning, Days of Wrath (Carrera #8: The Tauran Union is at war, and Hamilcar Carrera leads an assault to destroy the last enemy base on the planet). \$25.00
Lam, Laura/May, Elizabeth	Seven Devils (A group of women possess the knowledge and capabilities to bring the ruthless Tholosian Empire to its knees. But the clock is ticking: the empire's new heir plans to disrupt a peace summit with the only remaining alien empire). \$26.00
Lee, Tanith	Sabella (Originally published in 1980. A vampire on Mars must keep her nature a secret from a PI hired by her devout Christian family). \$7.99
Lewis, Linden	The First Sister (First Sister #1: A comfort woman is ordered to spy on a starship captain, with whom she is falling in love, while a soldier tracks down his lost partner even as he questions his former allegiances). \$26.00
Liu/Baoshu	The Redemption of Time (Remembrance of Earth's Past #4: Dying of cancer, Yun Tianming chooses to extract his brain and launch it into space to intercept alien invaders and send valuable information back to Earth). \$17.99

Back before the lockdown, there were other problems. For every issue of the newsletter I first send the latest update of the mailing list to the printer. Their computer plays with the data and generates a report for me and the post office of what it will cost to mail the newsletter. Then I have to drive out to the bulk mail center to drop off a check before the printed newsletter shows up at the post office. For years you've been able to use a charge card at local post office stations, but they refuse to accept charge cards at the bulk mail center. For purchasing postage on the internet for mail orders, I can use either charge cards or direct transfer from the business checking account. So a few years ago I asked why I couldn't do a direct transfer from the business checking account to the bulk mail account instead of wasting about 2 hours each issue driving out to the bulk mail center to hand over a check. At first I was told that the post office was considering allowing that. Then I was told that there was a test program to do that, but they advised me to avoid it until the bugs get worked out. Recently I've been told that they have opened up the direct transfer program to anybody who wants to use it, but still recommended that I avoid it until the bugs get worked out.

When I went to the bulk mail center for the last issue of the newsletter with the documentation of the postage amount due, I asked the clerk how much was already in the account so that I wouldn't write the check for more than necessary. He looked up the information and said, "This is strange. It says you

Lyon/Crisalli/Horth	Trials of the Mortal Realm (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: A collection of stories about treasure seekers in the aftermath of the Necroquake). \$16.00
Lyons/Ware/Albert/Parrott/Crowley	Imperium at War (Three novellas of war and bloodshed in the Dark Imperium). \$16.00
MacKinnon, Douglas	The Dawn of a Nazi Moon (An alternate history story of Nazis on the Moon) \$27.00
Martin, George R.R.	Fire & Blood (The first of two volumes detailing the definitive history of the Targaryens in Westeros. Black & white illustrations throughout). \$22.00
McCarthy, T.C.	Tyger Burning (Burmese supersoldier cyborg Maung uses an alien invasion as a chance for freedom, until his peaceful exile is interrupted by the discovery of a weapon that could be humanity's only hope for survival). \$8.99
McCarthy, Wil	The Wellstone (Queendom of Sol #2: In a solar system where humanity has conquered death and aging, a perpetually teenaged prince escapes from an exile at summer camp to explore the farthest reaches of space). \$16.00
Mejia, Tehlor Kay	Paola Santiago and the River of Tears (When science-minded Paola sees a shadowy figure by the river, she is forced to consider that her mother's stories of La Llorona might not have been mere superstition after all). \$16.99
Meyer, Stephanie	Midnight Sun (Return to the world of Twilight, told from the vampire's point of view; perhaps signed copies). \$27.99
Miller, Tom	The Philosopher's War (Philosophers #2: As if it wasn't challenging enough being the first male member of the Rescue and Evacuation service, Robert Weekes discovers that his comrades are plotting to end the war by outlawed philosophical means). \$16.00
Morgenstern, Erin	The Starless Sea (A grad student finds a mysterious book that leads him to a magical realm that people are willing to sacrifice anything to protect). \$16.95
Morton/Klinger (ed)	Weird Women (A collection of classic supernatural fiction by groundbreaking female writers). \$25.95
Muir, Tamsyn	Harrow the Ninth (Locked Tomb #2: Harrowhark's health is failing, her magic refuses to cooperate, and someone is trying to kill her. But the fate of the galaxy rests on her shoulders, even if she wonders if it might be better off without her). \$26.99
Naslund, Brian	Sorcery of a Queen (Dragons of Terra #2: After learning his mutation will eventually prove fatal, Bershad vows to spend his remaining time protecting the Queen Ashlyn, as she turns to the powers of sorcery to take back her throne). \$18.99
Newman, Kim	Anno Dracula 1999: Daikaiju (When a party thrown by a vampire princess is crashed by yakuza assassins, vampire schoolgirl Nezumi finds herself pitted against some of the world's deadliest creatures). \$8.99
O'Keefe, Megan E.	Chaos Vector (Protectorate #2: To access the secret coordinates hidden in her head, Sanda needs help from her enemy Nazca to travel through a dead gate). \$16.99
Reynolds, Alastair	Century Rain (Using a back door into an unstable alien transit system, Verity Auger's faction discovers something astonishing at the far end of a wormhole: mid 20th-century Earth, preserved like a fly in amber. Is it a window into the past, a simulation, or something else entirely?). \$16.99
Reynolds, Alastair	Chasm City (Inhibitors #2: In a future where humanity is ravaged by an alien virus, security operative Tanner Mirabel's search for a postmortal killer brings him face to face with a centuries-old atrocity). \$16.99
Ringo/Massa	River of Night (Black Tide Rising #6: Former bank manager Tom Smith leads a ragtag group of zombie apocalypse survivors in a quest to restart civilization). \$8.99
Rivers, Solomon et al	The Deep (Yetu holds the memories for her people - water-dwelling descendants of African slaves - to spare them the pain. But when the memories become too much for her, she flees to the surface and discovers the world they left behind). \$14.99
Rosenberg, Charles	The Trial and Execution of the Traitor George Washington (November 1780: The revolution in Britain's American colonies has become deadlocked. Special agent Jeremiah Black is dispatched to the colonies to kidnap George Washington and bring him back to London to stand trial for high treason). \$17.99

are overdue for paying \$240 for an annual mailing permit.” I agreed that this was strange because the post office had told me several years before that I no longer needed to pay the annual fee because the documentation of my mailings was so good. He looked over the records, agreed that I had not paid the annual fee for several years and that I was still qualified to have the annual fee waived as long as the documentation of the mailing continued to be so good. Looking over the last several mailings, he could see that I still met the standard to not pay the annual fee. I told him that I would pay the fee if necessary to avoid a problem with the mailing. He told me that everybody there knew that the software was buggy, and that it kept asking for fees that were not owed until somebody went in to correct the setting. He talked me out of paying the annual fee, assuring me that there would be no problem. A week later I was notified by the printer that they had taken the newsletter to the bulk mail center, and the post office refused to accept it.

The next morning I spent about 45 minutes trying to get the phone number for the bulk mailing center, so I could try to find out what the problem was without wasting 2 hours driving out there again. Every time a post office employee gave me a phone number, it turned out to be wrong and whatever post office employee I ended up talking to would search on their computer to try to find the correct number. Nobody could provide me with a correct number, so I finally drove out to the bulk mail center, only to find that they don't open until

Routley, Jane	Shadow in the Empire of Light (A magicless orphan adopted by a family of mages, Shine finds herself plunged into the family intrigue and must decide where her loyalties lie). \$11.99
Ruocchio, Christopher	Demon in White (Sun Eater #3: Hadrian and his crew leave for a massive library on a distant world that could hold the key to the Quiet). \$27.00
Ryan, Anthony	The Black Song (Raven's Blade #2: After recovering some of his dark magic, Vaelin is driven to seek the blood of his enemies even in an unwinnable war). \$28.00
Salvatore, R.A.	Relentless (Drizzt: Generations #3: Zak and Jarlaxle must face the impossible in order to defeat the Spider Queen; signed copies expected). \$28.99
Sanderson, Brandon	Legion: The Many Lives of Stephen Leeds (Reprints novellas 'Legion', 'Legion: Skin Deep', and 'Lies of the Beholder'. Stephen Leeds is a genius, who can learn any new skill in hours. To contain all this, his mind creates aspects - hallucinatory people - to hold and manifest the information. He uses this team of experts to solve problems - for a price. But his brain is getting crowded, and the aspects are taking on lives of their own). . . . \$9.99
Sidor, S.A.	The Last Ritual (Arkham Horror: An aspiring painter suspects a visiting artist is attempting to summon a creature of nightmares, and must act before it is too late to stop him). \$16.95
Steinmetz, Ferrett	Automatic Reload (A cyborg mercenary with PTSD goes on the run with a genetically engineered supersoldier with a panic disorder). \$17.99
Sykes, Sam	Ten Arrows of Iron (Grave of Empires #2: Sal is offered the chance to steal an incredible power from a famed airship, but a plot to save the world quickly escalates into a conspiracy of magic and vengeance that could destroy everything). \$17.99
Tibet, David (ed)	There Is a Graveyard That Dwells in Man (Strange fiction and hallucinatory tales). \$21.95
Vaughn, Carrie	The Heirs of Locksley (Locksley #2: The Locksley children befriend the young King Henry III and inadvertently uncover a deadly political plot). \$13.99
Werner, C.L.	Profit's Ruin (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: The crew of the Iron Dragon embark on a perilous voyage seeking the sky-island of Profit's Ruin). \$16.00
White, Alex	The Worst of All Possible Worlds (Salvagers #3: The crew of the Capricious set off on a journey to find the first colony ship. and magic that could bring down the gods) \$16.99
Willett, Edward	Master of the World (Worldshapers #2: Shawna escapes from her first shaped world into a war-torn steampunk world. There, she must find the Shaper and somehow reconnect with her guide Karl Yatsler). \$7.99
Wraight, Chris	Bloodlines (Warhammer Crime: Probatore Augusto Zidarov is charged with locating the missing scion of a wealthy family, and must venture into the dark underbelly of Varangantua). \$16.00

EXPECTED MID-AUGUST

Abercrombie, Joe	Oaths and Conquests (Warhammer: Age of Sigmar: Thirteen tales of the fight against Chaos concerning the oaths of the righteous and the conquests of the damned) \$16.00
Archer, Sarah	A Little Hatred (Age of Madness #1: Warriors, socialites, and magicians struggle to adapt to a changing world where machines are replacing magic). \$16.99
Asher, Neal	Catland (A celebration and history of cat culture in Japan). \$19.95
	Hilldiggers (Polity: Reissue; In the midst of a war between rival planets, one side found an object that collapsed into four parts, packed with either alien tech or some unknown form of life. A scientist studying one of the parts became pregnant, subsequently giving birth to quadruplets. New weapons developed from the research ended the war. 20 years later, those exceptionally talented quadruplets have assumed varying degrees of power and influence - and one of them seems determined to gain control of those weapons). . \$7.99
Barron, Rena	Kingdom of Souls (When Arrah starts trading years of her life for magic, she runs afoul of a Demon king who is stealing children from her city. Saving the people she loves

9:30 am. Fortunately, I had a book along to read, and eventually got inside. I explained what was going on to the clerk (a different one from the previous visit). He looked at the account and told me that everybody there knew that the software was buggy. He assured me that I did not owe the annual fee, and apologized for the person who refused to accept the newsletter, because that person should have looked at the account and realized that I did not owe the annual fee. He talked me out of giving him a check for the annual fee and told me there would be no problem when the newsletter was brought back to the bulk mail center.

I headed back to the store, but about 10 minutes before I got there the manager of the bulk mail center called the store to say that they would not accept the newsletter until I dropped off a check for the annual fee. I called him back and discussed the situation with him. He said that both of the clerks I had dealt with were wrong, that there were no bugs in the post office software, and that I did owe the annual fee, but that it was “impossible” for him to tell me why I owed the annual fee. I drove back to the bulk mail center and talked to a third clerk, this one out in the warehouse instead of in the front office. I went through the whole history of this mess, and she did some research on the account. What she finally came up with is that the previous printer had always claimed that I was exempt from the annual fee, and that made me exempt from the annual fee. When I had to switch to a new printer last fall, the new printer failed to claim that I was

	might cost her everything she has fought for). \$10.99
Beckford, William	Vathek (A tyrannical caliph purchases a pair of swords with a mysterious inscription that he sells his soul to be able to understand). \$14.99
Beyer/Johnson et al	Countdown (Star Trek: Picard: Full-color graphic novel. Before he retired to his vineyard, Picard faced a mission that changed his life forever). \$15.99
Bradbury, Ray	Killer, Come Back to Me (Collects all his crime stories). \$39.99
Brennan, Marie	Driftwood (In a post-apocalyptic real where fragments of worlds collide into one another, the enigmatic Last may hold the secret to surviving outside one's own world - or he may be a mere charlatan). \$15.95
Brown, Christopher	Failed State (Dystopian Lawyer #2: While America struggles to maintain a fragile truce, a rogue rebel faction captures and holds the former dictators hostage - one of whom requests Donny to be her lawyer at the trial). \$16.99
Caine, Rachel	Sword and Pen (Great Library #5: YA; Jess Brightwell and his friends must come together to save the Library from the return of the corrupt Archivist). \$9.99
Campbell, Lisbeth	The Vanished Queen (After finding the diary of the missing Queen, political prisoner Anza joins forces with the Crown Prince to lead the resistance to victory against the tyrant king). \$27.99
Craddock, Curtis	The Last Uncharted Sky (Risen Kingdoms #3: Isabelle and Jean-Claude undertake an airship expedition to recover a fabled treasure, but Isabelle still suffering hallucinations from a previous attack, and the danger is compounded when the ship is sabotaged) \$29.99
Czerneda, Julie E.	Mirage (Web Shifter's Library #2: Esen must find a way to rescue a hapless group of chimeras while her human companions learn shocking truths about themselves). \$26.00
Dennison, Matthew	The Man in the Willows (A biography of author Kenneth Grahame). \$17.95
Dickinson, Seth	The Tyrant Baru Cormorant (Masquerade #3: Now that Baru has the Cancrith's weapon, she holds absolute power over the Republic and a chance to right its wrongs) \$32.50
Faherty, J.G.	Sins of the Father (Innsmouth: Heny Gilman tries to find out who has been killing people in Innsmouth in order to clear himself from his father's legacy of madness)\$14.95
Henson, Jim et al	Coronation Volume 2 (Labyrinth: YA; Full color. As the clock ticks ever closer to the thirteenth hour, and Maria and her peculiar companions struggle through the canals, Maria begins to uncover the secrets of the Labyrinth and her own power within its walls)\$16.99
Hopstaken/Prusi	Stoker's Wilde West (Stoker & Wilde #2: Bram Stoker and Oscar Wilde travel to the American West where they must contend with a band of gunslinging vampires) \$14.95
Hoskin, Rik	Bystander 27 (After his pregnant wife is killed in a clash between superpowered 'costumes', an ex-Navy SEAL fights to discover the truth about their identity and origins) \$14.99
Krefta, Ben	Unicorns & Mystical Creatures Glow-in-the-Dark Manga Coloring (A coloring book of unicorns and other creatures in a bold manga style). \$15.99
Kunskan, Derek	The House of Styx (Amid a fragile colony, a wind that should not exist is found on the planet Venus, and the House of Styx is determined to harness it). \$27.99
Lostetter, Marina J.	Ultra (Noumenon #3: A spaceship AI wakes up on a strange planet to the presence of alien life and must rely on the descendants of its original crew to find out who the newcomers are). \$16.99
Mack, David	The Shadow Commission (Dark Arts #3: After the assassination of President Kennedy triggers a series of attacks on mages, Cade and Anja must fight for survival against a sinister organization). \$21.99
Mack, David	More Beautiful than Death (Star Trek: Kirk and crew escort Sarek to a planet inhabited by dark-energy creatures the locals believe to be demons). \$16.00
McDonald, Ian	Moon Rising (Luna #3: A hundred years in the future, a war rages between the Five Dragons. Through political manipulation and sheer force of will, Lucas Cortas has risen from the ashes of corporate defeat to seize control of the Moon. The only person who can stop him

exempt from the annual fee, and therefore I was no longer exempt, and there was nothing that anybody could do about it. Other than not claiming I was exempt, I was doing everything perfectly to remain exempt. So I paid the fee, as the manager came over to introduce himself and once again told me that it was “impossible” to explain why I was no longer exempt.

A few days later I received an on-line customer satisfaction survey from the post office with regard to my recent experience with the bulk mail center. As you might imagine, it was very negative. There was a place to check if I wanted them to contact me, so I checked it. A couple of days after that I was contacted by a guy whose job is to profusely apologize for anything the post office screws up, while claiming that there are no problems with the post office (the only problem is with post office employees, not with any of their systems or policies), and he did his job with great enthusiasm. He assured me that there are never any problems with any of the post office software, only with clerks who haven't received enough training (not that lack of training is a problem with the post office). He also assured me that I could set up direct transfer from my checking account to my bulk rate account, and there was no reason to delay doing so because nothing ever goes wrong. I looked things over, but the coronavirus mess came along before I could fight my way through the procedure, so I'll be driving out to the bulk mail center again in about a week to drop off another check.

Okorafor, Nnedi	is a brilliant Lunar lawyer: his sister Ariel).....	\$18.99
Penelope, L.	Ikenga (Kids; When 12-year-old Nnamdi receives a magical object, he must find a way to use its powers to avenge his father).	\$16.99
Reynolds, Josh	Cry of Metal and Bone (Earthsinger #3: When a shadowy group with ties to the Elsiran government takes responsibility for a fatal attack and promises more, an unlikely crew is assembled to investigate).	\$18.99
Rosenberg, Charles	Kal Jerico: Sinner's Bounty (Necromunda: Kal Jerico races other bounty hunters for the biggest prize of their lives, the maniacal preacher Desolation Zoon).. . . .	\$16.00
Sarnat, Marjorie	The Day Lincoln Lost (In an alternate United States just before the Civil War, a fiery abolitionist is arrested in a scandal that could cost Abraham Lincoln the upcoming election; signed copies expected)..	\$27.99
Sayers, Constance	Christmas Cats Coloring Book (A coloring book of cats enjoying Christmas)	\$5.99
Stevenson, Noelle et al	A Witch in Time (Cursed to re-live her tragic love affair across many lifetimes, in her latest life in present day Washington D.C., Juliet finally begins to remember her past lives and might be able to break the spell)..	\$16.99
Swallow, James	Birthday Smarty (Lumberjanes #15: April's plans for an elaborate birthday party go awry; meanwhile, Mal is too good at distracting Jo from her party preparations, and worries they won't make it back in time).	\$14.99
Tamaki, Mariko	The Buried Dagger (Warhammer 40,000: Horus Heresy: The Death Guard are sent ahead as the vanguard in the final battle, but are stricken by a terrible plague in the warp)	\$9.99
Tesh, Emily	Ghost Cabin (Lumberjanes Novel #4: Kids; Mal and Molly find an extra cabin at camp that turns out to be full of ghosts).	\$8.99
Thakrar, Shveta	Drowned Country (Greenhollow #2: Henry reluctantly obeys a summons from his mother to her grimy seaside town, despite the risk he might run into the man who loves him).	\$14.99
Thorpe, Gav	Star Daughter (When her father is injured, Sheetal sets off to find her mother - a star who returned to the sky long ago - in order to heal him).	\$17.99
Tidhar, Lavie	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)..	\$18.00
Turitz/Zimmerman Weeks, Brent	By Force Alone (A savage, subversive retelling of the legend of the King Arthur)	\$27.99
Whiteley, Alaya	Horror (An illustrated history of vampires, zombies, monsters, and more).	\$19.99
Wolfe, Gene	The Burning White (Lightbringer #5: While the White King springs his trap and Chromeria is under siege, Kip Guile and his companions return for one final stand)	\$19.99
Wraight, Chris	The Loosening Skin (In a world where people regularly shed their skin and identities, Rose is a bodyguard who must track down one of her celebrity client's stolen skins)	\$14.95
	The Wizard Knight: The Knight / The Wizard (Omnibus reprint of 2 fantasy novels).	\$19.99
	The Regent's Shadow (Warhammer 40,000: Watcher of the Throne: When the Regent of Terra heads off to the Indomitus Crusade, a new threat is uncovered closer to home)..	\$16.00

RECENTLY RECEIVED AND FORTHCOMING MYSTERIES

ALREADY RECEIVED

Aaronovitch, Ben	False Value (Peter Grant takes a security job at the Serious Cybernetics Company, where his coworkers are civilians - and geekier than he is. And it seems there's a secret hidden at SCC, one that stretches back to Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage, and forward to the future of artificial intelligence - a secret that is just as magical as it is technological).. . . .	\$26.00
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Short Recommendations
by *Don Blyly*

A regular customer brought back a used copy of **Twelve Kings of Sharakhai** (\$8.99) by Bradley P. Beaulieu, Book 1 of The Song of the Shattered Sands series, and strongly recommended it. I took the used copy home and read it and immediately put the title on the Recommended Fantasy display. And started on **With Blood Upon the Sand** (\$8.99), the second in the series.

Sharakhai was once a large oasis that the nomadic desert tribes would meet at to trade goods. Some of the tribe members settled there and a town developed that depended on trade to survive. It became successful and grew to the point that some of the kingdoms that bordered the desert started lusting to control it. And some of the conservative members of the nomadic tribes came to resent that some of their tribe members were no longer following the old customs. Four hundred years before the story begins, twelve leaders of the city make a pact with the desert gods to protect the city in exchange for a huge sacrifice. After four hundred years, the twelve kings have not aged and the blood sacrifices are still going on to protect the city.

Ceda is the daughter of a woman who died trying to overthrow the kings. Early in the series, Ceda is an angry and unsophisticated teenager dedicated to becoming a warrior and completing her mother's mission. As she grows older, she finds that the situation is far more complicated than she believed,

Brett, Simon	The Killer in the Choir (Fethering #19: When a fellow choir member dies, his daughter accuses her stepmother of murder. It is up to Jude and Carole to unearth the truth). \$17.95
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Handbook (#1: Housewife Donna Stone finds out that her husband's death was no accident - and joins the black ops organization he worked for to seek revenge on the terrorists who killed him). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Guide to Gracious Killing (#2: Donna must prevent a rogue operative from assassinating the Russian president at a nuclear arms summit). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Killer Christmas Tips (#3: There will be no peace on Earth if Donna and Jack don't find a shipping container filled with heat-seeking missiles) \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Relationship Survival Guide (#4: Donna must balance her dating life with breaking a drug runner out of a Mexican prison). . . \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Vacation to Die For (#5: Donna and Jack search for an NSA scientist who has disappeared with a deadly virus in the jungles of a resort island). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Recipes for Disaster (#6: Donna must stop the assassination of both US political parties' presidential candidates). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Hollywood Scream Play (#7: Donna and Jack agree to let a Hollywood studio turn their life into a film, using the exotic location shoots to track down crucial intel to take down the Quorum). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Killer App (#8: In order to flush out an internationally renowned hacker, Donna infiltrates three very successful tech companies) \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Hostage Hosting Tips (#9: Can Donna save a hotel full of international dignitaries from terrorists?) \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Garden of Deadly Delights (#10: Donna's green thumb - and her trigger finger - are put to the test when genetically enhanced corn containing a brain-eating virus is released into the US food chain). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Tips for Weddings, Weapons, & Warfare (#11: Donna and Jack juggle wedding plans with stopping the Quorum's quest for world domination). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Husband Hunting Hints (#12: To save her husband, Donna must betray her company and act as a double agent for the Quorum) \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Ghost Protocol (#13: After Acme activates ghost protocol and dissolves the organization, Donna and Jack go deep undercover to seek out terrorists once thought dead and buried). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Terrorist TV Guide (#14: Donna goes undercover on a reality TV show to stop a terrorist cell from attacking during a live broadcast) \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Deadly Dossier (#15: A prequel to the Housewife Assassin series. Jack is tasked with investigating the death of an Acme hitman, only to fall in love with the dead man's wife - whom he must never contact). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Greatest Hits (#16: As Donna's life hangs in the balance, a deadly bet with the Grim Reaper brings forth a cavalcade of ghosts from her past: those she loved and lost, and those whose lives she took). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Fourth Estate Sale (#17: Donna and Jack infiltrate a major media conglomerate's in an attempt to stop a foreign state from sabotaging the US president and influencing US politics). \$16.99
Brown, Josie	The Housewife Assassin's Horrorscope (#18: Donna, Jack, and their team must decipher horoscope tips to uncover the names of twelve suspects whose acts of treason

but the anger and determination remains strong. In addition to all the external threats, the kings are also plotting against each other.

The third book, **A Veil of Spears** (\$8.99) just came out. The fourth book, **Beneath the Twisted Trees** is currently available in hardcover at \$28.00, with a trade paperback edition coming in mid June. The fifth book, **When Jackals Storm the Walls** (\$28.00) is expected mid July. There is also **Of Sand and Malice** (\$14.00), a prequel to the series showing Ceda in her early period as the youngest pit fighter in the arena, using the name White Wolf. When a supernatural sadistic creature becomes interested in her, she has to fight to protect herself and her friends.

In the Palace of Shadow and Joy (\$16.00, due early July) by D. J. Butler is a rather odd little novel. The world has 1000 races of man, some with fish heads, some with bird feet, some with tentacles, and many of those races live in the ancient city of Kish.

Indrajit Twang is the 427th epic poet of his people, having memorized all 30,000 lines of his people's epic. But none of his people are interested in becoming #428, so he has come to Kish to try to find a successor to teach the epic to or else his people's history will die with him. But remembering 30,000 lines of poetry in a language that nobody else in Kish speaks doesn't earn him any money or respect, so he takes odd jobs.

Fix is a mercenary, after being raised by a religious group

Carter, Ali	could bring the world to the brink of war)..... \$16.99
Carter, Ali	A Brush with Death (Susie Mahl #1: An Earl in the midst of scandal meets a gruesome end in a cemetery, but sharp-eyed painter Susie Mahl is on the case)... \$14.99
Doherty, Paul	The Colours of Murder (Susie Mahl #2: Susie Mahl looks into the murder of an American socialite at a British manor)..... \$15.95
Gilliland, Rhonda (ed)	The Godless (Brother Athelstan #19: Brother Athelstan suspects that a mysterious figure known as Oriflamme is behind both a series of brutal killings and an explosion on a war cog). \$17.95
Johnson, Craig	Restaurant in Peace (Stories of food and crime from Minnesota authors. . \$17.95
Phillips, Scott	Kindness Goes Unpunished (Walt Longmire #3: Walt's trip to Philadelphia to visit his daughter turns into a nightmare when she is the victim of a vicious attack)\$9.99
Robb, Candace	That Left Turn at Albuquerque (Bankrupt attorney Douglas Rigby plans a desperate get-rich-quick scheme involving an art forgery - to pull it off, he'll need to negotiate a whole cast of players with their own agendas)..... \$27.95
Rowe, Rosemary	A Conspiracy of Wolves (Owen Archer #11: When rumors spread that wolves are killing people in the woods, Owen Archer teams up with Geoffrey Chaucer to catch a human killer). \$17.95
Vercher, John	A Prisoner of Privilege (Libertus #18: Libertus is tasked with investigating his patron's cousin, who may be a spy for Emperor Severus). \$17.95
	Three-fifths (Edgar finalist. Pittsburgh, 1995: A biracial man who is passing for white is forced to confront the lies of his past when his white best friend, just released from prison, involves him in a hate crime against a young black man)..... \$24.99
EXPECTED EARLY JUNE	
Abbott, Karen	The Ghosts of Eden Park (Nonfiction. Edgar finalist. Prosecutor Mabel Walker Willebrandt takes on bootlegging king George Remus, sparking a chain of events that quickly turns deadly). \$18.00
Ashdown, Isabel	Beautiful Liars (As the host of a TV show dedicated to cold cases, Martha finally has a chance to discover what happened to her childhood friend many years ago).... \$9.99
Atkins, Ace	The Shameless (Quinn Colson #9: When the bones of a boy who disappeared years ago are found, fingers point to Quinn's uncle, but Quinn's wife thinks there is a darker conspiracy at work). \$9.99
Atkinson, Kate	Big Sky (Jackson Brodie #5: PI Jackson Brodie's quiet life is interrupted when a routine job tailing an unfaithful husband puts him the path of a human trafficking ring). \$16.99
Baker, Bree	A Call for Kelp (Seaside Cafe #4: An aging actress hired by Everly's aunts to help with a beekeeping documentary turns up dead)..... \$7.99
Benjamin, Melanie	Mistress of the Ritz (Novel based on a true story. When the Ritz becomes Nazi headquarters in occupied Paris, hotel director Claude Auzello and his American wife Blanche work to keep the hotel running smoothly - even as they throw themselves into the clandestine work of the French Resistance).. \$17.00
Berenson, Laurien	Bite Club (Melanie Travis #23: When a member of her book club turns up dead, Melanie is shocked to find herself a suspect, and digs into the victim's shady past to clear herself) \$7.99
Burke, James Lee	A Private Cathedral (Robicheaux #23: Dave Robicheaux must rescue the heirs of two powerful crime families from a time-traveling superhuman assassin that forces him to confront the ghosts of his past). \$28.00
Casey, Eliza	Lady Rights a Wrong (Manor Cat #2: 1912: Lady Cecilia decides to join the local Women's Suffrage Union; when the leader of the Union is murdered, it's up to Cecilia and her cat to chase down the killer)..... \$16.00
Castillo, Linda	Shamed (Kate Burkholder #11: A grandmother is murdered. A child, abducted. Kate's search for the child uncovers a web of secrets and lies as she pursues a killer playing a twisted game of revenge). \$9.99
Connelly, Michael	Fair Warning (Jack McEvoy #3: McEvoy's investigation into the death of an old flame

that taught that the road to happiness was to avoid learning unimportant things, and he rebelled by trying to learn as many unimportant things as possible.

Kish has a large risk-merchant community. If somebody wants to bet on somebody dying or a building burning down, they will take out a policy with a risk-merchant, paying the risk merchant a sum of money, and if the person then dies or the building burns, the risk merchant has to pay a much larger amount to the person who took out the policy. Sounds like insurance, but both sides often hire mercenaries to try to tip the risk in their favor.

Indrajit and Fix are hired by a powerful risk-merchant to make sure that a famous opera star is not killed. But the other side has hired many more mercenaries to make sure she is killed, and to kill Indrajit and Fix as well. While trying to keep themselves and the opera star alive, Indrajit and Fix do a lot of entertaining friendly bickering. Indrajit looks with disfavor on the reading and writing of books, feeling that people should just memorize everything, such as his 30,000 lines of poetry that nobody cares about. Fix loves books, finding them a great source of useless information that he craves.

I received an advance copy of **The Vanished Seas** (\$16.00, expected early July) by Catherine Asaro, about Major Bhaajan, who grew up in the Undercity, a community hidden in the ruins underneath the glittering City of Cries on the imperial planet Raylicon. She went off to

	leads him on a chase after a serial killer).....	\$29.00
Connolly, John	A Book of Bones (Charlie Parker #17: Three dead bodies: each a sacrifice, a summons. And something in the darkness has heard the call. Charlie Parker has also heard it, and he will track those who would cast the world into darkness).....	\$18.99
Connolly, Sheila	Killer in the Carriage House (Victorian Village #2: While renovating a Victorian mansion, Kate finds a pile of documents about the town history that she hopes are valuable enough to pay for the building's restoration. But it soon becomes clear that the papers hold secrets someone would kill to keep).....	\$7.99
Cotterill, Colin	The Delightful Life of a Suicide Pilot (Dr. Siri #15: A mysterious diary that once belonged to a kamikaze pilot is mailed to Dr. Siri, along with an unsigned note begging him for help).....	\$27.95
Donlea, Charlie	Some Choose Darkness (Moore & Phillips #1: Rory finds a cryptic file in her late father's law office that brings new light to the case of a serial killer brought down by an amateur sleuth, who was then murdered).....	\$9.99
Ellroy, James	This Storm (Los Angeles, 1942: There's a murderous fire and a gold heist. There's Fifth Column treason on US soil. There are homegrown Nazis, Commies, war profiteers, and race racketeers. It's populism ascendant. There's two dead cops in a dive off the jazz-club strip. And three men and one woman have a hot date with history).....	\$17.00
Flower, Amanda	Marshmallow Malice (Amish Candy Shop #5: A wedding guest who knew secrets about the groom drops dead, and it's up to Bailey to find the killer).....	\$7.99
Frey, Rhea	Because You're Mine (Single mother Lee is persuaded by her best friend to leave her autistic son in the care of his charismatic tutor for a weekend getaway. Forty-eight hours later, someone is dead).....	\$7.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Baited Hook (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1940. A man gives Perry Mason half of a \$10,000 dollar bill, in exchange for the promise that he will help him should he ever receive the other half. When a dead body is discovered soon after, Perry must find a way to prove the innocence of a person whose identity is unknown).....	\$15.95
Grafton, C.W.	The Rat Began to Gnaw the Rope (Gil Henry #1: A Kentucky lawyer begins investigating a stock fraud and ends up investigating a murder).....	\$14.99
Griffin, Laura	Her Deadly Secrets (When an ordinary meeting ends in a bloodbath, PI Kira Vance starts her own investigation to catch clues the police have missed).....	\$8.99
Horowitz, Anthony	The Sentence Is Death (Daniel Hawthorne #2: When a high profile celebrity-divorce lawyer is found dead in his apartment with an expensive bottle of wine, it's up to PI Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick Anthony Horowitz to unravel the killer's clues).....	\$16.99
Hunter, Stephen	Game of Snipers (Bob Lee Swagger #11: When Swagger is approached by a woman who lost a son to war and has spent years searching for the sniper who pulled the trigger, what starts as a favor soon becomes an obsession).....	\$9.99
Jackson/Bush	Last Girl Standing (Delta and her high school friends have been plagued by deadly 'accidents' ever since graduation, and must dig into the past to find a way to stop the terror).....	\$8.99
James, Miranda	The Pawful Truth (Cat in the Stacks #11: When Charlie decides to go back to school, he finds himself entangled in a deadly lovers' quarrel on campus).....	\$7.99
Jeong, You-Jeong	Seven Years of Darkness (While hiding their own secrets, three men race to uncover what happened to a girl found dead in a South Korean lake. Seven years later, the convicted man's son receives a package that promises to reveal the truth).....	\$17.00
Kanon, Joseph	The Accomplice (A CIA analyst must mingle with South American high society in order to track down the Nazi doctor that killed his family).....	\$17.00
Lansing, Kate	Killer Chardonnay (Colorado Wine #1: The sudden death of a food critic at the opening of her wine shop sends Parker Valentine on the hunt for a killer).....	\$7.99
Laurence, Michael	The Extinction Agenda (The sole survivor of a strike force raid to contain a deadly pathogen, Agent James Mason is certain that the virus is still out there, and teams up with some shady friends to take down the evil entity responsible).....	\$9.99

the military but eventually returned home and became a private investigator. It sounded interesting, but I hadn't read the earlier book.

The first of the series is **Undercity** (not currently available, but I found a used copy on the shelf), followed by **The Bronze Skies** (\$7.99).

Six thousand years before the story begins, some alien race brought a bunch of humans from Earth to the planet Raylicon and then mysteriously disappeared, leaving behind some alien space ships with libraries that the humans used to learn how to build a civilization and then get into space. They built a space empire, which then collapsed and led to a dark age. Thousands of years later the dark age ended and they re-established their empire, and almost a thousand years later encountered an Earth-based space empire.

The ruins of the Undercity date back to the time that the aliens first brought humans to Raylicon, and some humans have been living in those ruins ever since, with a culture quite different from the humans living on the surface. With each of Major Bhaajan's cases we learn more about the ruins and the history of the planet. While I'm glad that I found a copy of **Undercity** to read first, **The Bronze Sky** does a good enough job of filling in the back story that you can easily start with the second book. I recommend reading **The Bronze Sky** before picking up **The Vanished Seas**.

1636: The Atlantic Encounter by Eric Flint and Walter H. Hunt (\$25.00, early

Logan, Kylie	The Scent of Murder (Jazz Ramsey #1: When her cadaver dog in training finds an actual corpse, Jess's connections with both the victim and the detective draw her into the case and she becomes obsessed with finding the truth). \$7.99
McKenna, Clara	Murder at Morington Hall (Stella & Lyndy #1: American heiress Stella balks at an arranged marriage to Earl's son Lyndy, but they find they have more in common than they think when they must team up to solve a vicar's murder). \$15.95
Morgan, Alexis	Death by Auction (Abby McCree #3: Abby's attempt to bid on Tripp at a charity's bachelor auction is foiled by Tripp's ex-wife, who soon becomes the chief suspect in a murder investigation). \$7.99
Moyes, Patricia	Night Ferry to Death (Henry Tibbett #17: Henry and Emmy want to leave the distressing events of the ferry ride behind them, but a shocking discovery in their suitcase puts them in real danger). \$14.95
Nesbo, Jo	Knife (Harry Hole #12: The murderer who has haunted Harry's entire career is free after a decade in prison, and Harry knows it is only a matter of time before he strikes again) \$16.95
Nesser, Hakan	The Summer of Kim Novak (When Erik comes across a newspaper article about unsolved crimes, he is overwhelmed with memories of a childhood friend and the shocking discovery they made one summer). \$16.99
Omar, Ilhan	This Is What America Looks Like (A memoir from Congresswoman Ilhan Omar) \$27.99
Orczy, Baroness	The Old Man in the Corner (Teahouse Detective #1: Originally published in 1908. A collection of classic mysteries as related to the journalist Polly Burton by the Teahouse Detective). \$14.95
Orczy, Baroness	The Case of Miss Elliott (Teahouse Detective #2: Originally published in 1908. A collection of classic mysteries as related to the journalist Polly Burton by the Teahouse Detective). \$14.95
Parris, S.J.	Execution (Giordano Bruno #5: Bruno goes undercover in a conspiracy to kill Queen Elizabeth and put Mary Queen of Scots on the throne). \$25.95
Patterson/Clinton	The President Is Missing (In the midst of a threat greater than any America has ever faced, the president disappears). \$9.99
Polchin, James	Indecent Advances (Edgar finalist. Nonfiction. Polchin recovers and recounts queer stories from the crime pages - often lurid and euphemistic - that reveal the hidden history of violence against gay men). \$16.95
Ryan, Jennifer	The Spies of Shilling Lane (Village busybody Mrs. Braithwaite storms into the London Blitz in search of her missing daughter, with timid landlord Mr. Norris as her sidekick). \$17.00
Sandford, John	Bloody Genius (Virgil Flowers #12: When a feud between rival academics turns deadly, Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate). \$17.00
Silva, Daniel	The New Girl (Gabriel Allon #19: Gabriel Allon forges an unlikely alliance with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia when the Prince asks for help saving his kidnapped daughter) \$9.99
Simenon, Georges	Maigret's Madwoman (Maigret #72: New translation of a novel originally published in 1970. Maigret humors a seemingly paranoid old lady who insists there has been an intruder in her apartment, only to realize too late she may be telling the truth). . . \$15.00
Smith, Alexander McCall	The Second-Worst Restaurant in France (Paul Stuart #2: Taking a break from writing his book to visit a friend in France, Paul finds his fortunes tangled up with an infamous local restaurant). \$16.00
Smith, Karen Rose	Murder with Clotted Cream (Daisy's Tea Garden #5: When Daisy was hired to provide afternoon tea for a wealthy actress, she didn't expect to find her hostess dead in the pantry). \$7.99
Tucker, Laura	All the Greys on Greene Street (Kids: When her father disappears and everyone around her starts acting strangely, 12-year-old Olympia searches for him and a missing piece of art). \$8.99

August) is another installment in the **1632** alternate history. There are some novels, written primarily or entirely by Flint, who follow the main characters and are part of the main story arc, and there are other novels, written primarily by other authors, that follow minor characters to explore other parts of the world. In this novel, a couple of minor up-timers and a crew of down-timers sale off to explore what is happening in North America as the French try to take over the continent. We get to see the Danish colony in Newfoundland, Montreal, the Massachusetts colonies, New Amsterdam, Maryland, and Virginia, from the points of view of the good guys and a French spy who joined the crew in Europe. I enjoyed it until I reached the end, where I felt the novel was cut off before the story had reached a satisfactory conclusion.

**Whodunnit–Short
Mystery Reviews
by Mary McKinley**

Andrea Camilleri has written a wonderful police procedural series about Inspector Montalbano in Vigata, Sicily. Once this was an idyllic scene, pasture and home to goats and wildlife, now home to drug dealers and prostitutes. **The Shape of Water** (\$16.99) is his first case. Silvio Lupanello, one of the big-shots is found in his car, pants around his knees, and quite dead. The autopsy says it was a heart attack, but the Inspector isn't so sure - his gut and the victim's mother tell him otherwise. Montalbano is almost Holmsian in his intelligence (smarter than the average cop),

Walker, Martin	The Shooting at Chateau Rock (Bruno #13: A local's troubling death is linked to a Russian oligarch; Bruno must bring together a French notary and a rock star to solve the case). \$25.95
Woods/Hall	Bombshell (Teddy Fay #4: When a rising star becomes the target of malicious gossip, Teddy must neutralize the source before it gets out of hand - or turns violent). . . \$28.00
Wortham, Reavis Z.	Hawke's Fury (Sonny Hawke #4: Sonny Hawke steps in when cartels attack a film crew shooting a documentary on human trafficking). \$9.99
Young, Kate	Southern Sass and a Crispy Corpse (Marygene Brown #2: After Marygene gets a warning from Mama's ghost that the dead will seek her out to solve their murders, she finds herself involved in a double homicide investigation). \$7.99

EXPECTED MID-JUNE

Alvey, J.M.	Scorpions in Corinth (Philocles #2: Philocles and his actors go on tour in Corinth, but when their guide is poisoned, Philocles must brave the dangerous politics of the oligarchs in order to find the killer). \$15.99
Barber II, William J.	We Are Called to Be a Movement (A call to action for a moral revival to save the heart and soul of our democracy). \$8.95
Bude, John	Death in White Pyjamas / Death Knows No Calendar (William Meredith: Two mysteries: an actress is found murdered, with her rivals as the main suspects; a woman's murder brings to light a tangled love triangle of suspects). \$14.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Dubious Bridegroom (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1949. Mason's client is accused of murdering his ex-wife). \$17.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Gilded Lily (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1956. A man wakes in a daze to find a man shot dead and must call on Mason for help). \$17.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Green-Eyed Sister (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1953. Two sisters are being blackmailed by someone who knows the shadowy origins of their father's fortune). \$17.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Lazy Lover (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1947. Mason tracks down a woman who ran off with her daughter's boyfriend). \$17.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Lonely Heiress (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1948. Mason must protect a woman's inheritance when the only witness to the will is murdered). \$17.99
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Terrified Typist (Perry Mason: Originally published in 1956. Mason must untangle the mystery of his missing typist). \$17.99
Goldberg, Leonard	The Art of Deception (Joanna Blalock #4: Someone is breaking into art galleries to slash valuable paintings of women. But are they mere vandals, or are they searching for something? Joanna and the Watsons are called in to find answers). \$26.99
Greenwood, Kerry	The Spotted Dog (Corinna Chapman #7: Corinna and Daniel help a Scottish veteran search for his stolen service dog). \$15.99
Grisham, John	The Guardians (A lawyer attempting to free a black man wrongfully imprisoned for murder finds himself facing powerful enemies). \$9.99
Houlahan, Peter	Norco '80 (Edgar finalist. The true story of the most violent bank robbery in US history, and how the aftermath changed American law enforcement). \$17.95
Keenan, Tom O.	The Family (Sean Rooney #2: When a Glasgow cop is kidnapped by ISIS, the leader of the Scottish mob mobilizes his "disciples" to defend the city from rival gangs). . . \$14.95
Kendi, Ibram X.	Antiracist Baby (Full color board book. Nine easy steps for using the power of antiracism to build a more equitable world, for children and their grown-ups). . . . \$8.99
King, Laurie R.	Riviera Gold (Mary Russell #16: Russell and Holmes encounter Mrs. Hudson on the French Riviera, where their former housekeeper soon becomes a suspect in yet another murder). \$28.00
King/Klinger (ed)	For the Sake of the Game (Anthology. Original stories inspired by the Sherlock Holmes canon). \$15.95
Rosenfelt, David	Baby Ganesh Agency #5 Bark of Night (Andy Carpenter #19: When a man

with the ability to see details that are overlooked by others, and a refusal to tolerate fools. However, he enjoys food (the descriptions are mouth-watering), has a girlfriend, and a sense of humor, and isn't above breaking the law to serve his needs - one of his girlfriends calls him a "4th-rate-god" and he's happy to accept that description. This was well worth the read - it's a slim book to be savored. Most of the violence takes place off-scene so those of us that are a tad squeamish can read and enjoy the story. The other books in the series (which we have both new and used starting at \$8.00 used, \$16.00 new, all TPB) are: **The Terra-Cotta Dog, The Snack Thief, Voice of the Violin, The Excursion to Tindari, The Smell of the Night, Rounding the Mark, The Patience of the Spider, The Paper Moon, August Heat, The Wings of the Sphinx, The Track of Sand, The Potter's Field, The Age of Doubt, Montalbano's First Case and Other Stories, The Dance of the Seagull, Treasure Hunt, Angelica's Smile, Game of Mirrors, A Beam of Light, Blade of Light, A Voice in the Night, A Nest of Vipers, The Pyramid of Mud, Death at Sea: Montalbano's Early Cases, The Overnight Kidnapper, The Other End of the Line, and The Safety Net** (just received).

I am recommending the "Housewife Assassin" series by Josie Brown. I discovered these years ago, enjoyed them then, and still do. We have the complete series in stock, new in TPB at \$16.99 each. In order, they are: **The Housewife Assassin's**

drops off a healthy French bulldog at the vet clinic with instructions to euthanize it, Andy discovers that the dog's true owner was murdered). \$16.99

EXPECTED EARLY JULY

Alexander, Ellie	Nothing Bundt Trouble (Bakeshop #11: Jules discovers the case notes of her late father, and becomes intrigued by a cold case of a killer who might still be at large). \$8.99
Andrews, Donna	Terns of Endearment (Meg Langslow #25: Meg suspects foul play when a woman jumps overboard from a stranded cruise ship). \$7.99
Barrett, Lorna	A Killer Edition (Booktown Mystery #13: After overhearing a heated argument between a romance bookseller and her neighbor, Tricia finds herself tracking down a killer when the neighbor turns up dead). \$7.99
Beaton, M.C.	Beating About the Bush (Agatha Raisin #30: After finding a severed leg in a hedge, Agatha is surprised to not be investigating a murder, instead taking on a case of industrial espionage). \$7.99
Black, Lisa	Let Justice Descend (Gardiner & Renner #5: After discovering a pile of cash in a murdered politician's safe, Maggie and Jack realize they have a bigger conspiracy than local rivalry on their hands). \$9.99
Blackwell, Juliet	The Last Curtain Call (Haunted Home Renovation #8: When one of the artists squatting in a decrepit theater is found dead, it's up to Mel's renovation and ghost-whispering talents to find the killer). \$7.99
Buckley, Julia	Death of a Wandering Wolf (Hungarian Tea House #2: When Hana discovers her new purchase, a porcelain wolf, comes equipped with a tracking device, she goes back to confront the seller, only to find him dead). \$7.99
Bush, Nancy	The Babysitter (20 years after Jamie's sister was attacked by the Babysitter Stalker, another teen is murdered; Jamie suspects the attacks are connected). \$7.99
Casey, Jane	Cruel Acts (Maeve Kerrigan #8: A man who claims he is innocent of his crimes is released from prison, but shortly thereafter a murder just like the one he was convicted for occurs, and it is up to DS Maeve Kerrigan to find out the truth). \$12.99
Clark, Martin	The Substitution Order (A washed up lawyer working at a sandwich shop is just desperate enough to join a scam that promises him millions). \$16.95
Collins, Sara	The Confessions of Frannie Langton (A servant and former slave is accused of murdering her employer and his wife, but claims not to remember the night it happened). \$16.99
Connolly, John	The Dirty South (Charlie Parker prequel: Charlie Parker hunts down the killer of his wife and child in his first case). \$28.00
Conte, Cate	Witch Hunt (After a disagreement with a city councilwoman, crystal shop owner Violet Mooney finds herself suspected of the woman's murder. Then a surprise visit from her estranged mother reawakens Violet's long-dormant supernatural power). \$7.99
Day, Maddie	Nacho Average Murder (Country Store #7: At a high school reunion, Robbie learns that her mother might not have died of natural causes and sets out to find the truth). \$7.99
Deveraux, Jude	A Forgotten Murder (Sara Medlar #3: Sara's friend pretends to be dying in order to give her an excuse to get out of Florida. The two realize this is the perfect opportunity to assemble the suspects of a decades-old disappearance to finally catch the culprit). \$8.99
Dodd, Christina	Strangers She Knows (Cape Charade #3: Now living on a remote, technology free island, Kellen must protect her daughter from the deadly killer who stalks their family). \$7.99
Doiron, Paul	Almost Midnight (Mike Bowditch #10: When an old friend calls Mitch from behind bars asking him to investigate a suspicious guard, Mitch soon realizes there is a darker cover-up at play). \$17.99
Doyle, Carrie	Death on Windmill Way (Hamptons Murder #1: Innkeeper and chef Antonia Bingham digs into an active investigation to learn who is behind the suspicious deaths of the Windmill Inn's innkeepers). \$7.99

Handbook; The Housewife Assassin's Guide to Gracious Killing; The Housewife Assassin's Killer Christmas Tips; The Housewife Assassin's Relationship Survival Guide; The Housewife Assassin's Vacation to Die For; The Housewife Assassin's Recipes for Disaster; The Housewife Assassin's Deadly Dossier; The Housewife Assassin's Hollywood Scream Play; The Housewife Assassin's Killer App; The Housewife Assassin's Hostage Hosting Tips; The Housewife Assassin's Garden of Deadly Delights; The Housewife Assassin's Tips for Weddings, Weapons, and Warfare; The Housewife Assassin's Husband Hunting Hints; The Housewife Assassin's Ghost Protocol; The Housewife Assassin's Terrorist TV Guide; The Housewife Assassin's Greatest Hits; The Housewife Assassin's Fourth Estate Sale; and The Housewife Assassin Gets Lucky. I was at a loss as how to categorize these, until another reviewer hit it - they are satire. Fun, sexy (yes, semi-explicit in parts,) funny, gives good tips at the beginning of each chapter like “Any woman can be both the perfect housewife and an accomplished assassin, because both functions require the same qualities: creativity; a never-say-die attitude; and an attention to details. No matter how small...” Donna Stone is a normal housewife whose husband travels as part of his job. He’s called away on business and Donna goes into labor with her third child, only to find out that he died in a fiery car crash that same night. When she gets home, she finds that all traces of him -

Edwards, Martin (ed)	Settling Scores: Sporting Mysteries (A selection of sports mysteries from the golden age of crime fiction). \$14.99
Fielden, T.P.	The Riviera Express (Judy Dimont # 1: A movie star is murdered en route to a quaint seaside town, and local reporter Judy Dimont is determined to find answers). . . . \$15.99
Freeman, Dianne	A Lady's Guide to Gossip and Murder (Countess of Harleigh #2: When her friend Mary is murdered, Frances finds notes detailing high society secrets, leaving Frances to wonder if her friend was a blackmailer). \$15.95
Gerber, Daryl Wood	A Sprinkling of Murder (Fairy Garden # 1: Garden store owner Courtney Kelly finds herself the top suspect when her neighbor is murdered). \$15.95
Gerritsen, Tess	The Shape of Night (A woman trying to outrun her past is drawn to a quiet coastal town in Maine that is home to a string of unsolved murders). \$9.99
Gilstrap, John	Hellfire (Jonathan Grave # 12: Grave races to save two boys who have been kidnapped to stop their mother from testifying against a cartel). \$9.99
Gordon, David	The Hard Stuff (Joe Brody # 2: Joe's mob bosses need him to swindle a group of drug runners, but the stakes are raised when Joe discovers the gang has connections to al Qaeda) \$16.00
Hall, Traci	Murder in a Scottish Shire (Scottish Shire # 1: When the new hire at her yarn shop is found dead, Paislee Shaw finds herself forced to untangle a murderous plot) \$15.95
Hodder, Mark (ed)	Sexton Blake and the Master Crooks (Sexton Blake Library #2: Reissue; Daring crime-fighting hero Sexton Blake battles three master criminals in these tales from 1919-1921). \$11.99
Hollon, Cheryl	Still Knife Painting (Paint & Shine # 1: When the cook at her painting retreat is killed, Miranda Trent races to find the killer before she ends up in jail herself). . . . \$7.99
Lippman, Laura	Lady in the Lake (In 1966, former Baltimore housewife Maddie Schwartz leaves her marriage to become a reporter, and finds herself investigating the murder of a woman found in a city fountain). \$16.99
Lloyd, Amy	The Innocent Wife (Samantha becomes obsessed with the subject of a true-crime documentary, helping him overturn his wrongful conviction and eventually marrying him. But as time goes by she wonders if he was innocent after all). \$9.99
Long, Beverly	No One Saw (A.L. McKittridge #2: A young girl disappears, seemingly with no witnesses, and A.L. and Rena must untangle a web of lies to find her). \$7.99
Lustbader, Eric Van	The Sum of All Shadows (Testament # 4: Bravo and Emma Shaw race to find the lost treasure of King Solomon before Lucifer's armies destroy the world). \$9.99
Matthews, Owen	Black Sun (A KGB officer goes to a top-secret research facility - where the strict Soviet rules are relaxed as long as the scientists complete their work - to investigate the death of a physicist working on a powerful new weapon). \$17.00
McKinlay, Jenn	Word to the Wise (Library Lover's # 10: When a sleazy patron is found dead outside the library, Lindsey sets out to clear her fiance's name). \$7.99
Paretsky, Sara	Love & Other Crimes (Eight stories from Sara Paretsky, several of which star her hero V.I. Warshawski). \$17.99
Parker, T. Jefferson	The Last Good Guy (Roland Ford # 3: PI Roland Ford's hunt for a missing teen leads him to a neo-Nazi conspiracy). \$9.99
Penny, Louise	A Better Man (Armand Gamache # 15: Gamache knows he should put the case of a missing girl on hold to deal with the flooding crisis, but now that he has a daughter of his own, he is unwilling to let the case go; \$17.99 trade paperback also available). . . . \$9.99
Prescott, Lara	The Secrets We Kept (Edgar finalist. 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). \$16.95
Reich, Christopher	Crown Jewel (Simon Riske # 2: Monte Carlo's lavish casinos have become the target of a team of professional gamblers. Who better to foil the plot than ex-thief turned industrial spy Simon Riske?). \$9.99
Ritchie, Peter	Where No Shadows Fall (Grace Macallan # 4: A suicide in a Scottish prison leads

pictures, letters, everything - have been removed from her house. And then, as she's trying to figure out how to support three children on her own, she's contacted by his boss who offers her a job - as a spy/assassin. She accepts, and five years later, is partnered with Jack, who assumes the role of her husband. From there, they both try to protect the kids, go on world-wide jobs, meet interesting people, and kill them. And then - Carl, her husband, reappears. He wants back into her life and into their kids' lives, but there's one major problem - he's now working for the enemy. She keeps thinking she's killed him in various ways, but he keeps popping up, more vicious and demanding than before. These are fairly fast, light reads - more brutal than a cozy, but not as terrifying as thrillers, and not too much mystery to them.

And speaking of cozies, one that came in about shutdown time is **Al Dente's Inferno** (\$7.99) by Stephanie Cole. As cozies go, this is fairly typical; a young woman goes to Italy to set up a cooking school with a famous chef, people get killed, true love wins over everything, and there is a recipe in the end. It was OK, very predictable, the writing wasn't stellar. I found it didn't flow well and there's almost no backstory to the characters, but it is the first in a new series, so there's hope that it will get tighter as it goes along. Nell, the cooking school expert, has some real potential, so I look forward to reading more of her.

David Housewright, (I admit - he's one of my new

Ross, Barbara	to an investigation into the man, who was once heir to a Scottish crime family, but was disowned after murdering his gay lover. But the more Grace looks into the case, the more nothing is as it seems). \$15.95
Ryan, Hank Phillippi	Jane Darrowfield, Professional Busybody (Jane Darrowfield #1: Jane goes undercover at a retirement home to de-escalate hostilities between new neighbors. Things don't go as planned, and one of them winds up bludgeoned to death with a golf club) \$7.99
Smith, Daniel	The Murder List (In a cat and mouse game, the battle for justice becomes a battle for survival for law student Rachel North). \$9.99
Steadman, Catherine	Sherlock Unlocked (Trivia about the detective Sherlock Holmes). \$16.95
Tallo, Katie	Something in the Water (Thriller finalist. While on honeymoon in Bora Bora, Erin and Mark find a secret in the water and must make a choice that will change their lives forever). \$9.99
Whitehead, Colson	Dark August (After finding her late mother's old cold case files, Gus Monet follows her mother's clues to uncover long-buried secrets that could put her life in danger). . \$16.99
Askew, Claire	The Nickel Boys (An innocent mistake sends an idealistic black boy in the Jim Crow South to a hellish reform school). \$15.95
EXPECTED MID-JULY	
Baldacci, David	What You Pay For (Helen Birch #2: After a raid on one of Scotland's most feared criminal organizations, DI Helen Birch's brother suddenly reappears with a story that will force her to choose between saving the case or saving her brother). \$15.99
Bowen, Rhys	Redemption (Amos Decker #5: While visiting his hometown, FBI agent Amos Decker is approached by the first man he ever arrested. The man's protestations of innocence prompt Decker to revisit the case). \$9.99
Bryndza, Robert	Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Royal Spyness #13: Agatha finalist. Georgie and Darcy are honeymooning in Kenya - and on the hunt for an aristocratic thief - when murder crashes the party). \$16.00
Buckhanon, Kalisha	Dark Water (Erika Foster #3: Erika finds the 20-year-old skeleton of a missing girl and must piece together new evidence with the old). \$7.99
Budewitz, Leslie	Speaking of Summer (When her twin sister disappears and the authorities remain indifferent to another missing black woman, Autumn Spencer becomes obsessed with stories of missing women in a desperate search for answers). \$16.95
Christie, Agatha	The Solace of Bay Leaves (Spice Shop #5: Pepper faces danger head-on, determined to work for justice, protect those she loves, and live a spicy life). . . . \$15.95
Ellis, Bella	The Secret of Chimneys (Superintendent Battles #1: Reissue; Little did Anthony Cade suspect that an errand for a friend would place him at the center of a deadly conspiracy. Drawn into a web of intrigue, he begins to realize that the simple favor has placed him in serious danger. As events unfold, the combined forces of Scotland Yard and the French Surete gradually converge on Chimneys, a great country estate that hides a secret worth killing for). \$9.99
Eustis, Helen	The Vanished Bride (Bronte Sisters #1: The Bronte sisters investigate the disappearance of a young mother). \$16.00
Heath, Jack	The Horizontal Man (Originally published in 1946. A philandering Ivy League professor is found murdered, setting off ripples of anxiety, suspicion, and panic that simmer just under the surface of academia). \$14.95
Hitchens, Dolores	Just One Bite (Timothy Blake disposes of bodies for a local crime lord. But when he stumbles on a body he wasn't supposed to find, he quickly stashes it in his freezer. A serial killer is on the loose and Blake must catch the killer before the police find out his secret) \$17.99
Jacobsen, Steffen	Fools' Gold (Originally published in 1958. Three teens plan a simple robbery that quickly spirals out of control). \$14.95
	Trophy (A PI and a police investigator find their cases overlapping as they investigate a

favorites,) has a new book (that was supposed to be out mid-May, but the publisher now says end of July). This one is **From the Grave** (hc, signed, \$26.99), and it stars Mac McKenzie, former cop and now informal private investigator. This is #17 in the series, and works best if you've read at least some of his other books (which we have, new and used, at various price points). That being said, this starts with an old girlfriend visiting a psychic to have one last chat with her grandfather. Much to her surprise, Mac's name is mentioned, in conjunction with a lot of missing money. It stems from one of his earlier cases where he shoots and kills a robber, and the robbers accomplice, who is also his son, goes to jail. Before the robber (who is dead) will reveal where he's hidden the money, he wants Mac dead. This is corroborated by a second psychic, so it must be real, right? As always, the writing and characters sparkle, the flow is good, and boy - are there twists, turns, and red herring galore! Oh - it's also set in the Twin Cities - fun to read about the places I know but I still miss the jazz bar. Sigh...

I'm not generally a huge anthology reader, but sometimes it's a good way to find new authors and sometimes all you need/want is something short and more-or-less sweet. I'm also a sucker for local authors, so **Minnesota Crime Wave: Fifteen Tales of Murder, Mayhem, and Malice from the Land of Minnesota Nice** (\$16.00) edited by Pete Hautman and Minnesota Crime Wave; **Resort to Murder**

Jones, Philip Gwynne	group of businessmen who form a hunting club that targets humans)..... \$16.99
Lackberg, Camilla	Venetian Gothic (Nathan Sutherland #4: When an empty coffin is unearthed in a graveyard and people investigating its history start disappearing, Nathan Sutherland must journey into the dark past of a Venetian family)..... \$15.99
Lansdale, Joe R.	The Golden Cage (The scorned wife of a billionaire hatches a delicious plot for revenge)..... \$26.95
Lepionka, Kristen	More Better Deals (When Frank is sent to repossess a used car from a couple, he ends up having an affair with the wife, who suggests that they murder her husband to claim his insurance)..... \$27.00
Lovesey, Peter	The Stories You Tell (Roxane Weary #3: Roxane's brother calls her late one night after receiving a mysterious phone call from a DJ friend. Then people who work at the DJ's club start going missing). \$17.99
MacRae, Molly	Killing with Confetti (Peter Diamond #18: Peter Diamond must keep the peace during the wedding of a crime baron's daughter and the Chief Constable's son). . \$16.95
McDermott, Andy	Crewel and Unusual (Haunted Yarn Shop #6: When the rivalry between two shopkeepers escalates from vandalism to murder, the only witness is Kate's ghostly pal Geneva, who no one else can see or hear)..... \$15.95
Meacham, Leila	The Resurrection Key (Wilde & Chase #15: When an ancient civilization is unearthed deep in the Antarctic ice, Chase and Wilde must race against time to prevent the extinction of humanity). \$15.99
Morrison, Robert	Dragonfly (A varied group of ordinary Americans are recruited to be spies during WWII) \$16.99
Norman, Andreas	The Regency Years (A look at the Regency Era of England and how the events of that times shaped the modern world). \$17.95
Quinn, Spencer	The Silent War (Two Swedish spies find their secrets used against them, and form a reluctant partnership in order to survive the agency's revenge)..... \$16.99
Rees, Celia	Of Mutts and Men (Chet & Bernie #10: A hydrologist asks to see PI Bernie Little, only to be murdered right before the meeting. Someone has something to hide, and it's up to Chet and Bernie find out who). \$26.99
Rogers, Joel Townsley	Miss Graham's Cold War Cookbook (A British schoolteacher is recruited to spy on post-WWII Germany, where she poses as the writer of a cookbook). \$16.99
Rosenfelt, David	The Red Right Hand (Reissue; Dr. Henry Riddle retraces the final steps of a dead man, which become increasingly entangled in his own memories until he begins to doubt his sanity). \$15.95
Rous, Emma	Muzzled (Andy Carpenter #21: A friend who reunites lost dogs with their owners asks Andy for help when a dog's apparently murdered owner calls her asking for his dog back) \$27.99
Simenon, Georges	The Au Pair (On the night she and her twin were born, Seraphine's mother threw herself from a cliff, and the au pair disappeared. As an adult, Seraphine finds a photo of her mother holding just one baby, and searches for answers)..... \$9.99
Vercher, John	Maigret and the Loner (Maigret #73: New translation of a novel originally published in 1971. Maigret investigates the death of an elderly vagrant who turns out to be more than he first appeared). \$15.00
Wassmer, Julie	Three-fifths (Edgar finalist. Pittsburgh, 1995: A biracial man who is passing for white is forced to confront the lies of his past when his white best friend, just released from prison, involves him in a hate crime against a young black man)..... \$15.95
Woods, Stuart	Murder on the Downs (Whitstable Pearl #7: The town is divided over a new property development, and tensions come to a head when Pearl discovers a dead body in the downs). \$15.99
	Stealth (Stone Barrington #51: Stone Barrington must trap a ruthless defector with the help of two brilliant and stunning women)..... \$9.99

EXPECTED EARLY AUGUST

(\$16.00) edited by Lorna Landvik are “fun” reads. That’s in quotes because these aren’t always stories you want to read at bedtime - especially if you live alone, but there is some great humor and a couple of poems. Something to send to your ex-Minnesota friends and relatives to remind them of what they’re missing! These were compiled by the Minnesota Crime Wave: Carl Brookins, Ellen Hart, and William Kent Krueger. Rounding out the trilogy is **Minnesota Crime Wave: The Silence of the Loons** (\$16.00). This one had a requirement of each author incorporating a certain set of clues into their short stories - read the editor’s note for a good description. This one was also my favorite, but it was a hard choice. With all three, there are some great stories, some good stories, and some...stories... Read it, buy copies to send to friends and relatives out of state, and enjoy revisiting local haunts.

I was torn about revisiting Clive and Dirk Cussler’s world in **The Celtic Empire** (\$9.99). My husband was a big fan and I read a few, but they started being both formulaic and fantastical and I quit reading them, but this is Clive’s last book, so I thought I’d give it a shot. The connection between ancient Egypt and modern Scotland and Ireland was an interesting juxtaposition. Kind of reminds me of the History Channel’s Ancient Aliens where the most interesting (in the full Minnesota sense of the word) events come together to make the world a different place. The Cussler’s have been accused of being misogynistic, and there is

Abdul-Jabbar/Waterhouse	Mycroft and Sherlock (Mycroft Holmes #2: 1872: When a boy dies of a suspected drug overdose, Sherlock investigates. Meanwhile, a meeting with a Chinese woman leads Mycroft to the same mystery, forcing him to examine the underbelly of the opium trade that is enriching his beloved Britain's coffers)..... \$8.99
Andrews, Donna	The Falcon Always Wings Twice (Meg Langslow #27: When a Renaissance Faire actor accused of mistreating the Faire's falcons is found dead, Meg's grandfather becomes the prime suspect). \$26.99
Barr, Nevada	What Rose Forgot (Rose Dennis wakes up in an Alzheimer's unit in a nursing home with no memory of how she got there. After an attempt on her life, she is convinced that someone is trying to get rid of her and teams up a few trusted family members to find out who). \$9.99
Benn, James R.	When Hell Struck Twelve (Billy Boyle #14: Billy Boyle and Lieutenant Kazimierz travel to Nazi-occupied Paris to ensure a traitor to the French Resistance unwittingly carries out a high-stakes deception campaign). \$16.95
Bowen, Rhys	The Last Mrs. Summers (Royal Spyness #14: Belinda has inherited a spooky old house, and asks Georgie to come look at the property with her. The two soon find themselves investigating a murder with links to a long-ago tragedy)..... \$26.00
Brown, Janelle	Watch Me Disappear (A woman disappears on a hike in the wilderness, leaving her family to piece together the secrets left behind)..... \$9.99
Bruns, Catherine	It Cannoli Be Murder (Italian Chef #2: Tessa helps her cousin cater a booksigning at her store, but when the author's publicist turns up dead with Tessa's biscotti in hand, she'll need to track down a killer before her career ends on a sour note)..... \$7.99
Burton, Mary	No Escape (After agreeing to hear a serial killer's dying confession, psychologist Jolene Granger learns that the killer has left behind an apprentice to continue his work). \$9.99
Calkins, Susanna	The Fate of a Flapper (Chicago, 1929. When one of the customers at the speakeasy she works at winds up dead, Gina suspects foul play and is determined to find the truth) \$17.99
Carcaterra, Lorenzo	Tin Badges (Tank Rizzo #1: Top NYPD detective Tank Rizzo is pulled out of retirement to take down a notorious drug dealer. His computer genius nephew could be the key to cracking the case, but can Tank risk losing the only family he's ever had?)..... \$9.99
Cates, Bailey	Witches and Wedding Cake (Magical Bakery #9: In the middle of planning her wedding, Katie must find time to clear her future sister-in-law of murder)..... \$7.99
Cleeves, Ann	The Long Call (Two Rivers #1: The body of a man with an albatross tattoo draws Detective Matthew Venn back into the strict evangelical community he thought he had left behind)..... \$16.99
Coes, Ben	The Russian (Rob Tacoma #1: When the Russian mob murders two high profile Americans, the CIA recruits a pair of Tier I operators to eliminate the threat. But when his partner is killed, Rob Tacoma is left on his own to take on an army)..... \$9.99
Cook, Robin	Genesis (Stapleton & Montgomery #12: A pregnant woman is dead, with no apparent cause of death. When the forensics expert turns up dead in the same manner, Laurie realizes she has a pair of linked homicides on her hands)..... \$9.99
Coulter, Catherine	Labyrinth (FBI Thriller #23: Agent Sherlock tries to find the identity of a man she struck with her car, while Savich investigates a woman claiming to have been kidnapped by the sheriff's nephew)..... \$9.99
Crais, Robert	A Dangerous Man (Cole & Pike #18: By chance, Pike saves a bank teller from being abducted, but soon afterward the abductors are murdered and the teller disappears) \$9.99
Cussler/Du Brul	The Titanic Secret (Isaac Bell #11: When Isaac Bell attempts to decipher the deaths of nine men, he encounters a secret so powerful it could change the fate of the world) \$9.99
Davis, Lindsey	The Grove of the Caesars (Flavia Albia #8: When a serial killer starts targeting women in the public gardens, Flavia reluctantly teams up with a member of the Vigiles to catch him). \$27.99

some truth to that, especially since this book is about an evil woman scientist and her crew of other evil women scientists who create a pandemic that kills only men. The family Pitt must save the men, defeat the women, blow up several cars, solve the archeological mystery of why and how an Egyptian princess is buried on a remote Irish island, and rescue beautiful women. If you don't take it seriously, it's a fun, fast read and a tribute to a man who gave us a memorable hero.

Killer, Come Back To Me: The Crime Stories of Ray Bradbury by Ray Bradbury (\$39.99). Disclaimer: I haven't read this yet as an advanced copy hasn't come out yet; however as a lifelong Bradbury fan, I am very familiar with his style. This is a collection of his crime-related short stories assembled from magazines. I started reading Bradbury as a kid and as a young teen, had the opportunity to meet him in person. He took his valuable time to speak to a wanna-be writer and give me some valuable information on how to support one's self as a writer - basically, not to rely on it. There are many voices in his stories - young men, children, women, robots - this is pure crime and it incorporates many of his fantastical elements such as robots, fantasy, and the supernatural. You'll be able to find this in both of the Uncles and regardless of which store you find it in, it meets the criteria of that genre. For those few who have lived under a rock, he's the author of **Fahrenheit 451**, **The Martian Chronicles**, and my personal

Dobbs, Leighann	A Twist in the Tail (Oyster Cove Guesthouse #1: When her first guest is murdered, novice sleuth Josie must follow her cats' more experienced noses to catch a killer). \$6.99
Estleman, Loren D.	Indigo (Valentino #6: A film studio wants to release a never-before-seen noir film starring an actor who was murdered during post-production, but first they want Valentino to find out who killed him)..... \$25.99
Fielden, T.P.	Resort to Murder (Judy Dimont #2: Small town newspaper reporter Judy Dimont investigates a body washed up on the beach)..... \$15.99
Finder, Joseph	House on Fire (Nick Heller #4: Nick finds himself working side by side with his ex after being approached by a pharmaceutical heiress turned whistleblower). \$9.99
Flower, Amanda	Death and Daisies (Magic Garden #2: Fiona finally manages to open her flower store, to the delight of everyone in the village except the parish minister. When he is found dead after a lightning storm, Fiona becomes the main suspect and must play detective again in order to clear her name)..... \$7.99
Fossum, Karin	The Whisperer (Inspector Sejer #13: Inspector Sejer must find out what caused a quiet, unassuming woman to suddenly kill a man)..... \$15.99
Gee, Poppy	Vanishing Falls (When the wife of a wealthy Tasmanian landowner disappears, unassuming and ignored Joelle Smithton may be the only one who can put together the clues to find out what happened). \$16.99
Hall, Rachel Howzell	They All Fall Down (Thriller finalist. Seven strangers receive a surprise getaway to a luxurious private island, but danger lurks in the forest, and all seven harbor secrets) \$8.99
Harris, Sherry	From Beer to Eternity (Chloe Jackson #1: Librarian turned saloonkeeper Chloe Jackson must prove her cantankerous employer's innocence when a customer turns up dead after an argument)..... \$7.99
Hart, Elsa	The Cabinets of Barnaby Mayne (London, 1703. When a famous collector is murdered, researcher Cecily Kay is unconvinced at the suspects confession and starts her own hunt for the truth)..... \$26.99
Hill, Edwin	The Missing Ones (Hester Thursby #2: Agatha finalist. Summoned by a cryptic text to a rugged island off the coast of Maine, Harvard librarian Hester Thursby finds the community cleaning up after a devastating storm - and uncovers a murder)..... \$9.99
Hirsch, Paddy	Hudson's Kill (Justy Flanagan #2: New York, 1803. When a young girl is found stabbed to death, Justy and Kerry find their way to reclusive community on the edge of the city where they uncover a political conspiracy bound up with criminal enterprise). . . \$18.99
Hodder, Mark (ed)	Sexton Blake's Allies (Sexton Blake Library #3: Reissue; Blake teams up with reporters, the Secret Service, private investigators, and Scotland Yard in these tales from 1925-1932)..... \$11.99
Hollis, Lee	Death of a Wicked Witch (Hayley Powell #13: Hayley searches for the killer of a beloved food truck owner; the only clue is the sighting of a suspicious figure dressed as a witch)..... \$7.99
Jackson, Lisa	Paranoid (20 years ago, Rachel Gaston was framed for murder. Now, as her high school reunion approaches, she can't shake the feeling that someone familiar is following her) \$9.99
Jakubowski, Maxim (ed)	Invisible Blood (Original crimes stories, including a new Reacher story)..... \$8.99
Johnson, Craig	Another Man's Moccasins (Walt Longmire #4: When a Vietnamese woman is found dead alongside the Wyoming interstate, Sheriff Longmire finds horrible similarities to his first homicide investigation as a marine in Vietnam). \$9.99
Johnson, Craig	Land of Wolves (Walt Longmire #16: Sheriff Walt Longmire looks into the death of a shepherd with ties to a local Basque crime ring)..... \$17.00
Johnson, W. Bolingbroke	The Widening Stain (Reissue; A man is found dead in the locked room of a library, surrounded by obscure erotica; also, a valuable manuscript has been stolen from the stacks, and it is up to chief cataloger Gilda Gorham to solve both crimes). \$15.95
Kane/O'Regan (ed)	Exit Wounds (Original stories by top crime writers, all revolving around exit wounds) \$8.99

favorite, **Dandelion Wine** as well as many others. He was a multifaceted talent, writing for TV and movies, prose and poetry, and an all-around nice person. I await this book with great anticipation.

Off of our non-fiction shelf is **Dead Girls: Essays on Surviving an American Obsession** by Alice Bolin (\$15.99). This was a 2019 Edgar Finalist for Best Critical/Biographical book. It's a collection of essays that discusses the much (by the feminists in the book store) discussed trope of why there is such an obsession with women being killed, abused, and otherwise disenfranchised and whose bodies turn up as props in "men's" stories. I had hopes for this book as, especially in the older stories such as Spillane, MacDonald, Gardner, women turn up dead and abused all over the place. Almost never do we find men treated that way. It still holds true in much of today's crime fiction, but now every once in a while a male body pops up. However, only the first essay really touched on this - and the rest of the book was essentially an homage to Joan Didion and the authors move to Los Angeles. She writes in a very easy style, but could have used an editor to keep her on track and tighten up on her ramblings, few which have anything to do with the title. So overall, if you want to be entertained by a rambling biography, this will certainly fit that bill, but if you're looking for serious answers as to why women are disproportionately killed and or abused in fiction, you won't find the answers here or even

Kara, Lesley	The Rumor (A rumor spreads through a seaside town that one of the residents is a notorious killer living under a new name). \$9.99
Kelly, Sofie	A Night's Tail (Magical Cats #11: When her brother's band is implicated in an unpopular businessman's murder, librarian Kathleen Paulson and her feline sidekicks are on the case). \$7.99
Kristjansson, Snorri	Kin (Helga Finnsdottir #1: 970. Helga's adopted father, a Viking warlord, has a chest of gold hidden on the island, and each of his heirs is determined to have it, no matter whose blood they have to shed to find it). \$15.99
Larsen, Ward	Assassin's Revenge (David Slaton #6: After his wife and son are kidnapped, David Slaton must contend with terrorists supported by the North Korean government in order to save them). \$9.99
Larsson/Lagercrantz	The Girl Who Lived Twice (Millennium #6: Lisbeth Salander has disappeared, seeking her twin sister; meanwhile, Mikael Blomkvist is looking for Lisbeth, the only one who can help him unravel the dying words of a man who shouldn't exist). \$9.99
Laurie, Victoria	Coached to Death (Cat Cooper #1: After seeking a fresh start as a life coach, Cat finds herself framed for the murder of her spiteful neighbor and must catch the killer to clear her name). \$7.99
Lee, Patrick	Dark Site (Sam Dryden #3: After escaping a kidnapping attempt, Sam Dryden teams up with another victim to find out why they are being targeted. The only clue is a file on a case related to their childhood home). \$9.99
Lovesey, Peter	The Finisher (Peter Diamond #19: Tasked with crowd control at a charity run, Peter catches sight of a violent criminal he put away decades ago, who seems to be up to his old tricks again). \$27.95
Meier, Leslie	Invitation Only Murder (Lucy Stone #26: On an eco-friendly retreat to an island owned by Scott Newman, Lucy is horrified to find one of Newman's daughter's dead at the bottom of a cliff). \$7.99
Mofina, Rick	Their Last Secret (Twenty years after a horrifying crime tears apart her small prairie town, Emma Grant receives a note threatening to reveal her secret and destroy the perfect life she has built). \$9.99
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Schutt/Finch	The Darwin Strain (R.J. MacCready #3: A mysterious microbe with miraculous healing properties is discovered on a remote Greek island, but it is guarded by mysterious

much discussion about it.

One of the reasons I like reading YA/kids books is that there's no sex, no foul language and no overt violence. It makes for a nice break. So on that note, did you know that Spencer Quinn (author of the popular Chet and Bernie series) also writes YA books starring Queenie, a rather spoiled Persian cat, and Arthur, a rather rambunctious dog of uncertain parentage? The first in the series **Ruff vs. Fluff** (\$7.99) was a fun read, and the second **Paws vs. Claws** (\$16.99) was hilarious. Sweet Lady Em, a prize cow, has disappeared and this means Queenie doesn't get her cream. But wait - there's more! Arthur's humans, the twins Harmony and Bro, are concerned about a lot of suspicious tech people in town, and the bills at their home, the Blackberry Hill Inn, are piling up - will they get paid? When Bro investigates the disappearance of Sweet Lady Em, he finds his friend Jimmy with a blackened eye and Jimmy's dad in the house beaten so badly he's unconscious. His property is also sought after by mysterious people, and then Jimmy disappears. This is a 'fair' book in that you have all the clues (if you're paying attention), and the interactions between Queenie and Arthur (Cats Rule! Dogs Drool!) and Arthur's humans and Queenie's staff are quite fun. All ends up well in the end (it is a kid's book) and happiness reigns in the small town until the next book is released.

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