

Project Hail Mary: A Novel

Author: Andy Weir

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *The Martian*, a lone astronaut must save the earth from disaster in this “propulsive” (*Entertainment Weekly*), cinematic thriller full of suspense, humor, and fascinating science—in development as a major motion picture starring Ryan Gosling.

ONE OF THE YEAR’S BEST BOOKS: Bill Gates, GatesNotes, New York Public Library, *Parade*, *Newsweek*, *Polygon*, *Shelf Awareness*, *She Reads*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal* • “An epic story of redemption, discovery and cool speculative sci-fi.”—*USA Today*

“If you loved *The Martian*, you’ll go crazy for Weir’s latest.”—*The Washington Post*

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish.

Except that right now, he doesn’t know that. He can’t even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

All he knows is that he’s been asleep for a very, very long time. And he’s just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it’s up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery—and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he’s got to do it all alone.

Or does he?

An irresistible interstellar adventure as only Andy Weir could deliver, *Project Hail Mary* is a tale of discovery, speculation, and survival to rival *The Martian*—while taking us to places it never dreamed of going.

House of Sky and Breath (Crescent City)

Author: Sarah J. Maas

Sequel to the #1 New York Times bestseller!

Sarah J. Maas's sexy, groundbreaking CRESCENT CITY series continues with the second installment.

Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar are trying to get back to normal—they may have saved Crescent City, but with so much upheaval in their lives lately, they mostly want a chance to relax. Slow down. Figure out what the future holds.

The Asteri have kept their word so far, leaving Bryce and Hunt alone. But with the rebels chipping away at the Asteri’s power, the threat the rulers pose is growing. As Bryce, Hunt, and their friends get pulled into the rebels’ plans, the choice becomes clear: stay silent while others are oppressed, or fight for what’s right. And they’ve never been very good at staying silent.

In this sexy, action-packed sequel to the #1 bestseller *House of Earth and Blood*, Sarah J. Maas weaves a captivating story of a world about to explode—and the people who will do anything to save it.

A Court of Silver Flames (A Court of Thorns and Roses Book 4)

Author: Sarah J. Maas

Sarah J. Maas's sexy, richly imagined series continues with the journey of Feyre's fiery sister, Nesta.

Nesta Archeron has always been prickly-proud, swift to anger, and slow to forgive. And ever since being forced into the Cauldron and becoming High Fae against her will, she’s struggled to find a place for herself within the strange, deadly world she inhabits. Worse, she can’t seem to move past the horrors of the war with Hybern and all she lost in it.

The one person who ignites her temper more than any other is Cassian, the battle-scarred warrior whose position in Rhysand and Feyre’s Night Court keeps him constantly in Nesta’s orbit. But her temper isn’t the only thing Cassian ignites. The fire between them is undeniable, and only burns hotter as they are forced into close quarters with each other.

Meanwhile, the treacherous human queens who returned to the Continent during the last war have forged a dangerous new alliance, threatening the fragile peace that has settled over the realms. And the key to halting them might very well rely on Cassian and Nesta facing their haunting pasts.

Against the sweeping backdrop of a world seared by war and plagued with uncertainty, Nesta and Cassian battle monsters from within and without as they search for acceptance-and healing-in each other's arms.

Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone: A Novel (Outlander Book 9)

Author: Diana Gabaldon

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Diana Gabaldon returns with the newest novel in the epic Outlander series.

The past may seem the safest place to be . . . but it is the most dangerous time to be alive. . . .

Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising in 1746, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American Revolution threatens to do the same.

It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible.

Yet even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's teakettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his tenants are split and it won't be long until the war is on his doorstep.

Brianna and Roger have their own worry: that the dangers that provoked their escape from the twentieth century might catch up to them. Sometimes they question whether risking the perils of the 1700s—among them disease, starvation, and an impending war—was indeed the safer choice for their family.

Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity—and thus his own—and Lord John Grey has reconciliations to make, and dangers to meet . . . on his son's behalf, and his own.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary War creeps ever closer to Fraser's Ridge. And with the family finally together, Jamie and Claire have more at stake than ever before.

Neon Gods (Dark Olympus Book 1)

Author: Katee Robert

He was supposed to be a myth.

But from the moment I crossed the River Styx and fell under his dark spell...he was, quite simply, mine.

A scorchingly hot modern retelling of Hades and Persephone that's as sinful as it is sweet.

Society darling Persephone Dimitriou plans to flee the ultra-modern city of Olympus and start over far from the backstabbing politics of the Thirteen Houses. But all that's ripped away when her mother ambushes her with an engagement to Zeus, the dangerous power behind their glittering city's dark facade.

With no options left, Persephone flees to the forbidden undercity and makes a devil's bargain with a man she once believed a myth...a man who awakens her to a world she never knew existed.

Hades has spent his life in the shadows, and he has no intention of stepping into the light. But when he finds that Persephone can offer a little slice of the revenge he's spent years craving, it's all the excuse he needs to help her—for a price. Yet every breathless night spent tangled together has given Hades a taste for Persephone, and he'll go to war with Olympus itself to keep her close...

"Deliciously inventive...Red-hot."—Publishers Weekly STARRED

"I get shivers just thinking of their interactions. SHIVERS."—Mimi Koehler for *The Nerd Daily*

The Quarter Storm: A Novel (Mambo Reina)

Author: Veronica G. Henry

A practitioner of Vodou must test the boundaries of her powers to solve a ritual murder in New Orleans and protect everything she holds sacred.

Haitian-American Vodou priestess Mambo Reina Dumond runs a healing practice from her New Orleans home. Gifted with water magic since she was a child, Reina is devoted to the benevolent traditions of her ancestors.

After a ritual slaying in the French Quarter, police arrest a fellow vodouisant. Detective Roman Frost, Reina's ex-boyfriend—a fierce nonbeliever—is eager to tie the crime, and half a dozen others, to the Vodou practitioners of New Orleans. Reina resolves to find the real killer and defend the Vodou practice and customs, but the motives behind the murder are deeper and darker than she imagines.

As Reina delves into the city's shadows, she untangles more than just the truth behind a devious crime. It's a conspiracy. As a killer wields dangerous magic to thwart Reina's investigation, she must tap into the strength of her own power and faith to solve a mystery that threatens to destroy her entire way of life.

Shards of Earth (The Final Architecture Book 1)

Author: Adrian Tchaikovsky

The Arthur C. Clarke award-winning author of *Children of Time* brings us an extraordinary space opera about humanity on the brink of extinction, and how one man's discovery will save or destroy us all.

The war is over. Its heroes forgotten. Until one chance discovery . . . Idris has neither aged nor slept since they remade him in the war. And one of humanity's heroes now scrapes by on a freelance salvage vessel, to avoid the attention of greater powers. After earth was destroyed, mankind created a fighting elite to save their species, enhanced humans such as Idris. In the silence of space they could communicate, mind-to-mind, with the enemy. Then their alien aggressors, the Architects, simply disappeared—and Idris and his kind became obsolete. Now, fifty years later, Idris and his crew have discovered something strange abandoned in space. It's clearly the work of the Architects—but are they returning? And if so, why? Hunted by gangsters, cults and governments, Idris and his crew race across the galaxy hunting for answers. For they now possess something of incalculable value, that many would kill to obtain.

Quicksilver

Author: Dean Koontz

#1 *New York Times* bestselling master of suspense Dean Koontz takes a surprising and exhilarating road trip with a man in pursuit of his strange past—mile by frightening mile.

Quinn Quicksilver was born a mystery—abandoned at three days old on a desert highway in Arizona. Raised in an orphanage, never knowing his parents, Quinn had a happy if unexceptional life. Until the day of “strange magnetism.” It compelled him to drive out to the middle of nowhere. It helped him find a coin worth a lot of money. And it practically saved his life when two government agents showed up in the diner in pursuit of him. Now Quinn is on the run from those agents and who knows what else, fleeing for his life.

During a shoot-out at a forlorn dude ranch, he finally meets his destined companions: Bridget Raining, a beauty as gifted in foresight as she is with firearms, and her grandpa Sparky, a romance novelist with an unusual past. Bridget knows what it's like to be Quinn. She's hunted, too. The only way to stay alive is to keep moving.

Barreling through the Sonoran Desert, the formidable trio is impelled by that same inexplicable magnetism toward the inevitable. With every deeply disturbing mile, something sinister is in the rearview—an enemy that is more than a match for Quinn. Even as he discovers within himself resources that are every bit as scary.

Klara and the Sun: A novel

Author: Kazuo Ishiguro

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • Once in a great while, a book comes along that changes our view of the world. This magnificent novel from the Nobel laureate and author of *Never Let Me Go* is “an intriguing take on how artificial intelligence might play a role in our futures ... a poignant meditation on love and loneliness” (*The Associated Press*). • A GOOD MORNING AMERICA Book Club Pick!

“What stays with you in ‘Klara and the Sun’ is the haunting narrative voice—a genuinely innocent, egoless perspective on the strange behavior of humans obsessed and wounded by power, status and fear.” —Booker Prize committee

Here is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her. *Klara and the Sun* is a thrilling book that offers a look at our changing world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator, and one that explores the fundamental question: what does it mean to love?

The Becoming: The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 2

Author: Nora Roberts

A new epic of love and war among gods and humans, from Nora Roberts—the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Awakening*.

The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two—including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm—a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people—and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along

with his admiration of her strength and skills.

But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh—and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

Legend of the Arch Magus: Ascension

Author: Michael Sisa

VOLUME 8 OF LEGEND OF THE ARCH MAGUS

An Arch Magus dies, only to find himself in the body of a young man in a medieval Kingdom. He finds out that he is the second son of a Duke, exiled to a desolated town by his own family. Shackled by the notorious reputation of his new shell, he tries his best to develop his domain, implementing new policies and innovations, leading his subjects to prosperity. In this world where magic is undeveloped, he shall once again pave a new path.

The Shadow of the Gods (The Bloodsworn Trilogy Book 1)

Author: John Gwynne

"A masterfully crafted, brutally compelling Norse-inspired epic." —Anthony Ryan

THE GREATEST SAGAS ARE WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

A century has passed since the gods fought and drove themselves to extinction. Now only their bones remain, promising great power to those brave enough to seek them out.

As whispers of war echo across the land of Vigrid, fate follows in the footsteps of three warriors: a huntress on a dangerous quest, a noblewoman pursuing battle fame, and a thrall seeking vengeance among the mercenaries known as the Bloodsworn.

All three will shape the fate of the world as it once more falls under the shadow of the gods.

Set in a brand-new, Norse-inspired world, and packed with myth, magic, and vengeance, The Shadow of the Gods begins an epic new fantasy saga from bestselling author John Gwynne.

Fated To The Alpha (Fated to the Alpha Series Book 1)

Author: Jessica Hall

Katya, the Beta's daughter and the daughter of an infamous warrior mother, had high expectations for her life. When she doesn't meet those expectations, her pack shuns her, forcing her and her family from the pack and forcing them to give up their titles.

On a lie her mother told, they are forced to seek refuge in the only pack that would take them in or go Rogue.

When Katya meets the notorious Alpha Ezra, will he find out about her shameful secret? What will happen when she finds out her new Alpha has a secret of his own, that she is his mate?

Darkness looms when her old pack discovers they went to a rival Pack. What will happen when the Alpha realizes she has no wolf? Will he hand her back to the man that banished her or fight to the death to keep her?

Leviathan Falls (The Expanse Book 9)

Author: James S. A. Corey

The biggest science fiction series of the decade comes to an incredible conclusion in the ninth and final novel in James S.A. Corey's Hugo-award winning space opera that inspired the Prime Original series.

"An all-time genre classic." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

Hugo Award Winner for Best Series

The Laconian Empire has fallen, setting the thirteen hundred solar systems free from the rule of Winston Duarte. But the ancient enemy that killed the gate

builders is awake, and the war against our universe has begun again.

In the dead system of Adro, Elvi Okoye leads a desperate scientific mission to understand what the gate builders were and what destroyed them, even if it means compromising herself and the half-alien children who bear the weight of her investigation. Through the wide-flung systems of humanity, Colonel Aliana Tanaka hunts for Duarte's missing daughter. . . and the shattered emperor himself. And on the *Rocinante*, James Holden and his crew struggle to build a future for humanity out of the shards and ruins of all that has come before.

As nearly unimaginable forces prepare to annihilate all human life, Holden and a group of unlikely allies discover a last, desperate chance to unite all of humanity, with the promise of a vast galactic civilization free from wars, factions, lies, and secrets if they win.

But the price of victory may be worse than the cost of defeat.

"Interplanetary adventure the way it ought to be written." —George R. R. Martin

The Expanse

Leviathan Wakes

Caliban's War

Abaddon's Gate

Cibola Burn

Nemesis Games

Babylon's Ashes

Persepolis Rising

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Drive

The Butcher of Anderson Station

Gods of Risk

The Churn

The Vital Abyss

Strange Dogs

Auberon

The Sins of Our Fathers

Crown of Chaos (Legacy of the Nine Realms Book 4)

Author: Amelia Hutchins

From *USA Today Bestselling* Author Amelia Hutchins comes a tale of love, war, and betrayal.

A king who craves to possess her mind, body, and soul . . .

A council who has deemed her too dangerous to live . . .

And a fate she never asked for, but can't escape from . . .

What's a girl to do?

Within the Nine Realms, deception runs deep.

War lingers on the horizon, as armies gather deeply within the shadows.

The land has chosen its hero, but war demands a heavy price—one Aria may not be prepared to pay.

Those she thought she could trust have deceived her.

The council has declared her the enemy.

Everything that can be taken from her has been wrenched from her grasp.

When everyone is pushing her to become the villain they claim her to be, will she be able to become the monster the realms need?

They created Aria to rule the Nine Realms, but now they fear she's too dangerous and ruthlessly savage to live.

Will she allow them to guide her future, or will Aria blaze her own path and choose her own future?

Well-behaved women never make history.

But no one forgets the misbehaved woman with murderous intent, honed claws, and sharp teeth.

War may not be the only thing setting the world to ruin.

Are you brave enough to enter the Nine Realms?

There's a queen rising, and in chaos, she'll reign.

A note from the publisher.

This book is a true enemy to lover's tale. It deals with death and adversity. It is merciless, savage, and a view of how broken things overcome against inconceivable odds.

The steam between these two burns the pages.

Knox is savagery in motion. Aria is a chaotic beauty. So what happens when brutality and beauty collide? Aria and Knox burn so hot together that they may very well leave the Nine Realms in nothing more than ashes.

Empire of the Vampire

Author: Jay Kristoff

THE INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES*, *USA TODAY*, AND *WALL STREET JOURNAL* BESTSELLER

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jay Kristoff comes *Empire of the Vampire*, the first illustrated volume of an astonishing new dark fantasy saga.

*From holy cup comes holy light;
The faithful hand sets world aright.
And in the Seven Martyrs' sight,
Mere man shall end this endless night.*

It has been twenty-seven long years since the last sunrise. For nearly three decades, vampires have waged war against humanity; building their eternal empire even as they tear down our own. Now, only a few tiny sparks of light endure in a sea of darkness.

Gabriel de León is a silversaint: a member of a holy brotherhood dedicated to defending realm and church from the creatures of the night. But even the Silver Order could not stem the tide once daylight failed us, and now, only Gabriel remains.

Imprisoned by the very monsters he vowed to destroy, the last silversaint is forced to tell his story. A story of legendary battles and forbidden love, of faith lost and friendships won, of the Wars of the Blood and the Forever King and the quest for humanity's last remaining hope:

The Holy Grail.

Spelunking Through Hell: A Visitor's Guide to the Underworld (InCryptid Book 11)

Author: Seanan McGuire

Now in trade paperback, the eleventh book in the fast-paced InCryptid urban fantasy series returns to the mishaps of the Price family, eccentric cryptozoologists who safeguard the world of magical creatures living in secret among humans.

Love, noun:

1. An intense feeling of deep affection; may be romantic, filial, or platonic.

Passion, noun:

1. A strong or barely controllable emotion.
2. Enthusiasm, interest, desire.
3. See also "obsession."

It's been fifty years since the crossroads caused the disappearance of Thomas Price, and his wife, Alice, has been trying to find him and bring him home ever since, despite the increasing probability that he's no longer alive for her to find. Now that the crossroads have been destroyed, she's redoubling her efforts. It's time to bring him home, dead or alive.

Preferably alive, of course, but she's tired, and at this point, she's not that picky. It's a pan-dimensional crash course in chaos, as Alice tries to find the rabbit hole she's been missing for all these decades—the one that will take her to the man she loves.

Who are her allies? Who are her enemies? And if she manages to find him, will he even remember her at this point?

It's a lot for one cryptozoologist to handle.

The Alpha 6: Protect. Procreate. Prevail.

Author: Eric Vall

It looks like the wolves are on the prowl.

Strange howls are echoing in the north, and the scent of a new pack is drifting closer to my territory. But things get complicated when a werewolf omega joins the mix.

And her story brings up the ghosts of my family's past.

Something big is headed our way now, but an unexpected new power of mine just might turn this fight in our favor.

Crowbones (World of the Others Book 3)

Author: Anne Bishop

In this engrossing and gripping fantasy set in the world of the *New York Times* bestselling *Others* series, an inn owner and her friends must find a killer—before it's too late....

Crowbones will gitcha if you don't watch out!

Deep in the territory controlled by the Others—shape-shifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings—Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself running The Jumble, a rustic resort. When she decides to host a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything is going well between the humans and the Others.

But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shape-shifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble—and that could mean serious trouble.

To “encourage” humans to help them find some answers, the Elders and Elementals close all the roads, locking in suspects and victims alike. Now Vicki, human police chief Grimshaw, vampire lawyer Ilya Sanguinati, and the rest of their friends have to figure out who is manipulating events designed to pit humans against Others—and who may have put Vicki DeVine in the crosshairs of a powerful hunter.

City World (Undying Mercenaries Book 17)

Author: B. V. Larson

Earth's entire fleet and all her legions are conscripted by the Galactics. Centurion McGill of Legion Varus is among countless troops pressed into service as cannon fodder for the Empire.

Not everyone on Earth is happy with the demands of the Galactics. Earth has built up her military for decades, and now she might lose everything in a foreign war no one understands. As the man who has killed more Mogwa than any other human in history, McGill is approached and given a mission. He has a fateful decision to make. Will he serve Earth's overlords faithfully, or will he assassinate the arrogant alien leaders?

CITY WORLD is book #17 in the Undying Mercenaries series, an epic saga of space battles and ground combat. With millions of copies sold, USA Today Bestselling author B. V. Larson is the king of modern military science fiction.

The Starless Crown (Moon Fall Book 1)

Author: James Rollins

An alliance embarks on a dangerous journey to uncover the secrets of the distant past and save their world in this captivating, deeply visionary adventure from #1 *New York Times* bestselling thriller-master James Rollins.

A gifted student foretells an apocalypse. Her reward is a sentence of death.

Fleeing into the unknown she is drawn into a team of outcasts:

A broken soldier, who once again takes up the weapons he's forbidden to wield and carves a trail back home.

A drunken prince, who steps out from his beloved brother's shadow and claims a purpose of his own.

An imprisoned thief, who escapes the crushing dark and discovers a gleaming artifact - one that will ignite a power struggle across the globe.

On the run, hunted by enemies old and new, they must learn to trust each other in order to survive in a world evolved in strange, beautiful, and deadly ways, and uncover ancient secrets that hold the key to their salvation.

But with each passing moment, doom draws closer.

WHO WILL CLAIM THE STARLESS CROWN?

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The Atlas Six

Author: Olivie Blake

The much-acclaimed BookTok sensation, Olivie Blake's *The Atlas Six*—now newly revised and edited with additional content.

- The tag [#theatlassix](#) has millions of views on TikTok
- A dark academic debut fantasy with an established cult following that reads like **THE SECRET HISTORY** meets **THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY**
- The first in an explosive trilogy

The Alexandrian Society, caretakers of lost knowledge from the greatest civilizations of antiquity, are the foremost secret society of magical academicians in the world. Those who earn a place among the Alexandrians will secure a life of wealth, power, and prestige beyond their wildest dreams, and each decade, only the six most uniquely talented magicians are selected to be considered for initiation.

Enter the latest round of six: Libby Rhodes and Nico de Varona, unwilling halves of an unfathomable whole, who exert uncanny control over every element of physicality. Reina Mori, a naturalist, who can intuit the language of life itself. Parisa Kamali, a telepath who can traverse the depths of the subconscious, navigating worlds inside the human mind. Callum Nova, an empath easily mistaken for a manipulative illusionist, who can influence the intimate workings of a person's inner self. Finally, there is Tristan Caine, who can see through illusions to a new structure of reality—an ability so rare that neither he nor his peers can fully grasp its implications.

When the candidates are recruited by the mysterious Atlas Blakely, they are told they will have one year to qualify for initiation, during which time they will be permitted preliminary access to the Society's archives and judged based on their contributions to various subjects of impossibility: time and space, luck and thought, life and death. Five, they are told, will be initiated. One will be eliminated. The six potential initiates will fight to survive the next year of their lives, and if they can prove themselves to be the best among their rivals, most of them will.

Most of them.

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Light From Uncommon Stars

Author: Ryka Aoki

Good Omens meets *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* in Ryka Aoki's *Light From Uncommon Stars*, a defiantly joyful adventure set in California's San Gabriel Valley, with cursed violins, Faustian bargains, and queer alien courtship over fresh-made donuts.

A National Bestseller

Indie Next Pick

New York Public Library Top 10 Book of 2021

A Kirkus Best Book of 2021

A Barnes & Noble Best Science Fiction Book of 2021

2022 Alex Award Winner

2022 Stonewall Book Award Winner

Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: to escape damnation, she must entice seven other violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. She has already delivered six.

When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka's ear with her wild talent, Shizuka can almost feel the curse lifting. She's found her final candidate.

But in a donut shop off a bustling highway in the San Gabriel Valley, Shizuka meets Lan Tran, retired starship captain, interstellar refugee, and mother of four. Shizuka doesn't have time for crushes or coffee dates, what with her very soul on the line, but Lan's kind smile and eyes like stars might just redefine a soul's worth. And maybe something as small as a warm donut is powerful enough to break a curse as vast as the California coastline.

As the lives of these three women become entangled by chance and fate, a story of magic, identity, curses, and hope begins, and a family worth crossing the universe for is found.

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The Blacktongue Thief

Author: Christopher Buehlman

Set in a world of goblin wars, stag-sized battle ravens, and assassins who kill with deadly tattoos, Christopher Buehlman's *The Blacktongue Thief* begins a 'dazzling' (Robin Hobb) fantasy adventure unlike any other.

Kinch Na Shannack owes the Takers Guild a small fortune for his education as a thief, which includes (but is not limited to) lock-picking, knife-fighting, wall-scaling, fall-breaking, lie-weaving, trap-making, plus a few small magics. His debt has driven him to lie in wait by the old forest road, planning to rob the next traveler that crosses his path.

But today, Kinch Na Shannack has picked the wrong mark.

Galva is a knight, a survivor of the brutal goblin wars, and handmaiden of the goddess of death. She is searching for her queen, missing since a distant northern city fell to giants.

Unsuccessful in his robbery and lucky to escape with his life, Kinch now finds his fate entangled with Galva's. Common enemies and uncommon dangers force thief and knight on an epic journey where goblins hunger for human flesh, krakens hunt in dark waters, and honor is a luxury few can afford.

"*The Blacktongue Thief* is fast and fun and filled with crazy magic. I can't wait to see what Christopher Buehlman does next." - Brent Weeks, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Lightbringer* series

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Electric Idol: A Deliciously Forbidden Modern Retelling of Psyche and Eros (Dark Olympus Book 2)

Author: Katee Robert

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES AND USA TODAY BESTSELLER!

He was the most beautiful man in Olympus.

And if I wasn't careful, he was going to be my death.

A scorchingly hot modern retelling of Psyche and Eros that's as sinful as it is sweet.

In the ultra-modern city of Olympus, there's always a price to pay. Psyche Dimitriou knew she'd have to face Aphrodite's jealous rage eventually, but she never expected her literal heart to be at stake...or for Aphrodite's gorgeous son to be the one ordered to strike the killing blow.

Eros has no problem shedding blood. Raised to be his mother's knife in the dark, he's been conditioned to accept that he's more monster than man. But when it comes time to take out his latest target...he can't do it. Confused by his reaction to Psyche's unexpected kindness, he does the only thing he can think of to keep her safe: he binds her to him, body and soul.

Psyche didn't expect to find herself married to the glittering city's most dangerous killer, but something about Eros awakens a fire inside her she's never felt before. As lines blur and loyalties shift, Psyche realizes Eros might take her heart after all...and she's not sure she can survive the loss.

"Deliciously inventive...Red-hot."—*Publishers Weekly* STARRED for *Neon Gods*

"I get shivers just thinking of their interactions. SHIVERS."—Mimi Koehler for *The Nerd Daily* for *Neon Gods*

A Master of Djinn: a novel (Dead Djinn Universe Book 1)

Author: P. Djèlí Clark

2022 RUSA Reading List: Fantasy Winner

A 2021 NEIBA Book Award Finalist

A Best of 2021 Pick in SFF for Amazon

A Best of 2021 Pick in SFF for Kobo

Included in NPR's Favorite Sci-Fi And Fantasy Books Of The Past Decade (2011-2021)

Nebula, Locus, and Alex Award-winner P. Djèlí Clark goes full-length for the first time in his dazzling debut novel

Cairo, 1912: Though Fatma el-Sha'arawi is the youngest woman working for the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments and Supernatural Entities, she's certainly not a rookie, especially after preventing the destruction of the universe last summer.

So when someone murders a secret brotherhood dedicated to one of the most famous men in history, al-Jahiz, Agent Fatma is called onto the case. Al-Jahiz transformed the world forty years ago when he opened up the veil between the magical and mundane realms, before vanishing into the unknown. This murderer claims to be al-Jahiz, returned to condemn the modern age for its social oppressions. His dangerous magical abilities instigate unrest in the streets of Cairo that threaten to spill over onto the global stage.

Alongside her Ministry colleagues and a familiar person from her past, Agent Fatma must unravel the mystery behind this imposter to restore peace to the city—or face the possibility he could be exactly who he seems...

Novellas by P. Djèlí Clark

The Black God's Drums

The Haunting of Tram Car 015

Ring Shout

The Dead Djinn Universe contains stories set primarily in Clark's fantasy alternate Cairo, and can be enjoyed in any order.

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What Lies Beyond the Veil (Of Flesh & Bone Series Book 1)

Author: Harper L. Woods

Once, we'd worshipped them as Gods.

For nearly 400 years, the Veil has protected us from the Fae of Alfheimr. In their absence, our lives have shifted from decadence and sin to survival and virtue under the guidance of the New Gods. I've spent my entire life tending to the gardens next to the boundary between our worlds, drawn to the shimmering magic like a moth to the flame.

Then, we died on their swords.

All of that changes the day the Veil shatters, unleashing the fae upon our world once again. The magic of faerie marks those of us they mean to take, but the Mist Guard protecting Nothrek will kill us all before they let the fae have us. There's no choice but to flee everything I've ever known, not if I want to live to see my twenty-first birthday as a free woman.

Now, they'll claim what's theirs.

But before they capture me, Caelum saves me from the Wild Hunt. Fae-marked and on the run, he is able to fight back in ways I only dream of. From tentative alliance to all-consuming passion, our bond strengthens as the fae close in and evil lurks ever nearer. With my life on the line, he is everything I shouldn't dare to want and a distraction I can't afford. I can't seem to stay away, not even with something greater on the line.

My heart.

Author's Note: This book is intended for readers who are 18 and older. It contains mature language, graphic violence, and explicit content with darker elements. This is book one in a series and ends in a cliffhanger.

Big Bad Beast: Interstellar Brides® Program: The Beasts - 4

Author: Grace Goodwin

An Atlan warlord in hiding.

In pain.

In danger of succumbing to a horrible fever.

Only one woman can save him.

One.

All he has to do is find her before he becomes a *Big Bad Beast*...

My Quiet Blacksmith Life in Another World: Volume 1

Author: Tamamaru

Eizo is a middle-aged, overworked software engineer who loves cats. One night after working late, he saves an injured cat from a speeding truck. The cat survives, but Eizo does not... Luckily, that cat turns out to be a god-like being who offers him a second chance in another world! Eizo decides that he wants a slower life, one where he can live off the things he creates with his own hands. So, why not become a blacksmith? He does have one other stipulation: a cat companion for his quiet life. These requests are granted, and Eizo is whisked away to a new world and imbued with blacksmithing knowledge. He soon finds out that his abilities are above average—in fact, his new skills are so overpowered that they're like cheats. On top of that, his cat companion turns out to be a half-tiger girl! Eizo's blades soon garner attention, and he realizes that he can turn the tides of battle with his forge and hammer. With so much commotion in store, will Eizo truly be able to enjoy a quiet life?

Her Hidden Genius: A Novel

Author: Marie Benedict

"Marie Benedict brings human warmth and in-depth science to a novel on the life of Rosalind Franklin...A humanly as well as scientifically engaging read." —*Financial Times*

The new novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie!*

She changed the world with her discovery. Three men took the credit.

Rosalind Franklin has always been an outsider—brilliant, but different. Whether working at the laboratory she adored in Paris or toiling at a university in London, she feels closest to the science, those unchanging laws of physics and chemistry that guide her experiments. When she is assigned to work on DNA, she believes she can unearth its secrets.

Rosalind knows if she just takes one more X-ray picture—one more after thousands—she can unlock the building blocks of life. Never again will she have to listen to her colleagues complain about her, especially Maurice Wilkins who'd rather conspire about genetics with James Watson and Francis Crick than work alongside her.

Then it finally happens—the double helix structure of DNA reveals itself to her with perfect clarity. But what unfolds next, Rosalind could have never predicted.

Marie Benedict's powerful new novel shines a light on a woman who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very DNA, a woman whose world-changing contributions were hidden by the men around her but whose relentless drive advanced our understanding of humankind.

Also By Marie Benedict:

The Other Einstein

Carnegie's Maid

The Only Woman in the Room

Lady Clementine

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie

To Paradise: A Novel

Author: Hanya Yanagihara

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • From the author of the classic *A Little Life*—a bold, brilliant novel spanning three centuries and three different versions of the American experiment, about lovers, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia.

In an alternate version of 1893 America, New York is part of the Free States, where people may live and love whomever they please (or so it seems). The fragile young scion of a distinguished family resists betrothal to a worthy suitor, drawn to a charming music teacher of no means. In a 1993 Manhattan besieged by the AIDS epidemic, a young Hawaiian man lives with his much older, wealthier partner, hiding his troubled childhood and the fate of his father. And in 2093, in a world riven by plagues and governed by totalitarian rule, a powerful scientist's damaged granddaughter tries to navigate life without him—and solve the mystery of her husband's disappearances.

These three sections are joined in an enthralling and ingenious symphony, as recurring notes and themes deepen and enrich one another: A townhouse in Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village; illness, and treatments that come at a terrible cost; wealth and squalor; the weak and the strong; race; the definition of family, and of nationhood; the dangerous righteousness of the powerful, and of revolutionaries; the longing to find a place in an earthly paradise, and the gradual realization that it can't exist. What unites not just the characters, but these Americas, are their reckonings with the qualities that make us human: Fear. Love. Shame. Need. Loneliness.

To Paradise is a *fin de siècle* novel of marvelous literary effect, but above all it is a work of emotional genius. The great power of this remarkable novel is driven by Yanagihara's understanding of the aching desire to protect those we love—partners, lovers, children, friends, family and even our fellow citizens—and the pain that ensues when we cannot.

Anything (Full Murderhobo Book 2)

Author: Dakota Krout

An ever-expanding desert. A centuries-old curse. Enough power to change Anything.

Luke is a straightforward man. There are only a few things he wants in life: levels, things to fight to gain levels, and finding Cookie so he can fight things more efficiently. Well, better armor might be nice. Yet, the other members of his team are ready for some relaxation and fun in the sun. After all, there should be huge perks that come with stopping an invasion in its tracks, and a hero's welcome would be a welcome change.

Surprisingly, being famous for making the Kingdom wealthy and powerful has its downsides. Namely, there is now a huge price on their heads. Ordered to flee from the political machinations, assassins, and marriage proposals, The Four soon find themselves searching for a way to pit their power against the world and make a comfy home in the desert.

The problem is, Nature likes to be left alone. When you start messing with it... Anything could happen.

Blue Plague: The War Years - Countdown (Book 8)

Author: Thomas A. Watson

Bruce is back!!!

The time for full scale war against the blues has come.

With Bruce leading the clan, all effort and sacrifice is being put toward this task.

Outnumbered beyond comprehension, none in the clan doubt they will win, but fear the cost in lives and loved ones.

Despite gearing up for war, Bruce and the clan are keeping a promise made. Save as many as you can.

The Never King (Vicious Lost Boys Book 1)

Author: Nikki St. Crowe

The stories were all wrong — Hook was never the villain.

For two centuries, all of the Darling women have disappeared on their 18th birthday. Sometimes they're gone for only a day, some a week or a month. But they always return broken.

Now, on the afternoon of my 18th birthday, my mother is running around the house making sure all the windows are barred and the doors locked.

But it's pointless.

Because when night falls, he comes for me. And this time, the Never King and the Lost Boys aren't willing to let me go.

NOTE: *The Never King* is a reimagining of *Peter and Wendy*. Characters have been aged up for this darker, grittier version. If you like your enemies to lovers romance with hot, ruthless, morally gray love interests, you'll enjoy *The Never King* and the *Lost Boys*. You can expect hate kissing, fighting, bickering, and 'touch her and I'll unalive you' vibes. Book one ends on a cliff.

Please check the author's website for CWs.

A Call to Insurrection: Book IV of Manticore Ascendant (Manticore Ascendant series 4)

Author: David Weber

Book four in the nationally best-selling Manticore Ascendant series, set in the world of David Weber's multiple *New York Times* best-selling Honorverse series.

Yesterday, the Star Kingdom of Manticore was a small, unimportant interstellar backwater. A quiet little star nation, only recently recovered from the devastating blow of the Plague Years. More affluent than some, perhaps, but with little to attract trade or interstellar commerce, it had little need for a navy . . . and even less interest in paying for one.

But Manticore has now become a target. The Star Kingdom isn't certain who is attacking it, or why, or what its mysterious foe can possibly want, but Queen Elizabeth I knows she has to find out. And she knows that whatever some of her subjects think, Manticore does need a navy. And it needs allies, friends like the

dynamic Republic of Haven and the Andermani Empire. It needs their trade . . . and to learn from their more experienced and powerful navies.

It is the job of officers like Travis Long and his wife, Lisa, to acquire that experience. Of utterly inexperienced diplomats like Travis's brother Gavin, Earl Winterfall, to build those alliances.

They have been sent to the powerful Andermani Empire to do just that, for the Imperial Navy is one of the most potent and experienced fleets in the galaxy. But the Andermani have problems of their own. Their Emperor's death is the trigger for insurrection, and now that powerful and experienced navy is locked in civil war.

The Manticoran visitors find themselves squarely in the path of the storm, and before Travis, Lisa, and Gavin can accomplish anything else, they first have to survive.

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About *A Call to Arms*:

"The plotting is as solid as ever, with smaller scenes building to an explosive, action-packed crescendo, and the authors strike a nice balance between technical details of space flight and the human cost of war."—*Publishers Weekly*

Praise for prequel *A Call to Duty*:

"This exciting book marks the first collaboration of two powerhouses . . . fans of both writers should be quite pleased with the result. Like Robert A. Heinlein and Orson Scott Card, Weber and Zahn are telling a story about a teenage character but writing for readers of all ages."—*Booklist*

"A new series set in the universe of Weber's popular heroine Honor Harrington gets off to a solid start. . . . Cowriters Zahn and Weber do an excellent job alluding to events known to longtime fans. . . . [T]his astronomical adventure is filled with . . . intrigue and political drama."—*Publishers Weekly*

About the Honor Harrington series:

"Weber combines realistic, engaging characters with intelligent technological projection and a deep understanding of military bureaucracy in this long-awaited Honor Harrington novel . . . Fans of this venerable space opera will rejoice to see Honor back in action."—*Publishers Weekly*

". . . everything you could want in a heroine. . . . Excellent . . . plenty of action."—*Science Fiction Age*

"Brilliant! Brilliant! Brilliant!"—Anne McCaffrey

"Compelling combat combined with engaging characters for a great space opera adventure."—*Locus*

"Weber combines realistic, engaging characters with intelligent technological projection . . . Fans of this venerable space opera will rejoice . . ."—*Publishers Weekly*

Daughter of the Sea: The top ten thrillingly epic historical romance novel!

Author: Elisabeth J. Hobbes

A captivating and page-turning romance perfect for fans of Christina Courtenay and Barbara Erskine!

On a windswept British coastline the tide bestows an unexpected gift...

It was the cry that she first noticed, the plaintive wail that called to her over the crash of winter waves. Wrapped only in a sealskin, the baby girl looks up at Effie and instantly captures her heart.

Effie has always been an outcast in her village, the only granddaughter of a woman people whisper is a witch, so she's used to a solitary existence. But when Midsummer arrives so too does a man claiming to be the child's father. Effie is surprised when he asks her to continue looking after his daughter, mysteriously refusing to explain why. When he returns six months hence she pushes him for answers. And Lachlan tells a story she never anticipated . . . one of selkies, legend, and the power of the sea...

Readers are loving *Daughter of the Sea*:

***** 'I am lost for words...from beginning to end **this book took my breath away**' Jeannie

***** 'This has to be **one of the best reads of the year** if not *the* best ... Captivating, beautiful, spellbinding' Angela

***** 'Where do I start? I adored this book on so many levels. Part love story, part grown up fairytale ... **A truly special book**' Mandy

***** '**What a fabulous read!** Had me hooked from the first page' Bev

***** 'I was **completely transported by this beautiful story**...the writing was both evocative and provocative' Sandra

***** '**So well written** ... interesting and emotive' Aria

***** 'Truly one of the most outstanding, captivating stories I have read...such a page turner' Sandra

The Last Watch (The Divide Series Book 1)

Author: J. S. Dewes

The Expanse meets *Game of Thrones* in J. S. Dewes's fast-paced, sci-fi adventure *The Last Watch*, the first book in the Divide series, where a handful of soldiers stand between humanity and annihilation.

New York Public Library—Best Science Fiction 2021
Business Insider—Best Science Fiction 2021
Polygon—Best Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021
Amazon—Best Science Fiction 2021
FanFiAddict—Lord TBR's Best of 2021
Best SciFi Books—Best of 2021
P. S. Hoffman—Best of 2021
10 Best Books Like Foundation—*ScreenRant*
20 Must Read Space Fantasy Books for 2021—*Bookriot*

Most Anticipated Book for April 2021:

Bookish
Nerd Daily
Geek Tyrant
SFF 180

Amazon Best of the Month April 2021

The Divide.

It's the edge of the universe.

Now it's collapsing—and taking everyone and everything with it.

The only ones who can stop it are the Sentinels—the recruits, exiles, and court-martialed dregs of the military.

At the Divide, Adequin Rake commands the Argus. She has no resources, no comms—nothing, except for the soldiers that no one wanted. Her ace in the hole could be Cavalon Mercer—genius, asshole, and exiled prince who nuked his grandfather's genetic facility for “reasons.”

She knows they're humanity's last chance.

The Divide series

The Last Watch
The Exiled Fleet

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The Raven Spell: A Novel (A Conspiracy of Magic Book 1)

Author: Luanne G. Smith

In Victorian England a witch and a detective are on the hunt for a serial killer in an enthralling novel of magic and murder by the Amazon Charts and *Washington Post* bestselling author of *The Vine Witch*.

After a nearly fatal blow to the skull, traumatized private detective Ian Cameron is found dazed and confused on a muddy riverbank in Victorian London. Among his effects: a bloodstained business card bearing the name of a master wizard and a curious pocket watch that doesn't seem to tell time. To retrieve his lost memories, Ian demands answers from Edwina and Mary Blackwood, sister witches with a murky past. But as their secret is slowly unveiled, a dangerous mystery emerges on the darkened streets of London.

To help piece together Ian's lost time, he and Edwina embark on a journey that will take them from the river foreshore to an East End music hall, and on to a safe house for witches in need of sanctuary from angry mortals. The clues they find suggest a link between a series of gruesome murders, a missing person's case, and a dreadful suspicion that threatens to tear apart the bonds of sisterhood. As the investigation deepens, could Ian and Edwina be the next to die?

Rabbits: A Novel

Author: Terry Miles

A deadly underground game might just be altering reality itself in this all-new adventure set in the world of the hit *Rabbits* podcast.

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* • “A wild ride . . . impossible to put down.”—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

It's an average work day. You've been wrapped up in a task, and you check the clock when you come up for air—4:44 p.m. You check your email, and 44 unread messages have built up. With a shock, you realize the date is April 4—4/4. And when you get in your car to drive home, your odometer reads 44,444.

Coincidence? Or have you just seen the edge of a rabbit hole?

Rabbits is a mysterious alternate reality game so vast it uses the entire world as its canvas.

Since the game started in 1959, ten iterations have appeared and nine winners have been declared. The identities of these winners are unknown.

So is their reward, which is whispered to be NSA or CIA recruitment, vast wealth, immortality, or perhaps even the key to the secrets of the universe itself.

But the deeper you get, the more dangerous the game becomes. Players have died in the past—and the body count is rising.

And now the eleventh round is about to begin.

Enter K—a Rabbits obsessive who has been trying to find a way into the game for years. That path opens when K is approached by billionaire Alan Scarpio, rumored to be the winner of the sixth iteration. Scarpio says that something has gone wrong with the game and that K needs to fix it before Eleven starts, or the whole world will pay the price.

Five days later, Scarpio is declared missing.

Two weeks after that, K blows the deadline: Eleven begins.

And suddenly, the fate of the entire universe is at stake.

Servants of War

Author: Larry Correia

NEW MILITARY FANTASY FROM THE CREATOR OF MONSTER HUNTER INTERNATIONAL LARRY CORREIA AND MASTER OF HORROR STEVE DIAMOND

The war between Almacia and the Empire of Kolakolvia is in its hundredth year. Casualties grow on both sides as the conflict leaves no corner of the world untouched.

Illarion Glaskov's quiet life on the fringes of the empire is thrown into chaos when an impossible tragedy strikes his village. When he is conscripted into the Tsarist military, he is sent to serve in The Wall—an elite regiment that pilots suits of armor made from the husks of dead golems.

But the great war is not the only—or even the worst—danger facing Illarion, as he is caught in a millennia-old conflict between two goddesses. He must survive the ravages of trench warfare, horrific monsters from another world, and the treacherous internal politics of the country he serves.

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About Larry Correia:

“Correia piles on the intrigue, action, and cliffhangers in the invigorating second Saga of the Forgotten Warrior epic fantasy. . . . Correia also weaves in elements that question the value of belief and the cost of giving authority to those who find more profit in preying on the weak. . . . Brisk fight scenes, lively characters, and plenty of black humor continue to make this series a real pleasure.” —*Publishers Weekly*

About Steve Diamond:

“*Residue* will scare you—that's its primary goal—but along the way it will touch you, shock you, make you laugh, make you cheer, and make you think. Horror has been waiting for Steve Diamond.” —Dan Wells

Larry Correia is the Dragon Award-winning, best-selling author of the *Monster Hunter International* series, the *Saga of the Forgotten Warrior* series, the *Grimnoir Chronicles*, and the *Dead Six* series of military thrillers.

Steve Diamond founded and runs the review site *Elitist Book Reviews*, which was nominated for the Hugo Award in 2013, 2014, and 2015. He writes for *Ragnarok*, *Baen*, *Privateer Press*, and numerous small publications. He is also the editor of the horror anthology *Shared Nightmares*.

Termination Shock: A Novel

Author: Neal Stephenson

New York Times Bestseller

From Neal Stephenson—who coined the term “metaverse” in his 1992 novel *Snow Crash*—comes a sweeping, prescient new thriller that transports readers to a near-future world in which the greenhouse effect has inexorably resulted in a whirling-dervish troposphere of superstorms, rising sea levels, global flooding, merciless heat waves, and virulent, deadly pandemics.

“Stephenson is one of speculative fiction’s most meticulous architects. . . . *Termination Shock* manages to pull off a rare trick, at once wildly imaginative and grounded.” — *New York Times Book Review*

One man—visionary billionaire restaurant chain magnate T. R. Schmidt, Ph.D.—has a Big Idea for reversing global warming, a master plan perhaps best described as “elemental.” But will it work? And just as important, what are the consequences for the planet and all of humanity should it be applied?

Ranging from the Texas heartland to the Dutch royal palace in the Hague, from the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the sunbaked Chihuahuan Desert, *Termination Shock* brings together a disparate group of characters from different cultures and continents who grapple with the real-life repercussions of global warming. Ultimately, it asks the question: Might the cure be worse than the disease?

Epic in scope while heartbreakingly human in perspective, *Termination Shock* sounds a clarion alarm, ponders potential solutions and dire risks, and wraps it all together in an exhilarating, witty, mind-expanding speculative adventure.

A Psalm for the Wild-Built (Monk & Robot Book 1)

Author: Becky Chambers

In *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*, Hugo Award-winner Becky Chambers's delightful new Monk and Robot series gives us hope for the future.

It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness and laid down their tools; centuries since they wandered, en masse, into the wilderness, never to be seen again; centuries since they faded into myth and urban legend.

One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of "what do people need?" is answered.

But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how.

They're going to need to ask it a *lot*.

Becky Chambers's new series asks: in a world where people have what they want, does having more matter?

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The Anomaly: A Novel

Author: Hervé Le Tellier

A *New York Times* bestseller and a "Best Thriller of the Year"

Winner of the Goncourt Prize and now an international phenomenon, this dizzying, whip-smart novel blends crime, fantasy, sci-fi, and thriller as it plumbs the mysteries surrounding a Paris-New York flight.

Who would we be if we had made different choices? Told that secret, left that relationship, written that book? We all wonder—the passengers of Air France 006 will find out.

In their own way, they were all living double lives when they boarded the plane:

Blake, a respectable family man who works as a contract killer.

Slimboy, a Nigerian pop star who uses his womanizing image to hide that he's gay.

Joanna, a Black American lawyer pressured to play the good old boys' game to succeed with her Big Pharma client.

Victor Miesel, a critically acclaimed yet largely obscure writer suddenly on the precipice of global fame.

About to start their descent to JFK, they hit a shockingly violent patch of turbulence, emerging on the other side to a reality both perfectly familiar and utterly strange. As it charts the fallout of this logic-defying event, *The Anomaly* takes us on a journey from Lagos and Mumbai to the White House and a top-secret hangar.

In Hervé Le Tellier's most ambitious work yet, high literature follows the lead of a bingeable Netflix series, drawing on the best of genre fiction from “chick lit” to mystery, while also playfully critiquing their hallmarks. An ingenious, timely variation on the doppelgänger theme, it taps into the parts of ourselves that elude us most.

Empire (Unification Trilogy, Book 3) (Black Fleet Saga 9)

Author: Joshua Dalzelle

The final fight for control of humanity begins now.

The United Terran Federation is on the brink of collapse after a devastating attack by the Eastern Star Alliance that has left four planets depopulated and uninhabitable. Terrified member worlds are fleeing from the Federation and the remnant of their once-mighty fleet has retreated to the last place they are welcome: Earth.

Out of options and time, the Federation turns to Admiral Jackson Wolfe and his new superweapon that could be the key to turning the tide of the war in their favor. Admiral Wolfe knows that no matter what, the fate of humanity will be decided in the coming battle.

Empire is the final book in the bestselling Black Fleet Saga.

The Butcher's Masquerade: Dungeon Crawler Carl Book 5

Author: Matt Dinniman

**Attention. Attention. The gates are down. The hunters are loose.
Run, Run, Run.**

A lush jungle teeming with danger. Savage dinosaurs seeking blood. A fallen princess intent on vengeance. A mysterious, end-of-floor celebration for the top crawlers, dubbed "The Butcher's Masquerade."

The sixth floor. The Hunting Grounds.

As the remaining crawlers battle for their lives, a new, terrible threat looms. Outside tourists are finally allowed to enter the game, and they are here and ready to hunt. Among them is Vrah, a famed and veteran hunter, intent on collecting the biggest trophy of her career.

But their prey is far from harmless, and this season they are fighting back.

Dungeon Crawler Carl and Princess Donut return in book five of the acclaimed litrpg series.

King of Battle and Blood (Adrian X Isolde Book 1)

Author: Scarlett St. Clair

An instant *USA Today* bestseller! From fan-favorite Scarlett St. Clair, the bestselling author of the Hades & Persephone series, comes a new fantasy filled with danger, darkness, and insatiable romance.

Their union is his revenge.

Isolde de Lara considers her wedding day to be her death day. To end a years-long war, she is to marry vampire king Adrian Aleksandr Vasiliev, and kill him.

But her assassination attempt is thwarted, and Adrian threatens that if Isolde tries to kill him again, he will raise her as the undead. Faced with the possibility of becoming the thing she hates most, Isolde seeks other ways to defy him and survive the brutal vampire court.

Except it isn't the court she fears most—it's Adrian. Despite their undeniable chemistry, she wonders why the king—fierce, savage, merciless—chose her as consort.

The answer will shatter her world.

Under the Whispering Door

Author: TJ Klune

**A *NEW YORK TIMES*, *USA TODAY*, AND INDIE BESTSELLER
An Indie Next Pick!**

A *Man Called Ove* meets *The Good Place* in *Under the Whispering Door*, a delightful queer love story from TJ Klune, author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller *The House in the Cerulean Sea*.

**Welcome to Charon's Crossing.
The tea is hot, the scones are fresh, and the dead are just passing through.**

When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own funeral, Wallace begins to suspect he might be dead.

And when Hugo, the owner of a peculiar tea shop, promises to help him cross over, Wallace decides he's definitely dead.

But even in death he's not ready to abandon the life he barely lived, so when Wallace is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in seven days.

Hilarious, haunting, and kind, *Under the Whispering Door* is an uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home.

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Can You Take a Juke? (Bob and Nikki Book 23)

Author: Jerry Boyd

Bob thought BSR might be able to do some business with Homm and his people. Turns out he was wrong, but their ancestors had left knowledge the company could use. Watch the crew try to recover the knowledge, without getting mixed up in their troubles. Of course, Bob picks up another apprentice for Scotti along the way.

Ramses the Damned: The Reign of Osiris

Author: Anne Rice

The gilded adventures of Ramses the Damned, iconic creation of the legendary bestselling author, continue in this breathtakingly suspenseful tale of a titanic supernatural power unleashed on the eve of war.

A pharaoh made immortal by a mysterious and powerful elixir, Ramses the Great became counselor and lover to some of Egypt's greatest and most powerful rulers before he was awakened from centuries of slumber to the mystifying and dazzling world of Edwardian England. Having vanquished foes both human and supernatural, he's found love with the beautiful heiress Julie Stratford, daughter of Lawrence Stratford, the slain archeologist who discovered his tomb. Now, with the outbreak of a world war looming, Ramses and those immortals brought forth from the mists of history by his resurrection will face their greatest test yet.

Russian assassins bearing weapons of immense power have assembled under one command: all those who loved Lawrence Stratford must die. From the glowing jewels at their necks comes an incredible supernatural force: the power to bring statues to life. As Ramses and his allies, including the immortal queens Cleopatra and Bektaten, gather together to battle these threats, Ramses reveals that the great weapon may have roots in an ancient Egyptian ritual designed to render pharaohs humble before Osiris, the god of the underworld. The resulting journey will take them across storm-tossed seas and into the forests of northern Russia, where they will confront a terrifying collision of tortured political ambitions and religious fervor held in thrall to a Godlike power. But the true answers they seek will lie beyond the border between life and death, within realms that defy the imagination of even an immortal such as Ramses the Great.

In *Ramses the Damned: The Reign of Osiris*, Anne Rice, revered and beloved storyteller ("queen of gothic lit, the maestro of the monstrous and the diva of the devious" --*The Philadelphia Inquirer*), in collaboration with her son, acclaimed bestselling novelist Christopher Rice ("a magician; a master" --Peter Straub), bring us another thrilling, seductive tale of high adventure, romance, history, and suspense.

AN ANCHOR ORIGINAL

Malice: A Novel

Author: Heather Walter

A princess isn't supposed to fall for an evil sorceress. But in this "bewitching and fascinating" (Tamora Pierce) retelling of "Sleeping Beauty," true love is more than a simple fairy tale.

"Walter's spellbinding debut is for all the queer girls and women who've been told to keep their gifts hidden and for those yearning to defy gravity."—O: *The Oprah Magazine*

Once upon a time, there was a wicked fairy who, in an act of vengeance, cursed a line of princesses to die. A curse that could only be broken by true love's kiss.

You've heard this before, haven't you? The handsome prince. The happily ever after.

Utter nonsense.

Let me tell you, no one in Briar actually cares about what happens to its princesses. Not the way they care about their jewels and elaborate parties and charm-granting elixirs. I thought I didn't care, either.

Until I met her.

Princess Aurora. The last heir to Briar's throne. Kind. Gracious. The future queen her realm needs. One who isn't bothered that I am Alyce, the Dark Grace, abhorred and feared for the mysterious dark magic that runs in my veins. Humiliated and shamed by the same nobles who pay me to bottle hexes and then brand me a monster. Aurora says I should be proud of my gifts. That she . . . cares for me. Even though a power like mine was responsible for her curse.

But with less than a year until that curse will kill her, any future I might see with Aurora is swiftly disintegrating—and she can't stand to kiss yet another insipid prince. I want to help her. If my power began her curse, perhaps it's what can lift it. Perhaps together we could forge a new world.

Nonsense again. Because we all know how this story ends, don't we? Aurora is the beautiful princess. And I—

I am the villain.

Book One of the Malice Duology

Dead Silence

Author: S.A. Barnes

**A Most-Anticipated Title in *Bustle*, *i09*, *LitHub*, *PopSugar*, *CrimeReads*, *BookRiot*, *GoodReads* and more.
STARRED Review in *BookPage!***

***Titanic* meets *The Shining* in this SF horror novel in which a woman and her crew board a decades-lost luxury cruiser and find the wreckage of a nightmare that hasn't yet ended.**

Claire Kovalik is days away from being unemployed—made obsolete—when her beacon repair crew picks up a strange distress signal. With nothing to lose and no desire to return to Earth, Claire and her team decide to investigate.

What they find is shocking: the *Aurora*, a famous luxury spaceliner that vanished on its maiden tour of the solar system more than twenty years ago. A salvage claim like this could set Claire and her crew up for life. But a quick search of the ship reveals something isn't right.

Whispers in the dark. Flickers of movement. Messages scrawled in blood. Claire must fight to hold on to her sanity and find out what really happened on the *Aurora* before she and her crew meet the same ghastly fate.

"Truly un-put-downable in its purest sense." Chloe Gong, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Violent Delights*

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Cultivating Chaos 3 (VeilVerse: Cultivating Chaos)

Author: William D. Arand

(Book 3 of 9)

Ash's life is anything but normal these days.

Having discovered his Dao, he's grown in power. Grown to the point that others are now aware of him and that he could be a danger.

In this world of martial arts, only the strong and the ruthless survive.

Everyone else is merely a stepping stone on their path of Cultivation, or an obstacle to be overcome.

Or knocked down.

It's a world where the strong rule, and the weak die.

Utilizing the Hall, the voice in his head that calls itself Locke, those who have aligned with his faction, and all the powers available to him, Ash has begun his own journey of Cultivation.

Except that as a Fated One, his journey is a narrow and winding path between two cosmic forces. Each one vying for dominance.

That doesn't even take into account the royal family or the Realm Lord.

This is his third step in his life as a Cultivator.

Overcoming his first tribulation, and solidifying his Dantian.

This is a VeilVerse novel.

Mushoku Tensei: Jobless Reincarnation (Light Novel) Vol. 15

Author: *Rifujin na Magonote*

Second Chance

Rudeus's brief meeting with his time-travelling future self leaves him struggling to process the terrible suffering that version of him endured. But he might be able to avert those losses in this timeline, if he takes his future self's advice--starting with reaching out to Eris for the first time in years!

A Touch of Malice (Hades X Persephone Book 3)

Author: *Scarlett St. Clair*

The next installment in the Hades and Persephone story from bestselling author Scarlett St. Clair. Discover the world of New Athens and the Greek gods in a series that readers are calling "hopelessly addictive."

"I am not sure who you think I am," she said. "But let me be clear—I am Persephone, future Queen of the Underworld, Lady of Your Fate—may you come to dread my presence."

Persephone and Hades are engaged. In retaliation, Demeter summons a snowstorm that cripples New Greece, and refuses to lift the blizzard unless her daughter calls off her engagement. When the Olympians intervene, Persephone finds her future in the hands of ancient gods, and they are divided. Do they allow Persephone to marry Hades and go to war with Demeter, or prohibit their union and take up arms against the God of the Dead?

Nothing is certain but the promise of war.

A Kingdom of Ruin (Deliciously Dark Fairytales Book 3)

Author: *K.F. Breene*

Never sell your soul to the Demon King.

Too late.

In an effort to save all that I love, I have to finish the job Nyfain started... and ruin myself.

I've made a trade with the most cunning creature alive.

Me for them.

The dungeons will be my new home. Dolion's destruction will be my new goal.

I just have to get out of here and back to my golden dragon. Preferably alive.

The Goldsmith's Conspiracy (Glass and Steele Book 13)

Author: *C.J. Archer*

THE GOLDSMITH'S CONSPIRACY is the final book in the bestselling Glass and Steele series. To see why readers rave about the series, start at the beginning with THE WATCHMAKER'S DAUGHTER.

Tensions between the artless and magicians are flaring, but India and Matt discover someone is deliberately fuelling the flames. Relentlessly pursuing his own agenda, Lord Coyle employs the former master of the Watchmaker's Guild to make trouble and be a thorn in India's side.

But India has the ear of the government now, and her own political influence is growing, something which pushes Lord Coyle over the edge. He plots his revenge by murdering a jeweler and casting blame onto someone very important to Matt and India. As they scramble to prove Coyle was the real killer before the accused is hanged, they learn the extent of Coyle's influence and the true motive behind his actions.

With a problem too big to solve alone, India and Matt draw on aid from their friends. But it's old enemies who cause the biggest crisis of all.

Read the exhilarating conclusion to the USA Today bestselling series.

Comfort Me With Apples

Author: Catherynne M. Valente

Comfort Me With Apples is a terrifying new thriller from bestseller Catherynne M. Valente, for fans of *Gone Girl* and *Spinning Silver*

Sophia was made for him. Her perfect husband. She can feel it in her bones. He is perfect. Their home together in Arcadia Gardens is perfect. Everything is perfect.

It's just that he's away so much. So often. He works so hard. She misses him. And he misses her. He says he does, so it must be true. He is the perfect husband and everything is perfect.

But sometimes Sophia wonders about things. Strange things. Dark things. The look on her husband's face when he comes back from a long business trip. The questions he will not answer. The locked basement she is never allowed to enter. And whenever she asks the neighbors, they can't quite meet her gaze....

But everything is perfect. Isn't it?

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Defiance of the Fall 4: A LitRPG Adventure

Author: TheFirstDefier

Just as a threat is dealt with, an opportunity presents itself.

After searching for months, Zac's forces have finally discovered the elusive Underworld that's both teeming with riches and dangers. Meanwhile, the armies of the Undead Empire advances on all fronts while the Dominators scheme in the dark.

Having endured the Integration in the punishing environment of the subterranean cave system, the trapped warriors of the Underworld could become the key in surviving the incursions aboveground.

But first, Zac has to deal with the golems intent on digging to the center of the planet.

Book 4 of the hit *Defiance of the Fall* LitRPG series is here. Grab your copy today!

About the Series: Jump into a story that merges Apocalyptic LitRPG elements with eastern cultivation. Class systems, skill systems, endless choices for progression, it has everything fans of the genre love. Explore a vast universe full of mystery, adventure, danger and even aliens; where even a random passer-by might hold the power of a god. Follow Zac as he struggles to stake out a unique path to power as a mortal in a world full of cultivators.

Battlegroup Z: Books 1-3 (An Epic Military Science Fiction Box Set)

Author: Daniel Gibbs

Over 1000+ pages of Military Science Fiction action!

"Pulse pounding action coupled with a look at the cost of war - Weapons Free grabbed me from the first page." - USA Today Bestselling Author Rhett C. Bruno

Thirty-five years of peace. One vicious attack destroys it all.

Reservist Lieutenant Justin Spencer loves every minute of flying fighters through space during his annual two-week tour with the Coalition Defense Force. The job back home isn't nearly as thrilling as blowing up asteroids with the squadron under his command, but it keeps him close to his wife and daughter. After all, joining the CDF was only for the free education. Justin never expected a battle, much less a war.

With one shot across his cockpit, peacetime fades into memory.

An unexpected enemy emerges with overwhelming force designed to obliterate the Terran Coalition. The League of Sol has a different name, but it's the same communist regime that chased away much of Earth's population hundreds of years ago.

Illusions of returning home are shattered in a single instant. Simulated battles become all too real, and it's full-on engagement or permanent elimination. Death and destruction erupt across the Terran Coalition and leave Justin in a protracted war with only one truth remaining.

The battlefield will leave no one unscathed.

Includes the first 3 novels in the bestselling **Battlegroup Z** series:

- Weapons Free
- Hostile Spike
- Sol Strike

Five star reviews for *Weapons Free*, book 1 in the series:

"Daniel Gibbs writes a brand of military sci-fi that once again calls up the horrors of war along with the bravery and dedication of those who fight those wars to protect us."

"This was one heck of a book. It is hard-hitting, action-packed reading from beginning to end, with an outstanding story to go with it."

"This book kept me reading. I rarely acquire the second book in a series. However, I am really looking forward to the next book."

"Loved the equality of religions and fleet action. Reminded me of *Battlestar Galactica*."

"Space opera at its best. Another action-packed sci-fi adventure that will grab you by the gut and not let you go."

The Rake Gets Ravished (Duke Hunt Book 2)

Author: Sophie Jordan

New York Times bestselling author Sophie Jordan returns with an all new sizzling historical romance in her Duke Hunt series about a woman determined to reclaim her family home from the dangerously handsome owner of London's most popular gaming hell.

The owner of London's most popular gaming hell, wealthy and powerful Silas Masters, is feared by men and desired by women—except Mercy Kittinger. When the blackguard wins her family home in a game of cards, Mercy steals into Silas's rooms, intent on destroying the proof. But things don't go to plan...

She would have her way with him...

Caught in the act, Mercy must be bold to save herself...even if it means seducing the dangerous rogue and then disappearing with the dawn, debt voucher in hand. Safe at home and determined to settle back into her quiet, uneventful life, Mercy burns at the memory of her night spent ravishing the most compelling man she'd ever met. Thank goodness she'll never see him again!

He didn't see her coming...

No one trifles with Silas Masters. Even if he could forget the dark-haired seductress who undid him, he can't allow anyone to steal from him. He will hunt down the sultry woman who haunts his dreams and show her just how sweet payback can be.

Ep.#2 - "No Risk Too Great" (The Frontiers Saga - Part 3: Fringe Worlds)

Author: Ryk Brown

Part 3: Episode 2

Stranded on an inhospitable planet...

Lost in an unknown time...

Faced with an unfamiliar galaxy...

And a dear friend nearing death...

Nathan Scott and the crew of the Aurora must make alliances quickly, or they will lose one of their own.

"No Risk Too Great" is the 2nd episode in Part 3 of the Frontiers Saga: Fringe Worlds. Episode 3 is coming soon!

Fugitive Telemetry (The Murderbot Diaries Book 6)

Author: Martha Wells

The New York Times bestselling security droid with a heart (though it wouldn't admit it!) is back in *Fugitive Telemetry*!

Having captured the hearts of readers across the globe (Annalee Newitz says it's "one of the most humane portraits of a nonhuman I've ever read") Murderbot has also established Martha Wells as one of the great SF writers of today.

No, I didn't kill the dead human. If I had, I wouldn't dump the body in the station mall.

When Murderbot discovers a dead body on Preservation Station, it knows it is going to have to assist station security to determine who the body is (was), how they were killed (that should be relatively straightforward, at least), and why (because apparently that matters to a lot of people—who knew?)

Yes, the unthinkable is about to happen: Murderbot must voluntarily speak to humans!

Again!

A new standalone adventure in the *New York Times*-bestselling, Hugo and Nebula Award winning series!

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Blue Shift (Backyard Starship Book 5)

Author: J.N. Chaney

When Van gains rank as a Peacemaker, he becomes a bigger target for the criminals scattered among the stars.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

On a distant world under an alien sun, hunters and their companions—the Rovans—bond in a ritual as old as their civilization. But one of the hunters is missing, and Van, along with his growing crew, knows where to look. Climbing up into the rarified air of the super-rich, Van uncovers a new enemy: The Fade.

And they are as cruel as the stars are many. A gang of heartless killers, the Fade will stop at nothing in the name of profit.

Which is fine with Van, as he'll stop at nothing in the name of justice.

Tracking his quarry across a dozen systems, Van, Torina, Perry and Icky—along with Zenophir, the new technician—will untangle a conspiracy of betrayal and death. As Van soon discovers, the Fade never lose.

But they've never met Van and his crew.

Experience the fifth entry in the best selling science fiction series of 2021 from USA Today Bestselling Authors J.N. Chaney and Terry Maggart. If you're a fan of old school heroes and villains, a bustling galaxy full of unknowns, and lost civilizations, you're sure to love this epic sci-fi adventure.

The Last Graduate: A Novel (The Scholomance Book 2)

Author: Naomi Novik

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The specter of graduation looms large as Naomi Novik's groundbreaking, *New York Times* bestselling trilogy continues in the stunning sequel to *A Deadly Education*.

ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: *Polygon*, *Thrillist*, *She Reads* • "The climactic graduation-day battle will bring cheers, tears, and gasps as the second of the Scholomance trilogy closes with a breathtaking cliff-hanger."—*Booklist* (starred review)

In Wisdom, Shelter. That's the official motto of the Scholomance. I suppose you could even argue that it's true—only the wisdom is hard to come by, so the shelter's rather scant.

Our beloved school does its best to devour all its students—but now that I've reached my senior year and have actually won myself a handful of allies, it's suddenly developed a very particular craving for me. And even if I somehow make it through the endless waves of maleficaria that it keeps throwing at me in between grueling homework assignments, I haven't any idea how my allies and I are going to make it through the graduation hall alive.

Unless, of course, I finally accept my foretold destiny of dark sorcery and destruction. That would certainly let me sail straight out of here. The course of wisdom, surely.

But I'm not giving in—not to the mals, not to fate, and especially not to the Scholomance. I'm going to get myself and my friends out of this hideous place for good—even if it's the last thing I do.

With keen insight and mordant humor, Novik reminds us that sometimes it is not enough to rewrite the rules—sometimes, you need to toss out the entire rulebook.

The magic of the Scholomance trilogy will continue in 2022

Under the Oak Tree: Season 1 (1)

Author: Suji Kim

Maximilian (Maxi), the eldest daughter of the Croyso family, grows up being abused by her father. As a consequence of the physical and mental trauma, she develops a crippling inferiority complex about both her stutter and her physical appearance as well as a general lack of self-respect.

When Maxi's father, Duke Croyso, receives a royal order from the King to fight the Red Dragon Sektor, he decides to marry his daughter off to Riftan Calypse, a peasant knight. Duke Croyso's plan is to push off his martial responsibilities to his son-in-law. Maxi thus finds herself forced into a marriage with a man she barely knows. The newlyweds spend their first night together, but they become separated immediately as Riftan leaves for war early next morning.

Fast forward three years later, and the couple reunites when Riftan comes back to the city to celebrate his victory in war. Although the two spent only one night together and Riftan is a stranger to Maxi, she is afraid that he might want to divorce her, for the divorce would mean a death sentence for the young woman.

What are Riftan's intentions? Will Maxi find the strength to overcome her trauma and lack of self-confidence? Will the couple survive and find love against all odds?

This volume collects episodes 1–39 of the web novel *Under the Oak Tree*.

Escape from Yokai Land (Laundry Files Book 12)

Author: *Charles Stross*

Regular readers of Charles Stross's Laundry Files might have noticed Bob Howard's absence from the events of *The Nightmare Stacks*, and his subsequent return from Tokyo at the start of *The Delirium Brief*.

Escape from Yokai Land explains what he was doing there.

Bob's been assigned to work with the Miyamoto Group, checking the wards that lock down Japan's warded sites—a task previously handled by his predecessor Dr. Angleton, the Eater of Souls. This mostly involves policing yokai: traditional magical beings, increasingly grown more annoying and energetic.

But then Bob's simple trip turns into a deadly confrontation with the ultimate yokai. It's massively powerful. It's pink. And it says "Hello."

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Zodiac Academy 7: Heartless Sky

Author: *Caroline Peckham*

The winds of fate are shifting, and it finally seems like they've been twisted in our favour.

On the run and cast out from society, we've been forced to hide from the mad man who stole our throne. But as more secrets come to light and my sister and I work harder than ever before to reach our potential and claim our birth right, the end is finally drawing closer.

There is no turning from this path now. The curse chases on our heels as time rushes by and the blood drenched destiny of the man I love looms ever closer just like the monster who stole our throne.

We must prepare for the final battle, but three things are clear now.

The cards have already been dealt.

Blood will spill for a new future to rise.

And the stars themselves can't help us.

The fight for the throne is upon us. All hail the heartless sky.

The Insecure Mind of Sergei Kraev

Author: *Eric Silberstein*

For fans of Neal Stephenson, Andy Weir, and Cixin Liu comes a novel that readers describe as “a great Black Mirror episode” with the “page-turning pacing of Michael Crichton.”

The year is 2100. The lack of trust that characterized the early Internet era is long behind us. Mathematical proof ensures neural implants can't be hacked, and the Board of Reality Overseers blocks false information from spreading.

When undergraduate Sergei Kraev, who dreams of becoming a professor, is accepted into the Technion's computer science graduate program, he throws himself into his research project: making it possible for neural implants to transmit information directly to the brain. If he succeeds, he'll earn a full professorship.

But Sergei falls under the influence of Sunny Kim, the beautiful and charismatic leader of a K-pop dance cult. Sergei believes in Sunny's good intentions and

wants to protect her from critics, leading him to perform a feat of engineering that leaves billions of brains vulnerable to attack.

With the clock ticking towards catastrophe, can Sergei see the truth about Sunny and undo what he's done?

Weaving together compelling characters and spanning decades and continents, *The Insecure Mind of Sergei Kraev* is a classic tale of love, ambition, and self-interest building to a shattering finish.

Life's Too Short (The Friend Zone Book 3)

Author: Abby Jimenez

THE INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER

"A hilarious, tender, and altogether life-affirming gem of a book." --Emily Henry, bestselling author of *Beach Read*

A brilliant and touching romantic comedy about two polar opposites, one adorable dog, and living every day to its fullest. When Vanessa Price quit her job to pursue her dream of traveling the globe, she wasn't expecting to gain millions of YouTube followers who shared her joy of seizing every moment. For her, living each day to its fullest isn't just a motto. Her mother and sister never saw the age of 30, and Vanessa doesn't want to take anything for granted. But after her half sister suddenly leaves Vanessa in custody of her baby daughter, life goes from "daily adventure" to "next-level bad" (now with bonus baby vomit in hair). The last person Vanessa expects to show up offering help is the hot lawyer next door, Adrian Copeland. After all, she barely knows him. No one warned her that he was the Secret Baby Tamer or that she'd be spending a whole lot of time with him and his geriatric Chihuahua. Now she's feeling things she's vowed not to feel. Because the only thing worse than falling for Adrian is finding a little hope for a future she may never see.

- **BookRiot, Top Books of 2021**
 - **Goodreads, Best of 2021 Romance Finalist**
 - **She Reads, Best of 2021 Romance Winner**
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Legends & Lattes: A Novel of High Fantasy and Low Stakes

Author: Travis Baldree

High Fantasy with a double-shot of self-reinvention

Worn out after decades of packing steel and raising hell, Viv the orc barbarian cashes out of the warrior's life with one final score. A forgotten legend, a fabled artifact, and an unreasonable amount of hope lead her to the streets of Thune, where she plans to open the first coffee shop the city has ever seen.

However, her dreams of a fresh start pulling shots instead of swinging swords are hardly a sure bet. Old frenemies and Thune's shady underbelly may just upset her plans. To finally build something that will last, Viv will need some new partners and a different kind of resolve.

A hot cup of fantasy slice-of-life with a dollop of romantic froth.

Summer Sons

Author: Lee Mandelo

Lee Mandelo's debut *Summer Sons* is a sweltering, queer Southern Gothic that crosses Appalachian street racing with academic intrigue, all haunted by a hungry ghost.

Andrew and Eddie did everything together, best friends bonded more deeply than brothers, until Eddie left Andrew behind to start his graduate program at Vanderbilt. Six months later, only days before Andrew was to join him in Nashville, Eddie dies of an apparent suicide. He leaves Andrew a horrible inheritance: a roommate he doesn't know, friends he never asked for, and a gruesome phantom that hungers for him.

As Andrew searches for the truth of Eddie's death, he uncovers the lies and secrets left behind by the person he trusted most, discovering a family history soaked in blood and death. Whirling between the backstabbing academic world where Eddie spent his days and the circle of hot boys, fast cars, and hard drugs that ruled Eddie's nights, the walls Andrew has built against the world begin to crumble.

And there is something awful lurking, waiting for those walls to fall.

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Hunt the Stars: A Novel (Starlight's Shadow Book 1)

Author: Jessie Mihalik

The critically acclaimed author of *Polaris Rising* takes readers on an exciting journey with the start of her brand-new series about a female bounty hunter and the man who is her sworn enemy.

“Jessie Mihalik is an author to watch.” — Ilona Andrews, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

Octavia Zarola would do anything to keep her tiny, close-knit bounty hunting crew together—even if it means accepting a job from Torran Fletcher, a ruthless former general and her sworn enemy. When Torran offers her enough credits to not only keep her crew afloat but also hire someone to fix her ship, Tavi knows that she can't refuse—no matter how much she'd like to.

With so much money on the line, Torran and his crew insist on joining the hunt. Tavi reluctantly agrees because while the handsome, stoic leader pushes all of her buttons—for both anger and desire—she's endured worse, and the massive bonus payment he's promised for a completed job is reason enough to shut up and deal.

But when they uncover a deeper plot that threatens the delicate peace between humans and Valoffs, Tavi suspects that Torran has been using her as the impetus for a new war. With the fate of her crew balanced on a knife's edge, Tavi must decide where her loyalties lie—with the quiet Valoff who's been lying to her, or with the human leaders who left her squad to die on the battlefield. And this time, she's put her heart on the line.

The Mammoth Book of Folk Horror: Evil Lives On in the Land!

Author: Stephen Jones

Welcome to a landscape of ancient evil . . . with stories by masters of horror Arthur Machen, Algernon Blackwood, H. P. Lovecraft, M. R. James, Ramsey Campbell, Storm Constantine, Christopher Fowler, Alison Littlewood, Kim Newman, Reggie Oliver, Michael Marshall Smith, Karl Edward Wagner, and more!

The darkness that endures beneath the earth . . . the disquiet that lingers in the woodland surrounding a forgotten path . . . those ancient traditions and practices that still cling to standing stone circles, earthworks, and abandoned buildings; elaborate rituals that invoke elder gods or nature deities; the restless spirits and legendary creatures that remain connected to a place or object, or exist in deep wells and lonely pools of water, waiting to ensnare the unwary traveler . . .

These concepts have been the archetypes of horror fiction for decades, but in recent years they have been given a name: *Folk Horror*.

This type of storytelling has existed for more than a century. Authors Arthur Machen, Algernon Blackwood, H. P. Lovecraft, and M. R. James all published fiction that had its roots in the notion of the supernatural being linked to objects or places “left behind.” All four writers are represented in this volume with powerful, and hopefully unfamiliar, examples of their work, along with newer exponents of the craft such as Ramsey Campbell, Storm Constantine, Christopher Fowler, Alison Littlewood, Kim Newman, Reggie Oliver, and many others.

Illustrated with the atmospheric photography of Michael Marshall Smith, the stories in *The Mammoth Book of Folk Horror* tap into an aspect of folkloric tradition that has long been dormant, but never quite forgotten, while the depiction of these forces as being in some way “natural” in no way detracts from the sense of nameless dread and escalating horror that they inspire . . .

A Ruin of Roses (Deliciously Dark Fairytales Book 1)

Author: K.F. Breene

I could save him, but he would ruin me.

The beast.
The creature that stalks the forbidden wood.
The dragon prince.

He has suffered a fate worse than death. We all have. A curse put upon us by the mad king.

We are a kingdom locked in time. Shifters unable to feel our animals. Stuck here by a deal between the late king and a demon who seeks our destruction.

The only one keeping this kingdom alive is Nyfain, the golden prince to a stolen throne. The last dragon shifter.

He's our hope.
He's my nightmare.

When he catches me trespassing in the forbidden wood, he doesn't punish me with death, as he's entitled.

He takes me, instead. Forces me back to the castle as his prisoner. Seeks to use me.

Apparently, I can save him. I can save the whole forgotten kingdom, locked away by the demon king's power.

But it would mean taming the monster beneath his skin. It would mean giving myself to him.

It would mean my ruin.

This is a dark and spicy Beauty and the Beast retelling featuring an anti-hero, a strong heroine, and a humorous supporting cast. This is an enemies-to-lovers and possible fated mates story suitable for 18+. It's the first of a four book series, ending on a cliffhanger.

Mastermind: A Theo Cray and Jessica Blackwood Thriller

Author: Andrew Mayne

Dr. Theo Cray and FBI agent Jessica Blackwood confront a cataclysmic conspiracy in a pulse-quickenning thriller by the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *The Naturalist*.

A mysterious electrical storm plunges Manhattan into darkness. As a strange, smothering fog rolls in, all communication crashes. In the blink of an eye, the island seems to vanish into a void.

FBI special agent Jessica Blackwood and brilliant scientist Dr. Theo Cray know this isn't a freak accident. It's a sinister sleight of hand. Their greatest adversary, a serial killer and cultist known as the Warlock, has escaped during a prison transfer in New York. A depraved master of manipulation, he promised the end of days. He's making good on it.

One by one, cities across the globe are erupting in chaos as they disappear into the same black holes. Even for two ingenious trackers like Jessica and Theo, there's still so much to learn about the pattern to the Warlock's madness. The voids are just a warm-up for something bigger. To discover it—to stop it—Jessica and Theo must descend into the darkest of shadows—and minds.

Blood Lands (Savage Lands Book 5)

Author: Stacey Marie Brown

Nobody can hear your screams from the depths of hell...

Those who survived Halálház, never imagined going back.

But this isn't Halálház, this is Vrhza, and nothing can prepare any of them for this.

With General Markos in control of the new prison, torture and cruelty is taken to a whole new level. But what Brexley is forced to do, will not only change her, but the course of the future.

With her abilities starting to show themselves, Brexley risks everything to save those she loves from dying; but in doing so, she exposes her abilities to Istvan.

When she and Warwick are tortured and used as experiments, she finds that Istvan's deceit and betrayal go far deeper than she could imagine.

Istvan will do anything to stay in control.

As Brexley's powers grow, so does the hate and darkness inside. Her hands are marked red, her soul heavy in guilt. There has been so much death, pain, and agony.

When does someone break?

How much can one person take before the hero turns into the villain?

Moon Witch, Spider King (The Dark Star Trilogy Book 2)

Author: Marlon James

“Masterfully flips the first installment on its head... James makes the mythic tantalizingly real.” —*Esquire*

"Even more brilliant than the first." —*Buzzfeed*

An Instant *New York Times* Bestseller

From Marlon James, author of the bestselling National Book Award finalist *Black Leopard, Red Wolf*, the second book in the Dark Star trilogy.

In *Black Leopard, Red Wolf*, Sogolon the Moon Witch proved a worthy adversary to Tracker as they clashed across a mythical African landscape in search of a mysterious boy who disappeared. In *Moon Witch, Spider King*, Sogolon takes center stage and gives her own account of what happened to the boy, and how she plotted and fought, triumphed and failed as she looked for him. It's also the story of a century-long feud—seen through the eyes of a 177-year-old witch—that Sogolon had with the Aesi, chancellor to the king. It is said that Aesi works so closely with the king that together they are like the eight limbs of one spider. Aesi's power is considerable—and deadly. It takes brains and courage to challenge him, which Sogolon does for reasons of her own.

Both a brilliant narrative device—seeing the story told in *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* from the perspective of an adversary and a woman—as well as a fascinating battle between different versions of empire, *Moon Witch, Spider King* delves into Sogolon's world as she fights to tell her own story. Part adventure tale, part chronicle of an indomitable woman who bows to no man, it is a fascinating novel that explores power, personality, and the places where they overlap.

Mystery Babylon, Book 1: The Bear

Author: *Jamie Lee Grey*

While Russia and China plan an attack on the United States, a young woman in Alaska finds herself caught in the FBI's crosshairs.

Sierra Forester returns home for a wedding – and finds herself in the center of an FBI investigation. She discovers her university friends are not who she thought they were... and they've left her in a perilous predicament. Soon, she learns it's hard to hide in today's interconnected, wired world. Her nemesis resides in her cell phone, her computer, and even in the satellite eyes in the sky. How can a person totally disappear?

A quiet, reclusive stranger has moved to the tiny Southeast Alaskan island she calls home. Can Sierra trust him? Or anyone?

Meanwhile, Russia and China prepare to launch a war against the United States. A sleepy administration is slow to respond. Will they wake up in time to save the country? Or will the nation collapse into the waiting jaws of the Russian bear and the Chinese dragon?

THE BEAR is the first book in Jamie Lee Grey's thrilling post-apocalyptic Mystery Babylon series. Begin this clean, faith-based adventure today!

Jamie Lee Grey is the author of numerous Christian novels, including the Band of Believers series, the Daughter of Babylon series, the Tribulation series and the Mystery Babylon series. She and her husband live in the northwestern United States. Learn more at www.JamieLeeGrey.com.

Fated: Magiford Supernatural City (Pack of Dawn and Destiny Book 3)

Author: *K. M. Shea*

I thought I hated not fitting in. Turns out I hate having a target on my back even more.

Someone wants me taken out. To accomplish that, they leaked the secret of my magic to all the Packs in the Midwest. Now, almost every Alpha in the region has traveled to my hometown in hopes of convincing me to join their Pack.

And some of them don't seem to think I should have a choice.

Greyson won't stand for that—something he makes deadly clear to the other Alphas. What they don't know is that I'm his long missing mate. But wolves and hunters are enemies, and my hunter magic blocks me from accepting the bond...even though I'm starting to wish I could.

Our incomplete mate bond is a constant drain on Greyson. Its existence puts him in danger—something he stubbornly ignores.

But as risky as our bond is, I have to stay focused on the biggest threat at the moment.

Whoever shared the secret of my powers wants to destroy our Pack. And we're about to find out how far they'll go to make that happen.

Fated is the final book in the Pack of Dawn and Destiny urban fantasy trilogy and is part of the Magiford Supernatural City world. It features werewolves, hunters, and fae, and is filled with humor, adventure, and a sweet romance that will have you laughing out loud.

The Paradox Hotel: A Novel

Author: Rob Hart

An impossible crime. A detective on the edge of madness. The future of time travel at stake. From the author of *The Warehouse* . . .

“An engrossing and thought-provoking sci-fi mystery that is also an achingly beautiful meditation on grief and the pain of lost love.”—S. A. Cosby, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Razorblade Tears*

ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2022—*CrimeReads*

January Cole's job just got a whole lot harder.

Not that running security at the Paradox was ever really easy. Nothing's simple at a hotel where the ultra-wealthy tourists arrive costumed for a dozen different time periods, all eagerly waiting to catch their "flights" to the past.

Or where proximity to the timeport makes the clocks run backward on occasion—and, rumor has it, allows ghosts to stroll the halls.

None of that compares to the corpse in room 526. The one that seems to be both there and not there. The one that somehow only January can see.

On top of that, some very important new guests have just checked in. Because the U.S. government is about to privatize time-travel technology—and the world's most powerful people are on hand to stake their claims.

January is sure the timing isn't a coincidence. Neither are those "accidents" that start stalking their bidders.

There's a reason January can glimpse what others can't. A reason why she's the only one who can catch a killer who's operating invisibly and in plain sight, all at once.

But her ability is also destroying her grip on reality—and as her past, present, and future collide, she finds herself confronting not just the hotel's dark secrets but her own.

At once a dazzlingly time-twisting murder mystery and a story about grief, memory, and what it means to—literally—come face-to-face with our ghosts, *The Paradox Hotel* is another unforgettable speculative thrill ride from acclaimed author Rob Hart.

The World's Finest Assassin Gets Reincarnated in Another World as an Aristocrat, Vol. 4 (light novel)

Author: Rui Tsukiyo

Unexpected Allies... and Enemies

■During a party in the royal capital, Lugh runs into Mina, the mysterious and flirtatious snake demon. Evidently, she's already infiltrated human society, but not to take it over. She's not too thrilled about seeing the Demon King revived and wishes to help Lugh prevent that from happening...or does she? Mina seems to have her hooks in many different important people: nobles, princes, and even Lugh's friends. Will this wolf in sheep's clothing manage to turn classmates against one another?

The Cat Who Saved Books: A Novel

Author: Sosuke Natsukawa

AN INDIE NEXT PICK!

From the #1 bestselling author in Japan comes a celebration of books, cats, and the people who love them, infused with the heartwarming spirit of *The Guest Cat* and *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*.

Bookish high school student Rintaro Natsuki is about to close the secondhand bookstore he inherited from his beloved bookworm grandfather. Then, a talking cat appears with an unusual request. The feline asks for—or rather, demands—the teenager's help in saving books with him. The world is full of lonely books left unread and unloved, and the cat and Rintaro must liberate them from their neglectful owners.

Their mission sends this odd couple on an amazing journey, where they enter different mazes to set books free. Through their travels, the cat and Rintaro meet a man who leaves his books to perish on a bookshelf, an unwitting book torturer who cuts the pages of books into snippets to help people speed read, and a publishing drone who only wants to create bestsellers. Their adventures culminate in one final, unforgettable challenge—the last maze that awaits leads Rintaro down a realm only the bravest dare enter . . .

An enthralling tale of books, first love, fantasy, and an unusual friendship with a talking cat, *The Cat Who Saved Books* is a story for those for whom books are so much more than words on paper.

Translated from the Japanese by Louise Heal Kawai.

"Cats, books, young love, and adventure: catnip for a variety of readers!" —*Kirkus*

Dragon Emperor 20: From Human to Dragon to God

Author: Eric Vall

Evan has almost completed his mission to bond to the other eleven Nobles of the Sword.

Now, there's only one left: The Sword of Shadows.

But where is it?

On top of finding the Sword, Evan has to make sure the Demon King doesn't break through the Breach, and he's learned his absent father might be closer than ever...

A Throne of Ruin (Deliciously Dark Fairytales Book 2)

Author: K.F. Breene

The only thing protecting me from the demons...is the beast.

Nyfain, the golden dragon prince, tried to set me free. But there is no freedom in this kingdom. Not for anyone.

The demons have sought me out. They want to trap me. To use me against Nyfain.

It's only a matter of time before they call in the demon king.

Nyfain thinks I should save myself. That I should barter with the demon king to escape this place.

But can I give myself to the creature responsible for torturing the people I love?

In order to save them, though, I might not have a choice.

This is a dark and spicy Beauty and the Beast retelling featuring an anti-hero, a strong heroine, and a humorous supporting cast. This is an enemies-to-lovers and possible fated mates story suitable for 18+. It's the second of four books, ending on a cliffhanger.

The Extinction Trials

Author: A.G. Riddle

An Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Books of the Month (December 2021)

From A.G. Riddle, the worldwide bestselling author of *The Atlantis Gene*, *Departure*, and *Winter World*, comes an epic standalone novel with a twist you'll never forget.

After a mysterious global event known only as "The Change," six strangers wake up in an underground research facility. They soon learn that they're part of the Extinction Trials—a scientific experiment to restart the human race.

But the Extinction Trials hides a very big secret.

And so does the world outside.

Selected Praise for A.G. Riddle

"...reads like a superior collaboration between Dan Brown and Michael Crichton."
—*The Guardian* on *Pandemic*

"I finished the book fast because I just couldn't wait..."
—*WIRED GeekDad* on *Departure*

"Riddle... keep(s) the focus on his characters... rather than the technological marvels"
—*Publisher's Weekly* on *Departure*

"This is apocalyptic sci-fi at its best."

—*Daily Mail* on *The Solar War*

"Well-constructed and tightly-wound as a fine Swiss watch—*DEPARTURE* has non-stop action, an engaging plot and, of course, wheels within wheels."

—*Diana Gabaldon*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Outlander*

The Unseelie Prince (Maze of Shadows Book 1)

Author: *Kathryn Ann Kingsley*

The throne is Valroy's for the taking...but first, he needs a queen.

As the son of the Morrigan and heir to the vacant Unseelie throne, Valroy itches to shed the mantle of prince and take his place as King. To his great regret one ancient tradition stands in his way, demanding he first take a bride. With all the members of the Unseelie court proving to be insufferable, what is a prince to do?

Steal a human, of course.

Abigail often wonders if the townsfolk aren't right in calling her cursed. Abandoned by her husband and with no family to call her own, everything in her life hangs by a thread. Never did she expect her downfall would come by taking pity on an old hermit. Abducted into the dangerous world of Tir n'Aill, Abigail is thrust into a terrifying Maze that defies all logic. There, she finds herself at the mercy of an Unseelie prince with a strange offer—solve his Maze and he'll grant her deepest wish...

If she can live that long.

From author Kathryn Ann Kingsley comes this tantalizing, slow burn dark fantasy that proves sometimes the line between love and hate is razor thin.

Please note: *This is a dark fantasy horror series with a love story. This series contains scenes of graphic violence. It is a slow-burn romance between the monstrous villain and the main character over the course of four books. My fae do not pull punches, and my Unseelie are not kind.*

The Family Business (Haunted Series Book 36)

Author: *Alexie Aaron*

The Family Business opens with Mia, Ted, and PEEPs working on two continents. Mia is filming another season of *Enyo* in rainy, mountainous Austria, where the mud is as deep as the storylines Mia is dealing with. She also has to deal with a lady in white with an attitude, her friends as costars, and a director who is pushing to get the best performance out of her.

Back at home, Ted is looking for places to rent for his new startup business Romulus Mobile. Ted and Patrick walk into a dealership and find it's haunted and has been for over fifty years. What's more, the sale from 1965 is still going on.

If this long distance relationship isn't hard enough on the Martins, someone is out to ruin the producer of *Enyo* by taking Mia down with well-crafted lies; Cid has written some salacious scenes; and Ted has decided, demons or not, they are going to investigate the dealership.

Join Mia and PEEPs as they navigate filmmaking and a multidimensional haunt and still manage to get the boys to school on time.

The Family Business is the 36th novel of the *Haunted Series*.

Engineering Home: Book 11 of The Survivalist Series

Author: *A. American*

It's been over a year since, The Day. Morgan and his companions have fought to stay alive and he finally managed to get to his parents and bring them back. Their situation is getting better every day but there are still challenges ahead of them. With a desire to return to a *normal* life on everyone's mind, the group starts taking steps to do just that. Thinking bigger they tackle some major projects that will provide valuable resources. However, there are others out there making plans for them as well.

While these new plans will provide them with a lot of supplies and the ability to be resupplied on a regular schedule, it also comes with oversight. Something Sarge and Morgan are not going to like. But the benefits far outweigh the problems. Or do they?

They still face many challenges, like Fred's pregnancy, that are still potential disasters. There is little room for error in their world. But hard work, determination, and the bond that holds the group together have enabled them to make it this far. But will it be enough?

Unidentified: A Science-Fiction Thriller

Author: *Douglas E. Richards*

It's now clear that UFOs are real. When Jason Ramsey discovers their shocking agenda, his actions will either transform humanity . . . or destroy it entirely. *Unidentified* is a riveting page-turner. One detailing the actual evidence that UFOs are here, while offering a mind-blowing fictional take on the reasons why.

Ripped from today's headlines, *Unidentified* is the latest thriller from the *NY Times* bestselling author whose books have sold over two million copies.

Between 2017 and 2021 the US military admitted to having undeniable evidence that UFOs (now UAVs or UAPs) are here, and defy the laws of physics. When Jason Ramsey, a popular science-fiction writer, becomes obsessed with the subject, he undertakes a relentless quest to uncover what is really going on. After recruiting Tessa Barrett, an extraordinarily talented mercenary, Jason devises a risky, desperate plan to get to the bottom of it all. But the truth is far more shocking, convoluted, and dangerous than anyone could have guessed, and he has no idea who he can trust.

Jason soon realizes that he can only be certain of two things. He somehow holds the key to the future of the galaxy itself . . . and his chances of living out the week are vanishingly small.

Unidentified is a masterful near-future thriller, one packed with nonstop action, unexpected twists, extraordinary technology, and astonishing ideas.

"Richards is an extraordinary writer," (Dean Koontz) who can "keep you turning the pages all night long." (Douglas Preston)

"Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton." (SF Book dot com)

NEAR-FUTURE SCIENCE FICTION THRILLERS BY DOUGLAS E. RICHARDS

STANDALONES

QUANTUM LENS
GAME CHANGER
INFINITY BORN
SEEKER
VERACITY
ORACLE
THE IMMORTALITY CODE
UNIDENTIFIED

SERIES

WIRED (Wired 1)
AMPED (Wired 2)

MIND'S EYE (Nick Hall 1)
BRAINWEB (Nick Hall 2)
MIND WAR (Nick Hall 3)

SPLIT SECOND (Split Second 1)
TIME FRAME (Split Second 2)

THE ENIGMA CUBE (Alien Artifact 1)
A PIVOT IN TIME (Alien Artifact 2)

Kids Science Fiction Thrillers (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike)

TRAPPED (Prometheus Project 1)
CAPTURED (Prometheus Project 2)
STRANDED (Prometheus Project 3)
OUT OF THIS WORLD
DEVIL'S SWORD

Elder Race

Author: Adrian Tchaikovsky

"A Ursula Le Guin-like grace... Ten out of 10." —*New York Times*

In Adrian Tchaikovsky's *Elder Race*, a junior anthropologist on a distant planet must help the locals he has sworn to study to save a planet from an unbeatable foe.

Lynesse is the lowly Fourth Daughter of the queen, and always getting in the way.

But a demon is terrorizing the land, and now she's an adult (albeit barely) with responsibilities (she tells herself). Although she still gets in the way, she understands that the only way to save her people is to invoke the pact between her family and the Elder sorcerer who has inhabited the local tower for as long as her people have lived here (though none in living memory has approached it).

But Elder Nyr isn't a sorcerer, and he is forbidden to help, and his knowledge of science tells him the threat cannot possibly be a demon...

At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Ariadne: A Novel

Author: Jennifer Saint

A mesmerizing debut novel for fans of Madeline Miller's *Circe*.

Ariadne, Princess of Crete, grows up greeting the dawn from her beautiful dancing floor and listening to her nursemaid's stories of gods and heroes. But beneath her golden palace echo the ever-present hoofbeats of her brother, the Minotaur, a monster who demands blood sacrifice.

When Theseus, Prince of Athens, arrives to vanquish the beast, Ariadne sees in his green eyes not a threat but an escape. Defying the gods, betraying her family and country, and risking everything for love, Ariadne helps Theseus kill the Minotaur. But will Ariadne's decision ensure her happy ending? And what of Phaedra, the beloved younger sister she leaves behind?

Hypnotic, propulsive, and utterly transporting, Jennifer Saint's *Ariadne* forges a new epic, one that puts the forgotten women of Greek mythology back at the heart of the story, as they strive for a better world.

Behr's Rebel: featuring the prequel Raia's Pets (Marastin Dow Book 2)

Author: S.E. Smith

Raia's Pets:

Friends from other worlds...

Although Raia Glossman is human, she only remembers one world—the alien one where she was raised by her Tearnat Guardian, Ander Rays. Her love for exploration and new discoveries comes from Ander.

While on a quest to find the perfect birthday gift, she instead finds two very unusual, and powerful, furry friends. Now all she has to do is explain to her Tearnat guardian why they should be allowed to stay despite his 'no pets' policy!

Chummy, a Quazin Chumloo, is a rare species with powerful abilities that few know about. Captured by poachers, he is rescued from certain death by the inquisitive and equally talented Pi. Unfortunately, not even Pi has the ability to completely free him.

Pi, a Marica Peekaboo, loves the marketplace. It is a treasure trove of goodies to eat and wonderful shiny objects to steal. With each new arrival, she finds something unique to add to her hidden collection of stolen goods—including Chummy and a strange alien girl named Raia.

Three very different worlds collide, and freedom for an entire species is at stake. Can a friendship forged in a back alley be powerful enough to survive an immense alien universe where danger lurks at every turn?

Behr's Rebel:

Two battles: One fights for a cause; the other fights for survival...

General Behr De'Mar, leader of the Marastin Dow rebel forces, knows that it is only a matter of time before he is caught and executed. It doesn't matter to him. The cause he is fighting for is much larger than any one person—or so he thought.

Raia Glossman doesn't know what to think when she is hired by the strange, purple-skinned aliens. After all, the Marastin Dow are known for their cutthroat, kill anything-that-moves mentality. Why would they need a lone human woman to rescue their General? But credits are credits, and Raia never turns down a chance to earn a tidy sum. Besides, it seems like an easy job for her and her two innovative pets, Chummy and Pi. They'll get in, rescue the guy, collect their credits, and disappear again. The three of them perfected that little trick years ago. This time however, she is on the run with an army of Marastin Dow warriors on her tail! Not to mention that she is stuck with a tantalizing General, and she discovers she is the new poster-girl for the Marastin Dow Revolution. So much for anonymity!

Behr knows the moment he meets Raia and her two pets that they are special. Can he keep them alive and safe against the massive army threatening to end their hope of a new way of life, or will the history of the Marastin Dow's savagery doom them all?

Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents two new action-packed stories full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid scenes, and beloved characters, these novellas are sure to be another fan favorite!

Elfed In New York: Riicathi

Author: Erik Schubach

Twenty one years ago, Evander Laun and Natalia Havashire went on the air throughout the world on almost every news channel simultaneously, to reveal to the human race that Elves walked among us. It is the most-watched historical event in modern times.

Riicathi follows a new fledgling Elf, Killishia Renner, as she investigates for Channel 3 News, a series of robberies in New York City perpetrated by a band of Elves.

Her investigation coincides with the chaos caused when the International Elf Council finds she is of Riicathi blood, a clan thought long dead, and the repercussions it holds for Elvish society.

A Crown of Petals and Ice (The Honey and Ice Series Book 3)

Author: Shannon Mayer

Queen of the fae courts. Faced with an impossible battle. Destined to never be with the Unseelie I love.

The magical tea has worn off. My eyes are wide open. And it's with horror that I realize the fate of two realms rests on my shoulders after my mother's ultimate sacrifice to trap Rubezahl in Underhill.

Terrified humans clamoring for answers, whispered rumors from both Seelie and Unseelie, and a stepmother who seeks the throne for surprising reasons are the least of my troubles.

Rubezahl has returned far sooner than I thought possible. I'm not ready. I can't win this. And not only that... He has something crucial if we are to win. He's taken something I cannot live without.

The place of the final battle has been decided, and two armies will meet. Yet forces beyond my understanding must be satisfied first--old magics rise and demand their dues.

There is no option but to race and decipher the puzzle to save the man I love, the friends more important to me than my own life, and humans and fae alike.

Two realms.
Only I can save them.
We're screwed.

If you can't get enough of Sarah J. Mass, Holly Black, or Jennifer L. Armentrout, you will love this vibrant world where impossible love and an explosive pace will leave you breathless!

Sword and Shadow (The Wolves of Elantra Book 2)

Author: Michelle Sagara

Beyond the Emperor's law

In the city of Elantra, the law is upheld by a few groups, and the most feared are the Wolves—the Emperor's executioners. The newest member of this elite force is Severn Handred.

Granted a leave of absence to pursue information about his unknown past, Severn joins a mission to an enclave well outside the boundaries of the Empire. And he will be in danger the entire time. Still, the instincts that led him to the Wolves and the sense of duty that keeps him there can't be discarded as easily as the tabard he wears.

While he's in the heart of the West March, enmeshed in a tangled web of mysteries that have been held for centuries, Severn's belief in justice is going to be tested. It's one mortal man and his single ally against a community of immortals who will kill to keep their secrets. But they don't know who they're up against.

"This world feels so complex and so complete." —*ReadingReality.net* on *The Emperor's Wolves*

The Wolves of Elantra

Book 1: *The Emperor's Wolves*

Book 2: *Sword and Shadow*

Dark Tarot (The Dark Book 35)

Author: Christine Feehan

Light and dark combine as the cards reveal hidden truths in this intoxicating installment in Christine Feehan's #1 *New York Times* bestselling Carpathian series.

Sandu Berdardi continues to exist only to protect his people. An ancient Carpathian, his entire long life has been dedicated to honor above all else. He knows his time has passed, especially since he has not been able to find his lifemate—the anchor to keep him sane in a world he no longer understands. But just as he truly starts to give up hope, a voice reaches out to him in the night and his world explodes into color.

Adalasia enters Sandu's mind seamlessly, as if she has been a part of him forever. While she can see the shape of things to come in her deck of cards, her gift is both a blessing and a curse. The true course of Sandu's quest remains unclear, with danger waiting at every turn. She cannot see everything the future holds, but she does know it is a journey they will take together.

By joining him, she will start them down a dangerous, seductive path from which there is no coming back....

Storm Blood: A Montague & Strong Detective Novel (Montague & Strong Case Files Book 15)

Author: Orlando A. Sanchez

How do you destroy a god? Power...overwhelming power.

With Mahnes defeated, Monty & Simon must now face the entity behind the attacks.

They must face one of the old gods...Chaos.

There's only one slight problem—they aren't strong enough.

When every strategy devised requires more power, Monty realizes he must make a potentially lethal choice: accelerate the shift to Archmage. In order to do this, Monty and Simon must travel undetected to London, convincing York, an old and powerful mage who's currently missing, to help them.

To find York, they will have to visit a reclusive member of the Ten—a witch who can prepare Monty for the cast they need. A witch with a reputation for obliterating friends and foes alike.

If successful, Monty will have access to enough power to imprison an ancient god.

They're risking it all, but if they don't, Chaos will obliterate everything...starting with the Montague & Strong Detective Agency.

The Veiled Throne (The Dandelion Dynasty Book 3)

Author: Liu Ken

With the invasion of Dara complete, and the Wall of Storms breached, the world has opened to new possibilities for the gods and peoples of both empires as the sweeping saga of the award-winning Dandelion Dynasty continues in this third book of the "magnificent fantasy epic" (NPR).

Princess Théra, once known as Empress Ūna of Dara, entrusted the throne to her younger brother in order to journey to Ukyu-Gondé to war with the Lyucu. She has crossed the fabled Wall of Storms with a fleet of advanced warships and ten thousand people. Beset by adversity, Théra and her most trusted companions attempt to overcome every challenge by doing the most interesting thing. But is not letting the past dictate the present always possible or even desirable?

In Dara, the Lyucu leadership as well as the surviving Dandelion Court bristle with rivalries as currents of power surge and ebb and perspectives spin and shift. Here, parents and children, teachers and students, Empress and Pékyu, all nurture the seeds of plans that will take years to bloom. Will tradition yield to new justifications for power?

Everywhere, the spirit of innovation dances like dandelion seeds on the wind, and the commoners, the forgotten, the ignored begin to engineer new solutions for a new age.

Ken Liu returns to the series that draws from a tradition of the great epics of our history from the *Aeneid* to the *Romance on the Three Kingdoms* and builds a new tale unsurpassed in its scope and ambition.

Ascendance of a Bookworm: Part 4 Volume 5

Author: Miya Kazuki

After turning the lower city into a true sight to behold, Rozemyne aims to continue her development plan and secure a greater influence over the country's other duchies. As she needs the assistance of commoners to achieve this, she gets to work dismantling the wall that exists between them and the nobles. She tours the printing workshops in the Central District, holds a dyeing competition to unearth skilled craftspeople, and even fantasizes about designing her own library.

Not everything is quite so straightforward, however—a normal wedding is enshrouded in complex interduchy politics, and as Rozemyne prepares for her second year in the Royal Academy, she finds herself needing to stay on guard against the rebellious former Veronica faction.

This is the newest volume of this biblio-fantasy, filled to the brim with moving developments! Includes two original short stories, and a four-panel manga by You Shiina!

The Spaceship In The Stone (The Space Legacy Book 1)

Author: Igor Nikolic

What would you do if you found an ancient spaceship?

Michael Freeman is a disabled veteran who had just been fired from his mind-numbing cubicle job, which allowed his opportunistic girlfriend to dump him. Now, he only wants to spend some time at his grandfather's mountain cabin so he can unwind, away from the drudgery of daily life and with a cold beer in his hands. Standing in his way is an ancient spaceship with an emotional AI, nanites that have invaded his body, an international crime syndicate, a suicidal FBI agent on a vigilante mission, terrorists... and that's just the beginning.

What can one man do when faced with insurmountable odds? Call it quits? Or... call some of his old army buddies and blow those obstacles to smithereens? Can he become more than he had ever dreamed, reaching further than any man before? Staying under the radar of the powers that be while righting a few wrongs of the modern world.

He is sure of three things:

1. He really doesn't want to follow the rules anymore... aside from his own.
2. Space is the ultimate frontier, and he had been given a turnkey technology to reach it—if they let him.
3. Those that want to hurt him and the people he cares about will rue the day they were born.

You do not always get what you wish for... sometimes, you get a hell of a lot more.
