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welcome.

From the Editor:

I feel like I just woke up from an hour nap and during that time we went from summer to fall. Anyone else feel this way? I'm not complaining. Fall is my favorite season when it starts to cool down and change into my favorite palette of colors. And that special smell in the air as it cools, reminds me of my younger days when I was crazy enough to live in Los Angeles and a barista at a certain popular coffee house chain. I worked the opening shifts, so my first break was around 6:30 am. I would sit outside, drinking something hot and watching the ocean fog roll over the mountains from Santa Monica into the San Fernando valley. There's a special smell about the early predawn.

So where am I going with this?

I love when unexpected memories and feelings get pulled out by a sensation or a snippet of a conversation. These cold nights remind me of waiting outside for the *Harry Potter* book releases at midnight, watching the sun come up hours later as I finished the books. A 7-11 hot dog was a gourmet meal in my avocado green convertible Beetle listening to Jim Dale read *Harry Potter*.

I have a close friend who has tricked me into reading a few book series that I've ended up loving. Not just loving, but *devouring* all the books that are available within a few days! And I admire her insane enthusiasm for the fandoms she's passionate about. In fact, we're going to see Christopher Paolini next month for a reading and signing of his new book in the Inheritance Cycle, *Murtagh*, (her kid is named after a character in the series). She introduced *Eragon* to me only on the promise I would never watch the movie even though Jeremy Irons is in it.

For myself, outside of my extreme love for *Beverly Hills, 90210* (which, I have argued, can be genre), I'm not sure what else I'm so dedicated to like she is, like Jason with his love for David Weber's *Honor Harrington* series.

What about you? Is there a series that you'll mark down on your calendar when the next book is out? And maybe reread the entire series so you're caught up? Tell us about it.

I also want to thank everyone for the support and wonderful comments I've received for my first two issues of *FanActivity Gazette*. I love hearing from people. (It also means there are people out there reading it!). I encourage comments, input, concerns anyone may have. I'll say it till I'm as blue as Smurfette: I want to make sure that *FanActivity Gazette* is about you. So anything you tell me, I'll make sure you're heard.

Ok, I've rambled enough. Let me move aside so you can enjoy the rest of this month's *Gazette*.

Thank you again and enjoy everything before the craziness of the holiday season hits.

~ Mindy

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New Movies in November

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Terrifier 2 (Special Engagement re-release)

11/3

Glisten and the Merry Mission
Squealer

11/7

Pencils Vs Pixels

11/8

Terrifier 2 (Special Engagement re-release)
AXCN: Ghost in the Shell (Special Engagement re-release)

11/10

The Marvels
Dream Scenario

It's a Wonderful Knife

11/12

The Skull

11/17

The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
Thanksgiving
Trolls Band Together

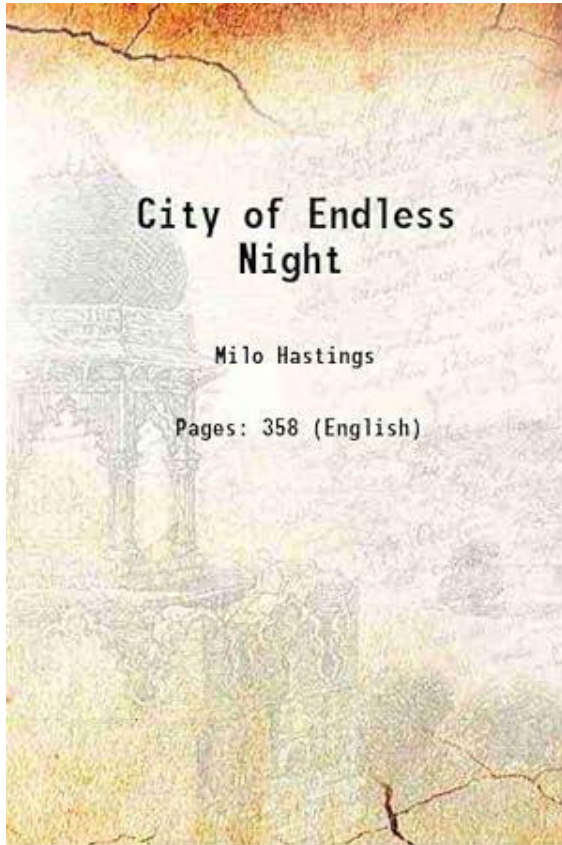
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Wish
The Boy and the Heron
Leave the World Behind
Leo



Past Prose Proves Prophetic

Bob Jennings



In November 1920 *City of Endless Night* by Milo Hastings was published. This science fiction novel projected events a hundred and fifty years into the future after a cataclysmic second world war developed, and what had happened to the human race as its consequence.

The story was initially serialized in *True Story Magazine* in 1919, where it attracted such strong reader attention and comment that book publisher Dodd Meade immediately optioned it for a hardback edition. Sales were good, but not notable, and the book apparently only went thru one printing, but a goodly number of those hardback books ended up in public libraries, where science fiction fans and would-be science fiction writers discovered it in the late 1920s and 1930s, when the grim prophetic nature of the story began to echo in real life.

During the 1940s, while WWII was raging, interest again surfaced in the book and it became a minor hit within science fiction fandom, more so because of its relative rarity by that point in time.

In 1974 Sam Moskowitz's Hyperian Press reprinted the book with a long introduction to the new edition.

What made this book so interesting and so influential within the science fiction community? Well, it was the striking accurate prophetic vision of things to come.

The story is an alternative world adventure that speculated that WWI did not end with the total surrender of Germany; that instead the Germans under the Kaiser held onto Berlin, fortifying it, repulsing all attacks and became an isolationist city state that built itself

underground. In this story the protagonist is speaking from the year 2041. Back in the second half of the 20th century, the German Super State launched a devastating second world war, achieving enormous territorial gains and killing millions in its drive for world conquest, but all the nations of the world united against it, and by the late 1980s the united front had crushed the German military machine and driven it back again into its domed Berlin city state. Our hero, an accomplished chemist, manages to enter the fortress German city, and relates what he has discovered and what happens to him as he tries to escape and tell the world what he has learned.

In this tale Berlin became a German super state, extending sixty levels under the roofed-over heavily fortified surface. The New Berlin became home to 300,000,000 Germans, ruled by the Hohenzollern lineage in "autocratic socialism" which was "The perfect government which we Germans have evolved from proletariat socialism."

This society has total censorship with everything printed, broadcast or committed to film completely controlled and approved by the government. The State has established and rigidly controls all diets with food strictly allotted on a calories-for-work basis. There is a state established religion that rejects Judeo-Christianity and all other forms of "weakling worship", replaced by a religion in which the church and the state act as one to glorify the German Teutonic heritage. Enforced eugenic breeding is standard, including establishing pure racial guidelines for all marriages and the elimination of those unfit or who might be born with recessive throw-back characteristics. Glorification of the Nordic race while stressing the inferiority of all other, lesser races is universal. All industrial effort is suppressed except for what is sponsored and approved by the State, with the ultimate goal of creating newer and better weapons so the State can launch yet another war in which the new super Germany will finally conquer the world.

If this seems eerily prophetic, it's because it was. This is a fast moving and well-constructed adventure novel, a well-constructed story that would be enjoyable even if it weren't so accurate in its portrayal of what became Nazi Germany's fascist political and social philosophy within a few years after the book was published.

The author Milo Hastings (1884-1957) was a writer, poultry expert, inventor, and health food advocate. His interest in the poultry business developed while he was growing up in his family's farm in Ohio. He invented the forced-draft incubator which allows for the hatching of thousands of chicken eggs at a time, but his original patent application was denied, twice. A few years later the Smith patent using exactly the same principles was granted, a patent that was immediately attacked as numerous firms began to build large scale forced draft incubators with total disregard for any patent protections. Ironically Hastings made money by appearing as an expert witness in court showing that he had developed the idea before Smith, and therefore the Smith patent was invalid.

Hastings also wrote "The Dollar Hen" which explained the simplicity of raising free-range chickens and why free range chickens were more economically beneficial to poultry farmers. He popularized the curtain-front style henhouse, and his patent for a cold storage evaporator for the egg business made short term storage of fresh eggs possible.

He was an early and long time writer about the benefits of healthy diet and healthy exercise, with much of his early writing appearing in many of Bernarr MacFadden's assorted health and fitness publications. He was also an author of speculative fiction, with his three longest known novels, including this one, also originally appearing as serials in various MacFadden magazines.

City of Endless Night was a significant science fiction novel that influenced many later science fiction stories, and may have been an inspiration for the movie *Metropolis*. Today the novel has been reprinted by many companies with hardback, paperback, and ebook versions available at a wide variety of prices. It is also available for free at Project Gutenberg, and is well worth your time to check out and read. The story, and the warning it contains, continue to ring true in this new century.



Science Fiction Pro and Fan Birthdays

This list of fandom-related birthdays was first published by Bruce Pelz in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Andrew Porter published and updated the list for Science Fiction Chronicle. Updates are welcome!

Unless stated otherwise, all birthdays are in the 20th century.

November

Robert Arthur, Abby Lu Ashley, 11/1/09; Zenna Henderson, 11/1/17; Gordon R. Dickson, Dean Grennell, 11/1/23; Don Fitch, 11/2/28; Joyce Yasner, 11/2/48; Lois McMaster Bujold, 11/2/49; Jack Harness, 11/3/33; Wendayne Ackerman, 11/4/12; Gregg Calkins, 11/4/34; Mike Shupp, 11/4/46; Stephen Jones, Kara Dalkey, 11/4/53; Alan Winston, 11/4/59; Kerry Kyle, 11/4/64; H. Warner Munn, 11/5/03; Frank Gasperik, 11/5/42; Barry Gold, 11/5/46; Gary Farber, Don Ayres, 11/5/58; Ed Cox, 11/6/29; Michael Dirda, 11/06/48; Jay Rothbell, 11/6/54; R. A. Lafferty, 11/7/14; J. Michael Rosenblum, 11/7/17; Rita Winston, 11/7/57; Ben Bova, 11/8/32; Alfred Coppel, 11/9/21; Larry Shaw, 11/9/24; Rob Hansen, 11/9/54; John T. Phillifent, 11/10/16; Don C. Thompson, 11/10/27; Charles Neutzel, 11/10/34

Howard Fast, 11/11/14; Donald Franson, 11/11/16; Mack Reynolds, 11/11/17; Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., 11/11/22; Marty Helgesen, 11/11/38; Ron Ontell, 11/11/42; Bbob Stewart, 11/12/37; Roy Gray, 11/12/42; Michael Bish-
op, 11/12/45; Kathy Sanders, 11/12/48; Michael Capobianco, 11/12/50; Bonnie Marston, 11/12/54; Marty Massoglia, 11/13/46; Stephen Baxter, 11/13/57; Tom Armistead, 11/14/47; Moshe Feder, Beth Meacham, 11/14/51; J.G. Ballard, 11/15/30; Ruth Berman, 11/15/42; Milt Stevens, 11/16/42; Paula Evans, 11/16/50; A.C.
Kyle, 11/16/61; Jamie Levine, 11/16/74; Wally Gonser, 11/17/22; John Trimble, 11/17/36; J.B. Post, 11/17/37

Kevin Johnson, 11/17/54; Rebecca Moesta, 11/17/56; Ed Connor, 11/18/21; Alan Dean Foster, 11/18/46; Doug Fratz, 11/18/52; Mike Blake, 11/18/54; Suzette Haden Elgin, 11/19/36; Len Moffatt, 11/20/23
Ellen Asher, 11/21/41; Jane Frank, 11/21/42; Vincent Di Fate, 11/21/45; Katrina Templeton, 11/21/1978; Stephen Antell, 11/22/40; Ed Baker, 11/22/41; Nelson Bond, 11/23/08; Wilson Tucker, 11/23/14; Bill Leiningner, 11/23/58; Bram Stoker, 11/24/1848; Forrest J Ackerman, 11/24/16; Earl Kemp, 11/24/29; Alicia Austin, 11/24/42; Spider Robinson, 11/24/48; Nola Frame, 11/24/52; Aljo Svoboda, 11/24/57

Poul Anderson, 11/25/26; Martin Jukovsky, 11/25/37; Sandra Miesel, 11/25/41; Todd Voros, 11/25/52; Michael J. Lowrey, 11/25/53; Frederik Pohl, 11/26/19; John Miesel, 11/26/41; Victoria Poyser, 11/26/49; L. Sprague de Camp, 11/27/07; Marsha [Brown/Jones] Elkin, 11/28/43; Kay Shapero, 11/28/50; C.S. Lewis, 11/29/1898; Madeleine L'Engle, 11/29/18; Leigh Couch, 11/29/25; Mark Twain, 11/30/1853; E. Everett Evans, 11/30/1893; John Millard, 11/30/17; Milton Rothman, 11/30/19; Eph Koningsberg, 11/30/24; Bill Ellern, 11/30/33; Martin Morse Wooster, 11/30/57.

To update this list, please contact Heath Row via e-mail at kalel@well.com with the subject "Science Fiction Pro and Fan Birthdays" or something similar.

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FRANKENSTEIN
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LETTERS

In the most recent edition of *This Here...* from Nic Farey, George Phillies shared that the *Gazette* was under new management and might be open to once again running a fanzine review column.

[I reply to George that I had intended to send Mindy a complimentary note, and he urges me to do so. The publication of COR41U PR2 gives me the opportunity as I forward it as a (so far unpublished) news item. Whoever might consider doing a zine review column for FG has big shoes to fill (Justin E.A. Busch), but I include George's note as encouragement to anyone who might consider the gig (Guy, perhaps, as an adjunct to TZD?). If I didn't have enough on my f***n' plate already I would honestly have offered to have a go...

{Nic, thanks for the shout out! And we would love to once again include a zine review as the opportunity arises!}



Hi Mindy,

I think you're doing a wonderful job with *FanActivity Gazette*. Congratulations!

I loved Justin E. A. Busch's "Fanfaronade" and, if you'll recall, he often mentioned *Christian*New Age Quarterly* in his reviews. I miss him!

I wonder if you are planning to bring "Fanfaronade" back, and if you would like a review copy of *Christian*New Age Quarterly*. Lately I've been sending copies to George Phillies, not wanting to lose touch with N3F. Perhaps you'd like me to send them to you instead. (I've a feeling George would like that switch.)



Catherine Groves
*Christian*New Age Quarterly*

{Catherine, thank you so much for the encouragement! As we get our feet more solidly on the ground here, I'm sure we'll be taking a look at any and all past features to see what we can add to the mix – provided, of course, we have someone willing to contribute! And if you want to start sending us a copy of *C*NAQ*, feel free. Our mailing address is 1503 Main St. #305 Grandview, MO 64030.}



Dear Neffers:

Having to resort to a multi-issue letter of comment to get caught up has pretty well become my fannish modus operandi. Witness, I am three issues behind, Volume 3, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, for *FanActivity Gazette*. And the editorship is changing, too! I have to catch up, again!

V3#2...

Congratulations to George Phillies on his being the first editor of this fanzine, and getting it going in the right direction. I am sure Mindy Hunt will do a great job as the new editor.

The work we did on Anime North meant a lot of cash into the con's coffers, and we will return to run the Vendors Hall one more time in 2024, but this time, with a trainee who will see how Yvonne manages the room before the con, and he will learn how to manage the databases and paperwork. As the convention starts up, he will take over the on-site management of the room, and we will be free to manage our own table elsewhere at the convention.

Work on *Amazing Stories* continues. I had recommended to me so many good stories our slush readers sifted from the avalanche of submissions we got, I can't get caught up on those good stories, either! I have enough stories edited and given to publisher Kermit Woodall to do the rest of 2023, and the first couple of months in 2024. I will keep working on what I have, but the hiatus we had to put on submissions comes to an end in October, so I will have to rush to work on what stories I can edit in the time remaining.

I am pleased to see reminiscences of *Short Circuit*. I thought it was a cute movie when I saw it, but then, I knew where it had been shot, mostly in Toronto. I remember going to university back then, and emerging from the subway to see some commotion going on at the other side of the intersection of Yonge St. and Dundas St. in downtown Toronto, and seeing the tall head of Johnny Five bobbing about in the distance. (I smiled to see G.W. Bailey listed as an actor in this movie...he should know Toronto very well. He had a major role in the *Police Academy* movies, and they were shot in Toronto, too.)

V3#3...

Greetings to new editor Mindy! Looking very good. Méliès' movie was an astonishment in its day, and I am not surprised to see that Thomas Edison was one of several to pirate his movie. Some of Méliès' work and life is detailed in that wonderful movie *Hugo*...he was Uncle Georges running the toy shop at the Montparnasse train station in Paris. I was very glad to see his genius finally recognized.

Great report from Joe and Edie here...I wish there was something I could do to help, but my time is more than taken, and I haven't produced many fanzines lately. I may be receiving much of the production sheets of the fanzine I did work on many years ago, so perhaps I can help them with that zine.

Are fans really getting wise when it comes to SF entertainments? If it's getting more difficult to follow the money when less of it is being spent, I'd trace it to lessening interest as you get older, reduced quality of film produced by the companies who seem to think that you can produce crap, and these people will still shell out to see it, or as I myself suspect, simply less money to spend on those entertainments. I admit I haven't been to a movie in about four years; there's little being offered that truly appeals to me, and the pandemic didn't help things, either. I do read a lot of short stories, but that's what I do with *Amazing Stories*. I also enjoy the various versions of *Star Trek* that's been available, but I am lucky in that I have a free TV channel that shows all the shows without having to pay for a streaming service. (That's another thing we do not spend money on, streaming services.) Now to see if the near-resolution of the WGA strike will do something about the costs of seeing movies, and perhaps the low quality of some movies and shows.

V3#4...

One thing Yvonne and I do when we can is show off a costume or two. We have a number of steampunk costumes to wear, and we did at the Fergus Steampunk Festival earlier in September. We plan to go to Astronomicon 14 in Rochester, New York near the end of October, and we will bring with us our Ministry of Magic costumes to wear in the best Hallowe'en traditions.

An excellent article on *Galaxy SF* magazine. The histories of these historic magazines have already helped me when it comes to working on *Amazing Stories*. We do hope to raise enough money in the future to return to a magazine format with a top-of-the-line pay schedule, instead of just publishing stories on our website.

Mindy, let me know if you are still receiving the convention list I send out, and if you aren't, I will have a look at the mailing list to see if there's a problem. (I don't see Astronomicon on it, and it's the end of October...)

And at last, I think I am caught up, and it's close to dinner time. I will fire this off to you, and I hope it's in time for the next issue. See you then.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.



October 2023 New Mystery and Crime Fiction Releases Courtesy of White Dwarf Books, Vancouver

Abbott, Jeff. *Traitor's Dance* [Sam Capran]. Grand Central, 13.99 pb.

Sam Capra is approached by a fellow spy with an incredible revelation: the American traitor Markus Bolt is missing from Moscow. Bolt had turned over allied agent names and military secrets to the Russians. Sam is charged with making contact with Bolt's abandoned American daughter, Amanda, and determining if she's had any contact with her father. He must discover the reason behind Bolt's unexpected run and protect Amanda from the killers hunting her father.

Adler-Olsen, Jussi. *The Shadow Murders*. [Department Q #9]. Dutton, 24.95 tp.

On her 60th birthday, a woman takes her own life. When the case lands on Detective Carl Morck's desk, he can't imagine what this has to do with Department Q, Copenhagen's cold cases division, since the cause of death seems apparent. But his superior, Marcus Jacobsen, is convinced that this is related to an unsolved case that has been plaguing him since 1988. His team soon discovers that there is a series of unusual deaths, two or three years apart, marked by mysterious piles of salt at the scene.

Alexander, Tasha. *Secrets of the Nile*. [Lady Emily #16]. Minotaur, 24.00 tp.

Lady Emily and her husband, Colin Hargreaves, have joined his formidable mother on a holiday to visit the exotic treasures of Egypt. Their host, Lord Bertram Deeley, is a renowned amateur British collector of antiquities, who has invited his closest friends on a lavish cruise up the Nile to his home at Luxor. But on the first night of their journey, he suddenly collapses after offering a welcome toast, a victim of the lethal poison cyanide.

Anderson, Lin. *The Wild Coast*. [Rhona MacLeod #17]. Macmillan UK, 34.99 hc.

When forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod is brought in to analyze a shallow grave on Scotland's west coast, she is disturbed by a bundle of twigs crafted into a stickman and left in the victim's mouth. Then, when a young woman is reported missing from a nearby campsite with another sinister figurine left in her van, it seems that someone is targeting wild campers.

Andrews, Donna. *Dashing Through the Snowbirds*. [Meg Langslow #32]. Minotaur, 12.99 pb.

Meg has her hands full trying to make the Christmas season festive for the dozen programmers who are staying with her and Michael while working on a rush project with her brother's software company. At least it's an interesting project, since the Canadian company is doing cutting-edge forensic genealogy and DNA analysis. When the programmers' inconsiderate boss is found murdered, there are too many suspects. Even before their Christmas in exile, his own employees had plenty of motives, and the growing number of people suing the company for faulty DNA analysis and invasion of their genetic privacy include at least one notorious murderer.

Andrews, Donna. *Let it Crow! Let it Crow! Let it Crow!* [Meg Langslow #34]. Minotaur, 36.00 hc.

Meg has been roped into participating in a blacksmithing competition to be filmed on Ragnarsholm, the picturesque estate that her friend Ragnar, the retired heavy metal drummer, is turning into a Goth castle. If the show's producers were hoping for drama, they're in luck - the blacksmithing world is a small one, and some of the contestants arrived already laden with grudges and feuds.

Archer, Jeffrey. *Traitors Gate*. [William Warwick #6]. HarperCollins UK, 37.00 hc.

THE TOWER OF LONDON... Impenetrable. Well protected. Secure. Home to the most valuable jewels on earth. But once a year, the Metropolitan Police must execute the most secret operation in their armoury when they transport the Crown Jewels across London. For four years William Warwick and Ross Hogan have been in charge of the operation. And for four years it's run like clockwork. But now Miles Faulkner has set his heart on those jewels.

Authors, Various. *Christmas Scarf Murder*. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

Three Christmas scarf mystery novellas in one volume -- CHRISTMAS SCARF MURDER by Carlene O'Connor, SCARFED DOWN by Maddie Day, and DEATH BY CHRISTMAS SCARF by Peggy Ehrhart.

Barron, Stephanie. *Jane and the Final Mystery*. [*Being Jane Austen Mystery #15*]. Soho Crime, 36.95 hc.

The final volume of the series. In March 1817, when Jane Austen's nephew Edward brings chilling news of a death at his former school, Winchester College, not even her debilitating ailment can keep Jane from seeking out the truth. Arthur Prendergast, a senior pupil at the prestigious all-boys' boarding school, has been found dead in a culvert near the schoolgrounds - and in the pocket of his drenched waistcoat is an incriminating note.

Beaton, M. C. & R. W. Green. *Dead on Target*. [*Agatha Raisin*]. St. Martins, 36.00 hc.

A visit to the local village fete for a spot of fun and relaxation turns into a nightmare for Agatha Raisin when she discovers the body of the local landowner in the woods-with an arrow in his chest and trousers round his ankles. Her old adversary, DCI Wilkes, believes the victim has been hit by a stray arrow from an archery demonstration. Agatha convinces him that it was foul play- and is shocked when Wilkes eventually agrees - with her as his prime murder suspect.

Bennett, S. J. *Murder Most Royal*. [*Her Majesty the Queen Investigates #3*]. Morrow, 24.99 tp.

Queen Elizabeth II is at Sandringham for Christmas when a severed hand is found. She recognizes the signet ring still attached as belonging to a scion of the St Cyr family, her old friends from nearby Ladybridge Hall. As the police get nowhere, Elizabeth quietly begins to mull over the mystery herself. With help from her Assistant Private Secretary, Rozie Oshodi, she delves into the interlocking layers of fact and fiction surrounding the high-profile case.

Bowen, Gail. *The Legacy*. [*Joanne Kilbourn #22*]. ECW, 36.95 hc.

When Joanne Shreve's former student, Val Masluk, writes the biography of acclaimed novelist, Steven Brooks, Val once again becomes part of Joanne's life. Both Joanne and her former student are haunted by memories of the seminar that led to the deaths of two people and the murder conviction of a third.

Bowen, Rhys. *Peril in Paris*. [*Royal Spyness #16*]. Berkley, 23.00 tp.

When Lady Georgiana receive a letter from her glamorous best friend, Belinda, Darcy suggests they take a trip to Paris to visit her. It seems he also has a spot of business to take care of, so Georgiana will be staying in Belinda's flat as she works feverishly on Coco Chanel's fall collection. Georgiana happens to know Coco from a disastrous encounter in Nice years ago, but her hopes for a smoother encounter this time are doomed to be dashed.

Brady, Eileen. *Murders of a Feather*. [*Dr. Kate Vet #3*]. Poisoned Pen, 13.50 pb.

Hudson Valley winters can be brutal...and deadly! Dr. Kate is once again on the case (not to mention thin ice) after discovering a young engaged couple frozen to death in the lake. To make matters worse, her temporary receptionist appears to have overdosed from a recreational sedative used at the animal hospital.

Brennan, Allison. *Seven Girls Gone*. [*Quinn & Costa #4*]. MIRA, 12.99 pb.

For three years, women have been going missing - and eventually turning up dead in the small bayou town of St. Augustine, Louisiana. With every witness quickly silenced and a corrupt police department set on keeping the cases unsolved, police detective Beau Hebert seeks outside help. So now, while LAPD detective Kara Quinn works undercover to dig into the women's murders and team leader Matt Costa officially investigates the in-custody death of a witness, Beau might finally have a chance at solving the case.

Butt, Brent. *Huge*. Doubleday Canada, 26.00 tp.

Vancouver author. It's 1994, and three stand-up comedians have embarked on a tour of smaller communities across a remote stretch of rural Canadian countryside. One is on his way out, one on his way up, but who is the third guy, Hobie Huge? His enormous physical presence is unfortunately not matched by his skills as opening act. Worse, as the tour

progresses Huge starts to show signs of a terrifying capacity for brutality offstage - and for Dale and Rynn, the tour becomes less about getting laughs and more about getting off the road alive.

Cameron, Marc. *Tom Clancy's Red Winter*. [Jack Ryan #22]. Berkley, 14.99 b.

In this previously untold adventure, a young Jack Ryan goes behind the Iron Curtain in 1985 to East Berlin to seek the truth about a potential Soviet defector after a top secret F117 aircraft crashes into the Nevada desert.

Child, Lee & Andrew. *The Secret*. [Jack Reacher #28]. Delacorte, 38.99 hc.

1992. Eight respectable, upstanding people have been found dead across the United States. These deaths look like accidents and don't appear to be connected until one body - the victim of a fatal fall from a hospital window - generates some unexpected attention. That attention comes from the secretary of defense, who promptly calls for an interagency task force to investigate. Jack Reacher is assigned as the army's representative.

Cleeves, Ann. *Burial of Ghosts*. Pan, 21.99 tp.

First Canadian publication of a classic psychological thriller. On a holiday in Morocco 25-year-old Lizzie Bartholome meets and has a brief affair with Philip, a fellow tourist. When she returns to England there is a solicitor's letter waiting for her. Philip Samson has died and in his will, has left Lizzie a gift of 15,000 pounds. But there are conditions attached to this unexpected legacy that will soon force Lizzie to confront terrifying secrets from her past.

Collins, Max Allan. *Heller: Too Many Bullets*. Hard Case Crime, 35.99 hc.

In 1968, Nate Heller is there when Robert Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel. Heller takes it upon himself to investigate the murder when a friend of his and Bobby's raises doubts about the LAPD's investigation. Heller strongly suspects the involvement of Jimmy Hoffa (currently imprisoned), but Hoffa seems to be in the clear...

Corrigan, Maya. *A Parfait Crime*. [Five-Ingredient #9]. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

At the site of a fatal blaze, Val's boyfriend, a firefighter trainee, is shocked to learn the victim is known to him. She is a woman named Jane who belonged to the local Agatha Christie book club - and was rehearsing alongside Val's grandfather for an upcoming Christie play being staged for charity. Just as shocking are the skeletal remains of a man found in the freezer. Who is he and who put him on ice?

Coyle, Cleo. *Honey Roasted*. [Coffeehouse #19]. Berkley, 11.99 pb.

Coffeehouse manager Clare Cosi whips up a delicious nectar made from honey-processed coffee. The prize-winning honey in the latte comes from "Queen" Bea Hastings' rooftop hives, and top chefs compete for a chance to use it in their signature seasonal dishes. One night, a swarm of escaped bees blanket the Village Blend's chimney, and Clare discovers Bea's unconscious body after she seemingly fell from her high-rise rooftop-hive setup.

Crais, Robert. *Racing the Light*. [Elvis Cole and Joe Pike #19]. Putnam, 13.50 pb.

Adele Schumacher isn't a typical worried mom. When she hires Elvis to find her missing son, a controversial podcaster named Josh Shoe, she brings a bag filled with cash, bizarre tales of government conspiracies, and a squad of professional bodyguards. Finding Josh should be simple, but Elvis quickly learns he isn't alone in the hunt - a deadly team of mysterious strangers are determined to find Josh and his adult film star girlfriend first.

Dahl, Arne. *You Are Next*. Vintage UK, 21.99 tp.

Detective Inspector Sam Berger's life has been turned upside down. He is suspected of a murder and his partner, Secret Service agent, Molly Blom, is in a coma. Meanwhile, a terrorist attempt is threatening Stockholm and a wanted murderer is on the loose. Berger escapes to the Stockholm Archipelago while he waits for orders from the Swedish Security Service's chief executive. But is he the solution or is he part of the problem?

DeMille, Nelson & Alex DeMille. *Blood Lines*. [Scott Brodie #2]. Scribner, 24.99 tp.

Army Criminal Investigation Agents Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are reunited in Berlin, tasked with investigating the murder of one of their own: CID Special Agent Harry Vance of the 5th MP Battalion, an accomplished counterterrorism

agent who had been stationed in western Germany, and whose body was discovered in a city park in the heart of Berlin's Arab refugee community.

Dorsey, Candas Jane. *He Wasn't There Again Today*. [Epitome Apartments #3]. ECW, 24.95 tp.

Our nameless amateur sleuth has often said that death is too good for Lockwood Chiles - who is in prison for killing her beloved partner, Nathan, and her close friend Pris - and makes no secret that she hates the man who massacred her shot at happiness. So when Chiles ends up dead in his cell, it's no wonder she becomes a prime suspect.

Elliott, Lauren. *Steeped in Secrets*. [Crystals & Curiositeas #1]. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

Shay returns to Monterey after inheriting an estate bequeathed to her by Bridget Early, a woman she had barely known. Her heightened senses - an empathic gift she's had since childhood - go into overdrive upon touring Crystals & CuriosiTEAS, Bridget's eclectic tea and psychic shop. They reach a boiling point when Shay looks up to discover a stranger's body sprawled across the shop's greenhouse roof...

Ellis, Bret Easton. *The Shards*. Vintage, 24.95 tp.

Los Angeles, 1981. 17-year-old Bret is a senior at an exclusive prep school when a new student arrives with a mysterious past. The bright, handsome, charismatic newcomer is shielding a secret from Bret and his friends even as he joins their tightly knit circle. Bret's obsession with Mallory is equaled only by his increasingly unsettling preoccupation with the Trawler, a serial killer on the loose who seems to be drawing ever closer to Bret and his friends, taunting them - and Bret in particular - with grotesque threats and horrific, sharply local acts of violence.

Erickson, Alex. *Death by Peppermint Cappuccino*. [Bookstore Cafe #12]. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

Bookstore-cafe owner Krissy Hancock's new seasonal signature drink is a hit. But not everyone shares the same holiday spirit. There are some loud complaints about businesses profiting off the season and losing focus on what Christmas is really about. And as if on cue, a shop owner who'd been price-gouging his customers is found dead after receiving a mysterious gift.

Flower, Amanda. *Dating Can Be Deadly*. [Amish Matchmaker #5]. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

This year, Millie has entered the quilting competition at the Holmes County Fair - while her very not Amish best friend, Lois Henry, is distracted by her new dating app and her search for husband number five. Competition in the quilting competition is fierce, and after someone attacks the quilt barn by slashing the quilt display, a judge for the competition is found murdered.

Fox, Sarah. *Baking Spirits Bright*. [True Confections #2]. Berkley, 11.99 pb.

Becca is preparing for the Baking Spirits Bright holiday baking competition, a popular annual event. She's planning to enter an edible model of Larch Haven, with a mountain backdrop made of cake, gingerbread cottages, and chocolate gondolas on sugar-glass canals. But when one of the entrants is found dead, stabbed with Becca's chocolate chipper, Becca tries to salvage the season by finding the killer.

Francis, Felix. *No Reserve*. Crooked Lane, 35.99 hc.

Theo Jennings, an auctioneer in Newmarket, England is planning on making his first ever multi-million bloodstock sale with a yearling colt. When he finds the colt dead a few days after the auction, Theo is suspicious that there was foul play involved. As Theo begins to investigate the death, he finds that answers aren't coming readily from those who he questions. When a person's body is discovered in the same stable a few days later, all fingers point to him.

Galbraith, Robert. *The Running Grave*. [Cormoran Strike #7]. Mulholland, 41.00 hc.

Cormoran Strike is contacted by a worried father whose son, Will, has gone to join a religious cult in the depths of the Norfolk countryside. The Universal Humanitarian Church is, on the surface, a peaceable organization that campaigns for a better world. Yet Strike discovers that beneath the surface there are deeply sinister undertones, and unexplained deaths.

In order to try to rescue Will, Strike's partner Robin decides to infiltrate the cult, and she travels to Norfolk to live incognito among its members.

Glenconner, Anne. *A Haunting at Holkham. Mobius, 19.99 tp.*

January 1950. Lady Anne Coke, daughter of the 5th Earl of Leicester, is in Scunthorpe on a business trip when she is called home after a sudden death in the family. She returns to Holkham Hall to discover a mystery. Her beloved grandfather has been found dead at the bottom of a flight of stairs with a valuable piece of jewelery in his pocket.

Goddard, Robert. *The Fine Art of Uncanny Prediction. Bantam UK, 31.99 tp.*

Umiko Wada chooses the cases she takes very carefully. But her interest is gripped by a mysterious businessman who wants her to track down his estranged son. But soon she finds herself pulled into a labyrinthine conspiracy with links to a twenty-year-old investigation and to the chaos and trauma of the dying days of the Second World War.

Goodfellow, Cody. *Vertical. Titan, 22.95 tp.*

Michael Foster, Cam Buckley and Maddie Acosta - all former activists in the infamous urbex crew Les Furies. Together they scaled buildings, broke into the spaces no-one else could, and chased a rush that still haunts them. Now, breaking into the world's tallest building, located in Moscow, on Russia Day, is too good an opportunity to pass them by.

Griffin, Laura. *The Last Close Call. Berkley, 13.50 pb.*

When the latest two victims come to light, Austin detective Jack Bruner sees that the West Campus Rapist is escalating his violent behaviour. He seeks the help of forensic genealogist Rowan Healy. When her ground-breaking DNA research sheds new light on the criminal's background and helps them zero in on a search radius, Rowan and Jack must race against the clock to find a ruthless killer who is growing bolder the longer he evades the law.

Grisham, John. *The Exchange: After the Firm. Doubleday, 39.95 hc.*

It is now fifteen years after the events of *The Firm*, and Mitch and Abby are living in Manhattan, where Mitch is a partner at the largest law firm in the world. When a mentor in Rome asks him for a favour that will take him far from home, Mitch finds himself at the center of a sinister plot that has worldwide implications - and once again endangers his colleagues, friends, and family.

Hadfield, Chris. *The Defector. [Apollo Murders #2]. Random House Canada, 37.00 hc.*

Israel, October 1973. As the Yom Kippur War flares into life, a state-of-the-art Soviet MiG fighter is racing at breakneck speed over the arid scrublands below . . . and promptly disappears. NASA Flight Controller and former top US test pilot Kaz Zemeckis watches the scene from the ground - and is quickly pulled into a dizzying, high-stakes game of spies, lies and a possible high-level defection that plays out across three continents.

Hallett, Janice. *The Christmas Appeal: A Novella. Atria, 26.99 hc.*

The Christmas season has arrived in Lower Lockwood, and the Fairway Players are busy rehearsing their festive holiday production of Jack and the Beanstalk to raise money for a new church roof. But despite the season, goodwill is distinctly lacking among the amateur theater enthusiasts with petty rivalries, a possibly asbestos-filled beanstalk, and some perennially absent players behind the scenes. Of course, there's also the matter of the dead body onstage.

Hannah, Mari. *Black Fell. [Stone and Olivier]. Orion, 19.99.*

The peace of Kielder Water is shattered when tourists open a barrel they found floating in the reservoir at dawn. Detectives Stone and Oliver are called to examine the skeletal remains inside. They eliminate the tourists as suspects - until, that same day, a second body is discovered - this one with skin. While Stone investigates the remains, Oliver travels to Iceland to gather evidence and track down the tourists who have fled.

Hannah, Sophie. *Silent Night. [Hercule Poirot (Hannah) #5]. Morrow, 37.00 hc.*

December 19, 1931. Hercule Poirot and Inspector Edward Catchpool are called upon to investigate the murder of a man in a Norfolk hospital ward. As Poirot digs into the mystery, he discovers that the murdered man was a retired post office

master, and by all accounts very well-liked. The local constabulary's investigation failed to uncover how someone could have entered a hospital room and killed him under the noses of the staff.

Hawkins, Rachel. *Reckless Girls*. St. Martin's, 12.99 pb.

Meroe Island is a desolate spot in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with a mysterious history of shipwrecks, cannibalism, and even rumours of murder. Six stunning twenty-somethings come there for a blissful, free-spirited journey filled with sun-drenched days and intoxicating nights. But when one person goes missing and another turns up dead, the remaining friends wonder what dark currents lie beneath this impenetrable paradise - and who else will be swept under its secluded chaos.

High, Kate. *Murder and the Moggies of Magpie Row*. Constable, 36.99 hc.

When Clarice Beech finds her friend Peter Ramsey dead in his kitchen, she believes he's succumbed to a fatal heart attack. Peter, who lived in one of the five cottages on Magpie Row in the Lincolnshire Wolds, was a keen supporter of stray cats - which made him very unpopular with the neighbours. Then Chris Morris, an alcoholic neighbour, disrupts Peter's funeral, insisting Peter was murdered - and he knows who the murderer is. Clarice discovers there's no shortage of possible suspects among the Magpie Row inhabitants.

Hunt, Arlene. *While She Sleeps*. Hachette Ireland, 19.99 (US LIST: 17.99) tp.

When Jody Kavanagh is discovered close to death in her home, it's hard to believe someone wanted to hurt her. Young, talented, loved - she appears to have it all. As she lies in a coma, Detective Inspector Elliot Ryan and Sergeant Nola Kane begin to piece together a picture of her life - but the image revealed is far from perfect. Is her ex-husband really who he seems to be? Why are her mother and sister estranged? Why is her house full of cameras? Who was Jody afraid of?

James, Peter. *Stop Them Dead*. [Roy Grace #19]. Macmillan UK, 25.99 tp.

When a young farmer confronts intruders in the middle of the night, he has no idea that just minutes later he will be left dying in a pool of blood. What's more chilling is what the perpetrators were willing to kill for. At the scene of the crime, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace soon realizes this is no isolated robbery gone wrong but the tip of the iceberg of a nationwide crime wave, in which ruthless organized gangs are making more money from the illegal trade in dogs than drugs.

Jance, J. A. *Collateral Damage*. [Ali Reynolds #17]. Gallery, 12.99 pocket.

Ali Reynolds's husband, B. Simpson, is in an airport limo when suddenly it is forced off the road. Both he and the driver are injured - but the real question is, who was the target? And who was the collateral damage?

Kelly, Diane. *Snow Place for Murder*. [Mountain Lodge #3]. St. Martin's, 12.99 pb.

London resort developer Nigel Goodwin has come to Misty Murphy's little corner of North Carolina and bought out the Mountaintop Lodge for the week prior to Christmas in order to pitch an exclusive new resort concept to wealthy American investors. A group of locals is at odds with the idea. Later, after a snow storm, Misty's boys discover a funny-looking, nose-shaped rock. Only it's not a rock. It's the frozen nose of Nigel Goodwin, who's found dead and buried under the mound of snow.

Kelly, Julia. *A Traitor in Whitehall*. [Parisian Orphan #1]. Minotaur, 24.99 tp.

1940, England. Evelyne Redfern is working on the line at a munitions factory in wartime London. When Mr. Fletcher, one of her father's old friends, spots Evelyne on a night out, she finds herself, in short order a secretary in the world of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet war rooms. However, soon one of the girls at work is murdered, and Evelyne must use all of her amateur sleuthing expertise to find the killer.

King, Thomas. *Double Eagle*. [Dreadfulwater #7]. HarperCollins Canada, 24.99 tp.

Buffalo Mountain is set to host a gold coin exhibition with dealers coming from all over, and Thumps DreadfulWater winds up with the task of making sure the event goes off without a hitch. As if he didn't already have enough to do, with

Cruz the Ninja Assassin back in town with his fiancée. But when one of the dealers at the exhibition winds up dead, Cruz's fiancée is revealed to be an FBI agent responsible for his protection.

Klaver, Christian. *Sherlock Holmes and Mr Hyde*. [The Classified Dossier]. Titan, 22.95 tp.

1903. A darkness has descended on London. A series of grisly murders are uncovered, trophies taken, bodies arranged and soon there are whispers of Jack the Ripper's return. A new client arrives at Baker Street seeking Sherlock Holmes's help. Dr Jekyll claims his friend has been wrongfully accused of the hideous crimes, a friend called Mr Edward Hyde, whose very existence relies on a potion administered by the doctor himself.

Koning, Christina. *Murder in Cambridge*. [Blind Detective #5] Allison & Busby, 16.95 tp.

Cambridge, 1935. Frederick Rowlands, blind war veteran, is happily married to his wife Edith. The couple are attending an event at St Gertrude's College when they hear about the suspicious death of a research student. Fred was one of the last people to have encountered the student alive and consequently he becomes pivotal to uncovering the truth.

Koning, Christina. *Murder in Barcelona*. [Blind Detective #6]. Allison & Busby, 16.95 tp.

Summer, 1937. Fred Rowland's peaceful holiday in Cornwall is derailed when a fellow hotel guest and film star is found dead. Fred soon learns that this death took place under suspicious circumstances and finds himself tied up in the police investigation. When his old flame, Secret Service agent Iris Barnes arrives, it becomes clear that this murder has links to the political turmoil of the Spanish Civil War.

Lancaster, Neal. *The Night Watch*. [Max Craigie #3]. HQDigital, 12.99 pb.

A lawyer is found dead at sunrise on a lonely clifftop at Dunnet Head on the northernmost tip of Scotland. It was supposed to be his honeymoon, but now his wife will never see him again. The case is linked to several mysterious deaths, including the murder of the lawyer's last client -- Scotland's most notorious criminal -- who had just walked free. DS Max Craigie knows this can only mean one thing: they have a vigilante serial killer on their hands.

Leather, Stephen. *Clean Kill*. [Spider Shepherd]. Hodder, 26.99 tp.

Terrorists have shot down a British helicopter in West Africa and taken the crew hostage. Their lives are on the line and the British government is refusing to negotiate. The pilot is Liam Shepherd, and only his father - Dan 'Spider' Shepherd of MI5 - can help. Shepherd and an SAS team fly out to the badlands of Mali to rescue the kidnapped Brits.

Lethem, Jonathan. *Brooklyn Crime Novel*. Ecco, 37.00 hc.

On the streets of 1970s Brooklyn, a daily ritual goes down: the dance. Money is exchanged, belongings surrendered, power asserted. The promise of violence lies everywhere, a currency itself. The rules appear obvious at first. But in memory's prism, criminals and victims may seem to trade places.

Lovegrove, James. *Sherlock Holmes and the Highgate Horrors*. Titan, 29.95 hc.

It's 1929 and an ageing Dr John Watson, conscious of his imminent demise, finally sits down to write a fresh chronicle disclosing the true events behind his published accounts of Sherlock Holmes's exploits. In these pages, Sherlock Holmes and his stalwart companion encounter reanimated corpses in Highgate Cemetery; a very different, though ever elusive, Irene Adler; tales of madness and murder in the frozen wastes of the north; grotesque organic machines; and much more.

Major, Tim. *Sherlock Holmes and the Twelve Thefts of Christmas*. Titan, 22.95 tp.

Sherlock Holmes's discovery of a mysterious musical score initiates a devious Christmas challenge set by Irene Adler, with clues that are all variations on the theme of 'theft without theft', such as a statue missing from a museum found hidden in the room it was taken from. In the snowy London lead-up to Christmas, Holmes's preoccupation with the "Adler Variations" risks him neglecting the case of his new client, Norwegian arctic explorer Fridtjof Nansen, who has received a series of threats in the form of animal carcasses left on his doorstep.

Margaret, Joanna. *The Bequest*. Penzler, 23.95 tp.

A series of unfortunate events leaves Isabel Henley in Scotland, her postgraduate studies in limbo. She reconnects with

former classmate Rose Brewster, but then Rose goes missing, and a suicide note surfaces, followed by a coded message. Isabel follows Rose's paper trail from Genoa to Florence and, finally, to Paris, uncovering family secrets, the legend of an enormous cursed emerald, and a chain of betrayal and treason which parallels her own perilous present.

Margolin, Phillip. *Murder at Black Oaks*. [Robin Lockwood #6]. Minotaur, 12.99 pb.

Defense Attorney Robin Lockwood assists retired DA Francis Hardy in righting a wrongful conviction from Hardy's days as a DA. Successful in their efforts, Hardy invites Lockwood up to his mansion in the Oregon mountains for a celebration. Lockwood finds herself among an odd group of invitees - including the bitter, newly released, Alvarez. When Hardy is found murdered, with a knife connected to the original curse, Lockwood finds herself faced with a conundrum - who is the murderer among them and how to stop them before there's another victim.

Marston, Edward. *The Railway Detective's Christmas Case*. Allison & Busby, 16.95 tp.

December 1864. As a cold winter wind scours the Worcestershire countryside, an excursion train comes through a tunnel in the Malvern Hills to be confronted by a blockage on the line ahead. After the train comes to a stop, the first person to alight is Cyril Hubbleday, the man in charge of the excursion to the delightful spa town of Great Malvern. He walks to the front of the locomotive and as he is talking to the driver, fireman and guard, Hubbleday is shot dead by a sniper.

Mathews, Francine. *Death on a Winter Stroll*. [Merry Folger Nantucket Mystery #7]. Soho Crime, 22.95 tp.

Detective Merry Folger hopes that the Christmas Stroll, one of Nantucket's favorite traditions, in which Main Street is transformed into a winter wonderland, will lift the island's post-Covid spirits. But the arrival of a large-scale TV production, and the Secretary of State and her family, complicates matters significantly. Then the bodies turn up.

McCleave, Simon. *Blood on the Shore*. [Anglesey #3]. Avon, 22.99 tp.

The beautiful Isle of Anglesey has been rocked by the brutal murders of three female students at a local college. DI Laura Hart is called in to track down the murderer - who the papers have dubbed the Anglesey Ripper - before he strikes again. She quickly identifies a suspect but just as she is about to pounce, he slips through her fingers.

McCloskey, David. *Moscow X*. Norton, 39.99 hc.

CIA officers Sia and Max enter Russia under commercial cover to recruit Vladimir Putin's moneyman. Sia works for a London law firm that conceals the wealth of the superrich. Max's family business in Mexico - a CIA front since the 1960s - is a farm that breeds high-end racehorses. They pose as a couple to target Vadim, Putin's private banker, and his wife, Anna, who - unbeknownst to the CIA - is a Russian intelligence officer under deep cover at the bank.

McKinlay, Jenn. *Sugar Plum Poisoned*. [Cupcake Bakery #15]. Berkley, 11.99 pb.

When up-and-coming singing sensation Shelby Vaughn arrives in town for two weeks of concert dates, she hires her old friend Angie and the rest of the bakery crew to supply cupcakes for the VIP guest lounge every night. After overhearing Shelby in a heated argument with her manager, Mel is concerned, but she and the crew decide to make the best of their time working with the star. Just as the bakers fall into the rhythm of the job, Shelby's manager is found dead, clutching a bit of fabric from a Santa suit and a cupcake.

Medawar, Tony (ed). *Bodies From The Library 6: Forgotten Stories of Mystery and Suspense by the Masters of the Golden Age of Detection*. Collins Crime Club, 23.99 hc.

Twenty classic authors from the Golden Age of Detective Fiction are brought together in the latest anthology of previously unpublished and uncollected stories of crime and suspense.

Moncrieff, Ada. *Murder at the Theatre Royale*. [Christmas Mystery]. Vintage UK, 19.99 tp.

December 1935. Director Chester Harrison's production of A Christmas Carol has had a troubled run on its tour of regional theatres. When the company reach their final stop - London's Theatre Royale - a few days before Christmas, catastrophe strikes on opening night: 'Scrooge' dies on stage, seemingly due to a heart attack. But the show must go on. Until, that is, an old rival of Chester's is murdered in a dressing room.

Morrissey, Hannah. *The Widowermaker*. [Black Harbor #2]. Minotaur, 24.00 tp.

Ever since business mogul Clive Reynolds disappeared twenty years ago, the name "Reynolds" has become synonymous with "murder" and "mystery." And now, lured by a cryptic note, down-on-her-luck photographer Morgan Mori returns home to Black Harbor and into the web of their family secrets and double lives. The same night she photographs the Reynolds holiday get-together, Morgan becomes witness to a homicide of a cop that triggers the discovery of a long-buried clue.

Moss, Korina. *Case of the Bleus*. [Cheese Shop #4]. Minotaur, 12.99 pb.

Cheesemongers gather for the will-reading of the late and grate cheese legend, Max Dumas. He was famous for his award-winning custom Church Bleu, for which only he knew the recipe and location, and many are eager to have these revealed. But instead of naming someone to inherit his cheese and its secrets, Max stuns everyone with one cryptic clue. And when the woman they all thought would get the secrets dies under mysterious circumstances, everyone falls under suspicion.

Nesbo, Jo. *Headhunters*. Seal, 12.99 pb.

First time in pocketbook. Corporate headhunter Roger Brown thinks he can place Clas Greve with a high profile client. Roger has everything a man could possibly want -- except, possibly, that Rubens hanging on Clas Greve's wall.

Newman, Jay. *Undermoney*. Pocket, 12.99 pb.

When a US airdrop of billions of dollars disappears in the desert sands of Syria, only a small group of military operatives knows its ultimate destination or why it has been stolen. Their goal is no less than the restoration of America's geopolitical dominance on the global stage. Essential to this scheme are Greta Webb, a sophisticated CIA operative who is an expert on dark money, not to mention lethally skilled in hand-to-hand combat, and Elias Vicker, the damaged, dangerous soul who runs the world's largest hedge fund.

O'Brien, Tim. *America Fantastica*. Mariner, 39.50 hc.

After Boyd Halverson - star journalist turned notorious online disinformation troll turned JC Penny manager - robs a bank, he takes the teller, the irrepressible Angie Bing, as hostage. Boyd has one goal before the authorities catch up with him: settle a score with the man who destroyed his life. By Monday Boyd and Angie reach Mexico; by winter, they are in a lakefront mansion in Minnesota. On their trail are hitmen, jealous lovers, ex-cons, an heiress, a billionaire shipping tycoon, a three-tour veteran of Iraq, and the ghosts of Boyd's past. Everyone, it seems, except the police.

Olsen, Gregg. *The Last Thing She Ever Did*. Pinnacle, 12.99 pb.

The community along Oregon's Deschutes River is one of successful professionals and perfect families. For years, up-and-comers Liz and Owen have admired their good friends and neighbours, Carole and David. Then Carole and David's young son Charlie vanishes without a trace, a tragedy that is incomprehensible - except to Liz. She can't undo the terrible mistake she made. Or her unforgiveable decision to conceal it.

Patterson, James & Nancy Allen. *The Jailhouse Lawyer*. Grand Central, 14.99 pb.

In picture-perfect Erva, Alabama, the most serious crimes are misdemeanors. Speeding tickets. Shoplifting. Contempt of court. Then why is the jail so crowded? And why are so few prisoners released? There's only one place to learn the truth behind these incriminating secrets. Sometimes the best education a lawyer can get is a short stretch of hard time.

Patterson, James. *Triple Cross*. [Alex Cross #28]. Grand Central, 23.99 tp.

The serial killer who targets entire families is precise, always moving under the cover of darkness, flawlessly triggering no alarms, leaving no physical evidence. And Cross and Sampson aren't the only ones investigating. Also in on this case is the world's bestselling true-crime author, who sees patterns everyone else misses. The writer believes the killer may never be caught. But Cross is going to hunt down the Family Man no matter what it takes.

Penney, Elizabeth. *The Fatal Folio*. [Cambridge Bookshop #3]. Minotaur, 12.99 pb.

After Molly discovers the original manuscript of a Gothic novel, her boyfriend Kieran's cousin, a literature professor, wants to publish a paper on it, especially because a troublesome student, Thad, is threatening to file a complaint, endangering a long-awaited promotion. On Guy Fawkes Night, Molly, Kieran, and her friends are enjoying the fireworks - until the group stumbles upon Thad's body, stabbed to death.

Perry, Carol J. *Now You See It*. [Witch City #13]. Cozies, 11.99 pb.

Lee's first historical documentary subject is the brand-new Salem International Museum, slated to be a location for traveling blockbuster exhibits, starting with "Seafaring New England." From research to collecting artifacts of Salem's long-ago days as a shipping capital, the project is a challenge - but when the driver of a truckload of antiquities turns up dead under a pile of fall leaves, it's not quite the kind of challenge Lee expected.

Phillips, Gary & Gar Anthony Haywood (eds). *Witnesses for the Dead: Stories*. Soho Crime, 22.95 tp.

How does witnessing a crime change a person? The collection includes contributions from NAACP Image Award - winner Pamela Samuels Young, New York *Times* bestsellers Cara Black and Tod Goldberg, Edgar Award - winner SJ Rozan, Agatha Award - winner Richie Narvaez, and more.

Preston, Douglas & Lincoln Child. *Diablo Mesa*. Grand Central, 14.99 pb.

Lucas Tappan, a wealthy and eccentric billionaire and founder of Icarus Space Systems, approaches the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute with an outlandish proposal - to finance a careful, scientific excavation of the Roswell Incident site, where a UFO is alleged to have crashed in 1947. A skeptical Nora Kelly, to her great annoyance, is tasked with the job. Nora's excavation immediately uncovers two murder victims buried at the site, faces and hands obliterated with acid to erase their identities.

Quinn, Spencer. *Up On the Woof Top*. [Chet & Bernie #14]. Forge, 36.99 hc.

Chet the dog and his human partner Bernie Little find themselves high in the mountains this holiday season to help Dame Ariadne Carlisle, an author of bestselling Christmas mysteries, find the missing Rudy, her lead reindeer. At Kringle Ranch, Dame Ariadne's expansive mountain spread, Chet discovers that he is not fond of reindeer. But the case turns out to be about much more than reindeer after Dame Ariadne's personal assistant takes a long fall into a deep mountain gorge.

Rader-Day, Lori. *The Death of Us*. Morrow, 23.99 tp.

One rainy night 15 years ago, a knock at the door changed Liss Kehoe's life forever. On that night, Ashley Hay stood on Liss's front porch and handed over her brand-new baby Callan. She was never seen or heard from again. Since then, Liss has raised Callan as her own. After all these years, Ashley's car has been found... in the quarry pond on Kehoe property. But the discovery of the car dredges up more questions than answers.

Sandford, John. *Judgment Prey*. [Lucas Davenport #33]. Putnam, 39.95 hc.

Federal judge Alex Sand was spending the evening at home playing basketball with his two young sons when all three were shot in cold blood. With public pressure mounting and both the local police force and FBI hitting dead end after dead end, Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers are called in to do what others could not: find answers. With each potential lead flawed, Davenport and Flowers are determined to chase every theory until they figure out who killed the Sands.

Shockey, Jim. *Call Me Hunter*. Emily Bestler, 22.00 tp.

[BC Author]. When a child is born with the innate ability to recognize priceless works of art, the secret organization called Our World raises the child to acquire the greatest works of art through theft, bribery, forgery, and even murder. One of Our World's rare geniuses is Zhivago, a psychopathic killer. And on his trail is Hunter, a man who will stop at nothing to destroy the organization and save his daughter from suffering the same fate her mother did at its hands.

Sisman, Adam. *The Secret Life of John Le Carre*. Harper, 34.99 hc.

Apparently content in his marriage, the novelist conducted a string of love affairs over five decades. To these relationships he brought much of the tradecraft that he had learned as a spy - cover stories, cut-outs and dead letter boxes. These clandestine operations brought an element of danger to his life, but they also meant deceiving those closest to him. Following his death in 2020, what had been withheld can now be revealed.

Slaughter, Karin. *GIRL, FORGOTTEN*. Morrow, 12.99 pb.

Longbill Beach, 1982. Emily Vaughn gets ready for the prom. But Emily has a secret. And by the end of the evening that secret will be silenced forever. Forty years later US Marshal Andrea Oliver arrives in Longbill Beach on her first assignment to protect a judge receiving death threats. But, in reality, Andrea is there to find justice for Emily.

Smith, Anna. *If I Should Die*. [Billie Carlson]. Quercus, 19.99 tp.

PI Billie Carlson gets a call from Lars, her old friend from her teenage years in Sweden. He tells her that his younger sister, Astrid was found dead in the Highlands, frozen to death with traces of drugs and alcohol in her system. Billie agrees to investigate and to accompany Astrid's body back to Sweden. She soon finds herself involved in a web of institutional corruption linked to the dark recesses of the criminal underworld.

Smith, Alexander McCall. *From a Far and Lovely Country*. [Precious Ramotswe #24]. Knopf Canada, 35.00 hc.

One day while Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi are enjoying their mid-morning tea break, an American client, Ruth, arrives seeking help finding her relatives and the village her beloved grandfather came from. Unfortunately, his stories, while remarkably charming and entertaining, were not very detailed, and so all she remembers is a few first names and some descriptions of his village.

Spotswood, Stephen. *Secrets Typed in Blood*. [Pentecost and Parker #3]. Black Lizard, 23.00 tp.

New York City, 1947: For years, Holly Quick has made a good living off of murder, filling up the pages of pulp detective magazines with gruesome tales of revenge. Now someone is bringing her stories to life and leaving a trail of blood-soaked bodies behind. With the threat of another murder looming, and reluctant to go to the police, Holly turns to the best crime-solving duo in or out of the pulps, Willowjean "Will" Parker and her boss, famed detective Lillian Pentecost.

St. John, Katherine. *The Vicious Circle*. Morrow, 23.99 tp.

When self-help guru Paul Bentzen dies he leaves his wellness center in the Mexican jungle, home to a devoted spiritual group, to his estranged niece Sveta. At first the place seems like a secluded paradise, but soon the mystical facade wears thin, revealing a group of brainwashed members drunk on promises of an impossible utopia, guided by a disturbing belief system and a charismatic, dangerously capable leader. As the sinister forces surrounding Sveta become apparent, she realizes, too late, she can't escape.

Swanson, Peter. *The Christmas Guest: A Novella*. Morrow, 24.99 hc.

An American art student in London is invited to join a classmate for the holidays at Starvewood Hall, her family's Cotswold manor house. But behind the holly and pine boughs, secrets are about to unravel, revealing this seemingly charming English village's grim history. Over thirty years later the events of that horrific week are revisited, along with a diary from that time. What began in a small English village in 1989 reaches its ghostly conclusion in modern-day New York, many Christmas seasons later.

Sweren-Becker, Daniel. *Kill Show*. Harper, 34.99 hc.

16-year-old Sara Parcell goes missing in Frederick, Maryland. Her tragic story was a national obsession and the centerpiece of a controversial television docuseries that followed her disappearance in real time. But is it possible that everyone missed the biggest secret of all? Ten years after these events, the people who knew Sara best are finally ready to talk.

Unger, Lisa & Steph Cha (eds). *The Best American Mystery and Suspense 2023*. Mariner, 23.99 tp.

Lisa Unger selects twenty mystery and suspense short stories that represent the best examples of the form published the previous year.

Vidich, Paul. *Beirut Station: Two Lives of a Spy*. Pegasus Crime, 36.95 hc.

Lebanon, 2006. As the Israel-Hezbollah war tears Beirut apart, the CIA and Mossad are targeting a reclusive Hezbollah terrorist, Najib Qassem. They turn to a young Lebanese-American CIA agent. Analise comes up with the perfect plan: she has befriended Qassem's grandson as his English tutor, and will use this friendship to locate the terrorist and take him out.

Weiss, Josh. *Sunset Empire*. Grand Central, 25.99 tp.

December, 1959. Joseph McCarthy is President and the Korean War rages on. Protesting the bloody conflict, a Korean-American man by the name of William Yang suddenly blows himself up in the middle of a Los Angeles department store just before Christmas, which leads the U.S. government to reopen the internment camps used during World War II. Several weeks later, a woman hires Morris Baker, now working as a private investigator, to track down her missing husband - Henry Kissinger - who may have a shadowy connection to Yang's purported terrorist attack.

{Ed. Note: We reviewed the first of this series, *Beat the Devils*, over on SciFi4Me.com in April 2022.}

Welsh, Irvine. *The Long Knives*. [Crime Series #2]. Vintage UK, 21.99 tp.

Ritchie Gulliver MP is dead. Castrated and left to bleed in an empty Leith warehouse. Vicious, racist and corrupt, many thought he had it coming. After the life Gulliver has led, the suspects are many: corporate rivals, political opponents, the countless groups he's offended. And the vulnerable and marginalised, who bore the brunt of his cruelty. As Detective Ray Lennox unravels the truth he must put his personal feelings aside.

Willingham, Stacy. *A Flicker in the Dark*. Minotaur, 12.99 pb.

When Chloe Davis was twelve, six teenage girls went missing in her small Louisiana town. By the end of the summer, her own father had confessed to the crimes and was put away for life. Now twenty years later, Chloe is a psychologist in Baton Rouge and getting ready for her wedding, when a local teenage girl goes missing, and then another. Is she paranoid, seeing parallels from her past that aren't actually there, or for the second time in her life, is Chloe about to unmask a killer?



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Anderson, Taylor. *Devil's Battle*. [Artillerymen #3]. Ace, 37.99 hc.

Most unexpectedly, General Agon has come to recognize the inherent evil of the Dominion and its depraved Blood Priests and has turned on his former leaders. Awkwardly at first, Lewis Cayce and Agon join forces to press their common enemy back toward the dark heart of the Dominion in the Great Valley of Mexico. But more Dominion troops have been drawn from the west to stop the Allied march on the Holy City, and a grueling race has begun.

Baker, A. Deborah. (=Seanan McGuire) *Under the Smokestrewn Sky*. [Up-and-Under #4]. Tor.com, 28.99 hc.

Since stumbling from their world into the Up and Under, Avery and Zib have walked the improbable road across forests, seas and skies, finding friends in the unlikeliest of places and enemies great in number, as they make their way toward the Impossible City in the hope of finding their way home. But the final part of their journey is filled with danger and demise. Not everyone will make it through unscathed. Not everyone will make it through alive.

Bancroft, Josiah. *The Hexologists*. [The Hexologists #1]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

The Hexologists, Iz and Warren Wilby, are well-acquainted with the weird and never shy away from a challenging case. But when they are approached by the royal secretary and told the king pleads to be baked into a cake - going so far as to wedge himself inside a lit oven - the Wilbies soon find themselves embroiled in a mystery that could very well see the nation turned on its head.

Bara, Dave. *Trinity's Children*. Baen, 12.99 pb.

Jared Clement has returned to Trinity, now a 5 Suns Fleet Admiral. When his migrant fleet arrives in the system, he learns that former Fleet Admiral Elara DeVore has escaped her exile on the planet Alphas and has a new fleet and a new ally, the Solar League from Earth. The Solar League has arrived with a massive fleet and plans on taking Trinity for itself, then forcing the 5 Suns to surrender. Clement is faced with the almost impossible task of defending both his people and the natives from becoming slaves of the Solar League.

Barnett, Fiona. *The Dark Between the Trees*. Solaris, 22.99 tp.

1643: A small group of Parliamentary soldiers are ambushed in an isolated part of Northern England and flee into Moresby Wood. Of the 17 who entered, only two emerge. Today: five women are headed into Moresby Wood to discover, once and for all, what happened to that unfortunate group of soldiers.

Basu, Samit. *The Jinn-Bot of Shantiport*. Tor.com, 38.99 hc.

Shantiport was supposed to be a gateway to the stars. But the city is sinking, and its colonist rulers aren't helping anyone but themselves. Lina, a daughter of failed revolutionaries, has no desire to escape Shantiport. But her brother, Bador, is a small monkey bot with a big attitude and bigger ambitions. When Shantiport's resident tech billionaire coerces Lina into retrieving a powerful artifact rumoured to be able to reshape reality, forces from before their time begin coalescing around the siblings.

Baxter, Stephen. *The Thousand Earths*. Gollancz, 19.99 tp.

In 2145 AD John Hackett, in his trusty ship the Perseus, is not just a space traveller - beginning his travels with an expedition to Neptune and back - but, thanks to the time-dilation effect, a time traveller as well. His new mission will take him to Andromeda, a mission which will take him five million years to complete. He will return to a vastly different time, a time in which erosion has almost erased every landmass on Earth.

Blake, Olivie. *Alone With You in the Ether: A Love Story*. Bramble, 24.99 tp.

Two people meet in the Art Institute by chance. Prior to their encounter, he is a doctoral student who manages his

destructive thoughts with compulsive calculations about time travel; she is a bipolar counterfeit artist, undergoing court-ordered psychotherapy. By the end of the story, these things will still be true. But this is not a story about endings.

Bruce, Camilla. *All the Blood We Share*. Berkley, 23.00 tp.

The winds shift nervously on the Kansas plain whispering of travelers lost and buried, whispering of witches. Something dark and twisted has taken root at the Bender Inn. At first the townspeople of Cherryvale welcome the rising medium Kate Bender and her family. Kate's messages from the Beyond give their tedious dreams hope and her mother's potions cure their little ills - for a price. No one knows about their other business, the shortcut to a better life.

Buckell, Tobias. *A Stranger in the Citadel*. Tachyon, 22.95 tp.

Lilith, the youngest musketeer of Ninetha, has never seen a book, and she never expects to encounter one within the safety of the citadel. When Ishmael, an outcast librarian, shows up outside the Afriq Gate, Lilith saves him from immediate execution by her father's second-in-command, the zealot Kira. As Lilith's curiosity draws her to Ishmael, she lets slip her family's most dangerous secret, sparking a deadly rebellion and an unexpected journey full of stunning revelations.

Butcher, James J. *Long Past Dues*. [*The Unorthodox Chronicles #2*]. Ace, 37.00 hc.

Grimshaw Griswald Grimsby is now an Auditor, enforcing laws about magic for Boston's Department of Unorthodox Affairs. But tiring of being overlooked for all the exciting cases, he appropriates a case file intended for a friend. Alongside Leslie Mayflower, the temporarily unretired Huntsman, Grimsby aims to crack the case and discover the origin of a strange, unfinished ritual.

Castro, Violet. *Aliens: Vasquez*. Titan, 22.95 tp.

To join the Colonial Marines, Jeanette Vasquez had to give up her twin children. Raised by Jeanette's sister, those children, Leticia and Ramon, had to discover their own ways to survive. Leticia by following her mother's path into the military, Ramon into the corporate hierarchy of Weyland-Yutani. Their paths would converge on an unnamed planet which some see as a potential utopia, while others would use it for highly secretive research. Regardless of whatever humans might have planned for it, however, Xenomorphs will turn it into a living hell.

Chakraborty, S. A. *The River of Silver: Tales From the Daevalad Trilogy*. Voyager, 23.99 tp.

A collection of stories set from before, during, and after the events of *The City of Brass*, *The Kingdom of Copper*, and *The Empire of Gold*.

Chao, A. Y. *Shanghai Immortal*. Hodder, 28.99 tp.

Pawned by her mother to the King of Hell as a child, Lady Jing is half-vampire, half-hulijing fox-spirit and all sasshole. As the King's ward, she has spent the past ninety years running errands, dodging the taunts of the spiteful hulijing courtiers, and trying to control her explosive temper. When Jing overhears the courtiers plotting to steal a priceless dragon pearl from the King, she embarks on a wild chase for intel, first through Hell and then mortal Shanghai.

Cherryh, C. J. *Defiance*. [*Foreigner #22*]. DAW, 37.99 hc.

Bren Cameron is tasked with getting Ilisidi, the aiji-dowager, back to the capital alive, on an urgent basis. But events are cascading down on the south, the Guild is stretched thin in the east, and the Shadow Guild is within striking distance of critical targets that could bring war to the entire south.

Chronister, Kate. *Desert Creatures*. Erewhon, 22.99 tp.

In a bleak, desiccated future, 11 year old Magdala and her father are forced to flee through the desolate landscape of the American Southwest, searching for shelter and peace. Pursued by horrors both unnatural and all-too-human, they join a pilgrimage to the holy city of Las Vegas, where it is said that vigilante saints reside, bright with neon power. Magdala, born with a clubfoot, is determined to be healed there.

Clare, Cassandra. *Sword Catcher*. Del Rey, 39.99 hc.

In the vibrant city-state of Castellane, Kel is an orphan, stolen from the life he knew to become the Sword Catcher - the body double of a royal heir, Prince Conor Aurelian. A failed assassination attempt brings Kel together with physician Lin Caster, one of the Ashkar, a small community whose members still possess magical abilities. Together they are drawn into the web of the mysterious Ragpicker King, the criminal ruler of Castellane's underworld.

Cooke, C. J. *A Haunting in the Arctic*. HarperCollins, 25.99 tp.

The wreck of the *Ormen*, an old whaling ship, has washed up on the forbidding, remote coast of Iceland. It's scheduled to be destroyed, but explorer Dominique feels an inexplicable pull to document its last days, even though those who have ventured onto the wreck before her have met uncanny ends. Onboard she will uncover a dark past riddled with lies, cruelty, and murder--and her discovery will change everything. Because she'll soon realize she's not alone. Something has walked the floors of the *Ormen* for almost a century. Something that craves revenge.

Correia, Larry. *Fever*. [Monster Hunter Memoirs #4]. Baen, 36.50 hc.

Los Angeles: the 1970s. Disco is king. But below the glitz and glamor, a darkness lurks. Chloe Mendoza knows darkness. She is a nagualii, a half-demon created by the gods of Central and South America, a daughter of the Court of Feathers, a group of demigods who ruled Mesoamerica before the Spanish arrived. Now, a member of Monster Hunter International, Chloe gets a message from the Court of Feathers, warning her of a Dark Master who is building up its power in the region.

Datlow, Ellen (ed). *Christmas and Other Horrors: An Anthology of Solstice Horror*. Titan, 36.99 hc.

A horror anthology of original short stories exploring the endless terrors of winter solstice traditions across the globe, featuring Tananarive Due, Stephen Graham Jones, Alma Katsu and many more.

Davidson, Andy. *The Hollow Kind*. Picador, 25.00 tp.

Nellie Gardner is looking for a way out of an abusive marriage when she learns that her long-lost grandfather, August Redfern, has willed her his turpentine estate. She arrives in Georgia with her 11-year-old son Max to find a decrepit farmhouse on a thousand acres of old pine forest. It takes her a while to notice the strange scratching in the walls, the faint whispering at night, how the forest is eerily quiet.

Davis-Goff, Sarah. *Silent City*. Flatiron, 36.99 hc.

Outside the walls of Phoenix City a plague has overrun Ireland -- one bite from the savage skrake means death or infection. Inside, the city is ruled by an oppressive and ruthless elite, their rule enforced by Orpen and the banshees - a fierce, all-women force of fighters. But when two women are publicly executed, Orpen knows she must make a choice between guaranteed survival within a cruel society or treacherous freedom beyond the walls.

Dawson, Delilah S. *Bloom*. Titan, 29.99 hc.

Rosemary meets Ash at the farmers' market. Ash - precise, pretty, and practically perfect - sells bars of soap in delicate pastel colors, sprinkle-sparkled cupcakes stacked on scalloped stands, beeswax candles, jelly jars of honey, and glossy green plants. Rose has never felt this way about another woman; with Ash, she wants to be her and have her in equal measure. But as her obsession with Ash consumes her, she may find she's not the one doing the devouring...

DeMeester, Kristi. *Such a Pretty Smile*. Griffin, 24.00 tp.

He's known as The Cur, and he leaves no trace - except for the victims he viciously slays every fifteen years. Young women who refuse to conform and don't know when to shut up. This is the story of 13-year-old Lila Sawyer from 2019 and artist Caroline Sawyer from 2004.

Dumas, Luke. *History of Fear*. Washington Square, 24.99 tp.

25-year-old American grad student Grayson Hale, an acerbic young atheist, is newly enrolled at the University of Edinburgh to carry on the legacy of his recently deceased father. In need of cash, he takes a job ghostwriting a mysterious

book for a dark stranger, but has misgivings when the project begins to reawaken his satanophobia, a rare condition that causes him to live in terror that the Devil is after him.

Eason, K. *Nightwatch Over Windscar*. [The Weep #2]. DAW, 29.99 tp.

Promoted and sent north to the tundra of Windscar, Iari leads a team of templars to investigate ancient, subterranean ruins. As they delve into the ruins, they find remnants of long-ago battles, bits of broken armor and mechas - which unexpectedly reanimate and attack. It seems there is still dangerous arithmancy in Windscar - but the source isn't who Iari expected, and they're far worse than the separatists.

Emmerichs, Sharon. *Shield Maiden*. Redhook, 23.99 tp.

A retelling of *Beowulf*. All her life, Fryda has longed to be a shield maiden, an honor reserved for Geatland's mightiest warriors. Now, when foreign lords and chieftains descend upon Fryda's home to celebrate her uncle King Beowulf's fifty-year reign, she realizes not all their guests come with good intentions.

Epstein, Allison. *Let the Dead Bury the Dead*. Doubleday, 37.99 hc.

Saint Petersburg, 1812. Russian forces have defeated Napoleon at great cost, and the tsar's empire is once again at peace. Sasha, a captain in the imperial army, returns home to Grand Duke Felix, the disgraced second son of the tsar and his irrepressibly charming lover, but their reunion is quickly interrupted by the arrival of Sofia, a mysteriously persuasive figure whose disruptive presence Sasha suspects to be something more than human.

Fawcett, Heather. *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*. Del Rey, 24.99 tp.

Cambridge professor Emily Wilde is writing the world's first encyclopaedia of faerie lore. But she is not good at people, so when she arrives in the hardscrabble village of Hrafnsvik, Emily has no intention of spending time with another new arrival: her dashing and insufferably handsome academic rival Wendell Bambleby. But as she gets closer and closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones, she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery. Who is Wendell Bambleby, and what does he really want?

Flint, Eric. *1637: The Transylvanian Decision*. Baen, 12.99 pb.

Continuing the Eastern Europe storyline from *1637: The Polish Maelstrom*. Up-timer Morris Roth and his Grand Army of the Sunrise stand at a crossroads. An envoy from Transylvania arrives with a promising offer from its prince, who wishes to form an alliance with Bohemia, but the land shrouded in the fog of the Carpathian Mountains and known only to most up-timers as the playground of Count Dracula is a vassal state of the Ottoman Empire. Such an alliance would surely draw the ire of Sultan Murad IV.

Gaither, S. M. *A Twist of the Blade*. [Shadows & Crowns #2]. Cornerstone, 22.99 tp.

Casia Greythorne is still reeling from a devastating loss and the revelation of an identity she wasn't ready for. She must now also master the strange magic that's awakening within her. But first she must lead her friends through cursed lands and the dwellings of the gods, away from the crumbling empire and the king-emperor who clutches the crown with ever-bloodier hands.

Gillig, Rachel. *Shepherd King*. [Two Twisted Crowns #2]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

Gripped by a tyrant king and in the thrall of dark magic, the kingdom is in peril. Elspeth and Ravyn have gathered most of the twelve Providence Cards, but the last - and most important - one remains to be found: the Twin Alders. If they're going to find the card before Solstice and set free the kingdom, they will need to journey through the dangerous mist-cloaked forest. The only one who can lead them through is the Nightmare, the monster that shares Elspeth's head. And he's not eager to share any longer.

Greene, R.W.W.. *Earth Retrograde*. [First Planets #2]. Angry Robot, 17.99 tp.

The alien-conquered Earth governments don't trust Brooklyn Lamontagne, while the Average Joe can't make up their mind -- but all agree that Brooklyn should stay in space. Now, he's just about covering his bills with junk-food runs to

Venus and transporting horny honeymooners to Tycho aboard his aging spaceship, the Victory. When a pal asks for a ride to Mars, Brooklyn lands in a solar system's worth of espionage, backroom alliances, ancient treasures and secret plots while encountering a navigation system that just wants to be loved...

Guanzon, Thea. *The Hurricane Wars*. Voyager, 37.00 hc.

The heart is a battlefield. All Talasyn has ever known is the Hurricane Wars. Growing up an orphan in a nation under siege by the ruthless Night Emperor, she found her family among the soldiers who fight for freedom. But she is hiding a deadly secret. Light magic courses through her veins, a blazing power believed to have been wiped out years ago that can cut through the Night Empire's shadows.

Guran, Paula (ed). *The Year's Best Dark Fantasy & Horror: Volume 4*. Pyr, 23.95 tp.

400 pages of last year's best, featuring such authors as Angela Slatter and Gemma Files.

Guran, Paula (ed). *Year's Best Fantasy Vol. 2*. Pyr, 25.00 tp.

Collecting the year's best fantasy stories: 406 pages, including Elizabeth Bear, Max Gladstone, etc.

Haddon, Cole. *Psalms for the End of the World*. Headline, 19.99 tp.

It's 1962 and physics student Grace Pulansky believes she has met the man of her dreams, Robert Jones, while serving up slices of pecan pie at the local diner. But then the FBI shows up, with their fedoras and off-the-rack business suits, and accuses him of being a bomb-planting mass-murderer. Finding herself on the run with Jones across America's Southwest, the discoveries awaiting Gracie will undermine everything she knows about the universe.

Hair, David. *Sorcerer's Edge*. [*The Tethered Citadel #3*]. Jo Fletcher, 19.99 tp.

Deep inside the Ice wastes, Raythe's people stumbled upon Rath Argentium, the legendary Aldar city, and the long-lost Tangato people. Now they've put aside their dreams of wealth and revenge and embraced something better: a life outside the tyrannical Bolgravian Empire. But the Bolgravian Empire hasn't forgotten Raythe Vyre. Guided by Toran Zorne, the implacable imperial assassin, they are coming to claim Rath Argentium for themselves.

Hamilton, Laurell K. *Smolder*. [*Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter #29*]. Berkley, 11.99 pb.

Anita Blake is engaged to Jean-Claude, the new vampire king of America. In the midst of wedding preparations, Anita gets a call that the local police need her expertise at a brutal murder scene linked to a nationwide slaughter of vampires and humans. But there is more than just a murderer to catch: an ancient evil has arrived in St. Louis to challenge Jean-Claude for his crown, his life, Anita, and all they hold dear.

Hand, Elizabeth. *A Haunting on the Hill*. Mulholland, 39.00 hc.

An authorized return to the world of Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*. Struggling playwright Holly Sherwin has received a grant to develop her play, *The Witch of Edmonton*. All she needs now is time and space to bring her vision to life. And when she stumbles across Hill House on a weekend getaway upstate, she knows she's found the perfect place to develop and rehearse her play.

Helgadottir, Margret (ed). *Nordic Visions: The Best of Nordic Speculative Fiction*. Solaris, 22.99 tp.

Featuring 16 stories from the best contemporary speculative authors from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands, including John Ajvide Lindqvist, Hannu Rajaniemi, Tor Age Bringsvaerd and more, many of which are appearing in English for the very first time.

Herbert, Brian & Kevin J. Anderson. *Princess of Dune*. [*Dune*]. Tor, 38.99 hc.

Raised in the Imperial court and born to be a political bargaining chip, Irulan was sent at an early age to be trained as a Bene Gesserit Sister. The young woman has a wise and independent streak and is determined to become much more than a pawn to be moved about on anyone's gameboard. Meanwhile, on Arrakis, Chani - the daughter of Liet-Kynes, the Imperial Planetologist who serves under the harsh rule of House Harkonnen - is trained in the Fremen mystical ways by an ancient Reverend Mother.

Hodgell, P. C. *Deathless Gods*. [Kencyrath #10]. Baen, 22.00 tp.

Jame rides south to Bashti. Here she confronts an unready and presumptuous heir, a withholding and manipulative paymaster, and invisible assassins. Her formal errand, meanwhile, is to compete in martial games with secret stakes - which she fears are a cloak for a massacre, or worse.

Holt, Tom. *The Eight Reindeer of the Apocalypse*. [J. W. Wells #8]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

The team of commercial sorcerers at Dawson, Ahriman & Dawson can help with any metaphysical engineering project, large or small (though by definition they all tend to be pretty large). They can also create massive great puddles of chaos that might one day swallow up the entire universe. Take, for example, the decision to recruit a certain bearded fellow whose previous work experience mainly involves reindeer and jingle bells. It might have seemed like a good idea at the time, but is he really the best person to save the world from Tiamat the Destroyer, who has literally gone ballistic?

Houston, Gabriela. *The Bone Roots*. Angry Robot, 23.99 tp.

Every year, Vedma Kada gives thanks to the bone roots - those that belong to the child-bearing tree who gave Kada her desperately-wanted baby, Secha. Kada lives her life in service of the bone roots and the goddess Zemya, but they cannot keep her daughter safe. Not when Secha's emerging powers, both mysterious and brutish, threaten to out her for who she truly is...

Howey, Hugh. *Across the Sand*. [The Sand Chronicles]. Voyager, 24.99 tp.

The first original novel from Howey in six years. In a barren land of howling wind and infernal sand, siblings Conner, Rob, Palmer and Violet daily carve out a future. On the other side of No Man's Land, Anya follows her father to a strange land of dunes to bring vengeance to their enemies, after an atomic bomb delivered to her town by a stranger murders all her friends and community.

Hunt, Taran. *The Immortality Thief*. [The Kystrom Chronicles]. Solaris, 22.99 tp.

Far off the edge of human existence, beside a dying star, lies a nameless ship abandoned and hidden, lost for a millennium. One thousand years later refugee, criminal and linguist Sean Wren is given a choice: life in prison, "voluntary" military service - or salvaging data in a long-dead language from an abandoned ship filled with traps and monsters, just days before it is to be destroyed in a supernova.

Iversen, Chelsea. *The Witches at the End of the World*. Sourcebooks Landmark, 25.99 tp.

Deep in the birchwoods of Norway, magic courses through the veins of two sisters. For years they've been alone, but sweet-tempered Kaija is tired of living in shadows and longs for a life filled with community, even if it means stifling her magic. But Minna is a witch through and through, with wrath always simmering just below the surface. Different as they may be, both will never forget the day they were driven from their village. The day their mother burned.

Jacka, Benedict. *An Inheritance of Magic*. [An Inheritance of Magic #1]. Ace, 23.00 tp.

All Stephen has is a minimum wage job and a cat. But when a chance encounter with a member of House Ashford gets him noticed by the wrong people, Stephen is thrown in the deep end. For centuries, the vast corporations and aristocratic Houses of the magical world have grown impossibly rich and influential by hoarding their knowledge. To survive, Stephen will have to take his talent and build it up into something greater - for only then can he beat them at their own game.

Jacobs, Bethany. *These Burning Stars*. [The Kingdom Trilogy #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.

On a dusty backwater planet, occasional thief Jun Ironway has her hands on the score of a lifetime: a secret that could raze the Kindom, the ruling power of the galaxy. A star system away, preternaturally stoic Chono and brilliant hothead Esek - the two most brutal clerics of the Kindom - are tasked with hunting Jun down. And tracking all three across the stars is a ghost from their shared past known only as Six.

Jamieson, Trent. *Day Boy*. Erewhon, 22.99 tp.

Winner of the Aurealis Awards for Best Fantasy and Best Horror Novel. The Masters, dreadful and severe, rule the Red City and the lands far beyond it. By night, they politic and feast, drinking from townsfolk resigned to their fates. By day, the Masters must rely on their human servants, their Day Boys, to fulfill their every need and carry out their will. Mark is a Day Boy, practically raised by his Master, Dain.

Jemisin, N. K. *The World We Make*. [Great Cities #2]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

Though Brooklyn, Manny, Bronca, Venezia, Padmini, and Neek have temporarily managed to stop the Woman in White from invading - and destroying the entire universe in the process - the mysterious capital "E" Enemy has more subtle powers at her disposal. A new candidate for mayor wielding the populist rhetoric of gentrification, xenophobia, and "law and order" may have what it takes to change the very nature of New York itself and take it down from the inside.

Jones, Howard Andrew. *The City of Marble and Blood*. [Chronicles of Hanuvar #2]. Baen, 34.00 hc.

Hanuvar had pledged to find the remnants of his people, scattered into slavery across the whole of the peninsula. This time he had no army to help him. His would be a stealthy war of liberation, buying the freedom of some and arranging for the escape of others, aided only by a young playwright, the daughter of a hated political rival, the tattered remnants of his old spy network, and the unlikeliest ally of all, the general who had once defeated him.

{Ed. Note: We reviewed the first of this series, *Lord of a Shattered Land*, over on SciFi4Me.com in August 2023.}

Jones, Stephen Graham. *Don't Fear the Reaper*. [The Indian Lake Trilogy #2]. Saga, 25.99 tp.

Four years after her tumultuous senior year, Jade Daniels is released from prison when her conviction is overturned. But life beyond bars takes a dangerous turn as soon as she returns to Proofrock, Idaho. Convicted serial killer Dark Mill South, seeking revenge for 389 Dakota men hanged in 1862, escapes from his prison transfer due to a blizzard. Dark Mill South's Reunion Tour began on December 12th, 2019, a Thursday. Thirty-six hours and twenty bodies later, on Friday the 13th, it would be over.

Kadrey, Richard. *The Pale House Devil*. Titan, 23.99 hc.

Ford and Neuland are paranormal mercenaries - one living, one undead. One of them kills the undead, the other kills the living. When a job goes bad in New York, they head west to wait for the heat to cool down. There, a young woman named Tilda Rosenbloom hires them on behalf of wealthy landowner, Shepherd Mansfield, to track and kill a demon haunting a mansion in remote northern California. Novella.

Kadrey, Richard & Cassandra Khaw. *The Dead Take The A Train*. [Carrion City #1]. Nightfire, 22.99 tp.

Julie is a coked-up, burnt-out 30-year-old whose only retirement plan is dying early. She's been trying to establish herself in the NYC magic scene, and she'll work the most gruesome gigs, exorcize the nastiest demons, and make deals with the cruelest gods to claw her way to the top. But nothing can prepare her for the toughest job yet when her best friend, Sarah, shows up at her door in need of help.

Kaplan, Ariel. *The Pomegranate Gate*. [The Mirror Realm Cycle #1]. Erewhon, 39.00 hc.

Toba Peres can speak, but not shout; sleep, but not dream. She can write with both hands at once, in different languages, but she keeps her talents hidden at her grandparents' behest. It is the time of the Spanish Inquisition, when all Jews must convert or be banished. Toba stumbles through a pomegranate grove into the mirror realm of the Mazik: mythical, terrible immortals with an Inquisition of their own, equally cruel and even more powerful.

Kelly, Greta. *The Queen of Days*. Voyager, 37.00 hc.

For Balthazar and his family of thieves, stealing a statue during the annual celebration of the god Karanis was just a good bit of fun...or a way to stick it to the governor who murdered his parents. And yeah, the small fortune in reward doesn't hurt - even if his boss also hired the mysterious Queen of Days to join the crew as "the weapon of last resort..." Whatever

that means. But Bal doesn't know the ceremony isn't simply empty words and dusty tradition; it's true magic. The kind of magic that rips open a portal for the god himself.

Kuang, R. F. & John Joseph Adams (eds). *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2023*. Mariner, 23.99 tp.

The twenty pieces that represent the best examples of the form published the previous year and explores the ever-expanding and changing world of science fiction and fantasy today.

Link, Kelly. *White Cat, Black Dog: Stories*. Random House, 24.95 tp.

Seven ingeniously reinvented fairy tales that play out with astonishing consequences in the modern world, featuring illustrations by award-winning artist Shaun Tan.

Maas, Sarah J. *House of Sky and Breath*. [Crescent City #2]. Bloomsbury, 25.00 tp.

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.

Maguire, Gregory. *The Witch of Maracoor*. [Another Day #3]. Morrow, 37.00 hc.

Following a confrontation with her reclusive great-grandfather, the one-time Wizard of Oz, Rainary Ko - the granddaughter of Oz's Wicked Witch of the West - has re-upped in a mission to settle a few scores and right a wrong or two. Traveling companions and arrivistes can befuddle a young witch coming into her own, but Rain marshals a steely determination to stare her troubles in the eye and see who blinks first.

Mammy, Michael. *Generation Ship*. Voyager, 24.99.

In 2108, Colony Ship *Voyager* departed Earth for the planet of Promissa with 18,000 of the world's best and brightest on board. 250 years and 27 light years later, an arrival is imminent. But all is not well. The probes that they've sent ahead to gather the data needed to establish any kind of settlement aren't responding, and the information they have received has presented more questions than answers. It's a time when the entire crew should be coming together to solve the problem, but the crew is too busy forming factions to notice.

Maniscalco, Kerri. *Throne of the Fallen*. Little Brown, 37.00 hc.

The trouble with scoundrels and blackguards is that they haven't a modicum of honor, a fact Miss Camilla Antonius learns after one desperate mistake allows Waverly Green's most notorious rake Lord Phillip Vexley to blackmail her. And now it seems Vexley isn't the only scoundrel interested in securing her unique talents as a painter. To avoid Vexley's clutches and a ruinous scandal, Camilla is forced into an alliance with the enigmatic Lord Ashford, who is actually the demon known as the Prince of Envy, come here from his circle of hell.

Marske, Freya. *A Restless Truth*. [Last Binding #2]. Tor.com, 26.99 tp.

Maud Blyth has always longed for adventure. She expected plenty of it when she volunteered to serve as an old lady's companion on an ocean liner, in order to help her beloved older brother unravel a magical conspiracy that began generations ago. What she didn't expect was for the old lady in question to turn up dead on the first day of the voyage. Now she has to deal with a dead body, a disrespectful parrot, and the lovely, dangerously outrageous Violet Debenham.

Masterton, Graham. *The House at Phantom Park*. Head of Zeus, 22.99 tp.

St Philomena's military hospital has been abandoned for over three years. Now Lilian Chesterfield, who works for one of the most successful building companies in England, is in charge of developing it into a luxury housing complex. But as soon as she and her colleagues start work in the Jacobean-style mansion, their dream turns into a nightmare.

Maxwell, Everina. *Ocean's Echo*. Tor, 24.99 tp.

Rich socialite, inveterate flirt, and walking disaster Tennalhin Halkana can read minds and navigate chaotic space, the maelstroms surrounding the gateway to the wider universe. Conscripted into the military under dubious circumstances,

Tennal is placed into the care of Lieutenant Surit Yeni. Whereas Tennal can read minds, Surit can influence them. Together they escape the military and journey to the rubble of a neuromodification lab that hides a treasure both terrible and unimaginably powerful.

McDonald, Ed. *Traitor of Redwinter*. [Redwinter Chronicles #2]. Tor, 39.99 hc.

The power of the Sixth Gate grows stronger within Raine each day - to control it, she needs lessons no living Draoihn can teach her, lessons hidden in the ever-changing pages of the book. Amidst threats old and new, Raine must learn the secrets promised by the book, magic promised by a queen with a crown of feathers. A queen to whom Raine has promised more than she can afford to give...

McGuire, Seanan. *The Innocent Sleep*. [October Daye #18]. DAW, 37.99 hc.

Along with the Undersea and the rest of the Court of Cats, Tybalt, King of Cats has been banished by Titania, Faerie's Summer Queen, Mother of Illusions. Now he must find the woman he loves in a world designed to keep her from him, convince her that he's not a stranger trying to ruin her life for no apparent reason, and get her to unmake the illusion she's been firmly enmeshed in.

Mersault, Michael. *The Silent Hand*. Baen, 23.00 tp.

Inga has been trained and augmented, and now she has been assigned to help rescue a trapped Legion force from the surface of Delta Three. With Marines plummeting into surface combat, an orbital space battle raging, and assassins swarming within Hightower, the stakes could scarcely be greater, but in the midst of this tumult, treacherous revelations continue to unfold.

Miles, Terry. *The Quiet Room*. [Rabbits #2]. Del Rey, 38.99 hc.

After nearly winning the eleventh iteration of Rabbits, the mysterious alternate reality game so vast it uses the entire world as its canvas, Emily Connors suddenly finds herself trapped in a dimensional stream where the game does not exist. Meanwhile, architect and theme park designer Rowan Chess is having the weirdest month of his life, full of odd coincidences and people who appear one moment and vanish the next. The game that is hiding from Emily seems to have found Rowan - with a vengeance.

Moore, Alan. *Illuminations: Stories*. Bloomsbury, 26.99 tp.

His first short story collection spans forty years of work and features many never before published pieces.

Morgyn, Ava. *The Witches of Bone Hill*. Griffin, 24.00 tp.

Cordelia Bone's meticulously crafted life and career in Dallas are crashing down around her thanks to a philandering husband with criminal debts. When her older, carefree sister, Eustace - a cannabis grower in Boulder - calls to inform her that the great aunt they never met has died and they must travel to a small town in Connecticut to deal with the estate, she sees an opportunity to unload the house and save herself. But once there, the sisters learn they are getting much more than they bargained for.

Mosley, Walter. *Touched*. Atlantic Monthly, 38.95 hc.

Martin Just wakes up one morning after what feels like, and might actually be, a centuries-long sleep with two new innate pieces of knowledge. Humanity is a virus destined to destroy all existence. And he is the Cure. He begins slipping into an alternate consciousness, with new physical strengths, to violently defend his family - the only Black family in their neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles - against pure evil.

Nesbo, Jo. *The Night House*. Random House Canada, 24.95 tp.

After his parents die in a house fire, 14-year-old Richard is sent to live with his aunt and uncle in the remote, insular town of Ballantyne, where he quickly earns a reputation as an outcast. When a classmate named Tom goes missing, everyone suspects that the angry new boy is responsible. Certainly no one believes Richard when he says the telephone booth out by the edge of the woods sucked Tom into the receiver like something out of a horror movie.

Newman, Sandra. *Julia. Mariner*, 37.00 hc.

1984, from the point of view of Julia. Julia Worthing is a mechanic, working in the Fiction Department at the Ministry of Truth. One day she finds herself walking toward Winston Smith in a corridor and impulsively slips him a note, setting in motion the devastating, unforgettable events of the classic story.

O'Keefe, Megan K. *The Fractured Dark*. [*The Devoured World* #2]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

Naira and Tarquin have escaped vicious counter-revolutionaries, misprinted monsters, and the pull of a dying planet. Now, bound together to find the truth behind the blight that has been killing habitable planets, they need to hunt out the Mercator family secrets. But, when the head of Mercator disappears, taking the universe's remaining supply of starship fuel with him, chaos breaks loose between the ruling families. Naira's revolution must be put aside for the sake of humanity's immediate survival.

O'Malley, Daniel. *Blitz*. [*The Rook Files* #3]. Back Bay, 24.99 tp.

September, 1940. Three women of the Checquy, the secret organization tasked with protecting Britain from supernatural threats, break the law and bring down a Nazi bomber. They resolve to tell no one about it, but soon learn that a crew member is missing from the downed bomber. Charred corpses are discovered in nearby houses and it becomes apparent that the women have unwittingly unleashed a monster.

Okorafor, Nnedi. *Shadoe Speaker*. [*The Desert Magician's Duology* #1]. DAW, 37.00 hc (revised, expanded).

Niger, West Africa, 2074. When 15-year-old Ejii witnesses her father's beheading, her world shatters. In a time of mind-blowing technology and seductive mysticism, Ejii embarks on a journey to track down her father's killer. With a newfound friend by her side, Ejii comes face to face with an earth turned inside out - and with her own mystical ability. And then she discovers that her travels across the sands of the Sahara have a deeper purpose.

Olde Heuvelt, Thomas. *Oracle. Nightfire*, 39.99 hc.

On a foggy winter morning Luca Wolf and Emma Reich discover an 18th century sailing ship stranded on a barren flower field, its name written on its side: Oracle. Emma, unable to resist, enters the hatch on the tilted deck. The ship's bell begins to toll and no one sees her again. Before long eleven more have disappeared, and Luca and his mother have been abducted by a clandestine government agency that forces Robert Grim, a retired specialist of the occult with a strange history and a healthy dislike of authority, to unravel the mystery.

Parker, K. J. *Saevus Corax Deals With the Dead*. [*The Corax Trilogy* #1]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.

There's no formal training for battlefield salvage. You just have to pick things up as you go along. Swords, armor, arrows - and the bodies, of course. Over the years, Saevus Corax has picked up a lot of things. Some of them have made him decent money, others have brought nothing but trouble. But it's a living, and somebody has to deal with the dead. Something else that Saevus has buried is his past. Unfortunately, he didn't quite succeed.

Peele, Jordan (ed). *Out There Screaming: An Anthology of New Black Horror*. Random House, 39.99 hc.

Featuring horror stories by: Maurice Broaddus, P. Djele Clark, Tananarive Due, Nalo Hopkinson, N. K. Jemisin, Nnedi Okorafor, Tochi Onyebuchi, Rebecca Roanhorse, and many more.

Pheby, Alex. *Malarkoi*. [*Cities of the Weft* #2]. Tor, 40.99 hc.

Nathan Treeves is dead, murdered by the Master of Mordew, his remains used to create the powerful occult weapon known as the Tinderbox. His companions are scattered, making for Malarkoi, the city of the Mistress, the Master's enemy. Only Sirius, Nathan's faithful magical dog, has not forgotten the boy. Bent on revenge, he returns to the shattered remains of Mordew - only to find the city morphed into an impossible mountain, swarming with monsters.

Piper, Hailey. *A Light Most Hateful*. Titan, 22.95 tp.

Three years after running away from home, Olivia is stuck with a dead-end job in nowhere town Chapel Hill, Pennsylvania. At least she has her best friend, Sunflower. Olivia figures she'll die in Chapel Hill, if not from boredom,

then the summer night storm which crashes into town with a mind-bending monster in tow. If Olivia's going to escape Chapel Hill and someday reconcile with her parents, she'll need to dodge residents enslaved by the storm's otherworldly powers and find Sunflower.

Presby, Joelle. *The Dabare Snake Launcher*. Baen, 12.99 pb.

Tchami "Chummy" Fabrice has brought together an odd and mismatched group of Africans to an ambitious end - constructing the world's first space elevator in Africa. With this, the space industry that it initiates will enrich the continent and all involved. They have the carbon nanofiber, prime land around Kilimanjaro, and a captured rock in orbit for the tether. The hard part will be getting all these different people working together long enough to see it built.

Preston, Douglas. *Extinction*. Forge, 39.99 hc.

Erebus Resort in the Colorado Rockies offers guests the experience of viewing woolly mammoths, Irish Elk, and giant ground sloths in their native habitat, brought back from extinction through the magic of genetic manipulation. When a billionaire's son and his new wife are kidnapped and murdered in the Erebus back country, Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Frances Cash partners with county sheriff James Colcord to track down the perpetrators.

Rebelein, Sam. *Edenville*. Morrow, 37.00 hc.

After publishing his debut novel to disappointing sales and reviews, Campbell P. Marion is struggling to find inspiration for a follow-up. When Edenville College invites him to join as a writer-in-residence, he's convinced that his bad luck has finally taken a turn. But there's something wrong in Edenville. Despite the charming old ladies milling about Main Street and picturesque sunflowers dotting the sidewalks, poison lurks beneath the surface.

Rice, Waubgeshig. *Moon of the Turning Leaves*. Random House Canada, 24.95 tp.

It's been over a decade since a mysterious cataclysm caused a permanent blackout that toppled infrastructure and thrust the world into anarchy and Evan Whitesky led his Ashinaabe community in remote northern Ontario off the rez and into the bush. Now Evan and his 15-year-old daughter, Nangohns will lead a small scouting party on a months-long trip to their traditional home on the north shore of Lake Huron - to seek new beginnings, and discover what kind of life - and what dangers - still exist in the lands to the south.

Roberts, Nora. *The Choice*. [Dragon Heart Legacy #3]. Griffin, 25.00 tp.

It is Keegan who is at Breen's side when the enemy's witches, traitorous and power-mad, appear to her in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting a brutal destruction for Breen. And soon, united with him and with all of Talamh, she will seek out those in desperate need of rescue, and confront the darkness with every weapon she has: her sword, her magicks - and her courage...

Rowe, Christopher. *The Navigating Fox*. Tor.com, 24.99 tp.

Novella. Quintus Shu'al, the world's only navigating fox, is in disgrace after guiding an expedition to its doom, leaving no survivors. One year later, Quintus is offered the chance to redeem himself. He will need to lead a motley, fractious team - both human and animal - all the way to the gates of Hell.

Rumfitt, Alison. *Brainwyrms*. Nightfire, 23.99 tp.

When a transphobic woman bombs Frankie's workplace, she blows up Frankie's life with it. As the media descends like vultures, Frankie tries to cope with the carnage: binge-drinking, sleeping with strangers, pushing away her friends. Then, she meets Vanya. As their relationship intensifies, so too does Frankie's feeling that Vanya is hiding something from her. When Vanya's secrets threaten to tear them apart, Frankie starts digging, and unearths a sinister, depraved conspiracy, the roots of which go deeper than she ever imagined.

Russ, Joanna. *Joanna Russ: Novels & Stories*. [Library of America #373]. Library of America, 50.00 hc.

The Female Man (1975), *We Who Are About To...* (1977), *On Strike Against God* (1980), the complete Alyx stories and assorted other stories, in one volume.

Ryan, A. J. *Red River Seven*. Orbit, 24.99 tp.

A man awakes on a boat at sea with no memory of who he is or how he came to be there. He's not alone - there are six others. None of them can remember their names, but all bear the scars of recent surgery. When a message appears on the onboard computer -Proceeding to Point A- the group agrees to work together to survive whatever is coming. But as the boat moves through the mist-shrouded waters, divisions begin to form, and the group is plagued by questions. Who is directing them, why have their memories been wiped, and what are the screams they can hear beyond the mist?

Sanderson, Brandon. *Yumi and the Nightmare Painter: A Cosmere Novel*. [Secret Projects]. Tor, 39.99 hc.

Yumi comes from a land of gardens, meditation, and spirits, while Painter lives in a world of darkness, technology, and nightmares. When their lives suddenly become intertwined in strange ways, can they put aside their differences and work together to uncover the mysteries of their situation and save each other's communities from certain disaster?

Sanderson, Brandon. *The Lost Metal*. [Mistborn Saga #7]. Tor, 31.99 tp.

For years, frontier lawman turned big-city senator Waxillium Ladrian has hunted the shadowy organization the Set - with his late uncle and his sister among their leaders - since they started kidnapping people with the power of Allomancy in their bloodlines. When Detective Marasi Colms and her partner Wayne find stockpiled weapons bound for the Outer City of Bilming, this opens a new lead.

Schwab, V. E. *The Fragile Threads of Power*. [Shades of Magic Threads of Power #1]. Tor, 39.99 hc.

A limited number of signed copies available. A new Antari named Kosika has appeared in White London, taking the throne in Holland's absence. The young queen is willing to feed her city with blood, including her own - but her growing religious fervor has the potential to drown it instead. And back in Red London, King Rhy Maresh is threatened by a rising rebellion. And now a girl with an unusual magical ability comes into possession of a device that could change the fate of all four worlds. Her name is Tes, and she's the only one who can bring them together - or unravel it all.

Scott, Cavan. *Tempest Runner*. [Star Wars: The High Republic]. Random House Worlds, 24.95 tp.

The vicious Tempest Runner Louna Dee stays one step ahead of the Jedi Order at the helm of a vessel named after one of the deadliest monsters in the galaxy: herself. But then Louna falls into the hands of the Jedi - but not before she hides her identity, becoming just another Nihil convict. But as Louna plans her glorious escape, she makes alliances that grow dangerously close to friendships.

Sharpson, Neil. *Knock Knock, Open Wide*. Nightfire, 39.99 hc.

Driving home late one night, Etain Larkin finds a corpse on a pitch-black country road deep in the Irish countryside. She takes the corpse to a remote farmhouse. So begins a night of unspeakable horror that will take her to the very brink of sanity. She will never speak of it again. Two decades later her daughter Ashling becomes convinced that the horrors inflicted on her family are connected to a seemingly innocent children's TV show.

Shepherd, Megan. *Midnight Showing*. [The Malice Compendium #2]. Hyperion Avenue, 23.99 tp.

Drawn to the desert scrublands and Hollywood mansions of California, Haven discovers a string of murders that point directly to members of her family. And when the trail of death ends at a studio from the Golden Age of horror films, reality and fiction become the strangest of bedfellows indeed.

Shurin, Jared (ed). *The Big Book of Cyberpunk*. Vintage, 42.50 tp.

Over a hundred stories from more than 25 different countries - from gritty, near-future noir to pulse-pounding action. Urban rebels undermine monolithic corporate overlords. Daring heists are conducted through back alleys and the darkest parts of the online world. There's dangerous new technology, cybernetic enhancements, scheming AIs, corporate mercenaries, improbable weapons, and roguish hackers.

Skrutskie, Emily. *The Salvation Gambit*. Del Rey, 24.95 tp.

Hacker Murdock is part of a foursome with a formidable reputation for daring heists, massive payoffs, and never, ever

getting caught. Until now. Now they are imprisoned aboard a sentient warship that's styled itself into a punitive god. The Justice's all-seeing eyes are fixed on its newest acquisitions, Murdock in particular. It has use for a hacker - if it can wrest her devotion away from the group.

Slater, Mike. *The Necromunchicon: Unspeakable Snacks & Terrifying Treats From the Lore of H.P. Lovecraft. The Countryman, 40.00 hc.*

Returning to the slime-covered ruins of the city of R'lyeh and the tentacled deity who slumbers there would make anyone hungry. The terrifying trio behind the best-selling Necronomnomnom have summoned forth another gruesome grimoire: a throng of more than 50 nightmarish nibbles.

Smale, Allan. *Hot Moon. [Apollo Rising #1]. CAEZIK, 31.99 hc.*

An alternate 1979. Apollo 32, commanded by career astronaut Vivian Carter, docks at NASA's Columbia space station en route to its main mission: exploring the volcanic Marius Hills region of the Moon. Vivian is caught in the crossfire as four Soviet Soyuz craft appear without warning to assault the orbiting station.

Smyth, Courtney. *The Undetectables. Titan, 22.95 tp.*

A magical serial killer is stalking the Occult town of Wrackton. Hypnotic whistling causes victims to chew their own tongues off, leading to the killer being dubbed the Whistler (original, right?). Enter the Undetectables, a detective agency run by three witches and a ghost in a cat costume (don't ask). They are hired to investigate the murders, but with their only case so far left unsolved, will they be up to the task?

Starling, Caitlin. *Last to Leave the Room. St. Martin's, 39.00 hc.*

The city of San Siroco is sinking. The basement of Dr. Tamsin Rivers, the arrogant, selfish head of the research team assigned to find the source of the subsidence, is sinking faster. As Tamsin grows obsessed with the distorting dimensions of the room at the bottom of the stairs, she finds a door that didn't exist before - and one night, it opens to reveal an exact physical copy of her, but who is sweet and biddable where Tamsin is calculating and cruel.

Stewart, Andrea. *The Bone Shard War. [The Drowning Empire #3]. Orbit, 23.99 tp.*

Lin Sukai has won her first victory as Emperor, but the future of the Phoenix Empire hangs in the balance - and Lin is dangerously short of allies. As her own governors plot treason, the Shardless Few renew hostilities. Worse still, Lin discovers her old nemesis Nisong has joined forces with the rogue Alanga, Ragan. Yet legend tells of seven mythic swords, forged in centuries past. If Lin can find them before her enemies, she may yet be able to turn the tide.

Taub, Melinda. *The Scandalous Confessions of Lydia Bennet, Witch. Grand Central, 39.00 hc.*

In this exuberant retelling of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Lydia Bennet puts pen to paper to relate the real events and aftermath of the classic story. But Lydia also suffers from entirely different concerns. Her best-loved sister Kitty is really a barn cat; Wickham is every bit as wicked as the world believes him to be, but what else would one expect from a demon? And if Mr. Darcy is uptight about etiquette, that's nothing compared to his feelings about magic. Most of all, Lydia has yet to learn that for a witch, promises have power...

Taylor, Jodi. *The Good, the Bad, and the History. [Chronicles of St. Mary's #14]. Headline, 19.99 tp.*

St Mary's is under investigation. Their director has been shot and Max is Number One Suspect. She needs to get away - fast - but dare she risk another jump so soon? And if she does, will it be a case of from the frying pan into the fire? We all know the answer to that one.

Tchaikovsky, Adrian. *Children of Memory. [Children of Time #3]. Tor UK, 24.99 tp.*

Earth is failing. In a desperate bid to escape, the spaceship Enkidu and its captain, Heorest Holt, carry its precious human cargo to a potential new Eden. Generations later, this fragile colony has managed to survive, eking out a hardy existence. Yet life is tough, and much technological knowledge has been lost. Then Liff, Holt's granddaughter, hears whispers that

the strangers in town aren't from neighbouring farmland. That they possess unparalleled technology - and that they've arrived from another world.

Thorne, Jennifer Marie. *Lute. Nightfire*, 25.99 tp.

On the idyllic island of Lute, every seventh summer, seven people die. No more, no less. Nina Treadway is new to the Day. A Florida girl by birth, she became a Lady through her marriage to Lord Treadway, whose family has long protected the island. Nina's heard about the Day, of course. But until the nightmare begins, she believes it all superstitious nonsense.

Tsujimura, Mizuki. *Lonely Castle in the Mirror*. Erewhon, 22.99 tp.

Bullied to the point of dropping out of school, Kokoro's days blur together as she hides in her bedroom, unable to face her family or friends. As she spirals into despair, her mirror begins to shine; with a touch, Kokoro is pulled from her lonely life into a resplendent, bizarre fairytale castle guarded by a strange girl in a wolf mask. Six other students have been brought to the castle, and soon this marvelous refuge becomes their playground.

Tuttle, Lisa. *My Death*. NYRB Classics, 21.95 tp.

Novella. A widowed writer begins to work on a biography of a novelist and artist - and soon uncovers bizarre parallels between her own life and her subject's.

Weber, David & Jacob Holo. *The Janus File*. [Gordian Division #3]. Baen, 12.99 pb.

Members of the Gordian Division, both human and AI, were to fly out to Saturn, inspect the construction of their latest time machines, then fly back. But when the division's top scientist and chief engineer are killed in the same freak accident, suspicions of foul play run deep. Detective Isaac Cho is sent in to investigate, accompanied by Special Agent Susan Cantrell - whose notion of proper "law enforcement" involves blowing up criminals first and skipping questions entirely.

Woods, Kell. *After the Forest*. Tor, 38.99 hc.

Twenty years after the witch in the gingerbread house, Greta and Hans are struggling to get by. Their mother and stepmother are long dead, Hans is deeply in debt from gambling, and the countryside lies in ruin, its people starving in the aftermath of a brutal war. Greta has a secret, though. The witch's grimoire, secreted away and whispering in Greta's ear for the past two decades, and the recipe inside that makes the best gingerbread you've ever tasted.

Wraight, Chris. *Valdor: Birth of the Imperium*. [Warhammer 40,000]. Black Library, 11.99 tp.

Delve into the era of the Unification Wars and discover Constantin Valdor's role in bringing about the Imperium of Mankind.

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NOVEMBER CONVENTIONS

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 Spielwiesn – Augsburg, Germany Nov 3-5
 TableCon – Springdale, AR Nov 3-5
 Tampa Nerd Con – Tampa, FL Nov 3-5
 The Road So far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour – Jacksonville, FL Nov 3-5
 WarFaire Weekend – St Louis, MO Nov 3-5
 Doxacon – Arlington, VA Nov 3-4
 TimpCon – Provo, UT Nov 3-4
 Akron Comicon –Akron, OH Nov 4-5
 Anime Pasadena – Pasadena, CA Nov 4-5
 Bristol Comic Con and Gaming Festival – Bristol, United Kingdom Nov 4-5
 Collecta-A-Con Houston – Houston, TX Nov 4-5
 Comic Con Brussels – Augsburg, Germany Nov 4-5
 Effing-Con – Effingham, IL Nov 4-5
 Lodge Con – Peotone, IL Nov 4-5
 NC Comicon – Durham, NC Nov 4-5
 Spellenspekakel – Utrecht, Netherlands Nov 4-5
 Supernova Adelaide – Adelaide, South Australia, Australia Nov 4-5
 Augustacon – Augusta, GA Nov 4
 Carlisle Brick Fest – Carlisle, United Kingdom Nov 4
 Frankfort Anime-Fest – Frankfort, KY Nov 4
 Kircaldy Comic Con – Kircaldy, United Kingdom Nov 4
 Madera Pom Con – Madera, CA Nov 4
 MegaGame Texas – Austin, TX Nov 4
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Peru – Peru, IL Nov 4

Short Run Comix & Arts Festival – Seattle, WA Nov 4
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Nov 4
 Furry Cruise – Los Angeles, CA Nov 5-12
 Annandale Comic Book & NonSports Card Show – Annandale, VA Nov 5
 Comicverse – Appleton, WI Nov 5
 London Film Fair – London, United Kingdom Nov 5
 Los Banos-Santa Nella Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Los Banos, CA Nov 5
 Mouse-Con – Concord, CA Nov 5
 Pulp AdventureCon – Swedesboro, NJ Nov 5
 SWFL Retro – Fort Myers, FL Nov 5
 Weston Brick Festival – Weston-Super-Mare, United Kingdom Nov 5

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Fluufff – Brussels, Belgium Nov 8-12
 Compass Games Expo Fall – Meriden, CT Nov 9-13
 EuroQuest – Annapolis, MD Nov 9-12
 Long Con – Longview, TX Nov 9-12
 Save Against Fear – York, PA Nov 9-12
 Anime Iwai – Fort Lauderdale, FL Nov 10-12
 Grogmeet – Manchester, United Kingdom Nov 10-12
 Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention – Memphis, TN Nov 10-12
 Monster-Mania Con – Oaks, PA Nov 10-12
 Motor City Comic Con – Novi, MI Nov 10-12
 Mythic Con – Charlotte, NC Nov 10-12
 Novacon – Buxton, United Kingdom Nov 10-12
 Omegacon Fall – Siren, WI Nov 10-12
 Oni-Con – Galveston, TX Nov 10-12
 Orycon – Portland, OR Nov 10-12
 Rangerstop & Pop Con – Orlando, FL Nov 10-12
 SCG Con – Pittsburgh, PA Nov 10-12
 The Ultimates: Legends – Birmingham, United Kingdom Nov 10-12
 Windycon – Matteson, IL Nov 10-12
 Legendary Haunt Tour – Salem, MA Nov 10-11
 Anime Expo Chibi – Ontario, CA Nov 11-12
 CosFaire – Orlando, FL Nov 11-12
 Friki Fest – Montevideo, Uruguay Nov 11-12
 Grit City Comic Show – Tacoma, WA Nov 11
 London Comic Con Winter – London, United Kingdom Nov 11-12
 Mountain State Pop Expo – Charleston, SC Nov 11-12
 Phantasm – Peterborough, Ontario, Canada Nov 11-12
 Quad City Con Peoria – Peoria, IL Nov 11-12
 Rocky Mountain Con – Denver, CO Nov 11-12
 Supernova Pop Culture Expo Brisbane – Brisbane, New Queensland, Australia Nov 11-12
 Twin Tiers Coimc-Con – Horseheads, NY Nov 11-12
 AniMangapop! – Brighton, United Kingdom Nov 11
 Jet City Comic Show – Seattle, WA Nov 11
 Kids Con New England – Portland, ME Nov 11
 MerryCon – Farnham, United Kingdom Nov 11
 Midwest Comic Book Convention South Bend – South Bend, IN Nov 11
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Tampa FL Nov 11

San Fernando Valley Comic Book Convention – North Hollywood Nov 11
 Wicked World Orlando – Orlando, FL Nov 11
 Canadian ToyCon – Oakville, Ontario, Canada Nov 12
 Capital Trade Shows – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Nov 12
 Comiverse – New Berlin, WI Nov 12
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Springfield – Springfield, IL Nov 12
 Philadelphia Comic-Con – Essington, PA Nov 12
 Santa Rosa Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Santa Rosa, CA Nov 12
 Vancouver Comicon – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Nov 12
 Wizard School & Yule Ball – Burlington, Ontario, Canada Nov 12

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Fixion Fest – Santiago, Chile Nov 14-27
 BGG.Con – Dallas, TX Nov 15-19
 Anime NYC – New York City, NY Nov 17-19
 Calgary Tabletop Day – Calgary, Alberta, Canada Nov 17-19
 Colossalcon North – Wisconsin Dells, WI Nov 17-19
 Con-Densed – Worthing, United Kingdom Nov 17-19
 DAU Barcelona – Barcelona, Spain Nov 17-19
 Furcation – Somerset, United Kingdom Nov 17-20
 GridCon – Taunton, United Kingdom Nov 17-19
 Meeple-A-Thon – Kansas City, MO Nov 17-19
 Philcon – Cherry Hill, NJ Nov 17-19
 Ponyville Ciderfest – Milwaukee, WI Nov 17-19
 Retro-Toy Con – Greenville, SC Nov 17-19
 The Road So far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour – Honolulu, HI Nov 17-19
 U-Con Gaming Convention – Ypsilanti, MI Nov 17-19
 Bengaluru Comic Con – Bengaluru, India Nov 18-19
 Dallas Comic Show – Dallas, TX Nov 18-19
 Lil-Con – Lockport, NY Nov 18-19
 London Comic Con Winter – London, United Kingdom Nov 18-19
 Perserve Halloween – Irving, TX Nov 18-19
 Quad City Con Madison – Madison, WI Nov 18-19
 RetroMania Collectables Expo – Tulsa, OK Nov 18-19
 Saratoga Comic Con – Saratoga Springs, NY Nov 18-19
 ToyConNJ – Wayne, NJ Nov 18-19
 VIECC – Vienna, Austria Nov 18-19
 Blue Water International Coimc Con – Port Huron, MI Nov 18
 Board Game Extravaganza – Modesto, CA Nov 18
 Marryhill Comic Con – Maryhill, United Kingdom Nov 18
 Richmond ComiCon – Richmond, VA Nov 18
 Bristol Comic Con and Gaming Festival – Bristol, United Kingdom Nov 19
 Buckeye Comic Con – Columbus, OH Nov 19
 Charlestoncon – Charleston, SC Nov 19
 Fredrick Comic Con – Fredrick, MD Nov 19
 Porterville Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Porterville, CA Nov 19

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Blood in the Snow – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Nov 20-25
 Passionate Consequences – Christchurch, United Kingdom Nov 23-26
 Anime Dallas – Dallas, TX Nov 24-26
 ChamBanaCon – Normal, IL Nov 24-26
 Chicago Tardis – Chicago, IL Nov 24-26
 De Bello Ludico – Bracciano, Italy Nov 24-26
 FanExpo San Francisco – San Francisco, CA Nov 24-26
 GalactiCon – Denver, CO Nov 24-26
 GeekCraft Expo Seattle – Seattle, WA Nov 24-26
 GobbleCon – Burlingame, CA Nov 24-26
 LFG Canberra – Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia Nov 24-26
 Loscon – Los Angeles, CA Nov 24-26
 NorthEast Comic Con & Collectibles Extravaganza – Boxborough, MA Nov 24-26
 Aurora Comicon – Aurora, Ontario, Canada Nov 25
 Clarksville Anime-Fest – Clarksville, TN Nov 25
 Collectorabilia – Green Bay, WI Nov 25
 Garden City Comic Con – St Catharines, Ontario, Canada Nov 25
 Reading Comic-Con – Reading, United Kingdom Nov 25
 Stars of Time Film & Comic Con – Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom Nov 26
 SW-FloridaCon – Fort Myers, FL Nov 26

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CCXP – Sao Paulo, Brazil Nov 30-Dec 3
 MidWest FurFest – Rosemont, IL Nov 30-Dec 3
 Galaxy Con Columbus– Rosemont, IL Dec 1-3
 Los Angeles Comic Con – Los Angeles, CA Dec 1-3
 PAX Unplugged – Philadelphia, PA Dec 1-3
 SMOFCon – Providence, RI Dec 1-3
 German Film & Comic Con Winter – Dortmund, Germany Dec 2-3
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Sydney, New South Wales, Australia Dec 2-3
 Wintercon – New York City, NY Dec 1-3
 Dragonmeet – London, United Kingdom Dec 2
 Greater Philly Toy Expo – Phoenixville, PA Dec 2
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Kansas City – Kansas City, MO Dec 2
 Modesto Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Modesto, CA Dec 2
 Port Perry Comicon – Port Perry, Ontario, Canada Dec 2
 Tri-Cities Comicon – Bristol, VA Dec 2
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Dec 2
 Waynesburg Toy & Comic Expo – Waynesburg, PA Dec 2
 Bowling Green Anime-Fest – Bowling Green, KY Dec 3
 Canton-Akron Comic Book, Toy & Nostalgia Convention – Canton, OH Dec 3
 Doncaster Brick Festival – Doncaster, United Kingdom Dec 3
 London Comic Mart – London, United Kingdom Dec 3
 Midwest Comic Book Convention St Louis – Collinsville, IL Dec 3
 Newmarket Comicon – Newmarket, Ontario, Canada Dec 3
 Raleigh Comic Book Show – Raleigh, NC Dec 3
 SW-Floridacon – Fort Myers, FL Dec 3
 Toronto Toy & Nostalgia Show – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Dec 3

