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#### **About the author:**

**Val McDermid** is a number one bestseller whose novels have been translated into more than forty languages, and have sold over nineteen million copies. She has won many awards, including the CWA Gold Dagger the *LA Times* Book of the Year Award and the Cartier Diamond Dagger Award for outstanding achievement. She writes full-time and divides her time between Edinburgh and East Neuk of Fife.

#### Also available:

**HEX** 

JENNI FAGAN





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#### **QUEEN MACBETH**

Darkland Tales
VAL MCDERMID

- Val McDermid is a No.1 Sunday Times bestselling author and she has sold over 4 million copies (Bookscan)
- Val McDermid plunges into medieval Scotland to take the reader on a journey of discovery, uncovering the real Lady MacBeth
- Fifth book in the hugely successful and critically acclaimed *Darkland Tales* series from Polygon
- The previous titles in the series now have combined UK print sales of 40,000 copies
- A propulsive and dynamic retelling that excavates the real character behind Shakespeare's infamous femme fatale

A thousand years ago in an ancient Scottish landscape, a woman is on the run with her three bosom companions - a healer, a weaver and a seer. If the men hunting her find them, they will kill her because she is the only one who stands between them and their violent ambition. She is no lady: she is the first queen of Scotland, married to a king called Macbeth.

Shakespeare fed us the myth of the Macbeths as power-hungry murderous conspirators. But now Val McDermid drags the truth out of the shadows, exposing the patriarchal prejudices of history.

As the net closes in on the queen, we discover a tale of passion, forced marriage, bloody massacre and the harsh realities of medieval Scotland. At the heart of it, one strong charismatic woman who survived loss and jeopardy to finally outwit the endless plotting of a string of ruthless and ambitious men. Her struggle won her a country. But now it could cost her life.

#### **RIZZIO**

**DENISE MINA** 



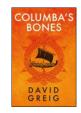


9781846976094 | December 2022 | Polygon | PB | 128pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

#### COLUMBA'S BONES

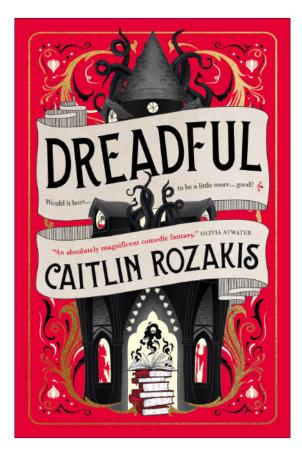
**DAVID GREIG** 





9781846976261 | February 2024 | Polygon | HB | 128pp | 198x129mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

# 'A spellbinding (literally) massacre of all our favourite tropes, underscored with a pleasing dry wit.' — Tom Holt





9781803365473 | May 2024 | Titan Books | TPB | 352pp | 198x130mm | AU\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

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#### About the author:

Caitlin Rozakis's work has appeared in Cast of Wonders, Daily Science Fiction, Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Weirdbook, Allegory, Liquid Imagination, Bards & Sages, Every Day Fiction, the anthologies Substitution Cipher, Clockwork Chaos, and Baker Street Irregulars II. She was nominated for a 2014 Pushcart Prize and won the 2018 LUMINA Speculative Fiction Contest. She is based in New Jersey, USA and Dreadful is her first novel.

#### DREADFUL

**CAITLIN ROZAKIS** 

- Local print for simultaneous release!
- For fans of cosy, funny and progressive fantasy delivered with wit, such as T. Kingfisher, Travis Baldree, Chuck Tingle, K. J. Parker and G. A. Aiken
- Smart contemporary riffs on classic tropes, perfect for genre-savvy readers looking for fresh takes on much-loved tropes
- Offers a sharp, and positive view on toxic masculinity and helping people to be better
- Accessible, familiar and warm-hearted characters navigating classic fantasy settings.
   What would YOU do if you were caught in a dark ritual?
- Caitlin has a growing profile from her short fiction publishing, Pushcart and Lumina award nominations and more

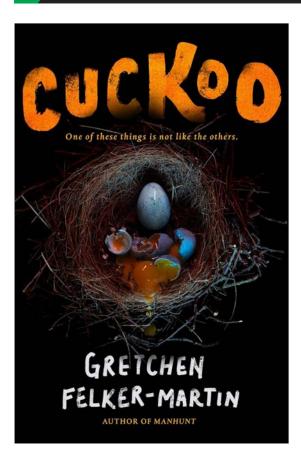
A sharp-witted, high fantasy farce featuring killer moat squid, toxic masculinity, evil wizards and a garlic festival — all at once.

It's bad enough waking up in a half-destroyed evil wizard's workshop with no eyebrows, no memories, and no idea how long you have before the Dread Lord Whomever shows up to murder you horribly and then turn your skull into a goblet or something.

It's a lot worse when you realise that Dread Lord Whomever is...you.

Gav isn't really sure how he ended up with a castle full of goblins, or why he has a princess locked in a cell. All he can do is play along with his own evil plan in hopes of getting his memories back before he gets himself killed. But as he realises that nothing — from the incredibly tasteless cloak adorned with flames to the aforementioned princess — is quite what it seems, Gav must face up to all the things the Dread Lord Gavrax has done. And he'll have to answer the hardest question of all — who does he want to be? A high fantasy farce featuring killer moat squid, toxic masculinity, an evil wizard convocation, and a garlic festival. All at once. Dread Lord Gavrax has had better weeks.

'It was very kind of Caitlin Rozakis to write this book for me. Sure, the rest of you should like it too, but it was clearly written for me, with all the elements I love: fun and humour, breaking fantasy tropes, interesting and complex questions about identity and redemption, and some delightful goblins!' — Jim C. Hines, author of *Goblin Quest* 





9781803367569 | June 2024 | Titan Books | TPB | 320pp | 198x130mm | AU\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

#### **About the author:**

Gretchen Felker-Martin is a professional cenobite. A critic and novelist, she writes about sexual revulsion, body horror, and how violence forms and fits into our lives. *The Anomaly Journal of Arts and Literature* hailed her as the 'filthcore queen'. In addition to her fiction and essays available on Patreon, she has written criticism for outlets like Polygon, FanByte, The Outline, and Nylon. Raised in backwoods New Hampshire, she now lives in Massachusetts with her cat.

#### **CUCKOO**

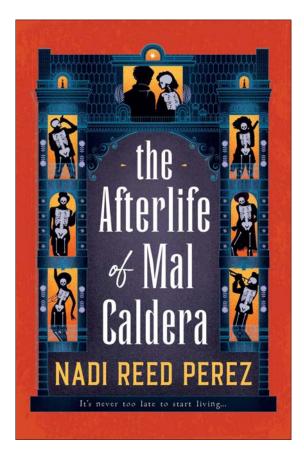
**GRETCHEN FELKER-MARTIN** 

- Local print for simultaneous release!
- Provocative and progressive whilst never forgetting to bring the frights, this is a standout in the increasingly popular sub-genre of queer horror, perfect for readers of Eric LaRocca, Cassandra Khaw and Hailey Piper
- A relentless novel packed full of bizarre, bodysnatching creatures and grisly gore, like watching your favourite straight-to-video cult horror movie
- Manhunt was a breakout hit of 2022 and the author is at the forefront of the next generation of authors in the genre
- Critical acclaim with praise from some of the biggest authors writing today: Roxane Gay, Carmen Maria Machado and Torrey Peters, to rave reviews in the New York Times
- With over 20k followers on Twitter, and a large Patreon subscriber base — the author has a huge reach

Invasion of the Bodysnatchers meets Tell Me I'm Worthless in this relentless and visceral horror about a group of queer kids trying to survive the conversion camp from hell, from the author of the critically-acclaimed Manhunt.

Camp Resolution, surrounded by hundreds of miles of Utah desert. A place to help boys and girls stay on the straight and narrow, where they can learn the value of a hard day's work, get a decent education and where indiscretions can be beaten out of them on a whim. For Shelby, a young trans woman struggling to find her place in the world, Camp Resolution represents everything she has spent her life trying to escape. But Camp Resolution is not all it seems. The lessons they are all taught make no sense, and the counsellors act odd, even for camp counsellors. At night, Shelby can hear a voice speaking to her over the mountains, and soon, the residents of the camp discover its terrible secret. To stay alive and escape, the residents of the camp must learn to trust one another — but that is a difficult thing when there are cuckoos in the nest, hungry and out for blood.

'The Afterlife of Mal Caldera is a profound unravelling of a life through loss, trauma and family that leads to a bright and vivid afterlife packed with characters to die for!' — Rosie Talbot, bestselling author of Sixteen Souls





9781803367767 | June 2024 | Titan Books | TPB | 448pp | 198x130mm | AU\$27.99 | NZ\$32.99

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#### About the author:

**Nadi Reed Perez** was a 2020 Pitch Wars mentee and writes for *The Call of the Flame*, a high fantasy audio drama. They live near Denver with their two cats and a few probable ghosts.

# THE AFTERLIFE OF MAL CALDERA

**NADI REED PEREZ** 

- Local print for simultaneous release!
- For fans of The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, You've Reached Sam, They Both Die at the End, Cemetery Boys, Sixteen Souls, Elsewhere, A Certain Slant of Light, The Everlost, The Last Words We Said, and The Drowning Summer
- The book examines grief, mental illness, suicide and recovery without every losing its light touch and sense of humour. Will have readers laughing one minute and sobbing the next
- Ex-rockstar Mal, reclusive medium Ren, mysterious psychopomp Alastair, shy teenager Evie and a whole cast of ghosts from different eras take readers on a redemptive journey of healing and acceptance
- A classic love story with a fantasy twist and an unexpected, moving finale
- Nadi Reed Perez is a compelling new voice in fantasy, a former Pitch Wars mentee and writer for *The Call of the Flame*, a high fantasy audio drama

Mal's life is over. Her afterlife is only just beginning...

By turns irreverently funny and deeply moving, this debut contemporary fantasy is perfect for fans of They Both Die at the End and The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue. Mal Caldera — former rockstar, retired wild-child and excommunicated black sheep of her Catholic family is dead. Not that she cares. She only feels bad that her younger sister, Cris, has been left alone with their religious zealot of a mother, picking up the pieces Mal has left behind. While her fellow ghosts party their afterlives away at an abandoned mansion they call the Haunt, Mal is determined to make contact with Cris from beyond the grave. She manages enlists the help of reluctant local medium Ren, and together, they concoct a plan to pass on a message to Cris. But the more time they spend together, the more both begin to wonder what might have been if they'd met before Mal died. Mal knows it's wrong to hold on so tightly to her old life. Bad things happen to ghosts who interfere with the living, and Mal can't help wondering if she's hurting the people she loves by hanging around, haunting their lives. But Mal has always been selfish, and letting go might just be the hardest thing she's ever had to do...

Funny, emotional and life-affirming, *The Afterlife of Mal Caldera* will have readers laughing one minute and sobbing the next.







9781618732132 | June 2024 | Small Beer Press | PB | 288pp | 216x140mm | AU\$32.99 | NZ\$37.99

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#### KINDLING

**Stories** 

**KATHLEEN JENNINGS** 

- First collection by an author deeply versed in fantastic literature
- Fairy tales and folk tales of our times
- Has built up an audience with short stories and illustration work

A fabulous debut of folk tales and fantasies by an award winning author and illustrator.

Small fires start in the hearts of Kathleen Jennings's characters and irresistibly spread to those around them. Journeys are taken, debts repaid, disguises put on, and lessons offered — although not often learned — in these fantastic tales. Jennings's confident voice lulls readers into stepping off the known paths to find 'Undine Love', 'The Heart of Owl Abbas', and further unexpected places and people.

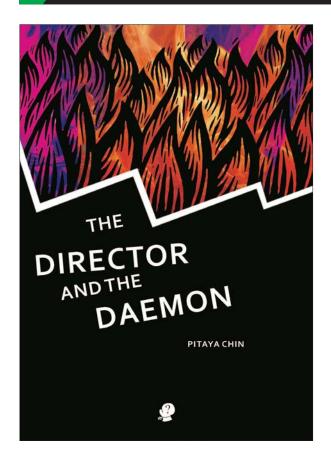
#### **Praise for Kathleen Jennings:**

'A darkly enchanting and unexpected tale. A gothic Alice in Wonderland meets Picnic at Hanging Rock. With Flyaway Jennings takes old threads and weaves them into something new and exciting.' — Angela Slatter

'In spellbinding, lyrical prose Jennings lulls readers into this rich, dreamlike world. Lovers of contemporary fairy tales will find this a masterful work.' — *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

#### **About the author:**

**Kathleen Jennings** is an illustrator and writer based in Brisbane, Australia. As an illustrator, she has received the World Fantasy and Ditmar awards and has been shortlisted for the Hugo and Locus awards. As a writer, she has won a British Fantasy and Ditmar awards and has been shortlisted for World Fantasy, the *Courier-Mail* People's Choice Book of the Year Award, the Crawford, and Aurealis awards.







9781923099166 | June 2024 | Puncher and Wattmann | PB | 300pp | 210x148mm | AU\$32.95 | NZ\$37.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

#### **About the author:**

**Pitaya Chin** is the author of the Stella shortlisted and Barbara Jefferis winning novel *Revenge*, and *Real Differences* (both published under a different pen name). She lives alternating between Melbourne and Sydney and has had work published by *New Socialist, Meanjin, Capitalism Nature Socialism, Burning House Press and Social Text Periscope.* 

# THE DIRECTOR AND THE DAEMON PITAYA CHIN

- Exciting new novel from the writer of *Revenge*, shortlisted for the Stella Prize
- · A prescient vision of the becoming zeitgeist
- An unflinching exploration of the paradoxes of art, action and belonging

The Director and the Daemon follows the director of a big budget Australian sci-fi TV show grappling with the dilemma of corporate sponsorship, and their infatuation with their beautiful but selfish lead star, Kit; and an unnamed young radical struggling to find themselves as their political movement — and the found family derived from it — implodes around them. The two characters' worlds become increasingly interconnected as they're forced to make big decisions, and take action, in the face of civil unrest.

The Director and the Daemon is a character-driven novel of ideas that is beautiful, funny, provocative, and deeply felt. It pokes fun at the arts industry, even as it values creativity and art-making, while asking difficult questions about action without ideology and ideology without action. It challenges all of us to think about how we can move from passivity to change, especially in the face of climate change.

# 'A captivating novel which gives readers a vivid glimpse into a hauntingly realistic future.' — Shandar Stormland







9781922858443 | June 2024 | MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 448pp | 234x153mm | AU\$32.99 | NZ\$37.99

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#### R.E.GENERATION

MICHAEL PREWER

 R.E.Generation explores one possible future where the climate crisis has almost won. But Sarah and her friends have other ideas

After 50,000 years in a chemically induced sleep, Sarah and her fellow R.E.Generation volunteers awake to find a world devoid of human life. Climate change has wiped all mammalian life from the planet surface, and pine trees and giant mushrooms have taken over.

Can they stave off bitter infighting and a hostile earth to build a strong settlement in this strange new world? They are humanity's last chance of survival, but in the ongoing battle between humankind and the Earth, who wins?

'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.'

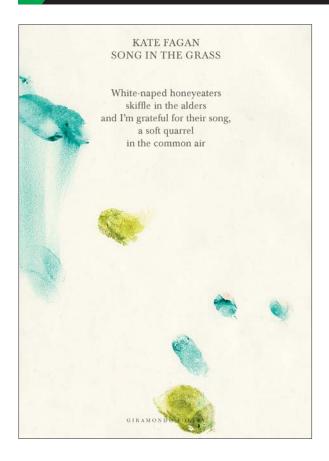
*R.E.Generation* presents a near future where humanity is succumbing to the ravages of a changing climate and a reproductive blight, and a distant future where a few volunteers struggle to survive on a reborn earth. Can they remember the lessons of the past and create a better society capable of repopulating the earth, or will human greed, selfishness and conflict bring the whole experiment down.



#### **About the author:**

**Michael Prewer** has been writing plays and stories and developing board games for as long as he can remember. *R.E.Generation* is his debut novel, but he already has a number of others in the works. Michael holds a Bachelor of Science (majoring in Anatomy) and a Masters of Speech Pathology. He has worked as a paediatric speech pathologist for over 5 years. Michael and his wife are passionate about taking small steps to minimise the impact humans leave on our wonderful

planet. Michael also has a keen interest in theatre, sports, mathematics, puzzles and snorkelling. He lives on the outskirts of Melbourne with his wife, Georgie, and their young daughter.







9781923106048 | June 2024 | Giramondo Publishing | PB | 96pp | 210x148mm | AU\$27.00 | NZ\$32.99

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#### **SONG IN THE GRASS**

**KATE FAGAN** 

 New collection by prize-winning singer, songwriter and poet

Song in the Grass is Kate Fagan's most personal collection to date. Each of its five sequences moves out in a widening circle from where the poet is standing in life. The collection is an almanac of significant changes; in particular, new lives begun in the Blue Mountains during a transfiguring time of parenthood, against a backdrop of climate uncertainty.

A precise language of environmental observation is braided into stories of family and kin networks. Careful descriptions of place anchor this collection in ecological watchfulness. Birds are sentinel to environmental change, and symbols of spiritual transformation. *Song in the Grass* includes over sixty different species of endemic or migratory Australian birds.

Archival practices of all kinds — what one poem describes as 'a lyrical index' — offer touchstones for this sonically rich collection, in which poetry becomes a way of sustaining love over distance, a collective music, and a compass for navigating in-common emergencies.



#### About the author:

**Kate Fagan** is a writer, musician and scholar whose third volume, *First Light*, was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and the *Age* Book of the Year Award. She directs The Writing Zone, a mentoring program for emerging writers and arts workers from Western Sydney, and is a former Editor of *How2* magazine (US). Kate is also an internationally esteemed songwriter whose album *Diamond Wheel* won the National Film and Sound

Archive's Folk Recording Award. She is currently Director of the WSU Writing and Society Research Centre and Chair of the *Sydney Review of Books* Advisory Board.

# BEVERLEY FARMER ALONE

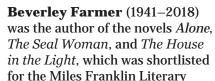






9781923106031 | May 2024 | Giramondo Publishing | PB | 126pp | 210x148mm | AU\$29.95 | NZ\$34.99 DISCOUNT: GEN

#### About the author:



Award, and of four collections of short stories, including *Milk*, which won the NSW Premier's Award for Fiction. She is also known for the writer's notebook *A Body of Water*, and *The Bone House*, a collection of essays on the life of the body and the life of the mind, both published by Giramondo. Her last work of fiction, *This Water: Five Tales* (Giramondo, 2018), was longlisted for the Stella Prize. In 2009 Farmer received the Patrick White Award for her contribution to Australian Literature.

#### ALONE

**BEVERLEY FARMER** 

 A new edition of Beverley Farmer's classic 1980 debut, out of print for many years. Alone captures the emergence of one of Australia's most powerful and distinctive writers

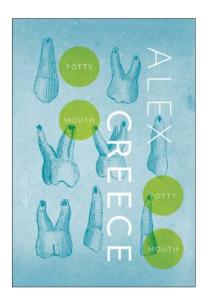
Set in Melbourne in the late 1950s, and taking place over the course of two days and nights, *Alone* chronicles the feelings of obsession and hopelessness, isolation and desire provoked by the ending of an intimate relationship. A young woman, a fledgling writer, recalls her passion for her female lover, who has left her. She is estranged from her family and has dropped out of university, and is contemplating ending her life. As she travels through the night-time streets, industrial areas and boarding houses of a Melbourne fallen into economic depression and cultural malaise, she reflects on the days and months past that have brought her to despair.

Written in a style threaded with gothic motifs, and shadowed by the constant threat of sexual violence, Beverley Farmer's debut novel captures the romantic intensity and ironic reversals of youthful longing. It displays her remarkable capacity for bringing different forms of writing together in a single work, prose and poetry, dialogue and dramatic monologue, as well as her reflections on other writers' work. Based partly on her own experiences, *Alone* shows the formation of a literary voice in writing that is both heightened and flowing, lyrical and precise.

### **Praise for Beverley Farmer:**

'As she explores the frailty of emotional experience, Farmer places her characters in a luminous domain of elemental sensual experience...' — Cassandra Pybus

'Beverley Farmer's expansive curiosity and regard for microcosmic significance sharpen a reader's attention to all things lived, dreamed, and observed.' — Josephine Rowe



### POTTY MOUTH, POTTY MOUTH

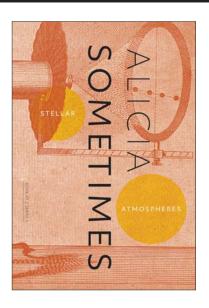
ALEX CREECE, INTRODUCTION BY RAE WHITE

#### Available now!

'Alex Creece's *Potty Mouth, Potty Mouth* is a reckless, glorious, grotty revolution. It's an insubordinate 'kissyface of cobwebs' that sticks it to capitalism, heteronormativity and the patriarchy.

Quotably horny and delightfully vulgar, *Potty Mouth, Potty Mouth* reeks of dirty talk via stream of consciousness slide-worthy DMs. Creece's words surge with anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian sentiments.

This book tells us it's okay to simultaneously desire deviance and defiance, while also wanting to retreat between the lines of poems... and I am glad these poems never washed their mouths out with soap.' — Rae White



#### **STELLAR ATMOSPHERES**

ALICIA SOMETIMES, INTRODUCTION BY ANDREA RASSELL

#### Available now!

'The poems in Sometimes's collection deftly transcend both spatial scales and time scales. From one line to another we careen across the universe. We fast-forward from the first picosecond of stuff forming in the universe to a Christmas card, millennia later. Her depiction of time and dynamism is visceral — things froth and whizz and quiver in a temporospatial-grammatical practice. We become aware of the minutiae of a life, and of a language, against both vast and infinitesimal phenomena in the universe.

Sometimes has written the celestial subjectively — or is it the subjective celestially? — and smears the lines between the practices of cosmology, poetry, and astrophysics. After reading this collection, it seems to me like poetry is as valid a method of interrogating the universe as any other.' — Andrea Rassell





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9780645761610 | March 2024 | Cordite Publishing Inc. | PB | 90pp | 230x152mm | AU \$20.00 | NZ \$25.00 | DISC: GEN

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#### LIVING TWICE

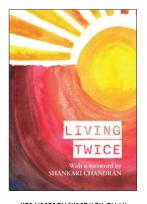
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ALUMNI, STAFF AND STUDENTS, FOREWORD BY SHANKARI CHANDRAN



- Available now!
- Foreword by Shankari Chandran
- This anthology cradles the expressions of life itself: the rollercoaster that is growing up; experiences of loving and of being loved; and the hope we hold for new beginnings

All lives have two things in common: they begin and they end.

But within each life, there are thousands of little openings and little closings, all happening at once. The day you make the decision to move abroad; the moment a relationship comes to a close; the choice that changes the course of life as you know it. Through many twists and turns, from one passion, one person, one experience to the next, we live not just once, not even twice, but as many times as we may wish.





FINAL SHROUD

9781742105697 | March 2024 | The University of Sydney | PB | 334pp | 210x148mm | AU \$30.00 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE FINAL SHROUD

NATHAN BURRAGE



#### • The final book in The Salt Lines duology

The Holy Land, 1099: Jerusalem has fallen. As the Christian factions vie for power, Godefroi de Bouillon and his companions unearth markers to the Keystone, a mystical artefact with the power to shape history. Yet progress has its price: Godefroi's bodyguard lies gravely wounded; the Arabic cabal guiding Hugues is broken; and the forces of Severity are gathering to claim the Keystone.

France, 1307: Bertrand de Châtillon-sur-Seine was a knight for a single day before fleeing with the mysterious Salome. After a pitched battle that claims most of his brethren, Bertrand agrees to become Salome's new Shroud, binding his fate to hers. A refuge lies across the English Channel, but will they reach it in time? And when will Salome finally reveal her secrets?



The Keystone awaits, but is it meant for mortal hands?

9781922856692 | June 2024 | ifwg Publishing International | PB | 260pp | 229x152mm | AU \$34.95 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE HIDDEN KEYSTONE

NATHAN BURRAGE



#### Historical fantasy, strong historical research into medieval France and during the crusades in Palestine

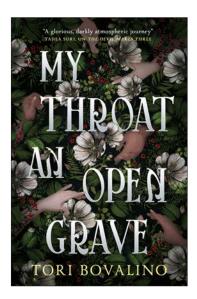
July 1099: sweltering in the merciless heat, Godefroi de Bouillon's desperate army finally breach the walls of Jerusalem. Concealed within their ranks are members of a secret fraternity. The Salt Lines seek a mystical artefact called the Keystone, and they're willing to sacrifice everything Godefroi values to possess it: the lives of his closest confidants, the only woman he has ever loved, even his very soul.

October 1307: when Bertrand joined the Brotherhood of the Temple of Solomon, no one anticipated the brutal suppression of the Order that followed. Forced to flee for his life, Bertrand unwittingly becomes the only person who can lay the Keystone to rest. But can he resist its temptations whilst evading the forces of the French throne?





With the veil of secrecy in tatters, truth has become the most dangerous possession of all. 9781922856265 | April 2024 | ifwg Publishing International | PB | 310pp | 229x152mm | AU \$34.95 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



#### MY THROAT AN OPEN GRAVE

TORI BOVALINO

- This is ideal for readers hunting for the romantic, gothic-inspired worlds of S. Jae-Jones, Holly Black, Erica Waters, and Adalyn Grace
- Labyrinth meets Hadestown: Leah's guilty wish to free herself from her young brother is hauntingly familiar to the cult fantasy classic
- Longing glances and accidental body contact leads to a steamy fae romance as Leah Jones frees herself from an undeserved shame

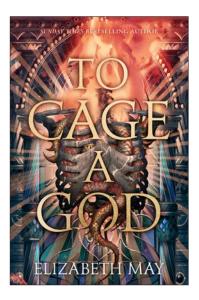
Labyrinth meets folk horror in this dark and romantic tale of a lost girl and the shadows that lurk in the forest. Fall under the spell of the Lord of the Wood and uncover the dark past of a village that will go to any lengths to ensure its maidens stay good.

In the small town of Winston, Pennsylvania, they fear the Lord of the Wood almost as much as they fear God. According to legend, ghosts of the nearby forest steal unattended babies, leaving enigmatic tokens of wood and bone in their place. Leah Jones didn't believe the legend, thinking it just a way to scare the local kidsuntil her baby brother disappears.

Filled with shame and the weight of the town's judgment, Leah crosses the river into the Lord of the Wood's domain to bring her brother back. But the devilish figure who has haunted Winston for generations isn't what she expects. He tells her she can have her brother back...for a price.



9781803367682 | May 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 224pp | 198x130mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



'A riveting world, a fierce heroine, and electrifying action — I burned through this sparkling debut!' — Sarah J. Maas, New York Times

bestselling author

#### TO CAGE A GOD

**ELIZABETH MAY** 

- Elizabeth May's previous novel Seven Devils hit the UK bestseller list, showcasing her talent and popularity
- Inspired by Slavic fantasy, *To Cage a God* explores a world of gods and magic similar to Leigh Bardugo's smash hit
- This book marks Elizabeth's return to the fantasy genre, where she had her biggest hit with the beloved *Falconer* series
- To Cage a God achieves a perfect balance between dark fantasy with tyrants and imprisoned gods, and heartracing romance, including LGBT rep

Join the rebellion to burn down a cruel tyrant in this heartracing new fantasy duology, perfect for fans of *Shadow and Bone* and *The Wolf and the Woodsman*.

To cage a god is divine.

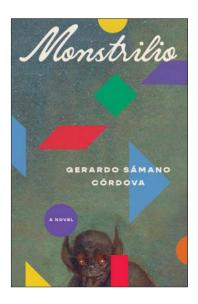
To be divine is to rule.

To rule is to destroy.

Using ancient secrets, Galina and Sera's mother grafted gods into their bones. Bound to brutal deities and granted forbidden power no commoner has held in a millennia, the sisters have grown up to become living weapons. Raised to overthrow an empire — no matter the cost.



9781837840182 | May 2024 | Daphne Press | HB | 480pp | 234x153mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: GEN



'Heartfelt, bizarre, and unexpected... At once a novel about family and love, a creepy tale that questions what it means to be human, and a celebration of queer stories, *Monstrilio* is as shocking as it is profound, and as humorous as it is thoughtful.'— Gabino Iglesias, Boston Globe

#### **MONSTRILIO**

A Novel GERARDO SÁMANO CÓRDOVA

 A thought-provoking meditation on grief, acceptance, and the monstrous sides of love and loyalty

\*\*Nominated for Best Horror in the 2023 Goodreads Choice Awards\*\*

Grieving mother Magos cuts out a piece of her deceased eleven-year-old son Santiago's lung. Acting on fierce maternal instinct and the dubious logic of an old folktale, she nurtures the lung until it gains sentience, growing into the carnivorous little Monstrilio she keeps hidden within the walls of her family's decaying Mexico City estate. Eventually, Monstrilio begins to resemble the Santiago he once was, but his innate impulses — though curbed by his biological and chosen family's communal care — threaten to destroy this fragile second chance at life.

A thought-provoking meditation on grief, acceptance, and the monstrous sides of love and loyalty, Gerardo Sámano Córdova blends bold imagination and evocative prose with deep emotional rigor. Told in four acts that span the globe from Brooklyn to Berlin, *Monstrilio* offers, with uncanny clarity, a cathartic and precise portrait of being human.



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• The thrilling third entry in the high fantasy saga that started with BookTok sensation *A Broken Blade* 

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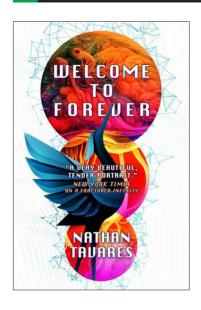
# A SHADOW CROWN

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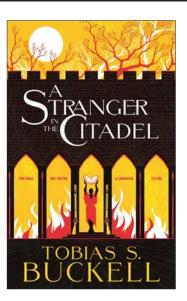


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'Tavares is fast becoming my favourite SF writer. Welcome to Forever is a masterful futuristic love story, absorbing and all too real.'

— Kaaron Warren, award winning author of *Into Bones Like Oil* 



'With A Stranger In The Citadel, Tobias Buckell writes to the moment we live in, with a clarity and urgency that only fable can provide. Read it.'

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NATHAN TAVARES

- Uplifting and thrilling SF that reinvents cyberpunk, filled with heart and optimism, ideal for fans of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow* and *Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, *How High* We Go in the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu and the cult anime series Evangelion
- Centring refugee and migrant characters, set in a world where humanity strives to work together to solve its problems, offering a hopeful parable for today's world
- A gay marriage front and centre, delivered with energy and charm. Expect real, tender and flawed lovers and a romance to capture everyone's heart

Fox is a memory editor — one of the best — gifted with the skill to create real life in the digital world. When he wakes up in Field of Reeds Centre for Memory Reconstruction with no idea how he got there, the therapists tell him he was a victim in a terrorist bombing by Khadija Banks, the pioneer of memory editing technology turned revolutionary. A bombing which shredded the memory archives of all its victims, including his husband Gabe.

Thrust into reconstructions of his memories exploded from the fragments that survived the blast, Fox tries to rebuild his life, his marriage and himself. But he quickly realises his world is changing, unreliable, and echoing around itself over and over.



9781803360409 | June 2024 | Titan Books | TPB | 432pp | 198x130mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

#### A STRANGER IN THE CITADEL

**TOBIAS BUCKELL** 

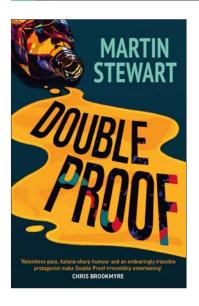
- From the powerful storyteller Tobias Buckell (*Crystal Rain, The Tangled Lands*), a complex novel of humanity's passion for writing
- A stubborn outcast librarian and compassionate royal daughter journey to the ends of their world to escape an ancient pact that could result in the demise of the written word
- Will strongly appeal to BIPOC and diverse fantasy audiences, including readers looking for non-traditional, non-European fantasy settings

The life of the youngest musketress of Ninetha has been one of hard training. But Lilith's days have also contained many pleasures, the royal privileges of her family's guardianship of the Cornucopia, a mystical source of limitless bounty. Lilith has never seen a book, and she never expects to encounter one within the safety of the citadel.

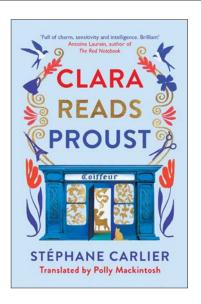
When Ishmael, an outcast librarian, shows up outside the Afriq Gate, Lilith saves him from immediate execution by her father's second-in-command, the zealot Kira. As Lilith's curiosity draws her to Ishmael, she lets slip her family's most dangerous secret, sparking a deadly rebellion and an unexpected journey full of stunning revelations.



9781616963989 | June 2024 | Tachyon Publications | PB | 256pp | 216x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



'Katana-sharp humour and an endearingly irascible protagonist make *Double Proof* irresistibly entertaining.' — Chris Brookmyre



#### **DOUBLE PROOF**

MARTIN STEWART

- Double Proof is the debut adult crime novel from the highly successful children's and YA novelist Martin Stewart
- Funny, gripping and brilliantly plotted, *Double Proof* will be enjoyed by readers of James Oswald and Neil Lancaster
- Protagonist Robbie Gould is a brilliant new creation for crime fans who love a twist of the macabre

1964. A hoard of the finest Scotch whisky ever made — the legendary Dalziel Double Proof — goes missing.

2023. Albie, youngest son of the wealthy Dalziel family, vanishes. His desperate mother turns to Robbie Gould, a disgraced reporter with a reputation as a 'psychic crimebuster'.

Broke and unemployed, Gould is in no position to turn down the job. He throws himself into a twisted chain of criminals, bent cops and Japanese gangsters, but when someone fires a shotgun through his door, he realises he doesn't need supernatural powers to see how deadly the situation has become.

#### **CLARA READS PROUST**

STÉPHANE CARLIER, TRANSLATED BY POLLY MACKINTOSH

- Clara will quickly find a home among readers who enjoy books that revolve around reading, bookselling and literary escapism
- A feel-good book for spring: Clara Reads Proust is witty and charming, dealing in the same kind of French whimsy as Amelie and Chocolat
- Perfect for fans of Antoine Laurain, Joanne Harris, Nina George, Jean-Paul Didierlaurent and, of course, Proust
- French sales sensation: Clara Reads Proust sold over 30,000 copies in its native France

A tender and witty coming-of-age story about the power of literature to inspire new beginnings, peppered with a cast of quirky characters and a unique heroine.

Clara is a hairdresser at Cindy Coiffure, a sleepy French salon with an identity crisis. Her relationship is fizzling out. Her tanoholic boss Madame Habib worships Jacques Chirac and talks longingly of her days in Paris. And now Madame Lévy-Leroyer wants to go blonde. Clara can't help but wonder if there's more to life than this...

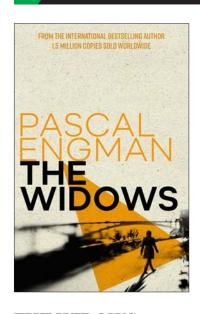
Everything changes when a customer leaves behind the first volume of *In Search of Lost Time* by Marcel Proust. As Clara reads, she discovers a new world. And slowly but surely, she will work out who she wants to be.



9781846976490 | June 2024 | Polygon | PB | 272pp | 198x129mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



9781913547738 | May 2024 | Gallic Books | PB | 192pp | 198x130mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

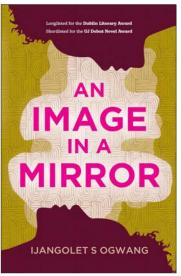


Praise for Pascal Engman:

'A real pageturner.' — Camilla Lackberg

'Irresistable reading.' — David Lagercrantz

'Utterly compelling.' — Peter James



'A richly told and deeply intimate African story about the becoming of two young women.' — Books Live

**Sunday Times** 

# AN IMAGE IN A MIRROR

LJANGOLET OGWANG

 Ijangolet Ogwang is a Kenyan born Ugandan-South-African writer. Her debut novel An Image in a Mirror was published by Blackbird Books in 2018 and became a national bestseller in South Africa

Set between Uganda and South Africa, *An Image in a Mirror* is the story of Nyakale and Achen, identical twins pulled apart by their mother's decision to give one of them away to her sister for a chance at a better life.

At the heart of this beautifully woven tale is a comingof-age story of two young women growing up in separate worlds that are as different as they are similar.

When the sisters finally meet after twenty-two years, how mirrored will each feel by the other?

'A touching and perceptive tale of family and the depth of shared origins.' — City of Cape Town Library

#### **THE WIDOWS**

PASCAL ENGMAN, TRANSLATED BY NEIL SMITH

- The best-selling Swedish crime novelist of his generation — with over 600,000 books sold in Sweden alone, published in 20 languages and now, with this trilogy, published in English for the first time
- · Second in the trilogy after Femicide
- Rights to the Vanessa Frank series have already been sold into 20 languages including German, Spanish and Italian
- Great for scandi crime fans such as Larsson, Roslund & Hellström, Ragnar Jonasson, Jørn Lier Horst and Kepler. Comparison to other authors are Val McDermid, Mark Billingham, Peter James and JD Kirk

In the sequel to *Femicide*, two bodies are discovered in a Stockholm park, one a policeman and the other an unidentified young woman.

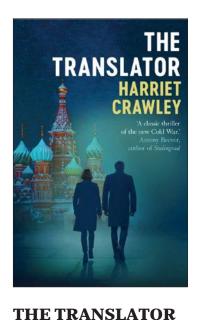
With the police believing the woman to be nothing more than unfortunate collateral damage, they focus on the murder of the police officer. But Detective Vanessa Frank takes a different approach and her investigation turns out to be more personal than she could have imagined.



9781915643643 | June 2024 | Legend Press US | PB | 416pp | 198x129mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



9781915643728 | June 2024 | Legend Press | PB | 176pp | 198x129mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



'Enthralling.' —
Sunday Times Best
Thriller Books of
2023

'Wonderfully realised.' — The Times Thriller Book of the Month

'Engaging spy story...in a Moscow full of menace.' — Financial Times Best Summer Thrillers of 2023



### **HALO** Epitaph

**KELLY GAY** 

# HARRIET CRAWLEY

#### • Now in paperback!

A passionate love story, centred on a devastating Russian plot to sabotage the undersea communication cables linking the US to the UK.

Clive Franklin, a Russian language expert in the Foreign Office, is summoned unexpectedly to Moscow to act as translator for the British Prime Minister. His life is turned on its head when, after over a decade, he discovers that his former lover, Marina Volina, is now the interpreter to the Russian President. At the embassy, Clive learns of a Russian plot to cut the undersea cables linking the US to the UK, which would paralyse communications and collapse the Western economy.

Marina stuns Clive with the news that she's ready to help stop the attack, betraying her country for a new identity and life. Clive becomes the go-between, relaying Marina's intelligence to MI6 back in London. What are the odds that two lovers, running the Moscow marathon with the FSB on their backs, can save the UK and Western Europe from economic meltdown?

'A classic thriller of the new Cold War.' — Antony Beevor, author of *Stalingrad* 

'Unputdownable.' - Xan Smiley, The Economist

'A gripping, prophetic and ingenious novel of love and political intrigue.' — Owen Matthews, author of *Overreach* and *Red Traitor* 



9781913394837 | June 2024 | Bitter Lemon Press | PB | 416pp | 198x129mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

- This novel features the Didact, a key figure and antagonist in Greg Bear's New York Times bestselling Forerunner Saga trilogy and the game Halo 4, and is one of the most popular characters in Halo lore
- The Halo franchise is now a blockbuster TV series streaming exclusively on Paramount+, produced by Microsoft and Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment. Season 2 is currently in development
- Halo recently celebrated its 20-year anniversary as the most recognised sci-fi videogame franchise of all time

An original novel set in the *Halo* universe — based on the *New York Times* best-selling video game series.

Stripped of armour and might, the Forerunner warrior known as the Didact was torn free from the physical world following his epic confrontation with the Master Chief, and sent reeling into the mysterious depths of a seemingly endless desert wasteland. His mind ravaged, he has no recollection of who he is or where he came from. This once powerful and terrifying figure is now a shadow of his former self — gaunt, broken, desiccated, and alone. But this wasteland is not as barren as it seems, as a blue light glints from the apex of a thin spire in the far distance...



9781803369204 | May 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 304pp | 198x130mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



#### THE ART OF DIABLO VOLUME II

BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT

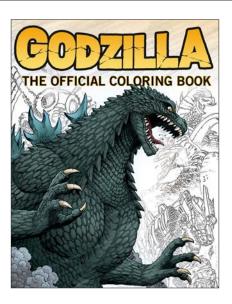
- Diablo II sold 4 million copies in its first year. Diablo III, the fastest-selling PC game of all time, sold 3.5 million copies in the first day and 6.3 million copies in the first week
- Massive social media presence: Diablo has over 3 million likes and followers on Facebook and 600,000 followers on Twitter
- The *Diablo* franchise has been going strong for over twenty years, with a steady fanbase

Blizzard Entertainment's *Diablo*® franchise was growing with a monstrous new slate: *Diablo II*: *Resurrected*, *Diablo: Immortal*, as well as the blood-chilling *Diablo IV*. With the success of the first three acclaimed Diablo dungeon-crawlers under their belt, artists had to innovate horror in unexpected ways for these next installments, from twisted monster ecologies to stomach-churning special effects, environments that looked real, yet hummed with ancient evil.

Join the artists from each <code>Diablo®</code> title in conversation as they discuss the crafting of the games' stunning key art, uncanny creatures, and masterfully executed effects and environments that give the universe its iconic aesthetic. With over 500 pieces of concept art from <code>Diablo Immortal</code>, <code>Diablo II</code>: <code>Resurrected</code>, and <code>Diablo IV</code>, this incomparable volume showcases the next collection of choice artwork developed to frighten and delight horror fans everywhere.



9781803366173 | June 2024 | Titan Books | HB | 250pp | 330x244mm | AU \$89.99 | NZ \$105.00 | DISC: GEN



#### **GODZILLA**

The Official Coloring Book TITAN

- Rampage across the globe with the 'King of the Monsters' in this official Godzilla colouring book, featuring comic book artwork and exclusive original illustrations
- Over 50 pages of detailed line art featuring Godzilla and fellow kaiju, including Mothra, King Ghidorah, Rodan and Mechagodzilla
- Featuring art from the highly successful Godzilla comic series, including illustrations by James Stokoe, Matt Frank and Jeff Zornow

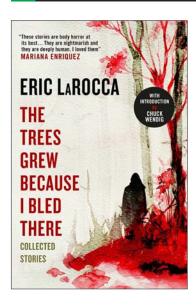
Pencils in hand, join the unstoppable force of nature that is Godzilla and wreak destruction around the world in this official colouring book.

Originally debuting in 1954, Godzilla has become an international icon and one of the most instantly recognisable characters in the world. In this official colouring book you will rampage through cities and battle rival kaiju, such as Mothra, Rodan, King Ghidorah and Mechagodzilla. *Godzilla: The Official Coloring Book* showcases exciting artwork and never-before-seen illustrations, ready for you to put your spin on.

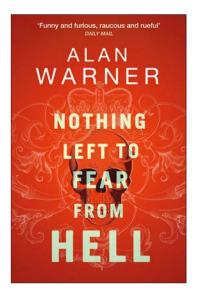
Perfect for fans of monsters and Japanese culture, *Godzilla: The Official Coloring Book* will allow you to stretch your creative fingers and enjoy the King of the Monsters as you've never seen him before.



9781803368054 | June 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 64pp | 279x216mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN FIRM SALE



'LaRocca's sharp, incisive writing shines a bright light on the disgust, pain, and trauma wriggling under conventional behaviour and polite speech... deeply unsettling, beautifully crafted, and difficult to put down once it's started.' — Booklist Starred Review



'Written in carefully crafted prose... this reimagining of Charles Edward Stuart's escape from Culloden is a triumph.' – Stuart Kelly, The Scotsman

# THE TREES GREW BECAUSE I BLED THERE

Collected Stories
ERIC LAROCCA, INTRODUCTION BY CHUCK
WENDIG

- Now in paperback!
- A beautifully crafted, devastating short fiction collection from the Bram-Stoker finalist and author of Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke and Other Misfortunes
- Brand-new introduction from acclaimed bestselling author Chuck Wendig
- Eric's work has been raved about by Paul Tremblay, Josh Malerman, Hailey Piper, Sadie Hartmann, Stephen Graham Jones, Brian Evenson, Ally Wilkes and many others

Eight stories of literary dark fiction from a master storyteller. Exploring the shadow side of love, these are tales of grief, obsession, control. Intricate examinations of trauma and tragedy in raw, poetic prose. In these narratives, a woman imagines horrific scenarios whilst caring for her infant niece; on-line posts chronicle a cancer diagnosis; a couple in the park with their small child encounter a stranger with horrific consequences; a toxic relationship reaches a terrifying resolution...

Originally published under the title *The Strange Thing We Become and Other Dark Tales*, this is a much-praised collection of deeply unsettling, painfully dark tales.



9781803363776 | June 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 208pp | 198x130mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

#### NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR FROM HELL

Darkland Tales ALAN WARNER

- Now in paperback!
- The 3rd in the critically acclaimed Darkland Tales series. The previous titles, Rizzio by Denise Mina and Hex by Jenni Fagan, have sold over 25,000 copies
- This novel is intense, layered, dirty, poignant and laugh-out-loud funny, as the reader is immersed in the character of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the language and landscape of the 18th-century Scottish Highlands

#### \*\* Shortlisted for The Winston Graham Historical Prize \*\*

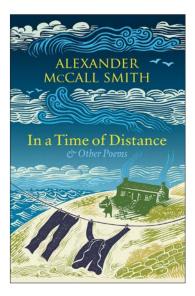
A battle lost. A daring escape. A long walk into obscurity. The ultimate failure...

In the aftermath of the disastrous Battle of Culloden, a lonely figure takes flight with a small band of companions through the islands and mountains of the Hebrides. His name is Charles Edward Stuart: better known today as Bonnie Prince Charlie. He had come to the country to take the throne. Now he is leaving in exile and abject defeat.

In prose that is by turns poetic, comic, macabre, haunting and humane, multi- award-winning author Alan Warner traces the frantic last journey through Scotland of a man who history will come to define for his failure.



9781846976612 | June 2024 | Polygon | PB | 152pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



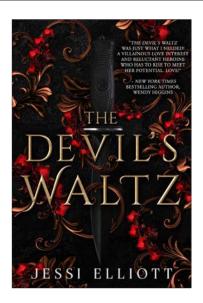
#### IN A TIME OF DISTANCE

And Other Poems ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH, ILLUSTRATED BY IAIN MCINTOSH

- Now in paperback!
- The title poem 'In a Time of Distance' was read on BBC Radio 4 and has been viewed online by more than 120,000 readers
- This is Alexander McCall Smith's first collection of poetry
- Divided into seven sections, the author leads the reader by the hand and has written introductory text to some of the poems
- Sales of over 3,500 copies

What really counts in this life? For the writer, Alexander McCall Smith, it is friendship and love — themes that crop up time and again in his novels. And it is these themes that he explores in this collection of poems, with moments that swoop and soar, and descriptions that will make you laugh and realign your view.

This collection reminds us to look at the world differently, to stop once in while and look up at the sky.



#### THE DEVIL'S WALTZ

JESSI ELLIOTT

 Discover what happens when a young woman from a family of demon hunters falls in love with the half-demon prince of hell in this spicy paranormal romance

It's been five years since her sister was killed by a demon and Camille Morgan swore off the family business of demon hunting. Now a college sophomore, Cami is determined to get her degree and move far away from Seattle — and all things paranormal.

But when Cami becomes the target of a demon attack she's convinced is a ploy by her parents to drag her back into training, the wildly charming and attractive Xander Kane comes to her rescue. Except her saviour isn't a hunter. Or even human.

Xander is a demon, the alluring prince of hell, whose magnetic presence leaves Cami both captivated and conflicted, especially when she finds out he plans on using her to destroy the demon hunters once and for all.

Caught between her growing affection for Xander and her loyalty to her family, Cami struggles to make a decision that could shatter her and endanger the lives of those she loves.



9781846976605 | June 2024 | Polygon | PB | 160pp | 198x129mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



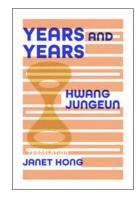
9781958607107 | June 2024 | Inimitable Books | HB | 264pp | 229x152mm | AU \$44.99 | NZ \$49.99 | DISC: GEN

#### YEARS AND YEARS

JUNGEUN HWANG, TRANSLATED BY JANET HONG

- Three women the old mother and her two daughters contemplate their family life and their bottled-up feelings through the novel's placating yet oddly unnerving prose
- Fits in with the recent interest in young, female Korea authors, such as Han Kang, Ha Seong-nan, Han Yujoo

Years and Years is divided into four large chapters; the first unravels from the perspective of Sejin, younger daughter, the second from that of Youngjin, older daughter, the third from the mother's, and the fourth, back to Sejin's. Throughout the course of the novel, a number of themes are developed, including its discussion of interracial marriage, different forms of family, and sexual minorities. Circumstances and history forced the mother to the life of obedience, familial obligations and financial hardship forced Youngjin to give up her dream and support the family, and the reality of her culture forced Sejin to be in the closet.





9781960385000 | June 2024 | Open Letter | PB | 200pp | 216x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE DIRT IN OUR SKIN

#### J. J. ANSELMI

• The Dirt in Our Skin is a coming-of-age novel and artistic tribute to an activity that's more lifestyle than sport. A book of blurred lines: between friendship and love, humour and abuse, art and sport, fiction and nonfiction, and much more

When Ryan and Jason discover the destructive beauty of freestyle BMX, it's a definitive before-and-after moment for them.

The two riders gravitate to the freedom and raw aggression of trail riding as a way of coping with their tumultuous home lives: Ryan's domineering father and Jason's father's suicide.

The boys prove themselves within the exclusive East Coast BMX scene. They're drawn deeper into the culture when they fall in with a group of older pros who are part of a subterranean world of bisexuality and sadistic humour. As Ryan and Jason fight to preserve their relationship, they must navigate their own emerging sexuality and feelings for one another.





9781644283752 | June 2024 | Rare Bird Books | PB | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

#### WHERE THE WIND CALLS HOME

SAMAR YAZBEK. TRANSLATED BY LERI PRICE

- In this new novel by Syria's most prominent writer of the National Book Award Finalist *Planet of Clay*, a wounded nineteen-year-old soldier in the Syrian Army remembers his life lived in the traditional Alawite way
- Leri Price is an award-winning literary translator of contemporary Arabic fiction

Ali, a nineteen-year-old soldier in the Syrian army, lies on the ground beneath a tree. He sees a body being lowered into a hole — is this his funeral? There was that sudden explosion, wasn't there... While trying to understand the extent of the damage, Ali works his way closer to the tree. His ultimate desire is to fly up to one of its branches, to safety. Through rich vignettes of Ali's memories, we uncover the hardships of his traditional Syrian Alawite village, but also the richness and beauty of its cultural and religious heritage. Yazbek here explores the secrets of the Alawite faith and its relationship to nature and the elements in a tight poetic novel dense with life and hope and love.





9781642861358 | June 2024 | World Editions | PB | 288pp | 203x127mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

#### LOVE. ME

A Novel

#### JESSICA SAUNDERS

- Reminiscent of novels by Sophie Kinsella and Rebecca Serle, Love, Me is a sweet, honest foray into love, marriage, and the fantasy of a second-chance romance with the one that got away
- The plot, featuring a married woman being pulled toward an old flame, is a trending one, with Netflix shows like Sex/Life and Dark Desire

Rachel Miller is a lawyer and mother of two who's just as comfortable in a courtroom as she is on the sidelines of a soccer field. Sure, her marriage is on autopilot, her parents are overly involved, and the other suburban mums are just a little bit catty. But if you ask Rachel, life is good. That is until her world is upended when racy photos of her and her high school boyfriend, the famous actor Jack Bellow — along with his love letters to her — are published in a tabloid, unexpectedly thrusting Rachel into the spotlight.





9781454950790 | June 2024 | Union Square & Co | PB | 272pp | 210x140mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

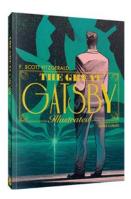
#### THE GREAT GATSBY: AN ILLUSTRATED NOVEL

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, ILLUSTRATED BY JORGE COELHO

• Step back into the Roaring Twenties with F. Scott Fitzgerald's timeless masterpiece, The Great Gatsby, now re-imagined with stunning illustrations

Featuring gorgeous illustrations by Jorge Coelho, this edition brings the glamour and excess of the Jazz Age to life, while showcasing the beauty of Fitzgerald's prose. Whether you're a longtime fan of this American classic or discovering it for the first time, The Great Gatsby: An Illustrated Novel is a must-have edition.







9781951038847 | June 2024 | Clover Press | PB | 184pp | 229x165mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE BUTCHER OF THE FOREST

PREMEE MOHAMED

- For fans of Godkiller, The Last Tale of the Flower Bride, The Luminaries, The Drowned Woods, Lakesedge, Angela Carter, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, T. Kingfisher, Katherine Arden and Naomi Novik
- Explores themes of power, motherhood, violence and survival in the face of unmanageable odds

A merciless tyrant forces an ordinary woman to rescue his children from a malevolent magical wood in this eerie, twisted fable. A world of uncanny creatures, deadly beauty, and unthinkable violence beckons...

At the northern edge of a valley conquered by a ruthless foreign tyrant lies a wild forest ruled by dangerous magic. The local people know never to enter-for no one who strays into the north woods is ever seen again. No one, that is, except Veris Thorn. When the children of the Tyrant vanish into the woods, Veris is summoned to rescue them.

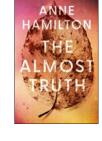


9781803368726 | May 2024 | Titan Books | HB | 128pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE ALMOST TRUTH

ANNE HAMILTON

• A compelling story of family, secrets, identity and a reminder that love and life can surprise you...right until the very end





When Alina's son, Fin, traces his long-absent birthfather, it's the catalyst for decades of secrets to implode in Alina's neatly ordered life. With the sudden appearance of Rory, and the ever-present pull of a very different life in Bangladesh, she's left reeling.

Three relationships, all of them built on half-truths. All Alina can truly be sure of, is that you can choose your family, you just can't choose who they will turn out to be.

#### **HEAT SEEKER**

A Gun Honey Series CHARLES ARDAI

· Award-winning writer and co-founder of Hard Case **Crime Charles Ardai returns** to the Gun Honey universe in this action-packed spinoff featuring the sultry and explosive artwork of Ace Continuado!





Dahlia Racers is a fiery redhead who, when someone's gunning for you, will take the heat on herself — for a price. As a master of disguise and deception, she uses every trick to dupe those who want you captured or dead. But will a new job taking Gun Honey Joanna Tan's place in the crosshairs turn out to be too hot to handle?

Marked for death by a U.S. intelligence agency, Gun Honey Joanna Tan turns to Dahlia Racers to help her pull a vanishing act.

9781915643704 | June 2024 | Legend Press | PB | 308pp | 198x129mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

9781787740914 | May 2024 | Titan Comics | PB | 112pp | 250x178mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **DEATH COMES TOO LATE**

CHARLES ARDAI

- · From the award-winning author, who Stephen King called 'a master of the short story' comes this unforgettable 20th-anniversary celebration of Hard Case Crime
- The 20 stories collected here include rarities unseen for more than 30 years as well as stories selected for Best of the Year honours

Collected here for the first time anywhere are Charles Ardai's 20 finest stories, including his Edgar-winning The Home Front, about death and repentance during World War II; the Shamus Award finalist Nobody Wins, about a brutal gangland enforcer searching for the woman he loves; and year's-best selections such as A Bar Called Charley's, about a travelling salesman's most grueling night on the road.

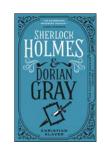
Ardai will take you to some of the most dangerous places in the world — and the darkest corners of the human heart.

9781803366265 | June 2024 | Hard Case Crime | TPB | 400pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

### THE CLASSIFIED DOSSIER — SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DORIAN GRAY

CHRISTIAN KLAVER

· Sherlock and Dorian Gray will appeal to readers of previous successful mash-ups like Sherlock vs. Cthulhu





Mysterious socialite Dorian Gray is at the centre of Sherlock Holmes' latest investigation in this astonishing, uncanny mash-up of Victorian mystery and horror.

1903. Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson have tickets to the newly arrived Egyptian Circus. Holmes is puzzled by his brother Mycroft's cryptic gift but is intrigued enough to attend the next production.

The performers, dressed as wondrous half-animal, half-human gods from Egyptian mythology, display superhuman agility and stunts. But they speak no Arabic, sequester themselves in the stables after each show and take orders from a mysterious ring master who is yet to be seen. And then one of the performers is murdered.

9781789098716 | June 2024 | Titan Books | HB | 368pp | 203x131mm | AU \$35.00 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **BACK IN STOCK!**

# SNOW QUEEN AND OTHER WINTER TALES (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: OMNIBUS EDITION)

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

This anthology gathers 100 tales that share the winter theme of Hans Christian Andersen's classic. In addition to stories by Andersen and the Brothers Grimm, it includes works by Dickens, Louisa May Alcott, Wilde, selections from Andrew Lang's fairy books, and Alexandre Dumas's 'The History of a Nutcracker'.



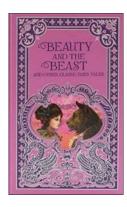


9781435160699 | September 2015 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 736pp | 241x159mm | AU \$49.99 | NZ \$57.99 | DISC: GEN

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AND OTHER CLASSIC FAIRY TALES (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: OMNIBUS EDITION)

**BARNES & NOBLE** 

The romance of the story *Beauty and the Beast* — the triumph of love over looks — has fascinated readers for centuries and inspired numerous films and TV series. This anthology not only features the beloved tale, but 100 enchanting stories chosen from *The Blue Fain/Book* and other collections by Andrew Lang: 50 devoted to beauties and another 50 from the perspective of the beast.





9781435161276 | November 2016 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 736pp | 229x152mm | AU \$49.99 | NZ \$57.99 | DISC: GEN

# THE DIVINE COMEDY (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: OMNIBUS EDITION)

DANTE ALIGHIERI, ILLUSTRATED BY GUSTAVE DORE, TRANSLATED BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Abandon all hope, you who enter here.

A landmark of world literature, *The Divine Comedy* tells of the poet Dante's travels through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise in search of salvation. Before he is redeemed by his love for the heavenly Beatrice, he learns the meaning of evil, sin, damnation and forgiveness through a series of unforgettable encounters.





9781435162068 | June 2016 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 712pp | 229x152mm | AU \$49.99 | NZ \$57.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **BACK IN STOCK!**

# SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: POCKET EDITION)

#### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May And summer's lease hath all too short a date

William Shakespeare wrote some of the greatest poetry in all world literature, in compact sonnets bursting with beautiful imagery and timeless insights about love, life, and human nature. This pocket edition makes available to those who love the words of the Immortal Bard all 154 of his exquisite sonnets.





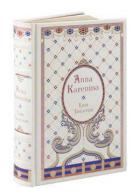
9781435169357 | June 2019 | Barnes & Noble Classics | BG | 128pp | 178x101mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

# ANNA KARENINA (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: OMNIBUS EDITION)

LEO TOLSTOY

First published in 1878, Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* is the tragic story of aristocrat Anna Karenina and her ill-fated affair with the cavalry officer Count Vronsky. Although passionately in love, the couple finds their romance doomed by the sexual mores of their time and place, and the double standards that apply to men and women. The tale's panoramic sweep and Tolstoy's colourful depiction of Russia and the European continent are virtually unparalleled in world literature. This novel, in the estimation of William Faulkner, is 'the best ever written.'

*Anna Karenina* is one of Barnes & Noble's leatherbound classics. Each volume features authoritative texts by the world's greatest authors in an exquisitely designed bonded leather binding, with distinctive gilt edging and an attractive ribbon bookmark.





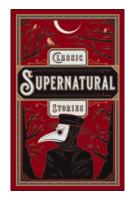
9781435139626 | August 2012 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 808pp | 239x162mm | AU \$49.99 | NZ \$57.99 | DISC: GEN

# CLASSIC SUPERNATURAL STORIES (BARNES & NOBLE COLLECTIBLE EDITIONS)

#### **VARIOUS AUTHORS**

- A stellar collection of supernatural English classics from the likes of Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, Henry James and many more
- · Features short stories and full length short novels

This cornucopia of thrills and chills features 25 of the finest English-language tales of the uncanny and macabre. In addition to works by such stellar authors as Edgar Allan Poe, H. P. Lovecraft, Arthur Machen, Henry James, Edith Wharton, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, and Henry S. Whitehead, the book features three complete short novels: *A Phantom Lover* by Vernon Lee, *Serapion* by Francis Stevens, and *The Ghost Pirates* by William Hope Hodgson.





9781435169418 | September 2019 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 800pp | 232x152mm | AU \$49.99 | NZ \$57.99 | DISC: GEN

# JUNE 2024 FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT — GRAPHIC NOVELS

#### **TENGEN HERO WARS VOL.1**

YASU HIROMOTO, ILLUSTRATED BY KUBARA SAKANOICHI

- A tale of historical fantasy, perfect for fans of Japanese history and epic battles!
- First volume in an ongoing series, with more legends from history to come!
- Part of the exciting new TITAN MANGA imprint, featuring such titles as *ATOM: The Beginning* and *Kamen Rider Kuuga*

When history obsessed high schooler Oda Nobunaga and his sister step into a mysterious world, where all the heroes of the Warring Period come to battle, the resultant clash will see one crowned the greatest hero of them all!

Perfect for fans of alternate history and historical fiction! After receiving a mysterious invitation to 'come play in Heaven' Oda Nobunaga and his sister are transported to a mysterious new world where the mightiest warriors from history will meet to do battle! Here the pair will meet legendary figures such as Napoleon, Julius Caesar, Zhuge Liang and plenty of others, to see who will be crowned the greatest of all time!





9781787741287 | June 2024 | Titan Comics | PB | 192pp | 182x128mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE GREAT YOKAI WAR

Guardians Vol.2

YUSUKE WATANABE, ILLUSTRATED BY SANAMI SUZUKI

- The second volume in the hit manga adaptation of the 2021 movie of the same name
- An exciting kaiju story blended with the yokai of Japanese folklore, perfect for fans of both!

*The Great Yokai War: Guardians* is the epic adventure of Watanabe, a seemingly ordinary student who inherits the power of legendary monster hunter, to defeat the monstrous yokai rampaging towards Tokyo!

The adventure continues in *The Great Yokai War: Guardians Volume 2!* Kei must continue his quest against the evil yokai, learning more about the legendary heroes from which he is descended and mastering his own powers to combat the threat!





9781787741621 | May 2024 | Titan Comics | PB | 192pp | 182x128mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

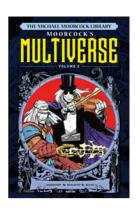
#### THE MICHAEL MOORCOCK LIBRARY THE MULTIVERSE VOL.2

ARTIST WALT SIMONSON, JOHN RIDGWAY

- Acclaimed author Michael Moorcock explores the Multiverse as only he can, as he brings together his unique blend of magic and heroism and several characters from the *Eternal Champions* series, including his legendary antihero Elric together for an unforgettable, and spectacular adventure
- Perfect for fans of Fables, Sandman, Elfquest and A Game of Thrones

The concluding chapter of Micheal Moorcock's seminal ground-breaking multiverse spanning graphic novel saga, illustrated by one of the true masters of the comic arts, Walt Simonson, and also featuring artwork by fan favourite John Ridgway, and Mark Reeves.

Collecting the final six issues of the *Multiverse* series. The story sees diverse heroes from Moorcock's sprawling *Eternal Champion* series united in a common quest to stop the criminal mastermind Silverskin from destroying the multiverse.





9781787740815 | June 2024 | Titan Comics | HB | 160pp | 258x170mm | AU \$54.99 | NZ \$64.99 | DISC: GEN

# JUNE 2024 FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT — GRAPHIC NOVELS

#### THE COLD EVER AFTER

JEREMY WHITLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY MEGAN HUANG

- An all-new queer fantasy series from Marvel writer Jeremy Whitley and superstar artist Megan Huang
- A unique and thrilling blend of Arthurian romance and detective noir, *The Cold Ever After* is a unique fantasy story in the vein of *Game of Thrones* meets *Chinatown*

'She lost everything when she fell in love with her Queen. Now she has a week to find a missing princess, or she'll lose it all again...along with her head.'

Ten years after her disgrace and exile, Sir Noelani Mahi'ai — former Royal Champion of the kingdom of Patria Lupi and Queen's protector — has been hiding under a rock at the bottom of a bottle and hasn't lifted a sword in all that time. Until one day, the Queen summons Noelani to find her daughter who has mysteriously disappeared the night before her wedding.





9781787741904 | May 2024 | Titan Comics | PB | 192pp | 258x170mm | AU \$37.99 | NZ \$42.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE PRINCE IS IN THE VILLAINESS' WAY!, VOLUME 1

#### MINAMI SHIINA

• Minami Shiina is the Japanese manga creator known for *The Villainess'* Favorite: Prince, You're in the Way!, Onna Mae, and Aijuku

Iris, the 'Wise Princess Who Never Smiles', has just remembered her past life as Fiona, Warrior Princess from the neighbouring kingdom. In this lifetime, however, the events that lead to Fiona's death have yet to happen, and Iris becomes determined to use the knowledge from her reincarnation to stop the person she suspects is behind her murder: Fiona's cousin, Prince Alvin.

In disguise, Iris moves to the neighbouring country and becomes the princess' educator. But when she meets Prince Al, he turns out to be a cool-headed flirt, who, most-shockingly of all, is actually very sweet with Fiona...Can Iris figure out the truth in time to save Fiona from her fate?





9781427874368 | June 2024 | LOVE x LOVE | PB | 176pp | 191x127mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

#### SINCE I COULD DIE TOMORROW, VOLUME 1

#### **SUMAKO KARI**

• 23rd Japan Media Arts Festival Excellence Award winner. Nominated for the 2020 Manga Taisho Award

Sawako Honna, 42, single; she works hard at a film promotion company. One night, all of a sudden, her heart palpitates, and her body goes cold...Could it be that she's going through menopause!?

Not as hard-working as in your 20s. Not as flippant as in your 30s. The mental and physical changes, and the obstacles you face in your 40s. Sudden illness, menopause, fatigue you can't get rid of, changes in working patterns, money worries, life plans for the future...

'What will happen to me tomorrow?'





9781427875273 | June 2024 | Tokyopop | PB | 160pp | 191x127mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

# JUNE 2024 FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT — AWARDS



### 2023 BRAM STOKER AWARDS SHORTLIST



### **EVERYTHING THE** DARKNESS EATS

ERIC LAROCCA

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a First Novel\*\*

An insidious darkness threatens to devastate a rural New England village when occult forces are conjured and when bigotry is left unrestrained.



ERIC LAROCCA

**EVERYTHING** 

DARKNESS

After a recent string of disappearances in a small Connecticut town, a grieving widower with a grim secret is drawn into a dangerous ritual of dark magic by a powerful and mysterious older gentleman named Heart Crowley. Meanwhile, a member of local law enforcement tasked with uncovering the culprit responsible for the bizarre disappearances soon begins to learn of a current of unbridled hatred simmering beneath the guise of the town's idyllic community — a hatred that will eventually burst and forever change the lives of those who once found peace in the quiet town of Henley's Edge.

9781803366456 | July 2023 | Titan Books | PB | 224pp | 198x130mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **EDENVILLE**

SAM REBELEIN

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a First Novel\*\*

Goosebumps meets Stephen King at Edenville College, where an aspiring horror novelist takes a teaching job and soon finds a blood-soaked town history, a secret society in the library basement, alternate dimensions and people who might actually be spiders...





When young horror writer Cam Marion is offered a teaching opportunity at a prestigious liberal arts college upstate, his long-time girlfriend Quinn is skeptical. She knows the college is located in Edenville, in infamous Renfield County. The county where people seem to go missing. The county where Quinn's high school best friend was mysteriously killed. Quinn figures the job opportunity is a trap somehow, so she follows Cam upstate to investigate some of the county's mysteries (including her own).

9781803364681 | February 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 400pp | 198x130mm | AU \$21.99 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **MAEVE FLY**

C. J. LEEDE

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a First Novel\*\*

A provocative, blood-soaked slasher about unsung villainesses — a nightmarish blend of Eric la Rocca meets American Psycho.





By day, Maeve Fly works at the happiest place in the world as every child's favourite ice princess. By the neon night glow of the Sunset Strip, Maeve haunts the dive bars with a drink in one hand and a book in the other, imitating her misanthropic literary heroes. But when Gideon Green — her best friend's brother — moves to town, he awakens something dangerous within her, and the world she knows suddenly shifts beneath her feet. Untethered. Maeve ditches her discontented act and tries on a new persona. A bolder, bloodier one, inspired by the pages of American Psycho. Step aside Patrick Bateman, it's Maeve's turn with the knife.

9781803367149 | January 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 320pp | 198x130mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

#### THE SALT GROWS HEAVY

CASSANDRA KHAW

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior **Achievement in Long Fiction\*\***

From USA Today bestselling author Cassandra Khaw comes a razorsharp and bewitching fairytale of discovering the darkness in the world, and the darkness within oneself.





You may think you know how the fairytale goes: a mermaid comes to shore and weds the prince. But what the fables forget is that mermaids have teeth. And now, her daughters have devoured the kingdom and burned it to ashes.

On the run, the mermaid is joined by a mysterious plague doctor with a darkness of their own. Deep in the eerie, snow-crusted forest, the pair stumble upon a village of ageless children who thirst for blood, and the three 'saints' who control them.

9781803363424 | September 2023 | Titan Books | HB | 112pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

# JUNE 2024 FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT — AWARDS



### 2023 BRAM STOKER AWARDS SHORTLIST

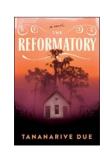


#### THE REFORMATORY

TANANARIVE DUE

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a Novel\*\*

A gripping, page-turning novel set in Jim Crow Florida that follows Robert Stephen Jones as he's sent to a segregated reform school that is a chamber of terrors where he sees the horrors of racism and injustice, for the living, and the dead.





Gracetown, Florida, summer 1950.

Robert Stephen Jones Jr. is sent to Gracetown School for Boys for kicking a white boy's leg. But the Gracetown School for Boys isn't just any reform school. As Robert finds, it's a segregated school that is haunted from the boys who have died there.

In order to survive the school governor and his Funhouse, Robert must enlist the help of the school's ghosts — only they have their own motivations...

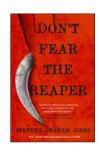
9781803366531 | November 2023 | Titan Books | PB | 608pp | 198x129mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

#### DON'T FEAR THE REAPER

STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a Novel\*\*

December 12th, 2019, Jade returns to the rural lake town of Proofrock the same day as convicted Indigenous serial killer Dark Mill South escapes into town to complete his revenge killings, in this riveting sequel to My Heart Is a Chainsaw from New York Times bestselling author, Stephen Graham Jones.





Four years after her tumultuous senior year, Jade Daniels is released from prison right before Christmas when her conviction is overturned. But life beyond bars takes a dangerous turn as soon as she returns to Proofrock. Convicted Serial Killer, Dark Mill South, seeking revenge for thirty-eight Dakota men hanged in 1862, escapes from his prison transfer due to a blizzard, just outside of Proofrock, Idaho.

9781803361741 | February 2023 | Titan Books | PB | 464pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

### HOW TO SELL A HAUNTED HOUSE

**GRADY HENDRIX** 

# \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a Novel\*\*

New York Times bestselling author Grady Hendrix takes on the haunted house in a hilarious and terrifying new novel that explores the way your past — and your family — can haunt you like nothing else...





Louise's parents have passed away, and she's returning to the small Southern town where she grew up to get their house ready to sell. It means she'll have to spend time with her younger brother — and their old grudges make that a terrifying prospect.

But childhood hurts pale in comparison to the dangers posed by what still lives inside the house.

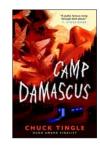
9781803361642 | February 2023 | Titan Books | PB | 400pp | 198x127mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

#### **CAMP DAMASCUS**

**CHUCK TINGLE** 

#### \*\*Shortlisted — Superior Achievement in a Young Adult Novel\*\*

Love is real. Demons are real. Kill the demons. A chilling and heartfelt supernatural horror about a young woman searching for love and the secrets of a demonic gay conversion camp, perfect for readers of Stephen Graham Jones, Hailey Piper and Lucy A. Snyder .





Camp Damascus is the world's most effective gay conversion camp. Nestled in the Montana wilderness, parents send their children from around the world to experience the program's 100% success rate. But, this story isn't about that. This story is about Rose Darling, a Godfearing young lady who can't stop puking up flies. It's about her parents who ignore her visions of an eerie woman with sagging, pale skin who watches from the woods.

9781803365114 | November 2023 | Titan Books | PB | 336pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN