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Bacchanal - Veronica Henry 2021-06

Evil lives in a traveling carnival roaming the Depression-era South. But the carnival's newest act, a peculiar young woman with latent magical powers, may hold the key to defeating it. Her time has come. Abandoned by her family, alone on the wrong side of the color line with little to call her own, Eliza Meeks is coming to terms with what she does have. It's a gift for communicating with animals. To some, she's a magical tender. To others, a she-devil. To a talent prospector, she's a crowd-drawing oddity. And the Bacchanal Carnival is Eliza's ticket out of the swamp trap of Baton Rouge. Among fortune-tellers, carnies, barkers, and folks even stranger than herself, Eliza finds a new home. But the Bacchanal is no ordinary carnival. An ancient demon has a home there too. She hides behind an iridescent disguise. She feeds on innocent souls. And she's met her match in Eliza, who's only beginning to understand the purpose of her own burgeoning powers. Only then can Eliza save her friends, find her family, and fight the sway of a primordial demon preying upon the human world. Rolling across a consuming dust bowl landscape, Eliza may have found her destiny.

A Better World - Marcus Sakey 2014

In a world where one percent of the population is born with special abilities, a terrorist network led by these "brilliant" devastates three cities, and presidential adviser Nick Cooper must stop the oncoming war between brilliant and humans.

The Empire at War - Christopher G. Nuttall 2016-03-06

Dive into the hottest new movement in British science fiction with this anthology featuring some of its biggest stars. This bundle contains four science fiction novels from bestselling British authors, three exclusive short stories, one of which is lavishly illustrated by award-winning artist Andy Bigwood, and two essays. Find out more at www.empireatwar.co.uk THE NOVELS- Their Darkest Hour by Christopher G. Nuttall. Aliens take control of Britain's cities and force the remainder of the British military to go on the run. With the government destroyed, the population must choose between fighting and collaborating with the alien overlords. Discovery of the Saiph by P.P. Corcoran. The Marco Polo leads mankind to Proxima Centauri outside Earth's Solar System where the ship's scientists detect power readings they are artificial, alien and emanate from Planet III... a wasteland that suffered a devastating nuclear bombardment many thousands of years before. Archaeologists discover an alien library deep underground and are astonished to unlock its secrets with human DNA. C.R.O.W. by Phillip Richards. Andy Moralee knew that life with his new company of Dropship Infantry would be hard, but nothing could prepare him for life in one of the toughest units in the Union army. New arrivals, nicknamed 'Crow' by their platoons, are the lowest form of life in his Company, and he finds himself at the mercy of unforgiving commanders and bullies, all the time knowing that the real enemy are waiting for him at the end of his journey through the void. The enemy know that the Union are coming, they have dug in and fortified, and they are ready Marine Cadet by Tim C. Taylor. 2565 A.D. When seventeen-year old Marine Cadet, Arun McEwan, forges an unlikely friendship with an alien scribe, he crashes into a world of treachery and conspiracy. How can he possibly survive three more years until graduation when every day brings a new deadly threat? But survive he must because his new alien allies show him glimpses of his destiny -- a vision of a better future that only he can forge. A dream called the Human Legion THE EXCLUSIVE SHORT STORIES- Haven One-Eight by P.P. Corcoran. A relentless foe

seeks to murder the Faithful in their haven, but who are these unstoppable servants of Satan? The answer will shock you. The President's Son by Tim C. Taylor. The characters in the Human Legion series have been isolated from the rest of humanity for centuries, but their distant ancestors were taken as children from Earth. In The President's Son, a short story exclusive to this collection, we hear the story of that first group of slave children. Fallen Witness - artwork by Andy Bigwood and words by Tim C. Taylor. The third short story in the collection is special. The sumptuous cover artwork for The Empire at War was produced by Andy Bigwood, whose cover art has twice before won the best artwork award from the British Science Fiction Association. Andy has supplied seven fantastic pieces of artwork that are interspersed with the other stories. Box Set Exclusive Preview- Phillip Richards presents an intriguing peak at his new SF series with the opening chapters of Escape from the Hive. AND FINALLY, WORDS FROM TIM C. TAYLOR- SitRep: The State of British Military SF Roll Call: British Military SF authors.

The Conductors - Nicole Glover 2021-03-02

A compelling debut by a new voice in fantasy fiction, The Conductors features the magic and mystery of Jim Butcher's Dresden Files written with the sensibility and historical setting of Octavia Butler's Kindred. Introducing Hetty Rhodes, a magic-user and former conductor on the Underground Railroad who now solves crimes in post-Civil War Philadelphia. As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, Hetty Rhodes helped usher dozens of people North with her wits and magic. Now that the Civil War is over, Hetty and her husband Benjy have settled in Philadelphia, solving murders and mysteries that the white authorities won't touch. When they find one of their friends slain in an alley, Hetty and Benjy bury the body and set off to find answers. But the secrets and intricate lies of the elites of Black Philadelphia only serve to dredge up more questions. To solve this mystery, they will have to face ugly truths all around them, including the ones about each other. In this vibrant and original novel, Nicole Glover joins a roster of contemporary writers within fantasy, such as Victor LaValle and Zen Cho, who use speculative fiction to delve into important historical and cultural threads.

Coliseum Arcanist - Shami Stovall 2020-04-10

Adventure. Competition. A duel to the death. While on a journey to the famous city of Thronehold, Volke Savan learns of the Sovereign Dragon Tournament. The massive celebration involves hundreds of arcanists competing for fame and glory, and Volke is determined to win. Dark forces dwell in the city, however, and rumors of the legendary world serpent spread amongst the shadows. Whoever bonds with a god-like mystical creature will gain magic beyond compare, and the queen's guards suspect cutthroats will use the chaos of the tournament to hide their plotting. Unsure of who to trust, Volke investigates the terrible rumors while advancing in the ranks of the tournament. Unfortunately, the true villain may be closer than he realizes... Continue the Frith Chronicles with the third book, Coliseum Arcanist! Praise for the Frith Chronicles! "Absolutely brilliant." - Archaeolibrarian for Knightmare Arcanist (Frith Chronicles, Book 1) "With a thoroughly satisfying ending that hints at an incredible future for the series, Dread Pirate Arcanist is an unequivocal triumph." - ManyBooks for Dread Pirate Arcanist (Frith Chronicles, Book 2)

Sanibel Flats - Randy Wayne White 1991-04-15

"Doc" Ford lives quietly as a marine biologist on Sanibel Island, having left a secret past behind, but an old

friend seeking help is murdered and Doc finds himself back in Central America searching for a kidnapped boy

Written in Fire - Marcus Sakey 2016-01-05

The explosive conclusion to the bestselling Brilliance Trilogy For thirty years humanity struggled to cope with the brilliants, the 1 percent of people born with remarkable gifts. For thirty years we tried to avoid a devastating civil war. We failed. The White House is a smoking ruin. Madison Square Garden is an internment camp. In Wyoming, an armed militia of thousands marches toward a final, apocalyptic battle. Nick Cooper has spent his life fighting for his children and his country. Now, as the world staggers on the edge of ruin, he must risk everything he loves to face his oldest enemy--a brilliant terrorist so driven by his ideals that he will sacrifice humanity's future to achieve them. From "one of our best storytellers" (Michael Connelly) comes the blistering conclusion to the acclaimed series that is a "forget-to-pick-up-milk, forget-to-water-the-plants, forget-to-eat total immersion experience" (Gillian Flynn).

Orbs - Nicholas Sansbury Smith 2016-06-14

A masterful blend of horror, science fiction, and pulse-pounding thrills, the first book in Nicholas Sansbury Smith's bestselling Orbs series introduces the last survivors of an alien invasion. The year is 2061, and the planet is dying. Cataclysmic solar storms have forced leaders from around the world to finally put aside their differences and agree on one thing—to jump ship. The human race is headed to Mars. Dr. Sophie Winston is hired by New Tech Corporation to test a biosphere deep within the heart of Cheyenne Mountain; a mission she believes will help prepare the company for the three-year flight to the red planet. But, just days into the assignment, things start to go wrong. When the blast doors hiss open, Winston's team finds a changed world outside. Humans are gone, vanished without a trace, and they aren't the only thing missing. The planet's water is gone, too. As the team explores their surroundings, they find thousands of luminous blue orbs lining the streets. It isn't until they uncover what's inside that they realize the nightmare that lies ahead. And what it means for our most important resource...

Cyberstorm - Matthew Mather 2013-10-29

In this prescient thriller about an all-too-possible scenario, a man fights to keep his family alive when a cyberworld meltdown and fierce storms cut New York City off from the world. Mike Mitchell is an average New Yorker living in an apartment in Chelsea, struggling to keep his family together. When the Internet goes down, he suddenly finds himself fighting just to keep them alive. The electricity and power supplies fade in and out, and the explanations offered by the authorities are vague and untrustworthy. A string of increasingly bizarre disasters starts appearing on the world's news networks, and a monster snowstorm hits New York City before Christmas. Mike and his close friends and family hunker down in their apartment building for safety, organizing and rationing food and water. Outside, the boundaries between lawful and criminal behaviour break down as resources become scarce. With the threat to their safety growing, Mike and his family pin their hopes on fleeing the city for the countryside. But as the world and cyberworld come crashing down, New York is suddenly cut off, turning the city into a wintry tomb where nothing is what it seems, and where no one can be trusted . . .

Messenger of Death - David Buttery 2008

"Captain Louis Nolan delivered the order that started one of the most famous blunders in all military history -- the charge of the Light Brigade. Nolan's conduct and the charge itself have been the subject of intense, sometimes bitter debate ever since ... Yet there has been no recent biography of Nolan. He remains an ambiguous, controversial figure to this day. In this ... study, David Buttery reassesses Nolan the man and looks at his entire career. There was much more to Louis Nolan than his fatal role in the charge ... It offers the reader an inside view of the most notorious episode of that war, the charge at Balaklava on 25 October 1854"--Jacket.

Prophecy's Daughter - Richard Phillips 2018-01-09

The epic fantasy continues as Lorness Carol's burgeoning magical powers are the only hope in a destined war between good and primordial evil... "The silent one in the west has awakened." A tantalizing message reignites Kragan's centuries-old fury to find and exterminate the unwitting young adversary prophesied to destroy him. One step ahead of her pursuer, Lorness Carol, a warlord's daughter and magic wielder, has led her people to a new stronghold in a verdant valley. Here, she's been reunited with Blade, the assassin she

has loved since childhood. But her spell book holds the secrets to powers she never imagined--powers that are not only expanding her abilities but challenging her sanity. As Carol grows more desperate to learn and control the powers of enchantment she was born to wield, Kragan and his minions wage a war to destroy Carol's destiny before it's realized. But if her people require the summoning of an ancient darkness to save them, then by all the gods, she will bring it.

The Second Ship - Richard Phillips 2009-05

On the evening of July 3rd, 1947, two starships battled in the night sky over the American Southwest, sending both ships crashing into the high desert. One of these ships was quickly discovered near Roswell, New Mexico, and spirited away, its existence officially denied by the US Government. In August of 2006, three high school students accidentally discover something which leaves them entangled in a dark web of international espionage and intrigue. Pursued by government agents and mercenary killers, they stumble upon something far more terrifying. Now, their only hope of survival may lie within The Second Ship.

Brilliance - Marcus Sakey 2013

Federal agent Nick Cooper draws on his supernatural ability to eliminate terrorists to hunt down a dangerous man who committed a horrific massacre on Wall Street that left hundreds dead and injured.

CyberSpace - Matthew Mather 2020-05-15

A new future war unleashed. An event that will forever change the world. From the Amazon Charts bestselling author of CyberStorm comes a riveting new masterpiece. "BRILLIANT..." WIRED Magazine on Cyber series Six years after the events of CyberStorm, Mike Mitchell is reunited with his old friends Damon and Chuck in New Orleans. He brings his son Luke, now eight years old, while his wife Lauren attends a business meeting in Hong Kong. As soon as they arrive, simmering tensions on the Indian subcontinent explode. One after the other, missiles are launched that destroy satellites in orbit. Russia and China threaten America not to intervene. Everything seems like it will be fine, until... Suddenly, GPS signal goes out. Borders are closed. Communications go down. Thousands of planes are stranded in the air as Mike discovers that his wife Lauren took an overnight flight from China to Washington that morning. With satellites falling from the sky and rolling blackouts sweeping the nation, Mike must fight his way across the country in a desperate race against the clock to save his family. But this is only the beginning as the shocking truth comes out, in a new generation of warfare that will change the world forever... "Couldn't put it down...not only a great thriller, but a wakeup call." Brent Watkins, FBI Special Agent (retired)

World's Edge - Ryan Kirk 2018-12-05

Two cycles have passed since Ryuu lost his adopted father, and he dares to hope that he's found peace at last. But nightblades live by the sword, and when a new breed of warrior threatens the Southern Kingdom, Ryuu and Moriko are pulled to opposite edges of the known world to uncover mysteries that have lain dormant for hundreds of cycles. As the Three Kingdoms descend into chaos, the two nightblades must decide what they stand for. There's no place to hide, and the secrets they reveal will have the power to change the world forever.

Wormhole - Richard Phillips 2012-11-20

When the Rho Project's lead scientist, Dr. Donald Stephenson, is imprisoned for his crimes against humanity, the world dares to think the threat posed by the Rho Project's alien technologies is finally over. The world is wrong. In Switzerland, scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider have discovered a new threat, a scientific anomaly capable of destroying the earth -- and only Rho Project technology can stop it. In exchange for a full pardon, Dr. Stephenson agrees to create a wormhole that will send the anomaly into deep space. But his promise masks the alien agenda that brought the Rho Ship to earth. Now a trio of accidentally altered humans must infiltrate Stephenson's wormhole project and stop it, no matter the cost. The final battle has begun -- and this is one battle mankind cannot afford to lose.

The Altreian Enigma - Richard Phillips 2016-12-06

When Mark and Heather Smythe saved Earth from the conquest-hungry Kasari Collective, they thought their work was done. But the world's vast new government continued its quest to make extraterrestrial contact. And now, as a new gateway is activated to welcome the Kasari, whom world leaders take to be benefactors, only the Smythes stand a chance of countering their planet's invasion and subjugation by a race of ruthless conquerors. Years after their failed first mission, the Kasari have returned, bearing

irresistible promises while concealing insidious plans to enslave humanity. But not if the Smythes along with fearless CIA agent turned mercenary Jack Gregory and his partner, Janet Price can help it. From the world's last stronghold, they take the fight to enemies both earthling and alien even as their comrades-in-arms join the warrior Koranthians in battling the Kasari on a far-off planet. But the greatest danger lies within Earth itself, where an ancient artifact prepares to summon doom from another world."

Catalyst - Michael C. Grumley 2016-01-08

In 1984 a doomsday vault was constructed on a remote island in the Arctic Ocean. Its purpose was to preserve Earth's genetic history in the event of a global catastrophe. Now, decades later, a second vault has been uncovered. This one resting where no one ever expected. And the problem is...it's not ours. Yet even more curious than the vault itself, is what lies inside. Seeds. Millions of seeds. Each with a genetic embryo untouched and perfectly preserved. Waiting. No one knows who built it. Or when. What we have managed to figure out is that whoever it was traveled an immense distance. For the sole purpose of hiding their genetic blueprints on Earth. But why? Now a small group of marine biologists and navy investigators have been assigned to find out. Before anyone else does. But Alison Shaw and John Clay are not prepared for what they are about to uncover. Beginning with the truth behind our own evolution.

Dead Wrong - Richard Phillips 2015-01-06

An ex-CIA assassin travels to Bolivia in a race to rescue a popular shaman, hoping to reach him before Sun Staff, the National Security Agency or neo-Nazis do. By the author of *Once Dead*. Original.

Nightblade - Ryan Kirk 2018-10-24

Ryuu is a boy orphaned by violence at a young age. Found by a wandering warrior, he learns he may have more strength than he ever imagined possible. A quiet child, Moriko is forced into a monastic system she despises. Torn from her family and the forest she grew up in, she must fight to learn the skills she'll need to survive her tutelage under the realm's most dangerous assassin. Young, beautiful, and broke, Takako is sold to pay for her father's debts. Thrust into a world she doesn't understand and battles she didn't ask for, she must decide where her loyalties lie. When their lives crash together in a Kingdom on the brink of war, the decisions they make will change both their lives and their Kingdom forever. If they can stay alive.

The Wind and the Void - Ryan Kirk 2018-12-10

The invasion is here. Already decimated by civil war, the armies of the Three Kingdoms struggle desperately to mount a defense against a force stronger than any they have fought before. In the midst of the chaos the actions and choices of a select few will shape the future of the land. Akira prepares to give up his Lordship. Ryuu wanders the Southern Kingdom, searching for a reason to fight. Moriko sits quietly, biding her time before she leaves the Three Kingdoms for good. Finally, across the Three Sisters, Nameless fights to keep his fragile alliance of clans together. A new age is dawning in the Three Kingdoms. An age born in blood and sacrifice. An age shaped by the wind and the void. . .

Hell's Rejects - M. R. Forbes 2017-02-17

The most powerful starships ever constructed are gone. Thousands are dead. A fleet is in ruins. The attackers are unknown. The orders are clear: Recover the ships. Bury the bastards who stole them. Lieutenant Abigail Cage never expected to find herself in Hell. As a Highly Specialized Operational Combatant, she was one of the most respected soldiers in the military. Now she's doing hard labor on the most miserable planet in the universe. Not for long. The Earth Republic is looking for the most dangerous individuals it can control. The best of the worst, and Abbey happens to be one of them. The deal is simple: Bring back the starships, earn your freedom. Try to run, you die. It's a suicide mission, but she has nothing to lose. The only problem? There's a new threat in the galaxy. One with a power unlike anything anyone has ever seen. One that's been waiting for this moment for a very, very, long time. And they want Abbey, too. Be careful what you wish for. They say Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. They have no idea...

Read This Book If You Don't Want a Story - Richard Phillips 2019-09-03

Mr. Book With No Story wants his pages uncluttered by pictures and plot lines, but images, questions, and ideas keep invading the unruly pages he is trying to police, ignoring his efforts to chase them away. Mr. Book is determined to share nothing with readers, but his pages have other ideas. It turns out that Mr. Book's big fear is having nothing worthwhile to say, but in this fun, zany tribute to the creative process, he needn't have worried. The bumbling blowhard of the first page inspires empathy and affection by the time

the last page chimes in. The messages are simple: Stories are fun, and all of us can tell them.

The Black God's Drums - P. Djèlí Clark 2018-08-21

Rising science fiction and fantasy star P. Djèlí Clark brings an alternate New Orleans of orisha, airships, and adventure to life in his immersive debut novella *The Black God's Drums*. Alex Award Winner! In an alternate New Orleans caught in the tangle of the American Civil War, the wall-scaling girl named Creeper yearns to escape the streets for the air—in particular, by earning a spot on-board the airship *Midnight Robber*. Creeper plans to earn Captain Ann-Marie's trust with information she discovers about a Haitian scientist and a mysterious weapon he calls *The Black God's Drums*. But Creeper also has a secret herself: Oya, the African orisha of the wind and storms, speaks inside her head, and may have her own ulterior motivations. Soon, Creeper, Oya, and the crew of the *Midnight Robber* are pulled into a perilous mission aimed to stop the *Black God's Drums* from being unleashed and wiping out the entirety of New Orleans. "A sinewy mosaic of Haitian sky pirates, wily street urchins, and orisha magic. Beguiling and bombastic!"—New York Times bestselling author Scott Westerfeld At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Haunting of Tram Car 015 - P. Djèlí Clark 2019-02-19

P. Djèlí Clark returns to the historical fantasy universe of "A Dead Djinn in Cairo", with the otherworldly adventure novella *The Haunting of Tram Car 015*. Finalist for the 2020 Hugo Award Finalist for the 2020 Nebula Award Finalist for the 2020 Locus Award Cairo, 1912: The case started as a simple one for the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments and Supernatural Entities — handling a possessed tram car. Soon, however, Agent Hamed Nasr and his new partner Agent Onsi Youssef are exposed to a new side of Cairo stirring with suffragettes, secret societies, and sentient automatons in a race against time to protect the city from an encroaching danger that crosses the line between the magical and the mundane. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Legion of the Damned - William C. Dietz 1993-08-01

The first novel in William C. Dietz's acclaimed *Legion of the Damned* series... There is one final choice for the hopeless—the terminally ill, the condemned criminals, the victims who cannot be saved: becoming cyborg soldiers in the Legion. Their human bodies are destroyed and they are reborn as living weapons. But when aliens attack the Empire, the Legion must choose sides.

Dispel Illusion - Mark Lawrence 2019-12-31

Sometimes being wrong is the right answer. Nick Hayes's genius is in wringing out the universe's secrets. It's a talent that's allowed him to carve paths through time. But the worst part is that he knows how his story will end. He's seen it with his own eyes. And every year that passes, every breakthrough he makes, brings him a step closer. Mia's accident is waiting for them both in 2011. If it happens then he's out of choices. Then a chance 1992 discovery reveals that this seeker of truth has been lying to himself. But why? It's a question that haunts him for years. A straw he clings to as his long-awaited fate draws near. Time travel turns out not to be the biggest problem Nick has to work on. He needs to find out how he can stay on his path but change the destination. Failure has never been an option, and neither has survival. But Nick's hoping to roll the dice one more time. And this new truth begins with a lie.

Breakthrough - Michael C. Grumley 2017-07-04

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Confessions of a Cafeteria Catholic - Richard Phillips 2012-05

The thoughts contained here have more to do with me and my own perspective of life than the perspective of any one established religious institution, Catholic or otherwise. That is perhaps the goal of all men and women who strive to find themselves and their God while facing the joys and challenges of life, trying to find the faith that keeps them on the path of discovering who they are and what they believe. If we are true to our faith, whatever that faith is, the most important thing is to listen to God, to His revealed message for us personally. God speaks to each of us personally, uniquely, speaking to our own needs. These essays are intended to help open your mind to the possibility of asking questions, not about the veracity of the revealed Word of the Scriptures, but about how we see our relationship with God and how we find our way home. I hope you will find this a useful tool in your own attempt at finding your path.

Once Dead - Richard Phillips 2014-08-19

Jack Gregory, the CIA's top assassin, went rogue after a mission gone wrong. When a confrontation leaves him bleeding out on death's doorstep, he is faced with an offer from a dark figure named Anchanchu. If Jack is willing to act as a human host for Anchanchu, the entity will revive him and give him another shot at life. Jack takes the deal...but he must now face the consequences of having the same dark creature in his head as some of history's greatest villains. Struggling with desires and memories that are not his own, Jack is not the man he once was. One year later, he is known internationally as The Ripper, assassin for hire, and is faced with having to wrest control of his dark compulsions while preventing a nuclear attack on the United States. From the bestselling author of the Rho Agenda trilogy comes a globe-spanning thriller with a twist unlike anything you've ever seen....

Immune - Richard Phillips 2012-10-30

Anyone who dares challenge the Rho Project is being systematically picked off. At the top of the hit man's death list: NSA fixer Jack Gregory, and the three teenagers who first exposed the Rho Project's dark agenda to the world. On the run for their lives, Heather, Mark, and Jennifer know that the Rho Project's alien nano-technology has been released into the world, disguised as a miracle cure. But what they don't yet know is that the serum has taken on a life of its own, modifying human DNA in a way that even its engineers cannot control—one that will alter the very fabric of humanity.

A Polaroid of Peggy - Phillips Richard 2015-06-11

'Funny. Revealing. Wonderful.' Maureen Lipman _____ Andrew Williams. Mavis and Syd's boy. Hasn't he done well? Blooming business, lovely wife, beautiful kids, bloody great house. What more could he possibly want? And then, an old photo turns up and Andrew's whole world is turned upside down. A story of lost love and lost bearings, 'A Polaroid of Peggy' is 'Bonfire of the Vanities' meets 'Love Story', with a dash of 'Mad Men' thrown in. Funny and poignant by turns, it asks the most fundamental of questions: what really matters in life? And finds the answer is distinctly - muddled.

_____ 'Richard Phillips is good on nostalgia, guilt, the emotional messes people make, and the play-acting involved in both the building up or breaking down of a relationship, but the main strength of the book lies in the portrayal of the central character, a superficially shallow man desperately trying to paper over the black holes appearing through the old wallpaper of his life. Cynic and romantic, confident and adman, bag of nerves, he is believably ambiguous and skilfully realised, as is the slow build of his obsession with the eponymous Peggy, whose twenty-year-old photo, randomly found in the pocket of an old jacket, triggers a crisis on levels both existential and material.' Carol Birch, author of 'Jamrach's Menagerie', shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2012

Echo - Michael C. Grumley 2021-02-25

It began with a breakthrough. In interspecies communication. Leading both John Clay and Alison Shaw through a series of startling discoveries and life-altering revelations. Divulging who we really are as a species. Why we are here...and who is here with us. And the greatest lesson of all, that our brains are not as rare and unique as humans had assumed. But rather just one of three brains between three extraordinary species. All influenced by a fluke of evolution that should never have existed on Earth in the first place. Something we are now finally on the cusp of understanding. It will take more than just one brain to do it. More than just one species. And courage from all three. Courage in the face of those still trying to stop Clay and Alison before their stranglehold on the world is lost. But Clay and his team already know the truth. That there is no courage without fear, and no victory without sacrifice.

A Match Made in Heaven - Claire Chambers 2020-12

Star-studded and beautifully written, this collection offers diverse stories about love and desire by South Asian-heritage British Muslim women authors, including Ayisha Malik (Sofia Khan Is Not Obligated) and Shelina Janmohamed (Love in a Headscarf). Although outsiders often expect Muslim women to be timid, conservative, or submissive, the reality is different. While some of these authors express a quiet piety and explore poignant situations, others use black humor and biting satire, or play with possibilities. Still others shade into the territory of a Muslim Fifty Shades of Grey, creating grey areas where the mainstream media sees only black and white. If grooming-gang scandals grab headlines, characters are more scandalized by suitors' sloppy personal grooming. Finding the right crimson lipstick for a date or the perfect power outfit for meeting a cheating ex-husband are commoner preoccupations than the news. Stylish but far from

shallow, the stories also reflect on migration, racism, arranged marriage, gender differences, lesbian desire, bearding, and many other subjects.

Root Magic - Eden Royce 2021-01-05

"A poignant, necessary entry into the children's literary canon, Root Magic brings to life the history and culture of Gullah people while highlighting the timeless plight of Black Americans. Add in a fun, magical adventure and you get everything I want in a book!"—Justina Ireland, New York Times bestselling author of Dread Nation Debut author Eden Royce arrives with a wondrous story of love, bravery, friendship, and family, filled to the brim with magic great and small. It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. Her beloved grandmother has just passed away. The local police deputy won't stop harassing her family. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven— and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork. Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family for generations—especially the curious potions and powders Doc and Gran would make for the people on their island. But Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond small charms and elixirs...and not a moment too soon. Because when evil both natural and supernatural comes to show itself in town, it's going to take every bit of the magic she has inside her to see her through. Walter Dean Myers Honor Award for Outstanding Children's Literature!

Archangel One - Evan Currie 2019-09

An elite squadron must go undercover behind enemy lines in this thrilling new space adventure from the author of the *Odyssey One* series. Humanity has reached an uneasy truce with the Empire—but unless the allies bring the fight to the enemy, extinction is all but assured. In preparation for the inevitable next war, Commander Stephen Michaels is at the helm of the Archangel Squadron, and his orders are simple: go rogue. Disguised as mercenaries, Commander Michaels and the Archangels seek valuable intelligence on their imposing foe. Their mission takes them deep into uncharted territory, where they make inroads with the Empire, fiercely guarding their true identities and purpose. Fighting for the enemy goes against everything they stand for, but these are desperate times. As their deception increases, so does the risk. With the Empire's deadliest secrets within reach, Commander Michaels and the Archangels accept a mission that will take them even deeper into the Imperial fold. They know all too well that one wrong step won't just end their lives—it could end their entire civilization.

The Quarter Storm - Veronica G. Henry 2022-02-08

A practitioner of Vodou must test the boundaries of her powers to solve a ritual murder in New Orleans and protect everything she holds sacred. Haitian-American Vodou priestess Mambo Reina Dumond runs a healing practice from her New Orleans home. Gifted with water magic since she was a child, Reina is devoted to the benevolent traditions of her ancestors. After a ritual slaying in the French Quarter, police arrest a fellow vodouisant. Detective Roman Frost, Reina's ex-boyfriend—a fierce nonbeliever—is eager to tie the crime, and half a dozen others, to the Vodou practitioners of New Orleans. Reina resolves to find the real killer and defend the Vodou practice and customs, but the motives behind the murder are deeper and darker than she imagines. As Reina delves into the city's shadows, she untangles more than just the truth behind a devious crime. It's a conspiracy. As a killer wields dangerous magic to thwart Reina's investigation, she must tap into the strength of her own power and faith to solve a mystery that threatens to destroy her entire way of life.

The Final Battle - William C. Dietz 1995-07-01

Human and machine. Elite and expendable. They are the Legion of the Damned. The Hudathans are on a rampage. They have created their own corps of cyborgs using copycat technology and psychotic candidates. They have refitted their hardware. Reloaded their weapons. Refueled their insanity. And targeted the heart of the Confederacy, once and for all. The Legion will be there to greet them.

Nightblade's Honor - Ryan Kirk 2018-04-10

In the riveting sequel to *Nightblade's Vengeance*, the nightblades must choose a side, and the Kingdom will either rise again...or shatter into pieces. With the realm on the brink of war, the once-celebrated blades have become an easy target for the rage of its devastated citizens. The nightblade warrior Asa's lifelong

quest for vengeance is over, but now she finds herself on the run from the people she sought to protect. As Asa forges a new course of action in an uncertain world, her path crosses with that of a young noblewoman. Mari knows that great opportunity lies in the heart of chaos. If the Kingdom is to rise again, Mari will need support, and she can think of no group better than the nightblades. But the nightblades have been betrayed before, and gaining their trust will not be easy. Mari wants to save the Kingdom. Asa wants to save the people. Both are willing to risk everything. But do their quests make them allies...or enemies?

Curse of the Chosen - Richard Phillips 2018-02-20

The fight against primordial evil continues, and the stakes have never been higher... Kragan, wielder of

dark magic, has failed to vanquish the light in Lorness Carol Rafel, the woman prophesied to destroy him. Now Kragan has leveled a new threat against her: an unholy order of foul priests enlisted to storm her stronghold and destroy her and her companions once and for all. Lorness Carol is waiting. In the valley of Misty Hollow, she's finally conquered her fear of her magic. She has awakened a new power within her: the ability to manipulate minds. But even Carol is unprepared for where this new battle will take her. For her brother, Lord Alan, is unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy as well. As the Chosen of the Dread Lord, he is amassing an army of feared soldiers--a battalion that could save the world, or pitch his sister's legacy into everlasting darkness.