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**Paradox** Sep 02 2022 Centuries of self-imposed isolation have transformed Nulapeiron into a world unlike any other - a world of vast subterranean cities maintained by extraordinary organic technologies. For the majority of its peoples, however such wonders have little meaning. Denied their democratic rights and restricted to the impoverished lower levels, they are subjected to the brutal law of the Logic Lords and the Oracles, supra-human beings whose ability to truecast the future maintains the status quo. But all this is about to change. In a crowded marketplace a mysterious, beautiful woman is brutally cut down by a militia squad's graser fire. Amongst the horrified onlookers is young Tom Corcorigan. He recognizes her. Only the previous day she had presented him with a small, seemingly insignificant info-crystal. And only now, as the fire in the dying stranger's obsidian eyes fades, does he comprehend who - or what - she really was: a figure from legend, one of the fabled Pilots. What Tom has still to discover is that his crystal holds the key to understanding mu-space, and so to freedom itself. He doesn't know it yet, but he has been given a destiny to fulfill - nothing less than the rewriting of his future, and that of his world... Spectacularly staged, thrillingly written and set

in a visionary future, Paradox places John Meaney at the forefront of science fiction in this new century.

*Shattered Destiny: The Complete Series* Mar 16 2021 The complete Shattered Destiny series. Follow Shar and Xarin on their galactic saga in this six-episode boxset. She's a loner. Always has been. She's fought to survive, tooth and nail. He's a prince of the Arterian Royal Family - the greatest power in the galaxy. They shouldn't meet. Their paths should never intersect. But they do. Because the Milky Way is on the verge of total war once more. Together, they can save everyone. If they are torn apart, all will fall. ... Shattered Destiny follows a gritty warrior and a cold prince fighting destiny to find each other one more time. If you love your space operas with action, heart, and a splash of romance, grab Shattered Destiny: The Complete Series today and soar free with an Odette C. Bell boxset.

*The Golden Rose* Jan 26 2022 When she discovers that the traitor King of Lys has broken his promise to her and is preparing a fleet to attack the Ladies of the Isle, Averil joins her beloved Gerient, the Knight of the Rose, in a battle to protect their world.

**Dark Blood** Nov 04 2022 Police officer Donal Riordan, killed and brought back to life with the heart of his undead lover beating in his chest, is getting used to a bizarre and frightening new existence. As one of the undead the living citizens of Tristopolis distrust and fear him. But death has its advantages. He can sense the presence, the thoughts the feelings of his fellow zombies, he is tireless, he can see better, hear more acutely. But none of this will necessarily save him as he begins to investigate who is behind a plot to ensorcel the entire population of Tristopolis. The plot goes right to the top and anyway who gets in the way will be killed again. And all the time the members of the Unity party are stoking the fires of hatred towards the undead. John Meaney's new series is a superb melding of the science fiction and horror genres and is perfectly timed for the resurgence of horror in the market.

*Freaks* Oct 11 2020 The Freaks are a lonely band of misfits, trapped in a Victorian sideshow known as Plumpscuttle's Peculiar. There's Sheba, a kind-hearted wolf-girl with an amazing sense of smell; Sister Moon, an ex-assassin; and Monkey Boy, hygienically challenged but nimble and quick-witted. Together they are a force to be reckoned with. In a world of thieves, grave-robbers and child-snatchers, the Freaks decide to put their extraordinary talents to use-to solve the mysteries that no-one else cares about. Join them here in the first of their incredible, freaktastic adventures!

**Absorption** Dec 01 2019 600 years from now on the world of Fulgor Roger Blackstone, son of two Pilots (long-time alien spies, masquerading as ordinary humans) aches to see the mythical Pilot's city of Labyrinth, in the fractal ur-continuum of mu-space. In 8th century Norseland, a young carl called Wulf kills a man, watched by a mysterious warrior who bears the mark of Loki the Trickster God. In 1920s Zurich, Gavriela Silberstein enters the long, baroque central hallway of the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule where Einstein so recently studied. And on a nameless world, not knowing his human heritage, a silver-skinned youth tries to snatch back an Idea - but it floats away on gentle magnetic currents. There are others across the ages, all with three things in common: they glimpse shards of darkness moving at

the edge of their vision; they hear echoes of a dark, disturbing musical chord; and they will dream of joining a group called the Ragnarok Council. ABSORPTION is the first novel of RAGNAROK, a new space opera trilogy of high-tech space warfare, unitary intelligences made up of millions of minds, the bizarre physics of dark energy, quantum mechanics and a mindblowing rationale for Norse mythology.

**The Secret of Play** Apr 28 2022 Drawing on the latest research into brain development, social and emotional growth, and learning, a parenting expert and author of *The 7 Stages of Motherhood* explores the role and value of play at each stage of a child's development and offers suggestions on the best ideas, toys, and games for each age. Original.

**The Mammoth Book of Extreme Science Fiction** Jun 06 2020 Here are 25 stories of science fiction that push the envelope, by the biggest names in an emerging new crop of high-tech futuristic SF - including Charles Stross, Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Peter Hamilton and Neal Asher. High-tech SF has made a significant comeback in the last decade, as bestselling authors successfully blend the super-science of 'hard science fiction' with real characters in an understandable scenario. It is perhaps a reflection of how technologically controlled our world is that readers increasingly look for science fiction that considers the fates of mankind as a result of increasing scientific domination. This anthology brings together the most extreme examples of the new high-tech, far-future science fiction, pushing the limits way beyond normal boundaries. The stories include: "A Perpetual War Fought Within a Cosmic String", "A Weapon That Could Destroy the Universe", "A Machine That Detects Alternate Worlds and Creates a Choice of Christs", "An Immortal Dead Man Sent To The End of the Universe", "Murder in Virtual Reality", "A Spaceship So Large That There is An Entire Planetary System Within It", and "An Analytical Engine At The End of Time", and "Encountering the Untouchable."

**Point** Apr 16 2021 In a Britain on the edge of collapse, there is a desperate new craze--a terrible cult based on mutual suicide. For ex-Special Forces soldier Josh Cumberland, it's just the start of another descent into the very heart of darkness. Original.

**Mojo** Feb 12 2021 When enslaved people were brought from the western part of Africa to the Americas, they were forbidden to speak their native languages or practice their religions in the New World.

*The Yiddish Policemen's Union* May 18 2021 For sixty years Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in the wake of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. The Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle, a vibrant and complex frontier city that moves to the music of Yiddish. But now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control, and their dream is coming to an end. Homicide detective Meyer Landsman of the District Police has enough problems without worrying about the upcoming Reversion. His life is a shambles, his marriage a wreck, his career a disaster. And in the cheap hotel where Landsman has washed up, someone has just committed a murder--right under his nose. When he begins to investigate the killing of his neighbor, a former chess prodigy, word comes down from on high that the case is to be dropped immediately, and Landsman finds himself contending

with all the powerful forces of faith, obsession, evil, and salvation that are his heritage. At once a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* is a novel only Michael Chabon could have written.

**The Gone-Away World** Dec 25 2021 A hilarious, action-packed look at the apocalypse that combines a touching tale of friendship, a thrilling war story, and an all out kung-fu infused mission to save the world. Gonzo Lubitch and his best friend have been inseparable since birth. They grew up together, they studied kung-fu together, they rebelled in college together, and they fought in the Go Away War together. Now, with the world in shambles and dark, nightmarish clouds billowing over the wastelands, they have been tapped for an incredibly perilous mission. But they quickly realize that this assignment is more complex than it seems, and before it is over they will have encountered everything from mimes, ninjas, and pirates to one ultra-sinister mastermind, whose only goal is world domination.

**Resolution** Jul 20 2021 The war against The Blight is over, and the subterranean realms of Nulapeiron have a chance for peace. But Tom Corcorigan, revolutionary and war hero, newly married and longing for the quiet life, knows that a greater force threatens his world: the planet-consuming Anomaly, which has absorbed billions of humans and alien beings into itself. Tom's association with the disembodied Eemur's Head, the flensed and bloody remains of a powerful Seer, changes him into something more than a poverty-stricken Lord. The spacetime-warping science of Seers and Oracles penetrates the heart of reality, bringing new enemies and allies into Tom's life. And his "story crystal," a gift from a mysterious mu-space Pilot, reveals more of the Pilots' history and true nature, and the existence of their home in a universe no ordinary human being can experience: the strange, shifting, living fractal city that is Labyrinth. Soon the Anomaly, an evil far more powerful than its offspring Blight, rips into the world, decimating the human realms. Among the free humans who survive in the floating terraformer spheres of Nulapeiron's skies, only the forces commanded by Tom Corcorigan have a chance against this omnipotent invader. For only a Warlord who is no longer human, who is willing to sacrifice everything, can deliver humanity from darkness. *Resolution* concludes the trilogy of Nulapeiron tales featuring Tom Corcorigan, bringing the story to a triumphant climax and revealing the devastating secret of the Oracles' creation.

Tristopolis Revenge Sep 21 2021 From award-winning author John Meaney comes a thrilling tale of Tristopolis, a Gotham-like city beneath perpetually dark skies, where the bones of the dead fuel the reactor piles, indentured wraiths power the elevators, and daylight never shines. Tristopolis has faced eldritch dangers before, with resurrected cop-turned-PI Donal Riordan at the forefront of keeping his city safe - but this time it's the ones he loves who face the deepest risk. Will he be in time to save them? Or will the only thing left be revenge? PRAISE FOR JOHN MEANEY "John Meaney has rewired SF. Everything is different now." Stephen Baxter "A spectacular writer." Robert J. Sawyer, Hugo Award-winning author "Lingers in the mind long after the book is closed. A smart and spooky read." *The Times* on Bone Song "A brilliant, inventive writer." *The Times* "A masterclass in characterisation." *The Guardian* on Edge

**The Solaris Book of New Science Fiction** Aug 21 2021 A collection of short fiction and novellas showcases the work of such popular science fiction writers as Alastair Reynolds, Stephen Baxter, and John Meaney.

The Day of the Triffids Feb 24 2022 The classic postapocalyptic thriller with “all the reality of a vividly realized nightmare” (The Times, London). Triffids are odd, interesting little plants that grow in everyone’s garden. Triffids are no more than mere curiosities—until an event occurs that alters human life forever. What seems to be a spectacular meteor shower turns into a bizarre, green inferno that blinds everyone and renders humankind helpless. What follows is even stranger: spores from the inferno cause the triffids to suddenly take on a life of their own. They become large, crawling vegetation, with the ability to uproot and roam about the country, attacking humans and inflicting pain and agony. William Masen somehow managed to escape being blinded in the inferno, and now after leaving the hospital, he is one of the few survivors who can see. And he may be the only one who can save his species from chaos and eventual extinction . . . With more than a million copies sold, *The Day of the Triffids* is a landmark of speculative fiction, and “an outstanding and entertaining novel” (Library Journal). “A thoroughly English apocalypse, it rivals H. G. Wells in conveying how the everyday invaded by the alien would feel. No wonder Stephen King admires Wyndham so much.” —Ramsey Campbell “One of my all-time favorite novels. It’s absolutely convincing, full of little telling details, and that sweet, warm sensation of horror and mystery.” —Joe R. Lansdale

To Hold Infinity Aug 01 2022 Devastated by her husband’s death, Earth-based biologist Yoshiko Sunadomari journeys to the paradise world of Fulgar to see her estranged son in the hope of bridging the gulf between them. But Tetsuo is in trouble. His expertise in mu-space technology and family links with the mysterious Pilots have ensured his survival — so far. Now he’s in way over his head — unwittingly caught up in a conspiracy of illegal tech-trafficking and corruption, and in the sinister machinations of one of Fulgar’s ruling elite: the charismatic Luculentus, Rafael Garcia de la Vega. When his home is attacked, Tetsuo flees to the planet’s unterraformed wastes, home to society’s outcasts and eco-terrorists. So Yoshiko arrives on Fulgar to discover Tetsuo gone . . . and wanted for murder. Ill at ease in this strange, stratified new world seething with social and political unrest but desperate to find her son and clear his name, she embarks on a course of action that will bring her face to face with the awesome, malevolent mind of Rafael.

**Edge** Apr 04 2020 WELCOME, SENSATION SEEKERS, TO KNIFE EDGE. In a Britain on the edge of collapse, duelling with blades has now been legalised. On Saturday nights, the nation sits down to watch the country's best amateur fighters slash it out on prime time. The streets are red with blood. The skies are black with polluted horror. High walls have been built around Britain and endless winter is coming. In search of a missing boy, ex-Special Forces agent Josh Cumberland delves into the dark underbelly of the knife culture that has infected his country, but what he finds will shock him to his soul. File Under: Science Fiction [ Devastated Britain

Best Short Novels Jul 28 2019 The novella is the perfect length for science fiction — long enough to work through an idea, but short enough to have maximum punch. This work is a collection of eight novellas by Kage Baker,

Cory Doctorow, Jeffrey Ford, Robert Reed, Chris Roberson, Michael Swanwick, Ysabeau S Wilce and Robert Charles Wilson.

**Carnivores of Light and Darkness** Jan 14 2021 Bound by honor, Ehomba has traveled through many exotic and perilous lands on a quest to save a beautiful princess he has never met from the hands of the evil Hymneth the Possessed. Through all their travels Ehomba has ignored the warnings he has heard from seers and psychics, foretelling of disaster and death if the quest was completed. Now that Ehomba and his traveling party have finally reached the destination of their epic journey, the kingdom ruled by Hymneth, will they be able to defend themselves against Hymneth's powerful and evil magic? Will they be able to rescue the princess and bring her safely home with their lives intact?

Transmission Oct 30 2019 In the 27th century, the shining world of Fulgor, Roger Blackstone's home, has fallen to the Anomaly, while at other points in history, tools of the Darkness are gaining ground. Linked by dreams across the centuries, only Roger and a few scattered allies stand against its advance. Or will even some of those heroes be corrupted, knowing Ragnarok must arrive in our galaxy, a million years from now? Book 2 of the Ragnarok trilogy. PRAISE FOR JOHN MEANEY "A spectacular writer. He makes SF seem all fresh and new again." Robert J. Sawyer, Hugo Award-winning author "...the world building is phenomenal and the pace as chapters switch from time zones is just right, keeping the tension levels up. The female characters are particularly strong and literally jump off the page, particularly the WWII code breaker Gavriela. The novel is also steeped in historical accuracy and authenticity." Terror-Tree.co.uk, reviewing Transmission (Ragnarok book 2) "Absorption is the best hard science fiction I've read this year, well written, exciting, mysterious, full of interesting characters and ideas..." The London Times, reviewing Absorption (Ragnarok book 1) "Resonance is a book driven by big ambitions. Meaney has penned a story that aims to be epic beyond even the level of Dune or similarly famed series. Furthermore, the amount of research that has gone into the book adds a surprising degree of credibility..." Starburst Magazine, reviewing Resonance (Ragnarok book 3) "Meaney's creepy death-haunted world lingers in the mind long after the book is closed... a smart and spooky read." The London Times, reviewing Bone Song (Donal Riordan book 1) "Cumberland leaps off the page, a trained killer whose anger and grief at his daughter's condition is brilliantly portrayed; the depiction of his simmering rage, barely held in check, and how he channels it, provides a masterclass in characterisation." The Guardian, reviewing Edge (Josh Cumberland book 1) "What starts off as a simple missing persons enquiry develops into a full-blown coup against a fascist state... Set in a Britain extrapolated from today's violent streets, yet still highly recognisable, Edge is the first in what will hopefully be a long running series." Total Sci-Fi, reviewing Edge (Josh Cumberland book 1) "Within five pages...I was completely hooked... the perfect blend of action and science fiction... I can only hope that there will be more." The Eloquent Page, reviewing Point (Josh Cumberland book 2) "I absolutely don't want to live in the world [Meaney] has created. I didn't want to in Edge (the first book in the series) and I most certainly don't want to now. I do, however, want to read about it. It's relentless and gripping, with a brilliant balance between the personal and the political." BiblioBuffet, reviewing Point (Josh

Cumberland book 2))

**The Serpent and the Rose** Aug 09 2020 A powerful mage trained by the Ladies of the Isle, Averil, heir to the Duchy of Quitaine, returns home to take up her duties, only to discover that her land is under secret attack by the King of Lys, who seeks to release the Serpent God who had once enslaved all humanity, and joins forces with Gereint, a novice of the Knights of the Rose, to protect their people. A first novel. Reprint.

**The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twentieth Annual Collection** May 30 2022 Widely regarded as the one essential book for every science fiction fan, The Year's Best Science Fiction (Winner of the 2002 Locus Award for Best Anthology) continues to uphold its standard of excellence with more than two dozen stories representing the previous year's best SF writing. This year's volume includes Ian R. MacLeod, Nancy Kress, Greg Egan, Maureen F. McHugh, Robert Reed, Paul McAuley, Michael Swanwick, Robert Silverberg, Charles Stross, John Kessel, Gregory Benford and many other talented authors of SF, as well as thorough summations of the year and a recommended reading list.

**Flood Dragon's Sacrifice** Jun 26 2019 Two rival clans. Two sacred pearls, the Tide Jewels, that can summon the Tide Dragons to protect the empire. Two young men, Kaito and Naoki, one a Black Crane healer, the other a Red Kite shinobi, are sucked into an ancient, unresolved conflict between the gods of land and sea, when the exiled Red Kites steal the Tide Jewels and re-ignite a bitter clan war. Kaito must find a way to restore the emperor's jewels - but how can it be done without betraying his own clan or angering the gods?

**The Red Wolf Conspiracy** May 06 2020 Already a publishing sensation in England, The Red Wolf Conspiracy marks the debut of a remarkably gifted young writer. Robert V. S. Redick has been compared to Philip Pullman, George R. R. Martin, and China Miéville, among others, and like them he is a spellbinding storyteller, unafraid to sail his imagination into uncharted waters. With The Red Wolf Conspiracy he launches the first book of a trilogy destined to take its place among the classics of epic fantasy. The Imperial Merchant Ship Chathrand is the last of her kind. Six hundred years old, the secrets of her construction long forgotten, the massive vessel dwarfs every other sailing craft in the world. It is a palace with sails, a floating outpost of the Empire of Arqual. And it is on its most vital mission yet: to deliver a young woman whose marriage will seal the peace between Arqual and its mortal enemy, the secretive Mzithrin Empire. But the young woman in question—Thasha, the daughter of the Arquali ambassador—has no intention of going meekly to the altar. For the ship's true mission is not peace but war—a war that threatens to unleash an ancient, all-consuming evil. As the dark conspiracy at the heart of the voyage unfurls, Pazel Pathkandle, a lowly tarboy with an uncanny gift, will find himself in an unlikely alliance with Thasha and her protectors: Hercól, a valet who is more than he appears; Dri, the queen of a race of tiny stowaways who have their own plans for the great ship; and Ramachni, a powerful sorcerer from another world. Arrayed against them are the Chathrand's brutal captain, Nilus Rose; the Emperor's spymaster and chief assassin, Sandor Ott; and the enigmatic Dr. Chadfallow, a longtime friend to Pazel's family whose kind words may hide a vicious betrayal. As the Chathrand navigates treacherous waters to complete its mission, Pazel, Thasha, and their allies—including a singularly heroic rat—must also navigate a treacherous web of intrigue to uncover the secret of the

legendary Red Wolf. Praise for The Red Wolf Conspiracy "What can I say about a book as exciting and fresh as The Red Wolf Conspiracy? I can't remember when I've been so enthralled. Maybe when I first read Philip Pullman. This is one terrific read."—Terry Brooks "Wonderfully inventive—Robert Redick is an extraordinary talent."—Karen Miller, author of The Innocent Mage

**The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon** Aug 28 2019 Just a few years earlier, Jews living in Portugal were dragged to the baptismal font and forced to convert to Christianity. Many of these New Christians persevered in their Jewish prayers and rituals in secret and at great risk; the hidden, arcane practices of the kabbalists, a mystical sect of Jews, continued as well. One such secret Jew was Berekiah Zarco, an intelligent young manuscript illuminator. Inflamed by love and revenge, he searches, in the crucible of the raging pogrom, for the killer of his beloved uncle Abraham, a renowned kabbalist and manuscript illuminator, discovered murdered in a hidden synagogue along with a young girl in dishabille. Risking his life in streets seething with mayhem, Berekiah tracks down answers among Christians, New Christians, Jews, and the fellow kabbalists of his uncle, whose secret language and codes by turns light and obscure the way to the truth he seeks. A marvelous story, a challenging mystery, and a telling tale of the evils of intolerance, *The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon* both compels and entertains.

*Context* Nov 11 2020 Nulapeiron: a world isolated for twelve centuries. Its billions of inhabitants occupy subterranean strata, ruled by a logosophically-trained aristocracy of Lords and Ladies whose power base is upheld by Oracles. But revolution has touched all of its many cultures - failing in its intent, yet changing everything. Now Lord Tom Corcorigan - the commoner-turned-noble who renounced his power, the poet, logosopher and holder of the key to understanding the myriad wonders of mu-space, the legendary one-armed warrior, former revolutionary and would-be peacemaker - lies fatally wounded. His survival is dependent on his meeting with a mysterious Seer whose spacetime-warping talents transcend the merely Oracular. It is a confrontation that will result in bitter tragedy and loss - can the woman he loves be truly dead, or can quantum mysteries lie beyond the grave? Turning his back on a society sliding once more into anarchy and chaos, a disillusioned and despairing Tom wanders this strange, stratified world in search of meaning, love and his own salvation. But it seems Nulapeiron is threatened by a vast, insidious and terrifying enemy whose origins may lie beyond their world, beyond their understanding. And now is the time for legends to be reborn...

Probability Sun Sep 09 2020 Salvation or Annihilation? A strange artifact has been discovered on a distant planet, an artifact that may be the key to humanity's salvation. For we at war with the Fallers, an alien race bent on nothing short of genocide, and this is a war we are losing. The artifact is not only a powerful weapon, but possibly the rosetta stone to a lost superscience . . . a superscience that the Fallers may have already decoded. Or it may be a doomsday machine that could destroy the very fabric of space. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Elizabeth Webster and the Portal of Doom Mar 28 2022 In this spine-tingling sequel to *Elizabeth Webster and the Court of Uncommon Pleas*, young Elizabeth has a client and case of her very own, but things quickly become bloodstains-

on-the-courtroom-floor messy. After her grand success in the courtroom against the demon Redwing, Elizabeth thought life would get much easier. But balancing homework with defending the undead is tricky. And lately, it's been tough convincing her father that she's ready to do more than sweep the floors of the family firm. When a wailing banshee mother begs for her help in saving her son, Elizabeth jumps at the case. Free the boy named Keir McGoogan, then reunite him with his mother at the Portal of Doom -- piece of cake. But there's a catch. While Keir waits for his trial, Elizabeth must shepherd him through the horrifying halls of middle school! And soon she realizes that Keir's fate is tied to a terrifying pact made on a dark, stormy night a century ago. Behind his smart mouth and his 12-year-old appearance, Keir's hiding a secret big enough to sink your teeth into. Will Elizabeth and her friends be able to protect Keir? Or, are they the ones who need protecting? Packed with thrills, chills, laughter, and a gremlin, this second adventure will have Elizabeth's fans hiding under their covers as they read through the night.

Bone Song Oct 03 2022 Lieutenant Donal Connor has been given the most bizarre of new cases. Four famous stage performers have died in recent months, three of them in state capitals within Transifica, the fourth in far Zurinam. And now the idolised diva Maria deLivnova is coming to Tristopolis. Donal's boss is determined that nothing like this is ever to happen in his city. Connor is to have anything he needs, as long as the diva lives. And so begins a dark investigation through a world where corpses give up their psychic energy in the massive necroflux generators which power the city, where gargoyles talk, where wraiths work in slavery, a world of the dead where corruption is alive. This is an extraordinary SF novel set in an alternate universe quite unlike any imagined in SF before; a universe where magic and the supernatural and the undead are given a scientific rationale and horrifyingly plausible rationale. The novel's setting, Tristopolis, is the ultimate noir city; an immense baroque creation of haunted stone skyscrapers, black metal and city-wide catacombs. Its hero Donal Connor is immensely likeable and easy to identify with. Even once he's dead.

Resonance Sep 29 2019 From the leader of a Norse raiding party in 7th-century England to a young symbiotically bonded Pilot-and-Ship in the far future. From a female German scientist during the Second World War to a member of an alien race who communicates by smell. From the past to the future, war is coming. And only a few can see the darkness. Hidden at the centre of the Universe, the darkness spreads its tendrils throughout space and time. Those it touches become puppets, dedicated to slowing down the improvement of the human race and preventing it from reaching its true potential. For the darkness knows that when it makes its final invasion of our space, humanity will stand against it. And in the far, far future, knowing that they are the last hope for the galaxy, the Ragnarok council is forming...

The Labyrinth Index Nov 23 2021 "A bizarre yet effective yoking of the spy and horror genres." -The Washington Post Book World The Lovecraftian Singularity has descended upon the world in *The Labyrinth Index*, beginning an exciting new story arc in Charles Stross' Hugo Award-winning *Laundry Files* series! Since she was promoted to the head of the Lords Select Committee on Sanguinary Affairs, every workday for Mhari Murphy has been a

nightmare. It doesn't help that her boss, the new Prime Minister of Britain, is a manipulative and deceptive pain in the butt. But what else can she expect when working under the thumb of none other than the elder god N'yar Lat-Hotep a.k.a the Creeping Chaos? Mhari's most recent assignment takes her and a ragtag team of former Laundry agents across the pond into the depths of North America. The United States president has gone missing. Not that Americans are alarmed. For some mysterious reason, most of the country has forgotten the executive branch even exists. Perhaps it has to do with the Nazgûl currently occupying the government and attempting to summon Cthulhu. It's now up to Mhari and her team to race against the Nazgûl's vampire-manned dragnet to find and, for his own protection, kidnap the president. Who knew an egomaniacal, malevolent deity would have a soft spot for international relations?

**Bone Song** Mar 04 2020 Lieutenant Donal Riordan has been given the most bizarre of new cases. Four famous stage performers have died in recent months, three of them in state capitals within Transifica, the fourth in far Surinam. And now the idolised Diva, Maria deLivnova is coming to Tristopolis. Donal's boss is determined that nothing like this is ever to happen in his city. Donal is to have anything he needs as long the Diva lives. And so begins a dark investigation through a world where corpses give up their psychic energy in the massive necroflux generators that power the city, where gargoyles talk, where wraiths work in slavery, a world of the dead where corruption is alive. This is an extraordinary SF novel set in alternate universe quite unlike any imagined in SF before; a universe where magic and the supernatural and the undead are given a scientific rationale and horrifyingly plausible rationale. The novel's setting, Tristopolis, is the ultimate noir city; an immense baroque creation of haunted stone skyscrapers, black metal and city-wide catacombs. Its hero Donal Riordan is immensely likeable and easy to identify with. Even once he's dead.

**GB84** Jul 08 2020 Never before published in the U.S., GB84 will be launched in 2014 alongside two other novels by David Peace: *The Damned Utd* and *Red or Dead*. In taut and gripping prose that often feels like the relentless text of a surveillance report, GB84 tells the story of the British coal miner's strike of 1984—including the actual bombings, riots and protests that brought the country to the brink of civil war. Called by its author "fiction based on fact," the book depicts a real-life 1984 more violently dystopian than even Orwell imagined. Slowly starving strikers find themselves pitted against a prime minister—Margaret Thatcher—determined to crush them . . . a police force willing to use infiltration and violence to achieve her will . . . and equally hungry scabs who need a job . . . Mixing real events and characters with the voices of the increasingly desperate strikers, the book becomes a stirring saga of courage against overwhelmingly sinister forces, and paints a searing and haunting portrait of events that changed the course of British history.

The Pilo Family Circus Jun 18 2021 Jamie's tyres squealed to a halt. Standing in the glare of the headlights was an apparition dressed in a puffy shirt with a garish flower pattern. It wore oversized red shoes, striped pants and white face paint. It stared at him with ungodly boggling eyes, then turned away...this seemingly random incident triggers a nightmarish chain of events as Jamie finds he is being stalked by a trio of gleefully

sadistic clowns who deliver a terrifying ultimatum: you have two days to pass your audition. You better pass it, feller. You're joining the circus. Ain't that the best news you ever got? Jamie is plunged into the horrific alternate universe that is the centuries-old Pilo Family Circus, a borderline world between hell and earth from which humankind's greatest tragedies have been perpetrated. Yet in this place peopled by the gruesome, grotesque and monstrous, where violence and savagery are the norm, Jamie finds that his worst enemy is himself - for when he applies the white face paint, he is transformed into JJ, the most vicious clown of all. And JJ wants Jamie dead.

**California Bones** Feb 01 2020 When Daniel Blackland was six, he ingested his first bone fragment, a bit of kraken spine plucked out of the sand during a visit with his demanding, brilliant, and powerful magician father, Sebastian. When Daniel was twelve, he watched Sebastian die at the hands of the Hierarch of Southern California, devoured for the heightened magic layered deep within his bones. Now, years later, Daniel is a petty thief with a forged identity. Hiding amid the crowds in Los Angeles—the capital of the Kingdom of Southern California—Daniel is trying to go straight. But his crime-boss uncle has a heist he wants Daniel to perform: break into the Hierarch's storehouse of magical artifacts and retrieve Sebastian's sword, an object of untold power. For this dangerous mission, Daniel will need a team he can rely on, so he brings in his closest friends from his years in the criminal world. There's Moth, who can take a bullet and heal in mere minutes. Jo Alverado, illusionist. The multitasking Cassandra, Daniel's ex. And, new to them all, the enigmatic, knowledgeable Emma, with her British accent and her own grudge against the powers-that-be. The stakes are high, and the stage is set for a showdown that might just break the magic that protects a long-corrupt regime. Extravagant and yet moving, Greg van Eekhout's *California Bones* is an epic adventure set in a city of canals and secrets and casual brutality—different from the world we know, yet familiar and true. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Tristopolis Requiem** Oct 23 2021 The cop: Donal Riordan, undead, imprisoned in a coffin below ground. The city: Tristopolis, gothamesque and baroque, its unchanging sky deep purple, its elevators propelled by indentured wraiths, its power produced by necroflux reactors, fuelled by the bones of the dead. When powerful conspiracies threaten Tristopolis from the far side of the world, can a freed Donal find a way to stop them, and in the process find a reason to carry on existing?

**Winter Gardening in the Maritime Northwest** Jan 02 2020 Describes the potential of growing crops in the Pacific Northwest during the winter months, including the materials and equipment used, different types of pests, and suitable vegetables and herbs.

**Elizabeth Webster and the Chamber of Stolen Ghosts** Dec 13 2020 In this final installment of the Elizabeth Webster series, Philadelphia's youngest barrister faces a ghostly case that will determine the future of her world. Reeling from recent struggles in the courtroom, Elizabeth Webster is surprised when two sisters ask her to find the spirits of their parents who have been stolen by a ghost thief. But this simple matter becomes the most terrifying case of Elizabeth's career. Soon, she finds herself battling the

ghost thief himself, two cement Martha-Washington-faced dogs, and an army raised by the demon Redwing in the Chamber of Stolen Ghosts. To find a way forward, Elizabeth will have to rely on an unexpected ally in her quest—her mother. With her mother's history guiding her, Elizabeth will return to the Court of Uncommon Pleas to face her own self-doubts, battle the formidable Redwing, and protect the balance of natural and supernatural realms.

**Black Blood** Jun 30 2022 From John Meaney, the author of Bone Song and “the most important new SF writer of the 21st century,”\* comes a new novel, Black Blood. In it he offers his intoxicating blend of futuristic noir and gothic fantasy in a thriller that carries a cop with a personal vendetta across the barrier between life and death. Here, in a morbidly lush necropolis, he must stop a conspiracy of killers whose power is fueled by spilling... He’s lucky to be alive. That’s what everyone tells him. Except Tristopolitan police lieutenant Donal Riordan doesn’t feel lucky and he isn’t really alive. In one horrific moment not even death can erase from memory, Donal lost the woman he loved even as her ultimate sacrifice saved his life. Now it’s literally her heart that beats in his chest and her murder that Donal “lives” to avenge. While being a zombie cop has its upsides—including inhuman reaction time and razor-sharp senses—Donal’s new undead status makes him the target of Tristopolis’s powerful Unity Party, whose startling rise to power is built on a platform of antizombie paranoia and persecution. The Party is no friend, to be sure—but it’s the secret cabal known as the Black Circle and their stranglehold on the city’s elite that consume Donal’s black heart. For at the center of this ring of evil is the man responsible for his lover’s murder—a man Donal has already had to kill once before. Now, with ominous reports of white wolf sightings throughout the city and a dangerous sabotage attempt at police headquarters, all signs indicate that the Black Circle is planning a magical coup d’état. And the terror will begin with a political assassination triggered by a necroninja already hidden... in a place no one expects. For Donal, it’s no longer a matter of life and death but something far more serious. How can he stop a killer who won’t stay dead and an evil that death only makes stronger? \*Times (London)