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Bright Messengers Sep 17 2022 The Bishop of Mars--a woman--is kidnaped by hostile elements along with an agnostic German engineer and they are ordered to make love. The woman, a nun, refuses to break her vow of chastity and the hostile elements resort to force. By the co-author of Rama Revealed.

What If the Earth Had Two Moons? Jul 15 2022 "What if?" questions stimulate people to think in new ways, to refresh old ideas, and to make new discoveries. In *What If the Earth Had Two Moons*, Neil Comins leads us on a fascinating ten-world journey as we explore what our planet would be like under alternative astronomical conditions. In each case, the Earth would be different, often in surprising ways. The title chapter, for example, gives us a second moon orbiting closer to Earth than the one we have now. The night sky is a lot brighter, but that won't last forever. Eventually the moons collide, with one extra-massive moon emerging after a period during which Earth sports a Saturn-like ring. This and nine and other speculative essays provide us with insights into the Earth as it exists today, while shedding new light on the burgeoning search for life on planets orbiting other stars.

Appealing to adult and young adult alike, this book is a fascinating journey through physics and astronomy, and follows on the author's previous bestseller, *What if the Moon Didn't Exist?*, with completely new scenarios backed by the latest astronomical research.

Nightfall Oct 18 2022 An expanded version of Asimov's short story, "Nightfall," reveals a world on the brink of chaos, torn between religious fanaticism and scientific denial and faced with the end of civilization

Hammerjack Jul 03 2021 This dark thriller of the near future asks the provocative question: What happens when man manages to build God? In this action-packed debut, humanity is trapped in a deadly evolutionary race between human beings and a biological supercomputer.

Springwar Sep 24 2020 The story begun in *Bloodwinter* continues as two men dare frigid forests of Eron to reach the citadel of their king: arrogant Eddyn, haunted by his past crimes, and his bitter rival, Avall. But they cannot know Avall's sister, Merryn, has betrayed her homeland and that the Ixtian army is massing on the border, primed to strike the unarmed Eron.

Forward the Foundation Mar 19 2020 The second of two prequel novels in Isaac Asimov's classic science-fiction masterpiece, the Foundation series THE EPIC SAGA THAT INSPIRED THE APPLE TV+ SERIES FOUNDATION As Hari Seldon struggles to perfect his revolutionary theory of psychohistory and ensure a place for humanity among the stars, the great Galactic Empire totters on the brink of apocalyptic collapse. Caught in the maelstrom are Seldon and all he holds dear, pawns in the struggle for dominance. Whoever can control Seldon will control psychohistory—and with it the future of the Galaxy. Among

those seeking to turn psychohistory into the greatest weapon known to man are a populist political demagogue, the weak-willed Emperor Cleon I, and a ruthless militaristic general. In his last act of service to humankind, Hari Seldon must somehow save his life's work from their grasp as he searches for its true heirs—a search that begins with his own granddaughter and the dream of a new Foundation.

An Asimov Companion Jan 09 2022 A prolific author, Isaac Asimov is most admired for his science fiction, including his collection of short stories *I, Robot* and his *Robot*, *Empire* and *Foundation* series novels. While each of these narratives takes place in a different fictional universe, Asimov asserted at the end of his career that he had, with his last *Robot* and *Foundation* novels, unified them into one coherent metaseries. This reference work identifies and describes all of the characters, locales, artifacts, concepts and institutions in Asimov's metaseries. Mimicking the style of *The Encyclopedia Galactica*, the fictional compendium of all human knowledge that features prominently in the *Foundation* series, this encyclopedia is an invaluable companion to Asimov's science fiction oeuvre.

Virtual Light Nov 26 2020 *Virtual Light* - a gripping techno-thriller from William Gibson, bestselling author of *Neuromancer* San Francisco, the nearish future: Ex-cop Berry Rydell's lost one job he didn't much like and landed another he likes even less. Some sunglasses - actually high-end kit involving Virtual Reality and super-sensitive data - were stolen from a courier, and a man named Warbaby's been charged with retrieving them. Warbaby needs a driver and Rydell is the perfect fit. But when the courier is killed and Warbaby gets to work - giving Rydell a taste of what's expected and exactly what's at stake - he has second thoughts. Especially when he comes face to face with Chevette, stealer of sunglasses, who'll land an ex-cop in a heap of trouble . . . 'Audacious, witty and passionate. A wonderful read' *Observer* 'A stunner . . . a terrifically stylish burst of kick-butt imagination' *Entertainment Weekly* 'Studded with crackling insights into the relationship between technology, culture and morality, *Virtual Light* doesn't miss its stride for a nanosecond' *Time Out* William Gibson's first novel *Neuromancer* sold more than six million copies worldwide. *Count Zero* and *Mona Lisa Overdrive* completed his first trilogy. He has since written six further novels, moving gradually away from science fiction and futuristic work, instead writing about the strange contemporary world we inhabit. His most recent novels include *Patter Recognition*, *Spook Country* and *Zero History*, his non-fiction collection. *Distrust That Particular Flavor*, compiles assorted writings and journalism from across his career.

The Memory of Fire Feb 16 2020 Some futures just shouldn't exist. From the acclaimed author of *The Shift* and *Contraband* comes an intricately plotted, lushly written tale of a young composer trapped in a world turning mad--where imagination and free music will soon be the worst kinds of crime.... In a dark and not-so-distant future, whole populations are addicted to virtual sensation--and vast bureaucracies are using deadly force to rid themselves of troublemakers. Within this world, small, self-contained communities--called nodes, or cruces--live in an anarchistic freedom that threatens organized society. This is the world of accordionist and composer Soledad MacCrae. When the cruce of Bamaca on the South American coast is destroyed, Soledad flees to northern California in search of a Yanqui node to give her refuge. But terrifyingly realistic dreams of her old city intrude on her peace. It soon becomes clear that Soledad's visions of her doomed home have somehow turned into a black prediction of how the bureaucracies will wipe out the American node.

Now, to save her new refuge, Soledad must uncover the deadly secret that lies at the heart of her old life, particularly her passionate love affair with rebel poet Jorge Echeverria, whose incendiary poems she once set to music. For music is the final key, not only to the bureaucracies' deadly plans, but to the ultimate mystery of her own survival.

The Library Journal Feb 27 2021 Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

Viruses Revealed Nov 19 2022 Observes the effects of recent attacks on computer networks and subsequent clean-up efforts to analyze the origin, structure, and technology of computer viruses as well as current detection and prevention measures.

Science Fiction, Fantasy, & Horror Jun 02 2021 A comprehensive bibliography of books and short fiction published in the English language.

Library Journal Nov 07 2021

Voice of Youth Advocates Apr 12 2022

The Wild Jan 17 2020 A galactic search for the truth fires this magnificent epic of war and discovery on both a human and cosmic scale. The Wild: a chaotic place where ten elite lightship pilots dared to venture. A place where one of those pilots, Danlo wi Soli Ringess, will learn the fate of his father. Did Mallory Ringess die during that first expedition to the Wild? Or did he become a god? Opinions vary, but Danlo's search is focused on one objective: the truth. It is a truth that will not only reveal his father's assassin, but could also lay bare the secret to a killer virus that only Danlo survived.

Prodigal May 01 2021 In his riveting debut, Hammerjack, Marc Giller unspooled a futuristic thriller of global intrigue, corporate espionage, and techno-terrorism. Now he delivers a gritty new novel of deadly resurrection and a no-holds-barred fight for the future. . . . Once an elusive hammerjack plunged into a virtual world of code, Lea Prism has been reborn as a corporate spook, hell-bent on ridding the universe of the anti-tech Inru terrorists. Their attempt to accelerate evolution robbed her of her once chance for happiness. Now the man she loved is nothing but a disembodied consciousness—and part of the computer matrix she has sworn to defend. But from the depths of a Martian volcano to the radioactive wasteland of Chernobyl, the Inru have launched one last offensive—giving rise to a final scenario more terrifying than anyone could imagine. The forces of technology are poised to distort the very worst of what nature has to offer . . . and the stage is set for battle.

Forty Signs of Rain Mar 31 2021 The bestselling author of the classic Mars trilogy and *The Years of Rice and Salt* presents a riveting new trilogy of cutting-edge science, international politics, and the real-life ramifications of global warming as they are played out in our nation's capital—and in the daily lives of those at the center of the action. Hauntingly yet humorously realistic, here is a novel of the near future that is inspired by scientific facts already making headlines. When the Arctic ice pack was first measured in the 1950s, it averaged thirty feet thick in midwinter. By the end of the century it was down to fifteen. One August the ice broke. The next year the breakup started in July. The third year it began in May. That was last year. It's a muggy summer in Washington, D.C., as Senate environmental staffer Charlie Quibler and his scientist wife, Anna, work to call attention to the growing crisis of global warming. But as these everyday heroes fight to align the awesome forces of nature with the extraordinary march of technology, fate puts an

unusual twist on their efforts—one that will place them at the heart of an unavoidable storm.

Shadow Moon Dec 28 2020 From two of the greatest imaginations of our time comes a magnificent novel of adventure and magic...**SHADOW MOON**: First in the Chronicles of the Shadow War. The genius of Star Wars(r) creator George Lucas and the vision of Chris Claremont, the author of the phenomenally bestselling The Uncanny X-Men adventures, merge in what must be the fantasy event of the year. In Shadow Moon, war and chaos have gripped the land of Tir Asleen. An ancient prophecy reveals one hope: a savior princess who will ascend to the throne when the time is right. But first, a Nelwyn wanderer must face forces of unimaginable malevolence and dangerous, forbidden rites of necromancy that could bring back a powerful warrior from soulless sleep. George Lucas reshaped filmmaking in the '70s and '80s with his Star Wars and Indiana Jones films. When Bantam Books asked Lucas if he had any stories he would like to develop as novels rather than as films, Lucas turned to his 1988 fantasy film, Willow. "When I wrote the story for Willow, I began with the pre-story," Lucas said, "but the full story was yet to be told." Now, Lucas's vision is being fulfilled with the talented help of Chris Claremont. Having previously taken the reins of what was for a decade the bestselling comic in the western hemisphere (The Uncanny X-Men) Claremont assumes the responsibility of foster parent to Lucas's creation. On sale in hardcover now, and available on BDD Audio Cassette as well, **SHADOW MOON** is a momentous new adventure for readers looking to spend part of this summer in a fantastic world. **SHADOW MOON** is one of Bantam Spectra's most exciting publishing events in 1995, the year we celebrate our 10th Anniversary as the premiere publishing imprint of books of speculative fiction.

Dying of the Light May 21 2020 In this unforgettable space opera, #1 New York Times bestselling author George R. R. Martin presents a chilling vision of eternal night—a volatile world where cultures clash, codes of honor do not exist, and the hunter and the hunted are often interchangeable. A whisperjewel has summoned Dirk t'Larien to Worlorn, and a love he thinks he lost. But Worlorn isn't the world Dirk imagined, and Gwen Delvano is no longer the woman he once knew. She is bound to another man, and to a dying planet that is trapped in twilight. Gwen needs Dirk's protection, and he will do anything to keep her safe, even if it means challenging the barbaric man who has claimed her. But an impenetrable veil of secrecy surrounds them all, and it's becoming impossible for Dirk to distinguish between his allies and his enemies. In this dangerous triangle, one is hurtling toward escape, another toward revenge, and the last toward a brutal, untimely demise. Praise for *Dying of the Light* "Dying of the Light blew the doors off of my idea of what fiction could be and could do, what a work of unbridled imagination could make a reader feel and believe."—Michael Chabon "Slick science fiction . . . the Wild West in outer space."—Los Angeles Times "Something special which will keep Worlorn and its people in the reader's mind long after the final page is read."—Galileo magazine "The galactic background is excellent. . . . Martin knows how to hold the reader."—Asimov's "George R. R. Martin has the voice of a poet and a mind like a steel trap."—Algis Budrys

Gilgamesh the King Oct 06 2021 Recreates the legend of the Sumerian demi-god and king Gilgamesh, slayer of monsters and master of unsurpassed treasures, who searches for the key to immortality

The Icarus Hunt Oct 14 2019 From Timothy Zahn, Hugo Award winner and New York

Times bestselling author of two landmark Star Wars® series, comes an original new tale featuring a renegade space pilot, his unusual alien partner, and an unknown cargo that can change the course of galactic history. Jordan McKell has a problem with authority. Unfortunately for him, the iron-fisted authority of the powerful Patthaaunutth controls virtually every aspect of galactic shipping. In order to survive, Jordan ekes out a living dabbling in interstellar smuggling for outlaw concerns that represent the last vestiges of free trade in the galaxy. So when Jordan and his partner, Ixil--an alien with two ferret-like "outhunters" linked to his neural system--are hired by a mysterious gentleman to fly a ship and its special cargo to Earth, they jump at the job. Caution has never been one of Jordan's strong suits. But this time he may have taken on more than even he can handle. The ship, Icarus, turns out to be a ramshackle hulk, the ragtag crew literally picked up off the street, and the cargo so secret, it's sealed in a special container that takes up most of the cramped and ill-designed ship. As if that weren't bad enough, it looks like the authorities already suspect something is afoot, there's a saboteur aboard, and the Icarus appears to be shaking apart at the seams. It doesn't seem as if things could get any worse. That is, until a beautiful crew member helps McKell uncover the true nature of the cargo he's carrying. With his enemies closing in on the lumbering Icarus, the unknown saboteur still aboard, and authorities on Earth pressured to turn them in, McKell and Ixil become fugitives. Their only chance is to stay one step ahead of their pursuers as they try to make it home. A bold and epic novel filled with unrelenting action and a good dose of humor, *The Icarus Hunt* is a wild hyperspace romp through the galaxy.

The Gates of Twilight Dec 20 2022 In a fragile alliance, the natives are stirring uneasily under their foreign rulers. Rebellion is brewing, and at the heart of the conflict lies the bloody and powerful cult of the god Aoun, whose followers will stop at nothing to rid their land of alien domination. So civil servant Renille vo Chaumelle, scion of a proud, conquering line mingled with native blood, is conscripted as a spy and ordered to penetrate the fortress-temple known as the Fastness of the Gods. There he is to discover the secrets of the priests of Aoun and - if the chance presents itself - assassinate the lead priest, named in legend as the god's own son. But in the holiest depths of the temple, Renille finds there is more to the cult than his superiors suspect - far more than they will ever believe. What he learns leads him to the beautiful princess Jathondi, daughter of the native ruler, who is fated to be the crux of a violent confrontation between the fanatic followers of a flesh-hungry god and their arrogant overlords. Together, Jathondi and Renille must brave a whirlwind of revolution and apocalyptic magic that could shatter a nation, and open the long-sealed portal between heaven and earth.

Book 4, Rama Revealed Feb 22 2023 A massive alien starship carries its human passengers to the end of their generations-long odyssey and toward an epic confrontation with the mysterious Ramans

The Stranger May 13 2022 In a troubled future, the search for redemption may carry the stiffest price of all. A teenage boy is found dead in the Los Angeles city subway with no identity--no prints, no records, nothing on file--an unusual, fatal fugitive from the digital age. Such a crime may prove the perfect opportunity for Jenny Sixa to escape the pampered, empty life she's been leading and go back to one last time to the grisly underworld she can enter only through her telepathy. But this body has no last memories for her to probe, even

at the limits of her abilities. Worse, Jenny is becoming haunted by a predator who broadcast his thoughts as he attacks innocent women on the streets. There's nowhere to turn as the next dead teenager is found, and the next, and the next. . . Is there a link between The Stranger who haunts Jenny's dreams and the dead boys who haunt her days? And will she be able to save one final victim from destruction even as the enormity of the stakes are revealed? For if she fails, all of humanity may pay the price.

Bloodwinter Aug 24 2020 The discovery of a powerful gemstone leads to a desperate conflict between Ixti, an overpopulated desert kingdom, and Eron, a snowy land trying to cope with a deadly plague.

The Difference Engine Jun 21 2020 Fictional speculation on what would have happened if the computer had been invented in the 19th century.

The Garden of Rama Dec 16 2019 In the spellbinding Arthur C. Clarke tradition, here is an exhilarating adventure into the hearts of both the Universe and mankind . . . By the twenty-third century Earth has already had two encounters with massive, mysterious robotic spacecraft from beyond our solar system—the incontestable proof of an alien technology that far exceeds our own. Now three human cosmonauts are trapped aboard a labyrinthine Raman vessel, where it will take all of their physical and mental resources to survive. Only twelve years into their journey do these intrepid travelers learn their destination and face their ultimate challenge: a rendezvous with a Raman base—and the unseen architects of their galactic home. The cosmonauts have given up family, friends, and possessions to live a new kind of life. But the answers that await them at the Raman Node will require an even greater sacrifice—if humanity is indeed ready to learn the awe-inspiring truth.

Rama Revealed Jan 21 2023 On its mysterious voyage through interstellar space, a massive alien starship carries its human passengers to the end of a generations-long odyssey. But the great experiment designed by the Ramans has failed, and Rama III has become a battleground. Fleeing a tyrant, a band of humans ventures into the nether regions of the ship, where they encounter an emerald-doomed lair ruled by the fabulously advanced octospiders. As the octospiders lure the humans deeper into their domain, the humans must decide whether the creatures are their allies or enemies. All the while, Rama III continues its inexplorable journey towards the node, where the climax of their voyage awaits the stunning revelation of the true identity of the beings behind this glittering trek across the cosmos.

Snow Crash Dec 08 2021 The “brilliantly realized” (The New York Times Book Review) breakthrough novel from visionary author Neal Stephenson, a modern classic that predicted the metaverse and inspired generations of Silicon Valley innovators Hiro lives in a Los Angeles where franchises line the freeway as far as the eye can see. The only relief from the sea of logos is within the autonomous city-states, where law-abiding citizens don't dare leave their mansions. Hiro delivers pizza to the mansions for a living, defending his pies from marauders when necessary with a matched set of samurai swords. His home is a shared 20 X 30 U-Stor-It. He spends most of his time goggled in to the Metaverse, where his avatar is legendary. But in the club known as The Black Sun, his fellow hackers are being felled by a weird new drug called Snow Crash that reduces them to nothing more than a jittering cloud of bad digital karma (and IRL, a vegetative state). Investigating the Infocalypse leads Hiro all the way back to the beginning of language itself, with roots in an ancient Sumerian priesthood. He'll be joined by Y.T., a fearless teenaged skateboard

courier. Together, they must race to stop a shadowy virtual villain hell-bent on world domination.

Rama II Jun 14 2022 In the sequel to "Rendezvous with Rama," a second Raman spacecraft is discovered approaching Earth in 2196, an event of potentially devastating consequences for humankind

The Female Man Nov 14 2019 Four alternate selves from radically different realities come together in this "dazzling" and "trailblazing work" (The Washington Post). Widely acknowledged as Joanna Russ's masterpiece, *The Female Man* is the suspenseful, surprising, darkly witty, and boldly subversive chronicle of what happens when Jeannine, Janet, Joanna, and Jael—all living in parallel worlds—meet. Librarian Jeannine is waiting for marriage in a past where the Depression never ended, Janet lives on a utopian Earth with an all-female population, Joanna is a feminist in the 1970s, and Jael is a warrior with claws and teeth on an Earth where male and female societies are at war with each other. When the four women begin traveling to one another's worlds, their preconceptions on gender and identity are forever challenged. With "palpable anger . . . leavened by wit and humor" (The New York Times), Russ both employs and upends genre conventions to deliver a wickedly satiric and exhilarating version of when worlds collide and women get woke. This ebook includes the Nebula Award-winning bonus short story "When It Changed," set in the world of *The Female Man*.

The Dead Letters Jul 23 2020 BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Tom Piccirilli's *The Last Kind Words*. Five years ago, Eddie Whitt's daughter Sarah became the victim of a serial killer known as Killjoy, and Whitt vowed to hunt him down—no matter what the cost. But the police have given up. And Killjoy has stopped killing...and in some bizarre act of repentance has begun kidnapping abused infants and leaving them with the parents of his original victims. The only clues to Killjoy's identity lie in a trail of taunting letters. And even as they lead Whitt to a deadly cult—and closer to his prey—he begins to suspect that, like his wife, he's losing his grip on reality: Sarah's dollhouse is filled with eerie activity, as if her murder never occurred. As dark forces rise around him, Whitt must choose—between believing that evil can repent...and stepping into a trap set by a killer who may know the only way to save Whitt's soul.

Noir Oct 26 2020 In his acclaimed novels *Dr. Adder*, *The Glass Hammer*, and *the Blade Runner* books, K.W. Jeter masterfully re-created the grim and gritty world of Ridley Scott's classic science fiction film masterpiece. Now Jeter returns with a startling and stylish new vision of the future as only he could imagine it, a dark and disturbing universe that can be described with one word... Welcome to the Pacific Rim, the new center of the civilized world. As the rest of the planet sinks toward economic and social disaster, the cities on the coast have become a neon-lit, high-tech paradise. Chief among them is Los Angeles, a sparkling metropolis attracting lost souls from across a shattered continent. But beneath the sleek surface lies a labyrinthine underground feeding on the darkest human desires. Here the wealthy seek forbidden thrills through an anonymous on-line computer system that makes use of prowlers--masked simulations of human users programmed to delve into the most taboo of the hard-core sexual underworld and bring back exotic and erotic experiences to their safeguarded users. For most people, the prowlers are a way to indulge in their wildest sexual fantasies. But for others, they are something far more dangerous. When a young

executive of one of the world's most powerful corporations is found brutally slain, a retired ex-cop is called in to find his missing prowler. The corporation believes the young man's prowler is still "alive" and they want it found, but they don't care to reveal why. McNihil was an information cop forced into early retirement. He knows he is walking straight into a trap, but he has no choice. He must descend into the noir underground, his only companion a ruthless female operative named November who has a desperate agenda of her own. Together they will uncover a web of evil far more extensive than McNihil ever imagined...a vast conspiracy that threatens to blur forever the line between the sane safety of the daylight world and the dark, dangerous world of noir. *Noiris* K.W. Jeter at his very best, a dazzling and inventive futuristic drama of mystery, menace, and sexual terror set in a society of glitter and sinister darkness in which no one can be trusted and everything is far worse than it seems.

Star Wars Meets the Eras of Feminism Sep 05 2021 This book traces the changing representation of female characters in the Star Wars franchise through the lens of the four feminist waves, arguing that while the original trilogy reflects the second wave of feminism, the prequels mirror the girl power era that followed, and the sequels are helping define a new fourth wave of inclusion and diversity.

Arthur C. Clarke Feb 10 2022 Already renowned for his science fiction and scientific nonfiction, Arthur C. Clarke became the world's most famous science fiction writer after the success of *2001: A Space Odyssey*. He then produced novels like *Rendezvous with Rama* and *The Fountains of Paradise* that many regard as his finest works. Gary Westfahl closely examines Clarke's remarkable career, ranging from his forgotten juvenilia to the passages he completed for a final novel, *The Last Theorem*. As Westfahl explains, Clarke's science fiction offered original perspectives on subjects like new inventions, space travel, humanity's destiny, alien encounters, the undersea world, and religion. While not inclined to mysticism, Clarke necessarily employed mystical language to describe the fantastic achievements of advanced aliens and future humans. Westfahl also contradicts the common perception that Clarke's characters were bland and underdeveloped, arguing that these reticent, solitary individuals, who avoid conventional relationships, represent his most significant prediction of the future, as they embody the increasingly common lifestyle of people in the twenty-first century.

The Cobweb Jan 29 2021 From his triumphant debut with *Snow Crash* to the stunning success of his latest novel, *Quicksilver*, Neal Stephenson has quickly become the voice of a generation. In this now-classic political thriller, he and fellow author J. Frederick George tell a savagely witty, chillingly topical tale set in the tense moments of the Gulf War. When a foreign exchange student is found murdered at an Iowa University, Deputy Sheriff Clyde Banks finds that his investigation extends far beyond the small college town—all the way to the Middle East. Shady events at the school reveal that a powerful department is using federal grant money for highly dubious research. And what it's producing is a very nasty bug. Navigating a plot that leads from his own backyard to Washington, D.C., to the Gulf, where his Army Reservist wife has been called to duty, Banks realizes he may be the only person who can stop the wholesale slaughtering of thousands of Americans. It's a lesson in foreign policy he'll never forget.

Forbidden Knowledge Mar 11 2022 Author of *The Chronicles Of Thomas Covenant*, one of

the most acclaimed fantasy series of all time, master storyteller Stephen R. Donaldson returns with the second book in his long-awaited new science fiction series--a story about dark passions, perilous alliances, and dubious heroism set in a stunningly imagined future. Beautiful, brilliant, and dangerous, Morn Hyland is an ex-police officer for the United Mining Companies--and the target of two ruthless, powerful men. One is the charismatic ore-pirate Nick Succorso, who sees Morn as booty wrested from his vicious rival, Angus Thermopyle. thermopyle once made the mistake of underestimating Morn and now he's about to pay the ultimate price. Both men think they can possess her, but Morn is no one's trophy--and no one's pawn. Meanwhile, within the borders of Forbidden Space, wait the Amnion, an alien race capable of horrific atrocities. The Amnion want something unspeakable from humanity--and they will go to unthinkable lengths to get it. In *Forbidden Knowledge*, Stephen R. Donaldson spins a galaxy-wide web of intrigue, deception, and betrayal that tightens with inexorable strength around characters and readers alike.

The Tranquility Wars Aug 16 2022 Hunter Blake, an inexperienced young colonist living in an off-world settlement in the twenty-fifth century, is kidnapped by "space pirates" and must decide whether his captors are ruthless bandits or freedom fighters.

The Patron Saint of Plagues Apr 19 2020 From an award-winning short-fiction writer comes a debut novel that tosses readers into a near-future world where an outbreak of plague threatens not only a precious peace negotiation, but the entire continents of North and South America.

The Seeds of Time Aug 04 2021 Clio Finn is a Dive pilot on a troubled Earth in 2019. Public paranoia about the AIDS virus and its successors has led to the imprisonment of the "subversives" of the society (namely, drug users and gays) in forced labor quarantine camps known as quarries. Meanwhile, Earth itself is dying from a progressive lack of greenery, as the UV irradiation from a successively depleted ozone layer is killing off all the plants, and therefore the planet's ability to sustain itself. To counteract this problem, the powers of Earth have decided that new greenery must be found on alternate worlds, to supplement Earth's dying stock with heartier, alien strains. But since faster-than-light travel is still unavailable, a new method must be found to achieve this. Enter time travel, in which a quick jaunt down through time can bring ships into the position of planets which had rotated through Earth's present position in the distant past, due to the galaxy's extended period of rotation. As most people are unable to remain awake during these temporal Dives, the guiding duty is left to an exclusive class of Dive pilots. Only dive pilots have a limited span before they burn out. Most can last thirty to forty Dives. Clio Finn has lasted fifty-five, and she is on the ragged end of burn-out, kept on track only by a handful of outlawed drugs. But the potential rewards are great. A previous haul of greenery, once thought to be Earth's salvation, is dying off, and an illicit jaunt into the future taken by Clio and her colleagues has discovered the violent end of humanity itself. So her current destination, Niang, an Edenic tropical planet, seems the answer to mankind's prayers. Only, on Niang's surface, Clio discovers a desperate secret. The green which may save mankind also subsists on metals, and may therefore destroy all of mankind's existing technology. Clio's dilemma--whether to regreen Earth at the risk of driving man back into the dark ages--is only exacerbated when an accidental loop in time catches her in a paradox between two alternate futures, each of which is determined to eradicate the other completely and absolutely. From

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