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*Elantris* - Brandon Sanderson  
2014-02-04

Elantris, la città degli dèi. Abitata da creature di una bellezza splendente, è un luogo di fulgore e magia. Un luogo di felicità eterna. Ma all'improvviso quell'eternità ha fine. Elantris diventa un luogo di tetra disperazione: i suoi abitanti, colpiti da un'orrenda maledizione, diventano misere creature i cui corpi hanno dimenticato di essere morti e la città diventa la loro tomba. E

quella maledizione può colpire chiunque: anche Raoden, il principe ereditario del regno di Arelon. All'insaputa di tutti, il giovane viene rinchiuso tra le mura di Elantris, dove sarà costretto a fare i conti con una civiltà imbarbarita. Agli occhi del mondo lui è morto, anche per Sarene, la principessa che si preparava a diventare sua sposa, sperando, dopo una lunga corrispondenza, di trovare l'amore oltre le ragioni di Stato. Dovrà affrontare da

sola gli intrighi di corte di Arelon e una nuova minaccia rappresentata da Hrathen, un alto sacerdote giunto dal regno ostile di Fjorden: è venuto per redimere Arelon o per distruggerla? Né Sarene né Hrathen sanno la verità su Raoden, ma forse sarà proprio lui a svelare il segreto dietro la maledizione di Elantris e a dare un nuovo futuro al suo regno. Un'opera ispirata e originale che ha rivelato Brandon Sanderson come una delle maggiori promesse della letteratura fantasy contemporanea.

**Star Trek: Discovery - The Light of Kahless** - Mike

Johnson 2018-08-08

Journey back in time to a decade before Captain Kirk and the Enterprise set out on their five-year mission, when the United Federation of Planets is locked in conflict with the mysterious Klingon Empire. But just who are these formidable foes? Delve into the shocking world of the Klingons in a story you can only find in this miniseries, which ties directly into the show.

*Embers of War* - Gareth L. Powell 2018-02-20

From BSFA Award winning author Gareth L. Powell comes the first in a new epic sci-fi trilogy exploring the legacies of war. The sentient warship Trouble Dog was built for violence, yet following a brutal war, she is disgusted by her role in a genocide. Stripped of her weaponry and seeking to atone, she joins the House of Reclamation, an organisation dedicated to rescuing ships in distress. When a civilian ship goes missing in a disputed system, Trouble Dog and her new crew of loners, captained by Sal Konstanz, are sent on a rescue mission. Meanwhile, light years away, intelligence officer Ashton Childe is tasked with locating the poet, Ona Sudak, who was aboard the missing spaceship. What Childe doesn't know is that Sudak is not the person she appears to be. A straightforward rescue turns into something far more dangerous, as Trouble Dog, Konstanz and Childe find themselves at the centre of a conflict that could engulf the

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entire galaxy. If she is to save her crew, Trouble Dog is going to have to remember how to fight...

*Crossing the Mangrove* - Maryse Conde 2011-03-02  
In this beautifully crafted, Rashomon-like novel, Maryse Conde has written a gripping story imbued with all the nuances and traditions of Caribbean culture. Francis Sancher--a handsome outsider, loved by some and reviled by others--is found dead, face down in the mud on a path outside Riviere au Sel, a small village in Guadeloupe. None of the villagers are particularly surprised, since Sancher, a secretive and melancholy man, had often predicted an unnatural death for himself. As the villagers come to pay their respects they each--either in a speech to the mourners, or in an internal monologue--reveal another piece of the mystery behind Sancher's life and death. Like pieces of an elaborate puzzle, their memories interlock to create a rich and intriguing portrait of a man and a community. In the

lush and vivid prose for which she has become famous, Conde has constructed a Guadeloupean wake for Francis Sancher. Retaining the full color and vibrance of Conde's homeland, *Crossing the Mangrove* pays homage to Guadeloupe in both subject and structure.

**The Android's Dream** - John Scalzi 2007-04-01  
From New York Times bestseller and Hugo Award-winner John Scalzi, a wild-and-woolly caper novel of interstellar diplomacy A human diplomat creates an interstellar incident when he kills an alien diplomat in a most . . . unusual . . . way. To avoid war, Earth's government must find an equally unusual object: a type of sheep ("The Android's Dream"), used in the alien race's coronation ceremony. To find the sheep, the government turns to Harry Creek, ex-cop, war hero and hacker extraordinaire, who, with the help of a childhood friend turned artificial intelligence, scours the earth looking for the rare creature. But there are

others with plans for the sheep as well. Mercenaries employed by the military. Adherents of a secret religion based on the writings of a 21st century SF author. And alien races, eager to start a revolution on their home world and a war on Earth. To keep our planet from being enslaved, Harry will have to pull off a grand diplomatic coup, a gambit that will take him from the halls of power to the lava-strewn battlefields of alien worlds. There's only one chance to get it right, to save the life of the sheep—and to protect the future of humanity.

Other Tor Books  
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Your Hate Mail Will Be Graded  
Fuzzy Nation  
Redshirts  
1. Lock In  
2. Head On  
The Interdependency Sequence  
1. The Collapsing Empire  
2. The Consuming Fire  
Old Man's War Series  
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*Lo stallo dell'impero* - John Scalzi 2019-03-13

L'Interdipendenza, l'impero interstellare dell'umanità, è sull'orlo del collasso. Le correnti del Flusso, i condotti spaziotemporali che rendono possibile il viaggio tra le stelle, stanno scomparendo, lasciando intrappolati interi sistemi stellari. Se, in assenza di estreme misure risolutive, sparirà, la civiltà umana perirà con esso. L'imperatrice Grayland II, leader dell'Interdipendenza, è pronta a adottare le misure necessarie per garantire la sopravvivenza di miliardi di persone. Ma molti credono che il collasso del Flusso sia un mito o addirittura un'opportunità che potrebbe consentire loro di ascendere al potere. Mentre Grayland si prepara al disastro, altri si stanno organizzando in vista di una guerra civile che si svolgerà non solo tra astronavi e su campi di battaglia, ma anche nelle sale del potere, nei mercati degli affari e nei templi del culto. L'imperatrice e i suoi alleati sono scaltri e

intraprendenti, ma lo sono anche i loro nemici, e niente in questa violenta lotta per il potere e la sopravvivenza sarà semplice o lineare...

**On Ugliness** - Umberto Eco  
2011

Beauty and ugliness are two sides of the same coin; by ugliness we usually mean the opposite of beauty and we often define the first in order to understand the nature of the second. But the various depictions of ugliness over the centuries are richer and more unpredictable than is commonly thought. The striking images and anthological quotations in *On Ugliness* lead us on an extraordinary journey through the passions, terrors and nightmares of almost three thousand years, where acts of rejection go hand in hand with touching instances of empathy, and an aversion to deformity is accompanied by seductive violations of all classical canons. With his characteristic wit and erudition, Umberto Eco draws on examples in art and literature from ancient times to

the present day. Abundantly illustrated with demons, madmen, vile enemies and disquieting presences, with freaks and the living dead, *On Ugliness* is conceived for a vast and diverse readership, and is an invaluable companion volume to *On Beauty*.

*Norby the Mixed-Up Robot* - Janet Asimov 2010-01-14

Jeff Wells, a Space Academy student, and Norby, a second-hand robot with unusual abilities, find themselves involved in the sinister plans of Ing the Ingrate, who intends to take over the universe.

*Transrealist Fiction* - Damien Broderick 2000

Transrealist writing treats "immediate perceptions in a fantastic way," according to science fiction writer and mathematician Rudy Rucker, who originated the term. In the expanded sense argued in this book, it also intensifies imaginative fiction by writing the fantastic from the standpoint of richly personalized experience, as in the works of Philip K. Dick.

This volume examines a variety

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of work from a transrealist perspective, including the writings of Dick, Rucker, Kurt Vonnegut, J.G. Ballard, and John Barth.

*Homosexuality and Italian Cinema* - Mauro Giori

2017-11-18

This book is the first to establish the relevance of same-sex desires, pleasures and anxieties in the cinema of post-war Italy. It explores cinematic representations of homosexuality and their significance in a wider cultural struggle in Italy involving society, cinema, and sexuality between the 1940s and 1970s. Besides tracing the evolution of representations through both art and popular films, this book also analyses connections with consumer culture, film criticism and politics. Giori uncovers how complicated negotiations between challenges to and valorization of dominant forms of knowledge of homosexuality shaped representations and argues that they were not always the outcome of hatred but also sought to convey

unmentionable pleasures and complicities. Through archival research and a survey of more than 600 films, the author enriches our understanding of thirty years of Italian film and cultural history.

**Fear in the World** - Corrado Alvaro 2021-03-23

Corrado Alvaro's *Fear in the World* was published a decade before Orwell's 1984, but is not well known outside Italy, perhaps because of the timing of the publication just before the Second World War. Alvaro had visited the Soviet Union as a journalist, but was probably motivated to write this dystopian novel by aspects of modernity that concerned him, particularly the use of fear for political purposes which was not afflicting Russia alone. He was interested in the psychology of fear and the extent to which individuals and the crowd participate in their own regimentation. The names of countries, cities and leading political figures such as Stalin are never referred to, but as in the works of Orwell they are clearly identifiable from their

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descriptions: the author was writing in a Fascist country against a Fascist censor and had to cut his cloth accordingly. This is a dark novel, not quite as dark as 1984, but it is more claustrophobic. The feeling of inevitability is there from the first page, and it is experienced as we experience real life. The imagined truth takes us closer to where we really are. The travails of the love affair at the core of this novel quite possibly arise from perceptions that the regime exploits in a quite ad hoc manner. And it leads the reader through an extraordinary sequence of events and observations which encompass a vast range of emotions and ideas expressed in a unique prose style. The modern Leviathan appears to be a well-oiled machine, but towards the end it becomes clear that this is merely an appearance of efficiency and omniscience, but appearances can be powerful. Alvaro is particularly interested in how the state uses quasireligious mechanisms and rituals to

assert its power. The central character returns to the country after a long period abroad, and sees things initially through foreign eyes, living a life similar to the one Alvaro did when in Russia. He is not a natural rebel, and very much wants to fit in, but he finds this difficult to achieve. The regime boasts that it has an ally in history, but destiny is elusive, however much the characters feel that they are driven by it.

Passage - Connie Willis  
2009-12-09

One of those rare, unforgettable novels that are as chilling as they are insightful, as thought-provoking as they are terrifying, award-winning author Connie Willis's Passage is an astonishing blend of relentless suspense and cutting-edge science unlike anything you've ever read before. It is the electrifying story of a psychologist who has devoted her life to tracking death. But when she volunteers for a research project that simulates the near-death

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experience, she will either solve life's greatest mystery -- or fall victim to its greatest terror. At Mercy General Hospital, Dr. Joanna Lander will soon be paged -- not to save a life, but to interview a patient just back from the dead. A psychologist specializing in near-death experiences, Joanna has spent two years recording the experiences of those who have been declared clinically dead and lived to tell about it. It's research on the fringes of ordinary science, but Joanna is about to get a boost from an unexpected quarter. A new doctor has arrived at Mercy General, one with the power to give Joanna the chance to get as close to death as anyone can. A brilliant young neurologist, Dr. Richard Wright has come up with a way to manufacture the near-death experience using a psychoactive drug. Dr. Wright is convinced that the NDE is a survival mechanism and that if only doctors understood how it worked, they could someday delay the dying process, or

maybe even reverse it. He can use the expertise of a psychologist of Joanna Lander's standing to lend credibility to his study. But he soon needs Joanna for more than just her reputation. When his key volunteer suddenly drops out of the study, Joanna finds herself offering to become Richard's next subject. After all, who better than she, a trained psychologist, to document the experience? Her first NDE is as fascinating as she imagined it would be -- so astounding that she knows she must go back, if only to find out why this place is so hauntingly familiar. But each time Joanna goes under, her sense of dread begins to grow, because part of her already knows why the experience is so familiar, and why she has every reason to be afraid.... And just when you think you know where she is going, Willis throws in the biggest surprise of all -- a shattering scenario that will keep you feverishly reading until the final climactic page is turned.

*Introduction to Medieval*

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*History* - Paolo Delogu

2002-09-26

An introduction to the sources, methods and theories most used by historians, this book explores the origins of the idea of the 'middle ages' and its development in Renaissance and modern European historical discourse, the problem of periodisation and the principal themes of modern historiography.

*Ancillary Mercy* - Ann Leckie

2015-10-06

Breg and her crew must stand against an old and powerful enemy, the Lord of the Radch, and fight for the right to determine their own destinies in the stunning conclusion to the NYT bestselling Imperial Radch trilogy A must read for fans of Ursula K. Le Guin and James S. A. Corey. For a moment, things seemed to be under control for Breg, the soldier who used to be a warship. Then a search of Athoek Station's slums turns up someone who shouldn't exist, and a messenger from the mysterious Presger empire arrives, as does Breg's enemy,

the divided and quite possibly insane Anaander Mianaai -- ruler of an empire at war with itself. Breg refuses to flee with her ship and crew, because that would leave the people of Athoek in terrible danger. The odds aren't good, but that's never stopped her before.

"There are few who write science fiction like Ann Leckie can. There are few who ever could." -- John Scalzi

*L'angelo della rivoluzione* -

George Griffith 2021-04-15

Un mix sensazionale delle fantasie futuristiche di guerra aerea di Jules Verne e delle visioni utopiche di Notizie da nessun luogo di William Morris, precursore del futuro di Wells in La guerra nell'aria, della letteratura sulle invasioni di George Tomkyns Chesney e dei suoi imitatori, racconta la storia di un gruppo di sedicenti 'terroristi' che conquistano il mondo attraverso la guerra tra aeronavi. Guidati da un brillante ebreo russo storpio e da sua figlia, l'Angelo Natasha, 'la Fratellanza della Libertà' fonda una 'pax aeronautica' sulla Terra dopo che un

giovane inventore padroneggia la tecnologia del volo nel 1903. L'eroe si innamora di Natasha e si unisce alla guerra contro il potere consolidato in generale e in particolare contro lo zar russo. Scritto con la vena profetica di Jules Verne e H.G. Wells, il capolavoro epico di Griffith racconta la storia di una grande guerra che non è mai esistita. Squadroni di dirigibili e flotte a vapore si scontrano nei grandi regni del mondo, lasciando dietro di loro panico e devastazione. Qual è il segreto di Natasha, il misterioso Angelo oscuro? Qualcuno può fermare i tirannici eternauti che pilotano le maestose macchine da guerra? L'impero britannico crollerà e cadrà preda degli anarchici dell'aria? Ma nessuno conosce le reali intenzioni di questi rivoluzionari...

**Waylander dei Drenai** - David Gemmell 2015-04-30

Un sicario professionista uccide Niallad, sovrano Drenai ed erede del leggendario Orien, il re Guerriero. Il regno, che Niallad aveva incoscientemente disarmato, è

allo sbando. Un'orda di guerrieri senza scrupoli, i seguaci del Caos, invade le terre dei Drenai, seminando orrore e morte. Tutto ciò mentre una diabolica e oscura Fratellanza cospira nell'ombra. I guerrieri Drenai in grado di opporsi agli invasori sono pochi e l'unica loro speranza è che venga al più presto ritrovata la gloriosa Armatura di Bronzo che Orien indossava in battaglia e ormai perduta. Toccherà a Waylander il mercenario avventurarsi, in compagnia del giovane sacerdote Dardalion, alla ricerca del prezioso cimelio. Il tempo non è dalla loro parte e Waylander porta con sé un pericoloso segreto: è lui il sicario che ha ucciso Re Niallad!

**Il Destino della Legione** -

Kameron Hurley 2019-02-13

Ai confini dell'universo, uno sciame di navi-mondo in decomposizione, conosciuto come la Legione, sta viaggiando tra le stelle e da generazioni è stata intrapresa una guerra per sottometterla, senza una chiara risoluzione. Mentre i mondi continuano a

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morire, afflitti da un cancro che porterà alla scomparsa di tutte le razze, viene messo in atto un piano disperato. Zan si sveglia senza memoria, prigioniera di un popolo che dice di essere la sua famiglia. Le viene detto che è la loro salvezza, l'unica persona in grado di superare le barriere del Mokshi, una nave-mondo che ha il potere di lasciare la Legione. Ma questa sua nuova famiglia non è la sola a voler ottenerne il controllo. In poco tempo, Zan sarà costretta a scegliere da che parte stare in una guerra che la porterà a intraprendere un lungo viaggio, dai margini estremi delle navi-mondo fino al ventre stesso dell'universo. Scoprirà, nelle sue continue rivelazioni, di avere in sé il potere di distruggere la Legione così come di salvarla. Ma riusciranno lei e i suoi seguaci a sopravvivere agli orrori di questo luogo e della sua gente abbastanza a lungo per salvarla? Riuscirà Zan a capire chi è e da che parte stare?

*The System of the World* - Neal Stephenson 2009-10-13

'Tis done. The world is a most confused and unsteady place -- especially London, center of finance, innovation, and conspiracy -- in the year 1714, when Daniel Waterhouse makes his less-than-triumphant return to England's shores. Aging Puritan and Natural Philosopher, confidant of the high and mighty and contemporary of the most brilliant minds of the age, he has braved the merciless sea and an assault by the infamous pirate Blackbeard to help mend the rift between two adversarial geniuses at a princess's behest. But while much has changed outwardly, the duplicity and danger that once drove Daniel to the American Colonies is still coin of the British realm. No sooner has Daniel set foot on his homeland when he is embroiled in a dark conflict that has been raging in the shadows for decades. It is a secret war between the brilliant, enigmatic Master of the Mint and closet alchemist Isaac Newton and his archnemesis, the insidious

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counterfeiter Jack the Coiner, a.k.a. Jack Shaftoe, King of the Vagabonds. Hostilities are suddenly moving to a new and more volatile level, as Half-Cocked Jack plots a daring assault on the Tower itself, aiming for nothing less than the total corruption of Britain's newborn monetary system. Unbeknownst to all, it is love that set the Coiner on his traitorous course; the desperate need to protect the woman of his heart -- the remarkable Eliza, Duchess of Arcachon-Qwghlm -- from those who would destroy her should he fail. Meanwhile, Daniel Waterhouse and his Clubb of unlikely cronies comb city and country for clues to the identity of the blackguard who is attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with Infernal Devices -- as political factions jockey for position while awaiting the impending death of the ailing queen; as the "holy grail" of alchemy, the key to life eternal, tantalizes and continues to elude Isaac Newton, yet is closer than he ever imagined; as the greatest

technological innovation in history slowly takes shape in Waterhouse's manufactory. Everything that was will be changed forever ... The System of the World is the concluding volume in Neal Stephenson's Baroque Cycle, begun with Quicksilver and continued in The Confusion.

The Bladerunner - Alan E Nourse 2013-04-12

Billy Gimp was a bladerunner . . . one of the shadowy procurers of illegal medical supplies for the rapidly expanding, nightmare world of the medical black market. Doc was a skilled surgeon at a government-operated hospital by day . . . and an underground physician by night, providing health care for the multitudes who could not - or would not - qualify for legal medical assistance. Trapped by Health Control Police, Billy Gimp knew he had to warn Doc that they were closing in on him. But something even more deadly than the law had already made its first move . . . a new plague that Health Control could not handle!

*Revolt Against the Modern World* - Julius Evola 2018-07-13

With unflinching gaze and uncompromising intensity Julius Evola analyzes the spiritual and cultural malaise at the heart of Western civilization and all that passes for progress in the modern world. As a gadfly, Evola spares no one and nothing in his survey of what we have lost and where we are headed. At turns prophetic and provocative, *Revolt against the Modern World* outlines a profound metaphysics of history and demonstrates how and why we have lost contact with the transcendent dimension of being. The revolt advocated by Evola does not resemble the familiar protests of either liberals or conservatives. His criticisms are not limited to exposing the mindless nature of consumerism, the march of progress, the rise of technocracy, or the dominance of unalloyed individualism, although these and other subjects come under his scrutiny. Rather, he attempts

to trace in space and time the remote causes and processes that have exercised corrosive influence on what he considers to be the higher values, ideals, beliefs, and codes of conduct--the world of Tradition--that are at the foundation of Western civilization and described in the myths and sacred literature of the Indo-Europeans.

Agreeing with the Hindu philosophers that history is the movement of huge cycles and that we are now in the Kali Yuga, the age of dissolution and decadence, Evola finds revolt to be the only logical response for those who oppose the materialism and ritualized meaninglessness of life in the twentieth century. Through a sweeping study of the structures, myths, beliefs, and spiritual traditions of the major Western civilizations, the author compares the characteristics of the modern world with those of traditional societies. The domains explored include politics, law, the rise and fall of empires, the history of the Church, the doctrine of the two natures, life

and death, social institutions and the caste system, the limits of racial theories, capitalism and communism, relations between the sexes, and the meaning of warriorhood. At every turn Evola challenges the reader's most cherished assumptions about fundamental aspects of modern life. A controversial scholar, philosopher, and social thinker, JULIUS EVOLA (1898-1974) has only recently become known to more than a handful of English-speaking readers. An authority on the world's esoteric traditions, Evola wrote extensively on ancient civilizations and the world of Tradition in both East and West. Other books by Evola published by Inner Traditions include *Eros and the Mysteries of Love*, *The Yoga of Power*, *The Hermetic Tradition*, and *The Doctrine of Awakening*. [The Usurper](#) - Emanuele Rizzardi 2020-09-12

The last years of the thirteenth century are harsh for the already tired Byzantine Empire, recently reconstituted in Constantinople, under the

cunning and fierce family of the Palaiologos. What remains of the wealthy provinces of Asia Minor have fallen into anarchy. Bands of Turkish raiders, lusting for booty and land, repeatedly loot the countryside, forcing the citizens of the empire to desperately attempt an escape to the coast or to perch behind the walls of ancient and solid fortresses. In the meantime, Karman Bey, Muslim lord of Miletus, increases his power and grip on the land beyond what has been seen before and gathers an army large enough to convince the court of Constantinople to respond by any means necessary. The Turkish dream of conquering the "queen of cities" seems to be becoming a sad reality. Basileus Andronikos II places his hopes on his young nephew Alexios Philanthropenos, commissioning him to put an end to the enemy pressure and preserve what is left before it is too late. Alexios, elated at the idea of showing off his qualities as a military commander, will discover that

intrigue, power games and war always have a price to pay, and his youthful illusions will face a harsh reality. Soon after his arrival he begins to understand the bitterness of the local reality and concludes that the defeat of Karman is not enough to ensure peace, he will decide to rebel against his uncle and take the throne for himself, propelling him and his allies to an uncertain future.

**The Magic Place** - Chris Wormell 2019-08-22

A stunning, elegant and uplifting adventure about searching for the most magical place of all - home. Have you ever dreamed of somewhere better? A life more colourful and full of joy? Escape with our sparky heroine, Clementine, and find your own magic place. A story to kindle hope in the heart of every child who reads it . . .

**L'ultima imperatrice** - John Scalzi 2021-06-24

Il collasso del Flusso, il percorso interstellare tra i pianeti dell'Interdipendenza, è accelerato. Interi sistemi stellari - e miliardi di persone -

stanno per essere tagliati fuori dal resto della civiltà umana. Questo crollo è stato predetto da una previsione scientifica. . . eppure, anche se l'evidenza è ovvia e insormontabile, molti cercano ancora di razionalizzare, ritardare e trarre profitto da questi ultimi giorni di uno dei più grandi imperi che l'umanità abbia mai conosciuto. L'imperatrice Grayland II ha finalmente strappato il controllo del suo impero a coloro che le si oppongono e negano la realtà di questo crollo. Ma il "controllo" è una cosa sfuggente, e anche se Grayland si sforza di salvare il maggior numero dei suoi abitanti da un isolamento impoverito, le forze che si oppongono al suo governo daranno un'ultima spinta disperata per farla cadere dal trono e perdere potere, con ogni mezzo necessario. Grayland e il suo elenco sempre più sottile di alleati, devono utilizzare ogni strumento a loro disposizione per salvare se stessi e l'intera umanità. Eppure, tutto ciò, potrebbe non essere

sufficiente. Grayland diventerà la salvatrice della sua civiltà. . . o l'ultima imperatrice a indossare la corona?

The Thought Readers (Mind Dimensions Book 1) - Dima Zales 2014-10-02

A new series about mind readers from a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author... Everyone thinks I'm a genius. Everyone is wrong. Sure, I finished Harvard at eighteen and now make crazy money at a hedge fund. But that's not because I'm unusually smart or hard-working. It's because I cheat. You see, I have a unique ability. I can go outside time into my own personal version of reality—the place I call “the Quiet”—where I can explore my surroundings while the rest of the world stands still. I thought I was the only one who could do this—until I met her. My name is Darren, and this is how I became entangled with all the Russians and learned that I'm a Reader.

*Il collasso dell'impero* - John Scalzi 2017-08-30

Le leggi della fisica che

governano il mondo sono destinate a essere riscritte.

Una scoperta sensazionale - il Flusso - ha cambiato per sempre la concezione spazio-temporale dell'universo, aprendo al progresso scenari inimmaginabili. Assecondando il Flusso, gli esseri umani sono ora in grado di raggiungere pianeti e stelle lontani anni luce, creare reti tra mondi remoti ma interdipendenti, costruire un impero interstellare in cui il pianeta Terra rappresenta ormai solo un insignificante avamposto. Il Flusso è come un fiume: scorre placido, eterno, ma non è statico, cambia il suo corso e abbandona il suo letto originario. A ogni sua mutazione intere fette di universo vengono però isolate, abbandonate a loro stesse in una deriva cosmica catastrofica per interi sistemi stellari. Quella che doveva essere la via verso la nuova era intergalattica si rivela dunque la più pericolosa delle minacce per la sopravvivenza stessa del genere umano. Una rivoluzionaria space-opera

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ambientata in un universo sfuggente, fino ad oggi inconcepibile, dal genio di uno dei più grandi talenti della fantascienza contemporanea.

*L'ombra del killer* - Nathan Larson 2014-02-04

New York è diventata l'ombra di sé stessa, dopo una serie di attacchi terroristici su larga scala che hanno immerso la città nel caos. La sua maestosa biblioteca però è rimasta in piedi, e ospita uno strano bibliotecario, Dewey Decimal: un veterano che non può (o non vuole) ricordare il suo passato, e che può contare solo sull'amore per la letteratura e sul suo incrollabile codice morale. Il primo lo ha spinto a catalogare ossessivamente il magazzino della biblioteca dopo il collasso della rete informatica, il secondo non gli ha impedito di avere a che fare con il sordido procuratore Rosenblatt. A poche settimane dall'omicidio del procuratore, Decimal torna sul luogo del delitto per cancellare eventuali tracce che potrebbero condurre a lui, e scopre un dossier molto compromettente

sul potentissimo senatore Howard. Documenti in cui si parla del raccapricciante omicidio di una prostituta coreana e che devono rimanere segreti, a costo di far pagare il silenzio con la vita. Ma ben altra è la violenza che sta per scatenarsi: un gorgo di menzogne e tradimenti coinvolgerà quel che rimane di una società votata all'autodistruzione, tra mafia coreana, milizie private e industria militare. E costringerà Decimal a venire a patti col suo passato.

*The Well of Ascension* - Brandon Sanderson 2010-04-01  
From #1 New York Times bestselling author Brandon Sanderson, the Mistborn series is a heist story of political intrigue and magical, martial-arts action. The impossible has been accomplished. The Lord Ruler -- the man who claimed to be god incarnate and brutally ruled the world for a thousand years -- has been vanquished. But Kelsier, the hero who masterminded that triumph, is dead too, and now the awesome task of building a

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new world has been left to his young protégé, Vin, the former street urchin who is now the most powerful Mistborn in the land, and to the idealistic young nobleman she loves. As Kelsier's protégé and slayer of the Lord Ruler she is now venerated by a budding new religion, a distinction that makes her intensely uncomfortable. Even more worrying, the mists have begun behaving strangely since the Lord Ruler died, and seem to harbor a strange vaporous entity that haunts her. Stopping assassins may keep Vin's Mistborn skills sharp, but it's the least of her problems. Luthadel, the largest city of the former empire, doesn't run itself, and Vin and the other members of Kelsier's crew, who lead the revolution, must learn a whole new set of practical and political skills to help. It certainly won't get easier with three armies - one of them composed of ferocious giants - now vying to conquer the city, and no sign of the Lord Ruler's hidden cache of atium, the rarest and most

powerful allomantic metal. As the siege of Luthadel tightens, an ancient legend seems to offer a glimmer of hope. But even if it really exists, no one knows where to find the Well of Ascension or what manner of power it bestows. Other Tor books by Brandon Sanderson The Cosmere The Stormlight Archive The Way of Kings Words of Radiance Edgedancer (Novella) Oathbringer The Mistborn trilogy Mistborn: The Final Empire The Well of Ascension The Hero of Ages Mistborn: The Wax and Wayne series Alloy of Law Shadows of Self Bands of Mourning Collection Arcanum Unbounded Other Cosmere novels Elantris Warbreaker The Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians The Scrivener's Bones The Knights of Crystallia The Shattered Lens The Dark Talent The Rithmatist series The Rithmatist Other books by Brandon Sanderson The Reckoners Steelheart Firefight Calamity At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights

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**The Many-Colored Land -**

Julian May 1981-04-17

In the year 2034, Theo Quderian, a French physicist, made an amusing but impractical discovery: the means to use a one-way, fixed-focus time warp that opened into a place in the Rhone River valley during the idyllic Pliocene Epoch, six million years ago. But, as time went on, a certain usefulness developed. The misfits and mavericks of the future—many of them brilliant people—began to seek this exit door to a mysterious past. In 2110, a particularly strange and interesting group was preparing to make the journey—a starship captain, a girl athlete, a paleontologist, a woman priest, and others who had reason to flee the technological perfection of twenty-second-century life. Thus begins this dazzling fantasy novel that invites comparisons with the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, Arthur C. Clarke, and Ursula Le Quin. It

opens up a whole world of wonder, not in far-flung galaxies but in our own distant past on Earth—a world that will captivate not only science-fiction and fantasy fans but also those who enjoy literate thrillers. The group that passes through the time-portal finds an unforeseen strangeness on the other side. Far from being uninhabited, Pliocene Europe is the home of two warring races from another planet. There is the knightly race of the Tanu—handsome, arrogant, and possessing vast powers of psychokinesis and telepathy. And there is the outcast race of Firvulag—dwarfish, malevolent, and gifted with their own supernatural skills. Taken captive by the Tanu and transported through the primordial European landscape, the humans manage to break free, join in an uneasy alliance with the forest-dwelling Firvulag, and, finally, launch an attack against the Tanu city of light on the banks of a river that, eons later, would be called the Rhine. Myth and legend, wit and

violence, speculative science and breathtaking imagination mingle in this romantic fantasy, which is the first volume in a series about the exile world. The sequel, titled *The Golden Torc*, will follow soon.

*There Is No Alternative* - Claire Berlinski 2011-11-08

Great Britain in the 1970s appeared to be in terminal decline—ungovernable, an economic train wreck, and rapidly headed for global irrelevance. Three decades later, it is the richest and most influential country in Europe, and Margaret Thatcher is the reason. The preternaturally determined Thatcher rose from nothing, seized control of Britain's Conservative party, and took a sledgehammer to the nation's postwar socialist consensus. She proved that socialism could be reversed, inspiring a global free-market revolution. Simultaneously exploiting every politically useful aspect of her femininity and defying every conventional expectation of women in power, Thatcher crushed her enemies with a calculated

ruthlessness that stunned the British public and without doubt caused immense collateral damage. Ultimately, however, Claire Berlinski agrees with Thatcher: There was no alternative. Berlinski explains what Thatcher did, why it matters, and how she got away with it in this vivid and immensely readable portrait of one of the towering figures of the twentieth century.

*Titan* - John Varley 1986

Twenty years ago, the Gaean Trilogy dazzled critics and readers. Now a new generation will discover that brilliant world--beginning with *Titan*.

**I figli del tempo** - Adrian Tchaikovski 2018-02-14

Vincitore nel 2016 del premio Arthur Clarke come miglior romanzo di fantascienza. Anche gli ultimi umani sopravvissuti alla rovina della Terra stanno ormai fuggendo nel disperato tentativo di trovare una nuova casa tra le stelle. Seguendo le orme indicate molto tempo prima dai loro antenati, riescono a scoprire un pianeta apparentemente perfetto per

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ospitare vita umana. Ma la realtà sulla nuova Terra non si rivelerà così tranquilla e pacifica come avevano sperato... Nei lunghi anni trascorsi dal giorno del loro arrivo, il faticoso lavoro dei predecessori ha dato vita a frutti disastrosi e controproducenti, e il pianeta adesso è tutt'altro che incontaminato e ospitale. In più, l'incontro con una nuova specie aliena non farà altro che complicare i progetti iniziali degli umani... Lo scontro tra le due civiltà, in lotta per raggiungere lo stesso obiettivo, appare ormai imminente e inevitabile. E mentre il destino dell'intera umanità resta appeso a un filo sempre più sottile, una domanda risuona più minacciosa che mai: chi saranno gli eredi della nuova Terra? Un'avventura interstellare per la sopravvivenza. Due civiltà in rotta di collisione per decretare il destino del nuovo pianeta

**Oltre ogni sospetto** - Joe Sharkey 2018-08-07

The Winner's Kiss - Il bacio -

Marie Rutkoski 2019-11-21

La guerra è cominciata. Arin ne è al centro a fianco a nuovi alleati dei quali non si può fidare per combattere contro l'impero. Anche se si è convinto di non amare più Kestrel, Arin non l'ha dimenticata, come non ha dimenticato chi è diventata: il tipo di persona che ha sempre disprezzato. Ha tenuto più all'impero che alla vita di persone innocenti, e certamente più che a lui. O almeno, questo è quello che crede... Nel gelido Nord, intanto, Kestrel è prigioniera in un brutale campo di lavoro. E mentre cerca disperatamente un modo per scappare, vorrebbe che Arin sapesse quello che ha sacrificato per lui. Vorrebbe farla pagare all'impero per quello che le è stato fatto. Ma nessuno ottiene quello che vuole solo desiderandolo. Mentre la guerra si fa più intensa, entrambi scoprono che il loro mondo sta cambiando in modo irreversibile. L'Est è in guerra con l'Ovest e loro sono nel mezzo. Con così tanto da perdere, chi può vincere

davvero? Dopo l'intrigo e il pericolo di *The Winner's Curse*. La maledizione, dopo la rivoluzione e il romanticismo di *The Winner's Crime*. La vendetta, ecco il terzo e ultimo volume di *The Winner's*, trilogia bestseller per il New York Times.

*Messia di Dune* - Frank P. Herbert 2014-02-04

SECONDO VOLUME DI IL CICLO DI DUNE Dodici anni dopo la vittoria dei Fremen sull'Imperatore Padiscià Shaddam IV, Paul Muad'Dib, erede degli Atreides, è ancora il temuto Imperatore della galassia e governa l'universo dalla sua capitale su Arrakis. La forza del mito che lo circonda viene però intaccata da un complotto che vede protagonisti il Bene Gesserit, la Gilda Spaziale, i Tleilaxu e alcuni Fremen ribelli: al centro della cospirazione c'è il tentativo di indebolire la sua capacità di comando e rendere instabile la dinastia degli Atreides ostacolando la nascita di un erede. Tuttavia, il prezioso dono della prescienza dà a Paul la consapevolezza

che la strada da seguire è quella indicata dal suo destino: indirizzare il proprio popolo su un percorso che lo allontani dall'autodistruzione e dalla miseria, verso un futuro armonioso e duraturo, un obiettivo che è disposto a raggiungere anche a costo del proprio sacrificio... Il secondo, avvincente episodio di *Il Ciclo di Dune*, uno dei best seller assoluti della fantascienza mondiale.

*Catalogo dei libri in commercio* - 1983

*Boneshaker* - Cherie Priest 2009-09-29

In the early days of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the frozen Klondike brought hordes of newcomers to the Pacific Northwest. Anxious to compete, Russian prospectors commissioned inventor Leviticus Blue to create a great machine that could mine through Alaska's ice. Thus was Dr. Blue's Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine born. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, destroying several blocks of

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downtown Seattle and unearthing a subterranean vein of blight gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead. Now it is sixteen years later, and a wall has been built to enclose the devastated and toxic city. Just beyond it lives Blue's widow, Briar Wilkes. Life is hard with a ruined reputation and a teenaged boy to support, but she and Ezekiel are managing. Until Ezekiel undertakes a secret crusade to rewrite history. His quest will take him under the wall and into a city teeming with ravenous undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and heavily armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*Mistborn* - Brandon Sanderson  
2010-04-01

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Brandon Sanderson, the *Mistborn* series is a heist story of political intrigue and magical, martial-arts action. For a thousand

years the ash fell and no flowers bloomed. For a thousand years the Skaa slaved in misery and lived in fear. For a thousand years the Lord Ruler, the "Sliver of Infinity," reigned with absolute power and ultimate terror, divinely invincible. Then, when hope was so long lost that not even its memory remained, a terribly scarred, heart-broken half-Skaa rediscovered it in the depths of the Lord Ruler's most hellish prison. Kelsier "snapped" and found in himself the powers of a Mistborn. A brilliant thief and natural leader, he turned his talents to the ultimate caper, with the Lord Ruler himself as the mark. Kelsier recruited the underworld's elite, the smartest and most trustworthy allomancers, each of whom shares one of his many powers, and all of whom relish a high-stakes challenge. Only then does he reveal his ultimate dream, not just the greatest heist in history, but the downfall of the divine despot. But even with the best criminal crew ever assembled, Kel's plan looks more like the

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ultimate long shot, until luck brings a ragged girl named Vin into his life. Like him, she's a half-Skaa orphan, but she's lived a much harsher life. Vin has learned to expect betrayal from everyone she meets, and gotten it. She will have to learn to trust, if Kel is to help her master powers of which she never dreamed. This saga dares to ask a simple question: What if the hero of prophecy fails? Other Tor books by Brandon Sanderson The Cosmere The Stormlight Archive The Way of Kings Words of Radiance Edgedancer (Novella) Oathbringer The Mistborn trilogy Mistborn: The Final Empire The Well of Ascension The Hero of Ages Mistborn: The Wax and Wayne series Alloy of Law Shadows of Self Bands of Mourning Collection Arcanum Unbounded Other Cosmere novels Elantris Warbreaker The Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians The Scrivener's Bones The Knights of Crystallia The Shattered Lens The Dark Talent The Rithmatist series

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Land and Work in Mediaeval Europe - Marc Bloch 1969

Deadpool: Assassin - Cullen Bunn 2018-10-24

Collecting Deadpool: Assassin #1-6. Cullen Bunn, master of the Deadpool limited series, joins comics legend Mark Bagley to set the sassin[] assassin against his own kind! The Assassins Guild, that is! They[]re gunning for Deadpool and anybody he cares about, and Wade[]s healing factor is about to be put to the ultimate test by the knife-wielding speedster called Harvester! And even if Deadpool is lucky enough to survive that encounter, the nefarious ne[]er-do-wells lining up to take their shot will make that showdown look like a walk in the park! But the Guild picked the wrong Merc to mess with. And soon

Deadpool and his pals will take the fight to the assassins and hit them where they live ☐ literally! But in an all-out assault on the Assassins Guild's HQ, not everybody will make it out in one piece!

**Pebble in the Sky** - Isaac Asimov 2010-04-27

One moment Joseph Schwartz is a happily retired tailor in Chicago, 1949. The next he's a helpless stranger on Earth during the heyday of the first Galactic Empire. Earth, as he soon learns, is a backwater, just a pebble in the sky, despised by all the other 200 million planets of the Empire

because its people dare to claim it's the original home of man. And Earth is poor, with great areas of radioactivity ruining much of its soil--so poor that everyone is sentenced to death at the age of sixty.

Joseph Schwartz is sixty-two. This is young Isaac Asimov's first novel, full of wonders and ideas, the book that launched the novels of the Galactic Empire, culminating in the Foundation series. This is Golden Age SF at its finest. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.