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welcome.

## From the Editor:

Five volumes. That's how long we've been working on the *Gazette*. Basically, we're just coming out of our toddler phase. We've made it longer than any series on Netflix or Syfy...

I'm proud of growing up. It's been fun to be a part of this. When I was asked to become editor, first, I was flattered and second, it felt kind of right to do since I have been a part of this fanzine for a long while. I know I have a lot to learn still, but I have a lot of great people around me. They deserve a big shout out for doing this.

I didn't expect to see myself in this position five years ago. People always ask children, "what are you gonna be when you grow up?" I honestly can't say what my answer was. Heck, I have a problem trying to decide what I'm having for dinner so trying to figure out my future? I don't think I would have been an editor on a fanzine. And being into fandoms and genre was ever on my bingo card, borrowing Jason's phrase.

But how about you? I'm not asking specifically where you see yourself in five years...or maybe I am. Conventions come and go. Fandoms come and go. Our lives change; one day we may be into Pokémon and the next in a TARDIS flying off with a two hearted Doctor.

As a fan, where do you see yourself in five years? Do you see yourself still in the comfort of your current fandom or do you see yourself wrapped up in something new? What about that favorite convention you look forward to every year right now? Do you think you'll still be that diehard loyal attendee in five years?

So many possibilities in such a little time period. A lot can happen and the future is uncertain. Let the rest of us know how your future may or may not end up.

~ Mindy

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## The Legacy of Heinlein

### Bob Jennings



On July 7, 1907 Robert Anson Heinlein was born in Butler, Missouri, the third of seven children. Arguably the most important science fiction writer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, during the course of his lifetime he wrote 32 novels and 59 short stories, with his stories collected into 16 separate anthologies.

Heinlein's early years were devoted to getting an education thru and serving in the US Navy. In 1924 he lied about his age to get into the Missouri National Guard. After graduating from high school; he wanted to attend the Naval Academy, but his older brother Rex was already a student there and at the time naval regulations prohibited multiple members of the same family from attending military service academies.

This did not deter the young Heinlein. He aggressively solicited help from Missouri senator James Reed to give him a recommendation with an exception to the one person per family rule. Due to Senator Reed's influence Heinlein was admitted as a student in June of 1925, graduating in 1929.

He subsequently served as an officer in 1931 on the new US aircraft carrier, the *Lexington*, and later as a gunnery officer on a destroyer. In 1934 he was given a medical

discharge from the navy; he had developed pulmonary tuberculosis. The discharge came with a small stipend which did not go far as he was into his second marriage at this point and trying to become involved with liberal Democratic politics. He worked a number of different jobs, but decided to try writing in the hopes that he could bring in enuf money to help pay down his house mortgage.

His first attempt at writing was a novel, *For Us the Living, a Comedy of Customs* finished in 1939, a book that never saw print during his lifetime. More of a lecture on politics, human morals, marriage, and social responsibility than a story, it was rejected by every publisher he submitted it to, and he sent it to many during his lifetime.

His first published work was a short story titled "Life-Line" published in the August 1939 issue of *Astounding Science Fiction*. Originally written to be submitted as an entry in a story contest promoted by Hugo Gernsback in *Thrilling Wonder Stories*, Heinlein sent it to editor John Campbell first, mainly because *Astounding* paid better rates than *Thrilling Wonder*. Campbell immediately recognized Heinlein's writing skills, and bought the story at the magazine's regular penny a word rate. This was followed immediately by "Misfit", published in the November issue.

Buoyed by this early success Heinlein began to write full time, turning out three short novels, four novelettes and seven short stories in that first year alone, all of which sold to Campbell at *Astounding*. There was so much Heinlein material coming in that Campbell was compelled to assign some pen-names to his work, keeping with publisher Street & Smith's policy that no author should be credited with more than one story per issue. Heinlein's pseudonyms may have

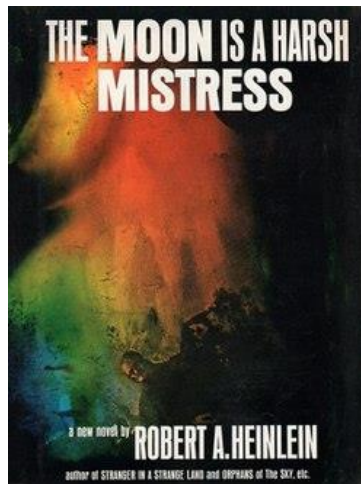
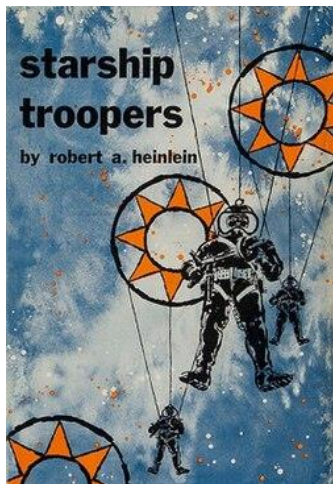
fooled some of the magazine's readers, but they were well known in science fiction fandom. He was easily the most popular writer of the new decade, and was the guest of honor at Denvention, the 1941 World Science Fiction Convention.

The success of his stories came from his compelling writing style as well as the ability to create future societies that were different, with unique technological developments and different social norms, yet were peopled by believable human characters who had problems and emotions that the reader could easily identify with. Sometimes the story themes were problems directly related to future scientific developments, sometimes they were related to social and political problems that had developed along with the new scientific innovations. When Heinlein wrote, he wrote directly to the heart and mind of his readers, and made the plots directly relevant to them.

Thru the years Heinlein's writing emphasis changed as the century marched on. He was looking to sell to better paying markets, and was the first stf writer to break into the slick magazines, with sales of science fiction stories to *The Saturday Evening Post*, and adventure stories to *Argosy*, which had become a gloss paper men's magazine in the mid 1940s. He was also one of the screen play writers for *Destination Moon*, drawing many elements from his novel *Rocket Ship Galileo*.

In the 1950s he wrote twelve books theoretically aimed at the juvenile market, many initially serialized in *Boy's Life*, the Boy Scout magazine, or *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, then published in hardback by Scribner's. Each new novel was released before Christmas to capitalize on the seasonal sales rush. Tho marketed for the juvenile market, they clearly featured adult themes and problems being faced by younger protagonists. These books were extensively purchased by libraries and were often the first introduction many young people had to the world of science fiction literature, serving as essential stepping stones to get new readers involved with the genre.

That series stopped with *Starship Troopers* in 1959. Rejected outright by Scribner's as being too violent, too controversial, too mature, and too politically oriented for the juvenile market, Heinlein broke with Scribner's. The book was published by Putnam's who became the publisher for most of his subsequent novels.



In his later years Heinlein became a more controversial writer as his political viewpoints became sharply more conservative, but losing none of his popularity among the science fiction community. A complex personality, it has been suggested that some of his later stories were written as satires, or attempted humor, such as the story of a teenage pizza delivery boy who gets sucked up by aliens, and manages to save the entire galaxy from destruction, then returns to earth and immediately resumes his career as a pizza delivery boy. Or *Podkayne of Mars*, a story which functions only if every character in it acts like an idiot, with the nominal "hero" being Podkayne's brother Clark, a scientific genius who also happens to be a paranoid sociopath who hates human beings. Or *The Number of the Beast* where Heinlein decided, possibly on a dare, to recreate the world of Barsoom, Edgar Rice Burroughs' sword and sandal version of Mars, by using an alternate universe hopping time machine gimmick.

His stories were often nominated for Hugo Awards, and he won four during his lifetime. After his death he won six “retro Hugo Awards”, a category created in 1996 to honor significant stf works from the years before the Hugo Award were created in 1953. The Science Fiction Writers of America named Heinlein its first Grand Master in 1974.

His distinctive writing style, plus his use of legitimate, well constructed hard science concepts made him a leading voice during the golden age of science fiction. His dominance of the field extended in the following years up until his death in 1988, while his influence on the writing style of science fiction has been universally acknowledged. His stories have remained both entertaining and relevant thru the years. All of Robert Heinlein’s science fiction and fantasy stories are in print, with many available in pixel format on many internet sites including Project Gutenberg.



*Bob Jennings has been involved in fandom since the late 1950s, and is one of the original founding members of comics fandom, founding the SFPA and publishing hundreds of fanzines. From 1979 to 2000, Bob ran a science fiction/comics/game store, which is now all mail order. He’s currently at work to develop a device that will zap robo-callers and internet spammers.*

## LETTERS

Dear Mindy:

Yeah, I did it again, I got so busy with other things that while I was getting some notes ready for the March FanActivity Gazette, the April edition came around. And now, it’s May? I’d better get with it.

March... Aldous Huxley’s Brave New World is always worth a re-read. As our society lumbers towards a dystopia, Huxley’s comments on the world he knew can be applied to the world we know. I wonder what he’d think about our modern world... I think he’d feel that his proposals were justified. I also think he’d be horrified.

My loc... Now that Mark Carney has met with President Trump, I am a little more reassured about a Canadian future. Now it is up American voters to insure Trump doesn’t get the third term he so desperately wants. Not legal to have it, but that doesn’t stop him. Earlier, I sent to you the press release about Amazing Stories: Best of 2024, edited by me, with some graphic depictions of the front cover.

Hugo nominees...I rarely get to read a current Hugo nominee, but the World Fantasy Convention in Niagara Falls, NY last year gave out many books, including A Sorceress Comes to Call by T. Kingfisher. Enjoyable fantasy, and I would agree with its nomination. I think it’s also up for a Nebula, too.

I will be sending out our Pubnites list in a few days, so it will have my newest convention list. I have a few more cons to add, and you’ll have them soon.

April... A furry convention in Toronto? Not my interest, but I believe I do know of the convention, called Furnal Equinox? The furthest I have travelled for a convention...in 1990, Yvonne and I attended ConFiction, the Worldcon in Den Haag, Holland.

There are a number of newer fans in the Toronto area, and I do know some of them. A lot of them wouldn’t call themselves fans, as there are now so many negative connotations to the term. They do go to the media and anime conventions in Toronto. Books are a little much for them; they are busy people (aren’t we all?), and what they like, they consume as quickly as possible.



June birthdays...ah, there I am, June 2. I will be 66 on that day, and closer to 70 than 60 is something I am still trying to bend my mind around. Not the easiest realization.

In the list of books from White Dwarf, Linwood Barclay's name always pops out. I remember when he was a humorous columnist with the local newspaper, the Toronto Star, but changed some years ago to become a top-selling author of crime and detective works. Maybe he's adding a little fantasy here and there now?

Convention list...June 21 is the Toronto Prop Expo, a chance for amateur propmakers to show off their stuff, and perhaps be discovered by the local movie industry. It used to be a five-minute drive away from where we live, but it has moved to a community college downtown. We will still go to it, it is great fun.

Just made it page 2, and I am done! I hope I have caught up with everything. I will try to be a little more timely next time.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.



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**Got something to share with us? Send an e-mail to [mindyhunt@scifi4me.com](mailto:mindyhunt@scifi4me.com)**

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Hi Mindy and Jason;

The newest issue of *FanActGaz* arrived, and I thot I would send along a few comments.

Since the Plague hit I have pretty much given up attending conventions of any kind, even the ones taking place only a few miles away from me. I passed on the Total Confusion game con over in Worcester, and also Boscon in Boston. Unfortunately nowadays it seems that every convention I hear about involves people who come away with COVID or some other form of ConCrud that seems to take weeks to recover from, and I just don't want to put up with that.

Back in the days of the past century I used to go to a lot of conventions, usually as a dealer selling books and goodies in the huckster room. There were sufficient conventions around the immediate New England region to keep me busy, plus in those days there were collectible shows, comic conventions, and classic movie events. The COVID crisis put an end to a lot of that, altho I am pleased to see that stf conventions seem to be making a strong comeback, in spite of the extremely expensive hotel room rates that seem to be the norm now.

The farthest I ever went to a convention was out to Niagara Falls for a science fiction con back in the early 1980s. It was a hell of a long drive out and back, and to make matters worse it was a crummy convention. Attendance was around thirty people or less, some of whom did not stick around for the whole con either. Most of the programming didn't take place, so most of the people who did attend clustered around the dealer's room and the hotel bar.

In that time period the city of Niagara Falls looked like it had been abruptly abandoned sometime around 1946. There were plenty of empty houses, boarded up businesses, and some old dilapidated stores hanging on for dear life, and that included the hotel, which apparently only stayed in existence when someone needed a really cheap venue to host a wedding party or a family reunion. Or, a science fiction convention. Needless to say I didn't even come close to breaking even on that excursion, and my buddy and I didn't have much fun either.

The woman who put on the convention got the hotel space for very little money, so little that she was able to book it again the following year. She hyped the second convention as being a complete reformation. Everything was going to

be different. All the kinks had been worked out, a new, energetic staff had joined, new programming was in the works, new name guests were booked, blah blah blah. The dealer room rates were cheaper, to make up for the “bad” convention the previous year, and of course, like an idiot, I fell for it and signed up for that second convention.

Needless to say there was nothing new or different, except the hotel bar had shorter hours this time round since the fans the first con had not indulged heavily in malted brews or spirits as had been anticipated. If anything the attendance was even worse than the previous year, and altho there was an attempt to provide panels and some programming, it was mostly a feeble effort, with the events mostly breaking down to people just sitting around and talking.

After losing lots of money plus wasting two very long dull weekends out of my life, I decided to keep my convention going much more local in the future. I’m happy to say that is one resolution I have been able to keep.

---Bob Jennings



### New Movies in July

[H = horror, F = fantasy, SF = sci-fi, T = thriller, A = animated, C = comic book, D = documentary] \*limited release \*\*re-release

#### July 1

*The Twin* (H)

*Saint Clare* (H)

*Cloud\** (T)

#### July 2

*Jurassic World: Rebirth* (SF)

*40 Acres\** (SF)

#### July 19

*My Neighbor Tortoro\*\** (A)

#### July 4

*Divine Soldiers* (T)

#### July 24

*Ick* (H/SF)

#### July 11

*Superman* (C)

*Abraham's Boys: A Dracula Story\** (H)

*Skillhouse* (H)

*Daniela Forever\** (SF)

#### July 25

*Fantastic Four: First Steps* (C)

*House On Eden* (H)

*Bambi: The Reckoning\** (H)

*The Home\** (H)

#### July 16

*Jujutsu Kaisen: Hidden Inventory/Premature Death* (A)

#### July 27

*Summer Wars* (A)

#### July 18

*I Know What You Did Last Summer* (H)

*Smurfs* (A)

#### July 30

*Together* (H)

# FILMS FANTASTIC *Is Back!*

The revue of reviews has returned! Check it out today at [tnfff.org](http://tnfff.org)!



## Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? As *The Stf Amateur* continues to evolve from an interconnected assortment of standalone apazines to its current bundlezine format, it's only natural that it eventually becomes a proper genzine. Effective immediately, *The Stf Amateur* is open to submissions of all kinds.

*The Stf Amateur* is hereby requesting the following:

- sf, fantasy, and horror news
- fanart, illos, and fillos
- cover art
- poetry
- filk songs and lyrics
- short fiction
- articles and essays
- fanzine, book, movie, television, and other reviews
- con reports
- jokes
- letters of comment
- ... and other material

If selected for publication, material will initially be included in one of my apazines, as well as a monthly issue of *The Stf Amateur*. Cover art will be considered solely for *The Stf Amateur*. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Send your contributions to Heath Row, 4367 Globe Ave., Culver City, CA 90230; kalel@well.com; or via fax to 323-916-0367.

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# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 International Chicken Wing Day	2 World UFO Day (Take a Mar- tian to lunch)	3 Disobedience Day (adults) [for toddlers see entire month of August]	4 Independence Day (Happy Birthday U.S.A!)	5 International Bikini Day (well observed)
6 Build a Scarecrow Day (illegal in Gotham City)	7 Chocolate Day	8 National Blueberry Day	9 National Dimples Day	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day	11 World Kebab Day	12 Pecan Pie Day
13 National Nitrogen Ice Cream Day	14 National Nude Day (Very well observed!)	15 Gummi Worm Day	16 World Snake Day	17 Yellow Pig Day	18 World Listening Day [Huh?]	19 World Daciquiri Day
20 Ugly Truck Day (It's a guy thing)	21 National Junk Food Day	22 Ratcatcher's Day (limited amnesty for cartoon mice)	23 Vanilla Ice Cream Day	24 National Tequila Day	25 Threading the Needle Day (see July 24)	26 World Tofu Day
27 Walk On Stilts Day	28 National Water Park Day	29 National Lipstick Day	30 Paperback Book Day	31 National Avacado Day		

## Pubnites and Other Events Yvonne & Lloyd Penney (Toronto, ON, CAN)

### THURSDAY NIGHT OF NONSENSE

Is the first Thursday of the month at the Fox and Fiddle at 27 Wellesley from 6PM -10ish.

We're a casual collection of sci-fi fans and friends who eat and have friendly discussion on any topic of interest. We encourage consideration of diverse opinions and intelligent debate that includes topics which are sometimes controversial. Our social media centre is currently a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057256547793>) where people will find announcements of any special activities such as a book swap or a birthday celebration. All newcomers welcome to just show up. For more info call Yvonne at 647-226-4249 before 10PM or email us at: [Penneys@bell.net](mailto:Penneys@bell.net)

See you there!!!  
Yvonne ;-)

### THIRD MONDAY

June 16, 2025

The Red Cardinal Tavern



555 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Unit 102, in Etobicoke. It is at the north-west corner of Burnhamthorpe and The West Mall, right beside the Tim Horton's. There's plenty of parking out back, free after 5pm, and you can drive in to the parking from either street, although the Burnhamthorpe entrance is easier. If you are taking transit, you can take the 50 Burnhamthorpe bus from Islington station and get off at The West Mall, or the 112B or 112C West Mall bus from Kipling station and get off on the north side of Burnhamthorpe.

Start time is 6:30 and we have the back table area 4, 5 & 6.

### TORONTO PAGAN PUB MOOT

Third Monday of each month

Gatherings Resto Bar, 49 St. Clair Ave W.

For more info call Karen or Evan at 416-635-5981 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TorontoPaganPubMoot>

## *Amazing Stories: Best of 2024* Blasts Off with the Boldest Visions in Science Fiction

*Amazing Stories* proudly announces the release of *Amazing Stories: Best of 2024*, a dazzling new anthology showcasing the most imaginative, thought-provoking, and visionary science fiction short stories published by the magazine over the past year.

Edited by Lloyd Penney, this collection continues *Amazing's* nearly *century-long* tradition of exploring the strange, the speculative, and the sublime.

From lunar labor revolutions to delicate alien diplomacy, these stories represent the vanguard of speculative fiction. Readers will encounter futures both dystopian and dazzling, technologies that reshape identity and time, and characters grappling with the emotional and ethical consequences of scientific progress. Highlights include:

- **“A Short-Lived History of the Stockpiling of Time, in Post-Mono-Heliocentric Space-Times”** by K.V.K. Kvas, a mind-bending tale of interstellar economics, identity, and revolt.
- **“Return from Venus”** by C.B. Droege, a quiet and touching story about cross-species friendship and the longing for home.
- **“Best Case Scenario”** by Susan Oke, a suspenseful diplomatic mission where what you offer—and what you misunderstand—could mean the difference between peace and peril.

With cover art by Hugo Award-winning artist Bob Eggleton and a lineup of diverse voices offering everything from hard science speculation to lyrical philosophical fiction, *Amazing Stories: Best of 2024* is a must-have for any SF fan's collection.

“*Amazing Stories* has always been a home for bold, boundary-pushing science fiction,” says Editor-in-Chief Lloyd Penney. “This year's stories continue that proud legacy—with some of the most challenging, beautiful, and entertaining tales we've ever published.”

*Amazing Stories: Best of 2024* is available now through *Amazing Stories'* imprint Amazing Selects and can be found online at [amazingstories.com](https://amazingstories.com). Paperback and eBook editions can be found at indie and major retailers worldwide or at this link: <https://books2read.com/u/bax1rx>



## June Science Fiction Pro and Fan Birthdays

### Jason P Hunt

*This list of fandom-related birthdays was first published by Bruce Pelz in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Andrew Porter published and updated the list for Science Fiction Chronicle. Updates are welcome!*

*Unless stated otherwise, all birthdays are in the 20th century.*

### June

Adrienne Fein, 6/1/47; Mike Meara, 6/1/48; Allen Spencer Willey, 6/1/54; Lester del Rey, 6/2/15; Robert A. Madle, 6/2/20; Leigh Edmonds, 6/2/48; Lloyd Penney, 6/2/59; Warren Lapine, 6/2/64; Marion Zimmer Bradley, 6/3/30; John Norman, 6/3/31; Steve Schultheis, 6/4/30; Wendy Pini, 6/4/51; Robert Abernathy, 6/6/24; Noreen Shaw, 6/6/30; Ron Salomon, 6/6/48; Kit Reed, 6/7/42; Jon White, 6/7/46; John W. Campbell, Jr., 6/8/10; Robert F. Young, 6/8/15; Kate Wilhelm, 6/8/29; Roger Sims, 6/8/30; Elizabeth Lynn, 6/8/46; Leo R. Summers, Keith Laumer, 6/9/25; Lin Carter, 6/9/30; Joe Haldeman, 6/9/43; Drew Sanders, 6/9/49; Jim Glass, 6/9/51; Keith Berdak, 6/9/55; Ed Naha, 6/10/50.

Sylvia Stevens, 6/11/52; Galen Tripp, 6/11/59; Henry Slesar, 6/12/27; Alan Hershey, 6/13/17; Doreen Webbert, 6/13/34; Rebecca Henderson, 6/13/44; Stephen Tall (Compton Crook), 6/14/08; J.F. Bone, 6/15/16; Chandra Sargent, 6/15/53; Murray Leinster (Will F. Jenkins), 6/16/1896; Ted Dikty, 6/16/20; Ted Johnstone, 6/16/39; David Stever, 6/16; Wally Wood, 6/17/27; Sandy Cohen, 6/17/48; Phyllis Weinberg, 6/17/53; Richard Spelman, 6/18/31; Melissa Dougherty, 6/18/67; Robert Moore Williams, 6/19/07; Julius Schwartz, 6/19/15; Bruce Dane, 6/20/50.

William Tuning, 6/21/35; Sally Syrjala, 6/21/48; Mike Morman, 6/21/50; H. Rider Haggard, 6/22/1856; Octavia E. Butler, 6/22/47; John-Henri Holmberg, Lillian Stewart Carl, 6/22/49; Jerome Ahern, 6/23/46; Fred Hoyle, 6/24/15; Charles N. Brown, 6/24/37; Stephen Silverberg, 6/24/41; Earl Evers, 6/24/42; Susan Ellison, 6/24; John Maddox Roberts, 6/25/47; Hal Shapiro, 6/26/30; Charles Lee Jackson II, 6/26/50; James P. Hogan, 6/27/41; Tim Gatewood, 6/27/59; Joe Schaumburger, 6/28/30; Peggy Rae Pavlat, 6/28/44; Jon M. Gustafson, 6/28/45; Richard Harter, 6/29/35; David Mattingly, 6/29/56; Michael Whelan, 6/29/50; Sam Moskowitz, 6/30/20; Anie Linard, 6/30/29.

*[Note: If you'd like to help maintain the list, or if you notice someone's missing from the rolls, please let us know! Send an e-mail to [jphunt@scifi4me.com](mailto:jphunt@scifi4me.com) and we'll revise accordingly. Thank you!]*



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## June 2025 New Fantasy and Science Fiction Releases

### Walter Bruce Sinclair, White Dwarf Books, Vancouver

- **Alderson, Ben. A GAME OF MONSTERS. [REALM OF FEY #4]. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

Duncan Rackley, former fey Hunter turned lover, has become the host of the demon god Duwar, and the gentle peace that has been brokered is steps away from being shaken up. Bolstered with the sudden help of his ex-love Erix, Robin embarks on a mission to save Duncan, seeking out the aid of the Nephilim once more. However, Robin finds that the game of the gods is not over, and those he can trust may have other motives.

- **Arena, Brittney. A DANCE OF LIES. Random House Canada, 38.00 hc.**

Vasalie Moran was once a dancer in King Illian's court - until he framed her for murder. Barely surviving her two years in the dungeons, she's suddenly called to face her king. He offers her a deal. Become his spy at the six-week royal Gathering and he'll grant her freedom. As Illian's orders grow bloody and dangerous, forcing her to harm and betray those around her, Vasalie discovers that the monster she serves may be aligned with a bigger monster - one far closer to home.

- **Asher, Neal. DARK DIAMOND. [TIME'S SHADOW TRILOGY #1]. Tor UK, 33.99 tp.**

Captain Blite knows that someone, or something, is trying to kill him. But a device he possesses, known only as the dark diamond, won't let that happen. After surviving a series of accidents and assassination attempts, Blite comes to realize that whenever he dies the dark diamond reverses time to a moment before his death. He must then go through the traumatic experience again and again until he escapes. This attracts the attention of Polity agents and the crab-like p-Prador, determined to manipulate the device for their own purposes.

- **Ayinde, M. H. A SONG OF LEGENDS LOST. [INVOKER TRILOGY #1]. Saga, 26.99 tp.**

After thousands of years of warfare, attacks by the greybloods are rebuffed by the invoker clans, warriors of noble blood who summon their ancestors to fight with them in battle. But the war has gone on too long. As a general draft is called to take the battle to the Feverlands, Temi, a commoner, accidentally invokes a powerful spirit she believes could be the key to ending the centuries-long war.

- **Bacigalupi, Paolo. NAVOLA. Vintage, 27.99 tp.**

In Navola, a bustling city-state dominated by a handful of influential families, business is power, and power is everything. Soon Davico di Regulai is expected to take over the family business from his father. But in Navola, strange and ancient undercurrents lurk behind the gilt and grandeur - like the fossilized dragon eye in the family's possession, a potent symbol of their raw power and a talisman that seems to be summoning Davico to act.

- **Barker, RJ. HEART OF THE WYRDWOOD. [FORSAKEN #3]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Cahan Du Nahare is lost, taken by a dark god whose tendrils reach throughout the world, intent on its destruction. The Reborn warriors are toys for the enemy. The warrior Dassit, forestal Ania and monk Ont are drawn to the dangerous north but do not know why. Udinny is forced into the company of a woman who desires nothing more than her death and the Rai, Sorha, leads a dwindling band on a mission even she believes is doomed to failure.

- **Barron, Natania. QUEEN OF MERCY. [THE QUEENS OF FATE TRILOGY #3]. Solaris, 22.99 tp.**

When the high priestess Vyvian du Lac dies, Morgen le Fay - acolyte to the priestess, midwife to queens, apprentice to Merlin - is left mysteriously bereft of magic. She finds herself transported to the wild, ancient forest of Broceliande, which she must cross - and survive - to save Carelon from disaster. And death itself, it seems, is close on her heels.

- **Bates, Jeremy. THE NO-END HOUSE. Kensington, 24.95 tp.**

A crumbling stone mansion nestled in the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona is a little-known attraction featuring nine escape rooms to explore, nine puzzles to solve, and a large cash prize for anyone who makes it to the end. But no one makes it to the end of The No-End House. When Joe Hadfield hears about the house from a pair of backpackers, he's intrigued but not interested. Then he meets a beautiful stranger named Helen who convinces him to try The No-End House challenge together.

- **Bear, Elizabeth. THE FOLDED SKY. [WHITE SPACE #3]. Saga, 26.99 tp.**

Information doesn't want to be free. Information wants to vanish without a trace. Sunya Song's job is to stop that from happening. Her job usually involves sitting at a console at her university job near the Galactic Core, sorting ancient documents and restoring corrupted files. But now, the research opportunity of a lifetime has sent her - along with her teenage children and alien wife - halfway across the galaxy to preserve the data and aid in the retrieval of an ancient alien artificial intelligence called Baomind.

- **Bedi, Aman J. CITY OF JACKALS. [KAVI #2]. Gollancz, 28.99 tp.**

Kavi's people were once warriors who acted as the vanguard to an imperial invasion. Now, they drive steam rickshaws. But when the most dangerous gang in the city takes control of the Imperial Rickshaw Company, Kavi's people are cast out again, and Kavi is forced to work for the gang as a low-level enforcer. Her only hope lies in the annual Blade and Warlock tournament at the Vagola - the prize money from which will buy back the company and her people's future.

- **Boop, David (ed). PERMUTATIONS: A WELL WORLD ANTHOLOGY. CAEZIK, 25.99 tp.**

Stories set in Jack L. Chalker's legendary series, from authors such as Neal Asher, Catherine Asaro, S.P. Somtow, and many more, each adding their unique flair to the Well World legacy.

- **Brody, A. L. BABIES & BANSHEES. [MATING AND MONSTERS #3]. Amara, 23.99 tp.**

Finale to the series begun in *DATING AND DISMEMBERMENT* and *WEDDINGS AND WITCHCRAFT*.

- **Cole, Penn. SPARK OF THE EVERFLAME. [THE KINDRED'S CURSE #1]. Atria, 26.99 tp.**

In a mortal world colonized by the gods and ruled over by their cruel, magical offspring called the Descended, Diem Bellator yearns to escape her poor village. Her mother's sudden disappearance - and the discovery of a dangerous secret about her past - offer Diem an unexpected opportunity to enter the dark world of Descended royalty and unlock a web of mysteries left behind by her mother.

- **Cole, Penn. GLOW OF THE EVERFLAME. [THE KINDRED'S CURSE SAGA #2]. Atria, 39.99 hc.**

With her mother still missing, the secrets she left behind can no longer be ignored - and neither can the Guardians and their demands. Caught between an old flame and a sizzling new spark, Diem must confront the truth about who she is and what she wants before time runs out.

- **Coles, Donyae. MIDNIGHT ROOMS. Amistad, 23.99 tp.**

England, 1840. Orabella Mumthrope agrees to marry Elias Blakersby. The new bride is quickly whisked away to Korrinhill Manor, the Blakersby family estate, and far from everything she knows. Expecting splendour, Orabella is shocked to find decay, skittish servants, and curt elders. Rooms are locked or hidden away, and the walls seem to thrum with secrets. Orabella can never venture outside unattended. Soon darkness begins to engulf her, too.

- **Davis, Hank & David Afsharirad (eds). ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME. Baen, 25.00 tp.**

Classic SF stories featuring the Roman Empire.



- **Dawson, Delilah S. HEIR OF STRAHD. [DUNGEONS & DRAGONS RAVENLOFT]. Worlds, 39.99 hc.**

Five strangers armed with steel and magic awaken in a mist-shrouded land, with no memory of how they arrived: Rotrog, a prideful orcish wizard; Chivarion, a sardonic drow barbarian; Alishai, an embittered tiefling paladin; Kah, a skittish kenku cleric; and Fielle, a sunny human artificer. After they barely survive a nightmarish welcome to the realm of Barovia, a carriage arrives bearing an invitation -- to the Castle Ravenloft.

- **Durst, Sarah Beth. THE SPELLSHOP. Bramble, 26.99 tp.**

Romantasy (subgenre: cozy). Kiela, a librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, and her assistant, Caz - a magically sentient spider plant - rescue precious spellbooks when a revolution breaks out and sets the library aflame. She and Caz flee to the remote island Kiela calls home. There she opens a spellshop and introduces the concept of jam to the locals.

- **Dyachenko, Marina & Sergey. SCHOOL OF SHARDS. [VITA NOSTRA #3]. Voyager, 24.99 tp.**

The Institute of Special Technologies teaches students just one thing. Magic will transform them into parts of speech, and in doing so transforms them into a specific piece of grammar (a verb, or an adjective, or an article) so they will be able to shape the world around them. As the new provost, though, Sasha is facing an enormous problem. The students in the world she just created, her "world without fear," are unable to master the curriculum.

- **Elliott, Kate. WITCH ROADS. [WITCH ROADS #1]. Tor, 41.99 hc.**

When an arrogant prince (and his equally arrogant entourage) gets stuck in Orledder Halt as part of brutal political intrigue, competent and sunny deputy courier Elen--once a child slave meant to shield noblemen from the poisonous Pall--is assigned to guide him through the hills to reach his destination. When she warns him not to enter the haunted Spires, the prince doesn't heed her advice, and the man who emerges from the towers isn't the same man who entered.

- **Feist, Raymond E. A DARKNESS RETURNS. [DRAGONWAR SAGA #1]. Voyager, 24.99 tp.**

An epic new series that will join the Firemane Saga with the Riftwar Cycle. Hatushaly, last scion of the Firemane dynasty, his beloved Hava, and their dubious friend Donte have been transported across space and time from their war-torn world of Garn to the relative peace of Midkemia. There, on Sorcerer's Isle, under the guidance of the great magician Magnus and his reincarnated father Pug, Hatu will explore and expand his unique magical abilities. For if Garn is to be saved, they will be needed.

- **Flint, Eric & Ryk E. Spoor. FENRIR. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

What astronomer Stephanie Bronson thought might have been a distant supernova was instead a huge alien vessel. Then, unexpectedly, the vessel flared and its drive died, leaving the huge ship careening out of control to a fiery death inside the orbit of Venus. There was - just possibly - a chance for humanity to act - to rescue the now-shipwrecked "Fens." But should we?

- **Ford, R. S. ENGINES OF WAR. [THE AGE OF UPRISING #3]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Sanctan Egelrath still holds Torwyn's capital in his iron grip. Each day the Guild army marches closer, ready to unleash its fury. But the Archlegate has no intention of losing, and even if the Guilds take the Anvil, Sanctan intends to call upon greater powers to secure his final victory. Beset on all sides, Rosomon Hawkspur is presented with a dark bargain to secure victory - one that carries a heavy price.

- **Fox, Hester. A MAGIC DEEP AND DROWNING. Graydon House, 23.99 tp.**

The Dutch Republic, 1650. One fine spring day in Friesland, 20-year-old Clara van Wieren is faced with an ill omen: a whale, beached and rotting in the noonday sun. But this portent is quickly dismissed when a proposal from a wealthy merchant arrives. Then her attempts at overseeing the household at the family's estate lead to her chance encounter with a young man with russet hair and sparkling eyes the color of the sea, and she finds herself strangely drawn to him.

- **Gratton, Tessa. THE MERCY MAKER. [THE MOON HERESIES]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Iriset is a prodigy and an outlaw. The daughter of a powerful criminal, she dons her alter ego Silk to create magical disguises for those in her father's organization. But when her father is captured and sentenced to death, Iriset must infiltrate the palace and the empire's fanatical ruling family. There, she realizes she has a chance--and an obligation--to bring down the entire corrupt system.

- **Green, Simon R. HYDE & SEEK. [JEKYLL & HYDE INC. #2]. Baen, 12.99 pb.**

Whatever happened to all the old monsters? The vampires, the werewolves, the ghouls - Daniel & Tina Hyde wiped them out, to make the world a safer place. But nature abhors a vacuum, supernature even more - Something's got to fill the gap left by all those monster clans. The question now is, what happened to all the old aliens? The Martians, the Bug-Eyed Monsters, the Reptiloids and the Greys? They're coming out of the shadows with a vengeance, and Daniel and Tina Hyde are about to discover there are much worse things than monsters. Fortunately, the Hydies love a good fight.

- **Halle, Karina. REALM OF THIEVES. [THIEVES OF DRAGEMOR #1]. Ace, 25.99 tp.**

For Brynla Aihir, crime and survival have always gone hand in hand. Ever since she escaped the fanatical dragon-worshipping cult that controls her homeland, she's had to carve out a life doing the unthinkable: stealing dragon eggs. Egg theft is illegal and, in most cases, fatal. Now she finds herself kidnapped and blackmailed by Lord Andor, a formidable lieutenant of House Kolbeck, and thrust into the dangerous political games of rivaling dynasties.

- **Hamilton, Peter F. THE ARCHIMEDES ENGINE. [EXODUS #1]. Worlds, 29.99 tp.**

Set in the world of the SF RPG EXODUS. After 40 millenia one fleet of arkships arrived at Centauri, a dense cluster of stars with a vast array of potentially habitable planets. Now thousands of years later, the original settlers, now known as Celestials, have both evolved and established a repressive rule. Finn, born into this system, dreams of escape. When another arkship from Earth, previously thought lost, unexpectedly arrives, Finn sees a chance.

- **Hanrahan, Gareth. THE SWORD TRIUMPHANT. [LANDS OF THE FIRSTBORN #3]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

When a figure from Aelfric's past brings a cryptic message from one of the Nine, it seems the Lammergier is needed again. Does the old hero have one last quest left in him? Can his broken sword be reforged - and at what cost?

- **Haynes, Clarence A. THE GHOSTS OF GWENDOLYN MONTGOMERY. Legacy Lit, 39.00 hc.**

New York publicist Gwendolyn Montgomery's success is due to the fact she's a mystical practitioner who can tap into the interdimensional, metaphysical realm of the dead known as El Intermedio. Gwendolyn has hidden her powers, buried her old life, and started anew. But after a grisly, bizarre incident at the Brooklyn Museum, Gwendolyn begins to realize that something nefarious is happening tied directly to her past.

- **Hocking, John C. CONAN IN THE CITY OF THE DEAD. Titan, 23.99 tp.**

Combines Hocking's classic CONAN AND THE EMERALD LOTUS in the same volume as the all-new, original CONAN AND THE LIVING PLAUGE. A Shemite wizard seeks to create a serum to use as a lethal weapon. Instead he unleashes a hideous monster on the city of Dulcine. Hired to loot the city of its treasures, Conan and his fellows in the mercenary troop find themselves trapped in the depths of the city's keep. To escape, they must defeat the creature, its plague-wracked undead followers, then face Lovecraftian horrors beyond mortal comprehension.

- **Huang, Justinian. THE EMPEROR AND THE ENDLESS PALACE. MIRA, 23.99 tp.**

In the year 4 BCE, an ambitious courtier is called upon to seduce the young emperor - but quickly discovers they are both ruled by blood, sex and intrigue. In 1740, a lonely innkeeper agrees to help a mysterious visitor procure a rare medicine, only to unleash an otherworldly terror instead. And in present-day Los Angeles, a college student meets a beautiful stranger and cannot shake the feeling they've met before.

- **Isaac-Henry, Olivia. SORROW SPRING. Harpercollins, 23.99 tp.**

1978. Teenager Rina Pine is abandoned by her hippie mother in the isolated village of Sorrow Spring and forced to live with her elderly aunt. When a child goes missing and a young mother is killed, Rina is drawn into the dark and sinister truth flowing through the sacred waters that give the village its name. She is about to learn what it truly means to be a daughter of Sorrow Spring...

- **Islington, James. THE WILL OF THE MANY. [HIERARCHY #1]. Saga, 32.00 tp.**

The Catenan Republic - the Hierarchy - may rule the world now, but they do not know everything. He tells them his name is Vis Telimus and that he was orphaned after a tragic accident three years ago, and that good fortune alone has led to his acceptance into their most prestigious school. But the truth is that he has been sent to the Academy to solve a murder, to search for an ancient weapon, and to uncover secrets that may tear the Republic apart.

- **Kay, Guy Gavriel. WRITTEN ON THE DARK. Viking Canada, 40.00 hc.**

Thierry Villar is a well-known - even notorious - tavern poet, intimately familiar with the rogues and shadows of that world, but not at all with courts and power. He is an unlikely person, despite his quickness, to be swept into the deadly contests of ambitious royals, assassins, and invading armies. But he is indeed drawn into all these things on a savagely cold night in his beloved city of Orane.

- **Kim, Sophie. THE GOD AND THE GWISIN. [FATE'S THREAD #2]. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

The red thread of fate on his finger signals Seokga that his lost love Hani has been reincarnated and leads him to a luxury cruise down the river of the dead. But the woman waiting, is not Hani, but Yoo Kisa, working out a karmic debt labouring thanklessly aboard the SRC Flatliner. When the heavenly emperor is murdered aboard the ship, Seokga and Kisa must solve the crime before the cruise ends.

- **King, Stephen. NEVER FLINCH. Scribner, 43.00 hc.**

When the Buckeye City Police Department receives a disturbing letter from a person threatening to "kill thirteen innocents and one guilty" in "an act of atonement for the needless death of an innocent man," Detective Izzy Jaynes has no idea what to think. Are fourteen citizens about to be slaughtered in an unhinged act of retribution? As the investigation unfolds, Izzy realizes that the letter writer is deadly serious, and she turns to her friend Holly Gibney for help.

- **Kingsley, Hannah. SOUL HATE. One More Chapter, 22.99 tp.**

Renza di Maineri is the youngest elected leader her city has ever seen. Devoted to the citizens of Halice, she is determined to prove herself and finally step beyond her father's shadow. But her world falls apart when she meets her worst nightmare, Idris Patricelli, her main political rival - and also her Soulhate, the person she is fated to destroy - and every moment in his presence she fights an urge to rip his throat out.

- **Kitasei, Yume. THE STARDUST GRAIL. Flatiron, 24.99 tp.**

Maya Hoshimoto was once the best art thief in the galaxy. For ten years, she returned stolen artifacts to alien civilizations - until a disastrous job forced her into hiding. Now she just wants to enjoy a quiet life as a graduate student of anthropology, but she's haunted by persistent and disturbing visions of the future. Then an old friend comes to her with a job she can't refuse: find a powerful object that could save an alien species from extinction. Except no one has seen it in living memory, and they aren't the only ones hunting for it.

- **Kristian, Giles. ARTHUR. [ARTHUR #3]. Transworld, 21.99 tp.**

Ageing mercenary Beran has no love of bards' songs. Nor of people. Unless they are paying him to steal or kill. Now he has been ordered to murder a boy. But this is no ordinary child. The son of King Constantine and the grandson of High King Ambrosius, this boy could be the saviour of Britain - if he lives. Betraying his companions and returning to a world he believed he'd forsaken, Beran vows to take the boy to the one place that still holds out against the invader: Camelot.

- **Lackey, Mercedes & James Mallory. DELIVERANCE OF DRAGONS. [THE DRAGON PROPHECY #3]. Tor, 34.99 tp.**

Veliessar Farcarinon has been anointed by the stars above and the dragon at her side. But the overwhelming attacks of the Endarkened have forced Elvenkind to retreat. Runacarendalur Caerthalien is a thorn in the Queen's side and should be her greatest enemy, but the two are forced into tentative co-existence due to the common threat of the Endarkened. How will they react when they finally realize they are soulmates?

- **Lackey, Mercedes. GRYPHON'S VALOR. [KELVREN'S SAGA #2]. DAW, 37.99 hc.**

On the border between Valdemar and the deadly Pelagirs Forest, the gryphon hero Kelvren returns from a near fatal self-sacrifice that won him the approval of Valdemar's ground troops but caused a diplomatic crisis.

- **Laird, Tonia. SEVENTHBLADE. ECW, 24.95 tp.**

T'Rayles returns to the colonized city of Seventhblade, ready to tear the streets asunder in search of her son's killer. T'Rayles must lean into the dangerous power of her inherited sword and ally herself with questionable forces, including the Broken Fangs, an alliance her mother founded, now fallen into greed and corruption, and the immortal Elraiche, a powerful and manipulative deity exiled from a faraway land.

- **Latham, Mark A. THE LAST VIGILANT. [KINGDOM OF OAK AND STEEL #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Shunned by the soldiers he commands, haunted by past tragedies, Sargent Holt Hawley is a broken man. But the child of a powerful ally has gone missing, and war between once peaceful nations is on the horizon. So, he and his squad have been sent to find a myth: a Vigilant. They are a rumored last survivor of an ancient and powerful order capable of performing acts of magic and finding the lost. But the Vigilants disappeared decades ago. No one truly expects Hawley to succeed.

- **Lee, Hana. FLIGHT OF THE FALLEN. [MAGEBIKE COURIER #2]. Saga, 26.99 tp.**

When refugees from a fallen city flood into Kerina Sol, the delicate balance between Talented and Talentless shatters. With tensions rising and civil war looming, Yi-Nereen, Kadrin, and Jin must join forces again to save their own people and the refugees. Now their salvation lies beyond the wastes, in the mythical home of the gods: the First City.

- **Lima, Ananda. CRAFT: STORIES I WROTE FOR THE DEVIL. Tor.com, 24.99 tp.**

At a Halloween party in 1999, a writer slept with the devil. She sees him again and again throughout her life and she writes stories for him about things that are both impossible and true. Lima lures readers into surreal pockets of the United States and Brazil where they'll find bite-size Americans in vending machines and the ghosts of people who are not dead.

- **Linde, K. A. THE ROBIN ON THE OAK THRONE. [OAK AND HOLLY CYCLE #2]. Red Tower, 43.99 hc.**

Sequel to THE WREN IN THE HOLLY LIBRARY.

- **Lyons, Jenn. THE SKY ON FIRE. Tor, 27.99 tp.**

Anahrod lives only for survival, forging her own way through the harsh jungles of the Deep with her titan drake by her side. When an adventuring party saves her from capture by a local warlord, it turns out to be her past catching up with her. These cunning misfits - and their frustratingly appealing dragonrider ringleader - intend to take her back to the dragon-ruled sky cities, where they need her help to steal from a dragon's hoard.

- **Malfi, Ronald. SMALL TOWN HORROR. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

Andrew Larimer receives a late-night phone call that makes him drop everything and head back to his hometown to reunite with his friends: Eric, now the town's deputy sheriff; Dale, a real-estate mogul living in the shadow of a failed career; his childhood sweetheart Tig who never could escape town; and poor Meach, whose ravings about a curse upon the group have driven him to drugs and alcohol. Together, the five friends will have to confront the memories--and the horror--of a night, years ago, that changed everything for them.



- **Mandelo, Lee (ed). AMPLITUDES: STORIES OF QUEER AND TRANS FUTURITY. Erewhon, 24.95 tp.**

Revolutionary and visionary, these twenty-two speculative stories edited by Lambda, Nebula and Hugo finalist Lee Mandelo explore the vast potentialities of our queer and trans futures.

- **Marshall, Helen. THE LADY, THE TIGER AND THE GIRL WHO LOVED DEATH. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

Irenda will grow up in a wartorn country where survival means obedience. When a devastating attack robs her of her mother, she travels to Hrana City. There, her grandmother agrees to teach her the ultimate secret: how to tame death. But it won't be easy...In the circus that offers her first taste of power, Irenda will have to tame another tiger if she is to survive.

- **McGuire, Seanan. TIDAL CREATURES. [ALCHEMICAL JOURNEYS #3]. Tor.com, 27.99 tp.**

Over time, some moon gods are incarnated into the human world alongside the other manifest natural concepts. Their job is to cross the sky above the Impossible City - the heart of all creation - to keep it connected to reality. But someone is killing them. There are so many of them that it's easy for a few disappearances to slip through the cracks. But they aren't limitless. In the name of the moon, the lunar divinities must uncover the roots of the plot and thwart the true goal of those behind these attacks - control of the Impossible City itself.

- **Miller, Rowena. THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS. Redhook, 25.99 tp.**

In the run up to the 1900s World's Fair in Paris, talented and pragmatic clockworker Clara Ironwood spend her days working on the Palace of Illusions, an intricate hall of mirrors that is one of the centerpieces of the world's fair. When her godfather sends Clara a hideous nutcracker for Christmas, she is puzzled until she finds a hidden compartment that unlocks a mirror-world Paris where the Seine is musical, fountains spout lemonade, and mechanical ballerinas move with human grace. The magic at work, she will learn, has a darker side.

- **Neville, Stuart. BLOOD LIKE MINE. [THE BLOOD TRILOGY #1]. Hell's Hundred, 25.95 tp.**

On a cold December night, single mother Rebecca Carter drives her van into a snowbank to avoid hitting an elk on a desolate mountain highway. Though out of money and food, she refuses help from a passing stranger. Her adolescent daughter, Moonflower, is on the run from a grisly secret, and the last thing they can afford is to be remembered. Meanwhile, Special Agent Donner of the FBI has been hunting down a gruesome serial killer who drains their victims of blood before severing their spinal cords.

- **Novik, Naomi. BURIED DEEP AND OTHER STORIES. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

Thirteen short stories that span her worlds - from the dragon-filled Temeraire series and the gothic magical halls of the Scholomance trilogy, through the realms next door to Spinning Silver and Uprooted, including a sneak peek at the land where her next novel will be set.

- **Older, Malka. THE POTENCY OF UNGOVERNABLE IMPULSES. [INVESTIGATIONS OF MOSSA AND PLEITI #3]. Tor, 40.99 hc.**

New in the award-nominated sapphic, cozy space-opera mystery series. A former classmate begs Pleiti for help on behalf of her cousin - who is up for a prestigious academic position at a rival Jovian university but has been accused of plagiarism. But what appears to be a case of an attempted reputational smearing devolves into something decidedly more dangerous - and possibly deadly.

- **Olthoff, Melissa. RISE FROM RUIN. Baen, 25.00 tp.**

All Harper Tavros ever wanted was to be a dragon rider. But after a prank goes wrong, she ends up soul bonded to a griffin. Now, she'll have to learn an entirely new skillset before she ends up on the front lines of a war her country is slowly losing. If she's going to make a difference, she'll need to rise up from the ruin of her dreams and embrace a new path. One that includes her accidental bondmate, an utterly ridiculous, insanely brave griffin.

- **Onyebuchi, Tochi. HARMATTAN SEASON. Tor, 38.99 hc.**

Veteran and private eye Boubacar doesn't need much - least of all trouble - but trouble always seems to find him. Work has dried up, and he'd rather be left alone to deal with his bills as the Harmattan rolls in to coat the city in dust, but Bouba is down on his luck deux fois, suspended between two cultures and two worlds. When a bleeding woman stumbles onto his doorway, only to vanish just as quickly, Bouba reluctantly finds himself enmeshed in the secrets of a city boiling on the brink of violence.

- **Parry, H. G. A FAR BETTER THING. Tor, 25.99 tp.**

The faeries stole Sydney Carton as a child, and made him a mortal servant of the Faery Realm. Now, he has a rare opportunity for revenge against the fae and Charles Darnay, the changeling left in his stead. It will take magic and cunning - cold iron and Realm silver - to hide his intentions from humans and fae and bring his plans to fruition. Shuttling between London and Paris during the Reign of Terror, generations of violence-begetting-violence lead him to a heartbreaking choice in the shadow of the guillotine.

- **Paxman, Emily. DEATH ON THE CALDERA. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

BC author. The Linde siblings - Kellen, Davina, and Morel - are anxious to return to the kingdom of Halgyr before their father dies, leaving Kellen to assume the throne as king. They book tickets on a luxury express train, expecting a swift journey home - but disaster strikes when the train engine explodes, stranding the siblings atop a caldera bubbling with volcanic magic. The crash triggers Davina's latent witch powers, but her magic disrupts her ability to remember what she was doing when the explosion took place.

- **Penner, J. A FELLOWSHIP OF LIBRARIANS & DRAGONS. [ADENASHIRE #2]. Poisoned Pen, 26.99 tp.**

Doli Butterbuckle, a people-pleasing sunshine dwarf, is content with her simple tea magic and circle of friends. It's true she's never quite lived up to family expectations, but life is just fine - until her parents arrive with an inherited dragon egg and a charming gargoye.

- **Peterson, B. F. THE ELLYRIAN CODE: THE TREATY OF EDRIENDOR. Angry Robot, 23.99 tp.**

Esstem University has long stood as a pillar of equal opportunity, a place that any youth of Ellyrian can apply to to become part of the Edrei, an elite order of dragon-riding, magic-wielding peacekeepers. But as evidence of corruption surfaces within the order, the students will have to re-examine their future and the roles they wish to play as an Edrei... if they aren't expelled first.

- **Phillips, Helen. HUM. MarySue Rucci, 24.99 tp.**

In a near-future world addled by climate change and inhabited by intelligent robots called "hums," May loses her job to artificial intelligence. Desperate to resolve her family's debt and secure their future for another few months, she becomes a guinea pig in an experiment that alters her face so it cannot be recognized by surveillance. Seeking reprieve from her recent hardships and her family's addiction to their devices, May splurges on passes for her family to spend three nights respite in the Botanical Garden: a rare green refuge where forests, streams, and animals still thrive. But when her children come under threat, May is forced to put her trust in a hum of uncertain motives to save her family.

- **Pierlot, Ciel. TERMS OF SERVICE. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

Luzia is forced into a deal that traps her in the most abstruse verbal contract imaginable. As she struggles under this weight, she begins to uncover the secrets of the Astrosi people - the internal battles for power between the two kingdoms, the never-ending conflict between them, the trickster Carrion who somehow bridges that gap, and the very nature of the Bastion itself.

- **Race, Holly. SIX WILD CROWNS. [QUEENS OF ELBEN #1]. Orbit, 39.00 hc.**

As tradition has it, the king of Elben must marry six queens and magically bind each of them to one of the island's palaces or the kingdom will fall. Clever, ambitious Boleyn relishes the games at court and the political rivalries with the other wives. But Seymour is the opposite - originally sent to Boleyn's court as a reluctant spy and assassin. But when the two queens become the unlikeliest of things - friends and allies - the balance of power begins to shift.

- **Ringo, John. NOT THAT KIND OF GOOD GUY. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

For a generation, individuals have arisen with super powers, able to change the course of history, or at least save a few lives. But these people have free will - and not all choose to work for the forces of good. We need someone with an unblotted escutcheon, a Galahad for the 21st Century, someone pure of ethics and morality. But what we get is Michael. The product of a broken childhood, raised in the foster system of one of America's most dangerous inner cities, his wisdom comes from drug addicts and whores. Maybe he's not the hero we asked for, but he's the hero we need. And he's about to hit puberty.

- **Ringo, John. BEYOND THE RANGES. Baen, 12.99 pb.**

One second Jason Graham is sitting in a restaurant in Mobile, Alabama, chatting with a server, the next he finds himself in a strange room, rescued by mysterious alien benefactors. Seems the world did end, though how and why are something of a mystery. Now, Jason (and five hundred million other humans) are in orbit around an Earthlike world that is abundant in natural resources and totally untamed. It is a new start. But who are the alien benefactors that have contrived this second act for some of Earth's denizens? And what do they really want?

- **Roanhorse, Rebecca. MIRRORED HEAVENS. [BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY #3]. Saga, 26.99 tp.**

Serapio, avatar of the Crow God Reborn and the newly crowned Carrion King, rules Tova. But deep in the alleys of the Maw, a new prophecy is whispered, this one from the Coyote God. It promises Serapio certain doom if its terrible dictates are not fulfilled. Meanwhile, Xiala is thrust back amongst her people as war comes first to the island of Teek. With their way of life and their magic under threat, she is their last best hope. But the sea won't talk to her the way it used to, and doubts riddle her mind.

- **Rowland, Alexandra. RUNNING CLOSE TO THE WIND. Tor, 27.99 tp.**

Avra Helvaci, former field agent of the Arasti Ministry of Intelligence, has gone to his on-again off-again ex, the pirate Captain Teveri az-Haaffar, to find a buyer for a secret he's stolen. They plan to take it to the isolated pirate republic of the Isles of Lost Souls. But first they must deal with a calculating new Arasti ambassador to the Isles of Lost Souls who has his eyes on Avra's every move and Brother Julian, a beautiful, mysterious new member of the crew with secrets of his own and a frankly inconvenient vow of celibacy, and finally the fact that they're sailing straight into sea serpent breeding season and almost certain doom.

- **Rozakis, Caitlin. THE GRIMOIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

Two parents and their recently-bitten-werewolf daughter try to fit into a privileged New England society of magic aristocracy. But deadly terrors await them - ancient prophecies, remorseless magical trials, hidden conspiracies and the PTA bake sale.

- **Sagara, Michelle. HEIR OF LIGHT. [THE ACADEMIA CHRONICLES #2]. MIRA, 23.99 tp.**

As heir to the Gardianno seat, a highly coveted position within the human caste court, Robin stands to inherit great power when he assumes his birthright - but at what cost? Under the guidance of a formidable Barrani lord named Teela, Robin wrestles with his newfound duties and the societal complexities that come with the privilege. Soon, however, it's apparent that others feel entitled to the seat...and they're willing to do the unthinkable in order to get it.

- **Schwab, V. E. BURY OUR BONES IN THE MIDNIGHT SOIL. Tor, 41.99 hc.**

Santo Domingo de la Calzada, 1532. London, 1827. Boston, 2019. Three young women, their bodies planted in the same soil, their stories tangling like roots. One grows high, and one grows deep, and one grows wild. And all of them grow teeth.

- **Skrutskie, Emily. A LEGIONNAIRE'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND PEACE. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

It is all but certain that conscripted legionnaire Katrien will die with the rest of the army in a hopeless battle against the Demon Lord. So there's no reason not to hook up with her handsome, dedicated battle partner, Emory. Only the world doesn't end the next day. Instead, an insufferable prince raised in hiding comes out of nowhere with a plucky band of heroes, defeats the Demon Lord, and seals the rift to the hellish plane. This leaves Katrien and Emory with an awkward situation.

- **Sloan, Robin. MOONBOUND. Picador, 26.00 tp.**

Eleven millenia into the future. Ariel is a boy in a small town under a wizard's rule. He is called to explore a world full of unimaginable glories and challenges: unknown enemies, a mission to save the world, a girl. Here, as they say, be dragons. But none of this happens before Ariel comes across an artifact from an earlier civilization, a sentient, record-keeping artificial intelligence that carries with it the perspective of the whole of human history - and becomes both Ariel's greatest ally and the narrator of our story.

- **Soule, Charles. THE TRIALS OF THE JEDI. [STAR WARS: THE HIGH REPUBLIC]. Worlds, 39.99 hc.**

The Jedi have yet to solve the mystery of the Nameless creatures who feed on the Force. Ro has loosed them upon the galaxy, striking fear into the heart of even the most stalwart Jedi. And yet with every life saved and world freed from Nihil control, the all-consuming blight, which devours everything wherever it appears, threatens to wipe it all away. Everything now depends on nine brave Jedi who embark on a treacherous journey to the Nameless homeworld.

- **Sugden, Chris & Jen. HIGH VAULTAGE. Gollancz, 21.99 tp.**

EVEN GREATER LONDON, 1887: a vast, uninterrupted urban plane encompassing the entire lower half of England and, for complex reasons, only the upper third of the Isle of Wight... Its immense Tower casts electricity across the sky itself, powering the mind-boggling mechanisms of the city below. And here a series of impossible bank robberies has consumed the attentions of the police. Which means that when a woman witnesses a kidnapping, Fleet-Entwhistle Private Investigations is the only place she can turn for help.

- **Tan, Sue Lynn. DAUGHTER OF THE MOON GODDESS. [CELESTIAL KINGDOM #1]. Voyager, 13.99 pb.**

Growing up on the moon, Xingyin is accustomed to solitude, unaware that she is being hidden from the powerful Celestial Emperor who exiled her mother for stealing his elixir of immortality. But when Xingyin's magic flares and her existence is discovered, she is forced to flee her home, leaving her mother behind. Alone, untrained, and afraid, she makes her way to the Celestial Kingdom, a land of wonder and secrets.

- **Taylor, Jodi. KILLING TIME. [TIME POLICE #5]. Headline, 19.99 tp.**

A ghost train, lost in Time, hurtles through the night with two members of Team 236 trapped on board while the third struggles to track their progress through the Time Map and effect a rescue. With Lt Grint and Team 235 in hot pursuit, what is the future for Team 236? And do they even have one?

- **Tchaikovsky, Adrian. BEE SPEAKER. [DOGS OF WAR #3]. AdAstra, 39.99 hc.**

Where Earth fell apart, Mars pulled together. Engineered men and beasts, aided by Bees - an outlawed distributed intelligence - survived through co-operation, because there was simply no alternative. Now a call for help reaches Mars. A consortium of Martian work crews gather the resources for a mission: a triumphal return to the blue-green world of their ancestors. And now here they are - three hundred million kilometres from home. And it has all already gone horribly wrong.

- **Tingle, Chuck. BURY YOUR GAYS. Nightfire, 25.99 tp.**

After years of trying to make it in Hollywood, Misha's big moment is here: an Oscar nomination. And the executives at the studio for his long-running streaming series know just the thing to kick his career to the next level: kill off the gay characters, "for the algorithm," in the upcoming season finale. Misha refuses, but he soon realizes that he's just put a target on his back. And what's worse, monsters from his horror movie days are stalking him and his friends through the hills above Los Angeles.

- **Topping, Zac. ROGUE SEQUENCE. [ANDER RADE #1]. Tor, 27.99 tp.**

2091. After a mission goes sideways, genetically modified soldier Ander Rade is captured, imprisoned, and forced into brutally violent fighting pits for the better part of the next decade... until agents from the Genetic Compliance Department of the United American Provinces appear in the visiting room. The agents have come with an offer: freedom in exchange for his help tracking down one of his former teammates from that ill-fated mission all those years ago.



- **Vee, Julia & Ken Bebele. BLOOD JADE. [PHOENIX HOARD #2]. Tor, 27.99 tp.**

Emiko Soong, newly minted Sentinel of San Francisco, just can't catch a break. After she becomes the guardian for a sentient city, a murder strikes close to home. Called by the city and one of the most powerful clans to investigate, she traces the killer whose scent signature bears a haunting similarity to her mother's talent.

- **Walter, Heather. THE CRIMSON CROWN. [THE CRIMSON CROWN #1]. Del Rey, 27.99 tp.**

Legends tell of a witch who became a queen - the heartless villain in the story of Snow White. Her own story begins when she is just Ayleth, a young witch who lives in the forest with her coven. Not yet gifted with magical talent, she sets out on a perilous quest that sends her to the White Palace where she will reencounter Jacquetta, a witch who once held Ayleth's heart - and betrayed her.

- **Warwick, Alexandria. THE SOUTH WIND. [THE FOUR WINDS #3]. Saga, 25.99 tp.**

To avert a deadly curse, Princess Sarai of Ammara is betrothed to Prince Balior, a handsome young noble from a neighbouring kingdom. But then the South Wind, Notus - the immortal who once had her heart - returns into her life. Sarai is determined to ignore Notus and follow her father's plan. But Prince Balior has dark secrets, and as Sarai learns more about her betrothed, she realizes he may be her kingdom's downfall.

- **Wexler, Django. EVERYBODY WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD EXCEPT ME. [DARK LORD DAVI #2]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

After countless failures (let's not dwell on it), Davi has finally saved the kingdom from evil - by becoming the Dark Lord herself. But now, the hordes of wilders are at her command, and they still want blood. Human blood. And Davi's not sure she can commit to the total extermination of humanity. With restless armies at her doorstep, a treasonous duke scheming for power, and the legend of an ancient magician looming over her shoulder, Davi must find a way towards peace

- **White, Frances. VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED. Mira, 24.99 tp.**

For a thousand years, Concordia has maintained peace between its provinces. To mark this incredible feat, the emperor's ship embarks upon a twelve-day voyage to the sacred Goddess's Mountain. Aboard are the twelve heirs of the provinces of Concordia, each graced with a unique and secret magical ability known as a Blessing. All except one: Ganymedes Piscero - class clown, slacker, and all-round disappointment. When a beloved heir is murdered, everyone is a suspect.

- **White, Kiersten. LUCY UNDYING: A DRACULA NOVEL. Del Rey, 24.95 tp.**

Lucy Westenra was one of Dracula's first victims. But her death was only the beginning. Lucy rose from the grave a vampire and has spent her immortal life trying to escape from Dracula's clutches - and trying to discover who she really is and what she truly wants. Her undead life takes an unexpected turn in twenty-first-century London, when she meets another woman, Iris, who is also yearning to break free from her past.

- **Wiesebron, Lauren. HOUSE OF FROST AND FEATHERS. Voyager, 24.99 tp.**

Penniless and desperate for protection, Marisha is forced to accept a job as apprentice to the notorious koldunya, the sorceress Baba Zima. But Baba Zima is renowned for being both clever and cruel. And most difficult of all is her current apprentice, Olena, who wants nothing to do with Marisha. Accompanying Olena on an increasingly dangerous, seemingly impossible search for a cure to a sleeping plague, she finds hidden connections between the plague, her own family's history, and her bizarre, recurring dreams.

- **Wiles, W. P. THE DEAD MAN'S EMPIRE. [LAST BLADE PRIEST #2]. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

It's not a good time to be a reluctant bride about to be married off to seal an alliance between ancient rivals. Princess Syzenne's attitude is famed across the kingdom, but she's hiding a secret. She's a Scourge - a powerful being armed with terrifying abilities at her fingertips. And as political tensions come to a head, it turns out she may not be the only one with the potential to change the world...

- **Wiswell, John. WEARING THE LION. [HERCULES]. DAW, 39.00 hc.**

Hera loathes every minute of Heracles' devotion. She finally snaps and sends the Furies to make Heracles kill himself. But the moment Heracles goes mad, his children playfully ambush him, and he slays them instead. When the madness fades, Heracles's wife, Megara, convinces him to seek revenge. Together they'll hunt the Furies and learn which god did this. To mislead Heracles, Hera sends him on monster-slaying quests, but he is too traumatized to enact more violence and instead bonds with the monsters.

- **Wurts, Janny. SONG OF THE MYSTERIES. [THE WARS OF LIGHT AND SHADOW #11]. Voyager, 13.50 pb.**

After decades in the making, THE WARS OF LIGHT AND SHADOW finally draws to a close. Elaira and Daliana's steadfast loyalties must rise against the odds or fall as Lysaer's reckoning collides with the Mistwraith's secretive machinations. But not before Elder Powers arise to claim their debt for a grievance spanning millennia...

- **Zahn, Timothy. THE ICARUS CHANGELING. [ICARUS SAGA #4]. Baen, 12.99 pb.**

Gregory Roarke - former bounty hunter, former Trailblazer, current agent for the ultra-secret Icarus Group - has received a new assignment: locate a suspected but as-yet undiscovered teleportation portal on the backwater colony world of Alaiinn. The rival Patth are also searching for the device, and have considerably more resources at their disposal. Fortunately, Roarke has Selene and her incredibly sensitive Kadolian sense of smell.

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## JULY CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

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Each month we will provide a list of conventions from around the world. This list is constantly being updated throughout the month. You can find our full events list as well as a calendar at SciFi4Me.com.

But don't just stop at the list. Check out the calendar for more intimate events online and in-person. These range from release parties to readings and interviews with creators.

If you know of a local event, big or little, send us and email at [events@scifi4me.com](mailto:events@scifi4me.com) so we can add it and make it the most comprehensive conventions list on the internet.

There are currently **3,651 listings**, and we continue to add events regularly.

### July 3 – 7

Dice Tower East – Orlando, FL Jul 2-6  
 Anime Expo – Los Angeles, CA Jul 3-6  
 Anthrocon – Pittsburgh, PA Jul 3-6  
 CONVergence – Minneapolis, MN Jul 3-6  
 DEXLITE – Morristown, NJ Jul 3-6  
 FAN EXPO Denver – Denver, CO Jul 3-6  
*FurryEST – Kabala Village, Estonia Jul 3-6*  
*Japan Expo – Paris, France Jul 3-6*  
 Play On Con – Birmingham, AL Jul 3-6  
 BayCon/WesterCon – San Mateo, CA Jul 4-7  
*Animaritime – Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada Jul 4-6*  
 Anime Midwest – Rosemont, IL Jul 4-6  
*Animesse Babelsberg – Berlin, Germany Jul 4-6*  
*Avalon Expo – St John's, Newfoundland, Canada Jul 4-6*  
*FryxCon – Karlstad, Sweden Jul 4-6*  
*ICON – Lonehill, South Africa Jul 4-6*  
 InConJunction – Indianapolis, IN Jul 4-6  
*KingCon! – Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada Jul 4-6*  
*Montreal Comiccon – Montreal, Quebec, Canada Jul 4-6*  
*Paris est Ludique – Paris, France Jul 4-6*  
 Roswell Galacticon – Roswell, NM Jul 4-6  
*ShepparCon – Shepparton, Victoria, Australia Jul 4-6*  
*SHM Shanghai Board Games Exhibition – Shanghai, China Jul 4-6*  
*Adventure Comic Con – Sofia, Bulgaria Jul 5-6*  
*Animacon – San Jose, Costa Rica Jul 5-6*  
*Animecon – Jyväskylä, Finland Jul 5-6*  
*AVCon– Adelaide, South Australia, Australia Jul 5-6*  
 Columbia Anime & Video Game Expo – Columbia, SC Jul 5-6  
 Crit Hit – Phoenix, AZ Jul 5-6

*EpicCon Moscow - Moscow, Russia* Jul 5-6  
*FeenCon – Bonn-Beuel, Germany* Jul 5-6  
*Ganbatte – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada* Jul 5-6  
*Glasgow Anime & Gaming Con – Glasgow, United Kingdom* Jul 5-6  
*London Film and Comic Con – London, United Kingdom* Jul 5-6  
*Otaku Detroit Summer Bash – Novi, MI* Jul 5-6  
*Spielfest Vienna– Vienna, Austria* Jul 5-6  
*Vienna Summer Tabletop Major – Vienna, Austria* Jul 5-6  
*Aintree Comic Pop Con – Liverpool, United Kingdom* Jul 5  
*GAZCON – Chester, United Kingdom* Jul 5  
*Milton Comicon – Milton, Ontario, Canada* Jul 5  
*North Dallas Toy Show – Plano, TX* Jul 5  
*TomoFair Utrecht – Utrecht, Netherlands* Jul 5  
*Capital Trade Show – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada* Jul 6  
*Hanford Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Hanford, CA* Jul 6  
*Owen Sound Comicon – Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada* Jul 6

### Jul 10 – 14

*Festival Ludique International Parthenay – Parthenay, France* Jul 9-20  
*Beauty and the Beast – New Orleans, LA* Jul 9-16  
*Comic Con Astana – Astana Kazakhstan* Jul 9-13  
*Railcon – Chicago, IL* Jul 9-13  
*Anime Matsuri – Houston, TX* Jul 10-13  
*Ironweld – Boston, MA* Jul 10-13  
*FlingCon – San Antonio, TX* Jul 10-12  
*ConsimWorld Expo – Tempe, AZ* Jul 11-19  
*AdventureCon – Rogers, AR* Jul 11-13  
*ai-kon – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada* Jul 11-13  
*Animate! New Orleans – New Orleans, LA* Jul 11-13  
*Anime Ohio – Sharonville, OH* Jul 11-13  
*Capital City Comic Con – Lansing, MI* Jul 11-13  
*Charcon – Charleston, WV* Jul 11-13  
*ConGigate – Winston-Salem, NC* Jul 11-13  
*Corpus Christi Comic Con – Corpus Christi, TX* Jul 11-13  
*DarknessCon Boise – Boise, ID* Jul 11-13  
*Days of the Dead Phoenix – Phoenix, AZ* Jul 11-13  
*East Bay Board Game Convention – Oakland, CA* Jul 11-13  
*EsCon – Escondido, CA* Jul 11-13  
*Fanboy Expo – Knoxville, TN* Jul 11-13  
*G-Fest – Rosemont, IL* Jul 11-13  
*GalaxyCon New Orleans – New Orleans, LA* Jul 11-13  
*Human Wave– Washington DC* Jul 11-13  
*Kitsune Kon– Green Bay WI* Jul 11-13  
*Mad Monster Party Arizona – Glendale, AZ* Jul 11-13  
*North East Tabletop Expo – Tyne and Wear, United Kingdom* Jul 11-13  
*OCon Expo – Omaha, NE* Jul 11-13  
*Play Con– Sydney, New South Wales, Australia* Jul 11-13  
*Protospiel Michigan – Romulus, MI* Jul 11-13  
*The Road So Far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour – San Fransisco, CA* Jul 11-13  
*Shore Leave – Lancaster, PA* Jul 11-13



*Smash! Sydney*– Sydney, New South Wales, Australia Jul 11-13  
 Texas Battle Bowl – Midland, TX Jul 11-13  
*TFcon Toronto* – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Jul 11-13  
 Tokyo, OK – Tulsa, OK Jul 11-13  
 Twisted Lords Con– Midwest City, OK Jun 11-13  
 Vet GameFest – Clovis, CA Jul 11-13  
 Con in the Castle – New Plymouth, OH Jul 11-12  
 Empire Comic Fest – Rochester, NY Jul 11-12  
 Animeverse Pasadena– Pasadena, TX July 12-13  
 Brickfest Live Bangor – Bangor, ME Jul 12-13  
 Collect-a-Con New Jersey – New Brunswick, NJ Jul 12-13  
 CollectedCon – Chicago, IL Jul 12-13  
 Cosplay World– Richmond, VA Jul 12-13  
 Ghouliecon – Newport, KY Jul 12-13  
*Hop's Featherfest* – Wien, Austria Jul 12-13  
*Horizon: MersEsports* – Liverpool, United Kingdom Jul 12-13  
*Indonesia Weekend Antrho Gathering* – Jakarta Utara, Indonesia Jul 12-13  
 Infinity Con Tallahassee – Tallahassee, FL Jul 12-13  
 Nashville Horror Con – Nashville, TN Jul 12-13  
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Detroit, MI Jul 12-13  
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – San Jose, CA Jul 12-13  
 Odessa Geek Fest– Odessa, TX Jul 12-13  
 Retro Expo Dallas – Plano, TX Jul 12-13  
*RPG-A-THON* – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Jul 12-13  
 Savannah Comic Con – Savannah, GA Jul 12-13  
 SharkCon – Tampa, FL Jul 12-13  
 Shikkaricon – Philadelphia, PA Jul 12-13  
 Silver Age Comic Con– Reno, NV Jul 12-13  
 StocktonCon Summer – Stockton, CA Jul 12-13  
 Tampa Toy Con – Tampa, FL Jul 12-13  
 Toon Fusion Albuquerque – Albuquerque, NM Jul 12-13  
 The Uncanny Experience – Orlando, FL Jul 12-13  
*Bruce County Comicon* – Southampton, Ontario, Canada Jul 12  
*Callander Comicon* – Callander, Ontario, Canada Jul 12  
 Clovis Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Clovis, CA Jul 12  
 EriCon – Boone, IA Jul 12  
 First Coast Comic-Con – Jacksonville, FL Jul 12  
 Frankfort Anime-Fest – Frankfort, KY Jul 12  
 GOTTCOn – San Jose, CA Jul 12  
 Great Lakes Summer Expo – Clinton Township, MI Jul 12  
*Japan Fest Derby* – Derby, United Kingdom Jul 12  
*Maidstone Brick Festival* – Maidstone, United Kingdom Jul 12  
 Quad Con – Cedar Rapids, IA Jul 12  
 Wilkes Comic Con – North Wilkesboro, NC Jul 12  
 Shared Worlds – Spartanburg, SC Jul 13-26  
 Annandale Comic Book & Nonsports Card Show – Annandale, VA Jul 13  
 Buckeye Comic Con – Columbus, OH Jul 13  
 C.H.U.D. Comic Book Show – Laurel, MD Jul 13  
 Clifton NJ Comic Book Shows – Clifton, NJ Jul 13  
 Comieverse – New Berlin, WI Jul 13  
 Louisville Anime-Fest – Louisville, KY Jul 13  
 Modesto Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Modesto, CA Jul 13

Orillia Comicon – Orillia, Ontario, Canada Jul 13  
 Rotherham Brick Festival – Rotherham, United Kingdom Jul 13  
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Jul 13

## Jul 16 – 21

Shared Worlds – Spartanburg, SC Jul 13-26  
 Historicon – Lancaster, PA Jul 16-20  
 Furway – Brandbu, Norway Jul 17-21  
 BoardGame Con – Seoul, South Korea Jul 17-20  
 Camp Necon – Portsmouth, RI Jul 17-20  
 ConnectiCon – Hartford, CT Jul 17-20  
 Eufuria – Albany, NY Jul 17-19  
 qep'a' wejmaH wa'Dlch – Indianapolis, IN Jul 17-19  
 Fur-Eh! – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Jul 17-20  
 Readercon – Quincy, MA Jul 17-20  
 Tekko – Pittsburgh, PA Jul 17-20  
 NEA Game Fest – Jonesboro, AR Jul 17-20  
 ManorCon – Northampton, United Kingdom Jul 18-21  
 Anime Market Sacramento – Sacramento, CA Jul 18-20  
 ATL Comic Convention – Atlanta, GA Jul 18-20  
 Billings Fun Con – Billings, MT Jul 18-20  
 BitSummit – Kyoto, Japan Jul 18-20  
 Brasil FurFest – Sao Paulo, Brazil Jul 18-20  
 Christian Game Developers Conference – Grand Rapids, MI Jul 18-20  
 Delta H Con – Houston, TX Jul 18-20  
 Dokidokon – Kalamazoo, MI Jul 18-20  
 Ecchi Expo Anime– Dallas, TX Jul 18-20  
 Florida Supercon – Miami Beach, FL Jul 18-20  
 Furway – Brandbu, Norway Jul 18-20  
 Geek Fest West– Everett, WA Jul 18-20  
 Gem State Gaming Convention – Boise, ID Jul 18-20  
 Go Play NW – Seattle, WA Jul 18-20  
 Hyper Japan – London, United Kingdom Jul 18-20  
 Imaginarium – Louisville, KY Jul 18-20  
 LitRPG Con – Denver, CO Jul 18-20  
 OKC Horror Con – Oklahoma City, OK Jul 18-20  
 Open Gaming Convention – Westford, MA Jul 18-20  
 QuinCon – Quincy, IL Jul 18-20  
 Realm Makers Expo – Grand Rapids, MI Jul 18-20  
 Son of Silvercon – Las Vegas, NV Jul 18-20  
 Southeast Game Exchange – Greenville, SC Jul 18-20  
 Venger Con – Madison, WI Jul 18-20  
 World DDM Games Fest – Vienna, Austria Jul 18-20  
 LondonFurs Summer Weekend – London, United Kingdom Jul 18-19  
 TennoCon – London, Ontario, Canada Jul 18-19  
 AEX – Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada Jul 19-20  
 Anime Ultra– San Antonio, TX Jul 19-20  
 Atsusacon – Gent, Belgium Jul 19-20  
 Attack! – Wiltshire, United Kingdom Jul 19-20  
 Casper Comic Con – Casper, WY Jul 19-20

Coral Springs Collectorfest – Coral Springs, FL Jul 19-20  
 Gem City Comic Con – Dayton, OH Jul 19-20  
 Greater Austin Comiccon – Cedar Park, TX Jul 19-20  
 Heroes for Kids Comic Con – Perryville, MO Jul 19-20  
 Hershey Comic Con – Hershey, PA Jul 19-20  
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Grand Rapids, MI Jul 19-20  
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – New Orleans Jul 19-20  
 OzarKon – Gassville, AR Jul 19-20  
*Pretty Heroes – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Jul 19-20*  
 Really Cool Comic Con – Flint, MI Jul 19-20  
*RPG-A-THON – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Jul 19-20*  
 Tampa TCG – Tampa, FL Jul 19-20  
*Unfurgettable Taiwan Furry Gathering – Zhubei City, Taiwan Jul 19-20*  
 Vampire Fan Weekend – Boston, MA Jul 19-20  
 WasabiCon PDX – Portland, OR Jul 19-20  
 AniTOMO Convention – Brooklyn, NY Jul 19  
 CosCon – Jacksonville, FL Jul 19  
 God, Comics, and Gaming Convention – Minneapolis, MN Jul 19  
 Kentuckiana GI Joe Toy-X – Shepherdsville, KY Jul 19  
*Liverpool Brick Festival – Liverpool, United Kingdom Jul 19*  
 Quad Con – Peoria, IL Jul 19  
*Streetsville Comicon – Streetsville, Ontario, Canada Jul 19*  
 YWCA Wheeling Mini-Con – Wheeling, WV Jul 19  
*Basildon Brick Festival – Basildon, United Kingdom Jul 20*  
 Charlies Summer Fest – Fort Myers, FL Jul 20  
 FanaticCon – Brockville, Ontario, Canada July 20  
 Frederick Comic Con – Frederick, MD Jul 20  
*Frodsham Magical Craft Sci-Fi Comic & Toy Fair – Frodsham, United Kingdom Jul 20*  
*Midland Comicon – Midland, Ontario, Canada Jul 20*  
 Monterey Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Monterey, CA Jul 20  
 Shreveport Anime-Fest – Shreveport, LA Jul 20  
 TineeCon – Springfield, NJ Jul 20

## Jul 24 – 28

Shared Worlds – Spartanburg, SC Jul 13-26  
 Animate! Raleigh – Raleigh, NC Jul 24-27  
*Awoostria – Vienna, Austria Jul 24-27*  
 Capital LAN – Troy, NY Jul 24-27  
 Comic-Con International – San Diego, CA Jul 24-27  
 Egg Con – Lake Geneva, WI Jul 24-27  
 GalaxyCon Raleigh – Raleigh, NC Jul 24-27  
*NarCon – Linköping, Sweden Jul 24-27*  
*Continuum – Bedford, United Kingdom Jul 25-28*  
 Anime Town Utah – Sandy, UT Jul 25-27  
 AnimeIowa – Coralville, IA Jul 25-27  
*Aurawra – Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia Jul 25-27*  
 Classic Game Fest – Austin, TX Jul 25-27  
 Confluence – Pittsburgh, PA Jul 25-27  
 ConQuest Ventura – Ventura, CA Jul 25-27  
*GameFest Brisbane – Brisbane, Queensland, Australia Jul 25-27*

Kami-Con – Huntsville, AL Jul 25-27  
 METROCON – Tampa, FL Jul 25-27  
 OokiiSoraCon – Helena, MT Jul 25-27  
*RopeCon – Helsinki, Finland Jul 25-27*  
 Time Traveler's Weekend – Rockville, IN Jul 25-27  
 TrotCon – Dayton, OH Jul 25-27  
 Retro Matsuri – Concord, NH Jul 25-26  
 Writers Cantina– West Valley City, UT Jul 25-26  
 World Boardgaming Championships – Champion, PA Jul 26-Aug 3  
 Anime Impulse Bay Area– Santa Clara, CA July 26-27  
 BGBTB Hamilton – Hamilton, New Zealand Jul 26-27  
 Collect-a-Con Richmond – Richmond, VA Jul 26-27  
*Comic Con Manchester – Manchester, United Kingdom Jul 26-27*  
 GeekCraft Expo STL – St Louis, MO Jul 26-27  
 Lafayette Brick Convention – Lafayette, LA Jul 26-27  
*MegaCon Live Manchester – Manchester, United Kingdom Jul 26-27*  
 Mid-Maine Comic & Toy Con – Waterville, ME Jul 26-27  
 MonstahXpo – Nashua, NH Jul 26-27  
*Ptarmicon! – Yellowknife, Northern Territory, Canada Jul 26-27*  
 Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Providence, RI Jul 26-27  
 Quad Con – Kokomo, IN Jul 26-27  
 TCGtopia – Phoenix, AZ Jul 26-27  
 AugustaCon – Augusta, GA Jul 26  
*Central Alberta FanFest – Ponoka, Alberta, Canada Jul 26*  
*Day of Boardgamers – Victoria, British Columbia, Canada Jul 26*  
 Folsom Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Folsom, CA Jul 26  
*Gillingham Brick Festival – Gillingham, United Kingdom Jul 26*  
 Lakeland Anime-Fest – Lakeland, FL Jul 26  
*MiniComi Vancouver – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Jul 26*  
*Truro Comic Con – Truro, United Kingdom Jul 26*  
 Chicago Toy Show – St Charles, IL Jul 27  
 Merced Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Merced, CA Jul 27  
 Ocala Collectorfest – Ocala, FL Jul 27

## Jul 31 – Aug 3

Campfire Tails – La Pine, OR Jul 31-Aug 4  
 Gen Con – Indianapolis, IN Jul 31-Aug 3  
*AnimagiC – Mannheim, Germany Aug 1-3*  
 Anime North Texas – Irving, TX Aug 1-3  
*Anirevo – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Aug 1-3*  
 Anthro Weekend Utah – Layton, UT Aug 1-3  
*Berlin Brettspiel Con – Berlin, Germany Aug 1-3*  
*CanFURence – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Aug 1-3*  
 Chicago Horror Convention – Rosemont, IL Aug 1-3  
 CreepyCon Knoxville – Knoxville, TN Aug 1-3  
*EarpFest– Glasgow, United Kingdom Aug 1-3*  
*FurEast – Strasbourg, France Aug 1-3*  
 Geek Game Days – Arlington, TX Aug 1-3  
 Georgia Pop Culture and Horror Convention – Columbus, GA Aug 1-3  
 Tampa Bay Comic Convention – Tampa Bay, FL Aug 1-3

*Witchbomb – London, United Kingdom Aug 1-3*  
*ChinaJoy – Shanghai, China Aug 1-2*  
*Grossfest – Pittsburgh, PA Aug 1-2*  
*AFA Creators Super Fest Singapore– Singapore Aug 2-3*  
*Ama-Con – Amarillo, TX Aug 2-3*  
*Armageddon Expo – Palmerston North, New Zealand Aug 2-3*  
*Bell County Comic Con – Belton, TX Aug 2-3*  
*Big Lick Comic Con – Roanoke, VA Aug 2-3*  
*Brickfair Chantilly – Chantilly, VA Aug 2-3*  
*Comic Con Nebraska – Omaha, NE Aug 2-3*  
*Enid Comic Con – Enid, OK Aug 2-3*  
*FarleyCon – East Ridge, TN Aug 2-3*  
*GeekCraft Expo – Madison, WI Aug 2-3*  
*Kronchen Convention – Siegen, Germany Aug 2-3*  
*MiAnime – Novi, MI Aug 2-3*  
*Oddities & Curiosities Expo –Buffalo, NY Aug 2-3*  
*Oddities & Curiosities Expo –San Antonio, TX Aug 2-3*  
*Sonnencon – Spandau, Germany Aug 2-3*  
*St Louis Brick Convention – St Louis, MO Aug 2-3*  
*Superstar Anime – Virginia Beach, VA Aug 2-3*  
*Bartow Con – Bartow, FL Aug 2*  
*BX-Anime & Comic Expo – Bronx, NY Aug 2*  
*ClashCon – Wilkesboro, NC Aug 2*  
*JoMoCon – Joplin, MO Aug 2*  
*Morgantown Anime-Fest – Morgantown, WV Aug 2*  
*North Dallas Toy Show – Plano, TX Aug 2*  
*NovaCon – Brentwood, CA Aug 2*  
*PokeKon Fest – Erie, PA Aug 2*  
*Sequential Scotland – Glasgow, United Kingdom Aug 2*  
*Sudbury Comicon – Greater Sudbury, Ontario, Canada Aug 2*  
*AniMangapop!– London, United Kingdom Aug 3*  
*NEO Comicon – Avon, OH Aug 3*  
*PokeKon Fest Niagara Falls – Niagara Falls, NY Aug 3*  
*Torquay Brick Festival – Torquay, United Kingdom Aug 3*



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