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THE DISAPPEARANCES

Hachette UK Riveting, brilliantly imagined and passionate, **THE DISAPPEARANCES**, the compelling sequel to **THE KILLABLES**, will appeal to everyone who loved the powerful and gripping storytelling of **THE HUNGER GAMES**. They walked in silence onto the raised path that led to the East Gate. The closer they got, the louder the buzzing was. As they approached the gate it was almost unbearable. There was a stench in the air that made it hard to breathe, a stench that made the hair on the back of Lucas' neck stand up on end. Whatever had brought the flies here wasn't good. It's been a year since Evie and Raffy escaped the controlling regime of the City, leaving Lucas behind to rebuild the ruins of the place they once called home. And Lucas knew that once he said goodbye, Evie would be lost to him forever... But the City soon finds itself plagued by another terrifying threat: the Disappearances: teenagers who have gone missing from within the City walls, apparently vanishing into thin air. With the City at stake, Lucas has no choice but to call on his old friends - even if seeing them together is more than he can bear.

THE DECLARATION

A&C Black A powerful dystopian drama ahead of its time, about a world in which ageing is no longer feared, and death is no longer inevitable. Now available in a stunning new cover look.

THE KILLABLES

Hachette UK Evil has been eradicated. The City has been established. And citizens may only enter after having the 'evil' part of their brain removed. They are labelled on the System according to how 'good' they are. If they show signs of the evil emerging, they are labelled a K . . . But no one knows quite what that means. Only that they disappear, never to be seen again . . .

THE SYSTEM (THE KILLABLES BOOK THREE)

Hodder & Stoughton To survive you need people watching you, following your every move. That's the only currency now: being interesting, being liked ... And, of course, you have to update every fifteen minutes. It means everyone knows where you are, what you're doing; it means that there are no secrets... Everybody watches everyone else; nothing is hidden. And for those who fail to 'update' every fifteen minutes, the consequences are deadly. Evie and Raffy may have escaped the City but they still fear for their lives. Now the only person who can help them is Frankie, a total stranger, the most popular girl in the world, watched every second by millions of people. But Frankie has other ideas... And all the time, Lucas is waiting desperately for word from Evie, word that she is coming back to him. The conclusion to Gemma Malley's terrifyingly dark vision of our near future will leave you gasping for air.

THE RESISTANCE

A&C Black The chilling, powerful sequel to Gemma Malley's acclaimed debut, **The Declaration**. For fans of **The Hunger Games** In a world where nobody dies, Peter and Anna are Opt Outs - they choose not to live for ever . . . but is that enough? To try and fight the system further, Peter infiltrates Pincent Pharma, the company behind Longevity - the drug that offers eternal life. But he finds himself involved in things he didn't think possible . . . and begins to struggle with his own family. It appears Richard Pincent will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even if it means ripping Peter and Anna's new life apart.

THE RETURNERS

Bloomsbury Publishing USA London teenager Will Hodge is miserable. His mother is dead, his father's political leanings have grown radical, and his friends barely talk to him. To top it off, he's having nightmares about things like concentration camps. Then Will notices he's being followed by a group of people who claim to know him from another time in history. It turns out they are Returners, reincarnated people who carry with them the memory of atrocities they have witnessed in the past. Will realizes that he, too, is a Returner. But something about his memories is different, and

with dawning horror, Will suspects that he wasn't just a witness to the events, he was instrumental in making them happen. Set in the near future, with the world on the verge of a new wave of ethnic cleansing, Will must choose to confront the cruelty he's known in his past lives, or be doomed to repeat it...

LEGACY

Bloomsbury Publishing The gripping finale to the thrilling dystopian trilogy that began with *The Declaration*. Now available in a gorgeous new cover look.

THE NINTH CIRCLE

A NOVEL OF THE MERRIMACK

DAW Hardcover Glenn Hamilton calls the U.S.S. Merrimack for help after both DNA-based life and alien invaders are discovered on the distant world of Zoe in this new addition to the science fiction series following *Strength and Honor*. 10,000 first printing.

ALLEGIANT

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform ** *Allegiant* by Sara Mack is the second novel in *The Guardian Trilogy*. It is not affiliated with the *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth. **Last summer, Emma discovered that true love never dies. It can return. It can give you hope. It can pull you from darkness. Until it's ripped from you. Again. As her 22nd birthday approaches, Emma Donohue finds herself back at school and utterly alone. Hours away from family and friends, her solitary days are spent contemplating what never should have been. James should never have died, but he did. He should never have been assigned as her Guardian, but he was. And she should never have allowed Dane to get too close to her heart. But she failed. Desperate to fill her time, Emma is intrigued by her mysterious new neighbor, Garrett. She's never met anyone quite like him before, and, curious, she attempts to discover his past. Little does she know his presence will pull her into a world she could never imagine. A world that follows an ancient doctrine. A world built on loyalty, yet plagued by secrets and lies. A world that will threaten everything - and everyone - she loves. *Allegiant* is a new adult/college paranormal romance containing moderate language/mild innuendo. *Allegiant* is the second story in *The Guardian Trilogy*. The third novel, *Reborn*, is complete and due to be published in February 2014.

UGLIES

Simon and Schuster A fresh repackaging of the bestselling *Uglies* books...the series that started the whole dystopian trend!

PRODIGY

A LEGEND NOVEL

Penguin Featured on *Entertainment Weekly's* MUST-LIST! The highly anticipated second book in Marie Lu's *New York Times* bestseller, *LEGEND*—perfect for fans of *THE HUNGER GAMES* and *DIVERGENT*! June and Day arrive in Vegas just as the unthinkable happens: the Elector Primo dies, and his son Anden takes his place. With the Republic edging closer to chaos, the two join a group of Patriot rebels eager to help Day rescue his brother and offer passage to the Colonies. They have only one request—June and Day must assassinate the new Elector. It's their chance to change the nation, to give voice to a people silenced for too long. But as June realizes this Elector is nothing like his father, she's haunted by the choice ahead. What if Anden is a new beginning? What if revolution must be more than loss and vengeance, anger and blood—what if the Patriots are wrong?

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND

Penguin A gripping and beautifully written dystopian page-turner from *New York Times* bestselling author and National Book Award finalist ALLEGRA GOODMAN. In the eighteenth glorious year of Enclosure, long after *The Flood*, a young girl named Honor moves with her parents to Island 365 in the Tranquil Sea. Life on the tropical island is peaceful—there is no sadness and no visible violence in this world. Earth Mother and her Corporation have created *New Weather*. The sky is always blue and it almost never rains. Every family fits into its rightful, orderly, and predictable place... Except Honor's. Her family does not follow the rules. They ignore curfew, sing songs, and do not pray to Earth Mother. Honor doesn't fit in with the other children at the Old Colony School. Then she meets Helix, a boy with a big heart who slowly helps her uncover a terrible secret about the Island: Sooner or later, those who do not fit disappear, and they don't ever come back. Honor knows her family could be next, and when the unthinkable happens, she must make the dangerous journey to the Other Side of the Island—before Earth Mother comes for her too...

THE SKY INSIDE

Simon and Schuster Martin lives in a perfect world. Every year a new generation of genetically-engineered children is shipped out to meet their parents. Every spring the residents of his town take down the snow they've stuck to their windows and put up flowers. Every morning his family gathers around their television and votes, like everyone else, for whatever matter of national importance the president has on the table. Today, it is the color of his drapes. It's business as usual under the protective dome of suburb HM1. And it's all about to come crashing down. Because a

stranger has come to take away all the little children, including Martin's sister, Cassie, and no one wants to talk about where she has gone. The way Martin sees it, he has a choice. He can remain in the dubious safety of HM1, with danger that no one wants to talk about lurking just beneath the surface, or he can actually break out of the suburb, into the mysterious land outside, rumored to be nothing but blowing sand for miles upon miles. Acclaimed author Clare B. Dunkle has crafted a fresh and fast-paced science-fiction thriller, one that challenges her characters -- and her readers -- to look closer at the world they take for granted.

BETA

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Elysia was born without a soul, her only purpose to serve the wealthy inhabitants of Io, an island paradise. But sensations are clouding her mind...anger...loneliness???love. Before long, Elysia learns that she is a Defect. And if any human on the island discovers the truth, it will cost her her life.

THROUGH THE EVER NIGHT

Harper Collins A world-defying love is put to the ultimate test in the New York Times and USA Today bestselling sequel to Veronica Rossi's "masterpiece," Under the Never Sky (Examiner.com). In this second book in her spellbinding Under the Never Sky trilogy, bestselling author Veronica Rossi combines fantasy and dystopian elements to create a love story as perilous as it is unforgettable. It's been months since Aria last saw Perry. Months since Perry was named Blood Lord of the Tides, and Aria was charged with an impossible mission. Now, finally, they are about to be reunited. But their reunion is far from perfect. The Tides don't take kindly to Aria, a former Dweller. And with the worsening Aether storms threatening the tribe's precarious existence, Aria begins to fear that leaving Perry behind might be the only way to save them both. Threatened by false friends and powerful temptations, Aria and Perry wonder, Can their love survive through the ever night?

THE GIFTED, THE TALENTED, AND ME

Bloomsbury Publishing USA For fans of John Corey Whaley, a clever coming-of-age story about fitting in and finding your way in a too-complicated world. Pitch-perfect and hilarious." - Kirkus Reviews Fifteen-year-old Sam is not a famous vlogger, he's never gone viral, and he doesn't want to be the Next Big Thing. In fact, he's ordinary and proud of it. None of which was a problem until Dad got rich and Mom made the whole family move to London. Now Sam's off to the North London Academy for the Gifted and Talented, where everyone's busy planning Hollywood domination or starting alt-metal psychedelica crossover bands. Sam knows he'll never belong, even if he wanted to -- but can he find himself on his own terms?

EPITAPH ROAD

Egmont USA 2097 is a transformed world. Thirty years earlier, a mysterious plague wiped out 97 percent of the male population, devastating every world system from governments to sports teams, and causing both universal and unimaginable grief. In the face of such massive despair, women were forced to take over control of the planet--and in doing so they eliminated all of Earth's most pressing issues. Poverty, crime, warfare, hunger . . . all gone. But there's a price to pay for this new "utopia," which fourteen-year-old Kellen is all too familiar with. Every day, he deals with life as part of a tiny minority that is purposefully kept subservient and small in numbers. His career choices and relationship options are severely limited and controlled. He also lives under the threat of scattered recurrences of the plague, which seem to pop up wherever small pockets of men begin to regroup and grow in numbers. And then one day, his mother's boss, an iconic political figure, shows up at his home. Kellen overhears something he shouldn't--another outbreak seems to be headed for Afterlight, the rural community where his father and a small group of men live separately from the female-dominated society. Along with a few other suspicious events, like the mysterious disappearances of Kellen's progressive teacher and his Aunt Paige, Kellen is starting to wonder whether the plague recurrences are even accidental. No matter what the truth is, Kellen cares only about one thing--he has to save his father.

RESTORING HARMONY

Penguin The year is 2041, and sixteen-year-old Molly McClure has lived a relatively quiet life on an isolated farming island in Canada, but when her family fears the worst may have happened to her grandparents in the US, Molly must brave the dangerous, chaotic world left after global economic collapse?one of massive oil shortages, rampant crime, and abandoned cities. Molly is relieved to find her grandparents alive in their Portland suburb, but they're financially ruined and practically starving. What should've been a quick trip turns into a full-fledged rescue mission. And when Molly witnesses something the local crime bosses wishes she hadn't, Molly's only way home may be to beat them at their own game. Luckily, there's a handsome stranger who's willing to help. Restoring Harmony is a riveting, fast-paced dystopian tale complete with adventure and romance that readers will devour.

THE GIRL IN THE CLOCKWORK COLLAR

Harlequin Journeying from London to America to rescue her kidnapped friend Jasper, Finley turns for help to English duke Griffin King to balance her dark and light magic while a devious bounty hunter threatens the life of the girl Jasper loves.

20 YEARS LATER

Twenty years after a plague has wiped out most of humanity, four friends in London seek to discover the secret behind this catastrophe.

EVE

Harper Collins The first book in Anna Carey's chilling Eve trilogy, *Eve* is perfect for fans of *The Handmaid's Tale*. After a deadly virus wiped out most of Earth's population, the world is a terrifying place. Eighteen-year-old Eve has grown up isolated from the rest of the destroyed world in an all-girls school. But it isn't until the night before her graduation that she discovers what her duties will be once she graduates. To avoid the horrifying fate that awaits her, Eve flees the only home she's ever known. On the run, she encounters Caleb, a rough, rebellious boy living in the wild. Eve knows she shouldn't trust him, but he slowly wins her confidence...and her heart. He promises to protect her, but when soldiers begin hunting them, Eve must choose between true love and her life. *Eve* is the first book in Anna Carey's trilogy, full of romance, adventure, sacrifice, all set in a near future that is both wonderfully strange, and chillingly familiar.

THE SECRET UNDER MY SKIN

Harper Collins In the year 2368, humanity struggles to recuperate from a technocaust that has left a generation of orphans in its wake. Strict government regulations convince people that technology is dangerous; confusion and fear rule the earth. Blay Raytee is a government work-camp orphan. Her future seems as bleak as that of the world around her. But when she is chosen for a special mission by a guardian of the environment named Marrella, Blay begins to discover that all may not be as it seems. The secrets she uncovers could hold the key both to the healing of the world and to her own past. What she learns may just empower her to join those who struggle to restore democracy -- and to discover at last who she really is. Master storyteller Janet McNaughton vividly imagines an all-too-believable future where one child's brave search for the truth could restore a broken world.

BRONZE GODS

Penguin Danger stalks the city of steam and shadows. Janus Mikani and Celeste Ritsuko work all hours in the Criminal Investigation Division, keeping citizens safe. He's a charming rogue with an uncanny sixth sense; she's all logic—and the division's first female inspector. Between his instincts and her brains, they collar more criminals than any other partnership in the CID. Then they're assigned a potentially volatile case in which one misstep could end their careers. At first, the search for a missing heiress seems straightforward, but when the girl is found murdered—her body charred to cinders—Mikani and Ritsuko's modus operandi is challenged as never before. It soon becomes clear the bogeyman has stepped out of nightmares to stalk gaslit streets, and it's up to them to hunt him down. There's a madman on the loose, weaving blood and magic in an intricate, lethal ritual that could mean the end of everything...

HUMAN ERRORS

A PANORAMA OF OUR GLITCHES, FROM POINTLESS BONES TO BROKEN GENES

HarperCollins A biology professor's illuminating tour of the physical imperfections—from faulty knees to junk DNA—that make us human. ¶“A funny, fascinating catalog of our collective shortcomings that's tough to put down.”—Discover ¶ We humans like to think of ourselves as highly evolved creatures. But if we are supposedly evolution's greatest creation, why do we have such bad knees? Why do we catch head colds so often—two hundred times more often than a dog does? How come our wrists have so many useless bones? Why is the vast majority of our genetic code pointless? And are we really supposed to swallow and breathe through the same narrow tube? Surely there's been some kind of mistake? As professor of biology Nathan H. Lents explains in *Human Errors*, our evolutionary history is indeed nothing if not a litany of mistakes, each more entertaining and enlightening than the last. The human body is one big pile of compromises. But that is also a testament to our greatness: as Lents shows, humans have so many design flaws precisely because we are very, very good at getting around them. A rollicking, deeply informative tour of humans' four-billion-year-and-counting evolutionary saga, *Human Errors* both celebrates our imperfections and offers an unconventional accounting of the cost of our success.

VARIANT

Harper Collins Benson Fisher thought that a scholarship to Maxfield Academy would be the ticket out of his dead-end life. He was wrong. Now he's trapped in a school that's surrounded by a razor-wire fence. A school where video cameras monitor his every move. Where there are no adults. Where the kids have split into groups in order to survive. Where breaking the rules equals death. But when Benson stumbles upon the school's real secret, he realizes that playing by the rules could spell a fate worse than death, and that escape—his only real hope for survival—may be impossible.

STORY BEHIND THE BOOK

VOLUME 4 (ESSAYS ON WRITING AND EDITING FICTION)

CreateSpace "Story Behind the Book: Volume 4" collects nearly 40 essays about writing and editing fiction from some

of the most talented authors working today. These essays reveal intricacies and secrets behind the craft and offer a unique and unprecedented insight into the creative process. Includes following "Story Behind the Book" essays: "The Professor of Truth" by James Robertson "The Bug" by Ellen Ullman "The Golem and the Jinni" by Helene Wecker "The Center of the World" by Thomas Van Essen "Enchantment" by Pietro Grossi "The Delphi Room" by Melia McClure "A Fatal Likeness" by Lynn Shepherd "The Scent of Death" by Andrew Taylor "The Map of the Sky" by Felix J. Palma "Murder by the Book" by Eric Brown "This Strange Way of Dying" by Silvia Moreno Garcia "The Broken Ones" by Stephen M. Irwin "The 'Geisters'" by David Nickle "Blackwater Lights" by Michael Hughes "Cain's Blood" by Geoffrey Girard "Rivers" by Michael Farris Smith "Your Brother's Blood" by David Towsey "Strange Mammals" by Jason Erik Lundberg "The Carpet Makers" by Andreas Eschbach "The Ravenglass Eye" by Tom Fletcher "The One-Eyed Man" by L. E. Modesitt Jr. "Copperhead" by Tina Connolly "The Tide King" by Jen Michalski "Gallow" by Nathan Hawke "Elysian Fields" by Suzanne Johnson "Theirs Not to Reason Why" by Jean Johnson "Aliens: Recent Encounters" by Alex Dally MacFarlane "Clockwork Fairy Tales" by Stephen L. Antczak "23 Years on Fire" by Joel Shepherd "The Shifted World" by Philippa Ballantine "Bang Bang" by Patrick Malloy "Gods of Earth" by Craig DeLancey "Wisp of a Thing" by Alex Bledsoe "Dream London" by Tony Ballantyne "Persistence of Memory" by Winona Kent "Disability in Science Fiction: Representations of Technology as Cure" by Kathryn Allan "King Breaker" by Rowena Cory Daniells "Gideon Smith & the Mechanical Girl" by David Barnett

TOO CLOSE

NOW A MAJOR THREE-PART ITV DRAMA

Random House ***NOW A MAJOR THREE-PART ITV1 DRAMA, STARRING EMILY WATSON AND DENISE GOUGH*** 'Too Close is a fantastically compelling, brilliantly scripted whydunnit' Guardian 'A gripping psychological thriller with a Killing Eve twist' Radio Times 'Seriously brilliant - quality writing, three dimensional characters and a sharp wit.' Emma Curtis, author of the bestselling *One Little Mistake* ***** Connie has woken up in a psychiatric hospital. She's been accused of a terrible crime, but she says she can't remember a thing. Forensic psychiatrist Dr Emma Robinson is assigned to the case. Her assessment will determine Connie's fate: prison, life in hospital - or freedom. Emma hopes the high-profile case will make her career but their sessions quickly become a cat-and-mouse game of manipulation and exploitation. Emma must get close enough to her patient to uncover the truth. But when dealing with someone as potentially dangerous as Connie, how close is too close? ***** **AUTHORS LOVE TOO CLOSE:** 'Wonderfully suffocating . . . Natalie Daniels is one to watch!' Phoebe Morgan 'Subtle, deep and chilling . . . I couldn't put it down.' Rosanna Ley 'A tremendous, powerful, audacious novel - full of scathing insight ; full of raw, compelling feeling.' William Boyd **WHAT READERS ARE SAYING:** 'I truly am astounded with this novel' 'Utterly absorbing, a real page turner' 'Full of twists and turns, enjoyed from beginning'

THE SILVER DREAM

Harper Collins Written by New York Times bestselling authors Neil Gaiman and Michael Reaves with Mallory Reaves, *The Silver Dream* is a riveting sequel to *InterWorld*, full of bravery, loyalty, time and space travel, and the future of a young man who is more powerful than he realizes. Dangerous times lie ahead, and if Joey Harker has any hope of saving *InterWorld* and the *Altiverse*, he's going to have to rely on his wits—and, just possibly, on the mysterious Time Agent Acacia Jones.

PARTIALS

Harper Collins For fans of *The Hunger Games*, *Battlestar Galactica*, and *Blade Runner* comes the first book in the *Partials* Sequence, a fast-paced, action-packed, and riveting sci-fi teen series, by acclaimed author Dan Wells. Humanity is all but extinguished after a war with *Partials*—engineered organic beings identical to humans—has decimated the population. Reduced to only tens of thousands by a weaponized virus to which only a fraction of humanity is immune, the survivors in North America have huddled together on Long Island. But sixteen-year-old Kira is determined to find a solution. As she tries desperately to save what is left of her race, she discovers that the survival of both humans and *Partials* rests in her attempts to answer questions about the war's origin that she never knew to ask. Playing on our curiosity of and fascination with the complete collapse of civilization, *Partials* is, at its heart, a story of survival, one that explores the individual narratives and complex relationships of those left behind, both humans and *Partials* alike—and of the way in which the concept of what is right and wrong in this world is greatly dependent on one's own point of view. Supports the Common Core State Standards

BORN WICKED

Penguin UK Romance, magic and an age-old prophecy - the first novel in a stunning new paranormal young adult series. *Born Wicked* is to witches what *Twilight* is to vampires! Our mother was a witch too, but she hid it better. I miss her. To me, the magic feels like a curse. According to the Brothers, it's devil-sent. Women who can do magic—they're either mad or wicked. So I will do everything in my power to protect myself and my sisters. Even if it means giving up my life - and my true love. Because if the Brothers discover our secret, we're destined for the asylum, or prison . . . or death. Praise for *BORN WICKED*: 'A tale so captivating, you don't want it to end' - Andrea Cremer, New York Times bestselling author of the *Nightshade* series Jessica Spotswood is a debut US author. She grew up in a tiny one-stoplight town in Pennsylvania. Now she lives in a gentrifying hipster neighbourhood in Washington, D.C. with her playwright husband and a cuddly cat named Monkey. She's never happier than when she's immersed in a good story, and swoony

kissing scenes are her favourite. *Born Wicked* is her debut novel for teens. Check out the stunning trailer here [@jessica_shea](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZztqxA58iw) www.jessicaspotswood.com

THE TESTING TRILOGY

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale rebels against her government's grueling and deadly testing process, a fight that puts her and her loved ones in danger.

DARK PARTIES

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers I've lit a fuse and I'm waiting for the explosion. All her life, sixteen-year-old Neva has lived in Homeland, completely cut off from the rest of the world. All her life, she has been told everything beyond is an unlivable wasteland. All this time, the government has fed her nothing but lies. Now, Neva keeps a tattered notebook under her mattress and fills it with the names of The Missing, those who have vanished with no explanation. Now, she and her best friend, Sanna, plan a secret Dark Party to recruit members for their underground rebellion. The group begins to uncover horrifying truths. But can Neva break through the secrecy that has shrouded her whole life? Or will she and her friends become part of The Missing?

THE DESTINY OF LINUS HOPPE

Yearling Linus Hoppe has always lived in Realm One, an ideal world. Now, at 14, he must be tested by the Great Processor to determine where he deserves to live from here on. If he achieves a high score, nothing in his life will change. But if he scores too low, he'll be relegated to an inferior realm, possibly far from his family and friends. There's really nothing for Linus to worry about—unless, of course, he chooses to alter his destiny.

TANKBORN

Tu Books Kayla and Mishalla, two genetically engineered non-human slaves (GENs), fall in love with higher-status boys, discover deep secrets about the creation of GENs, and in the process find out what it means to be human.

THE TESTING 2: INDEPENDENT STUDY

Bonnier Publishing Fiction Ltd. Cia Vale is now seventeen and has everything she ever dreamed of: a boy she loves, a place at the University and a future as one of the leaders of the United Commonwealth. The Testing should be nothing more than a blank space in her mind; an achievement to be celebrated, and then forgotten. But Cia remembers. As further evidence of the government's murderous programmes comes to light, Cia must choose whether to stay silent and protect herself and her loved ones, or expose The Testing for what it is. Above all, the University is a dangerous place, and Cia must remember the advice her father gave her: TRUST NO ONE. Second instalment of this critically acclaimed futuristic trilogy.

THE TESTING 3: GRADUATION DAY

Bonnier Publishing Fiction Ltd. The gripping final instalment of this best-selling futuristic trilogy, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games*. The United Commonwealth teeters on the brink of all-out civil war. Testing survivor Cia Vale knows that she alone can lead the rebellion against the government, but to do so she must risk the lives of those she loves, and gamble on the loyalty of her lethal classmates. In the electrifying conclusion to this bestselling trilogy, Cia must use all she's learned to fight for a future that's free from fear, and the stakes are higher than ever... Ready or not, it's Graduation Day.

EVENING'S EMPIRE

Macmillan David Herter's first novel, *Ceres Storm*, was recently published to widespread acclaim. "Distinctive and imaginative, Herter's tale moves to its own disconcerting logic: a debut of immense promise," said Kirkus Reviews. Now Herter moves from SF to contemporary fantasy and to a more literary mode of storytelling. *Evening's Empire* is set on the Oregon coast, in Evening, a small town famous for its cheeses. Russell Kent, an opera composer from Massachusetts, lost his beloved wife there a year ago to a freak accident, and returns now to confront his ghosts. Kent has been commissioned to write an opera based upon Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, whose story fills his dreams, and only in Evening does he feel himself able to return to work. There he also discovers many strange things (even beyond the cheese sculptures), finds new love and new friendship, and is initiated into a fantastic secret the whole populace is hiding in a cavern beneath the town. In some ways reminiscent of the Newford stories of Charles de Lint, this is an ambitious fantasy by an important new talent from the Pacific Northwest. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

DAZ 4 ZOE

TRANSGALACTIC

Baen Books After the collapse of civilization, Clane a brilliant mutant, manages to rediscover the lost science behind ancient machines that once ran everything and finds that alien invaders had reduced humankind to barbarism in preparation for seizing control of the solar system, in an omnibus edition containing *Empire of the Atom*, *The Wizard of Linn*, and *Mission to the Stars*. Original.

THE MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS

A NOVEL

Random House “A riveting adventure for the soul . . . just the kind of evocative historical fiction I love.”—Sara Gruen, author of *At the Water’s Edge* and *Water for Elephants* An epic, inspiring novel about one woman’s survival in the hardscrabble Italian countryside and her determination to protect her family throughout the Second World War—by any means possible Maria Vittoria is twenty-five when her father brings home the man who will become her husband. It is 1923 in the austere Italian mountain village where her family has lived for generations, and the man she sees is tall and handsome and has survived the First World War without any noticeable scars. Taking just the linens she has sewn that make up her dowry and a statue of the Madonna that sits by her bedside, Maria leaves the only life she has ever known to begin a family. But her future will not be what she imagines. The *Madonna of the Mountains* follows Maria over the next three decades, as she moves to the town where she and her husband become shopkeepers, through the birth of their five children, through the hardships and cruelties of the National Fascist Party Rule and the Second World War. Struggling with the cost of survival at a time when food is scarce and allegiances are questioned, Maria trusts no one and fears everyone—her Fascist cousin, the madwoman from her childhood, her watchful neighbors, the Nazis and the Partisans who show up hungry at her door. As Maria’s children grow up and her marriage endures its own hardships, she must hold her family together with resilience, love, and faith, until she makes a fateful decision that will change the course of all their lives. A sweeping saga about womanhood, loyalty, war, religion, family, food, motherhood, and marriage, *The Madonna of the Mountains* is a poignant look at the span of one woman’s life as the rules change and her world becomes unrecognizable. In depicting the great cost of war and the ineluctable power of time on a life, Elise Valmorbida has created an unforgettable portrait of a woman navigating both the unforeseen and the inevitable. Advance praise for *Madonna of the Mountains* “The moral and ethical questions raised propel the story beyond the particulars into the universal.”—Kirkus Reviews “It is a bewitching but entirely unsentimental portrait of one woman’s attempt to keep her family safe in turbulent times.”—The Times (UK), Book of the Month “A solid choice for readers who appreciate layered family sagas.”—Library Journal