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Simon and Schuster  
Road Trip Horror, Creature Feature★★★★★ "A terrifying quick punch of horror."★★★★★ "Grabbed me on the first page and wouldn't let go." What's the "unspeakable horror" the desert billboards advertise? And why is it locked up in a glass coffin? From the twisted imagination of Douglas Clegg comes this short novel (200 pages) of first loves, first trips, and first horrors. Some Mysteries Should Remain Buried...Five college students hit the road to travel cross-country, away from college pressures. Seeking fun and adventure, they pull over to a roadside gas station after they see signs along the desert highway that read Come See the Mystery! "...A vivid story that will separate the timid from their sleep and the bold from their complacency whenever they next visit a sideshow or museum mummy display!"—Midwest Book Review. "A terrifying quick punch of horror."—Alternate Reality Webzine Reviews. "I couldn't put this book down. It grabbed me on the first page and wouldn't let go."—Horror World Reviews.

**Harrow the Ninth** Solaris Lives of the Necromancers; or, An Account of the Most Eminent Persons in Successive Ages, who have Claimed for themselves, or to whom has been imputed by others, the Exercise of Magical Power was the final book written by English author William Godwin. The book concerns paranormal legends from western and middle-eastern history.

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**In the Ravenous Dark** Legare Street Press

Beyond the Black Door is a young adult dark fantasy about unlocking the mysteries around and within us—no matter the cost... Everyone has a soul. Some are beautiful gardens, others are frightening dungeons. Soulwalkers—like Kamai and her mother—can journey into other people's souls while they sleep. But no matter where Kamai visits, she sees the black door. It follows her into every soul, and her mother has told her to never, ever open it. When Kamai touches the door, it is warm and beating, like it has a pulse. When she puts her ear to it, she hears her own name whispered from the other side. And when tragedy strikes, Kamai does the unthinkable: she opens the door. A.M. Strickland's imaginative dark fantasy features court intrigue and romance, a main character coming to terms with her asexuality, and twists and turns as a seductive mystery unfolds that endangers not just Kamai's own soul, but the entire kingdom ... An Imprint Book "I couldn't put down this deliciously dark dream of a fantasy." —New York Times bestselling author Lisa Maxwell "A dark delight, gorgeously written and as twisty and enigmatic as a labyrinth at twilight. I wanted to stay lost in its pages forever, wandering ever deeper into the maze of Strickland's beguiling, intricately imagined world." —Margaret Rogerson, New York Times bestselling author of *An Enchantment of Ravens*

**The Summoner** Scholastic UK Gideon the Ninth is the first book in the New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Locked Tomb Series, and one of the Best Books of 2019 according to

NPR, the New York Public Library, Amazon, BookPage, Shelf Awareness, BookRiot, and Bustle! WINNER of the 2020 Locus Award and Crawford Award Finalist for the 2023 Hugo Award for Best Series! Finalist for the 2020 Hugo, Nebula, Dragon, and World Fantasy Awards "Unlike anything I've ever read." —V.E. Schwab "Lesbian necromancers explore a haunted gothic palace in space!" —Charles Stross "Deft, tense and atmospheric, compellingly immersive and wildly original." —The New York Times The Emperor needs necromancers. The Ninth Necromancer needs a swordswoman. Gideon has a sword, some dirty magazines, and no more time for undead nonsense. Tamsyn Muir's *Gideon the Ninth* unveils a solar system of swordplay, cut-throat politics, and lesbian necromancers. Her characters leap off the page, as skillfully animated as arcane revenants. The result is a heart-pounding epic science fantasy. Brought up by unfriendly, ossifying nuns, ancient retainers, and countless skeletons, Gideon is ready to abandon a life of servitude and an afterlife as a reanimated corpse. She packs up her sword, her shoes, and her dirty magazines, and prepares to launch her daring escape. But her childhood nemesis won't set her free without a service. Harrowhark Nonagesimus, Reverend Daughter of the Ninth House and bone witch extraordinaire, has been summoned into action. The Emperor has invited the heirs to each of his loyal Houses to a deadly trial of wits and skill. If Harrowhark succeeds she will become an immortal, all-powerful servant of the Resurrection, but no necromancer can ascend without their cavalier. Without Gideon's sword, Harrow will fail, and the Ninth House will die. Of course, some things are better left dead. **THE LOCKED TOMB SERIES BOOK 1: Gideon the Ninth BOOK 2: Harrow the Ninth BOOK 3: Nona the Ninth BOOK 4: Alecto the Ninth** At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

### THE DREAD

Orbit

This is the second installment of the *Chronicles of the Necromancer*. Having escaped being murdered by his evil brother, Jared, Tris must take control of his magical abilities to summon the dead, and gather an army big enough to claim back the throne of his dead father. But it isn't merely Jared that Tris must combat. The dark mage, Foor Arontala, has schemes to raise the Obsidian King. ***Bruja Born*** Jabberwocky Literary Agency, Inc.

Death is no stranger in the city of Erisén -- but some deaths attract more attention than others. When a prostitute dies carrying a royal signet, Isyllt Iskaldur, necromancer and agent of the Crown, is called to investigate. Her search leads to desecrated tombs below the palace, and the lightless vaults of the vampiric vrykolo deep beneath the city. But worse things than vampires are plotting in Erisén. . . As a sorcerous plague sweeps the city and demons stalk the streets, Isyllt must decide who she's prepared to betray, before the city built on bones falls into blood and fire.

**The Demon King** Open Book Publishers  
An innocent child is spirited away during an attack on a palace. A remote temple is desecrated, its priests slaughtered and its relics plundered. An ancient enemy stirs. One by one, the gods begin to fall... As chaos descends upon the kingdom of Dur Memnos, its leader, Saltar, has no choice but to pursue his son's kidnappers. Meanwhile, his wife Kate and her followers fight to preserve the realm, but are apparently powerless against the dark magic at work. Saltar is drawn inexorably towards a wintry fastness in the north, where a terrible secret awaits. Can one lost soul tip the balance when the gods use the earth for a battlefield? *Necromancer's Betrayal* is A J Dalton's second work of metaphysical fantasy. It gives us a world of epic scale as a backdrop to the intrigues and magic of the darker side of the human psyche. It is told with a vividness normally only expected of film. The action and pace leave the reader breathless, exhilarated and hungry for more. "I don't know how A J Dalton's done it! He's not only surpassed his first book, but the very genre itself." Paul Rhinebeck "The power of A J Dalton's writing left me shaken and inspired. I don't think I'll see the world in the same way again." Kate Sultrow

***Joseph and His Brothers*** Anchor

The intense psychological portrait of a hitman—the anti-Jason Bourne—as he stalks his prey from Boston to LA. He wants you to know him, maybe even admire him, but only for his excellence in his craft. Perhaps he was even born for it. "A natural killer," his mentor—a middleman named Vespucci—said he was. He proved it with his first professional hit: a Fifth Circuit Court judge in Boston, executed with a sheet of Saran Wrap in the stairwell of her own courthouse. He's proved his merit often, usually with a Glock semiautomatic, but he's improvised too, with his bare hands, the heel of a shoe, knives, even a sewing machine. He is the consummate assassin, at the top of

his form, immune to the psychological strains of his chosen profession. He is what the Russians call a Silver Bear. He calls himself Columbus. It's the name Vespucci gave him, ten years ago, when he discovered a dark, new world of fences, clients, marks, jobs, jack. Not that his real name meant much to him anyway. He never knew his father or his mother, a prostitute who became dangerously involved back in the seventies with an earnest young congressman named Abe Mann, then a rising star in the Democratic Party. The magnetic Abe Mann has since become the Speaker of the House. He is currently running for the Democratic nomination in an exhausting presidential campaign, weaving his way across the country. Columbus is not far behind. But as he pieces together his past and prepares the seamless assassination of his mark, the criminal underworld he has always ruled begins unraveling violently around him.

### THE CONAN CHRONICLES

Penguin

When eleven-year-old Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats and giant cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. Gregor has a vital role to play in the Underland's uncertain future.

***Gideon the Ninth*** Entangled: Teen  
Next in the Brooklyn Brujas series of fantasy novels that follow three witch born sisters as they develop their powers and battle magic in their hometown and the worlds beyond, from the author of *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*. Lula must let go of the ghosts of her past to face the actual living dead of her present. Lula Mortiz feels like an outsider. Her sister's newfound Encantrix powers have wounded her in ways that Lula's bruja healing powers can't fix, and she longs for the comfort her family once brought her. Thank the Deos for Maks, her sweet, steady boyfriend who sees the beauty within her and brings light to her life. Then a bus crash turns Lula's world upside down. Her classmates are all dead, including Maks. But Lula was born to heal, to fix. She can bring Maks back, even if it means seeking help from her sisters and defying Death herself. But magic that defies the laws of the deos is dangerous. Unpredictable. And when the dust settles, Maks isn't the only one who's been brought back... "Cordova keeps the flame on high... Fantasy and zombie fans looking for flavor—organ-meat, in particular—will



not be disappointed." —New York Times Book Review Brooklyn Brujas Series: Labyrinth Lost (Book 1): Alex's story—set in the mythical fantasy world of Los Lagos Bruja Born (Book 2): Lula's story—urban fantasy set on the streets of Brooklyn Wayward Witch (Book 3): Rose's story—set in the magical lost realm of Adas Perfect for fans of: Zombie books Epic fantasy quests Latinx books Paranormal fiction Witch books Sister book series *The Inheritance* Simon and Schuster War has come to the Winter Kingdoms. The Dread will rise. Kings will fall. Summoner-King Tris Drayke takes what remains of his army north for a war he is ill-prepared to fight, as reports from spies confirm Tris's worst fear. A new threat rises across the sea: a dark summoner who intends to make the most of the Winter Kingdoms's weakness. In Isencroft, Kiara's father is assassinated and she will now have no choice except to return and claim the crown. But she must leave behind her husband and their infant son to face the dark power that threatens her rule. *THE DREAD* is the epic conclusion to the Fallen Kings Cycle.

### THE GATHERING DARK

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 2019 World Fantasy Award Finalist: Chilling, atmospheric stories from “one of the very best dark fantastical writers working today” (Bracken MacLeod, author of *Stranded*). Drawing heavily on Lovecraftiana and myth, these are tales of devil's bargains, love songs to monsters, and the people—human and otherwise—who inhabit liminal spaces. Ghosts, gods, and ghouls make their way as best they can, one step sideways from the mortals around them. Many are connected; some are puzzle pieces that don't quite fit. Spanning a decade of writing, *Still So Strange* is Amanda Downum's first collection of short fiction, and includes stories originally released in *Strange Horizons*, *Realms of Fantasy*, and *Weird Tales*, as well as original, never-before-published work.

### AN ANGLO-NORMAN READER

Imprint  
Johannes Cabal returns in this fearfully funny and terrifically twisted tale of

murder and international intrigue . . . five thousand feet off the ground. When an attempt to steal a rare book turns sour, Johannes Cabal, a necromancer of some little infamy, finds himself in a foreign prison awaiting execution. A crafty plan -- as horrific as it is cunning -- allows him to steal the identity of a government official and make his escape aboard a luxurious aeroship heading out of the country. But what should be a perfect getaway rapidly becomes complicated by the bizarre disappearance of a passenger, an attempt on Cabal's life, and an unwelcome face from the past. Trapped aboard with a killer, can even Cabal's open-razor of a mind save him? Full of twists, turns, sword fights, archenemies, newfangled flying machines, narrow escapes, and, of course, resurrected dead, Johannes Cabal's latest eldritch escapade is a Ruritanian romp from first to last.

### Dead Things Orbit

The first novel Stephen Blackmoore's noir urban fantasy series, in which necromancer Eric Carter returns home to find his sister's killer—and send them straight to hell... Eric Carter has a unique skill—he can talk to the dead. Specifically, communicating with restless spirits—or other, even worse entities—and getting them to move on or move out. Sometimes, they take a lot of convincing. And sometimes, they straight up try to kill him. It's not your typical way to make a living, but Carter's managed to make it work. Life is pretty good. At least it was. Because Carter's little sister has just been brutally killed. By something nightmarish. To find the killer Eric Carter is going to have to return to L.A., which he left fifteen years ago when he made a lot of people—and paranormal entities—very angry. And those people have long, unforgiving memories. But Carter is no pushover. He's got more heavy-duty magical power than most of those with his skill set, and he's more than happy to use it on anyone or anything who tries to stop him from finding his sister's killer. And when he does, he is going to make them pray for death—and then he's going to answer their prayers... Praise for the Eric Carter series: “Blackmoore employs Chanderlesque prose to smoothly incorporate a hard-boiled sense of urban

despair into a paranormal plot, with occasional leavening provided by smart-aleck humor.” — Publishers Weekly on *Dead Things* “In a world where Aztec Mythology, dark magic and grim reality blend together, nothing is what it appears to be... Best of all, Blackmoore's chillingly good storytelling skills ensures that fans will enjoy every step of this adrenaline fueled journey.” — RT Book Reviews (Top Pick) on *Broken Souls* “This series is so fucking good. Blackmoore can't write these books fast enough to suit me. *BROKEN SOULS* is hyper-caffeinated, turbo-bloody face-stomping fun. This is the L.A-noir urban fantasy you've been looking for.” — Kevin Hearne, Author of *The Iron Druid Chronicles* “Carter's wry voice is amusing as ever, but the grief he carries is palpable, adding depth and a sense of desperation to this action-packed adventure. Readers will be eager for more after this thrilling, emotionally fraught installment.” — Publishers Weekly on *Ghost Money*, Starred Review Series Order: 1. *Dead Things* 2. *Broken Souls* 3. *Hungry Ghosts* 4. *Fire Season* 5. *Ghost Money* 6. *Bottle Demon* *City of Storms* Harper Collins *DANGEROUS DAYS* It's been three months since Drothe killed a legend, burned down a portion of the imperial capital, and found himself unexpectedly elevated into the ranks of the criminal elite. As the newest Gray Prince in the underworld, he's not only gained friends, but also rivals—and some of them aren't bothered by his newfound title. A prince's blood, as the saying goes, flows just as red as a beggar's. So when another Gray Prince is murdered and all signs point to Drothe as the hand behind the knife, he knows it's his blood that's in danger of being spilled. As former allies turn their backs and dark rumors begin to circulate, Drothe is approached by a man who says he can make everything right again. All he wants in exchange is a single favor. Now Drothe finds himself traveling to the Despotate of Djan, the empire's long-standing enemy, to search for the friend he betrayed—and the only person who can get him out of this mess. But the grains of sand are running out fast, and even if Drothe can find his friend, he may not be able to persuade him to help in time...

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