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THE DRAGON CONSPIRACY

Penguin After solving The Grendel Affair, the agents have another SPI File to investigate... We're Supernatural Protection & Investigations, known as SPI. We battle the real monsters of myth and legend, but this Halloween, we're searching for diamonds... A gala opening at the Metropolitan Museum of Art has attracted the upper crust of Manhattan—and thieves. A trio of vile harpies attacks the crowd and steals the stars of the exhibition: a colorful cluster of seven cursed diamonds known as the Dragon Eggs. In the right mage's hands, each stone can pack a magical wallop. Together they have the power to "cure" the supernaturals of the tristate area—but for many of those vampires and werewolves, that means turning into dust. I'm Makenna Fraser, a seer for SPI. With the help of my partner, Ian, and the other agents, I have twenty-four hours to prevent total global panic, find the diamonds, and save the supernatural community. No biggie...

THE GHOUL VENDETTA

Penguin Men in Black meets Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum in the fourth urban fantasy novel in the series starring seer Makenna Fraser and her fellow agents at Supernatural Protection & Investigation. The agents of Supernatural Protection & Investigations (SPI) are paid to keep the peace. But that's not so easy when an endless evil threatens to tear that peace to pieces... A vampire gangster's nephew is abducted off his yacht by a bunch of low-rent Creatures from the Black Lagoon. A slew of banks are knocked over by what

looks like the cast of Night of the Living Dead. All of this may seem like the movies, but, I promise you, it's not. I'm Makenna Fraser, seer for SPI, and I know the culprits aren't wearing disguises or makeup. They're real. Deadly real. Especially their leader—an ancient shapeshifter who leaves a trail of chaos and blood in his wake. Now, he's taken my partner, Ian—and his intentions aren't pretty. The worst part? This is only the beginning... The beginning of the end of the human race.

THE ENTITY GAME

AN AURORA DONATI NOVEL

A powerful United States senator and his aide die in their office of cardiac arrests. The next day, a second senator dies of an aneurysm. Officials declare their deaths natural causes, but the FBI fears there is something sinister happening on Capitol Hill and looks to psychometric detective Aurora Donati to investigate. Rory's ability to get information from people or objects with a single touch uniquely qualifies her to explain the inexplicable. Only this time, she begins to wonder if she is up against forces that no one has ever encountered before. The next attack strikes close to home and turns Rory's world upside down. She finds herself entangled in a deadly mix of terrorists, corrupt politicians, and secretive intelligence agencies in a web of deception and conspiracy dating back to experiments performed in a Cold War-era Soviet laboratory and perfected by modern science. Someone else is pursuing the truth: Gabriel Marshall, CIA operative, who has an agenda and abilities of his own. They find themselves locked in a deadly game, stalked by a seemingly supernatural assassin who puts Rory and Gabriel's abilities to the ultimate test in a deadly duel. Time is running out and Rory must counter each move and play the game to its heart-stopping end in the halls of the US Capitol itself.

THE BRIMSTONE DECEPTION

Penguin Men in Black meets Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum in the new urban fantasy novel starring seer Makenna Fraser and her fellow agents at Supernatural Protection & Investigation. The agents of Supernatural Protection & Investigations (SPI) know that fighting evil is a full-time job, especially when a new designer drug—with mind-blowing side effects—hits the streets... It's called Brimstone. And after the first few hits, you'll see every supernatural beast sharing the sidewalk, train, or office with you. After that, you'll start seeing the really scary stuff. I'm Makenna Fraser, seer for the SPI. And the collateral damage caused by Brimstone is something I'd like to unsee: dead drug dealers missing their hearts—and souls. Because your local pusher doesn't stand a chance against the new cartel muscling its way into New York. And since the drug can only be produced with magic and molten brimstone fresh from Hell, that means a rift to the underworld is open somewhere in the city. And when—not if—the cartel loses control of it, well... It's going to be Hell on earth.

ALL SPELL BREAKS LOOSE

Penguin From national bestselling author Lisa Shearin comes a new chapter in "one of the best fantasy series currently on the market." (Night Owl Reviews) My name is Raine Benares—and it sucks to be me right now. I'm a seeker who found the Saghred, a soul-stealing stone that gave me unlimited powers I never wanted. Now I've lost the rock—and the magic it gave me—to a goblin dark mage whose main goals are my death and world domination. This is more than incentive enough for a little trip to the goblin capital of Regor with a small band of good friends, not-so-good friends, and one outright enemy. Don't ask. All we need to do is destroy the Saghred, kill the mage, and put a renegade goblin prince on the throne. Did I mention I'll be doing that with no magic?

MAGIC LOST, TROUBLE FOUND

Penguin Raine Benares is a Sorceress Seeker of average ability until she comes into possession of an amulet that amplifies her powers-and her enemies.

THE SOLSTICE COUNTDOWN

A SPI FILES NOVEL

Murwood Media As an agent of Supernatural Protection & Investigations (SPI), I know that evil doesn't take a vacation, but this time it made an exception and followed me on mine. I'm Makenna Fraser, seer for SPI, and I'm taking my boyfriend, goblin dark mage Rake Danescu, home for the holidays to meet my family. Weird Sisters is a small town in the North Carolina mountains that was built on a network of ley lines that magnify psychic and paranormal energies. It doesn't show up on Google Maps, was named after the three witches in Macbeth, and the first word of the town name perfectly describes most of its human and supernatural citizens. A stranger has come to town, bringing with him a dormant source of primordial evil. Soon, magically gifted locals start vanishing, and the power of the ley lines is turned against us, cutting us off from the outside world and any source of help. For a town and its people steeped in magic, and my family sworn to protect both, it's a race against time to use a local winter solstice phenomenon to free the town from its prison. But first, I must trust a father I've never known to fight and defeat an awakening evil that's existed since the beginning of time. If we fail, and it is unleashed, the world will not survive.

THE GRENDEL AFFAIR

A SPI FILES NOVEL

Penguin We're Supernatural Protection & Investigations, known as SPI. Things that go bump in the night, the monsters you thought didn't exist? We battle them and keep you safe. But some supernatural baddies are just too big to contain, even for us... When I moved to New York to become a world famous journalist, I never imagined that snagging a job at a seedy tabloid would change my career path from trashy reporter to undercover agent. I'm Makenna Fraser, a Seer for SPI. I can see through any disguise, shield, or spell that a paranormal pest can come up with. I track down creatures and my partner, Ian Byrne, takes them out. Our cases are generally pretty routine, but a sickle-wielding serial killer has been prowling the city's subway tunnels. And the murderer's not human. The fiend in question, a descendant of Grendel—yes, that Grendel—shares his ancestor's hatred of parties, revelry, and drunkards. And with New Year's Eve in Times Square only two days away, we need to bag him quickly. Because if we don't find him—and the organization behind him—by midnight, our secret's out and everyone's time is up. FIRST IN A NEW SERIES

THE TROUBLE WITH DEMONS

Penguin While trying to stop a demon infestation on the Island of Mid due to an opened Hellgate, seeker Raine Benares tries not to be distracted by the two powerful men, one good, one evil, that she is magically bonded to.

TREASURE & TREASON

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform An ancient power. Hidden for millennia in a legendary city on an uninhabited continent, the Heart of Nidaar can harness the forces of nature itself. In the wrong hands, the artifact is a weapon that can command the power of the earth and seas to destroy all life. Just the type of power a sinister goblin brotherhood finds irresistible. In their hands, kingdoms will be forced to surrender to their rule. A team of royals and rogues. Chief mage (and nearly rehabilitated practitioner of black magic) Tamnais Nathrach is the perfect goblin duke to stop them. Along with elf pirate Phaelan Benares, these two have a roguish plan to sail to Aquas and snatch the Heart of Nidaar before it can fall into the wrong hands. After all, stealing hearts is what these two do best. Who cares if goblins and elves have been in a near constant state of war for centuries? This common enemy is enough motivation for some teamwork and a little professional competition. The adventure of a lifetime. Perhaps Tamnais and Phaelan have forgotten one small fact. Expeditions that sail to the continent of Aquas never return. It's a blighted wasteland filled with creatures from nightmare and Tamnais might have failed to mention that the Heart has guardians, an ancient race willing to use deadly force to keep themselves and the artifact hidden. Alliances are tested, courage is challenged, and nothing less than the future of all life in the Seven Kingdoms is at stake in the deadliest-and most competitive-treasure hunt of all time.

THE PHOENIX ILLUSION

A SPI FILES NOVEL

Includes suggested reading order for the SPI files series.

ALCHEMYSTIC

Penguin AN OLD FRIEND OF THE FAMILY... Alexandra Belarus is a struggling artist living in New York City, even though her family is rich in real estate, including a towering Gothic Gramercy Park building built by her great-great-grandfather. But the truth of her bloodline is revealed when she is attacked on the street and saved by an inhumanly powerful winged figure. A figure who knows the Belarus name... Lexi's great-great-grandfather was a Spellmason—an artisan who could work magic on stone. But in his day, dark forces conspired against him and his, so he left a spell of protection on his family. Now that Lexi is in danger, the spell has awoken her ancestor's most trusted and fearsome creation: a gargoyle named Stanis. Lexi and Stanis are equally surprised to find themselves bound to each other. But as they learn to work together, they realize that only united can they save the city they both love...

CARNIEPUNK

Simon and Schuster A collection of urban fantasy stories that take place at carnivals. From vampires and creepy clowns to mermaids, Druids, and wisecracking Irish wolfhounds, you'll find out that carnivals aren't the healthiest types of places to hang out at...

BREATHING FIRE

R.K. Lilley writing Urban Fantasy as Rebecca K. Lilley Every head start has a price... Seven years ago, Jillian burned just about every bridge she ever had. Being a lifelong fugitive, she'd seen it as her only chance to get away clean, but it had taken its toll. In a world where those with supernatural powers must stay hidden from normal society, being a creature that even most of the supernatural community considered a myth did not make for an easy life. And when the ex she ran away from finds her again, it's about to get much harder. It doesn't help that she's still hopelessly in love with him...

MAGIC WITHOUT MERCY

Penguin UK Allison Beckstrom's talent for tracking spells has put her up against some of the darkest elements in the world of magic.

But now, magic itself has been poisoned and Allie's undead father may have left the only cure in the hands of a madman. Original.

WICKED CHARMS

A LIZZY AND DIESEL NOVEL

Hachette UK Reasons to read Janet Evanovich's bestselling novels: 'Hilarious' (Mail on Sunday); 'The funniest, sassiest crime writer going' (Good Book Guide); 'A laugh-out-loud page turner' (Heat) Never trust a charmer... Lizzy Tucker is happy to work quietly at Dazzle's Bakery, preparing delicious treats for the locals. But her partner Diesel is all about the hunt. Right now he's tracking down a famous pirate's treasure, hidden somewhere along the coast of New England. This bounty contains much, much more than gold and jewels: it's also the hiding place of the powerful Stone of Avarice. Lizzy and Diesel aren't the only ones searching for the Stone. Some greed-driven seekers are willing to kill for it, or even make a deal with the devil. And one of those dangerous seekers looks a lot like Diesel's deceptively charming cousin, Wulf - who also happens to desire Lizzy herself...

NIGHT SHIFT

*Penguin Four masters of urban fantasy and paranormal romance plunge readers into the dangerous, captivating world unearthed beyond the dark... New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh delivers a smoldering story with *Secrets at Midnight*, as the scent of Bastien Smith's elusive lover ignites a possessiveness in him that's as feral as it is ecstatic. And now that he's found his mate, he'll do anything to keep her. In #1 New York Times bestselling author Ilona Andrews' novella, *Magic Steals*, when people start going missing, shapeshifting tigress Dali Harimau and jaguar shifter Jim Shrapshire must uncover the truth about the mysterious creatures responsible. From Milla Vane—a warrior princess must tame *The Beast of Blackmoor* to earn a place among her people. But she quickly discovers that the beast isn't a monster, but a barbarian warrior who intends to do some taming himself. It's seer Makenna Frazier's first day on the job at *Supernatural Protection and Investigations*, and her first assignment is more than she bargained for when bodyguard duty for a leprechaun prince's bachelor party goes every which way but right in national bestselling author Lisa Shearin's *Lucky Charms*.*

DEATH'S RIVAL

Penguin Jane Yellowrock is a shapeshifting skinwalker you don't want to cross—especially if you're one of the undead... For a vampire killer like Jane, having Leo Pellisier as a boss took some getting used to. But now, someone is out to take his place as Master Vampire

of the city of New Orleans, and is not afraid to go through Jane to do it. After an attack that's tantamount to a war declaration, Leo knows his rival is both powerful and vicious, but Leo's not about to run scared. After all, he has Jane. But then, a plague strikes, one that takes down vampires and makes their masters easy prey. Now, to uncover the identity of the vamp who wants Leo's territory, and to find the cause of the vamp-plague, Jane will have to go to extremes...and maybe even to war.

PARANORMALCY

HarperCollins UK Sixteen-year-old Evie has always taken comfort in the fact that she is a normal human, even though her best friend is a mermaid and her ex-boyfriend is a lunatic - and a faery. In a world where paranormals are monitored and controlled, Evie works for the International Paranormal Containment Agency because of her unique ability to see through glamours. But someone - or something - starts killing vampires, werewolves and other paranormals, and Evie must figure out what's happening before they all disappear.

HOST

A ROGUE MAGE NOVEL

Penguin In a post-apocalyptic ice age, neomage Thorn St. Croix was nearly driven insane by her powers. She lived as a fugitive, disguised as a human, channeling her gifts for war into stone-magery. When she was discovered, her friends and neighbors accepted her, but warily. Not so the mage who arrives from the Council of Seraphs, who could be her greatest ally?or her most dangerous foe. And when her long-gone sister, Rose, is revealed to still be alive, Thorn must make a choice?and risk her own life in the process.

WRITTEN IN RED

Penguin Enter the world of the Others in the first novel in New York Times bestselling author Anne Bishop's thrilling fantasy series: a place where unearthly entities—vampires and shape-shifters among them—rule the Earth and prey on the human race. As a cassandra sanguine, or blood prophet, Meg Corbyn can see the future when her skin is cut—a gift that feels more like a curse. Meg's Controller keeps her enslaved so he can have full access to her visions. But when she escapes, the only safe place Meg can hide is at the Lakeside Courtyard—a business district operated by the Others. Shape-shifter Simon Wolfgard is reluctant to hire the stranger who inquires about the Human Liaison job. First, he senses she's keeping a secret, and second, she doesn't smell like human prey. Yet a stronger instinct propels him to give Meg the job. And when he learns the truth about Meg and that she's wanted by the government,

he'll have to decide if she's worth the fight between humans and the Others that will surely follow.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S STAR WARS

VERILY, A NEW HOPE

Quirk Books The New York Times Best Seller Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Darth Vader to R2D2. Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, Star Wars abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy. Zounds! This is the book you're looking for.

NIGHT OWLS

Penguin Night Owls bookstore is the one spot on campus open late enough to help out even the most practiced slacker. The employees' penchant for fighting the evil creatures of the night is just a perk... Valerie McTeague's business model is simple: provide the students of Edgewood College with a late-night study haven and stay as far away as possible from the underworld conflicts of her vampire brethren. She's experienced that life, and the price she paid was far too high for her to ever want to return. Elly Garrett hasn't known any life except that of fighting the supernatural beings known as Creeps or Jackals. But she always had her mentor and foster father by her side—until he gave his life protecting a book that the Creeps desperately want to get their hands on. When the book gets stashed at Night Owls for safekeeping, those Val holds nearest and dearest are put in mortal peril. Now Val and Elly will have to team up, along with a mismatched crew of humans, vampires, and lesbian succubi, to stop the Jackals from getting their claws on the book and unleashing unnamed horrors...

DREADFUL COMPANY

A DR GRETA HELSING NOVEL

Hachette UK 'This book is a joy to read, unlocking every bit of delicious promise in the premise' B&N Sci-Fi & Fantasy Blog on Strange

Practice When Greta Helsing, doctor to the undead, is called to Paris to present at a medical conference, she expects nothing more exciting than professional discourse on zombie reconstructive surgery. Unfortunately for Greta, Paris happens to be infested with a coven of vampires - and not the civilised kind. If she hopes to survive, Greta must navigate the maze of ancient catacombs beneath the streets, where there is more to find than simply dead men's bones. Praise for the series: 'I loved every page of it . . . a spectacularly fun book' Powder and Page 'Balances an agile mystery with a pitch-perfect, droll narrative and a cast of loveable misfit characters' Shelf Awareness 'Shaw's elegant writing makes this series a standout in the genre' Booklist 'An absolute delight' Forbidden Planet 'Packed with characters who are a pleasure to spend time with' ScifiNow

THE FALL OF THE KINGS

Hachette UK Generations ago the last king fell, taking with him the final truths about a race of wizards who ruled at his side. But the blood of the kings runs deep in the land and its people, waiting for the coming together of two unusual men. Theron Champion is heir to an ancient house - and a modern scandal. Tormented by his twin duties to his family and his own bright spirit, he seeks solace in the University. There he meets Basil St. Cloud, a brilliant and charismatic teacher ruled by a passion for knowledge - and for the ancient kings. Around these two are gathering those who believe the land still cries out for a king - and those who would do anything to stop them returning.

UNDER ORDSHAW

When Pax Kuranos witnesses an abduction and discovers a book of horrors, it's up to her to unravel the secrets of the UK city of Ordshaw - before they kill her. An urban fantasy thriller that's complex, gritty and full of energy.

THE ASTONISHING COLOR OF AFTER

Turtleback

HILD

Hachette UK 'Truly, truly remarkable' Karen Joy Fowler 'Extraordinary...resonates to many of the same chords as Beowulf, the legends of King Arthur, The Lord of the Rings, and Game of Thrones' Neal Stephenson 'You are a prophet and seer with the brightest mind in an age. Your blood is that of the man who should have been king ...That's what the king and his lords see. And they will kill you, one day' In seventh century Britain, a new religion is coming ashore while small kingdoms are merging, frequently and violently. Hild is the

king's youngest niece, with a glittering mind and natural authority, She is destined to become one of the pivotal figures of the early Middle Ages: Saint Hilda of Whitby. But for now she has only the powerful curiosity of a child and the precarious advantage of a plotting uncle, Edwin of Northumbria, who will stop at nothing to become king of the Angles. Hild establishes herself at her uncle's side as the king's seer, and becomes indispensable - as long as all goes well for Edwin. The stakes are high - life and death - for Hild, her family and for all those who seek the protection of this strange girl who seems to see the future. In this vivid, utterly compelling novel, Nicola Griffith has brought the Early Middle Ages to life in an extraordinary act of alchemy, transporting the reader into a mesmerising, unforgettable world.

LEADS & LYNXES

Mind Your Muse Books Be careful what you ask for... Kylie got into journalism to write important stories. Ones about gargoyles and dryads, elemental warriors, and thwarted magical attacks on her city. The bigger the story, the better. So when she lands the opportunity to ask an enchanted everlasting tree for the answer to any question she desires, she doesn't have to think about it. She wants the story of a lifetime. So does her nemesis, Nathan. If anyone is going to write a high-profile story, the senior journalist believes it should be him—and Nathan's not above playing dirty to get his way. Kylie must work fast or risk losing control of her story. But with every new lead forcing Kylie and her gargoyle companion Quinn deeper into a deadly maze of murder, warped magic, and monstrous beasts, rushing could prove fatal. Kylie is determined to write her dream story, but even she is beginning to wonder: Is the story of a lifetime the last story she'll ever write? USA Today bestselling author Rebecca Chastain returns to the beloved world of the Terra Haven Chronicles for a brand-new spellbinding adventure of elemental magic and courageous gargoyles. If you love action-packed stories filled with mythical creatures, brave heroines, and adorable sidekicks, you'll love Leads & Lynxes! "Rebecca doesn't write normal, boring stories. What she creates is memorable books that keep you coming back for more." —Kam's Place THE NOVELS OF TERRA HAVEN READING ORDER TERRA HAVEN CHRONICLES Deadlines & Dryads (prequel) Leads & Lynxes Headlines & Hydras GARGOYLE GUARDIAN CHRONICLES Magic of the Gargoyles Curse of the Gargoyles Secret of the Gargoyles Lured (a newsletter-exclusive novella) ABOUT REBECCA CHASTAIN Rebecca Chastain is the USA Today bestselling author of the Gargoyle Guardian Chronicles fantasy trilogy and the Madison Fox urban fantasy series, among other works. Inside her novels, you'll find spellbinding adventures packed with mythological creatures, elemental magic, heartwarming characters (human and otherwise), and page-turning action. Rebecca lives in Northern California with her charming husband. She has yet to encounter a baby gargoyle, but that doesn't stop her from looking. Find out more at RebeccaChastain.com.

POSSESSIONS

Penguin The It Girl meets The Exorcist in this chilling, haunted boarding school tale New-girl Lindsay discovers all is not right at the prestigious Marlwood Academy for Girls. Ethereal, popular Mandy and her clique are plotting something dangerous. Lindsay overhears them performing strange rituals, and sees their eyes turn black. It doesn't help that the school itself is totally eerie, with ancient, dilapidated buildings tucked into the Northern California woods, a thick white fog swirling through campus. There are hidden passageways, odd reflections in the windows at night, and scariest of all is the vast lake rumored to have captured the ghost of a girl who drowned many years ago. What Lindsay doesn't yet realize is that Mandy and her cohorts are becoming possessed by spirits who have haunted the school for two hundred years. Spirits who want someone dead... And that someone is Lindsay.

SERAPHS

A ROGUE MAGE NOVEL

Penguin Living among humans in a post- apocalyptic ice age, neomage Thorn St. Croix is a source of both fear and fascination for the people of Mineral City?and now she faces her ultimate test. Deep under the snow-covered mountains beyond the village, an imprisoned fallen seraph desperately needs her help. There, hidden in the hellhole, the armies of Darkness assemble to ensure this subterranean rescue will be Thorn?s final descent?

MAN VS. BEAST

Simon and Schuster When a new radical animal protection group argues that it is right to kill or threaten one human in order to save the lives of many animals, James and the other agents must try to stop the group from completing a violent mission.

WICKED ENCHANTMENT

Penguin First in a new series from the national bestselling author of Witch Fury. When the Summer Queen of the fae orders Aislinn Finvarra to act as a guide for a half-incubus who is known to possess dark magick and sexual power, she must protect not only her heart, but her very life.

SECRETS AT MIDNIGHT

Penguin A changeling will do anything to find and keep his mate in this smoldering story from New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh. Bastien Smith is frustrated. A changeling male should be able to track his mate anywhere—through fire and hail, snow and rain. But he keeps finding and losing her scent in the city streets, ever since he first became aware of it two weeks earlier, when the elusive fragrance awakened the leopard within him... Then Bastien is suddenly confronted with his prey. Kirby is an all-too-human woman who wants Bastien just as much as he wants her. But he can't deny what his body and senses are telling him: there is a raging chaos inside of Kirby that he doesn't understand, secrets that whisper awake at midnight and cause her terrible pain. If they're to have any chance of forever, then he must solve the mystery that is Kirby... Secrets at Midnight originally appeared in Night Shift. INCLUDES A TEASER FOR ALLEGIANCE OF HONOR Praise for Nalini Singh and her Psy-Changeling Novels "Nalini Singh is a master storyteller."—Maya Banks, #1 New York Times & USA Today bestselling author "An amazing...series."—USA Today "An amazing storyteller."—Smexy Books

BEWITCHED & BETRAYED

Penguin While searching for the specters of six evil mages who escaped the Saghred, a powerful soul-stealing stone, seeker Raine Barnes finds the tables turned when one of the escapees regenerates his body and begins hunting her.

ARMED & MAGICAL

Penguin New from "a definite star on the rise." (LINNEA SINCLAIR) My name is Raine Benares. Until last week I was a seeker—a finder of things lost and people missing. Now I'm psychic roommates with the Saghred, an ancient stone with cataclysmic powers. Just me, the stone, and all the souls it's ingested over the centuries. Crowded doesn't even begin to describe it. All I want is my life back—which means getting rid of the stone and the power it possesses. To sort things out, I head for the Isle of Mid, home to the most prestigious sorcery school, as well as the Conclave, the governing body for all magic users. It's also home to power-grubbing mages who want me dead and goblins who see me as a thief. As if that's not enough, Mid's best student spellsingers are disappearing left and right, and I'm expected to find them. Lives are at stake, goblins are threatening to sue, mages are getting greedier, and the stone's power is getting stronger by the hour. This could get ugly.

THUNDERBIRD FALLS

HarperCollins Australia It's the end of the world Again. For all the bodies she's encountering, you'd think beat cop Joanne Walker works in Homicide. But no, Joanne's a reluctant shaman who last saved mankind three months ago surely she deserves more of a break! Yet,

incredibly, "Armageddon, Take Two" is mere days away. There's not a minute to waste. Yet when her spirit guide inexplicably disappears, Joanne needs help from other sources. Especially after she accidentally unleashes Lower World demons on Seattle. Damn. With the mother of all showdowns gathering force, it's the worst possible moment for Joanne to realize she should have learned more about controlling her powers. Or to discover she's being lied to

THE NECROMANCER'S HOUSE

Penguin "You think you got away with something, don't you? But your time has run out. We know where you are. And we are coming." Andrew Ranulf Blankenship is a stylish nonconformist with wry wit, a classic Mustang, and a massive library. He's also a recovering alcoholic and a practicing warlock. His house is a maze of sorcerous booby traps and escape tunnels, as yours might be if you were sitting on a treasury of Russian magic stolen from the Soviet Union thirty years ago. Andrew has long known that magic is a brutal game requiring blood sacrifice and a willingness to confront death, but years of peace and comfort have left him more concerned with maintaining false youth than with seeing to his own defense. Now a monster straight from the pages of Russian folklore is coming for him, and frost and death are coming with her.

HOW TO BE A GOOD WIFE

Pan Macmillan How to Be a Good Wife is an original, haunting and unforgettable literary thriller by Emma Chapman. I know what my husband would say: that I have too much time on my hands; that I need to keep myself busy. That I need to take my medication. Empty nest syndrome, he tells his friends at the pub, his mother. He's always said I have a vivid imagination. Marta has been married to Hector for longer than she can remember. She has always tried hard to be a good wife. But now Hector has come home with a secret. And Marta is beginning to imagine - or revisit - a terrifying truth . . . 'The unnamed Scandinavian setting has all the familiar elements of contemporary northern lights noir . . . a ruthless examination of the many layers of marriage, and a woman's opaque role with it.' - Guardian

THE BEAST OF BLACKMOOR

Penguin Dive into the world of beasts and barbarians in this prequel to the exhilarating Gathering of Dragons series by Milla Vane. A warrior princess must tame The Beast of Blackmoor to earn a place among her people. When she arrives in Blackmoor, however, she finds a land cursed by a demon and ruled by an evil warlord...and discovers that the beast isn't a monster, but a barbarian warrior who intends to do some taming himself.