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vella has apparently been revised for this edition, but the degree of revision is unknown. An ebook edition from Cemetery Dance Publications apparently appeared 4/19 but was not seen. eSpec Books, PO Box 242, Pennsville NJ 09070; <www.especbooks.com>.

Chambers, James **Tears of Blood** (eSpec Books, 978-1-949691-06-1, \$12.95, 113pp, tp, cover by Glen Ostrander) Reprint (Dark Quest 2012, not seen) zombie horror novella, the second book in the Corpse Fauna series. Includes a 2012 afterword by Chambers, possibly updated. This is copyrighted 2012, 2019 but was expanded from an even earlier version; the degree of revision in the current version is unknown. eSpec Books, PO Box 242, Pennsville NJ 09070; <www.especbooks.com>.

\*Chen, Mike **A Beginning at the End** (Harlequin/Mira, 978-0-7783-0934-5, \$26.99, 391pp, hc) Post-apocalyptic SF novel about rebuilding in San Francisco six years after a global pandemic wiped out most of the world's population. Ebook also available.

\*Cherryh, C.J. **Resurgence** (DAW, 978-0-7564-1427-6, \$26.00, 340pp, hc, cover by Todd Lockwood) SF novel, 20th in the Foreigner series. Ebook also available.

Cherryh, C.J. & Jane S. Fancher **Alliance Rising** (DAW, 978-0-7564-1607-2, \$18.00, 346pp, tp, cover by Mlcah Epstein) Reprint (DAW 2019) SF novel, the first in the Hinder Stars series in Cherryh's Alliance-Union universe.

\*Chiles, Patrick **Frozen Orbit** (Baen, 978-1-9821-2430-4, \$16.00, 325pp, tp, cover by Bob Eggleton) SF novel. A NASA mission about to head for the outer planets discovers the Russians got there decades earlier. Ebook also available.

Chizmar, Richard **Gwendy's Magic Feather** (Simon & Schuster/Gallery, 978-1-982139728, \$15.99, x + 206pp, tp) Reprint (Cemetery Dance 2019) horror novel set in Castle Rock ME, sequel to **Gwendy's Button Box** (co-authored by Stephen King, who provides the foreword here). Illustrated by Keith Minnion.

Choo, Yangsze **The Night Tiger** (Macmillan/Flatiron, 978-1-250-17546-5, \$17.99, 372pp, tp) Reprint (Flatiron 2019) historical mystery novel with possible fantasy elements. This is a Reese's Book Club edition with a stepback cover; Includes discussion questions.

\*Cipri, Nino **Finna** (Tor.com Publishing, 978-1-250-24573-1, \$14.99, 134pp, tp, cover by Carl Weins) Fantasy novella. Two retail workers who just broke up have an interdimensional adventure trying to find a lost customer in an endless furniture store. Ebook also available.

+Coates, Darcy **Craven Manor** (Sourcebooks/Poisoned Pen Press, 978-1-7282-2196-0, \$14.99, 298pp, tp) Haunted house horror novel. This is a Barnes & Noble exclusive edition. First US edition (Black Owl Books Australia 2017, not seen). Copyrighted 2017, 2020; any degree of revision is unknown.

+Coates, Darcy **The Haunting of Blackwood House** (Sourcebooks/Poisoned Pen Press, 978-1-7282-2195-3, \$14.99, 310pp, tp) Reprint (Black Owl Books Australia 2015,

not seen) haunted house horror novel. Copyrighted 2015, 2020; any degree of revision is unknown. This is a Barnes & Noble exclusive edition.

+Coates, Darcy **The House Next Door** (Sourcebooks/Poisoned Pen Press, 978-1-7282-2197-7, \$14.99, 230pp, tp) Haunted house horror novel. This is a Barnes & Noble exclusive edition. First US edition (Black Owl Books Australia 2017, not seen). Copyrighted 2017, 2020; any degree of revision is unknown.

+Cogman, Genevieve **The Secret Chapter** (Ace, 978-1-9848-0476-1, \$15.00, 334pp, tp) Fantasy novel, sixth in the Invisible Library series. The world where Irene grew up is in danger. A hardcover edition (978-0-593-19784-4) was announced but not seen; ebook also available. First US edition (Pan 11/14/19).

\*Coker, Cait, ed. **The Global Vampire: Essays on the Undead in Popular Culture Around the World** (McFarland, 978-1-4766-7594-7, \$39.95, 241pp, tp) Non-fiction, a selection of 16 critical essays looking at a variety of types of vampires in various cultures, in literature, film and TV, comics, and games. Afterword by Amanda Jo Hobson & U. Melissa Anyiwo. Includes notes, bibliography, and index. Critical Explorations in SF #68. Ebook also available. McFarland & Company, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640; 800-253-2187; <www.mcfarlandpub.com>.

\*Colfer, Eoin **Highfire** (Harper Perennial, 978-0-06-293855-8, \$19.99, 373pp, hc) Fantasy novel about a vodka-drinking, **Flashdance**-loving dragon in the bayous of Louisiana who gets mixed up with a local teen and a crooked cop. A paper-overboards edition; ebook also available. Simultaneous with the Jo Fletcher UK edition.

\*Cox, Greg **X-Men and the Avengers: Gamma Quest** (Titan Books US, 978-1789093339, \$14.95, 570pp, tp) Omnibus of three tie-in novels based on the comic book characters: **Book One: Lost and Found** (1999), **Book Two: Search and Rescue** (1999), and **Book Three: Friend or Foe** (2000). Copyrighted by Marvel. This is an international edition with US and UK prices. Ebook also available.

\*Curfiss, David **A Thousand Miles to Nowhere** (Gripping Press, 978-1-7342-7310-6, \$14.95, 274pp, tp, cover by Daniel J. Peters) Apocalyptic zombie horror novel. Fifteen years after a zombie virus destroyed the world, the arrival of an infected stranger with a letter sends Matt Tanner on a search for his brother. A first novel. Ebook also available.

\*Danville, Gaston **Double-Head** (Black Coat Press, 978-1-61227-912-1, \$18.95, 160pp, tp, cover by Grillon) SF novel involving telepathy and transmutation. Translated/adapted by Brian Stableford from the French "Double-tête" (serialized in *L'Oeuvre* 1927; not previously published in book form). A print-on-demand edition. Hollywood Comics.com, PO Box 17270, Encino CA 91416; <www.blackcoatpress.com>.

Dawson, Delilah S. & Kevin Hearne **No Country for Old Gnomes** (Penguin Random House/Del Rey, 978-1-5247-9779-9, \$16.00, 405pp, tp, cover by Craig Phillips) Reprint (Del Rey 2019) humorous fantasy novel, second in the Tales of Pell series.

\*de Becerra, Katya **Oasis** (Macmillan/Imprint, 978-1-250-12426-5, \$17.99, 305pp, hc) Young-adult supernatural horror adventure novel about teens stranded in an oasis where ruins hide a deadly secret. Ebook also available.

\*Denver Horror Collective, eds. **Terror at 5280** (Denver Horror Collective, 978-1-7341917-0-7, \$12.95, 312 + vpp, tp) Original anthology of 23 horror stories (two reprints) by Colorado writers including Carina Bissett, Stephen Graham Jones, and Joshua Viola. Foreword by John Palisano; afterword by Larry Berry. The editorial team is Josh Schlossberg, Gary Robbe, Mindy Bezdek, Bobby Crew, Desi D. Lisa Mavroudis, Thomas C. Mavroudis, and Jeamus Wilkes. A print-on-demand edition; ebook also available.

\*d'Huissier, Romain & J.-M. Lofficier, eds. **Tales of the Hexagonverse 1: Mutations** (Black Coat Press, 978-1-61227-921-3, \$20.95, 244pp, tp, cover by Amar Djouad) Original anthology of 13 tie-in stories based on the Hexagon Comics universe. The stories have been translated from French by Michael Shreve. A print-on-demand edition. Hollywood Comics.com, PO Box 17270, Encino CA 91416; <www.blackcoatpress.com>.

Drake, David **The Storm** (Baen, 978-1-9821-2438-0, \$8.99, 358pp, pb, cover by Todd Lockwood) Reprint (Baen 2019) near-future SF adventure novel with a fantasy feel, sequel to **The Spark**.

DuBois, Brendan **Black Triumph** (Baen, 978-1-9821-2433-5, \$8.99, 377pp, pb, cover by Dave Seeley) Reprint (Baen 2018) military SF novel of alien invasion, third in the Dark Victory series.

\*Dunstall, S.K. **Stars Beyond** (Ace, 978-0-399-58764-1, \$16.00, 406pp, tp, cover by Fred Gambino) SF novel, second in the Stars Uncharted series. Ebook also available.

\*Elliott, Joseph **The Good Hawk** (Candlewick Press/Walker US, 978-1-5362-0718-7, \$17.99, 319pp, hc, cover by Anna Balbusso & Elena Balbusso) Upper-middle-grade medieval fantasy novel, the first book in the Shadow Skye series. Two young people from the Isle of Skye, one a girl with Down syndrome who can communicate with animals, cross a magical, plague-devastated Scotland to rescue their kidnapped clan. A first novel. Ebook also available.

Eve, Laure **The Curses** (Abrams/Amulet, 978-1-4197-3210-2, \$9.99, 324pp, tp, cover by Charles & Thorn) Reprint (Amulet 2018) young-adult fantasy novel, sequel to **The Graces**.

\*Fitzsimons, Eleanor **The Life and Loves of E. Nesbit: Victorian Iconoclast, Children's Author, and Creator of The Railway Children** (Abrams, 978-1-4197-3897-5, \$35.00, 388pp, hc) Non-fiction, a biography of the author known for her children's books, including fantasies such as **Five Children and It**, but also as a founder of the Fabian Society. Includes notes and index. Simultaneous with the UK (Duckworth as **The Life & Loves of E. Nesbit: Author of The Railway Children**) edition. Ebook also available.

Flint, Eric & Dave Freer **All the Plagues of Hell** (Baen, 978-1-9821-2431-1, \$8.99, 592pp, pb, cover by Tom Kidd) Reprint (Baen 2018) fantasy novel, the sixth in the Heirs of

Alexandria series set in an alternate Renaissance Milan.

\*Fox, Hester **The Widow of Pale Harbor** (Harlequin/Graydon House, 978-1-525-83426-4, \$16.99, 342pp, tp) Gothic/historical fantasy novel. A grieving widower meets a mysterious widow in 1846 Maine, and strange events similar to Poe stories start happening. Copyrighted by Tess Fedore. Ebook also available.

\*Frost, Jeaniene **Wicked Bite** (HarperCollins/Avon, 978-0-06-269563-5, \$7.99, 371pp, pb, cover by Cliff Nielsen) Paranormal romance novel, the second in the Night Rebel series, part of the Night Huntress world. Master vampire Ian joins with vampire Law Guardian Veritas to deal with the demon Dagon. A hardcover edition (-291308-1, \$27.99) was announced but not seen. E-book also available.

\*Gala, Marcial **The Black Cathedral** (Macmillan/Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 978-0-374-11801-3, \$26.00, 209pp, hc, cover by Thomas Colligan) Novel with fantasy/magical realism elements including a ghost, following characters in modern Cuba. Translated from the Spanish **La catedral de los negros** (Letras Cubanas, Cuba 2012) by Anna Kushner.

\*Gibson, William **Agency** (Penguin Random House/Berkley, 978-1-101-98693-6, \$28.00, 402pp, hc) Near-future SF novel, a standalone prequel and sequel to **The Peripheral**, involving three alternate timelines, one 100 years in the future, in which people are manipulating two versions of 2016, where an "app-whisperer" in San Francisco works with a surprisingly combat-savvy AI. Ebook also available. Simultaneous with the Viking UK edition.

\*Goodkind, Terry **Heart of Black Ice** (Tor, 978-1-250-19479-4, \$29.99, 525pp, hc, cover by Marc Simonetti) Fantasy novel, the fourth book in the Sister of Darkness: The Nicci Chronicles series, set in the Sword of Truth universe. Simultaneous with the UK (Head of Zeus) edition.

\*Gratton, Tessa **Lady Hotspur** (Tor, 978-0-7653-9249-7, \$29.99, 590pp, hc, cover by Larry Rostant) Epic fantasy novel about Isarna Persy, the Lady Hotspur, a Lady Knight of Aremoria, a kingdom torn between two princes. Ebook also available.

\*Gray, Tanis **Harry Potter: Knitting Magic: The Official Harry Potter Knitting Pattern Book** (Insight Editions, 978-1-68383-826-5, \$29.99, 206pp, hc) Associational non-fiction, a knitting book with designs based on the books and movies, for knitters from beginners to experts. Simultaneous with the UK (Pavilion) edition. Copyrighted by Warner Bros. Entertainment.

\*Greyson, Ann **Never-DEAD** (self-published, 978-0-578-58829-2, \$18.99, 394pp, tp) SF horror novel of a zombie plague in 2012 and a medical research team working to stop it. A first novel. This is a print-on-demand edition; ebook also available.

\*Guran, Paula, ed. **The Year's Best Dark Fantasy & Horror: 2019 Edition** (Prime Books, 978-1-60701-535-2, \$19.95, 508pp, tp, cover by Tihi Luadthong) Year's Best anthology with 33 stories from 2018. Authors include P. Djèlí Clark, Mary Robinette Kowal, Tim Powers, and Steve Rasnic Tem. A print-on-demand edition; ▶▶