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welcome.

## From the Editor:

I had neck surgery about a month ago.

I said for Halloween I should be Jenny from *The Green Ribbon*. Jason didn't know what I was talking about. It's from the 1984 book, *In a Dark, Dark Room and other Scary Stories* by Alvin Swartz and illustrated by Dirk Zimmer. Jenny always wore a green ribbon around her neck. She meets a boy and they fall in love and marry. However, she never takes off her green ribbon. She tells him she will at the right time. Which she did when she got old and terribly sick. But I won't say anymore.

Since it is October and Halloween is around the corner, I'm curious: have you ever contemplated taking an injury of some sort and using that as the centerpiece for a costume?

In 2017 I had a couple surgeries on my leg which included a skin graft. Between a major deep cleaning of the wound and the actual skin graft surgery I had a wound vac machine attached to my leg (a machine that basically removes air pressure from around a wound to assist in drainage and healing). I joked that I should hit up the conventions dressed as an OOD from *Doctor Who*. Get a mask with tubes and one long tube attached to the machine I had to carry (that was attached to my leg – think of it like a clunky briefcase) dressed up as my hindbrain.

Of course I got the look from Jason like I usually do.

So what injury based costumes have you considered doing? Or actually done?  
Bonus points if you provide pictures!

~ Mindy

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# LETTERS

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Dear Mindy,

I see you're thinking about the current divisions between different versions of fandom, and the current divisions between different stubborn political tribes (exacerbated by broadcast and online media), and the wars and rumours of war abroad. Personally, I have no better perspective on these matters than "These things pass."

You will see in the October and earlier editions of my fanzine, *The Obdurate Eye*, that I have been struggling to accept the changes I face in SF fandom. This is particularly a struggle for me, since (as I said in your previous issue) I administer an intranational fan fund, and can't find a place for this fan fund in contemporary Canadian fandom. Well, I already knew fandom has changed repeatedly over the decades, and I already knew the fandom that had a place for fan funds has almost disappeared in my country. So I could have been better prepared to accept it.

What I find extraordinary about political attitudes now is, how *many* people have forgotten the idea of dialogue, of granting any respect for those supporting another party and another value system. Or ... have social media made it easier for those who *never* learned or accepted the idea to express themselves? And to find kindred spirits?

The less I say about wars overseas, the better; "Whereof one does not know, thereof one may not speak." Or, to acknowledge what one of Billy Bragg's songs said, "We are living between the wars."

Onward. The article on Winsor McCay was absorbing. There's nothing quite like his style in any comics or graphic work today, more's the pity.

Would you and George Phillies consent to my reprinting your ads for the N3F and for Neffercon?

Yours,  
Garth Spencer  
Vancouver, Canada



## Pubnites and Other Events

Yvonne & Lloyd Penney (Toronto, ON, CAN)

### THURSDAY NIGHT OF NONSENSE

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

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

See you there!!!

Yvonne ;-)

### THIRD MONDAY

October 21, 2024

The Red Cardinal Tavern

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

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

### TORONTO PAGAN PUB MOOT

Third Monday of each month

Gatherings Resto Bar, 49 St. Clair Ave W.

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

### MOVIE WARDROBE SALE

#FindYourTreasure

Date: Saturday October 19, 2024 from 10AM to 5PM

Held At: Studio City Toronto

915 Lakeshore Blvd EAST in Toronto

Admission: \$10.00 General entry admission

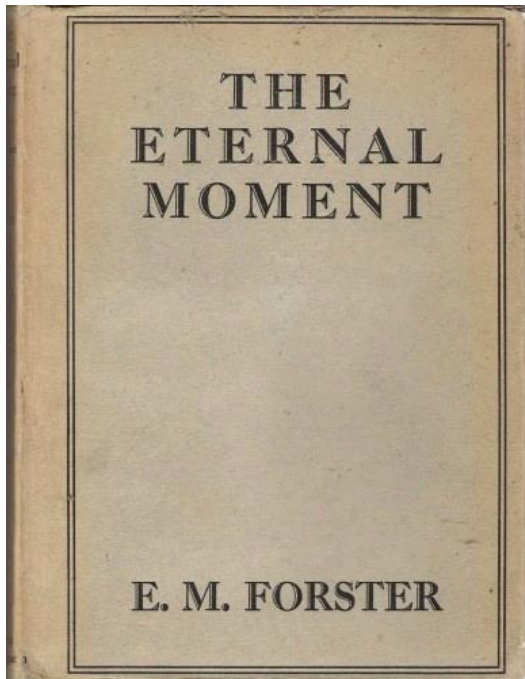
\$15.00 for the Early Bird Admission of **9AM**

For more information please go to [www.Caftcad.com/movie-wardrobe-sale](http://www.Caftcad.com/movie-wardrobe-sale)



## The Machine Stops

### Robert Jennings



The November 1909 issue of *The Oxford & Cambridge Review* contained the novelette “The Machine Stops”, a striking science fiction story about the dangers of humanity’s future dependence on advanced technology. Recognized immediately as a brilliant “scientific-fantasy,” the story helped to further polish the reputation of its author, E.M. Forster.

Foster had already established himself as an insightful literary author with astute and interesting human interest fiction, critical reviews and social commentary. His first novel “Where Angels Fear To Tread” had been published in 1905 to widespread literary acclaim. His literary reputation was already well established. While contemplating future novels he wrote literary critiques and short stories. Most of his short stories were fantasies with allegorical themes concerning social class in Edwardian Britain, and the goals that humans set for themselves in order to survive in modern civilization.

“The Machine Stops” was a story that we would today immediately class as science fiction. The theme was not exactly original. Years later Forster admitted that he wanted to create a tale based on the ideas that H. G. Wells had proposed in his story “The Time Machine”, of a civilized and gentle society of humans living underground, while the surface was inhabited by brutal tribesmen without the benefits of scientific progress. In reality it was also a sharp attack on Wells’ vision of a scientific ultra-conformist

scientifically safe future as outlined in his 1905 novel “A Modern Utopia.” In “The Machine Stops” Forster succeeded admirably.

The story deals with a future civilization that has embraced scientific technology so advanced that humans do no work. A central machine manages all the apparatuses that care for the future humans, providing luxurious housing, free food, free clothing, and every other necessity of life. Disease and other illnesses have been banished by humanity being confined to underground sanitized living quarters. Travel within the underground regions is available, but discouraged. Humans communicate with radio-televisors, knowledge is available on video-screens with books housed in a massive central library. Humans spend their time interacting with each other. They also try to develop new philosophical concepts, or critique the ideas their friends and families are discussing.

Problems develop when the story’s protagonist makes an unauthorized visit to the surface thru an air shaft and discovers other humans living in primitive savagery. Difficulties arise when the machine began to develop glitches. The central machine decides to ban respirators and all travel to the surface, then creates a god-cult with the machine itself as the new deity.

Things continue to go wrong, but the central Machine Committee declines to discuss it, insisting that these matters will be taken care of in due time. Instead, more things break down. The Mending Machines that do repairs are malfunctioning, and as the humans realize that the central machine intelligence is unable to fix itself, the humans also realize that they have forgotten how to make the necessary repairs themselves. The machine abruptly stops completely. The underground human civilization collapses in ruins, causing total massive death for the humans who had lived under the benign reign of the Machine.

The novelette made a strong impression when it was first published. For some reason it was not included in Forster’s first collection of fantasies “The Celestial Omnibus and Other Stories” (1911), but it had received enough public comment that it was collected along with other more recent Forster short works in “The Eternal Moment and Other Short Stories” (1928). When it was reprinted yet again in a new, expanded collection of his short fiction published in 1947 Forster felt impelled to write a short forward to the story discussing its theme and explaining his inspiration from the Wells Time Machine tale.



Along the way another author, Victory Barclay, writing under the name Wayland Smith, wrote his one and only science fiction story, a novel also titled “The Machine Stops”, published in the UK in 1936, and subsequently reprinted in the US in the March, 1945 issue of *Famous Fantastic Mysteries*. The similarities between this novel and Forster’s novelette were immediately apparent, but it appears that Forster, who was enjoying the financial and critical success of his last novel and was employed as a radio commentary for the BBC when the Wayland Smith book was published, did not file any legal actions against Barclay.

Forster’s story already enjoyed a strong reputation in science fiction fandom and the general SF community but it really reached a wider audience when Groff Conklin included it in two of his pivotal science fiction anthologies in the 1950s. By this time computers, television, space travel, and international telex communications, along with hundreds of other technology advances had occurred causing a lot of people to wonder where the world of science was taking human civilization.

“The Machine Stops” was a stark, vivid and intense warning of what might happen if the human race forgot its human roots and began to rely too heavily on technological developments which were already rushing along at a near tsunami pace.

Between 1954 and 1965 the story was reprinted ten times. Between 1965 and 1975 the story was reprinted 22 times. In this new century “The Machine Stops” has been reprinted 68 times in the English language alone, with many more reprints in other nations outside the US and the UK.

Interested fans can read this story for free on any number of internet sites, including Project Gutenberg, The Internet Archives, LibriVox, and Goodreads.

The message has obviously become clearer, sharper, and more alarming with the passage of time. Science continues to march on, and our civilization has become more and more dependent on complex technologies that only a small percentage of the population understands. The development of artificial intelligence linked to these new technologies has added a shiller and even more urgent message to the chorus. It is a warning from the past about the dangers of the future that has become even more urgent in this new century, a warning we would do well to heed.



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





## READ MORE 'ZINES!

Eldritch Science  
FanActivity Gazette  
Films Fantastic  
Ionisphere  
Mangaverse

N'APA  
The National Fantasy Fan  
N3F Review of Books  
Origin  
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# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day	2 Deviled Eggs Day
3 Cliche Day	4 Housewives' Day	5 Gunpowder Day & US National Elections Day	6 National Nacho Day	7 International Merlot Day	8 Dunce Day	9 Chaos Never Dies Day!!
10 Forget-Me-Not day	11 Veterans Day	12 National French Dip Day	13 National Indian Pudding Day	14 National Pickle Day	15 Clean Your Refrigerator Day	16 National Fast Food Day
17 Electronic Greeting Card Day	18 Occult Day	19 Play Monopoly Day	20 Absurdity Day	21 False Confession Day	22 Love Your Freckles Day	23 Eat A Cranberry Day
24 Evolution Day	25 National Parfait Day	26 Shopping Reminder Day	27 National Jukebox Day	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Black Friday & National Buy Nothing Day (very seldom observed)	30 National Mason Jar Day

## OH!CON 2024

### Writing Competition



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Open to residents in the Outer Hebrides, in the following categories:

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## October 2024 New Fantasy and Science Fiction Releases

Walter Bruce Sinclair, White Dwarf Books, Vancouver

- **Ajram, Sofia. *Coup De Grace*. Titan, 22.99 hc.**

144 pages. Vicken has a plan. Throw himself into the Saint Lawrence River in Montreal and end it all for good, believing it to be the only way out for him after a lifetime of depression and pain. But, stepping off the subway, he finds himself in an endless, looping station. Though he is determined to find a way out again, no matter how many claustrophobic hallways or vast cathedral-esque rooms he passes through, the exit is nowhere in sight.

- **Alderson, Ben. *A Betrayal of Storms [Realm of Fey #1]*. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

Half-fey Robin Vale is taken to Wychwood, the fey realm, where everyone is focused on preparing for war against the humans who hate, hunt, and kill them for coin. Robin doesn't understand how he fits into the fey's plans... until he's revealed to be the lost heir to the Icethorn Court. But by claiming the throne with the help of his devastatingly handsome personal guard, Erix, Robin's very presence opposes the long-planned invasion.

- **Armstrong, Kelley. *I'll Be Waiting*. St. Martin's, 24.99 tp.**

Nicola Laughton never expected to see adulthood, being diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis as a child. Then medical advances let her live into her thirties and she met Anton, who taught her to dream of a future... together. Months after they married, Anton died in a horrible car crash, but lived long enough to utter five words to her, "I'll be waiting for you." For the seance, Nicola's friends rent the Lake Erie beach house that Anton's family once owned. But, unbeknownst to the others, this isn't her first time contacting the dead. And Nicola isn't her real name. That's when she finds the first body...

- **Asher, Neal. *World Walkers*. Tor UK, 33.99 tp.**

Standalone set in the same universe as the OWNER TRILOGY. When Ottanger is thrown from his timeline to the far future he meets the Fenris, humanity's future form. Ottanger is a survivor of the Fenris' altruistic experiment to create world walkers, their goal to help humanity escape their decaying version of Earth. But there is a form of humanity, anathema to the Fenris, that functions as one mind, and the trillion-strong hive has noticed the Fenris' experiments with world walkers and wants that technology.

- **August, Riley. *The Last Gifts of the Universe*. Hanover Square, 31.00 hc.**

Scout is an Archivist who scours the dead worlds of the cosmos for their last gifts of interesting technology, cultural rituals - anything left behind that might be useful to the Home worlds and their survival. During an excavation on a lifeless planet, Scout unearths something unbelievable, a surviving message from an alien who witnessed the world-ending entity thousands of years ago. Now Scout, their brother and their sometimes fearless, space-faring cat, Pumpkin, must race to save what matters most.

- **Blake, Olivie. *Januaries: Stories of Love, Magic, & Betrayal*. Tor, 38.99 hc.**

A collection of short fiction featuring fourteen magical ruminations on life, death, and the love - or desire for revenge - that outlasts both.

- **Brody, A. L. *Dating & Dismemberment*. Entangled, 23.99 tp.**

Darla Drake, Duchess of Death, is a legendary monster who has haunted the woods around Camp Clear Creek for years. Until an existential crisis forces her to take a sabbatical from wreaking havoc on pimply teens while she figures out what she really wants from the rest of her (possibly infinite) life. So she's spending time with the decapitated - yet still overbearing - head of her mother, reading romance novels she steals from campers, and struggling with one monstrous



case of melancholy. Until Jarko Murkvale arrives in Clear Creek. Jarko is conceited, arrogant, infuriating, and unfortunately for Darla, kind of hot.

- **Brom. *Evil In Me. Tor Nightfire*, 41.99 hc.**

Brom's newest novel of possession, damnation, and rock 'n' roll where one woman must get the world singing in order to save her soul. This devilish tale includes nearly two dozen of Brom's immersive paintings.

- **Burnham, Sophie. *Sargassa. [Ex Romana]*. DAW, 37.99 hc.**

Told from multiple POVs: a young heiress, an undercover spy, a bastard brother and a fugitive who has history with all three; Sargassa is equal parts political intrigue, queer romance, and revolution. 22 year old Imperial Historian Selah Kleios is custodian of more than just the Imperial Archives. There's also the question of the two puzzling classified items her father left in her care - an ancient atlas filled with landscapes that don't exist, and a carved piece of stone that seems to do nothing at all.

- **Butcher, Jim. *The Olympian Affair. [The Cinder Spires #2]*. Ace, 25.99 tp.**

A trading summit at Spire Olympia provides an opportunity for the Spirearch, Lord Albion, to secure alliances that will shape the outcomes of the war, and to that end he dispatches privateer Captain Francis Madison Grimm and the crew of the AMS Predator to bolster the Spirearch's diplomatic agents. It will take daring, skill, and no small amount of showmanship to convince the world to stand with Spire Albion - assuming that it is not already too late.

- **Cherryh, C. J. & Jane S. Fancher. *Alliance Unbound [Hinder Stars #2]*. DAW, 41.00 hc.**

When Cyteen opened up FTL, it gave the technology for free to any ship that could reach it; and with that technology, it provided a map of jump-points, points of mass enabling starships to navigate hyperspace safely. The map of jump-points, however, stopped with the route to Alpha - thus excluding Sol, and Earth, and the Earth Company, whose gateway to the stars was Alpha. But Sol intends to take back control of its star-stations and stop Cyteen's unbridled expansion, however it can. To do that, they are willing to starve Alpha and concentrate their efforts on a huge FTLer capable of carrying military force.

- **Chronister, Kay. *The Bog Wife*. Counterpoint, 36.00 hc.**

Since time immemorial, the Haddesley family has tended the cranberry bog. The staunch seasons of their lives are governed by a strict covenant that is renewed each generation with the ritual sacrifice of their patriarch, and in return, the bog produces a "bog-wife." Brought to life from vegetation, this woman is meant to carry on the family line. But when the bog fails - or refuses - to honour the bargain, the Haddesleys, a group of discordant siblings still grieving the mother who mysteriously disappeared years earlier, face an unknown future.

- **Clarke, August. *Metal From Heaven*. Erewhon, 37.99 hc.**

A bloody lesbian revenge tale and political fantasy set in a glittering world transformed by industrial change - and simmering class warfare. He who controls ichorite controls the world. A malleable metal more durable than steel, ichorite is a toxic natural resource fueling national growth, and ambitious industrialist Yann Chauncey helms production of this miraculous ore. Working his foundry is an underclass of destitute workers...

- **Clarke, Susanna. *The Wood at Midwinter*. Bloomsbury, 22.99 hc.**

64 pages. An illustrated short story. 19-year-old Merowdis Scot is an unusual girl. She can talk to animals and trees-and she is only ever happy when she is walking in the woods. One snowy afternoon, out with her dogs and Apple the pig, Merowdis encounters a blackbird and a fox. As darkness falls, a strange figure enters in their midst-and the path of her life is changed forever.



- **Clarke, Susanna. *The Ladies of Grace Adieu: And Other Stories*. Bloomsbury, 23.99 tp.**

10 stories set in the same world as *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norell*.

- **Cooke, C. J. *The Book of Witching*. HarperCollins, 25.99 tp.**

Glasgow 2024: Clem waits by her daughter's hospital bed. Erin was found on an idyllic beach in Fynhallow Bay, Orkney with catastrophic burns and only one memory: her name is Nyx. But how did she get these burns? And how did her boyfriend end up burned alive? Orkney 1594: accused of witchcraft, Alison Balfour awaits trial. The punishment? To be burned alive. Separated by four hundred years but bound by the Book of Witching, two women stand imperiled.

- **Costa, Mariana. *Shoestring Theory*. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

Former grand-mage of the high court, Cyril Laverre, has spent the last decade hiding himself away in a ramshackle hut by the sea, trying to catch any remaining fish for his cat familiar, Shoestring, and suppressing his guilt over the kingdom's ruin. When Shoestring wanders away and dies one morning, Cyril takes his remaining lifeblood and casts a powerful spell that catapults him back in time to a happier period of Farsalan history - to when Cyril and Prince Eufates's tentative romance had not yet bloomed.

- **Crouch, Blake. *Run*. Ballantine, 24.99 tp.**

Five days ago, the epidemic of rage began. Four days ago, the rash of senseless murders swept the nation. Three days ago, the president addressed the country and begged for peace - even as the murders increased tenfold. Two days ago, the killers began to mobilize. One day ago, the power went out. And tonight, the killers are reading the names of those to be killed over the Emergency Broadcast System. In Albuquerque Jack Colclough has just heard his name on his battery-powered radio. People are coming to his house to kill him, his wife, his daughter, and his son. He has no idea what's happening, or why, but the time for questions is long past. His only chance is to run.

- **Dara, Maxie. *A Grim Reaper's Guide to Catching a Killer [Scythe Mystery]*. Berkley, 25.99 tp.**

Kathy Valence is forty-two, mid-divorce, and pregnant with her ex's baby. She's also a modern-day grim reaper employed by S.C.Y.T.H.E., but frankly that's the easiest part of her life right now. Or at least it was, until her latest client's soul goes missing. When she finally tracks down seventeen-year-old Conner Ortiz, he angrily denies he died of natural causes, despite what his file says. He insists that someone at S.C.Y.T.H.E. murdered him, and he demands Kathy find out who and why.

- **Datlow, Ellen (ed). *Christmas and Other Horrors: An Anthology of Solstice Horror*. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

A horror anthology of original short stories exploring the endless terrors of winter solstice traditions across the globe, featuring Tananarive Due, Stephen Graham Jones, Alma Katsu and many more.

- **Davis-Goff, Sarah. *Silent City*. Flatiron, 23.99 tp.**

Outside the walls of Phoenix City a plague has overrun Ireland -- one bite from the savage skrake means death or infection. Inside, the city is ruled by an oppressive and ruthless elite, their rule enforced by Orpen and the banshees - a fierce, all-women force of fighters. But when two women are publicly executed, Orpen knows she must make a choice between guaranteed survival within a cruel society or treacherous freedom beyond the walls.

- **Dawson, Delilah S. *It Will Only Hurt for a Moment*. Del Rey, 38.99 hc.**

Sarah Carpenter is leaving behind her unsupportive, narcissistic ex-boyfriend and alcoholic, abusive mother - and is headed for a new beginning at Tranquil Falls, a secluded artists' colony on the grounds of a closed hotel. There, with no cell signal or internet to distract her, she hopes to rediscover her love for pottery and put the broken pieces of her life back

together. But when Sarah uncovers the body of a young woman while digging a hole for a pit kiln, things start to fall apart.

- **Day, David.** *Atlas of Tolkien Deluxe Edition [Middle-Earth Maps]*. Thunder Bay, 26.99 hc.

Full-color maps and illustrations from every reach of Middle-earth make this an essential guide to exploring Tolkien's world. It features an embossed and foil-stamped cover, plus gilded edges.

- **Dimova, Genoveva.** *Monstrous Nights [Witch's Compendium of Monsters #2]*. Tor, 24.99 tp.

With her magic reclaimed and her role in the community of Chernograd restored, Kosara is now in possession of twelve witch's shadows. Across the wall in Belograd, Asen chases the only lead on his latest case, one of several unsolved witch murders, even against the orders of his direct superior and the mayor. He's convinced the smuggling kingpin Konstantin Karaivanov is behind them, and follows his trail to an underground monster auction - which leads him right back to Chernograd.

- **Dinniman, Matt.** *Carl's Domsday Scenario [Dungeon Crawler Carl #2]*. Ace, 39.99 hc.

Now on the third floor, Carl and Donut have already proven that a Coast Guard vet and once-and-forever feline royalty are an almost unstoppable team. But the dungeon gets more dangerous each day, and now there's the Over City. A sprawling, once-thriving metropolis devastated by a mysterious calamity. An undead circus trawls the ruins. Murdered women rain from the sky. An ancient spell is finally ready to reveal its dark purpose.

- **Dinniman, Matt.** *The Dungeon Anarchist's Cookbook [Dungeon Crawler Carl #3]*. Ace, 39.99 hc.

Carl and Donut have survived so far, but this fourth level is unlike anything they could imagine. The Iron Tangle is an impossibly complicated subway system tied together into a knot of trains of all kinds, from classic steam engines to sleek modern cars. Up is down. Down is up. Close is far. The cars are filled with monsters, the railway stations aren't always what they seem, and the exit is perpetually just a few stops away.

- **Doocy, Maiga.** *Sorcery and Small Magics [The Wildersongs Trilogy #1]*. Orbit, 25.99 tp.

Impulsive sorcerer Leovander Loveage and his curmudgeonly rival Sebastian Grimm venture deep into a magical forest in search of a counterspell that can break the curse between them - only to discover that magic might not be the only thing pulling them together.

- **El-Fassi, Nadia.** *Best Hex Ever*. Dell, 24.95 tp.

As a skilled kitchen witch, Dina Whitlock knows her way around a pastry recipe. In fact, she runs her very own London cafe, serving magic-infused treats. However, only a few select friends know about her magical abilities or the hex that has plagued her love life. It's hard to fall in love when your partner is guaranteed to have a string of bad luck the moment they develop feelings for you.

- **Ellison, Harlan (ed).** *Last Dangerous Visions [Dangerous Visions]*. Blackstone, 24.95 tp (also in hc, 38.95).

Announced in 1973, but never published until now, six years after Ellison's death, science fiction's most long-awaited event. 32 never-before-published stories, essays, and poems that unite a diverse range of science fiction writers both famous and newly minted, including Max Brooks, Edward Bryant, Cecil Castellucci, James S. A. Corey, Howard Fast, P. C. Hodgell, Dan Simmons, Robert Sheckley, Adrian Tchaikovsky, Mildred Downey Broxon, and Cory Doctorow, among others.

- **Erskine, Barbara.** *The Story Spinner*. HarperCollins, 26.99 tp.

The land of the Silures, 382 AD. Elen is a princess promised to a general of Rome. Maccsen came to Wales seeking an alliance that would advance his quest for power. Despite warnings her marriage is destined for heartache, Elen is

determined to honour her vows. Camp Meadow, 2024. Cadi is a writer who has discovered Elen's lost story. Opening the gate to the ancient meadow behind her cottage, could the secret behind Elen's fate lie closer than she thinks? But someone is desperate to keep the past buried, plotting to destroy the meadow...

- **Flint, Eric & Jody Lynn Nye. *1635: The Weaver's Code [Ring of Fire #37]*. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

A young gentlewoman, Margaret de Beauchamp, meets American up-timers imprisoned in the Tower of London. In exchange for her help, Rita Simpson and Harry Lefferts give her a huge sum of money to keep her family's manor and its woolen trade from falling into the hands of the crown. Then, with the help of Aaron Craig, an up-timer programmer using aqualators, water-powered computers, she teaches her father's craftsmen to create a combination machine loom that can produce a new type of woolen cloth.

- **Garcia, R. S. A. *The Nightward [The Waters of Lethe #1]*. Voyager, 24.99 tp.**

Princess Viella of the court of Hamber is the Spirit of Gaiea, presumptive heir to the throne and budding wielder of magic. And yet she's still a child - not yet ten years old. But the night the Queen hosts the Ceremony to confirm Viella as the next Hand of Gaiea, everything changes for her - in the most horrific way imaginable: the assassination of Viella's mother. Now Viella is Queen.

- **Gaskell, Stephen. *Shadow of the Endless [Endless Legend]*. Titan, 23.99 tp.**

The Pilgrims of the Horizon of Light fleet have spent two long years being hunted by an especially determined Empire foe. Young Pilgrim Sewa Eze wants to become a caver - and head into the depths on deserted moons, asteroids, and worlds to secure whatever the fleet needs - precious resources, Endless relics, even Dust. However, a strange device is discovered deep in the ice of the comet they shelter on and Sewa finds herself searching for a traitor among the Pilgrims.

- **Griffith, Nicola. *Menewood [Hild #2]*. Picador, 28.00 tp.**

7th century Britain. Hild is now 18, honed and tested, the formidable Lady of Elmet, building her personal stronghold in the valley of Menewood. In the valley, her last redoubt, her community slowly takes root. She trains herself and her unexpected allies in new ways of thinking as she prepares for one last wager: risking all on a single throw for a better future...

- **Gwynne, John. *The Fury of the Gods [The Bloodsworn Trilogy #3]*. Orbit, 28.99 tp.**

Varg has overcome the trials of his past and become an accepted member of the Bloodsworn, but now he and his newfound comrades face their biggest challenge yet, slaying a dragon. Meanwhile, Elvar is struggling to consolidate her power in Snakavik, where she faces threats from without and within. As she fights to assert her authority in readiness for the coming conflict, she faces the surely insurmountable task of reigning in the ferocity of a wolf god. And as Biorr and his warband make their way north, eager for blood, Gudvarr pursues a mission of his own, hoping to win Lik-Rifa's favor and further his own ambitions.

- **Hadfield, Chris. *The Apollo Murders*. Seal, 13.99 pb.**

1973. A final, top-secret mission to the Moon. Three astronauts in a tiny module, a quarter of a million miles from home. A quarter of a million miles from help. As Russian and American crews sprint for a secret bounty hidden away on the lunar surface, old rivalries blossom and the political stakes are stretched to breaking point back on Earth. And not everyone on board Apollo 18 is quite who they appear to be.

- **Hamilton, Laurell K. *Slay [Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter #30]*. Berkley, 13.50 pb.**

St. Louis Necromancer/US Marshal Anita Blake never expected her walk down the aisle with Jean-Claude to go smoothly. They've already been confronted with naysayers and a power-hungry ancient evil, but now Anita has to do the one thing

that actually scares her - introduce her very religious, very human relatives to her fiancé, the newly crowned vampire king of America.

- **Hand, Elizabeth.** *A Haunting on the Hill*. Mulholland, 24.99 tp.

An authorized return to the world of Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*. Struggling playwright Holly Sherwin has received a grant to develop her play, *The Witch of Edmonton*. All she needs now is time and space to bring her vision to life. And when she stumbles across Hill House on a weekend getaway upstate, she knows she's found the perfect place to develop and rehearse her play.

- **Harrison, Kim.** *Demon's Bluff* [Hollows #18]. Ace, 39.99 hc.

Rachel must find an Atlantean mirror to reverse the curse and prove to Cincinnati's brand-new witch coven that, no, she does not practice illicit magic. Unfortunately, the only mirror of its kind in existence belonged to the insane demon Newt, forcing Rachel to go to the past to bargain with her for it. But the time-travel spell goes awry, dragging Elyse, the young leader of the coven, into the past with Rachel.

- **Harrow, Alix E.** *Starling House*. Tor, 26.99 tp.

Eden, Kentucky, is just another dying, bad-luck town, known only for the legend of E. Starling, the reclusive nineteenth-century author and illustrator who wrote *The Underland* - and disappeared. Before she vanished, *Starling House* appeared. But everyone agrees that it's best to let the uncanny house - and its last lonely heir, Arthur Starling - go to rot. Opal knows better than to mess with haunted houses or brooding men, but an unexpected job offer might be a chance to get her brother out of Eden.

- **Hearne, Kevin.** *Candle & Crow* [Ink & Sigil #3]. Del Rey, 38.99 hc.

Years ago, someone cast twin curses on ink-and-sigil sorcerer Al MacBharrais that killed off his apprentices and drove away loved ones who heard him speak, leaving him bereft and isolated. As Al works to solve this mystery, his friends draw him into their own eccentric dramas. For example, Morrigan, a former Irish death goddess, has decided she wants not only to live as an ordinary woman but also to face the most perilous challenge of the mortal world: online dating.

- **Heartfield, Kate.** *The Tapestry of Time*. Voyager, 26.99 tp.

Do the Sharp sisters possess Second Sight? Kit Sharp is in Paris, working as an archivist, having inherited her historian father's fascination with the Bayeux Tapestry, believing it a tool for prediction. The Nazis are also convinced that the tapestry will aid them in their invasion of Britain. Ivy Sharp, having demonstrated her extraordinary powers of perception, has been dropped into Northern France on a special mission.

- **Herbert, Brian & Kevin J. Anderson.** *Princess of Dune* [Dune #12]. Tor, 26.99 tp.

Raised in the Imperial court and born to be a political bargaining chip, Irulan was sent at an early age to be trained as a Bene Gesserit Sister. The young woman has a wise and independent streak and is determined to become much more than a pawn to be moved about on anyone's gameboard. Meanwhile, on Arrakis, Chani - the daughter of Liet-Kynes, the Imperial Planetologist who serves under the harsh rule of House Harkonnen - is trained in the Fremen mystical ways by an ancient Reverend Mother.

- **Herbert, Brian & Kevin Anderson.** *Tales of Dune*. CAEZIK SF & Fantasy, 22.99 hc.

Eight stories, ranging from the period of the Butlerian Jihad to the time of young Paul Atreides under the tutelage of Duncan Idaho, to a story set during the events of the novel *Dune*, to the very end of Frank Herbert's epic future history.



- **Holo, Jacob. *Freelancers of Neptune* [Sol Blazers #1]. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

In the far distant future, Captain Nathaniel Kade is a simple freelancer from the orbital ring of Neptune, struggling to make ends meet and to keep his understaffed spaceship from falling apart. All he wants is a decent, uneventful job to help put his finances back in order. What he receives instead is Vessani S'Kaari, a mysterious and beautiful cat girl who tried - and failed - to steal a ship belonging to a band of space pirates. But she also has a lead on what may be the greatest treasure trove of lost technology the Solar System has ever seen.

- **Howey, Hugh & John Joseph Adams (ed). *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2024*. Mariner, 23.99 tp.**

Twenty pieces that represent the best examples of the form published the previous year, exploring the ever-expanding and changing world of science fiction and fantasy today.

- **Huchu, T. L. *The Legacy of Arniston House* [Edinburg Nights #4]. Tor, 39.99 hc.**

Everyone's favorite 16-year-old ghostalker Ropa is back in Edinburgh. And so is the dreaded Tall Man. He returns with one nefarious purpose: to merge Edinburgh with the EveryThere, setting the worlds of the living and the dead on a terrible collision course. Ropa and Sir Callander must try to stop him before he comes into his full power, or else watch their city descend into chaos.

- **Jacka, Benedict. *An Instruction in Shadow* [Inheritance of Magic #2]. Ace, 25.99 tp.**

Stephen Oakwood has emerged victorious against the schemes of his aristocratic family. But now a new group is emerging from the shadows, calling themselves the Winged. Their leader, the mysterious Byron, promises that he can show Stephen how to find his father...but he wants something in return. Following that trail will throw Stephen into greater danger than he's ever faced before.

- **Jacobs, Bethany. *On Vicious Worlds* [The Kingdom Trilogy #2]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

When Six and Chono return to the Treble star systems, the dream of freedom meets a dangerous test. The Secretaries of the Kindom are intent on reclaiming power in the Treble, as well as control over the Jeveni. Meanwhile, Jun Ironway and Jeveni collector Masar Hawks struggle to protect Capamame from a population brimming with resentment, not to mention a faceless saboteur spreading mayhem and murder. As the two groups struggle to outwit their enemies, divergent battles wend toward a climatic reunion that will spark a revolution.

- **Jensen, Danielle L. *The Bridge Kingdom* [Bridge Kingdom #1]. Del Rey, 24.95 tp.**

A warrior princess trained in isolation, Lara is driven by two certainties. The first is that King Aren of the Bridge Kingdom is her enemy. And the second is that she'll be the one to bring him to his knees. The only route through a storm-ravaged world, the Bridge Kingdom of Ithicana enriches itself and deprives its rivals, including Lara's homeland. So when she's sent there as a bride under the guise of peace, Lara is prepared to do whatever it takes to fracture its impenetrable defenses - and the defenses of its king.

- **Jones, Howard Andrew. *Shadow of the Smoking Mountain* [Chronicles of Hanuvar #3]. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

The emperor was dead, and his successor had so little interest in finding Hanuvar, he'd ordered his sorcerous revenants to cease their search and turn their sinister talents to other targets. But as Hanuvar shifted his efforts south, where hundreds of his people still labored under the Dervan yoke, other forces were advancing agendas of their own. Determined to prove Hanuvar still lived, the revenant legate secretly sought him with dark sorceries.

- **Kim, Sung-il. *Blood of the Old Kings*. Tor, 36.99 hc.**

In an Empire run on necromancy, dead sorcerers are the lifeblood. Their corpses are wrapped in chains and drained of magic to feed the unquenchable hunger for imperial conquest. Born with magic, Arienne has become resigned to her dark fate. But when the voice of a long-dead sorcerer begins to speak inside her head, she listens. There may be another future for her, if she's willing to fight for it.

- **Kwan, Katrina. *The Last Dragon of the East*. Saga, 24.99 tp.**

At the spry young age of twenty-five, Sai has led a quiet life, keeping the family teahouse up and running. But he has a not-so-secret gift that he's parlayed into a side career. He was born with the ability to see the red threads of fate between soulmates, which lends itself nicely to matchmaking. Then his mother's doctor sells a pair of dragon scales to him as a miracle cure. When the medicine actually works - and the terrifying, ruthless emperor catches wind - Sai is thrust into the search for a dragon long thought extinct.

- **Lackey, Mercedes. *Valdemar [The Founding of Valdemar #3]*. DAW, 24.95 tp.**

The refugees from the Empire have established a thriving city called Haven with the help of the Tayledras and their allies. But even with Haven settled, the lands around Haven are not without danger. Most of the danger comes in the form of magicians. Magicians have taken advantage of the abundant magical energy in the lands the Tayledras have cleansed; magicians who have no compunction about allying themselves with dark powers and enslaving magical beasts and the Elementals themselves.

- **Lansdale, Joe. *In the Mad Mountains: Lansdale's Lovecraft*. Tachyon Publications, 21.95 tp.**

A collection of Lansdale's irreverent Lovecraftian tributes, merging his classic gonzo stylings with the eldritch vibes of H. P. Lovecraft.

- **Leede, CJ. *American Rapture*. Nightfire, 36.99 hc.**

A virus is spreading across America, transforming the infected and making them feral with lust. Sophie, a good Catholic girl, must traverse the hellscape of the Midwest to try to find her family while the world around her burns. Along the way she discovers there are far worse fates than dying a virgin... The end times are coming.

- **Livingston, Michael. *Seaborn [The Seaborn Cycle #1]*. AdAstra, 26.99 tp.**

The seven houses of the matriarchal Seaborn have plied the seas of the Fair Isles for centuries, trading among the islands and fending off the attacks by the fearsome Bone Pirate. But suddenly, out of the night sky, a common enemy appears - the Windborn, who come without warning to raid, burn, and kill. Hoping to turn the tide, Shae - the Bone Pirate's first mate - enacts a daring plan to fight her way aboard a Windborn vessel. The raid yields a prize - the airship's captain who is, to Shae's shock, a man.

- **Lowachee, Karin. *The Mountain Crown [The Crowns of Ishia #1]*. Solaris, 22.99 tp.**

Meka returns home from exile for an ancient, necessary rite, gathering a king dragon of the Crown Mountains to maintain balance in the wild country. But Meka's act of compassion toward an imprisoned dragon and Lilley, a Kattakan veteran of the war, soon draws the ire of the imperialistic authorities. They order the unwelcome addition of an enigmatic Ba'Suon traitor named Raka to accompany Meka and Lilley to the mountains.

- **MacDonald, Emma. *Whispers Most Foul [Dunhollow Academy #1]*. CAEZIK SF & Fantasy, 23.99 tp.**

Rose is a student at the prestigious and cutthroat institution of magical learning, Dunhollow Academy. The only problem is that she can't cast a single spell - something her chancellor mother and pretentious peers won't let her forget. Worst

among them is Sylvie, the school's top caster, and Rose's academic rival. But someone is targeting the students. When Sylvie's ghost appears to Rose, the two realize they must investigate.

- **Maguire, Gregory.** *Elphie: A Wicked Childhood.* Morrow, 37.00 hc.

Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, will grow to have a feisty and somewhat uncompromising character in adult life. But she is always a one-off, from her infancy. This is the coming-of-age story of a very peculiar young girl, shaped and molded by the behaviours of her promiscuous mother, Melena, and her pious father, Frex.

- **Malfi, Ronald.** *Narrows.* Titan, 24.99 tp.

In the aftermath of a terrible storm, the town of Stillwater, Maryland tries to recover what it has lost. From flooded roads and houses, to ruined businesses--the residents of the town begin to clean up and return to normal. In the midst of the clear up, people begin to see things. Matthew Crawly spies his father in the woodlands above the Narrows, but that cannot be possible...

- **Marske, Freya.** *Swordcrossed.* Bramble, 38.99 hc.

Mattinesh Jay, dutiful heir to his struggling family business, needs to hire an experienced swordsman to serve as best man for his arranged marriage. But all he can afford, unfortunately, is part-time con artist and full-time charming menace Luca Piere. Luca, for his part, didn't plan on being blackmailed into giving sword lessons to a chronically responsible - and inconveniently handsome - wool merchant like Matti.

- **Marske, Freya.** *Power Unbound [Last Binding #3].* Tor.com, 26.99 tp.

Jack Alston, Lord Hawthorn, is living in a bizarre puzzle-box of a magical London townhouse, helping an unlikely group of friends track down the final piece of the Last Contract before their enemies can do the same. But they will need the help of writer and thief Alan Ross, who is only in this for the money. The aristocratic Lord Hawthorn is everything that Alan hates. And unfortunately, Alan happens to be everything that Jack wants in one gorgeous, infuriating package.

- **Mayo, Laura J.** *How to Summon a Fairy Godmother [Fairies and Familiars #1].* Orbit, 24.99 tp.

Lady Theodosia Balfour's stepsister, the newly crowned Princess Beatrice, is telling everyone that Theo, her sister, and their mother are evil people who treated her like a slave. Not exactly true. With the Balfour family estate on the verge of bankruptcy, Theo's only path forward is a forced betrothal to the Duke of Snowbell, a foul-tempered geezer. Theo needs a fairy godmother, like the one who supposedly helped her stepsister snag a prince.

- **McDonald, Ed.** *Traitor of Redwinter [Redwinter Chronicles #2].* Tor, 26.99 tp.

The power of the Sixth Gate grows stronger within Raine each day - to control it, she needs lessons no living Draoihn can teach her, lessons hidden in the ever-changing pages of the book. Amidst threats old and new, Raine must learn the secrets promised by the book, magic promised by a queen with a crown of feathers. A queen to whom Raine has promised more than she can afford to give...

- **McWalter, Keith G.** *Lifers.* SparkPress, 24.95 tp.

In the year 2050, the man known as Zinn is on the run from the consequences of his greatest creation: an artificial genome that wildly increases the human lifespan. His "Methuselah gene" has gone viral, and he's being hunted by Adele, a semi-retired CIA biowarfare specialist who hopes to find a way to reverse the genome's effects before it's too late. As the longevity plague spreads, populations explode, economies are upended, and intergenerational resentments boil over.

- **Modesitt, L. E. Jr. *From the Forest [Saga of Recluce #23]. Tor, 27.99 tp.***

Alayiakal, who will one day be known by many names - not all of them flattering - has to climb the ranks of Cyador's Mirror Lancers, fighting against unforeseen weapons and ancient technology. Alayiakal, however, has secrets of his own to protect - his ties to the Great Forest and his magus abilities. He must silently pretend to be a conventional soldier favoured by fate - until that very same fate forces him to choose.

- **Moore, Alan. *The Great When: A Long London Novel. Bloomsbury, 39.99 hc.***

Dennis Knuckleyard is a hapless 18-year-old who works and lives in a second-hand bookstore. One day, his boss and landlady, Coffin Ada, sends him to retrieve some rare books, one of which, Dennis discovers, should not exist. *A London Walk* by Rev. Thomas Hampole is a fictitious book that appears in a real novel by another author. Yet *A London Walk* is physically there in his hands, nonetheless. Coffin Ada tells Dennis the book must be returned to the other London, the Great When, a version of the city that is beyond time.

- **Mosley, Walter. *Touched. Atlantic Monthly, 25.95 tp.***

Martin Just wakes up one morning after what feels like, and might actually be, a centuries-long sleep with two new innate pieces of knowledge. Humanity is a virus destined to destroy all existence. And he is the Cure. He begins slipping into an alternate consciousness, with new physical strengths, to violently defend his family - the only Black family in their neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles - against pure evil.

- **Newman, Kim. *A Christmas Ghost Story. Titan, 26.99 hc.***

December 1st. Angie and her teenage son Rust prepare for Christmas, stringing fairy lights around their isolated home on the Somerset levels and decorating a tree with traditional ornaments. The first door of the advent calendar is opened, but the chocolate inside tastes off. And that's only the first day...

- **Okosun, Ehigbor. *Exiled by Iron [The Tainted Blood Duology #2]. Voyager, 37.00 hc.***

With the end of Alistair Sorenson's tyrannical reign, Demi has accepted Jonas's proposal to rule as his Queen with hopes to finally free her people, the magical Oluso. Yet social prejudice, corrupt council members, and the continued distrust of the nonmagical Ajes throughout the kingdom prove seemingly implacable obstacles. To make matters worse, Demi struggles to control her newly awakened iron blood magic. Before long, a new evil appears that hunts Oluso and Aje alike, promising desolation on a larger level than ever before.

- **Onoh, Nuzo. *Where the Dead Brides Gather. Titan, 23.99 tp.***

Bata, an 11-year-old girl tormented by nightmares, wakes up one night to find herself standing sentinel before her cousin's door. Her cousin is to get married the next morning, but only if she can escape the murderous attack of a ghost-bride, who used to be engaged to her groom. A supernatural possession helps Bata battle and vanquish the vengeful ghost bride, and following a botched exorcism, she is transported to Ibaja-La, the realm of dead brides. There, she receives secret powers to fight malevolent ghost-brides before being sent back to the human realm.

- **Parry, H. G. *The Scholar and the Last Faerie Door. Redhook, 25.99 tp.***

Camford, 1920. Gilded and glittering, England's secret magical academy is no place for Clover, a commoner with neither connections nor magical blood. She tells herself she has fought her way there only to find a cure for her brother Matthew, one of the few survivors of a faerie attack on the battlefields of WWI which left the doors to faerie country sealed, the study of its magic banned, and its victims cursed. But when Clover catches the eye of golden boy Alden Lennox-Fontaine and his friends, doors that were previously closed to her are flung wide open, and she soon finds herself enmeshed in the seductive world of the country's magical aristocrats.



- **Patterson, James. *Murder Island [Doc Savage]*. Grand Central, 25.99 tp.**

When professor turned crime-fighter Brandt "Doc" Savage and his girlfriend Kira Sunlight land on a desert island in the middle of the Atlantic, they think they've found a perfect utopia. An escape from their tumultuous pasts. But they don't have long to enjoy their newfound peace before they are violently separated and dragged to opposite ends of the Earth.

- **Penaranda, Chloe C. *The Stars Are Dying [Nytefall Trilogy #1]*. Bramble, 39.99 hc.**

Astraea is a prisoner of her own mind, the past sliding from her grasp like water. But she knows she must escape the tyrannical king who holds her captive and find her clouded memories once again. This quest leads her to the Libertatem, a succession of trials hosted by the king in which five human lands compete for a cycle of safety from the vampires seeking blood, claiming souls, and savaging after dark.

- **Piper, Hailey. *All the Hearts You Eat*. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

Ivory's life changes irrevocably when she discovers the body of Cabrina Brite on the sands of Cape Morning, along with a mysterious poem. How did she die, and why does it seem she was trying to swim to Ghost Cat Island, the centre of so many local mysteries? Desperate to uncover the answers surrounding Cabrina's death, and haunted by her discovery, Ivory begins to see the pale ghost of Cabrina, only to shake it off as a mere hallucination.

- **Powers, Tim. *My Brother's Keeper*. Baen, 25.00 tp.**

When young Emily Brontë helps a wounded man she finds at the foot of an ancient pagan shrine in the remote Yorkshire moors, her life becomes contentiously entwined with his. He is Alcuin Curzon, embittered member of a sect working to eradicate the resurgent plague of lycanthropy in Europe and northern England. But Emily's father, curate of the Haworth village church, is responsible for having unwittingly brought a demonic werewolf god to Yorkshire forty years ago - and it is taking possession of Emily's beloved but foolish and dissolute brother.

- **Pullen, Nicholas. *The Black Hunger*. Redhook, 25.99 tp.**

Queer gothic horror. John Sackville will soon be dead. Shadows writhe in the corners of his cell as he mourns the death of his secret lover and the gnawing hunger inside him grows impossible to ignore. He must write his last testament before it is too late. It is a story steeped in history and myth - a journey from stone circles in Scotland, to the barren wilderness of Ukraine where otherworldly creatures stalk the night, ending in the icy peaks of Tibet and Mongolia, where an ancient evil stirs.

- **Raines, Camilla. *The Hollow and the Haunted*. Titan, 23.99 tp.**

Resigned to a life in the family business, Miles is perfectly happy. Apart from the fact he hasn't told anyone he's gay, and that he's constantly exhausted from long nights spent wrangling angry ghosts in creepy cemeteries. His comfortable routine is interrupted when he starts having visions of an unfamiliar boy. He soon learns the stranger is none other than Gabriel Hawthorne, whose family have a mysterious, decades-long feud with Miles' own - and that the visions are a premonition of his murder.

- **Rasche, Anna. *The Stone Witch of Florence*. Park Row, 25.99 tp.**

1348. As the Black Plague ravages Italy, Ginevra di Gasparo is summoned to Florence after nearly a decade of lonely exile. Ginevra has a gift. Harnessing the hidden powers of gemstones, she can heal the sick. But when word spread of her unusual abilities, she was condemned as a witch and banished. Now the same men who expelled Ginevra are begging for her return. But to be accepted there she must use her collection of jewels to track down a ruthless thief who is ransacking Florence's churches for priceless relics - the city's only hope for protection.

- **Reagon, Carly. *The Toll House*. Sphere, 19.99 tp.**

A house with history. That's how the estate agent described the old toll house on the edge of the town. For Kelda it's the perfect rural home for her young son Dylan --until she finds a death mask concealed behind one of the walls. Inexplicable things happen in the house, Kelda cannot shake the feeling of being watched and Dylan is plagued by nightmares, convinced he can see figures in his room.

- **Roberts, Nora. *The Choice [Dragon Heart Legacy #3]*. St. Martin, 12.99 pb.**

It is Keegan who is at Breen's side when the enemy's witches, traitorous and power-mad, appear to her in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting a brutal destruction for Breen. And soon, united with him and with all of Talamh, she will seek out those in desperate need of rescue, and confront the darkness with every weapon she has: her sword, her magicks - and her courage...

- **Sanderson, Brandon. *Yumi and the Nightmare Painter: a Cosmere Novel [Secret Projects]*. Tor, 26.99 tp.**

Yumi comes from a land of gardens, meditation, and spirits, while Painter lives in a world of darkness, technology, and nightmares. When their lives suddenly become intertwined in strange ways, can they put aside their differences and work together to uncover the mysteries of their situation and save each other's communities from certain disaster?

- **Scalzi, John. *Starter Villain*. Tor, 24.99 tp.**

Inheriting your mysterious uncle's supervillain business is more complicated than you might imagine. Sure, there are the things you'd expect. The undersea volcano lairs. The minions. The plots to take over the world. The international networks of rivals who want you dead. Much harder to get used to...are the sentient, language-using, computer-savvy cats. And the fact that in the overall organization, they're management...

- **Sivinski, Stacy. *The Crescent Moon Tearoom*. Atria, 25.99 tp.**

Ever since the untimely death of their parents, Anne, Beatrix, and Violet Quigley have made a business of threading together the stories that rest in the swirls of ginger, cloves, and cardamon that lie at the bottom of their customers' cups. But now the Council of Witches comes calling with news that the city Diviner has lost her powers, and the sisters suddenly find themselves being pulled in different directions.

- **Slater, Mike. *The Carols of Cthulu: Horrifying Holiday Hymns From the Lore of H.P. Lovecraft*. The Countryman, 25.99 hc.**

Whether you're home for the holly-daze or wandering a hellish landscape of never-ending agony, you need a good tune to pass the time. The dire duo behind the best-selling *The Necronomnomnom* accordingly present a gruesome grimoire of 25 creepy carols and sinister songs.

- **Starling, Caitlin. *Last to Leave the Room*. St. Martin's, 25.00 tp.**

The city of San Siroco is sinking. The basement of Dr. Tamsin Rivers, the arrogant, selfish head of the research team assigned to find the source of the subsidence, is sinking faster. As Tamsin grows obsessed with the distorting dimensions of the room at the bottom of the stairs, she finds a door that didn't exist before - and one night, it opens to reveal an exact physical copy of her, but who is sweet and biddable where Tamsin is calculating and cruel.

- **Stephenson, Neal. *Polostan*. [Bomb Light #1]. Morrow, 39.50 hc.**

Born in the American West to a clan of cowboy anarchists, Dawn Rae Bjornberg is raised in Leningrad after the Russian Revolution by her Russian father, a party line Leninist who re-christens her Aurora. She spends her early years in Russia but then grows up as a teenager in Montana, before being drawn into gunrunning and revolution in the streets of

Washington, D.C., during the depths of the Great Depression. Then a surprising revelation forces her to return to Russia, where she is groomed as a spy by the organization that later becomes the KGB.

- **Taub, Melinda. *The Scandalous Confessions of Lydia Bennet, Witch*. Grand Central, 25.99 tp.**

In this exuberant retelling of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Lydia Bennet puts pen to paper to relate the real events and aftermath of the classic story. But Lydia also suffers from entirely different concerns. Her best-loved sister Kitty is really a barn cat; Wickham is every bit as wicked as the world believes him to be, but what else would one expect from a demon? And if Mr. Darcy is uptight about etiquette, that's nothing compared to his feelings about magic. Most of all, Lydia has yet to learn that for a witch, promises have power...

- **Taylor, Jodi. *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year: A Christmas Short Story Collection*. Headline, 21.99 tp.**

This festive collection takes readers from Frogmorton Farm to Time Police HQ via the Institute of Historical Research at St Mary's in five (and a bit) short stories.

- **Taylor, Jodi. *Killing Time [Time Police #5]*. Headline, 36.99 hc.**

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

- **Thorne, Rebecca. *A Pirate's Life for Tea [Tomes & Tea #2]*. Bramble, 26.99 tp.**

A cozy fantasy on the low seas, where lesbian pirates find out if enemies actually can become lovers! Kianthe and Reyna are on the hunt for dragon eggs to save their hometown - but it requires making a deal with Diarn Arlon, lord of the legendary Nacean River. They must capture the river pirate Serina, who's been plaguing Arlon's supply chains. The couple joins forces with Bobbie, one of Arlon's constables determined to capture the pirate. Except Bobbie and Serina have a more complicated history than anyone realized, and it might jeopardize everything.

- **VanderMeer, Jeff. *Absolution [Southern Reach #4]*. McClelland & Stewart, 30.00 tp.**

There remains questions about who had been complicit in creating the conditions for Area X to take hold; the story of the first mission into the Forgotten Coast - before Area X was called Area X - has never been fully told; and what if someone had foreseen the world after Acceptance? How crazy would they seem?

- **Vo, Nghi. *The City in Glass*. Tor.com, 32.99 hc.**

The demon Vitrine - immortal, powerful, and capricious - loved the dazzling city of Azril which she built into a place of joy and desire, revelry and riot. And then the angels came, and the city fell. Vitrine was left with nothing but memories and a book containing the names of those she has lost - and an angel, now bound by her mad, grief-stricken curse to haunt the city he burned. She mourns her dead and rages against the angel she longs to destroy.

- **Waggoner, Tim. *Terrifier 2*. Titan, 24.99 tp.**

It has been one year since the sleepy town of Miles County survived the murderous spree of demented killer Art the Clown, but little do they know the nightmare is about to begin anew. Resurrected by a sinister entity, Art is back with an appetite for murder and mayhem - setting his sights on the recently bereaved teenager Sienna and her younger brother Jonathan. The streets are about to run with blood...

- **Warren, A. E. *Subject Twenty-One [Tomorrow's Ancestors #1]*. Del Rey UK, 19.99 tp.**

Elise is given the opportunity of a lifetime - to work at the Museum of Evolution and be a Companion to the Neanderthal, Subject Twenty-One. As a Sapien, a member of the lowest order of humans, she and others like her are held responsible

for the damages inflicted on the world by previous generations. But before long Elise begins to realize that little separates her from the exhibits - and a cage of her own.

- **Warren, A. E. *The Hidden Base* [Tomorrow's Ancestors #2]. Del Rey UK, 19.99 tp.**

After a perilous escape, Elise and her companions have made it to the safety of the secret fifth base, Uracil. But now she has to help rescue the next Neanderthal, Subject Twenty-Two. Twenty-Two has never left the confines of the steel walls that keep her separated from the other exhibits. She has no contact with the outside world and no way of knowing why she has been abandoned.

- **Warren, A. E. *The Fourth Species* [Tomorrow's Ancestors #3]. Del Rey UK, 19.99 tp.**

Twenty-Two finally has her freedom after serving her term of imprisonment. But not everyone believes she deserves to be released. If she is not welcome in Uracil, then where does she belong? Genevieve's life as a high-ranking Medius is perfectly crafted to hide all weakness, but when she finds out what the Potior's have planned next at the Museum of Evolution, she starts to question her choices, and the cracks begin to show. Can she keep herself from shattering? When a threat none of these women could have predicted comes to pass, they are all left to fight for their futures. Whether they are ready for it or not, their worlds will collide and nothing will be the same again.

- **Warren, A. E. *The Final Rising* [Tomorrow's Ancestors #4]. Del Rey UK, 21.99 tp.**

After the devastating attack on Uracil, the safety it once offered Elise and her friends has been shattered. Desperate and scared, they need to find the residents captured during the attack, and create a new place of safety before they are found once more. But how can they ever truly feel safe when they suspect there is a traitor among them? And when Samuel and Genevieve unexpectedly return, it throws things even further into disarray.

- **Winterson, Jeanette. *Night Side of the River*. Grove, 27.50 tp.**

A collection of her ghost stories.

- **Wolfe, Gene. *The Wolfe at the Door*. Tor, 25.99 tp.**

An all-new posthumous collection of stories.

- **Wood, Lucy Jane. *Rewitched*. Ace, 25.99 tp.**

Belladonna Blackthorn hasn't lost her magical spark, precisely - but she hasn't seen it in a while either. With her witchcraft under wraps and a toxic boss making her days miserable, Belle is struggling to keep her beloved Lunar Books afloat and just make it through the day. So when her thirtieth birthday brings a summons from her coven and a trial that tests her worthiness as a witch, Belle fears the worst.

- **Yarros, Rebecca. *Fourth Wing* [Empyrean #1]. Entangled: Red Tower, 27.99 tp.**

20 year old Violet Sorrengail hopes of a quiet life among books and history are dashed when the commanding general - also known as her tough-as-talons mother - orders her to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But with fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most cadets would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother's daughter.

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## New Movies in November

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

### November 1

*Hitpig* (A) ~ *My Dead Friend Zoe* (C) ~ *Director's Cut* (H)\* ~ *The Eye of the Salamander* (SF)\*  
*Music by John Williams* (D)\*

### November 3

*AXCN: Osamu Tezuka's Metropolis* (A)\*\*

### November 8

*Overlord: The Sacred Kingdom* (A) ~ *Heretic* (H) ~ *Meanwhile on Earth\** (SF)

### November 9

*Infernal* (H)

### November 15

*Red One* (F) ~ *Ghost Cat Anzu* (A)

### November 17

*The Fifth Element* (SF)\*\*

### November 21

*STZ* (H/SF)

### November 22

*Wicked* (F) ~ *Flow\** (A)

### November 27

*Moana 2* (A)



## FANAC: FanHistory Zoom Series

**October 26, 2024 – Robin Johnson: Traveling Fan From Oz**  
**7PM EDT, 4PM PDT, 12AM London (BST), 10AEDT Oct 27**  
**Melbourne**

Worldcon chair, Worldcon Guest of Honor, Big Heart Award winner, and witness-to and maker-of Australian fan history for almost 60 years, Robin Johnson has been amongst the best known Australian fans. In this Zoom session, two other makers of Australian fan history, Perry Middlemiss and Leigh Edmonds, talk to him about his life, his travels and his fannish experiences.



## Convention Corner

### Going Bye Bye

- Rangerstop & Pop Con – Atlanta, GA Jun 13-15, 2025

### Cancelled

- DarknessCon: Denver – Denver, CO Dec 13-15

### New Digs

- Geekway Mini – St. Louis, MO Jan 17-19
  - Westport Chalet, St. Louis

### Help Wanted

- MICE – Boston, MA Dec 7-8
- Geekway Mini – St. Louis, MO Jan 17-19
- NorWesCon – SeaTac, WA Apr 17-20
  - Assistant Technology
- Afro Comic Con International Film Festival – Oakland, CA Nov 7
- Twin Towers Comic Con – Horseheads, NY Nov 9-10

**If you have an update on a convention, please let us know!  
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*Unless stated otherwise, all birthdays are in the 20th century.*

### November

Robert Arthur, Abby Lu Ashley, 11/1/09; Zenna Henderson, 11/1/17; Sybil Claiborne, Gordon R. Dickson, Dean Grennell, 11/1/23; Mark Budz, 11/1/60; Karen Marie Moning, 11/1/64; Mildred Ames, 11/2/19; Don Fitch, 11/2/28; Joyce Yasner, 11/2/48; Lois McMaster Bujold, 11/2/49; M.A.R. Barker, 11/3/29; Jack Harness, 11/3/33; Wendayne Ackerman, 11/4/12; Babette Rosmond, 11/4/21; Gregg Calkins, 11/4/34; Mike Shupp, 11/4/46; Stephen Jones, Kara Dalkey, 11/4/53; Alan Winston, 11/4/59; Rick Yancey, 11/4/62; Kerry Kyle, 11/4/64; H. Warner Munn, 11/5/03; Frank Gasperik, 11/5/42; Barry Gold, 11/5/46; Armin Shimerman, 11/5/49; Kathy Oltion, Gary Farber, Don Ayres, 11/5/58; Catherine Cook de Camp, 11/6/07; Ed Cox, 11/6/29; Michael Dirda, 11/06/48; Jay Rothbell, 11/6/54; Catherine Asaro, 11/6/55; Blaine Pardoe, 11/6/62; R. A. Lafferty, 11/7/14; J. Michael Rosenblum, 11/7/17; Margaret Ball, 11/7/47; Rita Winston, 11/7/57; Linda Nagata, 11/7/60; Ben Bova, 11/8/32; Jeffrey Ford, 11/8/55; Lauren Oliver, 11/8/82; Alfred Coppel, 11/9/21; Larry Shaw, 11/9/24; Carl Sagan, 11/9/34; Rob Hansen, 11/9/54; Danielle Trussoni, 11/9/73; Tahereh Mafi, 11/9/88; John T. Phillifent, 11/10/16; Don C. Thompson, 11/10/27; Charles Neutzel, 11/10/34; Steven Utley, 11/10/48; Aliette de Bodard, 11/10/82

Howard Fast, 11/11/14; Donald Franson, 11/11/16; Mack Reynolds, 11/11/17; Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., 11/11/22; Marty Helgesen, 11/11/38; Ron Ontell, 11/11/42; Bhub Stewart, 11/12/37; Roy Gray, 11/12/42; Michael Bishop, 11/12/45; Kathy Sanders, 11/12/48; Michael Capobianco, 11/12/50; Bonnie Marston, 11/12/54; Neal Shusterman, 11/12/62; Eric Nylund, 11/12/64; Philip Francis Nowlan, 11/13/1888; Marty Massoglia, 11/13/46; Brenda Clough, 11/13/55; Stephen Baxter, 11/13/57; Dan DeBono, 11/13/64; Tom Armistead, 11/14/47; Moshe Feder, Beth Meacham, 11/14/51; Cat Rambo, 11/14/63; Daniel Abraham, 11/14/69; Raymond F Jones, 11/15/15; J.G. Ballard, 11/15/30; Ruth Berman, 11/15/42; Jessica McHugh, 11/15/82; Martha deMey Clow, 11/16/32; Milt Stevens, 11/16/42; Paula Evans, 11/16/50; A.C. Kyle, 11/16/61; Jamie Levine, 11/16/74; Wally Gonser, 11/17/22; John Trimble, 11/17/36; J.B. Post, 11/17/37; Kevin Johnson, 11/17/54; Rebecca Moesta, 11/17/56; Christopher Paolini, 11/17/83; Ed Connor, 11/18/21; Suzette Haden Elgin, 11/18/36; Alan Dean Foster, 11/18/46; Michael Swanwick, 11/18/50; Doug Fratz, 11/18/52; Alan Moore, 11/18/53; Mike Blake, 11/18/54; Sarah A Hoyt, 11/18/62; Suzette Haden Elgin, 11/19/36; Allan Cole, 11/19/43; Len Moffatt, 11/20/23

Ellen Asher, 11/21/41; Jane Frank, 11/21/42; Vincent Di Fate, 11/21/45; Evelyn C. Leeper, 11/21/50; Lisa Goldstein, 11/21/53; Christie Golden, Nick Perumov, 11/21/63; Katrina Templeton, 11/21/78; Walter Kubilius, 11/22/18; William Kotzwinkle, 11/22/38; Stephen Antell, 11/22/40; Ed Baker, 11/22/41; Chris Metzen, 11/22/73; Nelson Bond, 11/23/08; Wilson Tucker, 11/23/14; Rhondi A. Vilott Salsitz, 11/23/49; Steven Brust, 11/23/55; Bill Leininger, 11/23/58; Bram Stoker, 11/24/1848; Forrest J Ackerman, 11/24/16; Earl Kemp, 11/24/29; Sylvia Engdahl, 11/24/33; Alicia Austin, 11/24/42; Spider Robinson, 11/24/48; Jeff Long, 11/24/51; Nola Frame, 11/24/52; Aljo Svoboda, 11/24/57; Amelia Reynolds Long, 11/25/04; Poul Anderson, 11/25/26; Martin Jukovsky, 11/25/37; Sandra Miesel, 11/25/41; Chris Claremont, 11/25/50; Todd Voros, 11/25/52; Michael J. Lowrey, 11/25/53; Tony Daniel, 11/25/63; Frederik Pohl, 11/26/19; John Miesel, 11/26/41; Victoria Poyser, 11/26/49; Tracy Hickman, 11/26/55; James Dasher, 11/26/72; L. Sprague de Camp, 11/27/07; C.C. MacApp, 11/27/13; Melinda Snodgrass, 11/27/51; Michael Stackpole, 11/27/57; Marsha [Brown/Jones] Elkin, 11/28/43; Kay Shapero, 11/28/50; David Zindell, 11/28/52; C.S. Lewis, 11/29/1898; Madeleine L'Engle, Ray Banks, 11/29/18; Leigh Couch, 11/29/25; Kevin O'Donnell Jr, 11/29/50; Mark Twain, 11/30/1853; E. Everett Evans, 11/30/1893; John Millard, 11/30/17; Milton Rothman, 11/30/19; Eph Koningsberg, 11/30/24; Bill Ellern, 11/30/33; Debra Doyle, 11/30/52; Martin Morse Wooster, 11/30/57; William Schoel, 11/30/58.

*[Note: these monthly lists are by no means complete, so please be patient while we update – it's an ongoing process! And if you'd like to help, or if you notice someone's missing from the rolls, please let us know! Send an e-mail to [jphunt@scifi4me.com](mailto:jphunt@scifi4me.com) and we'll revise accordingly. Thank you!]*



## NOVEMBER CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

Mindy Hunt

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

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

There are currently **3,225 listings**, and we continue to add events regularly.

### Oct 29 – Nov 3

#### VIRTUAL

GameSound Con – Burbank, CA Oct 29-30

#### ON-SITE

GameSound Con – Burbank, CA Oct 29-30

*Furry Blacklight* – Maurepas, France Oct 30-Nov 3

*Lucca Comics & Games Festival* – Lucca, Italy Oct 30-Nov 3

Furpocalypse – Cromwell, CT Oct 31-Nov 4

Camascon Fall – Peshastin, WA Oct 31-Nov 3

*Fursuite Halloween Prague* – Prague, Czech Oct 31-Nov 3

*Utopiales* – Nantes, France Oct 31-Nov 3

Youmacon – Detroit, MI Oct 31-Nov 3

*LoBsterCon* – Eastbourne, United Kingdom Nov 1-4

Anime Magic! Ink'd – Rosemont, IL Nov 1-3

*ArmadaCon* – Plymouth, United Kingdom Nov 1-3

*Can-Con* – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Nov 1-3

Cape Comic Con – Cape Girardeau, MO Nov 1-3

Carnage – Killington, VT Nov 1-3

*Comic Con Stockholm* – Stockholm, Sweden Nov 1-3

DiceFest – Bellevue, WA Nov 1-3

*Enchanted* – Birmingham, United Kingdom Nov 1-3

Fall In – Lancaster, PA Nov 1-3

*Fantastika* – Nacka, Sweden Nov 1-3

KeeCon – Cherokee, IA Nov 1-3

Mid-Mitten Gaming Con – Mount Pleasant, MI Nov 1-3

*MidCon* – Derby, United Kingdom Nov 1-3

NekoCon – Hampton, VA Nov 1-3

NEWGameapalooza – Oshkosh, WI Nov 1-3

Otaku Tattoo Expo – Mesquite, TX Nov 1-3

Ponyville Ciderfest – Milwaukee, WI Nov 1-3

Rhode Island Comic Con – Providence, RI Nov 1-3

Rock-Con – Rockford, IL Nov 1-3

Sin City Anime – Las Vegas, NV Nov 1-3

Tampa Nerd Con – Tampa, FL Nov 1-3

Tennessee Game Day Fall – Franklin, TN Nov 1-3



TFCOn Baltimore – Baltimore, MD Nov 1-3  
*The B.I.G. Weekend – Bendigo, Victoria, Australia* Nov 1-3  
The Road So far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour – Chicago, IL Nov 1-3  
TORG Gaming Expo – Columbus, OH Nov 1-3  
UwU Con – Scottsdale, AZ Nov 1-3  
WarFaire Weekend – St Louis, MO Nov 1-3  
Doxacon – Arlington, VA Nov 1-2  
Effing-Con – Effingham, IL Nov 1-2  
Great Plains Game Festival – Omaha, NE Nov 1-2  
Monster Bash – Pittsburgh, PA Nov 1-2  
The World at War Historical Miniatures Wargaming Conference – Perrysburg, OH Nov 1-2  
Anime Pasadena – Pasadena, CA Nov 2-3  
Brickfest Live Buffalo – Buffalo, NY Nov 2-3  
*CMON Expo Bangkok – Bangkok, Thailand* Nov 2-3  
Collect-a-Con – Houston, TX Nov 2-3  
*FACTS – Ghent, Belgium* Nov 2-3  
Florida Extravaganaza – Tampa, FL Nov 2-3  
Greenville Brick Convention – Greenville, SC Oct 2-3  
*J-Tsoon Burning Pumpkin Fest – Tallinn, Estonia* Nov 2-3  
Lodge Con – Peotone, IL Nov 2-3  
Quad City Con Peoria – Peoria, IL Nov 2-3  
Richmond Comic & Toy Show – Richmond, KY Nov 2-3  
*Supernova Adelaide – Adelaide, South Australia, Australia* Nov 2-3  
Tiger Con – Valdosta, GA Nov 2-3  
Washington State Toy Show – Puyallup, WA Nov 2-3  
*WUFF – Santiago, Chile* Nov 2-3  
*Animangapop Brighton! – Brighton, United Kingdom* Nov 2  
Augusta Anime-Fest – Augusta, GA Nov 2  
Cornith Comic Con – Cornith, MS Nov 2  
*Croydon Brick Festival – Croydon, United Kingdom* Nov 2  
Frankfort Anime-Fest – Frankfort, KY Nov 2  
Madera Pom Con – Madera, CA Nov 2  
MegaGame Texas – Austin, TX Nov 2  
North Dallas Toy Show – Plano, TX Oct 2  
*Plymouth Comic Con and Gaming Festival – Plymouth, United Kingdom* Nov 2  
Short Run Comix & Arts Festival – Seattle, WA Nov 2  
SoCo Horror Con – Pueblo, CO Nov 2  
*SOXS Con – Abingdon, United Kingdom* Nov 2  
SoCo Horror Con – Pueblo, CO Nov 2  
Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Nov 2  
D3atSea – Los Angeles, CA Nov 3-10  
*Exeter Brick Festival – Exeter, United Kingdom* Nov 3  
Folsom Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Folsom, CA Nov 3  
*London Film Fair – London, United Kingdom* Nov 3  
Midwest Comic Book Convention Springfield – Springfield, IL Nov 3  
Mouse-Con – Concord, CA Nov 3  
Philadelphia Comic-Con – Essington, PA Nov 3  
*TABSCon – Toronto, Ontario, Canada* Nov 3

**Nov 7 – 10**

## VIRTUAL

*Grogmeet – Manchester, United Kingdom* Nov 8-10

## ON-SITE

*Fluuff – Brussels, Belgium* Nov 6-10

People of Play – Chicago, IL Nov 6-10

Compass Games Expo Fall – Meriden, CT Nov 7-11

AmberCon – Troutdale, OR Nov 7-10

*BottosCon – New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada* Nov 7-10

EuroQuest – Annapolis, MD Nov 7-10

Long Con – Longview, TX Nov 7-10

Metatopia – Morristown, NJ Nov 7-10

FoxCon – Dallas, TX Nov 8-11

SDHistCon – San Diego, CA Nov 8-11

AcadeCon – Dayton, OH Nov 8-10

Amazing! Comic Con Aloha – Honolulu, HI Nov 8-10

Anime San Angelo – San Angelo, TX Nov 8-10

*Devon Board Game Weekend – Devon, United Kingdom* Nov 8-10

FandomCon – San Jose, CA Nov 8-10

Flag Con – Ithaca, NY Nov 8-10

*Hal-Con – Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada* Nov 8-10

Heroicon – Decatur, IL Nov 8-10

*Hexcon – Trondheim, Norway* Nov 8-10

Kumoricon – Portland, OR Nov 8-10

Lost Coast Steampunk Consortium Convivial – Eureka, CA Nov 8-10

*Ludicon – Montreal, Quebec, Canada* Nov 8-10

Meeplefest – Mesa, AZ Nov 8-10

Mepacon – Bethlehem, PA Nov 8-10

Monster-Mania Con – Oaks, PA Nov 8-10

Motor City Comic Con – Novi, MI Nov 8-10

Music City Multi Con – Nashville, TN Nov 8-10

Mythic Con – Charlotte, NC Nov 8-10

*Novacon – Buxton, United Kingdom* Nov 8-10

PAWCon – San Jose, CA Nov 8-10

Save Against Fear – York, PA Nov 8-10

Sci-Fi Valley Con – Altoona, PA Nov 8-10

SDHistCon – San Diego, CA Nov 8-10

Sonic Expo – Mesquite, TX Nov 8-10

*Spielwiesn – Augsburg, Germany* Nov 8-10

*Supernova Brisbane – Brisbane, Queensland, Australia* Nov 8-10

Trek Tour – Secaucus, NJ Nov 8-10

TusCon – Tucson, AZ Nov 8-10

Twin Cities Con – Minneapolis, MN Nov 8-10

Windycon – Matteson, IL Nov 8-10

HizashiCon – Pensacola, FL Nov 8-9

Legendary Haunt Tour – Salem, MA Nov 8-9

RiVirCon – Mechanicsville, VA Nov 8-9

*Howloween – Richmond, Ontario, Canada* Nov 9-11

Akron Comicon – Akron, OH Nov 9-10

Anime Expo Chibi – Ontario, CA Nov 9-10

Brickfest Live Kansas City – Kansas City, MO Nov 9-10  
*Comic Con Liverpool – Liverpool, United Kingdom* Nov 9-10  
*Festival Periscopio – Santiago, Chile* Nov 9-10  
 GeekGirlCon – Seattle, WA Nov 9-10  
 LegionsCon – Whippany, NJ Nov 9-10  
 Louisville Brick Convention – Louisville, KY Nov 9-10  
 Memphis Monster Con – Memphis, TN Nov 9-10  
 NC Comicon – Durham, NC Nov 9-10  
 Rocky Mountain Con – Denver, CO Nov 9-10  
*Spellenspekakel – Utrecht, Netherlands* Nov 9-10  
 Steampunk November – Venus, TX Nov 9-10  
 Twin Tiers Coimc-Con – Horseheads, NY Nov 9-10  
*Y/CON – Montreuil, France* Nov 9-10  
*Aberdeen Sci-Fi Day – Aberdeen, United Kingdom* Nov 9  
 Comicverse – Black Creek, WI Nov 9  
 Danville Super Holiday Con – Danville, KY Nov 9  
 Grit City Comic Show – Tacoma, WA Nov 9  
 KAME – Goochland, VA Nov 9  
 Kids Con New England – Portland, ME Nov 9  
*Kupacon West – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada* Nov 9  
*MerryCon – Farnham, United Kingdom* Nov 9  
 New Age of Heroes Comic Convention – Springfield, MA Nov 9  
*Peterborough Comicon – Peterborough, Ontario, Canada* Nov 9  
*Portsmouth Comic-Con – Portsmouth, United Kingdom* Nov 9  
 Syfi Pop Fest – Leesburg, FL Nov 9  
*Watford Brick Festival – Watford, United Kingdom* Nov 9  
 Annandale Comic Book & NonSports Card Show – Annandale, VA Nov 10  
*Capital Trade Shows – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada* Nov 10  
 Comicverse – New Berlin, WI Nov 10  
*CompassCon – Toronto, Ontario, Canada* Nov 10  
 Jewish Comics Experience – New York City, NY Nov 10  
*Lindsay Comicon – Lindsay, Ontario, Canada* Nov 10  
*London Gaming Market – London, United Kingdom* Nov 10  
 New Haven Comic & Collectible Spectacular – New Haven, CT Nov 10  
*Portsmouth Brick Festival – Portsmouth, United Kingdom* Nov 10  
 Santa Nella-Los Banos Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Santa Nella, CA Nov 10  
*Vancouver Comic Con – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada* Nov 10

### Nov 14 – 17

BGG.Con – Dallas, TX Nov 13-17  
*Futrotajki – Kielce, Poland* Nov 13-17  
*G-Star – Busan, South Korea* Nov 14-17  
*Monaco Comic Con – Monaco* Nov 14-17  
 Anime Iwai – Fort Lauderdale, FL Nov 15-17  
 Anime Oklahoma – Midwest City, OK Nov 15-17  
*Con-Densed Winter – Worthing, United Kingdom* Nov 15-17  
 CONjuration – Duluth, GA Nov 15-17  
 DAKU Con (18+) – Denver, CO Nov 15-17  
*FestiGame – Santiago, Chile* Nov 15-17  
 Grand Rapids Comic Con – Grand Rapids, MI Nov 15-17

*GridCon – Taunton, United Kingdom* Nov 15-17  
*Hyderabad Comic Con – Hyderabad, India* Nov 15-17  
*KefCon – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada* Nov 15-17  
*Omegacon Fall – Siren, WI* Nov 15-17  
*RinCon – Tucson, AZ* Nov 15-17  
*San Diego Anime Con – San Diego, CA* Nov 15-17  
*SCG Con – Columbus, OH* Nov 15-17  
*Trek Tour – Dallas, TX* Nov 15-17  
*U-Con Gaming Convention – Ypsilanti, MI* Nov 15-17  
*Vampire Fan Weekend – Orlando, FL* Nov 15-17  
*Walker County Comic Con – Huntsville, TX* Nov 15-17  
*TimpCon – Provo, UT* Nov 15-16  
*Avalon Expo – St John's, Newfoundland, Canada* Nov 16-17  
*Brickfest Live Allentown – Allentown, PA* Nov 16-17  
*Brickfest Live Denver – Denver, CO* Nov 16-17  
*Dark Arts and Oddities Con – DeKalb, IL* Nov 16-17  
*Darmstadt Spielt – Darmstadt, Germany* Nov 16-17  
*DreieichCon – Dreieich, Germany* Nov 16-17  
*Friki Fest – Montevideo, Uruguay* Nov 16-17  
*Gift-O-Rama – Lakeland, FL* Nov 16-17  
*Gratislavia – Wroclaw, Poland* Nov 16-17  
*Hamilton Comic Con – Hamilton, United Kingdom* Nov 16-17  
*London Comic Con Winter – London, United Kingdom* Nov 16-17  
*Long Island TCG Show – Melville, NY* Nov 16-17  
*PalmCon – Port St Lucie, FL* Nov 16-17  
*St Tammany Collector's Con – St Tammany, LA* Nov 16-17  
*Tarsasjatekok Unnepe es Tarasjatekvasar – Budapest, Hungary* Nov 16-17  
*Trailblazer Expo – Fresno, CA* Nov 16-17  
*WePlay Expo – Shanghai, China* Nov 16-17  
*Dothan Anime-Fest – Dothan, AL* Nov 16  
*Japan Fest – Sheffield, United Kingdom* Nov 16  
*Midwest Comic Book Convention Peru – Peru, IL* Nov 16  
*Mouse-Con Bay Area – Concord, CA* Nov 16  
*Nerd Con – Mont Belvieu, TX* Nov 16  
*Omnicon – Cookeville, TN* Nov 16  
*Quad City Con LaCrosse – LaCrosse, WI* Nov 16  
*Sable Con – Milwaukee, WI* Nov 16  
*ValleyCon – Hurricane, WV* Nov 16  
*Miami Book Faire – Miami, FL* Nov 17-24  
*Belleville Comicon – Belleville, Ontario, Canada* Nov 17  
*Frederick Comic Con – Frederick, MD* Nov 17  
*Geek Village – Genk, Belgium* Nov 17  
*Indie Horror Film Festival – DeKalb, IL* Nov 17  
*Lake County Comic Convention – Groveland, FL* Nov 17  
*Norfolk Anime-Fest – Norfolk, VA* Nov 17  
*Porterville Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Porterville, CA* Nov 17  
*Preston Sci-Fi Comic & Toy Fair – Preston, United Kingdom* Nov 17  
*RPG Alliance – Calgary, Alberta, Canada* Nov 17

**Nov 18 – 24**

*Blood in the Snow* – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Nov 18-23  
*MiniCon* – Tabor, Czechia Nov 20-24  
*Spielemesse* – Stuttgart, Germany Nov 21-24  
*Festival Pousse Pions* – Yaoundé, Cameroon Nov 21-23  
*Anime NJ++* – Hasbrouck Heights, NJ Nov 22-24  
*Colossalcon North* – Wisconsin Dells, WI Nov 22-24  
*Dreamhack Stockholm* – Stockholm, Sweden Nov 22-24  
*Free Play Florida* – Lakeland, FL Nov 22-24  
*Furcation* – Somerset, United Kingdom Nov 22-25  
*LFG Canberra* – Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia Nov 22-24  
*M.A.G.E.* – Minneapolis, MN Nov 22-24  
*PapJam* – Copenhagen, Denmark Nov 22-24  
*Philcon* – Cherry Hill, NJ Nov 22-24  
*Retro-Toy Con* – Greenville, SC Nov 22-24  
*The Road So far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour* – Orlando, FL Nov 22-24  
*Bakersfield Comic Con* – Bakersfield Nov 23-24  
*Brickfest Live Rochester* – Rochester, NY Nov 23-24  
*Dallas Comic Show* – Dallas, TX Nov 23-24  
*Dutch Comic Con* – Utrecht, Netherlands Nov 23-24  
*Manheim Comic Con* – Manheim, PA Nov 23-24  
*Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention* – Memphis, TN Nov 23-24  
*Oddities & Curiosities Kansas City* – Kansas City, MO Nov 23-24  
*Perserve Halloween* – Savannah, GA Nov 23-24  
*Quad City Con Madison* – Madison, WI Nov 23-24  
*Saratoga Comic Con* – Saratoga Springs, NY Nov 23-24  
*Spel* – Antwerp, Belgium Nov 23-24  
*VIECC* – Vienna, Austria Nov 23-24  
*Akimatsuri* – Richmond, British Columbia, Canada Nov 23  
*Ashevillecon* – Asheville, NC Nov 23  
*Aurora Comicon* – Aurora, Ontario, Canada Nov 23  
*Blue Water International Coimc Con* – Port Huron, MI Nov 23  
*Board Game Extravaganza* – Modesto, CA Nov 23  
*Bradford Brick Festival* – Bradford, United Kingdom Nov 23  
*East TN Occult Expo* – Gatlinburg, TN Nov 23  
*Gloucester Comic-Con* – Gloucester, United Kingdom Nov 23  
*Miryokucon* – Baltimore, MD Nov 23  
*Richmond ComiCon* – Richmond, VA Nov 23  
*TFNation Mini-Con* – Reading, United Kingdom Nov 24  
*Angus Comicon* – Angus, Ontario, Canada Nov 24  
*Buckeye Comic Con* – Columbus, OH Nov 24  
*Charlestoncon* – Charleston, SC Nov 24  
*Collector Con* – Penrith, New South Wales, Australia Nov 24  
*Gloucester Brick Festival* – Gloucester, United Kingdom Nov 24  
*Mississauga Collectors Con* – Mississauga, Ontario, Canada Nov 24  
*Reading Comic-Con* – Reading, United Kingdom Nov 24  
*Retro Anime Rewind* – Derby, United Kingdom Nov 24  
*Sonora Toy-Anime-Comic Con* – Sonora, CA Nov 24  
*Space Coast Collectorfest* – Cocoa, FL Nov 24  
*Torquay Comic Con and Gaming Festival* – Torquay, United Kingdom Nov 24



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*Debello Ludico – Bracciano, Italy* Nov 27-Dec 1  
 GobbleCon – Burlingame, CA Nov 28-Dec 1  
 Anime Dallas – Dallas, TX Nov 29-Dec 1  
 Chicago Tardis – Chicago, IL Nov 29-Dec 1  
 FanExpo San Francisco – San Francisco, CA Nov 29-Dec 1  
 Loscon – Los Angeles, CA Nov 29-Dec 1  
*MCM Comic Con Birmingham – Birmingham, United Kingdom* Nov 29-Dec 1  
 NorthEast Comic Con & Collectibles Extravaganza – Boxborough, MA Nov 29-Dec 1  
 Starbase Indy – Indianapolis, IN Nov 29-Dec 1  
 GeekCraft Expo Seattle – Seattle, WA Nov 29-30  
*Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Adelaide, South Australia, Australia* Nov 30-Dec 1  
 Tabletop Oahu – Honolulu, HI Nov 30-Dec 1  
*AniMangapop! – Cardiff, United Kingdom* Nov 30  
*Bracknell Brick Festival – Croydon, United Kingdom* Nov 30  
 Clarksville Anime-Fest – Clarksville, TN Nov 30  
 Collectorabilia – Green Bay, WI Nov 30  
*Dragonmeet – London, United Kingdom* Nov 30  
*Garden City Comic Con – St Catharines, Ontario, Canada* Nov 30  
*Stars of Time Film & Comic Con – Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom* Nov 30  
 Waynesburg Toy & Comic Expo – Waynesburg, PA Nov 30  
*Chichester Comic-Con – Chichester, United Kingdom* Dec 1  
*London Comic Mart – London, United Kingdom* Dec 1  
 Merced Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Merced, CA Dec 1  
 Raleigh Comic Book Show – Raleigh, NC Dec 1  
 SW-FloridaCon – Fort Myers, FL Dec 1  
*Toronto Toy & Nostalgia Show – Toronto, Ontario, Canada* Dec 1  
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Dec 1




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