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The Secrets of Story

Now celebrating the 42nd anniversary of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, soon to be a Hulu original series! "Douglas Adams is a terrific satirist."—The Washington Post Book World Facing annihilation at the hands of the warlike Vogons? Time for a cup of tea! Join the cosmically displaced Arthur Dent and his uncommon comrades in arms in their desperate search for a place to eat, as they hurtle across space powered by pure improbability. Among Arthur's motley shipmates are Ford Prefect, a longtime friend and expert contributor to The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy; Zaphod Beeblebrox, the three-armed, two-headed ex-president of the galaxy; Tricia McMillan, a fellow Earth refugee who's gone native (her name is Trillian now); and Marvin, the moody android. Their destination? The ultimate hot spot for an evening of apocalyptic entertainment and fine dining, where the food speaks for itself (literally). Will they make it? The answer: hard to say. But bear in mind that The Hitchhiker's Guide deleted the term "Future Perfect" from its pages, since it was discovered not to be! "What's such fun is how amusing the galaxy looks through Adams's sardonically silly eyes."—Detroit Free Press

Out Of Control

Humans all seem to believe that this chaotic mess of a universe is more or less pattering along on its own. As if universes were completely natural concepts. What if I told you there were no scientific laws? What if I told you that everything, including the facts you are most certain about, could fundamentally change at a moment's notice and never go back to the way they were before? All life and what life has created, every feeling you have or thought you possess, are based entirely upon Spells. It is an active, continual process. They are creating us this very instant. This is a classic good news, bad news situation. The bad news is that what you believed to be true is not true. Intelligent Spells control every aspect of reality. The

good news is that none of those Spells care about you in the slightest. The entire human species wasn't even made on purpose. It was simply an accident based upon countless Spells going about their individual tasks. You, as a Spell Talker, are a member of the Dawned. You have the ability to influence Spells, and thus, influence anything that Spells govern, which is everything in the universe. What your purpose is, and the overarching purpose of Spells in general, is up to you to determine.

Space Team: The Wrath of Vajazzle

Loosely based on Larry Niven's 1973 novella "Flash Crowd," Red Tide continues to examine the social consequences of the impact of having instantaneous teleportation, where humans can instantly travel long distances in milliseconds.*** This is a theme that

So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish

Epic fantasy in a post-apocalyptic world! All three First Civilization's Legacy novels in one collection! Flank Hawk What happens when fire-breathing dragons battle Stukas for aerial supremacy over a battlefield? Can an earth wizard's magic defeat a panzer? Krish, a farmhand turned mercenary, witnesses this and much more as he confronts the Necromancer King. Blood Sword Scouting along the western frontier, Flank Hawk discovers an army massing, the army of Fendra Jolain, Goddess of Healing. Weakened and battle weary, Keesee and her allies cannot withstand Fendra Jolain's powerful army of men and beasts arrayed against them. One hope of survival remains: Retrieve the Blood Sword from the immortal Colonel of the West and bring its sinister strength to the battlefield. Soul Forge Young Enchantress Thereese lays stricken and silent, her vital essence sapped by the Shard Staff, edging ever closer toward death. Supreme Enchantress Thulease refuses to allow her daughter to fade beyond recovery. Enchantress Thulease recruits Mercenary Flank Hawk to accompany her as she seeks the legendary Sleeping Sage. Praise for Terry W. Ervin II and First Civilization's Legacy "Blood Sword is a tremendous installment in one of the most inventive and compelling fantasy sagas I have read in years!" -Stephen Zimmer, author of the Fires in Eden Series and The Rising Dawn Saga. "Blood Sword continues the adventures started in Flank Hawk, in which Ervin created a unique and detailed post apocalyptic world where magic works but ancient technologies from the First Civilization--our world--still exist. You'll cheer as they face off against griffins, fallen angels, gargoyles, and worse, in a fun, engaging adventure filled with wall to wall action." -David Forbes, author of the Osserian Saga "A worthy successor to the original novel, packed with action and entertainment." -Jim Bernheimer, author of the Dead Eye series and Confessions of a D-List Supervillain "A classic epic fantasy with plenty of original twists. You won't want to put it down, even when you've reached the end." -David Debord, author of The Silver Serpent and Keeper of the Mists "Grab hold! Ervin's got the magic!" -C. Dean Andersson, author of the Bloodsong Trilogy "A curious blend of epic fantasy, modern techno-thriller and non-stop

action-adventure.” Erica Hayes, author of the Shadowfae Chronicles “Buy it or chalk it up on that long list of things you regret not doing!” Stephen Hines, author of Hocus Focus

Math Education in the U.s.

From the bestselling author of *The Rules of Supervillainy*: Cassius Mass was the greatest star pilot of the Crius Archduchy. He fought fiercely for his cause, only to watch his nation fall to the Interstellar Commonwealth. It was only after that he realized the side he'd been fighting for was the wrong one. Now a semi-functional navigator on an interstellar freight hauler, he tries to hide who he was and escape his past. Unfortunately, some things refuse to stay buried and he ends up conscripted by the very people who destroyed his homeland. *LUCIFER'S STAR* is the first novel of the *Lucifer's Star* series, a dark science fiction space opera set in a world of aliens, war, politics, and slavery.

First Civilization's Legacy

Now available in a specially priced edition--the first volume in an epic series by a master of contemporary fantasy, filled with mystery, intrigue, romance, and adventure. Reissue.

The Big Questions

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “Extremely funny . . . inspired lunacy . . . [and] over much too soon.”—The Washington Post Book World Nominated as one of America’s best-loved novels by PBS’s *The Great American Read* Seconds before Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together, this dynamic pair began a journey through space aided by a galaxyful of fellow travelers: Zaphod Beeblebrox—the two-headed, three-armed ex-hippie and totally out-to-lunch president of the galaxy; Trillian (formerly Tricia McMillan), Zaphod’s girlfriend, whom Arthur tried to pick up at a cocktail party once upon a time zone; Marvin, a paranoid, brilliant, and chronically depressed robot; and Veet Voojagig, a former graduate student obsessed with the disappearance of all the ballpoint pens he’s bought over the years. Where are these pens? Why are we born? Why do we die? For all the answers, stick your thumb to the stars! Praise for *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* “A whimsical odyssey . . . Characters frolic through the galaxy with infectious joy.”—Publishers Weekly “Irresistable!”—The Boston Globe

The Rules of Supervillainy

Hank is a thug. He knows he's a thug. He has no problem with that realization. In his view the galaxy has given him a gift: a mutation that allows him to withstand great deals of physical trauma. He puts his abilities to the best use possible and that isn't by being a scientist. Besides, the space station Belvaille doesn't need scientists. It is not, generally, a thinking person's locale. It is the remotest habitation in the entire Colmarian Confederation. There is literally no reason to be there. Unless you are a criminal. Because of its location, Belvaille is populated with nothing but crooks. Every day is a series of power struggles between the crime bosses. Hank is an intrinsic part of this community as a premier gang negotiator. Not because he is eloquent or brilliant or an expert combatant, but because if you shoot him in the face he keeps on talking. Hank believes he has it pretty good until a beautiful and mysterious blue woman enters his life with a compelling job offer. Hank and Belvaille, so long out of public scrutiny, suddenly find themselves at the epicenter of the galaxy with a lot of very unwelcome attention.

Crownchasers

An increasingly crippled Hank struggles to keep the various factions of Belvaille in check after the collapse of the Colmarian Confederation. Hank, as Supreme Kommilaire and Secretary of City, has several hundred police to try and maintain order among the millions of inhabitants on the space station while simultaneously preparing for Belvaille's first ever election. He thinks it is an impossible task. Every year the city, and even the galaxy, falls further into chaos as he himself succumbs to the debilitating effects of his mutation. With economic turmoil everywhere, a dirty election in the works, and the galaxy's foremost assassin hunting him, Hank has to decide if he can save Belvaille. Or if it's even worth saving. NOTE: Sequel to Hard Luck Hank - Screw the Galaxy and Hard Luck Hank - Basketful of Crap

Spell Talker

A Dictionary of English Synonymes and Synonymous Or Parallel Expressions

The Snarkiest Sci-Fi Series in the Galaxy is Back! After saving an alien race and its god from a sentient zombie virus, Cal Carver and the crew of the Dread Ship Shatner are feeling pretty pleased with themselves. Unfortunately, the creator of the zombie virus is out for revenge, and has recruited the galaxy's deadliest - and oldest - assassin, Lady Vajazzle, to hunt Space Team down. But when Vajazzle discovers the crew is under the protection of a wolf-like species known as the Greyx, she is forced to implement a Plan B so diabolical it threatens to plunge the entire star system into chaos. With time running out, Cal must find a way to outmaneuver and outgun the galaxy's greatest killer before she murders his friends, butchers the Greyx, and buys the whole galaxy a one-way ticket to total annihilation. Featuring murderous senior citizens, a moon of

death, and a pointy stick that could change the fate of the universe, *Space Team: The Wrath of Vajazzle* is the second relentlessly funny science fiction book in the bestselling *Space Team* series by award-winning author, Barry J. Hutchison.

The Best of Comix Book

Includes a checklist to help you improve every aspect of your fiction writing.

Speak

Six-time Hugo Award winner Ben Bova chronicles the saga of humankind's expansion beyond the solar system in *Apes and Angels*, the second book of the *Star Quest Trilogy* which began with *Death Wave*. Humankind headed out to the stars not for conquest, nor exploration, nor even for curiosity. Humans went to the stars in a desperate crusade to save intelligent life wherever they found it. A wave of death is spreading through the Milky Way galaxy, an expanding sphere of lethal gamma radiation that erupted from the galaxy's core twenty-eight thousand years ago and now is approaching Earth's vicinity at the speed of light. Every world it touched was wiped clean of all life. But it's possible to protect a planet from gamma radiation. Earth is safe. Now, guided by the ancient intelligent machines called the Predecessors, men and women from Earth seek out those precious, rare worlds that harbor intelligent species, determined to save them from the doom that is hurtling toward them. The crew of the *Odysseus* has arrived at Mithra Gamma, the third planet of the star Mithra, to protect the stone-age inhabitants from the *Death Wave*. But they'll also have to protect themselves. *The Star Quest Trilogy #1 Death Wave #2 Apes and Angels* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Games of Supervillainy

A *Pride and Prejudice* Story "All your favorite characters are here, but somehow it feels like you're meeting them for the very first time. I adored James Ramos's *That Girl, Darcy.*" - Heidi Doxey, author of *Liam Darcy, I Loathe You* "Love. You can't tell when you'll catch it or who you'll fall for. But once it happens, it'll change everything for you." IT IS A TRUTH UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED that geeky guys never get to date the pretty girls. Elliott Bennett is entering his senior year and finding a girlfriend is the last thing on his mind. That is, until Darcy Fitzwilliam moves into the only mansion in the neighborhood. When Elliott meets Darcy at a party, he finds out that she isn't into skateboarding (which he lives for), she hates science fiction (which he loves), and she thinks his friends are a pack of morons (which, honestly, might be half true)—and yet, there's something irritatingly intriguing about her. This gender-swapped *Pride and Prejudice* retelling brings back all the original characters in a quirky modern day setting that holds true to the original story while bringing new humor

and misunderstandings. That Girl, Darcy is a Teen High School Romance.

Gate Crashers

In 1986, Halley's Comet returned to our heavens for the first time in over seventy-five years. Heart of the Comet is the story of Halley's next return in the middle of the twenty-first century, and of a daring mission to explore and colonize this ice-covered wanderer. It is the thrilling saga of a multinational group of exiles who discover the comet's astonishing secret - the secret that threatens their very survival.

Entering Tenebrea

Get ready for the action-packed follow up to The Rules of Supervillainy. This time with zombies, zombified heroes and villains, cults, magic, superscience, a dragon, a Greek demigod, and so much more! Gary and Cloak have returned from the supervillain prison on the moon only to discover the city he plans to conquer and rule with an iron fist has been overrun with the living dead. Once again taking up the mantle of Merciless, the villain without mercy, Gary will have to pull it together quickly, find his wife, his gang, and a whole lot of help to stop the Brotherhood of Infamy from slaughtering the population of Falconcrest City and opening a portal to summon a Primal force of creation. But Gary has a plan, or at least he's sure he'll have one soon. Just give him a second.

That Girl, Darcy

The entire universe is on the brink of disaster as the race to find the components to an inter dimensional doomsday device heats up. How to Save the Universe with a Drunk Space Ninja is the third book in the Adventures of Duke LaGrange, a series of hilarious sci-fi adventure romps from the creative mind of Jay Key.

Sketches New and Old

The Heart of the Comet

What's wrong with stealing? What's the best way to blood test a pot-bellied pig? Should we tolerate intolerance? In the wake of his enormously popular books, The Armchair Economist and More Sex is Safer Sex, Steven Landsburg uses concepts from maths, economics and physics to address the big questions in philosophy: Where does knowledge come from? What's

the difference between right and wrong? Do our beliefs matter? Is it possible to know everything? Provocative, utterly entertaining and always surprising, *The Big Questions* challenges readers to re-evaluate their most fundamental beliefs and reveals the relationship between the loftiest philosophical quests and our everyday lives.

Cosmic Powers

In the twentieth century Earth sent probes, transmissions and welcoming messages to the stars. Unfortunately, someone noticed. The Galactics arrived with their battle fleet in 2052. Rather than being exterminated under a barrage of hell-burners, Earth joined their vast Empire. Swearing allegiance to our distant alien overlords wasn't the only requirement for survival. We also had to have something of value to trade, something that neighboring planets would pay their hard-earned credits to buy. As most of the local worlds were too civilized to have a proper army, the only valuable service Earth could provide came in the form of soldiers someone had to do their dirty work for them, their fighting and dying. I, James McGill, was born in 2099 on the fringe of the galaxy. When Hegemony Financial denied my loan applications, I was kicked out of the university and I turned to the stars. My first campaign involved the invasion of a mineral-rich planet called Cancri-9, better known as Steel World. The attack didn't go well, and now Earth has entered a grim struggle for survival. Humanity's mercenary legions go to war in *STEEL WORLD*, bestselling author B. V. Larson's latest science fiction novel.

Red Tide

In 1974, legendary Marvel Comics publisher Stan Lee approached underground pioneer Denis Kitchen and offered a way for them to collaborate. Their resulting series was called *Comix Book* and featured work by many of the top underground cartoonists including Joel Beck, Kim Deitch, Justin Green, Harvey Pekar, Trina Robbins, Art Spiegelman (first national appearance of *Maus*), Skip Williamson, and S. Clay Wilson. *The Best of Comix Book* showcases 150-pages of classic underground comix (printed on newsprint, as they originally appeared), many never before reprinted.

Kill the Dead

This thrilling sci-fi Western features “a dash of *Dune*, a bit of *Fury Road*, and a whole lot of badass female characters” (Emma Maree Urquhart, author of *Dragon Tamers*) The strange planet known as Tanegawa's World is owned by TransRifts Inc, the company with the absolute monopoly on interstellar travel. Hob landed there ten years ago, a penniless orphan left behind by a rift ship. She was taken in by Nick Ravani and quickly became a member of his mercenary biker troop, the Ghost Wolves. Ten years later, she discovers that the body of Nick's brother out in the dunes. Worse, his daughter is missing, taken by shady beings called the Weathermen. But there are greater mysteries to be discovered—both about Hob

and the strange planet she calls home. File Under: Science Fiction [Road of Fury | Hob's Angels | Ghost on the Highway | The Weatherman Says]

Lucifer's Star

In the distant future a man from the twentieth century wakes to find himself in an almost incomprehensible world. He realizes that the world has left him behind, but he just might have the key to the future of all mankind. Cyril M. Kornbluth was a highly influential science fiction writer who won both a Hugo Award and a Prometheus Award.

Blindsight

"Hell hath no fury like a mathematician whose child has been scorned by an education system that refuses to know better," Barry Garelick wrote in his first published article on math education in 2005. He has been at it ever since, and his focus has remained the same: why many of today's practices for teaching math are ineffective and often destructive. This collection brings together some of his best articles on math education over the past ten years. Garelick states: "In writing these articles, I often feel that I am explaining in detail why jumping out of an airplane without a parachute will result in death. And while I am heartened that my readers have found these articles useful, I am also disheartened when I hear the education establishment react with arguments that are tantamount to 'Oh but if you jump out of an airplane the right way, you can survive.'" Nevertheless there is a growing momentum in the U.S. against the well-intentioned but highly injurious nonsense that passes for math education. This collection of articles will assure those people who are convinced that it is being taught poorly that they are right. Reviews: "Barry Garelick is an invaluable source of clear-eyed analysis in a world of math education that is so often given over to fads, agendas, and assorted foolishness. Garelick approaches math instruction, curriculum, and reform with a studious expertise and a wry skepticism that is all too rare. His book will be a welcome resource for parents and teachers frustrated with math education and seeking hard-headed advice on what ought to be done differently." Frederick Hess, Director of Education Policy Studies at American Enterprise Institute "A teacher, a parent and a mathematics major, Garelick's first-hand accounts of his experiences navigating the world of math education are all too familiar to those of us who have experienced the negative impact of educational fads in mathematics classrooms. This book is a must read for parents, teachers and anyone who cares about the way math is taught in North American schools." Dr. Anna Stokke, associate professor of mathematics at the University of Winnipeg. "Barry Garelick's highly readable volume of essays uses a diverse set of critical lenses to trace the stories of--and convincingly impugn--math-instructional ideals and methods that have not yet come close to fulfilling their proponents' promises. Required reading for anyone growing weary of all the lagging results, faddish terminology, and upside-down approaches they see across American K-12 mathematics instruction." Eric Kalenze, author of "Education is Upside-Down" "Those who criticize traditional

methods of teaching math are prone to spout wise-sounding homilies about the need to "teach children to think like mathematicians. Barry Garelick understands that if you want kids to think like a mathematician you need to teach them some math, not wait for them to discover basic procedures on their own. For those stubbornly committed to learning math through discovery, here's hoping they discover Garelick's book." Robert Pondiscio, Senior Fellow and Vice President for External Affairs, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

The Restaurant at the End of the Universe

One piercing energy beam is enough to shatter the calm of a seaport on a sunny day. Just one shot turns an idle dreamer into a hardened avenger. Enraged by the brutal terrorist attack that kills her entire family, Andrea Flores leaves behind a world she loves. Abandoning Earth forever to even the score, Andrea finds herself an outcast on the harsh planet Jod, where she fights to join an elite unit, the powerful and mysterious Tenebrea. With the universe on the brink of destruction, Andrea must survive against all odds until the day she can face her family's killers and taste the revenge for which she lives.

The Marching Morons

The only thing as infinite and expansive as the universe is humanity's unquestionable ability to make bad decisions. Humankind ventures further into the galaxy than ever before and immediately causes an intergalactic incident. In their infinite wisdom, the crew of the exploration vessel Magellan, or as she prefers "Maggie," decides to bring the alien structure they just found back to Earth. The only problem? The aliens are awfully fond of that structure. A planet full of bumbling, highly evolved primates has just put itself on a collision course with a far wider, and more hostile, galaxy that is stranger than anyone can possibly imagine. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Hard Luck Hank

"Sandman Slim is my kind of hero." —Kim Harrison "Richard Kadrey is a genius." —Holly Black Sandman Slim is back from Hell. After wreaking unholy havoc in author Richard Kadrey's resoundingly acclaimed Sandman Slim, the demon-slaying anti-hero and half-angel fugitive from the underworld returns in a brutally funny, eye-poppingly inventive, and totally addicting follow-up, Kill the Dead. If you're a fan of Buffy and Jim Butcher, Christopher Moore, Neil Gaiman, and Warren Ellis, or you dig the dark urban fantasy vibe of Charlaine Harris, Kim Harrison, and Simon Green, you'll cheer Lucifer's onetime personal assassin as he signs on as his ex-boss' Hollywood bodyguard...and takes on the zombie apocalypse almost single-handedly.

Light in August

The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. *Speak* was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

Servants of Shadow

Blindsight is the Hugo Award-nominated novel by Peter Watts, "a hard science fiction writer through and through and one of the very best alive" (The Globe and Mail). Two months have past since a myriad of alien objects clenched about the Earth, screaming as they burned. The heavens have been silent since—until a derelict space probe hears whispers from a distant comet. Something talks out there: but not to us. Who should we send to meet the alien, when the alien doesn't want to meet? Send a linguist with multiple-personality disorder and a biologist so spliced with machinery that he can't feel his own flesh. Send a pacifist warrior and a vampire recalled from the grave by the voodoo of paleogenetics. Send a man with half his mind gone since childhood. Send them to the edge of the solar system, praying you can trust such freaks and monsters with the fate of a world. You fear they may be more alien than the thing they've been sent to find—but you'd give anything for that to be true, if you knew what was waiting for them. . . . At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Screw the Roses, Send Me the Thorns

Out of Control chronicles the dawn of a new era in which the machines and systems that drive our economy are so complex and autonomous as to be indistinguishable from living things.

Apes and Angels

Life on the space station Belvaille was hard. Not for the rich aristocrats who called it home, but for the poor slobs like Hank. Hank was considered a "renowned cutthroat" and was the oldest living person in the city. His job was to do the dirty work of people who didn't want to get their hands dirty but still want dirty things done. Hank was a mutant who was bulletproof and weighed thousands of pounds, both effective attributes in his line of work. When the wife of a City Councilman approaches Hank about spying on her husband, Hank worries he might be flying too close to the flames for his own safety. When the man is assassinated, Hank is sure he is. Hank has to try and keep himself from getting framed for the murder as he is simultaneously dragged deeper and deeper into the machinations of the powerful City Council. NOTE: sequel to Hard Luck Hank - Screw the Galaxy, Hard Luck Hank - Basketful of Crap, and Hard Luck Hank - Prince of Suck

Federation

A deadly race across 1,001 planets will determine more than just the fate of the empire. This explosive first book in a duology jam-packed with tension and thrills is perfect for fans of The Hunger Games, Aurora Rising, and Three Dark Crowns. Alyssa Farshot has spent her whole life trying to outrun her family legacy, even leaving behind the Kingship and her uncle, the emperor, for a life of exploring. But when her dying uncle announces a crownchase—a search for the royal seal hidden in the empire that will determine the next ruler—Alyssa is thrust into her greatest, most dangerous adventure yet.

A Game of Thrones

The author wishes to make it very clear that this book has nothing to do with Star Trek. Recent review: 5 stars "A fascinating combination of science and politics this is a thrilling read." - wondrous science fiction for the thinking person! FEDERATION takes close encounters to a whole new level. An oft-used and laughed about sentence is when an alien arrives and asks, "Take me to your leader!" What if this really happened? Who is the leader? There is no world leader - only many individuals who would like to be. Federation takes the answer seriously and so begins a trilogy which has compared with Foundation with aliens. A galactic empire of a quarter of a million worlds stumbles across the Earth. With elements of a political thriller, there is an intriguing storyline which addresses the environmental and myriad social problems faced by the world today. The aliens' philosophy on life is totally unexpected. With the help of intelligent automatons, they've turned what many on Earth believe to be a reviled political system into a utopia for the masses, but are they a force for good or evil, and will the wealthy make the compromises needed for a successful outcome? A Daragnen university professor, Yol Rummy Blin Breganin, discovers that Earth failed in its attempt to join the Federation, and, for some unknown reason, members are forever banned from visiting or contacting the planet. Rummy had never heard of a whole world being outlawed. Perhaps it would be sensible to leave well enough alone but no, he decides to investigate... FEDERATION is the first in a trilogy of near-future, hard science-fiction novels by Tony Harmsworth, the First Contact specialist. Submerge

yourself in humankind's cultural and economic dilemma. Get FEDERATION today.

How to Save the Universe with a Drunk Space Ninja

“Read, read, read. Read everything—trash, classics, good and bad, and see how they do it. Just like a carpenter who works as an apprentice and studies the master. Read! You'll absorb it. Then write. If it is good, you'll find out. If it's not, throw it out the window.” —William Faulkner
Light in August, a novel about hopeful perseverance in the face of mortality, features some of Faulkner's most memorable characters: guileless, dauntless Lena Grove, in search of the father of her unborn child; Reverend Gail Hightower, who is plagued by visions of Confederate horsemen; and Joe Christmas, a desperate, enigmatic drifter consumed by his mixed ancestry.

Steel World

Light-hearted and fun to read, SCREW THE ROSES, SEND IN THE THORNS tells readers everything they need (and want!) to know about sadomasochism. Deeply committed to the blend of trust, fantasy and sensuality that makes S/M an intensely erotic and deeply intimate experience, Miller and Devon here offer everyone - from the complete novice to the well-practised sub or dom - clear explanations, solid advice, safety measures and steamy suggestions. Illustrated with over 225 photos and illustrations, the book also includes a glossary and 30-page resources listing.

Physics

Necromancy is not a study for the weak at heart, mind or soul. It is a study for those who desire true mastery over life and death. It is true power - the power to overcome death itself, to grant one's self immortality and to raise armies of untiring, unflinching and unwavering soldiers who unquestioningly obey your every command. It is the seductive whispers of shadows, the chilling breath of a wraith and the wet bloody kiss of a Mohrg. I can teach you the secrets of necromancy. I can make you immortal. I can show you the paths to power. But it will cost you. For there is always a price to pay. Servants of Shadow is the latest in our series of racial guidebooks. We bring you five new necromancy-themed character race options to fill that dark hole in your hearts. Within are three new races, three templates, new archetypes and prestige classes, dozens of feats, traits and magic. Everything you need to resurrect your campaign and necromantic character options!

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Gary Karkofsky is an ordinary guy with an ordinary life living in an extraordinary world. Supervillains, heroes, and monsters

are a common part of the world he inhabits. Yet, after the death of his hometown's resident superhero, he gains the amazing gift of the late champion's magical cloak. Deciding he prefers to be rich rather than good, Gary embarks on a career as Merciless: The Supervillain Without Mercy. But is he evil enough to be a villain in America's most crime-ridden city? Gary soon finds himself surrounded by a host of the worst of Falconcrest City's toughest criminals. Supported by his long-suffering wife, his ex-girlfriend turned professional henchwoman, and a has-been evil mastermind, Gary may end up being not the hero they want but the villain they need.

Hard Luck Hank

Hunger Makes the Wolf

A collection of original, epic science fiction stories by some of today's best writers—for fans who want a little less science and a lot more action—and edited by two-time Hugo Award winner John Joseph Adams. Inspired by movies like *The Guardians of the Galaxy* and *Star Wars*, this anthology features brand-new stories from some of science fiction's best authors including Dan Abnett, Jack Campbell, Linda Nagata, Seanan McGuire, Alan Dean Foster, Charlie Jane Anders, Kameron Hurley, and many others.

Hard Luck Hank

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