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**Mad Maudlin Jun 06 2020** Discovering that he has an unknown younger brother named Magnus who has run away to escape his dysfunctional family, Eric the Bard races to find the missing teenager before he falls prey to Bloody Mary, an evil demon that preys on children.

**Owlflight Aug 09 2020** Darian is apprentice to the Wizard Justyn in a small Valdemaran village. He is unwilling to hone his skill in magic as he believes it is quicker more efficient to achieve your ends by purely physical methods. When Errold Green is suddenly and devastatingly attacked by a force of men accompanied by monstrous creatures of magic, Justyn makes a dramatic last stand, destroying the village in a cataclysmic spell that Darien witnesses. Escaping into the forest, Darien is chased down by three of the enemy only to be saved at the point of capture by the mysterious Hawkbrothers. It is the beginning of a new life where he will for the first time realise the worth of the magical talent he has always wanted to be rid of.

**The Grendel Affair Apr 04 2020** We're Supernatural Protection & Investigations, known as SPI. Things that go bump in the night, the monsters you thought didn't exist? We battle them and keep you safe. But some supernatural baddies are just too big to contain, even for us... When I moved to New York to become a world famous journalist, I never imagined that snagging a job at a seedy tabloid would change my career path from trashy reporter to undercover agent. I'm Makenna Fraser, a Seer for SPI. I can see through any disguise, shield, or spell that a paranormal pest can come up with. I track down creatures and my partner, Ian Byrne, takes them out. Our cases are generally pretty routine, but a sickle-wielding serial killer has been prowling the city's subway tunnels. And the murderer's not human. The fiend in question, a descendant of Grendel—yes, that Grendel—shares his ancestor's hatred of parties, revelry, and drunkards. And with New Year's Eve in Times Square only two days away, we need to bag him quickly. Because if we don't find him—and the organization behind him—by midnight, our secret's out and everyone's time is up.  
**FIRST IN A NEW SERIES**

**Smoke and Shadows Aug 21 2021** Tony, a former street kid-turned-wannabe producer, is working on the set of a TV series about a vampire detective, where he discovers the dead body of a cast member. Tony fears it has something to do with the strange shadows he has seen around the studio and when he turns to special-effects wizard Arra Pelindrake for help, she turns out to be the genuine article. The wizard escaped from a dangerous alternate dimension and has more than a passing acquaintance with the shadows. Together, Tony and his vampire friend Henry Fitzroy try to persuade Arra to cooperate but can't get her to face her fears and confront the shadows. But they are soon left with nowhere to run as they are drawn into battle, for the shadows are intent on gaining a foothold in this world.

**The Mage Winds Jun 18 2021** Long ago, high magic was lost to Valdemar when the last Herald-Mage gave his life to protect his kingdom from destruction by dark sorceries. But now the protective barrier over Valdemar is crumbling, and with the realm imperiled, Princess Elspeth, Herald and heir to the throne, has

gone on a desperate quest in search of a mentor who can teach her to wield her fledgling mage-powers and help her to defend her threatened kingdom.

**Foundation Jul 20 2021** Magpie has slaved in the gem mines of Valdemar for as long as he can remember. Overworked and underfed, he has nowhere else to go, until a stranger and two huge white horses force their way into the quarry, looking for him. An eternal outcast, Mags is stunned when he is chosen to be trained as a herald at the newly founded Collegium in Valdemar's capital city, Haven. Loyal, noble and just, heralds are called upon to deliver messages, gather information and dispense justice on behalf of the King. Thrust into the centre of a legend in the making, Mags discovers talents he never knew he had and friendships he never thought possible. but when discord spreads through the capital, he learns that life in the court can be just as treacherous as the mines he left behind.

**Lips Touch Jan 26 2022** An award-winning short story collection from the author of the must-read **DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE** trilogy. In Victorian times, goblins offered sumptuous fruits in exchange for maidens' souls... and were usually successful. But what does it take to tempt today's savvy young women? Discover the answer in **GOBLIN FRUIT**. In **SPICY LITTLE CURSES** a demon and the ambassador to Hell tussle over the soul of a beautiful English girl in India. Matters become complicated when she falls in love and decides to test the curse placed upon her. And in **HATCHLING**, six days before Esme's fourteenth birthday, her left eye turns from brown to blue. She little suspects what the change heralds, but her small safe life begins to unravel at once. What does the beautiful, fanged man want with her, and how is her fate connected to a mysterious race of demons?

**By the Sword Mar 28 2022** For use in schools and libraries only. When an attack on her home leaves her father slain, her brother wounded, and her brother's fiancée kidnapped, Kerowyn prepares to face the enemy who has shattered her family's dreams.

**Owlsight Mar 16 2021** Darian left his home at the edge of the Pelagiris Forest when barbarians attacked Errold's Grove and killed Wizard Justyn. Now, under the watchful eye of the Hawkbrothers, Darian is honing his craft and gaining new mage skills, not the least of which is an affinity for mind-speaking with his closest companion, the Hawk Owl Kuari. Keisha, a natural-born healer, is proving indispensable in Errold's Grove, but her destiny seems ordinary when compared with her sister Shandi, who is Chosen to be a Herald. But there is much more in store for Darian and Keisha: they have a task, the outcome of which will affect all of Valdemar - and their guide is to be the legendary hero of the Mage-Storms, Firesong himself.

**Beyond World'S End Jul 08 2020** After his world-saving adventures in *Bedlam's Bard*, magician-bard Eric Banyon settles in for a quiet life at his new New York apartment, only to discover that his building is a safe-house for a group of occultist Guardians assigned to protect the city from supernatural evil.

**The Seventh Gate Jan 02 2020** *The Seventh Gate* is the thrilling conclusion to the New York Times bestselling *Death Gate Cycle* by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. In this tale of treachery, power, and heroism, Alfred, Haplo, and Marit embark on a journey of death and discovery as they seek to enter the dreaded Seventh Gate. Encountering enemies both old and new, they unleash a magic no power can control, damning themselves to an apocalypse of unimagined proportion in a final struggle between good and evil.

**She Returns From War Aug 28 2019** Four years after the horrific events in *Leadville*, Cora Oglesby has retired to a quiet life of drinking and gambling. However, her refuge is not as safe as she thinks. A young woman from England, Victoria Dawes, arrives to beg for Cora's help in avenging her parents. Victoria's coming sets into motion a series of events that will lead the two women out into the New Mexico desert in pursuit of Anaba, a Navajo witch and skinwalker bent on taking revenge for the atrocities committed against her people.

***The Brothers of Auschwitz* Nov 11 2020** *The USA Today Bestseller* An extraordinary novel of hope and heartbreak, this is a story about a family separated by the Holocaust and their harrowing journey back to each other.

***Kushiel's Dart* Oct 11 2020** A nation born of angels, vast and intricate and surrounded by danger... a woman born to servitude, unknowingly given access to the secrets of the realm... Born with a scarlet mote in her left eye, Phédre nó Delaunay is sold into indentured servitude as a child. When her bond is

purchased by an enigmatic nobleman, she is trained in history, theology, politics, foreign languages, the arts of pleasure. And above all, the ability to observe, remember, and analyze. Exquisite courtesan, talented spy... and unlikely heroine. But when Phédre stumbles upon a plot that threatens her homeland, Terre d'Ange, she has no choice. Betrayed into captivity in the barbarous northland of Skaldia and accompanied only by a disdainful young warrior-priest, Phédre makes a harrowing escape and an even more harrowing journey to return to her people and deliver a warning of the impending invasion. And that proves only the first step in a quest that will take her to the edge of despair and beyond. Phédre née Delaunay is the woman who holds the keys to her realm's deadly secrets, and whose courage will decide the very future of her world. Not since Dune has there been an epic on the scale of Kushiel's Dart—a massive tale about the violent death of an old age and the birth of a new. It is a novel of grandeur, luxuriance, sacrifice, betrayal, and deeply laid conspiracies. A world of cunning poets, deadly courtiers, deposed rulers and a besieged Queen, a warrior-priest, the Prince of Travelers, barbarian warlords, heroic traitors, and a truly Machiavellian villainess... all seen through the unflinching eyes of an unforgettable heroine. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Summoned to Tournay Nov 23 2021 With San Francisco doomed to fall off the continent, the bard must summon the Nightflyers, the soul-devouring shadow creatures from the dreaming world. Original.

*The Ship who Sang* Sep 02 2022 "The brain was perfect, the tiny, crippled body useless. So technology rescued the brain and put it in an environment that conditioned it to live in a different kind of body - a spaceship. Here the human mind, more subtle, infinitely more complex than any computer ever devised, could be linked to the massive and delicate strengths, the total recall, and the incredible speeds of space. But the brain behind the ship was entirely feminine - a complex, loving, strong, weak, gentle savage - a personality, all-woman, called Helva..."

Unnatural Issue Jun 26 2019 Richard Whitestone is an Elemental Earth Master. Blaming himself for the death of his beloved wife in childbirth, he has sworn never to set eyes on his daughter, Suzanne. But when he finally sees her, a dark plan takes shape in his twisted mind—to use his daughter's body to bring back the spirit of his long-dead wife.

The Book of Joby Feb 12 2021 The Book of Joby is an epic fantasy complete in one volume. Lucifer and the Creator have entered, yet again, into a wager they've made many times before, but this time, the existence of creation itself is balanced on the outcome. Born in California during the twilight years of a weary millennium, nine year old Joby Peterson dreams of blazing like a bonfire against the gathering darkness of his times, like a knight of the Round Table. Instead, he is subjected to a life of crippling self-doubt and relentless mediocrity inflicted by an enemy he did nothing to earn and cannot begin to comprehend. Though imperiled themselves, the angels are forbidden to intervene. Left to struggle with their own loyalties and the question of obedience, they watch Lucifer work virtually unhindered to turn Joby's heart of gold into ash and stone while God sits by, seemingly unconcerned. And so when he is grown to manhood, Joby's once luminous love of life seems altogether lost, and Lucifer's victory assured. What hope remains lies hidden in the beauty, warmth, and innocence of a forgotten seaside village whose odd inhabitants seem to defy the modern world's most inflexible assumptions, and in the hearts of Joby's long lost youthful love and her emotionally wounded son. But the ravenous forces of destruction that follow Joby into this concealed paradise plan to use these same things to bring him and his world to ruin. As the final struggle unfolds, one question occupies every mind in heaven and in hell. Which will prove stronger, love or rage? The Book of Joby is an instant classic of contemporary fantasy. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Captain's Fury Sep 09 2020 In his acclaimed Codex Alera novels, #1 New York Times bestselling author Jim Butcher has created a fascinating world of elemental magic. Now, as enemies become allies, and friends become bitter foes, a danger beyond reckoning looms for all... After two years of bitter conflict with the hordes of invading Canim warriors, Tavi of Calderon, now Captain of the First Aleran Legion, realizes that a peril far greater than the Canim exists—the mysterious threat that drove the savage Canim to flee their homeland. Tavi proposes attempting an alliance with the Canim against their common foe, but his warnings go unheeded. For the Senate's newly-appointed military commander has long desired to wipe

out the Canim “scourge,” and their slave allies. Now, Tavi must find a way to overcome centuries-old animosities if an alliance is to be forged, and he must lead his legion in defiance of the law, against friend and foe—or none will have a chance of survival...

**Encyclopedia of Weird Westerns** May 30 2022 From automatons to zombies, many elements of fantasy and science fiction have been cross-pollinated with the Western movie genre. In its second edition, this encyclopedia of the Weird Western includes many new entries covering film, television, animation, novels, pulp fiction, short stories, comic books, graphic novels and video and role-playing games. Categories include Weird, Weird Menace, Science Fiction, Space, Steampunk and Romance Westerns.

**Dead Reckoning** Nov 04 2022 Jett is a girl passing as a boy, living as a cowboy in the old West as she searches for her long-lost brother. When the book opens, she's just rolled into a new town, where she stops by the saloon. Things are relatively calm, although she suspects there will be Trouble from at least one of the locals. Sure enough, Trouble starts to mosey over, when-- The saloon is invaded by zombies. Barely escaping with her life, Jett hightails it out of town and soon falls into the company of Honoria Gibbons, a smart, self-sufficient young woman who also happens to be a fabulous inventor. Together with White Fox, a young man they meet, they set out to discover what's caused the zombie uprising. Turns out these zombies aren't rising from the dead of their own accord... but who would want an undead army? And why?

**Gilt** Oct 23 2021 When Kitty Tylney's best friend, Catherine Howard, worms her way into King Henry VIII's heart and brings Kitty to court, she's thrust into a world filled with fabulous gowns, sparkling jewels, and elegant parties. No longer stuck in Cat's shadow, Kitty's now caught between two men--the object of her affection and the object of her desire. But court is also full of secrets, lies, and sordid affairs, and as Kitty witnesses Cat's meteoric rise and fall as queen, she must figure out how to keep being a good friend when the price of telling the truth could literally be her head.

**Amara** Sep 29 2019 Released from her coffin, she's free to prowl the streets once again... Amara is a spine-chilling story from the master of the macabre, Richard Laymon, where Ancient Egypt comes face to face with the modern world. Perfect for fans of Stephen King and Dean Koontz. 'In Laymon's books blood doesn't so much drip as explode, splatter and coagulate' - Independent Amara, Princess of Egypt, lies in her coffin in the Charles Wood museum. She's been dead for 4000 years. Or has she? Barney, the night watchman, is the first to discover the mummy's coffin has been broken open. It seems grave-robbers are at work, so it's a pity that Barney can't tell the authorities - the dead can't testify to anything. Now Amara is free again and nothing can kill her... What readers are saying about Amara: 'The book is filled with fascinating characters and the plot is fast, sleek and twisted' 'Wow, what a read! I finished this book in three days! It has all the classic Laymon elements that make him in my opinion the best horror writer in the world' 'Amara is exciting and scary. It has a rich tapestry of storylines and characters woven together into a satisfying whole. I couldn't put it down'

**Burning Roses** Mar 04 2020 From Hugo Award Winner S. L. Huang "S. L. Huang is amazing."—Patrick Rothfuss Burning Roses is a gorgeous fairy tale of love and family, of demons and lost gods, for fans of Zen Cho and Neon Yang. Rosa, also known as Red Riding Hood, is done with wolves and woods. Hou Yi the Archer is tired, and knows she's past her prime. They would both rather just be retired, but that's not what the world has ready for them. When deadly sunbirds begin to ravage the countryside, threatening everything they've both grown to love, the two must join forces. Now blessed and burdened with the hindsight of middle age, they begin a quest that's a reckoning of sacrifices made and mistakes mourned, of choices and family and the quest for immortality. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**A Host of Furious Fancies** Feb 01 2020 Two novels of elvish lore and modern noir. Beyond World's End: Eric Banyon, elvish knight and bard, moves back to the Big Apple to finish his interrupted education at Juilliard School of Music. Soon Eric discovers that unscrupulous researchers have created a drug to unlock magical powers in humans<sup>3/4</sup>and something evil from Underhill plans to use those human powers to dominate World Above. But Eric is one bard who is going to let no such thing happen. Spirits White as Lightning: Eric Banyon has more to worry about than passing his courses at Juilliard. The evil elf lord Aerune, whose love was killed by mortal men, is determined to destroy the human race. Eric's only hope of

stopping Aerune is to trap him inside a magical maze<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>but first he must journey to the heart of Aerune's realm and trick the elf lord into a deadly chase. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

**The Pool of Two Moons** May 06 2020 It has been 16 years since the Day of Reckoning, when magic and witchcraft were outlawed throughout all of Eileanan. And though rumors say that she is dead, the Arch-Sorceress Meghan of the Beasts still lives. Traveling with her are the true heir to the throne and the red-haired warrior Iseult. Their fates are woven together in a quest to bring magic back to the land. As Eileanan nears its darkest hour, Meghan must gather rebel forces to move upon the city of Lucescere. There, the Rìgh lies near death, and his Queen, Maya the Ensorceller, and her babe stand to inherit his power. To end Maya's brutal reign and bring magic out of the shadows, what was broken must be brought together: twin sisters who have never met, three parts of an enchanted key, and the winged man with the powers of the lost Lodestar.

**Hunter** Jul 28 2019 They came after the Diseray. Some were terrors ripped from our collective imaginations, remnants of every mythology across the world. And some were like nothing anyone had ever dreamed up, even in their worst nightmares. Monsters. Long ago, the barriers between our world and the Otherworld were ripped open, and it's taken centuries to bring back civilization in the wake of the catastrophe. Now, the luckiest Cits live in enclosed communities, behind walls that keep them safe from the hideous monsters fighting to break through. Others are not so lucky. To Joyeaux Charmand, who has been a Hunter in her tight-knit mountain community since she was a child, every Cit without magic deserves her protection from dangerous Othersiders. Then she is called to Apex City, where the best Hunters are kept to protect the most important people. Joy soon realizes that the city's powerful leaders care more about luring Cits into a false sense of security than protecting them. More and more monsters are getting through the barriers, and the close calls are becoming too frequent to ignore. Yet the Cits have no sense of how much danger they're in-to them, Joy and her corp of fellow Hunters are just action stars they watch on TV. When an act of sabotage against Joy takes an unbearable toll, Joy uncovers a terrifying conspiracy in the city. There is something much worse than the usual monsters infiltrating Apex. And it may be too late to stop them

**Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1)** May 18 2021 Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

**The Wild Rose** Dec 13 2020 The finale to the sweeping, multi-generational saga that began with THE TEA ROSE and continued with THE WINTER ROSE. London, 1914. World War I looms on the horizon, women are fighting for the right to vote, and explorers are pushing the limits of endurance in the most forbidding corners of the earth. As the last golden days of summer give way to the gathering clouds of war, two men and one woman find their lives forever intertwined in a lethal web of forbidden loves, hidden loyalties, and dangerous lies. With myriad twists and turns, thrilling cliffhangers, and fabulous period detail and atmosphere, THE WILD ROSE is a highly satisfying conclusion to the sweeping, multi-generational saga that began with the tea Rose and the Winter Rose - an unforgettable trilogy. Praise for the Rose trilogy: 'truly seductive, hard to put down, filled with mystery, secret passions, unique locations, and a most engaging heroine ... captivates from the first page to the last' - Barbara Taylor Bradford

**Knights of Ghosts & Shadows** Oct 03 2022 Half a millennium after being driven from Europe and settling in southern California, a band of elves places their hopes on a single human being, who must rescue them from a dark oppressor. Reissue.

*The Sisters of Reckoning* (sequel to *The Good Luck Girls*) Apr 16 2021 The gripping sequel to the action-packed fantasy debut **THE GOOD LUCK GIRLS** - perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo's *Six of Crows* and Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. Aster. Violet. Tansy. Mallow. Clementine. **THE GOOD LUCK GIRLS** are back and they mean business. . . Aster is on a mission for the Lady Ghosts, helping an escaped Good Luck Girl. Although grateful to be contributing to the cause, Aster chafes at the way the Lady Ghosts work, taking as few risks as possible. So Aster is delighted when Clem tells her that there has been support from dustbloods around the country for the Welcome House arson, orchestrated by Aster. Hearing that her action spurred these other small rebellions, Aster's resolution is crystallized. It's time for them to take this fight to the next level. They need to get rid of the welcome houses once and for all.

**Dragonswood** Feb 24 2022 In AD 1192 on Wilde Island, Tess, the daughter of a cruel blacksmith, is accused of witchcraft and must flee, but when she meets a handsome and enigmatic warden of Dragonswood who offers her shelter, she does not realize that he too harbors a secret that may finally bring about peace among the races of dragon, human, and fairy.

**Shadow Grail #3: Sacrifices** Aug 01 2022 Spirit, Burke, Muirin, Loch, and Addie, desperate to stop the Shadow Knights from turning the students of Oakhurst Academy into soldiers wielding both weapons and magic, send Muirin to infiltrate the group but soon Spirit is questioning who can--and cannot--be trusted.

*Reckoning of Fallen Gods* Dec 01 2019 The new Coven series from the bestselling creator of *Drizzt Do'Urden*, continues with New York Times bestselling author R.A. Salvatore's *Reckoning of Fallen Gods*. The winds of change are blowing upon Fireach Speur. Aoelyn risked her life to save the trader Talmadge and it cost her everything that is dear to her, but Talmadge survived and can't forget the amazing woman that killed a god. Little do they realize, war is coming to the mountain. Far to the west, a fallen empire stirs. One that sees a solar eclipse as a call to war. Their empire once dominated the known world and they want it back. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Elemental Masters - The Silver Bullets of Annie Oakley** Apr 28 2022 The sixteenth novel in the magical alternate history Elemental Masters series continues the reimagined adventures of Sherlock Holmes in a richly-detailed alternate 20th-century England. Annie Oakley has always suspected there is something "uncanny" about herself, but has never been able to put a name to it. But when Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show goes on tour through Germany, Bill temporarily hires a new sharpshooter to be part of his "World Wide Congress of Rough Riders": a woman named Giselle, who also happens to be an Elemental Master of Air. Alongside this new performer, Annie discovers that she and her husband, Frank, are not simply master marksman, but also magicians of rare ability. As they travel and perform, Annie must use her newfound knowledge and rare skill to combat creatures of the night scattered across the countryside, who threaten both the performers and the locals. Annie's got her gun, and it's filled with silver bullets.

**Closer to Home** (The Herald Spy Book 1) Sep 21 2021 Mags was once an enslaved orphan living a harsh life in the mines, until the King's Own Herald discovered his talent and trained him as a spy. Now a Herald in his own right, at the newly established Heralds' Collegium, Mags has found a supportive family, including his Companion Dallen. Although normally a Herald in his first year of Whites would be sent off on circuit, Mags is needed close to home for his abilities as a spy and his powerful Mindspeech gift. There is a secret, treacherous plot within the royal court to destroy the Heralds. The situation becomes dire after the life of Mags' mentor, King's Own Nikolas, is imperiled. His daughter Amily is chosen as the new King's Own, a complicated and dangerous job that is made more so by this perilous time. Can Mags and Amily save the court, the Heralds, and the Collegium itself?

**Music to My Sorrow** Oct 30 2019 After rescuing his younger brother Magnus from a killer demon, Eric Banyon is forced into a custody battle with their tyrannical parents, unaware that they have joined forces with Billy Fairchild, a tool of the evil Unseleighe elves.

**The Third God** Dec 25 2021 Amidst the massacre he himself helped bring about, Carnelian is now desperate to find a way to avoid more carnage. But it is too late for that. His spurned lover, Osidian, seeking revenge and determined to win back his stolen throne, has deliberately stoked the wrath of the Masters who rule the world from its centre, Osrakum. Osidian's actions have stirred into motion political

events in Osrakum which threaten to overturn the millennial repressive order of the Commonwealth. Carnelian learns that he and those he loves are now inextricably enmeshed in the terrible power game of the Masters. If he and they are to survive, he has no choice but to play that game himself, though he does not know how. He has no choice but to stand with Osidian in defiance of the invincible power of the Masters. No choice but to take his loved ones deeper into peril. In his struggle he will find unlooked-for allies and guidance with dreadful motives of its own. And ultimately, he will unleash apocalyptic forces which will bring him and his world to a reckoning none could have foreseen, though it has been simmering for four thousand years.

*Books by Horseback* Jan 14 2021 "Capturing one librarian's breathtaking fictional journey is a riveting way to showcase and honor the risky work of these real librarians, and the text communicates a deep reverence for their mission-and their tremendous fortitude. Illustrations depict a pale, red-haired librarian, nearly always smiling despite the obstacles that nature puts in her path. Light and shadow are used effectively to convey Mother Earth's shifting moods... Educational and inspiring." -Kirkus Reviews *Books By Horseback* is a breathtaking adventure of a heroic Pack Horse Librarian who braves the harsh terrain of rural Kentucky to bring books to children who need them. Deep into Appalachia, during the Great Depression food, education, and opportunities were scarce. Kentucky had fallen behind its neighboring states in electricity and highways, and the folks who lived in the craggy, mountainous region were struggling to survive. But courageous librarians were up to the challenge! Edith, a young Pack Horse Librarian, and her faithful horse Dan, adventure through rough terrain and a pending storm in order to deliver books to kids who desperately need them in this richly illustrated tale. Edith, like all Pack Horse Librarians, heroically risked their own safety to serve the most vulnerable members of their community. Librarians like Edith helped an entire generation learn to read and gain lifesaving knowledge in a critical time in history.

*The Serpent's Shadow* Jun 30 2022 From the magical mysteries of India to the gaslit streets of Victorian London, Mercedes Lackey's unique departure from her Valdemar series follows a young woman doctor as she searches for the secret behind the sorcery in her blood.