

## ***Bender Of Worlds Star Warrior Book 2***

*"It was all going so nicely, right up until the massacre." Twenty years ago, feared general Cobalt Zosia led her five villainous captains and mercenary army into battle, wrestling monsters and toppling an empire. When there were no more titles to win and no more worlds to conquer, she retired and gave up her legend to history. Now the peace she carved for herself has been shattered by the unprovoked slaughter of her village. Seeking bloody vengeance, Zosia heads for battle once more, but to find justice she must confront grudge-bearing enemies, once-loyal allies, and an unknown army that marches under a familiar banner. FIVE VILLAINS. ONE LEGENDARY GENERAL. A FINAL QUEST FOR VENGEANCE.*

*A new fantasy-adventure series from the co-creator of the hit animated shows Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra! In twelve-year-old Giacomo's Renaissance-inspired world, art is powerful, dangerous, and outlawed. A few artists possess Geniuses, birdlike creatures that are the living embodiment of an artist's creative spirit. Those caught with one face a punishment akin to death, so when Giacomo discovers he has a Genius, he knows he's in serious trouble. Luckily, he finds safety in a secret studio where young artists and their Geniuses train in sacred geometry to channel their creative energies as weapons. But when a murderous artist goes after the three Sacred Tools--objects that would allow him to destroy the world and everyone in his path—Giacomo and his friends must risk their lives to stop him. "DiMartino masterfully weaves a thrilling action-adventure epic into an imaginative and terrifying world." —Bryan Konietzko, co-creator of Avatar: The Last*

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*Airbender and The Legend of Korra "Rebel Genius is a natural extension of Michael Dante DiMartino's work on Avatar: The Last Airbender: charming young heroes, magical creatures, an innovative magic system, and mysteries galore. There is so much to love about this book!" —Gene Yang, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and author of American Born Chinese "DiMartino delivers a magical take on the power of art. With a cast that will charm you and an innovative new world to get lost in, Rebel Genius is a gift for fantasy lovers and a treasure for anyone who has ever tried to pick up a brush or a pen and make something new. A lively, thrilling spin on the struggle to create."—Leigh Bardugo, author of the Grisha trilogy and the Six of Crows series "Rebel Genius contains all of Mike DiMartino's hallmarks: an exquisite world dripping with magic and color, a cast of incredible, diverse characters, and artwork that will take your breath away. Get ready to fall in love." —Marie Lu, author of the Legend trilogy and the Young Elites trilogy "Rebel Genius is a mind-blowing new series, a passionate blend of adventure, mystery, and puzzle-solving that has no end to its imagination." —Soman Chainani, author of The School for Good and Evil trilogy*

*"Tell me about your dream." Problem is, your therapist, Dr. Mobius, is part of your dream. And that witch's hat appearing on his head is a sure sign that your court-ordered virtual therapy session is being attacked by an Inuit revenge virus, which threatens to loop you into unmapped regions of cyberspace. Franz Kafka meets Lewis Carroll in this hilarious and exciting new adventure about a pre-post-modernist professor on trial for Sexual Misconduct with the wrong student. But not to worry. Here comes LeRoux, the best cowboy on the Grid in a sleek netcraft (The "Exorcizer") with a rescue plan (B) that just*

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*might work. Problem is, LeRoux is not really all that real either. Or is he?*

*The arrival of a strange alien ship changes everything for the stranded survivors of Battle Group 72.5. Captain Jonathan Dallas must place his trust in his newfound alien allies if his fleet is to survive the latest threat. He is faced with a terrible choice, one that could lead not only to the destruction of his battle group, but humanity itself. Regardless of his decision, the future remains uncertain, the intertwined fates of two galaxies hanging by a thread. In the shadows, a malevolent being works that thread like a spider, weaving a twisted web that could mean the end of everything. It is here where it all begins. Where history is made. Witness the cradle of war.*

*A REESE WITHERSPOON x HELLO SUNSHINE BOOK CLUB YA PICK An Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller Soon to be adapted at Netflix for TV with President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama's production company, Higher Ground. "One of this year's most buzzed about young adult novels." —Good Morning America A TIME Magazine Best YA Book of All Time Selection Amazon's Best YA Book of 2021 So Far (June 2021) A 2021 Kids' Indie Next List Selection An Entertainment Weekly Most Anticipated Books of 2021 Selection A PopSugar Best March 2021 YA Book Selection With four starred reviews, Angeline Boulley's debut novel, Firekeeper's Daughter, is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community, perfect for readers of Angie Thomas and Tommy Orange. Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new*

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*recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Reluctantly, Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. At the same time, she grows concerned with an investigation that seems more focused on punishing the offenders than protecting the victims. Now, as the deceptions—and deaths—keep growing, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known.*

*Souljacker*

*The Confusion of Languages*

*A Crown for Cold Silver*

*Inside the World of an Epic Adventure*

*Persephone Station*

In a galaxy where the fabric of reality can be bent and shaped by a privileged few, and almost any skill desired is a mere injection away, one young man is thrust into the fight of his life. Tane, a hydroponics engineer with some mean crop gene-splicing skills, decides to get chipped. The operation gives him full control over his autonomic nervous and endocrine systems, plus the ability to install custom memories. All seems well until a couple of days later aliens come knocking at his

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door. And they aren't the friendly type. Soon Tane finds himself on a frenzied flight across the galaxy with a woman who can warp the very fabric of spacetime, her partner--who'd just as soon kill Tane than protect him--and a starship that calls him snarky pet names. He's on the run not simply from the aliens but the whole damn human space navy. He only wished he knew why. Unfortunately for Tane, the answer might just destroy him. Not to mention the entire known universe.

A #1 New York Times bestseller! Sarah J. Maas's brand-new CRESCENT CITY series begins with *House of Earth and Blood*: the story of half-Fae and half-human Bryce Quinlan as she seeks revenge in a contemporary fantasy world of magic, danger, and searing romance. Bryce Quinlan had the perfect life—working hard all day and partying all night—until a demon murdered her closest friends, leaving her bereft, wounded, and alone. When the accused is behind bars but the crimes start up again, Bryce finds herself at the heart of the investigation. She'll do whatever it takes to avenge their deaths. Hunt Athalar is a notorious Fallen angel, now enslaved to the Archangels he once attempted to overthrow. His brutal skills and incredible strength have been set to one purpose—to assassinate his boss's enemies, no questions asked. But with a demon wreaking havoc in the city, he's offered an irresistible deal: help Bryce find the murderer, and his freedom will be within reach. As Bryce and Hunt dig deep into Crescent City's

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underbelly, they discover a dark power that threatens everything and everyone they hold dear, and they find, in each other, a blazing passion-one that could set them both free, if they'd only let it. With unforgettable characters, sizzling romance, and page-turning suspense, this richly inventive new fantasy series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Sarah J. Maas delves into the heartache of loss, the price of freedom-and the power of love.

New York Times Bestseller! 5 Starred Reviews! "Will have listeners in stitches." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Purely absurd, sidesplitting humor." —Booklist (starred review) "Demands bombastic, full-volume performances." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Perfect for a guffawing share with younger sibs or buddy read." —BCCB (starred review) "The sort of story that makes children love to read." —School Library Journal (starred review) From acclaimed, bestselling creators Drew Daywalt, author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, and Adam Rex, author-illustrator of *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich*, comes a laugh-out-loud hilarious picture book about the epic tale of the classic game Rock, Paper, Scissors. "I couldn't stop laughing while reading this aloud to a group of kids," commented the founder of Bookopolis.com, Kari Ness Riedel.

Feared by monsters. Envied by men. Craved by women. Kaeden is a nomad who lives life on his own terms. He prefers the unbounded steppe over a cramped

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city, and allegiance to the sword over fealty to a king. When he does make the occasional foray into civilization, it is to procure cold mead, a hot bath, and a good woman. The latter preferably for an hour or less. Life is great, until his wanderings bring him to a forest inhabited by nightmares. There, trapped beneath those lightless eaves, he is forced to ally with a mysterious woman whose cunning and beauty could prove to be his downfall. Either way, one thing is certain: if he is to die, then he will do so covered in the blood of his enemies. Note: this book contains violent scenes, unconventional thinking, and harem elements.

Alexa Hollen is a fighter. Forced to disguise herself as a boy and serve in the king's army, Alex uses her quick wit and fierce sword-fighting skills to earn a spot on the elite prince's guard. But when a powerful sorcerer sneaks into the palace in the dead of night, even Alex, who is virtually unbeatable, can't prevent him from abducting her, her fellow guard and friend Rylan, and Prince Damian, taking them through the treacherous wilds of the jungle and deep into enemy territory. The longer Alex is held captive with both Rylan and the prince, the more she realizes that she is not the only one who has been keeping dangerous secrets. And suddenly, after her own secret is revealed, Alex finds herself confronted with two men vying for her heart: the safe and steady Rylan, who has always cared for her, and the dark, intriguing Damian. With hidden foes lurking

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around every corner, is Alex strong enough to save herself and the kingdom she's sworn to protect?

Little Weirds

Peace Maker

Cradle of War

Of Metal and Wishes

The Infinity of You & Me

**The Nuosu people, who were once overlords of vast tracts of farmland and forest in the uplands of southern Sichuan and neighboring provinces, are the largest division of the Yi ethnic group in southwest China. Their creation epic plots the origins of the cosmos, the sky and earth, and the living beings of land and water. This translation is a rare example in English of Indigenous ethnic literature from China. Transmitted in oral and written forms for centuries among the Nuosu, The Book of Origins is performed by bimo priests and other tradition-bearers. Poetic in form, the narrative provides insights into how a clan- and caste-based society organizes itself, dictates ethics, relates to other ethnic groups, and adapts to a harsh environment. A comprehensive introduction to the translation describes the land and people, summarizes the work's themes, and discusses the significance of The Book of Origins for the**

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understanding of folk epics, ethnoecology, and ethnic relations. Five imperiled worlds will be rendered extinct unless five ancient and mysterious beacons can be lit in the wake of erupting wars during which three unlikely heroes make surprising discoveries about their homes and themselves.

Tykota is on his way to rejoin his Apache tribe after living among white men when his band is attacked and he must rescue an innocent white woman who melts his heart and changes his life forever. Reissue. Jain, a former SEAL whose mind is now the AI core of an advanced alien warship, has agreed to broker peace between humanity and the extraterrestrial race known as the Mimics. Unfortunately, a new breed of alien has decided to crash the party. These newcomers, part of the hostile Link empire, aren't very happy humanity is trying to coax a former member species into signing a treaty. Jain and the Void Warriors have to fight off this new threat while struggling to salvage the smoldering ruins of the peace talks. Things certainly don't look good, not just for themselves, but humanity: if they can't secure allies against the Link, Earth will eventually be crushed. Some days, having your mind stored in the AI core of a starship just isn't all it's cracked up to be. Contains no sex scenes, one curse word, lots of space battles, some hacking, and an uncomfortable first date. "The clever, fast-moving plot features a strong, appealing heroine,

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Sylvia Plath's poetry, romance, betrayal, and heart-stopping suspense." - Kirkus Reviews "This ambitious sci-fi novel, filled with multiverses and what-ifs... contains complex world building that would appeal to fans of TV's Orphan Black." - Booklist Almost fifteen, Alicia is smart and funny with a deep connection to the poet Sylvia Plath, but she's ultimately failing at life. With a laundry list of diagnoses, she hallucinates different worlds—strange, decaying, otherworldly yet undeniably real worlds that are completely unlike her own with her single mom and one true friend. In one particularly vivid hallucination, Alicia is drawn to a boy her own age named Jax who's trapped in a dying universe. Days later, her long-lost father shows up at her birthday party, telling her that the hallucinations aren't hallucinations, but real worlds; she and Jax are bound by a strange past and intertwining present. This leads her on a journey to find out who she is while trying to save the people and worlds she loves. J.Q. Coyle's *The Infinity of You & Me* is a wild ride through unruly hearts and vivid worlds guaranteed to captivate.

Forged in the Fallout

Devastator

Tykotas Woman

Beowulf

House of Earth and Blood

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One man. A secret power that could change the galaxy. Two entire universes in pursuit. Tane crosses the galaxy in a race against time to unlock the hidden powers inside himself. But his enemies can capture him. With his companions, he moves between this universe and another, pursued by the governments of aliens and humans alike. To fail means capture and military servitude, as those governments would turn him into a tool for their wars. To succeed means to win his freedom, and perhaps something more. Hunted and attacked at every turn, eventually Tane finds himself backed into a corner, with no hope of escape. But those who pursue him do not understand that Tane has only scratched the surface of the awesome power inside him. And if his enemies press too hard, poke too deep, they might not like what rears its head. Back at them. Yes, they do not understand. The Bender of Worlds has only just begun to awaken.

With his own words and images, Joseph White Bull tells of his memorable life and experiences as a Lakota warrior in the late nineteenth century. The son of a Miniconjou chief and nephew of Sitting Bull of the Hunkpapas, White Bull was an accomplished warrior. He participated in the Fetterman and Wagon-Box fights, and fought at the Little Big Horn, contending that he was the warrior who killed Custer. Many years later, White Bull was persuaded to recount the outstanding events of his life. The result is this remarkable autobiography, consisting of text and drawings. In addition to relating White Bull's accomplishments in war, the narrative includes events from his youth, details of Lakota culture, and an extended Lakota winter count. This bilingual edition, originally published as *The Warrior Who Killed Custer*

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(Nebraska 1968), features White Bull's story in its original Lakota, his drawings, and an English translation. The manuscript was translated and edited by James H. Howard, author of *The Canadian Sioux* (Nebraska 1984) and *The Ponca Tribe* (Nebraska 1995). Introduction by Raymond Bucko is an associate professor of anthropology at Le Moyne College and the author of *The Lakota Ritual of the Sweat Lodge: History and Contemporary Practice* (Nebraska 1998).

Jain thought he'd never go back. Ten years had passed since he last had dealings with the aliens and their machines. He was happy. He'd built a base for himself and his Void Warriors around the barren moon of a gas giant, where they planned to live out their immortal lives in peace. And then humanity came looking for them. Hunting them. Now they have no choice but to return. But what they find waiting for them in human territory will make them wise. They never left their new home.

Hugo award-nominated author Stina Leicht has created a take on space opera for fans of *The Mandalorian* and *Cowboy Bebop* in this high-stakes adventure. Persephone Station, a seemingly backwater planet that has largely been ignored by the United Republic of Venus, becomes the focus for the Serrao-Orlov Corporation as the planet has a few secrets the corporation tenaciously wants to exploit. Rosie—owner of Monk's Bar, in the corporation's town of West Brynner, caters to wannabe criminals and rich Earther tourists, of a sort, at her bar. However, exactly two types of people drank at Monk's back bar: members of an exclusive criminal class and those who sought to employ them. Angel—ex-marine and

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a semi-organized band of beneficent criminals, wayward assassins, and washed up mercenaries with a penchant for doing the honorable thing is asked to perform a job for Rosie. What this job reveals will effect Persephone and put Angel and her squad up against an army. Despite the odds, they are rearing for a fight with the Serrao-Orlov Corporation. Angel, she knows that once honor is lost, there is no regaining it. That doesn't mean she can't damned well try.

From the author of The Guards of the Shadowlands series comes a love story for the first time in a reimagined industrial Asia, in which a 16-year-old girl is torn between her love for an oppressed factory worker and appeasing the ghost who is determined to protect her from any threat.

Fushigi Yugi

A Novel

The Omega Protocol

Jesus, the Greatest Warrior

The debut title in a new city-based anthology series featuring all-new stories with speculative, sci-fi, and paranormal themes--each using distinct neighborhood settings as a launching pad. "A stimulating anthology of 14 futuristic L.A. fables...Some of the best of these tales

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seem illumined by the humanistic spirit of the late Ray Bradbury, poet laureate of Southern California fantasy literature." --Wall Street Journal "[Speculative Los Angeles] is a swath of tales that are both wildly imaginative and emotionally grounded, speculations that not only imagine our possible futures but illuminate the collective anxieties of our unsettled and unsettling present." --Los Angeles Times "Speculative Los Angeles is a thrill ride of grand ideas and warnings. Take a place that already defines the future of culture, add fourteen unbound minds, and you get a collection that wows the imagination like no other." --Michael Connelly, author of the best-selling Harry Bosch series "The problem of buying books for others can be solved by offering the equivalent of the literary box of chocolates: the anthology...For Californians, or people who just like the West Coast, there's Speculative Los Angeles, edited by Denise Hamilton." --Washington Post, recommended by Silvia Moreno-Garcia "14 writers explore the fantastic in short stories that

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crisscross LA county, taking readers into alternate pasts, supernatural presents and dystopian futures...Speculative Los Angeles shows the breadth of worlds that can be created inside Los Angeles." --Los Angeles Daily News "The 14 narratives Hamilton has gathered present us with a vision of Los Angeles refracted, grounding the fantastic in the real." --Alta Journal "14 outstanding stories of weird and uncanny happenings in the City of Angels...Each story presents a fresh take on the magic and strangeness of L.A. past, present, and future, and the characters are representative of the diverse region, caught in situations ranging from surreal to chilling. Readers should snap this up." --Publishers Weekly, Starred review, Pick of the Week As an incubator of the future, Los Angeles has long mesmerized writers from Aldous Huxley to Octavia E. Butler. With its natural disasters, Hollywood artifice, staggering wealth and poverty, and urban sprawl, one can argue that Los Angeles is already so weird, surreal, irrational, and mythic that any fiction emerging from this place should be considered

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speculative. So, bestselling author Denise Hamilton commissioned fourteen stories (including one of her own) and did exactly that. In *Speculative Los Angeles*, some of the city's most prophetic and diverse voices reimagine the metropolis in very different ways. In these pages, you'll encounter twenty-first-century changelings, dirigibles plying the suburban skies, black holes and jacaranda men lurking in deep suburbia, beachfront property in Century City, walled-off canyons and coastlines reserved for the wealthy, psychic death cults, robot nursemaids, and an alternate LA where Spanish land grants never gave way to urbanization. As with our city-based Akashic Noir Series, each story in *Speculative Los Angeles* is set in a distinct neighborhood filled with local color, landmarks, and flavor. Since the best speculative fiction provides a wormhole into other worlds while also commenting on our own, that is exactly what you'll find here. Featuring brand-new stories by: Charles Yu, Aimee Bender, Lisa Morton, Alex Espinoza, Ben H. Winters, Denise Hamilton, Lynell George, Stephen

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Blackmoore, Francesca Lia Block, Duane Swierczynski, Luis J. Rodriguez, A.G. Lombardo, Kathleen Kaufman, and S. Qiouyi Lu.

This genre-bending series takes you deep under the Rocky Mountains into the sci-fantasy kingdom of RIMDUUM. A world filled with neon dreams and nuclear magic. A coming-of-age dystopia centered around dungeons, family, and dangerous secrets—with all the young adult cyberpunk feels and plenty of action-adventure to keep you turning the pages. Clayson Spangler turned fourteen a couple of days ago—maybe. His father keeps the exact date under a mountain of secrets. But secrets have a way of getting out. On a tranquil evening in the Appalachians, Clayson's solitary life crashes into his family's impossible past: a kingdom under the Rocky Mountains; his mother enchanted to forget her own son; strange metal objects filled with magic; and his father's most dangerous secret—mithrium—a metal strong enough to level cities. Now, Clayson's father is on the run, his mother is on trial for treason, and Clayson is ordered to

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hide in the last remaining safehold—Tungsten City. To stay out of danger, he'll need help from his new friend, Rugnus, a master of elemental magic, and Andalynn, the sister his father had kept hidden from him. But after years of secrets, Clayson won't stand by as a world of enemies—both known and unknown—threatens to eradicate his family and ignite a war between the last two cities deep under the Rockies in the Kingdom of Rimdum.

Trapped in the uninhabitable zone with three machine women. All of them very hot. And very horny. Not to mention deadly. Jason was a little short on creds so he decided to get his mind scanned. It seemed like a good idea at the time: get paid to license a copy of your mind for use in one of the numerous machines that run society. What could go wrong? Turns out, a lot. Jason wakes up in the middle of the radioactive wasteland that was created fifty years ago when aliens destroyed half the Earth. He has no idea why he's here, or what the hell he's supposed to do. Worst of all, he's no longer human: his consciousness has been installed

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into the AI core of a state-of-the-art war machine, a mech with enough firepower to raze a small city. One would think the military wouldn't want to misplace something like that. Whoops. Hunted by mutated alien bioweapons, Jason travels the wasteland in an attempt to piece together what happened. Along the way he encounters a few abandoned war machines that also have no memory of their mission, machines that can't decide whether they want to join him or kill him. It doesn't help that in VR they all look like super hot women. Sometimes it's tough being a machine. When Jason and his new companions discover what they're truly capable of, however, everything changes. And not necessarily for the better. Warning: This book contains bloodthirsty alien mutants, angry robots, violence, swearing, and a harem full of beautiful machine women.

Finest heroic poem in Old English celebrates the exploits of Beowulf, a young nobleman of southern Sweden. Combines myth, Christian and pagan elements, and history into a powerful narrative. Genealogies.

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Presents the behind-the-scenes details of the motion picture, featuring interviews, concept art, the visual effects process, and profiles of the cast and crew.

Bender's Loop

My Daddy's in Jail

Speculative Los Angeles

Mech 3

The New Order

"A can't-put-it-down modern Western." —Kirk Siegler, NPR Longlisted for the PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing  
The Last Cowboys is Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter John Branch's epic tale of one American family struggling to hold on to the fading vestiges of the Old West. For generations, the Wrights of southern Utah have raised cattle and world-champion saddle-bronc riders—many call them the most successful rodeo family in history. Now they find themselves fighting to save their land and livelihood as the West is transformed by urbanization, battered by drought, and rearranged by public-land disputes. Could rodeo, of all things, be the answer? Written with great lyricism and filled with vivid scenes of heartache and broken bones, The Last Cowboys is a powerful testament to the grit and integrity that fuel the American Dream.

Rade and his team are sent to investigate a disturbance on a Sino-Korean colony.

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Apparently, someone tipped off the Sino-Koreans, because the moment his team lands they find themselves under attack. Separated from his men, he discovers the source of the disturbance, and witnesses the release of an ancient, alien power. When that power focuses its wrath on the colony's civilians, Rade must decide whether he will gather his platoon and intervene, or retreat to fight another day. Staying could mean the loss of all his men. But if he runs, thousands of innocents could die. Follow Rade's adventures in this sequel to the best-selling Mech and Mech 2!

This collection of stories set in contemporary America--a finalist for the National Book Award--herald a work of singular literary merit by an important writer at the height of her power. We think about it every day, sometimes every hour: Money. Who has it. Who doesn't. How you get it. How you don't. In *Refund*, Bender creates an award-winning collection of stories that deeply explore the ways in which money and the estimation of value affect the lives of her characters. The stories in *Refund* reflect our contemporary world--swindlers, reality show creators, desperate artists, siblings, parents--who try to answer the question: What is the real definition of worth? In "Theft," an eighty-year-old swindler, accustomed to tricking people for their money, boards a cruise ship to see if she can find something of true value--a human connection. In "Anything for Money," the creator of a reality show is thrown into the real world when his estranged granddaughter reenters his life in need of a new heart; and in the title story, young artist parents in downtown Manhattan escape the attack on 9/11 only to

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face a battle over their subletted apartment with a stranger who might have lost more than only her deposit.

A provocative new book that shows us why we must put American history firmly in a global context--from 1492 to today Americans like to tell their country's story as if the United States were naturally autonomous and self-sufficient, with characters, ideas, and situations unique to itself. Thomas Bender asks us to rethink this "exceptionalism" and to reconsider the conventional narrative. He proposes that America has grappled with circumstances, doctrines, new developments, and events that other nations, too, have faced, and that we can only benefit from recognizing this. Bender's exciting argument begins with the discovery of the Americas at a time when peoples everywhere first felt the transforming effects of oceanic travel and trade. He then reconsiders our founding Revolution, occurring in an age of rebellion on many continents; the Civil War, happening when many countries were redefining their core beliefs about the nature of freedom and the meaning of nationhood; and the later imperialism that pitted the United States against Germany, Spain, France, and England. Industrialism and urbanization, laissez-faire economics, capitalism and socialism, and new technologies are other factors that Bender views in the light of global developments. *A Nation Among Nations* is a passionate, persuasive book that makes clear what damage is done when we let the old view of America alone in the world falsify our history. Bender boldly challenges us to think beyond our borders.

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Both Cassie Hugo and Margaret Brickshaw dutifully followed their soldier husbands to the U.S. embassy in Jordan, but that's about all the women have in common. After two years, Cassie's become an expert on the rules, but newly arrived Margaret sees only her chance to explore. So when a fender-bender sends Margaret to the local police station, Cassie reluctantly agrees to watch Margaret's toddler son. But as the hours pass, Cassie's boredom and frustration turn to fear- Why isn't Margaret answering her phone, and why is it taking so long to sort out a routine accident? Snooping around Margaret's apartment, Cassie begins to question not only her friend's whereabouts but also her own role in Margaret's disappearance. Written with emotional insight and stunning prose, *The Confusion of Languages* is a shattering portrait of a collision between two women and two worlds, as well as a poignant glimpse into the private lives of American military families living overseas.

Lakota Warrior

Air Awakens

Ender's Game

Defy (Defy, Book 1)

A Creation Epic from Southwest China

"Miaka has been fighting a battle across two different worlds to keep Taka, the human incarnation of her true love Tamahome, from vanishing. But what could it mean when Tamahome himself returns to confront Miaka and Taka?"--P. 4 of cover.

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A library apprentice unknowingly saves the life of a member of the magic secret society "Tower of Sorcerers" and discovers her own magical powers. Now, Vhalla Yarl must choose to stay in her quiet, reclusive life of books or join the forces of the sorcery elite. R.F. Kuang, Kate Elliott, Ken Liu, Todd McCaffrey, Garth Nix, Peter S. Beagle, and other modern masters of fantasy and science fiction put their unique spin on the greatest of mythical beasts—the dragon—in never-before-seen works written exclusively for this fantasy anthology compiled by award-winning editor Jonathan Strahan and with art by Rovina Cai! Here there be dragons . . . From China to Europe, Africa to North America, dragons have long captured our imagination in myth and legend. Whether they are rampaging beasts awaiting a brave hero to slay or benevolent sages who have much to teach humanity, dragons are intrinsically connected to stories of creation, adventure, and struggle beloved for generations. Bringing together nearly thirty stories and poems from some of the greatest science fiction and fantasy writers working today— Garth Nix, Scott Lynch, R.F. Kuang, Ann Leckie & Rachel Swirsky, Daniel Abraham, Peter S. Beagle, Beth Cato, Zen Cho, C. S. E Cooney, Aliette de Bodard, Amal El-Mohtar, Kate Elliott, Theodora Goss, Ellen Klages, Ken Liu, Seanan McGuire, Patricia A McKillip, K. J. Parker, Kelly Robson, Michael Swanwick, Jo Walton, Elle Katharine White, Jane Yolen, Kelly Barnhill, Brooke

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Bolander, Sarah Gailey, and J. Y. Yang—and illustrated by award-nominated artist Rovina Cai with black-and-white line drawings specific to each entry throughout, this extraordinary collection vividly breathes fire and life into one of our most captivating and feared magical creatures as never before and is sure to become a treasured keepsake for fans of fantasy, science fiction, and fairy tales.

"Written by an ex-con. Endorsed by PhD's, school principals and judges. Awesome book with an inspiring message: You are loved and you will get through this." -BERT BURYKILL, Vice Magazine There are nearly three million adults in the U.S. alone that are in prison or jail. Many of these being parents that leave behind unanswered questions with their children: What is jail? Why did this happen? Is it my fault? Is my daddy (or mommy) bad? Do they love me? My Daddy's in Jail is a story of two bears who have a father in prison. The book is narrated by a very odd cockroach.

Bender of Worlds

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The Sand Warrior

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The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

The Book of Dragons

**“Bender's willingness to go deep, to burrow down into what's right and wrong about 21st century America and Americans, is a mirror that draws us in and does not allow us to look away.” —Los Angeles Times on Refund** The National Book Award finalist for Refund returns with a new collection of stories that boldly examines the changes in American culture over the last two years through the increasing presence of violence, bigotry, sexual harassment, and the emotional costs of living under constant threat. In the title story, the competition between two middle school cellists is affected by a shooting at their school, and it is only years later that they realize how the intrusion of violence affected the course of their lives. In **“This Is Who You Are,”** a young girl walks the line between Hebrew school and her regular school, realizing that both are filled with unexpected moments of insight and violence. In **“Three Interviews,”** an aging reporter must contend with her dwindling sense of self and resources, beleaguered by unemployment, which sets her on a path to three increasingly unhinged job interviews. In **“Mrs. America,”** a candidate for local office must confront a host of forces that threaten to undermine her campaign and expose her own role in the dissonance between what America is and what it should be. The New Order explores contemporary themes and ideas, shining a spotlight on the dark corners of our nature, our instincts, and our country.

**One of Vanity Fair's Great Quarantine Reads: Step into Jenny Slate's wild**

**imagination in this "magical" (Mindy Kaling), "delicious" (Amy Sedaris), and "poignant" (John Mulaney) New York Times bestseller about love, heartbreak, and being alive -- "this book is something new and wonderful" (George Saunders). You may "know" Jenny Slate from her Netflix special, Stage Fright, as the creator of Marcel the Shell, or as the star of "Obvious Child." But you don't really know Jenny Slate until you get bonked on the head by her absolutely singular writing style. To see the world through Jenny's eyes is to see it as though for the first time, shimmering with strangeness and possibility. As she will remind you, we live on an ancient ball that rotates around a bigger ball made up of lights and gasses that are science gasses, not farts (don't be immature). Heartbreak, confusion, and misogyny stalk this blue-green sphere, yes, but it is also a place of wild delight and unconstrained vitality, a place where we can start living as soon as we are born, and we can be born at any time. In her dazzling, impossible-to-categorize debut, Jenny channels the pain and beauty of life in writing so fresh, so new, and so burstingly alive, we catch her vision like a fever and bring it back out into the bright day with us, where everything has changed.**

**The New York Times bestselling author of the Otherworld novels "launches [this] paranormal romance series with a murder mystery that crackles and sizzles" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Succubus Lily O'Connell is the**

owner of Lily Bound, an elite sex salon in the Blood Night District of Seattle. Lily specializes in satisfying her client's darkest cravings, but when a client is murdered in her house, she knows something evil afoot. Then comes the news that the Souljacker—a tattoo-artist-turned-vampire—has escaped from an institution for criminally deranged Supernaturals. And he's hunting and killing everyone he has ever inked. With one of the Souljacker's tattoos on her thigh and nowhere else to turn, Lily hires Archer Desmond, a chaos demon and private detective, to help her track down the vampire before he finds her. But Lily didn't plan to fall for Archer. And as the old tales say—a succubus who falls in love will destroy the heart of the one she seeks to claim. “Yasmine Galenorn is a powerhouse author; a master of the craft who is taking the industry by storm, and for good reason!” —Maggie Shayne, New York Times bestselling author

Warrior is not a title people typically use to describe Jesus. But, if the U.S. Army Warrior Ethos defines a Warrior as someone who always places the mission first, never accepts defeat, never quits, and never leaves a fallen comrade, then Texas Army National Guard Chaplain and author H.B. Bender claims that Jesus is The Greatest Warrior. In Jesus, The Greatest Warrior; H.B. Bender offers words of inspiration and hope for victory when all seems lost. In this book you will learn: Where and How to find God (Really misleading because, the fact is, He

**is always seeking and pursuing us; too often though, we just don't recognize Him. This book shows you what to look for and how to see Him through the eyes of faith.) What you must do to gain access to all the power, wisdom, and love God has; to experience a peace and abundance you never knew possible; to experience a joy, a peace, a blessing, and an abundance no circumstance, no situation, and no person will be able to take from you. How to KNOW that you have eternal life. How to know with 100% certainty that you will go to Heaven and never again experience sadness, disappointment, rejection, illness, poverty, insufficiency, abuse, shame or injustice. Where you will be made perfect forevermore. How to be set free from all the guilt and shame of your past, how to be given a fresh start, and how to be released from the limitations that come with being defined by your past mistakes and the opinions of others. How to make sense of the struggles you are going through. To know why we experience pain and suffering in this life. More than that, to know how your pain and suffering is actually PROOF of God's love for you, proof that you will overcome. The secret to navigating the storms of life and experience a happiness and joy that transcends your circumstances. What to do when you lose your way in the storms of life and how to get back on course. How to know that God loves you. That He loves you just because you are. That He has never stopped loving you and will always love you. Unconditionally. Perfectly. Completely. Eternally. How**

**to know that, because of that love, Jesus will always place the mission of your salvation first never accept defeat for you never quit you, and never leave you in your fallen condition. but will instead, transform; your battles into blessings, your tragedy into triumph; and transform you, from victim to victor! If you want to turn the battles of your life around, turn the battles of your life over... to Jesus, The Greatest Warrior. Order your copy today and discover how to let Jesus secure victory for you and glory for Him in the battles of life.**

**BY MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER JASPER T. SCOTT CHAOS IS COMING... Cade Korbin finally has more credits than he knows how to spend. He also has the alien entity known as "Alpha" and the power of the swarm on his side. Finally, things are going his way. Deciding to leverage his good fortune, Cade starts his own guild dedicated to hunting the galaxy's crime lords and the corrupt authorities that shelter them. Meanwhile, tensions are simmering along the border between the Alliance and the Coalition. A ceasefire was declared, but both sides are bitterly licking their wounds. Cade's plans are interrupted when he learns of a dangerous operation, code-named The Omega Protocol. Alpha has already warned him about "Omega," an entity from the future whose only goal is to cause chaos and destruction. In order to stop The Omega Protocol, Cade must cut a deal with the very enemies he sought to eradicate. Together, they must act quickly before Omega can be unleashed and usher in a dark age**

**the likes of which the galaxy hasn't seen since the Priors mysteriously disappeared.**

**Rebel Genius**

**A Nation Among Nations**

**Star Warrior**

**Battle Harem**

**The Last Cowboys: A Pioneer Family in the New West**

**Ranked #1 in Science Fiction > Adventure on the Amazon Kindle Store, Jan. 5 and 12, 2013, and #1 in Science Fiction > Alternative History Jan 12, 2013**

**The stunning dystopian fantasy debut! What reviewers are saying: "A world that oozes dystopian desperation." "Running Man meets The Matrix." "Wow! Isaac Hooke can write!" The cityscape looked almost unreal at this height. It was like Hoodwink stood again beside the vendor with her miniature replicas and maps of the city. True, this was far more detailed than any map he'd ever seen, but the illusion of perception made the city seem much closer, like he could just reach out and pick it up. But then his eyes focused on the whirling snow closer at hand, those flakes descending from the heights like an endless vortex of doom, and the reality of what he saw hit him. He felt suddenly nauseous, and dizzy. The duffel bag abruptly slid down his shoulder. He let go of the rope with that hand and caught the bag in the crook of his forearm. Two bundles of**

**salted meat tumbled free and spun away on the breeze as the upper winds picked them up. Entranced, he watched the bundles fall. The fingers that gripped the rope began to slip... Synopsis: 3740 A.D. The ice age has immobilized the world. Colossal walls seal off the cities from the uninhabitable Outside. Humanlike entities called "gols" run society, and force the humans to wear collars that block the innate powers mankind has evolved. One man rises up... "Twists and turns, super-human feats, and close-calls abound -- everything a good science-fantasy story should have." "Kept me up until 2 a.m. because I couldn't put it down." Join Hoodwink in this tale of dystopian fantasy and experience the thrill-ride. Pick up the paperback or download the Kindle edition today!**

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