

Polity Agent Agent Cormac Book 4

Its secrets could mean our survival On the savage planet of Masada, one of the native aliens is spreading terror through the human population. It creates sculptures from its victims' remains, earning it its nickname: the Technician. And only Jeremiah Tombs has survived an encounter. This sent him mad, but he may have learned something key to humanity's survival - if he lives to remember it. Jeremiah was a member of a brutal regime, now deposed, and a radical sect still wants its revenge. The Technician buried something in Jeremiah's mind about the alien Atheter, an entire race that committed suicide. However, in seeking to understand their disappearance, we may somehow be attracting the same fate. And

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to unlock Jeremiah's secrets, Polity operatives must keep him alive. Outlink station Miranda has been destroyed by a nanomycelium, and the very nature of this sabotage suggests that the alien bioconstruct Dragon - a creature as untrustworthy as it is gigantic - is somehow involved. Sent out on a titanic Polity dreadnought, the Occam Razor, agent Cormac must investigate the disaster. Meanwhile, on the remote planet Masada, the long-term rebellion can never rise above-ground, as the slave population is subjugated by orbital laser arrays controlled by the Theocracy in their cylinder worlds, and by the fact that they cannot safely leave their labour compounds. For the wilderness of Masada lacks breathable air ... and out there roam monstrous predators called hooders and siluroynes, not to mention the weird and terrible gableducks.

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The dangers of ancient technology loom over the Polity in the sequel to *The Soldier*, Neal Asher's latest action-packed space opera series. The haiman Orlandine, charged with safeguarding lethal Jain tech swirling inside an accretion disc located in the distant reaches of space, has weaponized a black hole to eliminate the threat. But others are suspicious of her motives, and both the Polity AIs and the leaders of the alien prador kingdom dispatch fleets of warships in anticipation of conflict. As the black hole continues to eat its way through the planets in the accretion disc, making its way towards a dead sun, it becomes clear the disc has been hiding a larger secret. Nefarious forces with ulterior motives have manipulated Orlandine into deploying the black hole, triggering a series of larger events that will uncover a danger far older than even the Polity itself. From British

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science fiction writer Neal Asher, *The War Ship* picks up right where its predecessor, *The Soldier*, left off, showcasing Asher's unique take on cutting-edge and fast-paced science fiction.

This high-octane adventure is set in the same world as Neal Asher's acclaimed Polity universe. It's a thrilling, fast-paced standalone novel, perfect for fans of Alastair Reynolds and Stephen Baxter. Created to die—determined to live . . . Jack Four—one of twenty human clones—has been created to be sold. His purchasers are the alien prador and they only want him for their experimentation program. But there is something different about Jack. No clone should possess the knowledge that's been loaded into his mind. And no normal citizen of humanity's Polity worlds would have this information. The prador's king has been mutated by the Spatterjay virus into a creature even more monstrous than

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the prador themselves. And his children, the King's Guard, have undergone similar changes. They were infected by the virus during the last humans-versus-prador war, now lapsed into an uneasy truce. But the prador are always looking for new weapons — and their experimentation program might give them the edge they seek. Suzeal trades human slaves out of the Stratogaster Space Station, re-engineering them to serve the prador. She thinks the rewards are worth the risks, but all that is about to change. The Station was once a zoo, containing monsters from across known space. All the monsters now dwell on the planet below, but they aren't as contained as they seem. And a vengeful clone may be the worst danger of all.

—Neal Asher's books are like an adrenaline shot targeted directly for the brain— John Scalzi, author of the Old Man's War series 'Magnificently awesome. Then Asher

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turns it up to eleven' Peter F. Hamilton,
author of Salvation and others, on Asher's
The Soldier

One seeks judgement, another faces
damnation and one man will have his
revenge ... Thorvald Spear is losing his
mind as he drowns in dark memories that
aren't his own. Penny Royal, rogue
artificial intelligence, has linked Spear
with the stored personalities of those it's
murdered. And whether the AI seeks
redemption or has some more sinister
motive, Spear needs to destroy it. He feels
the anger of the dead and shares their pain.
As Spear tracks the AI across a hostile
starscape, he has company. Sverl, an alien
prador, has been warped by Penny Royal
and hungers to confront it. But will the
AI's pursuers destroy each other or hunt it
together? Sverl's prador enemies aren't far
behind either. They plan to use his
transition to prove human meddling,

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triggering a devastating new war. Clues suggest Penny Royal's heading for the defective war factory that made it. So allies and enemies converge, heading for the biggest firestorm that sector of space has ever seen. But will Spear secure vengeance for his unquiet dead?

The Complete Owner Trilogy

Line War

Mindstar Rising

The Quantum Rose

A thrilling standalone adventure set in the world of the Polity.

When a far-flung colony is attacked by powerful alien raptors, its inhabitants will be forced to fight back - even as war changes them in monstrous ways.

Mysterious aliens ... ruthless terrorists ... androids with attitude ... genetic manipulation ... punch-ups with lasers ... giant spaceships

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... what more could you want? This great collection of 10 short stories by the author of Gridlinked, The Skinner, In the Line of Polity, and many more is a great read!

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In a far corner of space, on the very borders between humanity ' s Polity worlds and the kingdom of the vicious crab-like prador, is an immediate threat to all sentient life: an accretion disc, a solar system designed by the long-dead Jain race and swarming with living technology powerful enough to destroy entire civilizations.

Neither the Polity or the prador want the other in full control of the disc, so they ' ve placed an impartial third party in charge of the weapons platform guarding the technology from escaping into the

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galaxy: Orlandine, a part-human, part-AI haiman. She ' s assisted by Dragon, a mysterious, spaceship-sized alien entity who has long been suspicious of Jain technology and who suspects the disc is a trap lying-in-wait. Meanwhile, the android Angel is planning an attack on the Polity, and is searching for a terrible weapon to carry out his plans?a Jain super-soldier. But what exactly the super-soldier is, and what it could be used for if it fell into the wrong hands, will bring Angel and Orlandine ' s missions to a head in a way that could forever change the balance of power in the Polity universe. In *The Soldier*, British science fiction writer Neal Asher kicks off another Polity-based trilogy in signature fashion, concocting a

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mind-melting plot filled with far-future technology, lethal weaponry, and bizarre alien creations.

On the brink of burnout, Cormac disconnects his brain from the artificial intelligence network that enables rapid interstellar travel and is forced to track and elude a vicious psychopath while uncovering fiercely guarded secrets on the recently destroyed planet of Samarkand. Reprint.

The Warship

Gridlinked

War Factory: Transformation Book
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Lockdown Tales

Line War is the fifth and final novel in Neal Asher's action-packed Agent Cormac series. The human Polity worlds are under attack from Erebus, a

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renegade AI. And it's now merged with lethal Jain technology, and isn't afraid to use it. When Erebus kills millions, on a world of no apparent significance, Agent Ian Cormac is sent to investigate. He's also secretly struggling with an ability no human should possess — and starts questioning the motives of his AI masters. Further indiscriminate attacks attract the Polity's most dangerous individuals. Mr Crane, a brass killing machine, seeks vengeance. Orlandine, part AI and part human, hunts a weapon of appalling power. And Dragon plans to wake the makers of Jain technology from their ancient slumber. But can Erebus be stopped — or is this the end for the Polity? Under attack from every direction, the Polity teeters on the brink of annihilation . . . and only Agent

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Cormac can save it. When one of Erebus's wormships kills millions on the world of Klurhammon for no tactical reason and the AI entity controlling the lethal Jain technology attacks the Polity, it falls to Agent Cormac to figure out why. But, as further attacks ensue, it brings some of the most dangerous individuals in the Polity to the front lines of the war, including Mr. Crane, the indefatigable brass killing machine, and Orlandine, a vastly augmented haiman who herself controls Jain technology as she seeks both allies and a weapon of appalling power. Meanwhile, with death and destruction on the horizon, scientist Mika is kidnapped and forced to wake the makers of the Jain technology from their five-million-year slumber. But are Erebus's attacks not erratic and instead completely planned out? And

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could that spell the end of the Polity?
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adventure The Last Watch, the first
book in the Divide series, where a
handful of soldiers stand between
humanity and annihilation.

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Hoffman's Best of 2021 10 Best Books Like Foundation's ScreenRant 20 Must Read Space Fantasy Books for 2021's Bookriot Most Anticipated Book for April 2021: Bookish Nerd Daily Geek Tyrant SFF 180 Amazon Best of the Month April 2021 The Divide. It's the edge of the universe. Now it's collapsing—and taking everyone and everything with it. The only ones who can stop it are the Sentinels—the recruits, exiles, and court-martialed dregs of the military. At the Divide, Adequin Rake commands the Argus. She has no resources, no comms—nothing, except for the soldiers that no one wanted. Her ace in the hole could be Cavalon Mercer—genius, asshole, and exiled prince who nuked his grandfather's genetic facility for reasons. She knows they're humanity's last chance. The Divide

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series The Last Watch The Exiled Fleet At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Raised to adulthood during the end of the war between the human Polity and a vicious alien race, the Prador, Ian Cormac is haunted by childhood memories of a sinister scorpion-shaped war drone and the burden of losses he doesn't remember. Cormac signs up with Earth Central Security and is sent out to help restore and maintain order on worlds devastated by the war. There he discovers that though the Prador remain as murderous as ever, they are not anywhere near as treacherous or dangerous as some of his fellow humans, some closer to him than he would like. Amidst the ruins left by wartime genocides, Cormac will

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discover in himself a cold capacity for violence and learn some horrible truths about his own past while trying to stay alive on his course of vengeance.

Set in a future of military take-overs, rising sea levels and satellite industries, this tale of high tech subterfuge and violence ultimately questions the future of the human race and what it might become. Asher is the author of Gridlinked.

The Fifth Agent Cormac Novel

Shadow of the Scorpion

The Witling

Runcible Tales

Set in Neal Asher's acclaimed Polity Universe, this is a standalone adventure rather than part of a series. Here, Jack Four is one of twenty clones, created to be sold. But he

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plans to escape his fate - whatever it takes.

Polity Agent is the fourth novel in Neal Asher's popular Agent Cormac series. Refugees arrive in the Polity from eight hundred years in Agent Cormac's future. And once they are through, the gate they use is dumped into the sun, as something dangerous and non-human is in pursuit. Cormac soon learns that the Maker civilization they have come from has been destroyed - by alien Jain technology. Orlandine, an augmented human, is studying this lethal tech in Cormac's timeline. She may manage to harness its power, or it

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might destroy her. Meanwhile, Cormac is desperate to stamp down on this same technology, but someone or something is spreading it. And just outside humanity's Polity worlds, something very nasty indeed might just be pulling their strings. Polity Agent is followed by Line War in the action-packed Agent Cormac series

The Complete Owner Trilogy by Neal Asher, including The Departure, Zero Point, and Jupiter War. The Departure: Visible in the night sky the Argus Station, its twin smelting plants like glowing eyes, looks down on nightmare Earth. From Argus

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oppressive control: citizens
are watched by cams systems
and political officers, it's
a world inhabited by
shepherds, reader guns,
razor birds and the brutal
Inspectorate with its white
tiled cells and pain
inducers. Soon the Committee
will have the power to edit
human minds, but not yet,
twelve billion human being
need to die before Earth can
be stabilized, but by
turning large portions of
Earth into concentration
camps this is achievable,
especially when the Argus
satellite laser network
comes fully online . . .
This is the world Alan Saul

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wakes to in his crate on the conveyor to the Calais incinerator. How he got there he does not know, but he does remember the pain and the face of his interrogator. Informed by Janus, through the hardware implanted in his skull, about the world as it is now Saul is determined to destroy it, just as soon as he has found out who he was, and killed his interrogator . . . Zero Point: Earth's Zero Asset citizens no longer face extermination from orbit. Thanks to Alan Saul, the Committee's network of control is a smoking ruin and its robotic enforcers lie dormant. But

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power abhors a vacuum and, scrambling from the wreckage, comes the ruthless Serene Galahad. She must act while the last vestiges of Committee infrastructure remain intact - and she has the means to ensure command is hers. On Mars, Var Delex fights for the survival of Antares Base, while the Argus Space Station hurls towards the red planet. And she knows whomever, or whatever, trashed Earth is still aboard. Var must save the base, while also dealing with the first signs of rebellion. And aboard Argus Station, Alan Saul's mind has expanded into the local computer network. In the

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process, he uncovers the ghastly experiments of the Humanoid Unit Development, the possibility of eternal life, and a madman who may hold the keys to interstellar flight. But Earth's agents are closer than Saul thinks, and the killing will soon begin. Jupiter War: Alan Saul is now part-human and part-machine, and our solar system isn't big enough to hold him. He craves the stars, but can't leave yet. His sister Var is trapped on Mars, on the wrong side of a rebellion, and Saul's human side won't let her die. He must leave Argus Station to stage a dangerous rescue --

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but mutiny is brewing onboard, as Saul's robots make his crew feel increasingly redundant. Serene Galahad will do anything to prevent Saul's escape. Earth's ruthless dictator hides her crimes from a cowed populace as she readies new warships for pursuit. She aims to crush her enemy in a terrifying display of interstellar violence. Meanwhile, The Scourge limps back to earth, its crew slaughtered, its mission to annihilate Saul a disaster. There are survivors, but while one seeks Galahad's death, Clay Ruger will negotiate for his life. Events build to a

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climax as Ruger holds humanity's greatest prize -- seeds to rebuild a dying Earth. This stolen gene-bank data will come at a price, but what will Galahad pay for humanity's future? An exploration team from Earth becomes trapped between warring alien factions as they fall into the hands of the inhabitants of Giri, who view science as unnecessary and technological advances as playthings for the unintelligent, in a new edition of a classic science fiction saga by the Hugo Award-winning author of Rainbows End. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

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The first volume in a no-holds-barred adventure set in Asher's popular Polity universe One man will transcend death to seek vengeance. One woman will transform herself to gain power. And no one will emerge unscathed... Thorvald Spear wakes in hospital, where he finds he's been brought back from the dead. What's more, he died in a human vs. alien war which ended a whole century ago. But when he relives his traumatic final moments, he finds the spark to keep on living. That spark is vengeance. Trapped and desperate on a world surrounded by alien Prador

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forces, Spear had seen a rescue ship arriving. But instead of providing backup, Penny Royal, the AI within the destroyer turned rogue. It annihilated friendly forces in a frenzy of destruction, and, years later, it's still free. Spear vows to track it across worlds and do whatever it takes to bring it down. Isobel Satomi ran a successful crime syndicate. But after competitors attacked, she needed more power. Yet she got more than she bargained for when she negotiated with Penny Royal. She paid it to turn her part-AI herself, but the upgrades hid a horrifying secret. The

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Dark AI had triggered a transformation in Isobel that would turn her into a monster, rapidly evolving into something far from human. Spear hires Isobel to take him to the Penny Royal AI's last known whereabouts. But he cheats her in the process and he becomes a target for her vengeance. And as she is evolves further into a monstrous predator, rage soon wins over reason. Will Spear finish his hunt, before he becomes the hunted? PRAISE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION SERIES "One of his best works so far ... Asher is a modern master of Sci-Fi" Starburst magazine

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"Beautifully paced ... does just as well as at slam-bang action scenes as at painting frightening pictures"

Publishers Weekly, starred review "Blends large portions of horror and mystery into an SF tale of revenge and redemption ... a complex and satisfying work"

Library Journal, starred review "Hardboiled, fast-paced space opera epic ... Asher's books are similar to the world of Iain M. Banks' Culture universe, but the Polity is arguably a much darker and more vicious environment - and all the better for it"

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The Human

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The Practice Effect

Cowl

Glasshouse

From one of the most critically acclaimed and well-loved authors of contemporary science fiction, a highly imaginative and exciting story as only David Brin can write . . . "High spirits and inventiveness . . . Dennis's adventures, which can only be called rollicking, are legion."—Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine

Physicist Dennis Nuel was the first human to probe the strange realms called anomaly worlds—alternate universes where the laws of

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science were unpredictably changed. But the world Dennis discovered seemed almost like our own—with one perplexing difference. To his astonishment, he was hailed as a wizard and found himself fighting beside a beautiful woman with strange powers against a mysterious warlord as he struggled to solve the riddle of this baffling world. “A delightful, often very witty story, with the underlying thoughtfulness we expect from David Brin.”—Poul Anderson

An extraordinary collection from a master of science fiction Much of Neal Asher's fiction is set in the

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galactic civilization he calls the Polity, an alliance of human-populated worlds. And in this collection of thirteen marvellously inventive and action-packed short stories, Asher is on top form. You can expect conflicted humans, fiendishly clever plot twists, extraordinary technologies and so much more. The discerning reader can also savour tales of alien poisons, the walking dead, the Sea of Death, and the putrefactor symbiont. No one does weird, wonderful and downright gruesome aliens better than Neal Asher, so prepare to visit his favourites. Sample the

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lifestyles of creatures such as the gabbleduck and the hooder, as Asher takes you on a wild ride into his vividly-imagined futures. From the architect of the Polity universe, Neal Asher's The Gabble - And Other Short Stories reveals a universe of unbridled imagination, and each one is a delight in itself. Prador Moon is one of Neal Asher's most explosive excursions into the Polity universe - a vivid, visceral, brilliantly intense space opera that you won't forget. It takes one encounter to turn peace into war . . . The worlds of the Polity stretch from Earth

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Central into the unfathomable reaches of the galactic void. And when humanity finally encounters alien life - in the form of massive, hostile carnivores known as the Prador - there can only be one outcome. Total warfare. Chaos reigns as, caught unawares, the Polity struggles to regain control. It must try and remake itself into a military society as starships clash, planets fall and space stations are overrun. But for Jebel Krong and Moria Salem, trapped at the centre of the action, this war is far more than a clash of cultures or technology versus brute

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force. This war is personal. Prador Moon is a standalone prequel to the dramatic events in Neal Asher's Spatterjay novels.

Raised to adulthood during the end of the war between the human Polity and a vicious alien race, the Prador, Ian Cormac is haunted by childhood memories of a sinister scorpion-shaped war drone and the burden of losses he doesn't remember. Cormac signs up with Earth Central Security and is sent out to help restore and maintain order on worlds devastated by the war. There he discovers that though the Prador remain as murderous

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as ever, they are not anywhere near as treacherous or dangerous as some of his fellow humans, some closer to him than he would like. Amidst the ruins left by wartime genocides, Cormac will discover in himself a cold capacity for violence and learn some horrible truths about his own past while trying to stay alive on his course of vengeance. Skyhorse Publishing, under our Night Shade and Talos imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of titles for readers interested in science fiction (space opera, time travel, hard SF, alien invasion, near-future

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Visible in the night sky the Argus Station, its twin smelting plants like glowing eyes, looks down on nightmare Earth. From Argus

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oppressive control: citizens
are watched by cams systems
and political officers, it's
a world inhabited by
shepherds, reader guns,
razor birds and the brutal
Inspectorate with its white
tiled cells and pain
inducers. Soon the Committee
will have the power to edit
human minds, but not yet,
twelve billion human being
need to die before Earth can
be stabilized, but by
turning large portions of
Earth into concentration
camps this is achievable,
especially when the Argus
satellite laser network
comes fully online . . .
This is the world Alan Saul*

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wakes to in his crate on the conveyor to the Calais incinerator. How he got there he does not know, but he does remember the pain and the face of his interrogator. Informed by Janus, through the hardware implanted in his skull, about the world as it is now Saul is determined to destroy it, just as soon as he has found out who he was, and killed his interrogator

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The Parasite

The Technician: Polity 4

Dark Intelligence:

Transformation Book 1

The Line of Polity

In The Human, the final book in Neal

Asher's epic Rise of the Jain trilogy, an

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entire galaxy hangs in the balance as the ancient and powerful Jain threat emerges anew . . . A Jain warship has risen from the depths of space, emerging with a deadly grudge and a wealth of ancient yet lethal technology. It is determined to hunt down the alien Client, and will annihilate all those who stand in its way. So Orlandine must prepare humanity's defense. Both humanity and the Prador thought their ancient foe—the Jain—had perished in a past age. And they resolve to destroy these outliers at any cost. Orlandine wants the Client's inside knowledge to act, but the Client has her own agenda. Earth Central therefore looks to the Prador for alliance, after the Jain destroy their fleet. However, not everyone is happy with this, and some will do anything to shatter this fragile coalition. As the Jain warship makes its way across the galaxy, it seems

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unstoppable. Human and Prador forces alike struggle to withstand its devastating weaponry. Orlandine's life work is to neutralize Jain technology, so if she can't triumph, no one can. But will she become what she's vowed to destroy?

In outer space you can never feel sure that your adversary is altogether human. The runcible buffers on Samarkand have been mysteriously sabotaged, killing many thousands and destroying a terraforming project. Agent Cormac must reach it by ship to begin an investigation. But Cormac has incurred the wrath of a vicious psychopath called Pelter, who is prepared to follow him across the galaxy with a terrifying android in tow. Despite the sub-zero temperature of Samarkand, Cormac discovers signs of life: they are two 'dracomen', alien beasts contrived by an extra-galactic entity calling itself 'Dragon', which is a huge creature

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consisting of four conjoined spheres of flesh each a kilometre in diameter.

Caught between the byzantine wiles of the Dragon and the lethal fury of Pelter, Cormac needs to skip very nimbly indeed to rescue the Samarkand project and protect his own life. Gridlinked is the first sci-fi thriller in Neal Asher's compelling Agent Cormac series.

This is a 'chapbook' of five short stories so not very long (about 30,000 words). It consists of: Always With You - Webster engages on a mission to destroy a Prador planet breaker. It helps if you have Horace Blegg on your side, and an internal medic, but are these enough to overcome overwhelming odds? Blue Holes and Bloody Waters - marine biologist Karl finds that humans haven't quite adapted enough - or have they? Features the first mention of the retro Anti-Grav cars featured in "Gridlinked" that I have

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come across Dragon in the Flower - Ian Cormac's first encounter with Dragon - this is printed word-for-word in "Gridlinked", so this should be the Runcible Tale most familiar to Neal Asher readers The Gire and the Bibrat - Telepath John Tennyson is given more than a helping hand by Agent Prime Cause in his search for the location of a scream... Walking John and Bird - John Walker consults Horace Blegg and Dragon with questions concerning his link with Bird, a seemingly invincible entity. Trouble is, especially where Dragon is concerned, he may not like the answers. Best-selling author Neal Asher was far from idle during the isolation of lockdown; he kept himself occupied in the best way possible: he wrote. And his imagination was clearly in overdrive. Five brand new novellas and novelettes and one novella reworked and expanded from

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a story first published in 2019. Together, they form Lockdown Tales, exploring the latter days of the Polity universe and beyond. What lies in wait for humanity after the Polity has gone? Six stories, 150,000 words of fiction that crackle with energy, invention and excitement. Within their pages you will encounter prador, hoopers, sassy A.I.s, resurrected Golem, a mutated giant whelk that can ravage an island, hooders, megalomaniacs, war drones, Penny Royal, an intriguing sfnal take on High Planes Drifter and another with echoes of Robinson Crusoe... In fact, everything you might expect from concentrated Neal Asher and more. Lockdown Tales: An introduction The Relict Monitor Logan Bad Boy Plenty Dr. Whip Raising Moloch Brass Man is the third novel in Neal Asher's popular Agent Cormac series. On the primitive world Cull, a knight errant

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called Anderson hunts a dragon, not knowing that elsewhere is a resurrected brass killing machine, Mr Crane, assisting in a similar hunt. Learning that this old enemy still lives, agent Cormac pursues, while scientist Mika begins discovering the horrifying truth about an ancient alien technology. Each day is a survival struggle for the people of Cull. Ferocious insectile monsters roam their planet, as they try to escape to their forefathers' starship still orbiting far above them. But an entity with questionable motives, calling itself Dragon, assists them with genetic by-blows created out of humans and the hideous local monsters. And now the supposedly geologically inactive planet itself is increasingly suffering earthquakes . . .

Infinity Engine

Brass Man

The Technician

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The Gabble - and Other Stories

The war victory of the Heliothane Dominion is threatened by escaped adversaries who send an organic time machine monster into the past to change the war's outcome, prompting the dispatch of Tack, a programmable killer who has been compromised by the monster and whom the Heliothane government wants to use to preserve the timeline. By the author of *The Skinner*. 15,000 first printing. Years after the appearance in the solar system of the immense, deserted spaceship named by its discoverers Rama, a second craft arrived, destined to become home for a group of human colonists. But now the colony has become a

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brutal dictatorship, committing genocide against its peaceful alien neighbours and terrorizing its own inhabitants. Nicole Wakefield, condemned to death for treason, has escaped and crossed the Cylindrical Sea to the island of mysterious skyscrapers which the humans call New York. There she is reunited with her husband, and soon they are joined by others of their family and friends. But pursuit is not far behind and they are forced to flee to the subterranean corridors of New York inhabited by the menacing octospiders. Infinity Engine is the third and final novel in the Transformation trilogy by bestselling science fiction author Neal Asher, following Dark

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Intelligence and War Factory. A man battles for his life, two AIs vie for supremacy and a civilization hangs in the balance . . . Several forces now pursue rogue artificial intelligence Penny Royal, hungry for revenge or redemption. And the Brockle is the most dangerous of all. This criminal swarm-robot AI has escaped confinement and is upgrading itself, becoming ever more powerful in anticipation of a showdown. Events also escalate aboard the war factory. Here Thorvald Spear, alien prador, and an assassin drone struggle to stay alive, battling insane AIs and technology gone wild. Then the Weaver arrives - last remnant of a race that died out two million years

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ago. But what could it contribute to Penny Royal's tortuous plans? And beyond the war factory a black hole conceals a tantalizing secret which could destroy the Polity. As Als, humans and prador clash at its boundary, will anything survive their explosive final confrontation?

'Transcends the borders of morality, existence, and spacetime itself' Publishers Weekly

He's the nightmare you never imagined In the far-future, the Heliethane Dominion triumphed after a bitter war. But some enemies escaped into the past, to wreak havoc across time. The worst is Cowl - originally human, until artificially-forced evolution made him something else entirely.

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Polly is unprepared for her involvement with Nandru Jurgens. He's a Taskforce soldier, now hunted by killers. Nor can Polly resist the alien 'tor' she's compelled to attach to her arm. But when she's dragged through time, she learns fast. Tack has a tor fragment embedded in his wrist - a bloody reminder of Heliothane's government. As their vat-grown assassin, he's no stranger to violence. But the extent of this mission is different. Meanwhile, a beast hunts its targets through time's alternate dimensions. This is Cowl's pet tor - and it's eager to feed.

A veteran of Gulf War II, telepath Greg Mandel enters the high-tech

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world of computer crime, zero-gravity smuggling, and artificial intelligence when an elusive saboteur threatens a powerful organization and the very future of humankind. Reprint.

The Soldier

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Prador Moon

Set in a lethal waterworld,

The Skinner is the first novel in the far-future

Spatterjay series by Neal

Asher. The savage ocean

planet of Spatterjay draws

visitors with very different

agendas. Erlin is immortal

and seeks a reason to keep

living. Janer hosts a hive

mind, which paid him to find

this planet. And Keech is an

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agent of Earth who's been dead for seven hundred years – but still hunts a notorious criminal. On Spatterjay's vast waterscapes, only the Old Captains risk the native life forms and their voracious appetites. However, they are now barely human. And somewhere out there Keech's target – the Skinner – runs wild. Keech pursues the Skinner for atrocities committed in a centuries-past war, fought with the alien Prador. But one of these Prador is fast approaching Spatterjay to exterminate witnesses to his own war crimes. And he won't spare its visitors. Continue

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the science fiction
adventure with The Voyage of
Sable Keech and Orbus.
The Polity is under attack
from a 'melded' AI entity
with control of the lethal
Jain technology, yet the
attack seems to have no
coherence. When one of
Erebus's wormships kills
millions on the world of
Klurhammon, a high-tech
agricultural world of no
real tactical significance,
agent Ian Cormac is sent to
investigate, though he is
secretly struggling to
control a new ability no
human being should possess .
. . and beginning to
question the motives of his
AI masters. Further attacks

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and seemingly indiscriminate slaughter ensue, but only serve to bring some of the most dangerous individuals in the Polity into the war. Mr Crane, the indefatigable brass killing machine sets out for vengeance, while Orlandine, a vastly-augmented haiman who herself controls Jain technology, seeks a weapon of appalling power and finds allies from an ancient war. Meanwhile Mika, scientist and Dragon expert, is again kidnapped by that unfathomable alien entity and dragged into the heart of things: to wake the makers of Jain technology from their five-million-year slumber. But Erebus's

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attacks are not so
indiscriminate, after all,
and could very well herald
the end of the Polity itself

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The Theocracy has been dead
for twenty years, and the
Polity rules on Masada. But
the Tidy Squad consists of
rebels who cannot accept the
new order. Their hate for
surviving theocrats is
undiminished, and the iconic
Jeremiah Tombs is at the top
of their hitlist. Escaping
his sanatorium Tombs is
pushed into painful
confrontation with reality
he has avoided since the
rebellion. His insanity has
been left uncured, because
the near mythical hoodler

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called the Technician that attacked him all those years ago, did something to his mind even the AIs fail to understand. Tombs might possess information about the suicide of an entire alien race. The war drone Amistad, whose job it is to bring this information to light, recruits Lief Grant, an ex-rebel Commander, to protect Tombs, along with the black AI Penny Royal, who everyone thought was dead. The amphidapt Chanter, who has studied the bone sculptures the Technician makes with the remains of its prey, might be useful too. Meanwhile, in deep space, the mechanism the

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Atheter used to reduce themselves to animals, stirs from slumber and begins to power-up its weapons. From 800 years in the future, a runcible gate is opened into the Polity and those coming through it have been sent specially to take the alien 'Maker' back to its home civilization in the Small Magellanic cloud. Once these refugees are safely through, the gate itself is rapidly shut down - because something alien is pursuing them. The gate is then dumped into a nearby sun. From those refugees who get through, agent Cormac learns that the Maker civilization has been destroyed by

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pernicious virus known as the Jain technology. This, of course, raised questions: why was Dragon, a massive bioconstruct of the Makers, really sent to the Polity; why did a Jain node suddenly end up in the hands of someone who could do the most damage with it? Meanwhile an entity called the Legate is distributing pernicious Jain nodes . . . and a renegade attack ship, The King of Hearts, has encountered something very nasty outside the Polity itself.

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