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The Book of Heroes

VIZ Media LLC When her brother Hiroki disappears after a violent altercation with school bullies, Yuriko finds a magical book in his room. The book leads her to another world where she learns that Hiroki has been possessed by the evil King in Yellow, and that only she can save him...and solve the riddle of why the King is also called "Hero." -- VIZ Media

All She was Worth

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt When his fiancée disappears, Jun Kurisaka turns to his uncle, homicide inspector Shunsuke Honmawho, for help in locating the real Shoko Sekine, and determining the identity of the woman who had so lightly stepped out of her shoes and vanished without a trace.

The Gate of Sorrows

VIZ Media LLC A series of murders shocks Tokyo's Shinjuku ward, but Shigenori, a retired police detective, is instead obsessed with a gargoyle that seems to move. College freshman Kotaro launches a web-based investigation of the killer, and comes to find that answers may lie within an abandoned building in the center of Japan's busiest neighborhood, and beyond the Gate of Sorrows. In this adult sequel to Miyabe's The Book of Heroes, you will meet monsters from other worlds and ordinary horrors that surpass even supernatural threats. -- VIZ Media

Brave Story (Novel-Paperback)

Haikasoru A young boy finds his destiny in a world of fantasy. L to R (Western Style). The Bravest Story Ever Told Young Wataru Mitani's life is a mess. His father has abandoned him, and his mother has been hospitalized after a suicide attempt. Desperately he searches for some way to change his life--a way to alter his fate. To achieve his goal, he must navigate the magical world of Vision, a land filled with creatures both fierce and friendly. And to complicate matters, he must outwit a merciless rival from the real world. Wataru's ultimate destination is the Tower of Destiny where a goddess of fate awaits. Only when he has finished his journey and collected five elusive gemstones will he possess the Demon's Bane--the key that will unlock the future. Charity, bravery, faith, grace and the power of darkness and light: these are the provinces of each gemstone. Brought together, they have the immeasurable power to bring Wataru's family back together again. Young Wataru Mitani's life is a mess. His father has abandoned him, and his mother has been hospitalized after a suicide attempt. Desperately he searches for some way to change his life--a way to alter his fate. To achieve his goal, he must navigate the magical world of Vision, a land filled with creatures both fierce and friendly. And to complicate matters, he must outwit a merciless rival from the real world. Wataru's ultimate destination is the Tower of Destiny where a goddess of fate awaits. Only when he has finished his journey and collected five elusive gemstones will he possess the Demon's Bane--the key that will unlock the future. Charity, bravery, faith, grace and the power of darkness and light: these are the provinces of each gemstone. Brought together, they have the immeasurable power to bring Wataru's family back together again.

Shadow Family

Kodansha International This is a murder mystery focusing on the dark world of internet chat rooms populated by people attracted by the chance to be whoever they want to be. Alice investigating the murder of a middle-aged office worker discovers emails on the victim's computer that indicate he had been a regular participant in an internet chat room. He wrote about a fantasy "family" of which he is a member: the other members of this shadow family being people he had met. A man detective is assigned to protect the dead man's real-life teenage daughter Kazumi, who says she's being stalked. The inspector in charge convinces his superiors to allow him to conduct a controversial experiment that involves questioning members of the internet family while Kazumi watches from behind a two-way mirror to see if she recognises any of them, either by appearance or voice. During the interview, Kazumi talks about her feelings towards her parents, and her boyfriend with whom she is in constant email contact via her cellphone... Excellent detective fiction that keeps you guessing until the end, and exploits Miyabe's skilful characterisation to the

The Looking Glass Wars

Penguin The Myth: Alice was an ordinary girl who stepped through the looking glass and entered a fairy-tale world invented by Lewis Carroll in his famous storybook. The Truth: Wonderland is real. Alyss Heart is the heir to the throne, until her murderous aunt Redd steals the crown and kills Alyss's parents. To escape Redd, Alyss and her bodyguard, Hatter Madigan, must flee to our world through the Pool of Tears. But in the pool Alyss and Hatter are separated. Lost and alone in Victorian London, Alyss is befriended by an aspiring author to whom she tells the violent, heartbreaking story of her young life. Yet he gets the story all wrong. Hatter Madigan knows the truth only too well, and he is searching every corner of our world to find the lost princess and return her to Wonderland so she may battle Redd for her rightful place as the Queen of Hearts.

Apparitions

Ghosts of Old Edo

Haikasoru In old Edo, the past was never forgotten. It lived alongside the present, in dark corners, and in the shadows. In these tales, award-winning author Miyuki Miyabe explores the ghosts of Japan, and the spaces of the living world they inhabit. Written with a journalistic eye and a fantasist's heart Apparitions bring the restless dead, and those who encounter them, to life.

Puppet Master vol.3

Creek & River Co., Ltd Volume 3 of Miyuki Miyabe's best-selling murder mystery sees Hiromi and Peace respond to the criticism that they only go after defenseless women by targeting a man as their next victim, while plotting to frame Kaz as their fall guy. But even master manipulator Peace couldn't predict how things would turn out . . . Available in e-book format in five separate volumes, to be released through spring 2016. Other e-books in English by Miyuki Miyabe: Apparitions: Ghosts of Old Edo The Book of Heroes ICO: Castle in the Mist Brave Story Praise for Miyabe: "A window into contemporary Japanese life." ?San Francisco Chronicle "Enormously compelling... combining expert pacing and psychological nuance to ultimately haunting effect." ?Publishers Weekly, starred review "Miyabe is a subtle observer of a country on the cusp. Her American readers can only hope for more chances to see through her eyes." ?The Los Angeles Times "Absorbing... an artful blending of puzzle-solving and social commentary." ?Washington Post

ICO: Castle of the Mist

VIZ Media LLC When a boy named Ico grows long curved horns overnight, his fate has been sealed—he is to be sacrificed in the Castle in the Mist. But in the castle, Ico meets a young girl named Yorda imprisoned in its halls. Alone they will die, but together Ico and Yorda might just be able to defy their destinies and escape the magic of the castle. Based on the video game filmmaker Guillermo del Toro (Hellboy, Pan's Labyrinth) called a "masterpiece," Japan's leading fantasist Miyuki Miyabe has crafted a tale of magic, loss, and love that will never be forgotten. -- VIZ Media

Brave Story

TokyoPop When a mysterious transfer student comes to his school, Wataru is dragged into a land of magic and monsters and must face challenges that he could not imagine in his wildest dreams.

Legend of the Galactic Heroes, Vol. 1: Dawn

Dawn

VIZ Media LLC The “golden brat” Reinhard von Lohengramm, a military prodigy and admiral of the Galactic Empire, has ambitions beyond protecting the borders or even defeating the empire’s enemies. He seeks to overthrow the old order and become a truly absolute—yet benevolent—dictator. His rival, the humble Yang Wen-li of the Free Planets Alliance, wishes to preserve democracy even if he must sacrifice his political ideals to defeat the empire. Their political and military battles play out over a galactic chessboard in an epic saga fifteen centuries in the making! -- VIZ Media

Apparitions: Ghosts of Old Edo

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Crossfire

Kodansha USA Incorporated Krimi. Imagine possessing the paranormal ability to set someone on fire. Toast. Just by thinking about it. Junko Aoki has those pyrokinetic powers, and she's using them to leave a trail of smoldering bodies across Tokyo

Buffy to Batgirl

Essays on Female Power, Evolving Femininity and Gender Roles in Science Fiction and Fantasy

McFarland Science fiction and fantasy are often thought of as stereotypically male genres, yet both have a long and celebrated history of female creators, characters, and fans. In particular, the science fiction and fantasy heroine is a recognized figure made popular in media such as Alien, The Terminator, and Buffy, The Vampire Slayer. Though imperfect, she is strong and definitely does not need to be saved by a man. This figure has had an undeniable influence on The Hunger Games, Divergent, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, and many other, more recent female-led book and movie franchises. Despite their popularity, these fictional women have received inconsistent scholarly interest. This collection of new essays is intended to help fill a gap in the serious discussion of women and gender in science fiction and fantasy. The contributors are scholars, teachers, practicing writers, and other professionals in fields related to the genre. Critically examining the depiction of women and gender in science fiction and fantasy on both page and screen, they focus on characters who are as varied as they are interesting, and who range from vampire slayers to time travelers, witches, and spacefarers.

The Devil's Whisper

Kodansha USA Incorporated Slowly, the answers are uncovered by sixteen-year-old Mamoru, the nephew of the taxi driver currently being held by the police on charges of manslaughter for the death of the third victim. Determined to help his uncle, the enterprising young protagonist discovers that the girl killed by his uncle's taxi had participated in a devious scam. Slowly, the answers are uncovered by sixteen-year-old Mamoru, the nephew of the taxi driver currently being held by the police on charges of manslaughter for the death of the third victim. Determined to help his uncle,

Prefecture D

Four Novellas

MCD x FSG Originals A collection of tense thrillers, each centered on a mystery and the unfortunate officer tasked with solving it, set in the world of Hideo Yokoyama's bestselling Six Four. Four novellas: Each taking place in 1998. SEASON OF SHADOWS "The force could lose face . . . I want you to fix this." Personnel's Futawatari receives a horrifying memo forcing him to investigate the behavior of a legendary detective with unfinished business. CRY OF THE EARTH "It's too easy to kill a man with a rumor." Shinto of Internal Affairs receives an anonymous tip-off alleging a station chief is visiting the red-light district—a warning he soon learns is a red herring. BLACK LINES "It was supposed to be her special day." Section Chief Nanao, responsible for the force's forty-nine female officers, is alarmed to learn her star pupil has not reported for duty and is believed to be missing. BRIEFCASE "We need to know what he's going to ask." On the eve of a routine debate, Political Liaison Tsuge learns a wronged politician is preparing his revenge. He must now quickly dig up dirt to silence him. Prefecture D continues Hideo Yokoyama's exploration of the themes of obsession, saving face, office politics, and interdepartmental conflicts. Placing everyday characters between a rock and a hard place and then dialing up the pressure, he blends and balances the very Japanese with the very accessible, to spectacular effect.

The Tale of Genji

Vintage In the eleventh century Murasaki Shikibu, a lady in the Heian court of Japan, wrote the world's first novel. But The Tale of Genji is no mere artifact. It is, rather, a lively and astonishingly nuanced portrait of a refined society where every dalliance is an act of political consequence, a play of characters whose inner lives are as rich and changeable as those imagined by Proust. Chief of these is "the shining Genji," the son of the emperor and a man whose passionate impulses create great turmoil in his world and very nearly destroy him. This edition, recognized as the finest version in English, contains a dozen chapters from early in the book, carefully chosen by the translator, Edward G. Seidensticker, with an introduction explaining the selection. It is illustrated throughout with woodcuts from a seventeenth-century edition.

PandoraHearts

Yen Press LLC "What those people are looking at...isn't me." Though Oz's sudden appearance in the midst of Pandora wreaks havoc, the initially chilly reception to the prison-breaker runs more than warm when Jack Vessalius, hero of the tragedy of Sablier and the man from Alice's memories, manifests in Oz's body. Sensing Oz's resultant inner turmoil, Uncle Oscar drags Oz and company on a "mission" to Lutwidge Academy, where Oz's little sister, Ada, is a student. But some carefree fun and a tearful reunion ten years in the making is not all for which Oz must prepare himself: crimson-cloaked foes are lying in wait to torture him for answers about the events of a hundred years ago...

The Dead Republic

A Novel

Penguin The triumphant conclusion to the trilogy that began with *A Star Called Henry* Watch for Roddy Doyle's new novel, *Smile*, coming in October of 2017 Henry Smart is back. It is 1946, and Henry has crawled into the desert of Utah's Monument Valley to die. He's stumbled onto a film set though, and ends up in Hollywood collaborating with John Ford on a script based on his life. Eventually, Henry finds himself back in Ireland, where he becomes a custodian, and meets up with a woman who may or may not be his long-lost wife. After being injured in a political bombing in Dublin, the secret of his rebel past comes out, and Henry is a national hero. Or are his troubles just beginning? Raucous, colorful, and epic, *The Dead Republic* is the magnificent final act in the life of one of Doyle's most unforgettable characters.

Hybrid Child

A Novel

U of Minnesota Press A classic of Japanese speculative fiction that blurs the line between consumption and creation when a cyborg assumes the form and spirit of a murdered child Until he escaped, he had been called "Sample B #3," but he had never liked this name. That would surprise them—that he could feel one way or another about it. He was designed to reshape himself based on whatever life forms he ingested; he was not made to think, and certainly not to assume the shape of a repair technician whose cells he had sampled and then simply walk out of the secure compound. Artificial Intelligence is all too real in this classic of Japanese science fiction by Mariko Ōhara. Jonah, a child murdered by her mother, has become the spirit of an AI-controlled house where the rogue cyborg once known as Sample B #3 takes refuge and, making a meal of the dead girl buried under the house, takes Jonah's form. On faraway Planet Caritas, an outpost of human civilization, the female AI system that governs society has become insane. Meanwhile, the threat of the Adiaptron Empire, the machine race that #3 was built to fight, remains. With the familiar strangeness of a fairy tale, Ōhara's novel traverses the mysterious distance between body and mind, between the mechanics of life and the ghost in the machine, between the infinitesimal and infinity. The child as mother, the mother as monster, the monster as hero: this shape-shifting story of nourishment, nurture, and parturition is a rare feminist work of speculative fiction and received the prestigious Seiun (Nebula) Award in 1991. *Hybrid Child* is the first English translation of a major work of science fiction by a female Japanese author.

Holy Horror

The Bible and Fear in Movies

McFarland What, exactly, makes us afraid? Is it monsters, gore, the unknown? Perhaps it's a biblical sense of malice, lurking unnoticed in the corners of horror films. *Holy Writ* attempts to ward off aliens, ghosts, witches, psychopaths and demons, yet it often becomes a source of evil itself. Looking first at *Psycho* (1960) and continuing through 2017, this book analyzes the starring and supporting roles of the Good Book in horror films, monster movies and thrillers to discover why it incites such fear. In a culture with high biblical awareness and low biblical literacy, horrific portrayals can greatly influence an audience's canonical beliefs.

Reading the World's Stories

An Annotated Bibliography of International Youth Literature

Rowman & Littlefield *Reading the World's Stories* is volume 5 in the *Bridges to Understanding* series of annotated international youth literature bibliographies sponsored by the United States Board on Books for Young People. USBBY is the United States chapter of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), a Switzerland-based nonprofit whose mission is bring books and children together. The series promotes sharing international children's books as a way to facilitate intercultural understanding and meet new literary voices. This volume follows *Children's Books from Other Countries*

(1998), *The World through Children's Books* (2002), *Crossing Boundaries with Children's Books* (2006), and *Bridges to Understanding: Envisioning the World through Children's Books* (2011) and acts as a companion book to the earlier titles. Centered around the theme of the importance of stories, the guide is a resource for discovering more recent global books that fit many reading tastes and educational needs for readers aged 0-18 years. Essays by storyteller Anne Pellowski, author Beverley Naidoo, and academic Marianne Martens offer a variety of perspectives on international youth literature. This latest installment in the series covers books published from 2010-2014 and includes English-language imports as well as translations of children's and young adult literature first published outside of the United States. These books are supplemented by a smaller number of culturally appropriate books from the US to help fill in gaps from underrepresented countries. The organization of the guide is geographic by region and country. All of the more than 800 entries are recommended, and many of the books have won awards or achieved other recognition in their home countries. Forty children's book experts wrote the annotations. The entries are indexed by author, translator, illustrator, title, and subject. Back matter also includes international book awards, important organizations and research collections, and a selected directory of publishers known for publishing books from other countries.

Puppet Master vol.4

Creek & River Co., Ltd In volume 4 of Miyuki Miyabe's blockbuster mystery, the police investigation into the serial killings focuses on identifying the women depicted in a stash of horrific photos and videos found in Hiromi Kurihashi's Tokyo apartment, and locating the killers' hideout. Meanwhile, Shigeko Maehata's journalistic career takes off with her in-depth reports on the serial killings. A stroke of good fortune brings her into contact with Yumiko Takai as well as Koichi Amikawa, also known as Peace, who has taken Yumiko under his wing and is supporting her claims that her brother was innocent. Available in e-book format in five separate volumes, to be released through summer 2016. Other e-books in English by Miyuki Miyabe: *Apparitions: Ghosts of Old Edo* *The Book of Heroes* *ICO: Castle in the Mist* *Brave Story* Praise for Miyabe: "A window into contemporary Japanese life." -San Francisco Chronicle "Enormously compelling... combining expert pacing and psychological nuance to ultimately haunting effect." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Miyabe is a subtle observer of a country on the cusp. Her American readers can only hope for more chances to see through her eyes." -The Los Angeles Times "Absorbing... an artful blending of puzzle-solving and social commentary." -Washington Post

Puppet Master vol.5

Creek & River Co., Ltd In this fifth and final volume of Miyuki Miyabe's monumental work, Koichi Amikawa's book *Killer At Large* championing Kazuaki Takai's innocence becomes an instant bestseller, and as his celebrity burgeons Amikawa's control over Takai's sister Yumiko tightens. Humiliated professionally and with her marriage in tatters, Shigeko Maehata begins investigating Amikawa's background and the truth begins to dawn on her, leading her to his lodge. A final dramatic showdown brings the series to a thrilling close. Available in e-book format in five separate volumes. Other e-books in English by Miyuki Miyabe: *Apparitions: Ghosts of Old Edo* *The Book of Heroes* *ICO: Castle in the Mist* *Brave Story* Praise for Miyabe: "A window into contemporary Japanese life." -San Francisco Chronicle "Enormously compelling... combining expert pacing and psychological nuance to ultimately haunting effect." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Miyabe is a subtle observer of a country on the cusp. Her American readers can only hope for more chances to see through her eyes." -The Los Angeles Times "Absorbing... an artful blending of puzzle-solving and social commentary." -Washington Post

The Sleeping Dragon

Kodansha USA Incorporated Kosaka, a journalist, joins forces with two young men who claim to have psychic powers, as they search for a young boy who has gone missing after a typhoon has struck Tokyo, each harboring suspicions about each other and the possibility that the boy has been murdered.

Henshin

Image Comics | *KILL GIANTS* co-creator KEN NIIMURA (International Manga Award winner and Eisner nominee) brings a unique vision of life in Japan to the page in HENSHIN. The lives of a kid with peculiar superpowers, a lonely girl discovering herself in the big city, and a businessman on a long night out are some of the short stories included in this collection that will make you laugh, and even maybe shed a tear. Explore Tokyo as you've never seen it before under NIIMURA's masterful and imaginative storytelling.

Japanese-English and English-Japanese Dictionary

BioShock: Rapture

St. Martin's Press A prequel to the video-game franchise explains how the technologically advanced undersea city called Rapture came to be and how it eventually devolved into a chaotic dystopia.

Metal Gear Solid: Guns of the Patriots

VIZ Media LLC From the legendary video game franchise! Solid Snake is a soldier and part of a worldwide nanotechnology network known as the Sons of the Patriots System. Time is running out for Snake as, thanks to the deadly FOXDIE virus, he has been transformed into a walking biological weapon. Not only is the clock ticking for Snake, but for the world itself. Snake turns to the SOP for help, only to find that it has been hacked by his old enemy Liquid—and whoever controls the SOP System controls the world. -- VIZ Media

The Prisoner Of Heaven

A Novel

Harper Collins Barcelona, 1957. It is Christmas, and Daniel Sempere and his wife, Bea, have much to celebrate. They have a beautiful new baby son named Julián, and their close friend Fermín Romero de Torres is about to be wed. But their joy is eclipsed when a mysterious stranger visits the Sempere bookshop and threatens to divulge a terrible secret that has been buried for two decades in the city's dark past. His appearance plunges Fermín and Daniel into a dangerous adventure that will take them back to the 1940s and the early days of Franco's dictatorship. The terrifying events of that time launch them on a search for the truth that will put into peril everything they love, and will ultimately transform their lives.

Phantasm Japan

Fantasies Light and Dark, From and About Japan

Haikasoru The secret history of the most famous secret agent in the world. A bunny costume that reveals the truth in our souls. The unsettling notion that Japan itself may be a dream. The tastiest meal you'll never have, a fedora-wearing neckbeard's deadly date with a yokai, and the worst work shift anyone—human or not—has ever lived through. Welcome to Phantasm Japan. Nadia Bulkin Gary A. Braunbeck Quentin S. Crisp Project Itoh Yusaku Kitano Jacqueline Koyanagi Alex Dally MacFarlane James A. Moore Zachary Mason Miyuki Miyabe Lauren Naturale Tim Pratt Benjanun Sriduangkaew Seia Tanabe Joseph Tomaras Dempow Torishima Sayuri Ueda

Alan Wake

St. Martin's Press Welcome to Bright Falls—a seemingly idyllic small town in the Pacific Northwest. The perfect place for Alan Wake, a bestselling crime novelist, and his wife, Alice, to relax for a few weeks. Maybe a second honeymoon and the fresh air will cure Wake of his writer's block. But when Alice goes missing under mysterious circumstances, Wake's desperate search for her leads him into a hell only he could imagine. In the depths of nearby Cauldron Lake, a dark and malevolent presence has awakened from a long slumber. It's reaching out now, turning the townsfolk into mindless killers. Sheathed in shadows, vulnerable only to light, they are Taken. Wake's journey will lead him to the very edge of madness, and deep within the dark woods, he will come face-to-face with a story he has no recollection of ever writing.

Contemporary World Fiction: A Guide to Literature in Translation

A Guide to Literature in Translation

ABC-CLIO This much-needed guide to translated literature offers readers the opportunity to hear from, learn about, and perhaps better understand our shrinking world from the perspective of insiders from many cultures and traditions. • Over 1,000 annotated contemporary world fiction titles, featuring author's name; title; translator; publisher and place of publication; genre/literary style/story type; an annotation; related works by the author; subject keywords; and original language • 9 introductory overviews about classic world fiction titles • Extensive bibliographical essays about fiction traditions in other countries • 5 indexes: annotated authors, annotated titles, translators, nations, and subjects/keywords

Empire State

Watkins Media Limited THE EMPIRE STATE IS THE OTHER NEW YORK. A parallel-universe, Prohibition-era world of mooks and shamuses that is the twisted magic mirror to our bustling Big Apple, a place where sinister characters lurk around every corner while the great superheroes that once kept the streets safe have fallen into dysfunctional rivalries and feuds. Not that its colourful residents know anything about the real New York... until detective Rad Bradley makes a discovery that will change the lives of all its inhabitants. Playing on the classic Gotham conventions of the Batman comics and HBO's *Boardwalk Empire*, debut author Adam Christopher has spun this smart and fast-paced superhero-noir adventure, the sort of souped-up thrill ride that will excite genre fans and general readers alike. File Under: Science Fiction [Pocket Universe | Heroes or Villains | Speak Easy | Loyalties Divided] e-book ISBN: 978-0-85766-194-4

Convenience Store Woman

A Novel

Grove Press The English-language debut of one of Japan's most talented contemporary writers, selling over 650,000 copies there, *Convenience Store Woman* is the heartwarming and surprising story of thirty-six-year-old Tokyo resident Keiko Furukura. Keiko has never fit in, neither in her family, nor in school, but when at the age of eighteen she begins working at the Hiromachi branch of "Smile Mart," she finds peace and purpose in her life. In the store, unlike anywhere else, she understands the rules of social interaction—many are laid out line by line in the store's manual—and she does her best to copy the dress, mannerisms, and speech of her colleagues, playing the part of a "normal" person excellently, more or less. Managers come and go, but Keiko stays at the store for eighteen years. It's almost hard to tell where the store ends and she begins. Keiko is very happy, but the people close to her, from her family to her coworkers, increasingly pressure her to find a husband, and to start a proper career, prompting her to take desperate action... A brilliant depiction of an unusual psyche and a world hidden from view, *Convenience Store Woman* is an ironic and sharp-eyed look at contemporary work culture and the pressures to conform, as well as a charming and completely fresh portrait of an unforgettable heroine.

Dragon Sword and Wind Child

VIZ Media LLC The forces of the God of Light and the Goddess of Darkness have waged a ruthless war across the land of Toyoashihara for generations. But for 15-year-old Saya, the war is far away and unimportant--until the day she discovers that she is the reincarnation of the Water Maiden and a princess of the Children of the Dark. Raised to love the Light and detest the Dark, Saya must come to terms with her heritage even as she tumbles into the very heart of the conflict that is destroying her country. The armies of the Light and Dark both seek to claim her, for she is the only mortal who can awaken the legendary Dragon Sword, the fearsome weapon destined to bring an end to the war. Can Saya make the dreadful choice between the Light and Dark, or is she doomed--like all the Water Maidens who came before her...? -- VIZ Media

The Snake Stone

Faber & Faber Lefvre, a French archaeologist, has arrived in Istanbul determined to uncover a lost Byzantine treasure. Yashim is commissioned to find out more about him. But when Lefvre's mutilated body is discovered outside the French embassy, it turns out that there is only one suspect: Yashim himself. Once again, Yashim finds himself in a race against time to find the startling truth behind a shadowy secret society dedicated to the revival of the Byzantine Empire, caught in a deadly game deep beneath the city streets, a place where the stakes are high - and betrayal is death.

The Conch Bearer

Simon and Schuster After his family is forced into a life of poverty on the harsh streets of Calcutta and his father goes missing, Anand encounters a stranger who asks him to watch over his magical conch, and that meeting soon leads Anand on an important journey into the high mountains to bring the conch back to its rightful home. Reader's Guide available. Reprint.

The Quantum Thief

Tor Books The Quantum Thief is a Kirkus Reviews Best of 2011 Science Fiction & Fantasy title. One of Library Journal's Best SF/Fantasy Books of 2011 Jean le Flambeur is a post-human criminal, mind burglar, confidence artist, and trickster. His origins are shrouded in mystery, but his exploits are known throughout the Heterarchy- from breaking into the vast Zeusbrains of the Inner System to stealing rare Earth antiques from the aristocrats of Mars. Now he's confined inside the Dilemma Prison, where every day he has to get up and kill himself before his other self can kill him. Rescued by the mysterious Mieli and her flirtatious spacecraft, Jean is taken to the Oubliette, the Moving City of Mars, where time is currency, memories are treasures, and a moon-turned-singularity lights the night. What Mieli offers is the chance to win back his freedom and the powers of his old self-in exchange for finishing the one heist he never quite managed. As Jean undertakes a series of capers on behalf of Mieli and her mysterious masters, elsewhere in the Oubliette investigator Isidore Beautrelet is called in to investigate the murder of a chocolatier, and finds himself on the trail of an arch-criminal, a man named le Flambeur.... Hannu Rajaniemi's The Quantum Thief is a crazy joyride through the solar system several centuries hence, a world of marching cities, ubiquitous public-key encryption, people communicating by sharing memories, and a race of hyper-advanced humans who originated as MMORPG guild members. But for all its wonders, it is also a story powered by very human motives of betrayal, revenge, and jealousy. It is a stunning debut. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Coming Home

St. Martin's Paperbacks Against the backdrop of an elegant Cornwall mansion before World War II and a vast continent-spanning canvas during the turbulent war years, this involving story tells of an extraordinary young woman's coming of age, coming to grips with love and sadness, and in every sense of the term, coming home... In 1935, Judith Dunbar is left behind at a British boarding school when her mother and baby sister go off to join her father in Singapore. At Saint Ursula's, her friendship with Loveday Carey-Lewis sweeps her into the privileged, madcap world of the British aristocracy, teaching her about values, friendship, and wealth. But it will be the drama of war, as it wrenches Judith from those she cares about most, that will teach her about courage...and about love. Teeming with marvelous, memorable characters in a novel that is a true masterpiece, Coming Home by Rosamunde Pilcher is a book to be savored, reread, and cherished forever.