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WAR MASTER'S GATE

Pan Macmillan **War Master's Gate** is the ninth book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by Adrian Tchaikovsky. A city makes its last stand . . . The **Empire's** mighty imperial armies are marching on Collegium once more. They've learnt from past failures and this time their Empress will brook no weakness. Stenwold Maker's aviators still dominate the skies, but their rule will soon be over. For the Empire has developed a terrifying aerial weapon to level the battlefield. Yet victory may be decided elsewhere. In an ancient forest, where Mantis clans pursue their own civil war, Empress Seda is seeking a lost power from the old world. Cheerwell Maker knows she must stop her rival at any cost, but their conflict could awaken something far deadlier. Something that would make even their clash of nations pale into insignificance. **War Master's Gate** is followed by the tenth and final book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series, **Seal of the Worm**.

EMPIRE IN BLACK AND GOLD

Prometheus Books The city states of the Lowlands have lived in peace for decades, bastions of civilization, prosperity and sophistication, protected by treaties, trade and a belief in the reasonable nature of their neighbors. But meanwhile, in far-off corners, the Wasp Empire has been devouring city after city with its highly trained armies, its machines, its killing Art . . . And now its hunger for conquest and war has become insatiable. Only the aging Stenwold Maker, spymaster, artificer and statesman, can see that the long days of peace are over. It falls upon his shoulders to open the eyes of his people, before a black-and-gold tide sweeps down over the Lowlands and burns away everything in its path. But first he must stop himself from becoming the Empire's latest victim.

BLOOD OF THE MANTIS

Prometheus Books Driven by the ghosts of the Darakyon, Achaeos has tracked the stolen Shadow Box to the marsh-town of Jerez, but he has only days before the magical box is lost to him forever. Meanwhile, the forces of the Empire are mustering over winter for their great offensive, gathering their soldiers and perfecting their new weapons. Stenwold and his followers have only a short time to gather what allies they can before the Wasp armies march again, conquering everything in their path. If they cannot throw back the Wasps this spring then the imperial black-and-gold flag will fly over every city in the Lowlands before the year's end. In Jerez begins a fierce struggle over the Shadow Box, as lake creatures, secret police and renegade magicians compete to take possession. If it falls into the hands of the Wasp Emperor, however, then no amount of fighting will suffice to save the world from his relentless ambition.

THE AIR WAR

Pan Macmillan **The Air War** is the eighth book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by Adrian Tchaikovsky. An empress demands her birthright . . . All is in turmoil as the world moves towards war. In Solarno, spies eye one another and ready their knives - while the people of Myna watch troops gather at its borders. Emotions run high as old fears reawaken. And in Collegium students argue politics, too late to turn the tide. At the heart of the Empire, new pilots complete their secretive training, generals are recalled to service and armies are readied to march. Their Empress, heir to two worlds, intends to claim her birthright. For nothing - either within the Empire or beyond it - will stand in her way. **The Air War** is followed by the ninth book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series, **War Master's Gate**.

HEIRS OF THE BLADE

Pan Macmillan **Heirs of the Blade** is the seventh book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by **Adrian Tchaikovsky**. The greatest foe is the enemy within . . . **Tynisa is on the run, but she cannot escape the demons of her own mind. Amidst the fragmenting provinces of the Dragonfly Commonweal, her past will at last catch up with her. Her father's ghost is hunting her down. At the same time, the Wasp Empire seeks to conquer the city of Khanaphes, the fallen jewel of the ancient world. Whilst Empress Seda's soldiers seek only conquest and prestige, she sees herself as the heir to all the old powers of history, and has her eyes on a far greater prize.** **Heirs of the Blade** is followed by the eighth book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series, **The Air War**.

SEAL OF THE WORM

Pan Macmillan **Seal of the Worm** is the tenth and final book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by **Adrian Tchaikovsky**. An ancient enemy stirs once more . . . **The Empire has vanquished its enemies at last, but at a terrible price. With her chief rival cast into the abyss, Empress Seda must face the truth of what she's unleashed in her hunger for power. Now the Seal has been shattered, the ancient Worm stirs towards the light for the first time in a thousand years. Already it is striking at the surface, consuming everything in its voracious path. Unchecked, it will ravage the world. As her victory seems hollow indeed, Seda knows that only the most extreme solution can lock the Worm in the dark once more. But if she'll go to such horrific lengths to save them all from the Worm, who'll save the world from her? Start the epic journey with **Empire in Black and Gold**, the first book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series.**

SALUTE THE DARK

Pan Macmillan **Salute the Dark** is the fourth book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by **Adrian Tchaikovsky**, winner of the **Arthur C. Clarke Award**. As spymaster **Stenworld** makes a stand in his home city, others must chose where their loyalties lie. All must face the end of days . . . **The mighty Wasp armies are on the march. And with war imminent, spymaster Stenwold must finally separate allies from false friends. He knows the Empire won't stop until its flag hangs over Collegium, Stenwold's home city. Tisamon the Weaponsmaster favours a more direct strategy - facing the Wasp Emperor himself, with a blade in his hand. He'd be abandoning both friends and family to do so. Yet is he driven by honour, or being manipulated by something far more sinister? With the Shadow Box in his possession at last, Uctebri can begin his dark ritual. The Wasp-kindens' Emperor believes this will grant him immortality. However, Uctebri has his own plans - for the Emperor and the Empire.** **Salute the Dark** is followed by the fifth book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series, **The Scarab Path**.

THE SEA WATCH

Pan Macmillan **The Sea Watch** is the sixth book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series **Shadows of the Apt** by **Adrian Tchaikovsky**. Danger lurks beneath dark waters . . . **A shadow is falling over Collegium. Despite the tenuous peace, Stenwold Maker knows that the Empire will return for his city. Even as he tries to prepare for the resurgence of the black and gold army, a hidden threat is working against his people. Ships that sail from Collegium's harbour are being attacked, sunk by pirates. Some just go missing . . . Lulled by the spread of lies and false promises, Stenwold's allies are falling away. He faces betrayal on every side, and the Empire is just waiting for the first sign of weakness to strike. But they are not the only power that has its eyes on Collegium. And even with all their military strength and technology, they may not be powerful enough to stave off the forces massing in the darkness.** **The Sea Watch** is followed by the seventh book in the **Shadows of the Apt** series, **Heirs of the Blade**.

THE SCARAB PATH

Prometheus Books **The war with the Wasp Empire has ended in a bitter stalemate, and Collegium has nothing to show for it but wounded veterans. Cheerwell Maker finds herself crippled in ways no doctor can mend, haunted by ghosts of the past that she cannot appease, seeking for meaning in a city that no longer seems like home. The Empress Seda is regaining control over those imperial cities who refused to bow the knee to her, but she draws her power from something more sinister than mere armies and war machines. Only her consort, the former spymaster Thalric, knows the truth, and now the assassins are coming and he finds his life and his loyalties under threat yet again. Out past the desert of the Nem the ancient city of Khanaphes awaits them both, with a terrible secret entombed beneath its stones...**

WAR MASTER'S GATE

Tor The epic fantasy series of war and empire by Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author Adrian Tchaikovsky continues. As the forces of Collegium and the Empire clash, Empress Seda seeks an ancient power that could turn the tide of war.

DRAGONFLY FALLING

Pan Macmillan Dragonfly Falling is the second book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series Shadows of the Apt by Adrian Tchaikovsky. Every hero must be tested . . . The Wasp Empire's armies are on the move - and the city of Tark will be first to feel their might. Salma and Totho prepare for battle, alongside their Ant-kindred brethren. And within Tark's walls, they'll face a force greater than any Lowlander has ever seen. Stenwold Maker predicted this threat, and the Empire's secret service now deems him too dangerous to live. So he's to be eliminated, and his beloved city of Collegium destroyed. For if this centre of learning is lost, it will crush Lowland resistance. As the Empire's troops continue their relentless advance, their young Emperor pursues another, even darker goal. And his success would trigger a reign of blood lasting a thousand years. Dragonfly Falling is followed by the third book in the Shadows of the Apt series, Blood of the Mantis.

THE TIGER AND THE WOLF

Pan Macmillan The first in the Echoes of the Fall series, The Tiger and the Wolf is an epic fantasy novel by Adrian Tchaikovsky, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award and British Fantasy Award for Best Novel. 'One of the most interesting and accomplished writers in speculative fiction' - Christopher Paolini In the bleak northern crown of the world, war is coming . . . Maniye's father is the Wolf clan's chieftain, but she's an outcast. Her mother was queen of the Tiger and these tribes have been enemies for generations. Maniye also hides a deadly secret. All can shift into their clan's animal form, but Maniye can take on tiger and wolf shapes. She refuses to disown half her soul so escapes, rescuing a prisoner of the Wolf clan in the process. The killer Broken Axe is set on their trail to drag them back for retribution. The Wolf chieftain plots to rule the north, and controlling his daughter is crucial to his schemes. However, other tribes also prepare for strife. Strangers from the far south appear too, seeking allies in their own conflict. It's a season for omens as priests foresee danger and a darkness falling across the land. Some say a great war is coming, overshadowing even Wolf ambitions. A time of testing and broken laws is near - but what spark will set the world ablaze? Continue this sweeping coming-of-age fantasy with The Bear and the Serpent.

GUNS OF THE DAWN

Pan Macmillan Guns of the Dawn is a pacy, gripping fantasy of war and magic, from Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author, Adrian Tchaikovsky. 'One of the best books I've ever read' - Peter Newman, author of The Vagrant The first casualty of war is truth . . . First, Denland's revolutionaries assassinated their king, launching a wave of bloodshed after generations of peace. Next they clashed with Lascanne, their royalist neighbour, pitching war-machines against warlocks in a fiercely fought conflict. Genteel Emily Marshwic watched as the hostilities stole her family's young men. But then came the call for yet more Lascanne soldiers in a ravaged kingdom with none left to give. Emily must join the ranks of conscripted women and march toward the front lines. With barely enough training to hold a musket, Emily braves the savage reality of warfare. But she begins to doubt her country's cause, and those doubts become critical. For her choices will determine her own future and that of two nations locked in battle. 'An engrossing story, beautifully told' - SFX 'Moving, gripping and wonderfully paced' - The Bookbag

ELDER RACE

Tordotcom In Adrian Tchaikovsky's Elder Race, a junior anthropologist on a distant planet must help the locals he has sworn to study to save a planet from an unbeatable foe. Lynesse is the lowly Fourth Daughter of the queen, and always getting in the way. But a demon is terrorizing the land, and now she's an adult (albeit barely) with responsibilities (she tells herself). Although she still gets in the way, she understands that the only way to save her people is to invoke the pact between her family and the Elder sorcerer who has inhabited the local tower for as long as her people have lived here (though none in living memory has approached it). But Elder Nyr isn't a sorcerer, and he is forbidden to help, and his knowledge of science tells him the threat cannot possibly be a demon... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

CAGE OF SOULS

SHORTLISTED FOR THE ARTHUR C. CLARKE AWARD 2020

Head of Zeus Ltd Humanity clings to life on a dying Earth. Stefan Advani - rebel, outlaw, prisoner, survivor - bears witness to the desperate struggle for existence between life old and new.

THE EXPERT SYSTEM'S BROTHER

Tor.com Bestselling British master of science fiction Adrian Tchaikovsky brings readers a new, mind-expanding science fantasia in *The Expert System's Brother* After an unfortunate accident, Handry is forced to wander a world he doesn't understand, searching for meaning. He soon discovers that the life he thought he knew is far stranger than he could even possibly imagine. Can an unlikely saviour provide the answers to the questions he barely comprehends? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

MADE THINGS

Tor.com Award-winning author Adrian Tchaikovsky's *Made Things* is dark fantasy tale of how the most unlikely characters may become the most heroic. Making friends has never been so important. Welcome to Fountains Parish--a cesspit of trade and crime, where ambition curls up to die and desperation grows on its cobbled streets like mold on week-old bread. Coppelia is a street thief, a trickster, a low-level con artist. But she has something other thieves don't... tiny puppet-like companions: some made of wood, some of metal. They don't entirely trust her, and she doesn't entirely understand them, but their partnership mostly works. After a surprising discovery shakes their world to the core, Coppelia and her friends must re-examine everything they thought they knew about their world, while attempting to save their city from a seemingly impossible new threat. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

SPIDERLIGHT

Tor.com The Church of Armes of the Light has battled the forces of Darkness for as long as anyone can remember. The great prophecy has foretold that a band of misfits, led by a high priestess will defeat the Dark Lord Darvezian, armed with their wits, the blessing of the Light and an artifact stolen from the merciless Spider Queen. Their journey will be long, hard and fraught with danger. Allies will become enemies; enemies will become allies. And the Dark Lord will be waiting, always waiting... *Spiderlight* is an exhilarating fantasy quest from Adrian Tchaikovsky, the author of *Guns at Dawn* and the *Shadows of the Apt* series. Reviews and quotes "Spiderlight is a creepy-crawly treat from the master of non-human heroes, a joy from beginning to end." — Paul Cornell, author of *Witches of Lychford* and *The Severed Streets* "[Spiderlight] is a master class in subverting our expectations to surprise, engage, and deliver a fantastic story that works even when it isn't pulling the rug out from under us." — Barnes & Noble Sci-Fi and Fantasy Blog "Tchaikovsky clearly has a great deal of talent, and a real handle on the fantasy genre, with the ability to splice in different influences almost seamlessly." — SciFi Now Magazine "Occasionally a fantasy author comes up with a way to break the mould of traditional genre tropes: M. John Harrison's *Viriconium* and China Mieville's *Perdido Street Station* are two examples that immediately spring to mind. Tchaikovsky looks like a new addition to that select hall of fame." — Death Ray Magazine "Working in a small space, Tchaikovsky gives us sympathetic characters, real moral dilemmas, and emotional depth, all shot through with a sly humor that kept me grinning throughout. If, like me, you're a D&D fan who always wondered about the ethics of Detect Evil or what the orcs eat in Mordor, you will love this one." — Django Wexler, author of the *Shadow Campaigns* series "Subversive and classic, *Spiderlight* is a timeless adventure cranked up for the modern era of readers. A warship-rocker of an adventure, Adrian Tchaikovsky has struck another literary goldmine that's perfect for readers to dive into. Gripping and highly recommended." — Jeremy Szal, *Starship Sofa* "*Spiderlight* is a rip-roaring, old-fashioned heroic fantasy romp that also messes playfully with some of the genre's more outdated conventions... a breathless rush that never outstays its welcome." — *Dirge Mag* "*Spiderlight* will take you on a ride directly through straight fantasy and into the realms of the really fantastic... a brilliantly original novel." — *Geek Syndicate* "A must-read for all fans of fantasy. Very highly recommended." — *Civilian Reader* "In a world of large epic fantasy series with mushy pacing and a lack of focus, *Spiderlight* is as sharp as a spider's fang, as tight as its webbing, and as multifaceted as its gaze." — *Skiffy & Fanty* "A very fun, creepy quest tale with some quirky and engaging adventurers." — *Bull Spec* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

CHILDREN OF RUIN

Pan Macmillan 'My most anticipated book of the year' - Peter F. Hamilton, Britain's no.1 science fiction writer **Children of Ruin** follows Adrian Tchaikovsky's extraordinary **Children of Time**, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke award. It is set in the same universe, with new characters and a thrilling narrative. It has been waiting through the ages. Now it's time . . . Thousands of years ago, Earth's terraforming program took to the stars. On the world they called Nod, scientists discovered alien life - but it was their mission to overwrite it with the memory of Earth. Then humanity's great empire fell, and the program's decisions were lost to time. Aeons later, humanity and its new spider allies detected fragmentary radio signals between the stars. They dispatched an exploration vessel, hoping to find cousins from old Earth. But those ancient terraformers woke something on Nod better left undisturbed. And it's been waiting for them. 'Books like this are why we read science fiction' - Ian McDonald, author of the Luna series All underpinned by great ideas. And it is crisply modern - but with the sensibility of classic science fiction' Stephen Baxter, author of the Long Earth series (with Terry Pratchett)

IRONCLADS

Solaris Scions have no limits Scions do not die And Scions do not disappear Sergeant Ted Regan has a problem. A son of one of the great corporate families, a Scion, has gone missing at the front. He should have been protected by his Ironclad - the lethal battle suits that make the Scions masters of war - but something has gone catastrophically wrong. Now Regan and his men, ill-equipped and demoralised, must go behind enemy lines, find the missing Scion, and uncover how his suit failed. Is there a new Ironcladkiller out there? And how are common soldiers lacking the protection afforded the rich supposed to survive the battlefield of tomorrow? A new standalone novella by the Arthur C Clarke Award-winning author of **Children of Time**.

HEIRS OF THE BLADE

Tor The epic fantasy series of war and empire by Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author Adrian Tchaikovsky continues. The Wasp Empire is closing in on an ancient city - but Empress Seda has her eyes on a far greater prize within its walls.

OGRES

Rebellion Publishing Ltd Ogres are bigger than you. Ogres are stronger than you. Ogres rule the world. It's always idyllic in the village until the landlord comes to call. Because the landlord is an Ogre. And Ogres rule the world, with their size and strength and appetites. It's always been that way. It's the natural order of the world. And they only eat people sometimes. But when the headman's son, Torquell, dares lift his hand against the landlord's son, he sets himself on a path to learn the terrible truth about the Ogres, and about the dark sciences that ensured their rule.

THE SCENT OF TEARS

Tales of the Apt A Shared world volume featuring stories from selected authors set in the realm of Adrian Tchaikovsky's **Shadows of the Apt** novels.

PRECIOUS LITTLE THINGS

A TOR.COM ORIGINAL

Tor Books A prequel to the magical novella **Made Things**, out now from Tor.com Publishing. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

EYES OF THE VOID

Orbit The Arthur C. Clarke award-winning author of **Children of Time** brings us the second novel in an extraordinary space opera trilogy about humanity on the brink of extinction, and how one man's discovery will save or destroy us all. After eighty years of fragile peace, the Architects are back, wreaking havoc as they consume entire planets. In the past, Originator artefacts - vestiges of a long-vanished civilization - could save a world from annihilation. This time, the Architects have discovered a way to circumvent these protective

relics. Suddenly, no planet is safe. Facing impending extinction, the Human Colonies are in turmoil. While some believe a unified front is the only way to stop the Architects, others insist humanity should fight alone. And there are those who would seek to benefit from the fractured politics of war - even as the Architects loom ever closer. Idris, who has spent decades running from the horrors of his past, finds himself thrust back onto the battlefield. As an Intermediary, he could be one of the few to turn the tide of war. With a handful of allies, he searches for a weapon that could push back the Architects and save the galaxy. But to do so, he must return to the nightmarish unspace, where his mind was broken and remade. What Idris discovers there will change everything.

DAY OF ASCENSION

Games Workshop Exciting new Warhammer 40,000 novel from Adrian Tchaikovsky/ On the forge world of Morod, the machines never stop and the work never ends. The population toil in the mines and factoria to protect humanity from the monsters in the void, while the Adeptus Mechanicus enjoy lives of palatial comfort. Genetor Gammam Triskellian seeks to end this stagnant corruption. When he learns of a twisted congregation operating within the shadows, one which believes that the tech-priests are keeping the people from their true salvation - a long-prophesied union with angels - he sees in them an opportunity to bring down Morad's masters and reclaim the world in the name of progress. But sometimes, the only hope for real change lies in the coming of monsters.

SPOILS OF WAR

Tales of the Apt is a companion series to the best-selling decalogy Shadows of the Apt, gathering together short stories from disparate places and supplementing them with a wealth of new tales written especially for the series. Together, they combine to provide a different perspective, an alternative history that parallels and unfolds alongside the familiar one, filling in the gaps and revealing intriguing backstories for many established characters. A must read for any fan of the Shadows of the Apt books, where epic fantasy meets steampunk and so much more. Contents: Introduction by the Author Introduction by the Publisher To Own the Sky Ironclads Spoils of War Camouflage The Shadows of Their Lamps The Dreams of Avaris The Prince Shadow Hunters Sword and Circle Idle Hands An Old Man in a Harsh Season Brass Mantis About the Author

FIREWALKERS

Solaris FIREWALKERS ARE BRAVE FIREWALKERS ARE RESOURCEFUL FIREWALKERS ARE EXPENDABLE The Earth is burning. Nothing can survive at the Anchor; not without water and power. But the ultra-rich, waiting for their ride off the dying Earth? They can buy water. And thanks to their investment, the sun can provide power. But someone has to repair the solar panels when they fail, down in the deserts below. Kids like Mao, and Lupé, and Hotep; kids with brains and guts but no hope. The Firewalkers. "This is a must-read for fans of dystopian and climate change fiction." - Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

SHARDS OF EARTH

Orbit The Arthur C. Clarke award-winning author of Children of Time brings us an extraordinary space opera about humanity on the brink of extinction, and how one man's discovery will save or destroy us all. The war is over. Its heroes forgotten. Until one chance discovery . . . Idris has neither aged nor slept since they remade him in the war. And one of humanity's heroes now scrapes by on a freelance salvage vessel, to avoid the attention of greater powers. After earth was destroyed, mankind created a fighting elite to save their species, enhanced humans such as Idris. In the silence of space they could communicate, mind-to-mind, with the enemy. Then their alien aggressors, the Architects, simply disappeared—and Idris and his kind became obsolete. Now, fifty years later, Idris and his crew have discovered something strange abandoned in space. It's clearly the work of the Architects—but are they returning? And if so, why? Hunted by gangsters, cults and governments, Idris and his crew race across the galaxy hunting for answers. For they now possess something of incalculable value, that many would kill to obtain.

CHILDREN OF TIME

Orbit Adrian Tchaikovsky's award-winning novel Children of Time, is the epic story of humanity's battle for survival on a terraformed planet. Who will inherit this new Earth? The last remnants of the human race left a dying Earth, desperate to find a new home among the stars. Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they discover the greatest treasure of the past age - a world terraformed and prepared for human life. But all is not right in this new Eden. In the long years since the planet was abandoned, the work of its architects has borne disastrous fruit. The planet is not waiting for them, pristine and unoccupied. New masters have turned it from a refuge into mankind's worst nightmare. Now two civilizations

are on a collision course, both testing the boundaries of what they will do to survive. As the fate of humanity hangs in the balance, who are the true heirs of this new Earth?

THE DOORS OF EDEN

Orbit From the Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning Adrian Tchaikovsky, *The Doors of Eden* is an extraordinary feat of the imagination and a page-turning adventure about parallel universes and the monsters that they hide. They thought we were safe. They were wrong. Four years ago, two girls went looking for monsters on Bodmin Moor. Only one came back. Lee thought she'd lost Mal, but now she's miraculously returned. But what happened that day on the moors? And where has she been all this time? Mal's reappearance hasn't gone unnoticed by MI5 officers either, and Lee isn't the only one with questions. Julian Sabreur is investigating an attack on top physicist Kay Amal Khan. This leads Julian to clash with agents of an unknown power - and they may or may not be human. His only clue is grainy footage, showing a woman who supposedly died on Bodmin Moor. Dr Khan's research was theoretical; then she found cracks between our world and parallel Earths. Now these cracks are widening, revealing extraordinary creatures. And as the doors crash open, anything could come through. "Tchaikovsky weaves a masterful tale... a suspenseful joyride through the multiverse." (Booklist)

TAINARON

MAIL FROM ANOTHER CITY

Wildside Press LLC **TAINARON: Mail From Another City** is the first American publication by the internationally acclaimed Finnish author, Leena Krohn. **TAINARON** consists of a series of letters sent beyond the sea from a city of insects. **TAINARON** is a book of changes. It speaks of metamorphoses that test all of nature from a flea to a star, from stone and grass to a human. The same irresistible force that gives us birth, also kills us. Nominated for the prestigious Finlandia prize, this is the perfect introduction to the work of a modern fabulist.

SPECULATIVE HORIZONS

Subterranean Features fantasy short stories that describe a woman's soul mate, the choice that two government officials make between following orders and personal morals, and the tests that two young men face under extreme circumstances.

THE EXPERT SYSTEM'S CHAMPION

Tordotcom In Adrian Tchaikovsky's *The Expert System's Champion*, sometimes the ones you hate are the only ones that can save you. It's been ten years since Handry was wrenched away from his family and friends, forced to wander a world he no longer understood. But with the help of the Ancients, he has cobbled together a life, of sorts, for himself and his fellow outcasts. Wandering from village to village, welcoming the folk that the townships abandon, fighting the monsters the villagers cannot—or dare not—his ever-growing band of misfits has become the stuff of legend, a story told by parents to keep unruly children in line. But there is something new and dangerous in the world, and the beasts of the land are acting against their nature, destroying the towns they once left in peace. And for the first time in memory, the Ancients have no wisdom to offer... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

EVIL IS A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

Villains take center stage in this collection of 19 dark and magical stories. Readers will be cheering for all the wrong heroes as some of the most fearsome, devious, and brutal antagonists perform savage deeds towards wicked ends. And why not? These characters are the champions of their own stories--evil is a matter of perspective. Contributors also include Mark Adler, Bradley P. Beaulieu, E.V. Morrigan, Peter Orullian, Matthew Ward, Kaaron Warren, Deborah A. Wolf, and Janny Wurts.

WALKING TO ALDEBARAN

Rebellion Publishing Ltd **I'M LOST. I'M SCARED. AND THERE'S SOMETHING HORRIBLE IN HERE.** My name is Gary Rendell. I'm an astronaut. When they asked me as a kid what I wanted to be when I grew up, I said, "astronaut, please!" I dreamed astronaut, I worked astronaut, I studied astronaut. I got lucky; when a probe exploring the Oort Cloud found a strange alien rock and an international team of scientists was put together to go and look at it, I made the draw. I got even luckier. When disaster hit and our team was split up, scattered through the endless cold tunnels, I somehow survived. Now I'm lost, and alone, and scared, and there's something horrible in here. Lucky me. Lucky, lucky, lucky. A new standalone

novella by the Arthur C Clarke Award-winning author of Children of Time.

BEAR HEAD.

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A DROWNED KINGDOM

FriesenPress Once Second Prince of the mightiest kingdom in the known world, Othrun now leads the last survivors of his exiled people into an uncertain future far across the Shimmering Sea from their ancestral home, now lost beneath the waves. With his Single God binding his knights to chivalric oaths, intent on wiping out idolatry and pagan worship, they will have to carve out a new kingdom on this mysterious continent—a continent that has for centuries been ravaged by warlords competing for supremacy and mages channeling the mystic powers of the elements—and unite the continent under godly rule. With a troubled past, a cursed sword, and a mysterious spirit guiding him, Othrun means to be that ruler, and conquer all. But with kingdoms fated on the edge of spears, alliances and pagan magic, betrayal, doubt, and dangers await him at every turn. Othrun will be forced to confront the truths of all he believes in on his journey to become a king, and a legend. When one kingdom drowns, a new one must rise in its place. So begins the saga of that kingdom, and the man who would rule it all.

THE BEAR AND THE SERPENT

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