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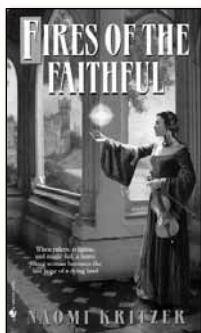
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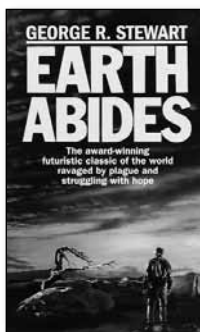
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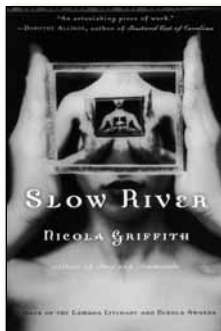
#### \*The first winner of the International Fantasy Award

A disease of unparalleled destructive force has sprung up in every corner of the globe, all but destroying the human race. The survivors must recreate society and its laws—before all memory of current knowledge is lost.

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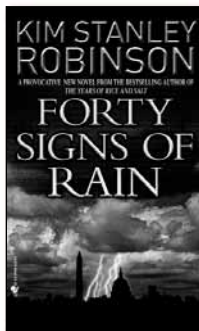
**\*Winner of the Nebula Award**

**\*Winner of the Lambda Literary Awards**

*Slow River* is the dark and intensely involving story of a young woman's struggle for survival and independence in the gritty underworld of a near-future Europe.

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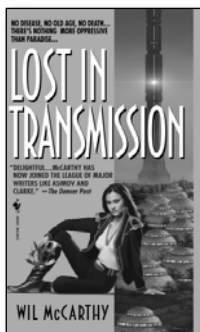
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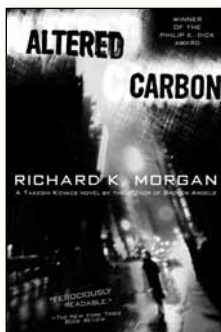


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In a novel that challenges expectations at every turn, *Lost in Transmission* offers a thrilling tale of discovery and adventure aboard a ship of exiled rebels coming of age in an eternity that may be a lot shorter than they imagine. Banished for their troubles to the starship Newhope, they now face a bold mission: to re-colonize the worlds of Barnard's Star. They are determined to do better than their immortal parents, but, as we discover, their resolve has deadly consequences.



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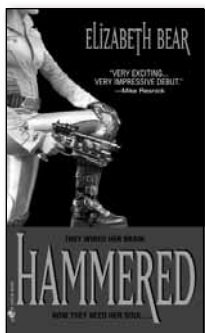
**\*A Library Journal Best Genre (SF/Fantasy) Fiction of 2003**  
**\*Winner of the Philip K. Dick Award**  
**\*A New York Times Notable Book**

In a future where technology allows the rich to live for centuries, a detective must track the killer who is buying and selling life itself on the black market.

"This fast-paced, densely textured, impressive first novel is an intriguing hybrid of William Gibson's *Neuromancer* and Norman Spinrad's *Deus X*."

—*Publishers Weekly*

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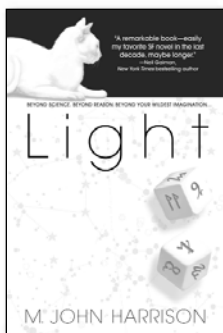


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Jenny Casey, a former Canadian special forces warrior, lives on the terrifying streets of Hartford, Connecticut, in the year 2062. Racked with pain, hiding from the government she once served, Jenny is a month shy of fifty and her artificially reconstructed body has started to unravel. But she has not been forgotten: when a government scientist needs a subject for a high-stakes project, Jenny—half-human, half-machine—becomes an ideal target.



## LIGHT

by M. John Harrison

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\*James Tiptree Jr. Award

\*Shortlisted for the 2002 Arthur C. Clarke Award

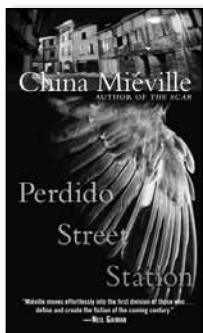
In M. John Harrison's dangerously illuminating new novel, three quantum outlaws face a universe of their own creation.

"Succeeds in evoking the sense of wonder that science fiction readers look for in the best of the genre...Harrison brings an up-to-date sensibility to the hoary conceits of science fiction."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"Sentence by sentence [Harrison] is almost certainly one of the most skilled SF writers alive...an unusually strong and even, for all its brutality, touching example of how character and physics can illuminate each other in the best hard SF. *Light* is likely to be one of the most rewarding and challenging novels of the year, and goes a long way toward explaining just what it is that Harrison can do that other writers find so astonishing."

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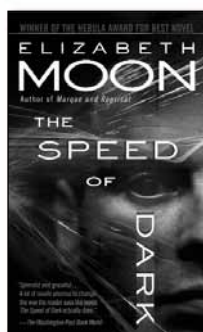
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"Scientist Isaac Dan der Grimnebulin and his lover, an insect-like creature named Lin, discover the risks of meddling in the affairs of mobsters, renegades, and revolutionaries when they fall afoul of the powers that rule the sprawling city of New Crobuzon. The author of *King Rat* delivers a powerful tale about the power of love and the will to survive in a dystopian universe that combines Victorian elements with a fantasy version of cyberpunk. Highly recommended."

—*Library Journal*



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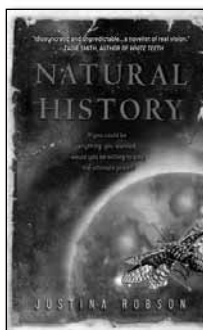
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This is a coming-of-age story about a heroine who must cope with the sudden realization of her parentage.

"Those who shrug off today's headlines regarding imminent human cloning would be wise to read this thoughtful, philosophical treatment of the devastating effects a wholly fatherless state can trigger. An uneasy look at the potential fallout from biological tampering, this first novel by nonfiction author Hoffman (*Shtetl*) is ripe for lively book discussion."

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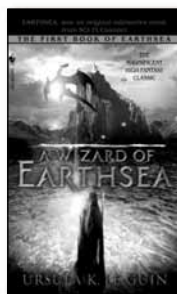
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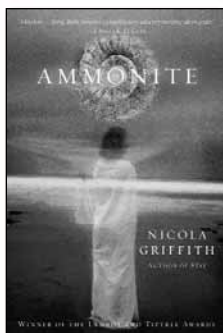
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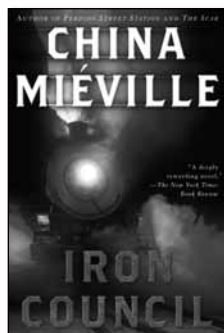
Centuries after most of a planet's colonists are destroyed by a deadly virus, the planet's exploitative corporate owners return, and anthropologist Marghe Taishan learns that the natives have survived and flourished as an all-female society, and that she may have finally found a home.

"Uncompromisingly packed with nondogmatic feminist and queer ideologies... Griffith reveal[s] herself to be fluent in presenting realistic science and its implications, capable of cinematic clarity in her prose, insightful with emotions and character."

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"A knockout... Strong, likeable characters, a compelling story, and a very interesting take on gender."

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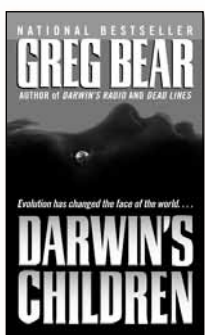
Following *Perdido Street Station* and *The Scar*, acclaimed author China Miéville returns with a fresh and fantastical band of characters and carries us back to the decadent squalor of New Crobuzon—this time, decades later.

It is a time of wars and revolutions, conflict and intrigue. New Crobuzon is being ripped apart from without and within. War with the shadowy city-state of Tesh and rioting on the streets at home are pushing the teeming city to the brink. A mysterious masked figure spurs strange rebellion, while treachery and violence incubate in unexpected places.

"Full of warped and memorable characters, this violent and intensely political novel smoothly combines elements of fantasy, science fiction, horror, even the western. Miéville represents much of what is new and good in contemporary dark fantasy, and his work is must reading for devotees of that genre."

—*Publishers Weekly*

## ALTERNATE SOCIOLOGY



### DARWIN'S CHILDREN

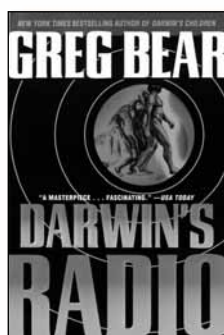
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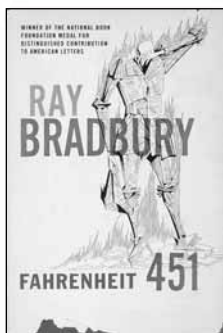
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A virus hunter at the Epidemic Intelligence Service has discovered that a long-dormant virus encoded in human DNA is about to reawaken, with terrifying consequences for any woman about to have a child.

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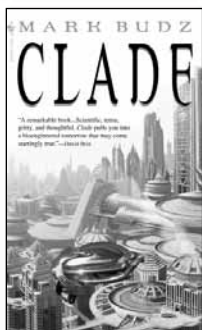
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**\*Winner of the Hugo Award**

A novel of the future in which censorship has gone wild. Acclaimed as a modern classic in the tradition of *1984*, this novel predicts a chilling but believable future.

"Frightening in its implications... Mr. Bradbury's account of this insane world, which bears many alarming resemblances to our own, is fascinating."

—*The New York Times*



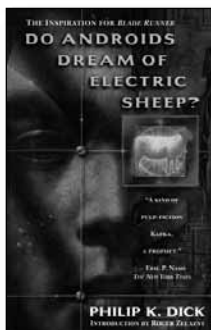
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—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)



## NINE LAYERS OF SKY

by Liz Williams

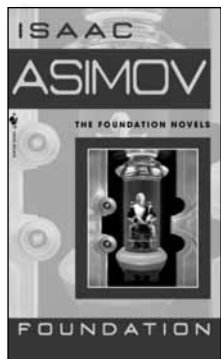
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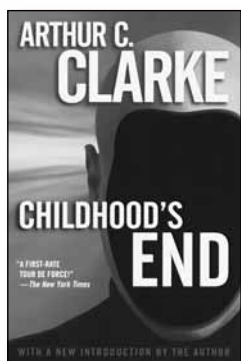
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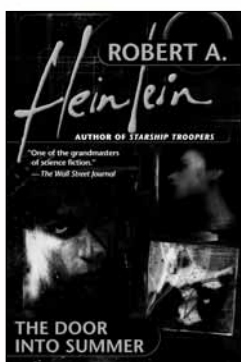
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