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Humankind  
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Scores of talented  
and dedicated  
people serve the  
forensic science  
community,  
performing vitally

important work. However, they are often constrained by lack of adequate resources, sound policies, and national support. It is clear that change and advancements, both systematic and scientific, are needed in a number of forensic science disciplines to ensure the reliability of work, establish enforceable standards, and promote best practices with consistent application. Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward provides a detailed plan for addressing these needs and suggests the creation of a new government entity,

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the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within the forensic science community. The benefits of improving and regulating the forensic science disciplines are clear: assisting law enforcement officials, enhancing homeland security, and reducing the risk of wrongful conviction and exoneration. Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States gives a full account of what is needed to advance the forensic science disciplines, including upgrading of systems and organizational structures, better

training, widespread adoption of uniform and enforceable best practices, and mandatory certification and accreditation programs. While this book provides an essential call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a vital tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators. The Graveyard Book Oxford University Press - Children Zombie P.I. Matt Richter and his glamorous she-vampire companion Devona must stop the people of

Nekropolis from getting a piece of crazed genius Victor Baron. By the author of Nekropolis. Original. **Game Changer** HarperCollins Acclaimed author Tim Waggoner brings his first Eberron trilogy to a stunning conclusion. Diran, once a feared assassin, has turned his back on murder, seeking the life of a wandering priest. But in the seas of the Lhazaar Principalities, peace is rarely found, and even

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justice must be bought in blood. A new power has risen, hoping to conquer the east with an army of beast men, and only Diran and his companions can stop them. The concluding volume in the critically-acclaimed Blade of the Flame series that follows a former assassin trying to change his life and set the world to right. From the Paperback edition.

**Skellig** Oxford University Press - Children The beautiful and haunting novel

that launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to

health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . . Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award. Powerful and moving - The Guardian This newly jacketed

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edition celebrates 15 years of this multi-award-winning novel.

The Thieves of Blood Ballantine Books

Living in the war-ravaged realm of Eberron, assassin-turned-priest Diran Bastiaan and his half-orc sidekick, Ghaji, make an unlikely pair. One looks like the stuff of nightmares, while the other is "a conduit through which the holy force of Good could work its will in the physical world." Together, they have traveled throughout the archipelagic Lhazaar Principalities sharing numerous wild adventures, but

none were as dangerous as the one they currently face. When a gang of bloodthirsty pirates kidnaps Diran's former lover (a beautiful ex-mercenary killer named Makala), the priest of the Silver Flame and his half-breed wingman vow to get her -- and countless other abductees -- back no matter what the cost. But the seafaring raiders are no ordinary criminals; they're led by the infamous vampire Onkar, who in turn serves a being unfathomably more evil than himself.... From the Paperback edition. **Dragon's Rock** Pearson UK

It starts with the phone call, late at night. The mysterious boy says he is dying. Dusty doesn't want to get involved - but the boy seems to have a link to the one person who's most important to her. Soon she has been drawn in - and now she has to deal with the other people who are looking for the boy - the violent man and his two sons, and the police too . . . Yet throughout all this, Dusty senses the presence of a boy who is not dying, a strange elusive boy who can show her

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what happened to her missing brother and solve the greatest mystery of her life. Where he is, who he is, why he wants to die, she cannot say. Only one thing is certain. Finding him will be dangerous.

*Blade* Oxford University Press, USA  
NEW YORK  
TIMES  
BESTSELLER •  
Discover Thrawn's origins within the Chiss Ascendancy in the first book in an epic new Star Wars trilogy from bestselling author Timothy Zahn. Beyond the edge of the galaxy lies the

Unknown Regions: chaotic, uncharted, and near impassable, with hidden secrets and dangers in equal measure. And nestled within its swirling chaos is the Ascendancy, home to the enigmatic Chiss and the Nine Ruling Families that lead them. The peace of the Ascendancy, a beacon of calm and stability, is shattered after a daring attack on the Chiss capital that leaves no trace of the enemy. Baffled, the Ascendancy dispatches one of its brightest young military officers to root out the unseen assailants. A recruit born of no title, but

adopted into the powerful family of the Mitth and given the name Thrawn. With the might of the Expansionary Fleet at his back, and the aid of his comrade Admiral Ar'alani, answers begin to fall into place. But as Thrawn's first command probes deeper into the vast stretch of space his people call the Chaos, he realizes that the mission he has been given is not what it seems. And the threat to the Ascendancy is only just beginning.

**Blade 4: Endgame**  
Oxford University Press, USA  
Fifteen-year-old Kit and his parents must ground their

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sinking sailboat on a rocky island inhabited by a primitive sect who believe the stranded family has been sent by the devil.

*Breaking Free*  
Philomel

Meet Blade. But be careful. You might not like what you see. He's dangerous. He needs to be.

Because there are people who want him dead. It's dog eat dog in his world. Win or die. He thought he was safe. But now they've found out where he is. And they're coming.

Part one of the unmissable Blade series.

*Apocalypse* Simon and Schuster  
The Transmigration of Timothy Archer, the final novel in the trilogy that also includes *Valis* and *The Divine Invasion*, is an anguished, learned, and very moving investigation of the paradoxes of belief. It is the story of Timothy Archer, an urbane Episcopal bishop haunted by the suicides of his son and mistress--and driven by them into a bizarre quest for the identity of Christ. From the Trade Paperback edition.

*Blade 1: Enemies*  
Oxford University Press, USA

A local gang persuades virtuoso pianist Luke, who is troubled by his father's death two years before, to burgle the house of a rich widow--an act that draws him into a life-changing mystery.

Vampire Strike -  
Pipeline Strike  
Crown

#1 NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER •

Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg.

“Enchanting . . .

Willy Wonka meets The

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Matrix.”—USA Today • “As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates.”—Entertainment Weekly  
A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he’s jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on

his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he’s beset by rivals who’ll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The

AV Club  
“Delightful . . . the grown-up’s Harry Potter.”—HuffPost  
“An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part romance, and all heart.”—CNN  
“A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader.”—Boston Globe  
“Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that’s both hilarious and compassionate.”—NPR “[A] fantastic

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page-turner . . . starts out like a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own.”—iO9

The Book of Five Rings (Annotated)  
Wizards of the Coast  
Filled with guilt over his younger sister's kidnapping, teenaged Fin tries to rescue her and in the process learns about a dark family secret.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead OUP Oxford  
Is the Living Blade real or just a legend? With it...

Prince Bashan could win back his kingdom. Master Telen Diaz can free himself of the burden from his past. Owen Smith sees a once-in-a-lifetime chance to gain untold knowledge. ... but for Noraya Smith, the Living Blade will bring nothing but suffering and sorrow. "Realistic, character-driven fantasy that manages to both sever limbs and warm the heart." - Kirkus Reviews

*The Sisters Grimm*  
Simon and Schuster  
BladePhilomel  
*The Uninhabitable Earth* Leisure Books  
Following the dramatic events of the first Blade book,

Playing Dead, Blade is on the run again with Becky and three-year-old Jaz in tow. Now it's not just those shadowy figures from his past that are after him, it's the rest of Becky's gang too. They think Blade and Becky killed their leader, Trix, and there's no way of proving otherwise. Can Blade, Becky, and Jaz find safety together - or is there no escape from the forces closing in on them?

**Lady Ruin** Wizards of the Coast  
A fourteen-year-old British street person with extraordinary powers of observation and self-control must face murderous thugs connected with a past he has tried to forget, when his skills with a knife earned him the



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nickname, Blade. *Blade: Cutting Loose* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Blade's touched the edge of death. His injuries have left him exposed-and vulnerable. Now his enemies have tracked him down, and Blade knows they'll show no mercy. If he doesn't get away, he's dead. But he's weak. And he doesn't know what scares him more . . . breaking free from those hunting him-or breaking free from his own past. From the Carnegie Medal-winning author of *River Boy*, *Starseeker* and *Frozen Fire* comes the third title in a startlingly compelling new series. Contemporary, pacy, and utterly gripping, Blade takes

you on a roller-coaster ride through the secret, dangerous life of its unforgettable narrator. This thrilling new series for teenagers combines an enormously likable and engaging central character with the harsh realities of street life and the youth gang culture that is so prevalent in today's news. The cliffhanger endings of these short, accessible books will have the power to tempt all readers as they gradually become absorbed into Blade's dangerous world. Firmament Simon and Schuster Somehow the boat was still afloat - another wave had lifted it clear of the first rock and was driving it further inshore. It bumped

against the base of Crab Rock and skewed around, then tipped momentarily to starboard . . . and as it did so, she saw a figure crouching in the bottom. Hetty's always been a bit of a loner, preferring to keep to the outer edges of the close-knit island community. But when a strange woman is washed up on the shore, Hetty finds herself under increasing scrutiny from the islanders. There's a connection between Hetty and the woman that makes people suspicious, so when death comes to the community the woman is branded a bad omen and Hetty has no choice but to take matters into her own hands. As she heads out to sea, a storm is breaking and the whispers that she's

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heard before are  
louder than ever.  
Voices from the very  
depths of the sea . . .  
and they're calling her  
name.

Blade Hachette  
Children's  
HISTORICAL  
FICTION AT ITS  
BEST He's been  
through hell and  
back but it's over  
now. With the  
optimism and  
enthusiasm of  
youth, he returns  
home only to find  
his dreams are in  
tatters. Rupert  
Pengelly briefly  
escapes to the  
British colony of  
Rhodesia from the  
bloody conflict  
that is terrorizing  
Europe. His  
mission is not just  
duty-driven but a

promise to look for  
and protect an  
orphaned, young  
girl. It is a futile  
search and with  
time running out  
he has no choice  
but to re-join the  
theatre of war.  
When peace  
returns, exhausted  
but exhilarated,  
Rupert travels  
home to his  
beloved Cornwall  
and the farm he  
loves. But all is not  
as it seems. He has  
been cheated out  
of his inheritance.  
Devastated and  
desolate, Rhodesia  
is his only  
recourse. To begin  
anew. But as time  
passes, nothing  
prepares him for  
what is next.

Another war is  
looming.  
Everything is at  
risk with death a  
daily threat and  
changes are  
coming with the  
chaotic tide of  
nationalism. What  
does the future  
hold for Rupert? Is  
he to face loss and  
despair once again,  
and what became  
of his promise?  
Peter Rimmer  
brings to life a  
turbulent period of  
history that has  
unexpected twists  
and turns keeping  
you turning the  
pages. Cry of the  
Fish Eagle will  
leave you  
breathless and  
yearning for a time  
gone by. Are you

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ready for this epic  
saga? Dont miss  
out, get your copy  
of Cry of the Fish  
Eagle today.