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From the bestselling author of *The Day of the Jackal*, international

master of intrigue Frederick Forsyth, comes a thriller that brilliantly blends fact with fiction for one of this summer's—or any season's—most explosive reads! From the behind-the-scenes decision-making of the Allies to the secret meetings of Saddam Hussein's war cabinet, from the brave American fliers running their dangerous missions over Iraq to the heroic young spy planted deep in the heart of Baghdad, Forsyth's

incomparable storytelling skill keeps the suspense at a breakneck pace. Somewhere in Baghdad is the mysterious "Jericho," the traitor who is willing—for a price—to reveal what is going on in the high councils of the Iraqi dictator. But Saddam's ultimate weapon has been kept secret even from his most trusted advisers, and the nightmare scenario that haunts General Schwarzkopf and his colleagues is suddenly imminent, unless somehow, the spy can locate that

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London, Baghdad mishap. The saga Tutankhamen, and
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this design of
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may actually earth, to find the creation of the
have happened their way out Starship Titanic is
behind the again. At the the pinnacle
headlines. center of the achievement of
Quicksilver galaxy, a vast, his twenty-year
National unknown career. The night

before the launch, Leovinus is prowling around the ship having a last little look. With mounting alarm he begins to find things are not right: unfinished workmanship, cybersystems not working correctly, robots colliding with doors. How could this have happened? And how could this have happened without his knowing? Something somewhere is terribly wrong. On the following day, in an artificial event staged for the media, the Starship Titanic will leave its construction dock under autopilot and, a few days later, make its

way to the terminal to pick up passengers for its maiden voyage. Although the ship will be deserted during its very first flight, it is nevertheless a major event, watched by all the galaxy's media. Hugely, magnificently, the fabulous ship eases its way forward from the construction dock, picks up speed, sways a bit, wobbles a bit, veers wildly, and just before it can do massive damage to everything around it, appears to undergo SMEF (Spontaneous Massive Existence Failure). In just

ten seconds, the whole, stupendous enterprise is over. And our story has just begun. Somehow three earthlings, one Blerontin journalist, a semideranged parrot, and a shipful of disoriented robots must overcome their differences. It's the only way to save the Starship Titanic ("The Ship That Cannot Possibly Go Wrong") from certain destruction and rescue the economy of an entire planet-not to mention to survive the latest threat, an attack by a swarm of hostile shipbuilders. . . .

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Frederick
George tell a
shocking tale
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plausible
premise. There's
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A. Cozzano can
lose the
upcoming
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election. He's a
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midwestern
governor with
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provided by a
shadowy group
of backers. A
biochip
implanted in his
head hardwires
him to a
computerized
polling system.
The mood of the
electorate is
channeled
directly into his
brain. Forget
issues. Forget
policy. Cozzano
is more than the
perfect
candidate. He's a
special effect.
"Complex,
entertaining,
frequently funny."

—Publishers
Weekly
"Qualifies as the
sleeper of the
year, the rare
kind of science-
fiction thriller that
evokes genuine
laughter while
simultaneously
keeping the level
of suspense
cranked to the
max."— San
Diego Union-
Tribune "A
Manchurian
Candidate for the
computer age."
—Seattle Weekly
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In the heat of the
city, a man is out
of time: speeding
in a beat-up Ford
Tempo, blasting
easy-listening

music. Reporter Steve Everett drinks too much, makes love to his boss's wife, and has just stumbled upon a shocking truth: a convicted killer is about to be executed for a crime he didn't commit. In the cold confines of Death Row, Frank Beachum is also out of time. Ready to say good-bye to the wife and child he loves and hello to the God he still believes in, Beachum knows he did not kill a convenience store clerk six years ago. But in a few hours—if Steve Everett can't find

the evidence to stop it—a needle is going to pierce Frank Beachum's skin. The killing machine is primed. The executioner is waiting. And so is the priest. Now the clock is ticking down and the race is on—between the reporter and his demons, between the system and its lethal flaws, between the last innocent man and society's ultimate crime. . . .
King of the Vagabonds
Harper Collins
Hollis Henry
never intended to work for global marketing magnate Hubertus

Bigend again. But now she 's broke, and Bigend has just the thing to get her back in the game... Milgrim can disappear in almost any setting, and his Russian is perfectly idiomatic—so much so that he spoke it with his therapist in the secret Swiss clinic where Bigend paid for him to be cured of his addiction...
Garreth doesn't owe Bigend a thing. But he does have friends from whom he can call in the kinds of favors powerful people need when things go sideways... They

all have something Bigend wants as he finds himself outmaneuvered and adrift, after a Department of Defense contract for combat-wear turns out to be the gateway drug for arms dealers so shadowy they can out-Bigend Bigend himself. “ Zero History is [Gibson ’ s] best yet, a triumph of science fiction as social criticism and adventure. ” —BoingBoing.net
Interface Random House Trade Paperbacks
In 1241, warriors try to stop the Mongols from invading Europe; in the nineteenth century, a

group of martial artists provide a language expert with lost manuscripts to translate that chronicle their ancestors' thirteenth century battles. The Confusion HarperTorch 'Tis done. The world is a most confused and unsteady place -- especially London, center of finance, innovation, and conspiracy -- in the year 1714, when Daniel Waterhouse makes his less-than-triumphant return to England's shores. Aging Puritan and Natural Philosopher, confidant of the high and mighty and contemporary of the most brilliant minds of the age, he

has braved the merciless sea and an assault by the infamous pirate Blackbeard to help mend the rift between two adversarial geniuses at a princess's behest. But while much has changed outwardly, the duplicity and danger that once drove Daniel to the American Colonies is still coin of the British realm. No sooner has Daniel set foot on his homeland when he is embroiled in a dark conflict that has been raging in the shadows for decades. It is a secret war between the brilliant, enigmatic Master of the Mint and closet

alchemist Isaac Newton and his archnemesis, the insidious counterfeiter Jack the Coiner, a.k.a. Jack Shaftoe, King of the Vagabonds. Hostilities are suddenly moving to a new and more volatile level, as Half-Cocked Jack plots a daring assault on the Tower itself, aiming for nothing less than the total corruption of Britain's newborn monetary system. Unbeknownst to all, it is love that set the Coiner on his traitorous course; the desperate need to protect the woman of his heart -- the remarkable Eliza, Duchess of Arcachon-Qwghlm -- from those who

would destroy her should he fail. Meanwhile, Daniel Waterhouse and his Clubb of unlikely cronies comb city and country for clues to the identity of the blackguard who is attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with Infernal Devices -- as political factions jockey for position while awaiting the impending death of the ailing queen; as the "holy grail" of alchemy, the key to life eternal, tantalizes and continues to elude Isaac Newton, yet is closer than he ever imagined; as the greatest technological innovation in history slowly takes shape in

Waterhouse's manufactory. Everything that was will be changed forever ... The System of the World is the concluding volume in Neal Stephenson's Baroque Cycle, begun with Quicksilver and continued in The Confusion. Interface The Cobweb In this brilliant sequel to *The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.*—an enthralling, history-bending adventure traversing time and space, fact and fiction, magic and science co-written with #1 New York Times bestselling author Neal Stephenson—a daring young time traveler must return

to Jacobean England to save the modern world. This fast-paced sequel to the New York Times bestselling near-future adventure *The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.* picks up where the original left off, as Tristan Lyons, Mel Stokes, and their fellow outcasts from the Department of Diachronic Operations (D.O.D.O.) fight to stop the powerful Irish witch Gráinne from using time travel to reverse the evolution of all modern technology. Chief amongst Gráinne's plots: to encrypt cataclysmic spells into Shakespeare's "cursed" play, *Macbeth*. When her fellow rogue agents fall victim to Gráinne's schemes, Melisande Stokes is

forced to send Tristan's untested, wayward sister Robin back in time to 1606 London, where Edmund Tilney, the king's Master of Revels, controls all staged performances in London. And now Gráinne controls Tilney. While Robin poses as an apprentice in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Mel travels to the ancient Roman Empire and, with the help of double-agent Chira in Renaissance Florence, untangles the knotted threads of history while the diabolical Gráinne jumps from timeline to timeline, always staying frustratingly one step ahead—or is it behind? Historical objects disappear, cities literally rise and fall, and nothing less than the fate of

humanity is at stake. As Gráinne sows chaos across time and space, the ragtag team of ex-D.O.D.O. agents must fix the past—in order to save the future. Critically acclaimed author Nicole Galland brings her deep knowledge of history and signature wit to this gripping romantic adventure. Master of the Revels HarperCollins The second novel from the "hottest science fiction writer in America" and New York Times – bestselling author of *Snow Crash* and *Cryptonomicon* (Details). Meet Sangamon Taylor, a New Age Sam Spade who sports a wet suit instead of a trench coat and prefers Jolt from the can to Scotch on the rocks.

He knows about chemical sludge the way he knows about evil—all too intimately. And the toxic trail he follows leads to some high and foul places. Before long Taylor's house is bombed, his every move followed, he's adopted by reservation Indians, moves onto the FBI's most wanted list, makes up with his girlfriend, and plays a starring role in the near-assassination of a presidential candidate. Closing the case with the aid of his burnout roommate, his tofu-eating comrades, three major networks, and a range of unconventional weaponry, Sangamon Taylor pulls off the most startling caper in Boston Harbor since the Tea Party.

" [Stephenson]

captures the nuance and the rhythm of the new world so perfectly that one almost thinks that it is already here. " —The Washington Post

Sevенеves: A Novel by Neal Stephenson (Trivia-On-Books) Random House Digital, Inc.

From his triumphant debut with *Snow Crash* to the stunning success of his latest novel, *Quicksilver*, Neal Stephenson has quickly become the voice of a generation. In this now-classic thriller, he and fellow author J. Frederick George tell a shocking tale with an all-too plausible premise. There's no way William A. Cozzano can lose the upcoming presidential election. He's a likable midwestern governor

with one insidious advantage—an advantage provided by a shadowy group of backers. A biochip implanted in his head hardwires him to a computerized polling system. The mood of the electorate is channeled directly into his brain. Forget issues. Forget policy. Cozzano is more than the perfect candidate. He's a special effect.

" Complex, entertaining, frequently funny."—Publishers Weekly

" Qualifies as the sleeper of the year, the rare kind of science-fiction thriller that evokes genuine laughter while simultaneously keeping the level of suspense cranked to the max."— San Diego Union-Tribune

" A Manchurian Candidate for the

computer age. ”
—Seattle Weekly
Fall; or, Dodge in
Hell Bantam
A New York
Times Bestseller
From bestselling
author Neal
Stephenson and
critically
acclaimed
historical and
contemporary
commercial
novelist Nicole
Galland comes a
captivating and
complex near-
future thriller
combining history,
science, magic,
mystery, intrigue,
and adventure
that questions the
very foundations
of the modern
world. When
Melisande Stokes,

an expert in
linguistics and
languages,
accidentally meets
military
intelligence
operator Tristan
Lyons in a hallway
at Harvard
University, it is the
beginning of a
chain of events
that will alter their
lives and human
history itself. The
young man from a
shadowy
government entity
approaches Mel, a
low-level faculty
member, with an
incredible offer.
The only
condition: she
must sign a
nondisclosure
agreement in
return for the

rather large sum of
money. Tristan
needs Mel to
translate some very
old documents,
which, if authentic,
are earth-
shattering. They
prove that magic
actually existed
and was practiced
for centuries. But
the arrival of the
scientific
revolution and the
Age of
Enlightenment
weakened its
power and
endangered its
practitioners.
Magic stopped
working altogether
in 1851, at the
time of the Great
Exhibition at
London ’ s Crystal
Palace—the

world 's fair celebrating the rise of industrial technology and commerce. Something about the modern world "jams" the "frequencies" used by magic, and it 's up to Tristan to find out why. And so the Department of Diachronic Operations—D.O.D.O.—gets cracking on its real mission: to develop a device that can bring magic back, and send Diachronic Operatives back in time to keep it alive . . . and meddle with a little history at the same time. But while

Tristan and his expanding operation master the science and build the technology, they overlook the mercurial—and treacherous—nature of the human heart. Written with the genius, complexity, and innovation that characterize all of Neal Stephenson 's work and steeped with the down-to-earth warmth and humor of Nicole Galland 's storytelling style, this exciting and vividly realized work of science fiction will make you believe in the

impossible, and take you to places—and times—beyond imagining. Terrorist Ballantine Books Thomas Bolden grew up on the streets, his childhood a blur of fragmented memories. But now he 's managed to put his past behind him, find the woman he wants to share his life with, and carve out a successful career on Wall Street. Until, in the blink of an eye, his world is turned upside down. A bizarre kidnapping sends

him fleeing for his life, his face everywhere on the TV news, and a violent, shadowy organization is framing him for crimes he did not commit.

Desperately trying to get back to where he was just a day before, Bolden must re-learn the survival skills of his hardscrabble boyhood. But as Bolden – with just eleven dollars in his pocket and hunters all around him – survives one violent, harrowing hour after another, he makes a series of startling discoveries: about

a mysterious woman wanted for murder...about an astounding secret rooted in history, among the country ' s Founding Fathers and families...about a conspiracy lurking in the darkest corners of corporate America – and a deadly plan that only he can stop. And in the process, maybe Bolden will also find out who he really is.... Furiously paced, filled with brilliantly drawn characters from politicians to patriots, from Wall Street players to

battle-hardened cops, The Patriots Club is vintage Reich: brilliant, breathtaking, and impossible to put down until the final unforgettable page is turned. The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O. Ballantine Books Quicksilver is the story of Daniel Waterhouse, fearless thinker and conflicted Puritan, pursuing knowledge in the company of the greatest minds of Baroque-era Europe, in a chaotic world where reason wars with the bloody ambitions of the mighty, and where catastrophe, natural or otherwise, can alter

the political landscape overnight. It is a chronicle of the breathtaking exploits of "Half-Cocked Jack" Shaftoe -- London street urchin turned swashbuckling adventurer and legendary King of the Vagabonds -- risking life and limb for fortune and love while slowly maddening from the pox. And it is the tale of Eliza, rescued by Jack from a Turkish harem to become spy, confidante, and pawn of royals in order to reinvent Europe through the newborn power of finance. A gloriously rich, entertaining, and endlessly inventive novel that

brings a remarkable age and its momentous events to vivid life, Quicksilver is an extraordinary achievement from one of the most original and important literary talents of our time. And it's just the beginning ... Cobweb Harper Collins "The good thing is, no one will ever die again. The bad thing is, everyone will want to." A physicist receives a mysterious paper. The ideas in it are far, far ahead of current thinking and quite, quite terrifying. In a city of "fast ones," shadow players, and jinni, two sisters contemplate a revolution. And on

the edges of reality a thief, helped by a sardonic ship, is trying to break into a Schrödinger box for his patron. In the box is his freedom. Or not. Jean de Flambeur is back. And he's running out of time. In Hannu Rajaniemi's sparkling follow-up to the critically acclaimed international sensation *The Quantum Thief*, he returns to his awe-inspiring vision of the universe...and we discover what the future held for Earth. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. **Final Target**
HarperCollins
Time shatters into

shards of the past, present, and future. A group of survivors dodge threats from across history to locate the source and repair the damage before it's too late.

WAR ACROSS THE TIMESCAPE

Earth's past, present, and future have shattered in "the Event," yielding a terrifying new world of prehistoric monsters, lost cultures, strange technologies, and displaced armies. Coming from different points throughout history, a desperate band

of survivors join "Merlin," a mysterious figure who may be their only hope to save the world--if he can be trusted. When their twenty-third-century ship the Vanuatu is sabotaged by an unknown enemy and thrown far off its course, the team must discover who is responsible, even as they are split apart and fight to survive in the war-torn Shard world... No Safe Place Harper Collins

The President's daughter... The women determined to save her... The man with the power to betray a nation... Melissa Riley arrives

at her sister's isolated Virginia country home to find herself plunged into a deadly drama. There the renowned Dr. Jessica Riley is attempting to draw the daughter of the President of the United States out of a severe catatonic trauma. The last thing young Cassie Andreas saw was an organized team ruthlessly murder her nanny and the Secret Service agents sworn to protect her. But to free Cassie, Melissa and Jessica must trust a mysterious, charismatic man. Michael Travis made his fortune in the international underworld. He risked everything to save Cassie during that terrible night of bloodshed. And he has entered into a secret bargain with

the President. But is his show of concern all a treacherous charade? Melissa and Jessica have no choice but to accept Travis as their ally—and to follow a dangerous plan that will lead them into the world of a killer who 'll destroy anyone standing between him and the...Final Target. True Crime Penguin

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Commentary (works not included). Pages: 23. Chapters: Essays by Neal Stephenson, Novels by Neal Stephenson, Short

stories by Neal Stephenson, Cryptonomicon, The Diamond Age, In the Beginning... Was the Command Line, Snow Crash, The Big U, Anathem, The Baroque Cycle, The Confusion, The Mongoliad, Zodiac, The System of the World, Interface, Jipi and the Paranoid Chip, The Great Simoleon Caper, The Cobweb, Smiley's people, Global Neighborhood Watch. Excerpt: The Diamond Age: Or, A Young Lady's Illustrated Primer is a postcyberpunk novel by Neal Stephenson. It is a bildungsroman focused on a young

girl named Nell, and set in a world in which nanotechnology affects all aspects of life. Some main motifs include: education, social class, ethnicity, and the nature of artificial intelligence. The Diamond Age was first published in 1995 by Bantam Books, as a Bantam Spectra hardcover edition. In 1996, it won both the Hugo and Locus Awards, and was shortlisted for the Nebula and other awards. A six-hour mini series adapted from the novel is being developed for the Syfy Channel. The protagonist in the story is Nell, a thete (or person without a

tribe; equivalent to the lowest working class) living in the Leased Territories, a lowland slum belt on the artificial, diamondoid island of New Chusan, located offshore from the mouth of the Yangtze River, northwest of Shanghai. At age 4, Nell receives a stolen copy of an interactive book, *Young Lady's Illustrated Primer: a Propaedeutic Enchiridion* in which is told the tale of Princess Nell and her various friends, kin, associates, &c., originally intended for an aristocrat's child in the Neo-Victorian New Atlantis phyle. The story follows Nell's

development under the tutelage of the *Primer*, and to a lesser degree, the lives of Elizabeth and Fiona, girls who receive similar books. The *Primer* is intended to.. *Cryptonomicon* Harper Collins
“ Stephenson has a once-in-a-generation gift: he makes complex ideas clear, and he makes them funny, heartbreaking, and thrilling. ”
—Time The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Anathem*, Neal Stephenson is continually rocking the literary world with his brazen and brilliant fictional creations—whether he ' s reimagining the past (*The Baroque Cycle*), inventing the future

(*Snow Crash*), or both (*Cryptonomicon*). With Reamde, this visionary author whose mind-stretching fiction has been enthusiastically compared to the work of Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, Kurt Vonnegut, and David Foster Wallace—not to mention William Gibson and Michael Crichton—once again blazes new ground with a high-stakes thriller that will enthrall his loyal audience, science and science fiction, and espionage fiction fans equally. The breathtaking tale of a wealthy tech entrepreneur caught in the very real crossfire of his own online fantasy war game, *Reamde* is a new high—and a new world—for the remarkable Neal

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