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The Serpent Column In Death  
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advice is followed during the



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Fourth Interstellar War between the terrible Bugs and the humans, who are aided by their catlike Orion allies. Reissue. Star Maker

A comprehensive resource on the principles and techniques of virtual world design and programming covers everything from MUDS to MMOs and MMORPGs, explaining how virtual worlds work, creating games for multiple users, and the underlying design principles of online games.

Original. (Advanced)

The Best Military Science Fiction of the 20th Century  
Cambridge University Press

The authoritative account of the rise of Amazon and its intensely driven

founder, Jeff Bezos, praised by the Seattle Times as "the definitive account of how a tech icon came to life." Amazon.com started off delivering books through the mail. But its visionary founder, Jeff Bezos, wasn't content with being a bookseller. He wanted Amazon to become the everything store, offering limitless selection and seductive convenience at disruptively low prices. To do so, he developed a corporate culture of relentless ambition and secrecy that's never been cracked. Until now. Brad Stone enjoyed

unprecedented access to current and former Amazon employees and Bezos family members, giving readers the first in-depth, fly-on-the-wall account of life at Amazon. Compared to tech's other elite innovators -- Jobs, Gates, Zuckerberg -- Bezos is a private man. But he stands out for his restless pursuit of new markets, leading Amazon into risky new ventures like the Kindle and cloud computing, and transforming retail in the same way Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing. The Everything Store is the revealing, definitive

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biography of the company that placed one of the first and largest bets on the Internet and forever changed the way we shop and read.

*The Rapture of the Nerds*  
Little, Brown

This book was previously published. In the heart of the Imperial Stars, past and future collide, as ghosts converge in battle for a fortuneteller's soul...on Port Destiny Station. Luxi Emery was perfectly happy with her position as the receptionist for Armored

Media Corp. Then her hidden talent for seeing the future awakened--and exposed a blackmailing con-artist haunted by a malevolent ghost. It was a lose-lose situation, and Luxi had only a single shred of hope. Her future awaits on Port Destiny Station. A future intertwined with Amun, the handsome diplomatic telepath, and Leto, a ghost-haunted cyborg with very human carnal appetites. If they can resolve a few...intimate...details. Yet

a darker future chases Luxi: they are not alone, and Leto is not the only hungry ghost. Publisher's Note: This book contains explicit sexual content, graphic language, and situations that some readers may find objectionable: Anal play/intercourse, mild BDSM elements, menage (m/m/f), and homoerotic sexual situations (m/m).  
Reflections on Life  
Baen Books  
Over the years,  
startling evidence

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has been unearthed, challenging established notions of the origins of Earth and life on it, and suggesting the existence of a superior race of beings who once inhabited our world. The product of thirty years of intensive research, *The 12th Planet* is the first book in Zecharia Sitchin's prophetic *Earth Chronicles* series--a revolutionary body of work that offers indisputable documentary proof of humanity's extraterrestrial forefathers. Travelers from the stars, they arrived eons ago, and planted the genetic seed that would ultimately blossom into a remarkable species...called Man. *The 12th Planet* brings to life the Sumerian civilization, presenting millennia-old evidence of the existence of Nibiru, the home planet of the Anunnaki, and of the landings of the Anunnaki on Earth every 3,600 years, and reveals a complete history of the solar system as told by these early visitors from another planet. Zecharia Sitchin's *Earth Chronicles* series, with millions of copies sold worldwide, deal with the history and

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prehistory of Earth and humankind. Each book in the series is based upon information written on clay tablets by the ancient civilizations of the Near East. The series is offered here, for the first time, in highly readable, hardbound collector's editions with enhanced maps and diagrams.

*Trigger Happy* CreateSpace  
Paul Stephenson twists together multiple strands to relate the cultural biography of a unique

monument, the Serpent Column, which stands today in Istanbul 2500 years after it was raised at Delphi  
*Towards a New Enlightenment?* Baen Books  
Marooned on a barbaric world, Prince Roger MacClintock, the Royal Brat, and his Royal Marines take on barbarian hordes and fierce monsters as they make their way to a distant port that holds their only hope for escape.

Midst Toil and Tribulation  
Baen Publishing Enterprises  
A thought-provoking cultural study of videogames traces the history of this

popular form of entertainment and explains why videogames will become the dominant popular art form of the twenty-first century.  
Reprint.

**The Big Book of Words You Should Know** Penguin  
The arrival of an unseen dark sun whose attendant marauders aimed at the very end of civilization in this Solar System....

**The Black Star Passes** Simon and Schuster  
An omnibus volume featuring works by the Hugo Award-winning author

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features three complete novels--The Pirates of Zan, Gateway to Elsewhere, and The Duplicators--as well as three masterful short stories, including the title tale, an uncannily prophetic account of the Internet and home computers, originally written in 1946. Original.

Star Maker Franklin Classics  
Addresses key issues in understanding the decade 2008-2018 and its impact on the societies of the future.  
Brings together the articles B28of twenty-two prestigious international experts in

different fields of thought. Through an informative approach, the essays form a transversal view of today's thinking. This is the tenth title of the Open Mind essay collection published by BBVA.A27.0We are living through years of great importance, marked by the unstoppable evolution of technology, science and the information society. This book brings together twenty-two essays written by prestigious researchers from the world's leading universities on areas as diverse as crucial to our future: climate change, artificial

intelligence, economics, cyber-security and geopolitics, democracy, anthropology, new media, astrophysics and cosmology, nanotechnology, biomedicine, globalisation, gender theory and the cities of the future.

The World of William Clissold  
eXtasy Books

THE HELOT WAR¾PART II  
Together the new Royal Spartan Army and its instructors, the 5th Battalion of Falkenberg's Mercenary Legion, have defeated the initial assault of Grand Senator Bronson's terrorist hordes and their techno-ninja allies. But Bronson's hatred of Sparta and the Legion was as strong as ever;

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thanks to his limitless wealth and high office, the Helots were able to reform, retreat<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>and fight again. This time they are doing better. Besieged within, blockaded by the CoDominium without, Sparta grimly fights to preserve its precious experiment in liberty. But just as it seems that the Spartans and their allies might prevail, Bronson has supplied his minions with a battle plan that will bring something worse than a Helot victory: Codename Endlosung-Final Solution. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

*Fortune's Star Del Rey*  
Explosive and provocative

battles fought across the boundaries of time and space—and on the frontiers of the human mind. Science fiction's finest have yielded this definitive collection featuring stories of warfare, victory, conquest, heroism, and overwhelming odds. These are scenarios few have ever dared to contemplate, and they include: “Superiority”: Arthur C. Clarke presents an intergalactic war in which one side's own advanced weaponry may actually lead to its ultimate defeat.

“Dragonrider”: A tale of Anne McCaffrey's Dragonriders of Pern, in which magic tips the scales of survival. “Second Variety”: Philip K. Dick, author of the short story that became the movie Blade Runner, reaches new heights of terror with his post-apocalyptic vision of the future. “The Night of the Vampyres”: A chilling ultimatum of atomic proportions begins a countdown to disaster in George R. R. Martin's gripping drama. “Hero”: Joe

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Haldeman's short story that led to his classic of interstellar combat, *The Forever War*. "Ender's Game": The short story that gave birth to Orson Scott Card's masterpiece of military science fiction. PLUS SEVEN MORE EPIC STORIES "Among Thieves" by Poul Anderson "Hangman" by David Drake "The Last Article" by Harry Turtledove "The Game of Rat and Dragon" by Cordwainer Smith "To the Storming Gulf" by Gregory Benford "Wolf Time" by

Walter Jon Williams "The Scapegoat" by C. J. Cherryh Guaranteed to spark the imagination and thrill the soul, these thirteen science fiction gems cast a stark light on our dreams and our darkest fears—truly among the finest tales of the twentieth century. *Prince of Sparta* Ballantine Books Casual stargazers are familiar with many classical figures and asterisms composed of bright stars (e.g., Orion and the Plough), but this book reveals not just

the constellations of today but those of yesteryear. The history of the human identification of constellations among the stars is explored through the stories of some influential celestial cartographers whose works determined whether new inventions survived. The history of how the modern set of 88 constellations was defined by the professional astronomy community is recounted, explaining how the constellations described in the book became permanently "extinct." Dr.

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Barentine addresses why some figures were tried and discarded, and also directs observers to how those figures can still be picked out on a clear night if one knows where to look. These lost constellations are described in great detail using historical references, enabling observers to rediscover them on their own surveys of the sky. Treatment of the obsolete constellations as extant features of the night sky adds a new dimension to stargazing that merges history with the accessibility and immediacy of the night sky.

*5 lb. Book of GRE Practice Problems* Simon and Schuster

Do you know what "quatrefoil" and "impolitic" mean? What about "halcyon" or "narcolepsy"? This book is a handy, easy-to-read reference guide to the proper parlance for any situation. In this book you will find:

Words You Absolutely Should Know (covert, exonerate, perimeter);

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Words You Should Know to Sound Overeducated (ad infinitum, nugatory, garrulity);

Words You Probably Shouldn't Know (priapic, damnatory, labia majora); and more.

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### Designing Virtual Worlds

Simon and Schuster

Five thousand years after Sun Tzu writes *The Art of War*, his advice is followed during the Fourth Interstellar War between the terrible Bugs and the humans, who are aided by their catlike Orion allies. Reissue.

### **Astrology and Cosmology in**

**Early China** Wellred Books

When her world is destroyed by seemingly unstoppable planet pirates and her family is slaughtered, former commando leader Alicia DeVries turns

pirate herself, steals a cutting-edge ship from the Empire, and launches a campaign to seek revenge on those responsible, only to find that her fellow veterans are equally determined to stop her, in an expanded new version of the classic novel *Path of the Fury*.

### Hungry Spirits Gateway

Following the events of *The Last Colony*, John Scalzi tells the story of the fight to maintain the unity of the human race. The people of Earth now know that the human Colonial Union has kept them ignorant of the dangerous universe around them. For generations the CU had defended humanity against hostile aliens,

deliberately keeping Earth an ignorant backwater and a source of military recruits. Now the CU's secrets are known to all. Other alien races have come on the scene and formed a new alliance—an alliance against the Colonial Union. And they've invited the people of Earth to join them. For a shaken and betrayed Earth, the choice isn't obvious or easy. Against such possibilities, managing the survival of the Colonial Union won't be easy, either. It will take diplomatic finesse, political cunning...and a brilliant "B Team," centered on the resourceful Lieutenant Harry Wilson, that can be deployed to deal with the unpredictable and unexpected things the universe

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throws at you when you're struggling to preserve the unity of the human race. Being published online from January to April 2013 as a three-month digital serial, The Human Division will appear as a full-length novel of the Old Man's War universe, plus—for the first time in print—the first tale of Lieutenant Harry Wilson, and a coda that wasn't part of the digital serialization. Old Man's War Series #1 Old Man's War #2 The Ghost Brigades #3 The Last Colony #4 Zoe's Tale #5 The Human Division #6 The End of All Things Short fiction: "After the Coup" Other Tor Books The Android's Dream Agent to the Stars Your Hate Mail Will Be Graded Fuzzy Nation Redshirts

Lock In The Collapsing Empire (forthcoming) At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. *The Sense of Beauty* Oxford University Press This is the story of LSD told by a concerned yet hopeful father, organic chemist Albert Hofmann. He traces LSDs path from a promising psychiatric research sparking hysteria and prohibition. We follow Dr. Hofmanns trek across Mexico to discover sacred plants related to LSD, and listen in as he corresponds with other notable figures about his remarkable

discovery. Underlying it all is Dr. Hofmanns powerful conclusion that mystical experience may be our planets best hope for survival. Whether induced by LSD, meditation, or arising spontaneously, such experiences help us to comprehend the wonder, the mystery of the divine in the microcosm of the atom, in the macrocosm of the spiral nebula, in the seeds of plants, in the body and soul of people. Now, more than sixty years after the birth of Albert Hofmanns problem child, his vision of its true potential is more relevant, and more needed, than ever. **In Fury Born** Tor Books Only a few books stand as

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landmarks in social and scientific upheaval. Norbert Wiener's classic is one in that small company. Founder of the science of cybernetics—the study of the relationship between computers and the human nervous system—Wiener was widely misunderstood as one who advocated the automation of human life. As this book reveals, his vision was much more complex and interesting. He hoped that machines would release people from relentless and repetitive drudgery in order

to achieve more creative pursuits. At the same time he realized the danger of dehumanizing and displacement. His book examines the implications of cybernetics for education, law, language, science, technology, as he anticipates the enormous impact—in effect, a third industrial revolution—that the computer has had on our lives.

*Art of Computer Game Design*  
Macmillan

The ancient Chinese were profoundly influenced by the Sun, Moon and stars, making persistent efforts to mirror astral

phenomena in shaping their civilization. In this pioneering text, David W. Pankenier introduces readers to a seriously understudied field, illustrating how astronomy shaped the culture of China from the very beginning and how it influenced areas as disparate as art, architecture, calendrical science, myth, technology, and political and military decision-making. As elsewhere in the ancient world, there was no positive distinction between astronomy and astrology in ancient China, and so astrology, or more precisely, astral omenology, is a principal focus of the book. Drawing on a broad range of sources, including archaeological discoveries,

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classical texts, inscriptions and  
paleography, this thought-  
provoking book documents the  
role of astronomical phenomena  
in the development of the  
'Celestial Empire' from the late  
Neolithic through the late imperial  
period.