NEW AND UPCOMING TITLES

Spear of Light by Brenda Cooper
Defeated by their human creators in a long-ago battle and banished to the outer limits of the solar system, the AIs have grown in strength and cunning, returning to do battle with humans. The AIs are winning, and humans are divided on dealing with the AIs: Compromise? Continued warfare? And for some humans, the lure of living forever by giving up their human bodies is tempting. A clash of humans versus their own creations, and humans versus other humans in this thoughtful novel, sequel to Edge of Dark.

The Final Day by William R. Forstchen
The third novel in the “One Second After” bestselling series, John Masterson’s town is once again threatened by the self-proclaimed government at Bluemont, and Masterson is at odds with his former friend and army officer Bob Scales. But when Scales comes, seemingly to arrest Masterson for resisting Bluemont’s authority, they investigate a secret that shows the president and some “inner circle” politicians knew of the EMP attack before it happened! A battle ensues. Publication late 2016. Translation rights to ONE SECOND AFTER sold in 12 countries.

The Genius Plague by David Walton
The vast, complex underground network of fungi that controls the health of Brazil’s enormous rainforest now senses a new threat: humans. It releases spores that alter the human brain, making humans smarter but also under the control of the fungal network. The Prologue follows mycologist Paul Johns’ escape while a boatload of tourist in the Amazon are gunned down. He returns
to the US, infected. Subsequent chapters are from his brother Neil’s POV who, with his fellow workers at the NSA, seek to understand and combat this "genius plague". The story follows Neil’s trip to Brazil during a violent upheaval, with the climax at Albuquerque’s Kirtland Air Force Base, which houses over 2,000 nuclear missiles that the “Ligados”, armies of the infected, including Paul, seek to explode, extinguishing most of humanity. An edge-of-the-seat thriller with solid science and accurate background information. David Walton is an engineer who has worked for 18 years with the US intelligence agencies and has Top Secret security clearance.

Also available: David Walton’s sf thriller SUPERPOSITION and sequel SUPERSYMMETRY (2015), called a “quantum physics murder mystery” Film/tv rights sold to eOne Entertainment Ltd. Translation rights sold in Germany, France and Turkey

MASH UP: Stories Inspired by Famous First Lines, edited by Gardner Dozois

A stellar cast of writers (including Tad Williams, Nancy Kress, John Scalzi and Alan Steele) creating interesting stories from famous first lines, from Jane Austin to Sun Tzu’s THE ART OF WAR to our Declaration of Independence and the Bible). Audio book available under the title "Rip-Off".

The Prison in Antares by Mike Resnick (Dead Enders, Bk#2)
Having returned with his motley crew of humans, a cyborg and aliens from one dangerous mission, Colonel Pretorius is sent out by his military commander again:
to rescue, if possible (and kill, if not) the only living scientist, now a captive of the enemy, capable of constructing Q bombs, which the enemy coalition has been using to blow up the Democracy’s planets. But the enemy coalition is subtler and more deceptive than expected; Pretorius and his “Dead Enders” find unpleasant surprises in store.

Third “Dead Enders” novel under contract with Pyr.

THE BEST OF GALAXY’S EDGE, edited by Mike Resnick
From well-known authors such as Larry Niven, Mercedes Lackey, Nancy Kress, Ken Liu and even a recently discovered story by Robert A. Heinlein, to upcoming authors, this election from the popular bimonthly magazine is a gem.
Also available in translation: Rights to the GALAXY’S EDGE magazine issues, with or without the nonfiction pieces such as Gregory Benford’s science columns and the book reviews.

THE SEASCAPE TATTOO by Larry Niven and Steven Barnes
Set in Larry Niven’s world of THE MAGIC GOES AWAY, a sorcerer frames swordsman Aros in order to force Aros to join him on a rescue mission. Aros will pretend to be the long-lost son of a leading general in the enemy land, where the queen’s kidnapped daughter (whom the sorcerer loves) is being held hostage. Battles ensue and unexpected relationships blossom.

NEBULA AWARDS SHOWCASE 2016, edited by Mercedes Lackey
A selection from this year’s Best Novel and all the finalists in the novella,
THE BEST OF NANCY KRESS
A collection of 21 stories by Nebula and Hugo Award winner Nancy Kress, which Locus Magazine included among the 12 best collections of 2015 and also received kudos from io9 (http://io9.gizmodo.com/the-amazing-books-that-will-make-your-loved-ones-fall-i-1740885492)

Yesterday’s Kin trilogy by Nancy Kress
An interstellar spaceship lands in New York’s harbor. The Denebs, as the “aliens” are called, come from a human strain that was mysteriously taken from Earth about 140,000 years ago. They warn of a fast-approaching spore cloud, discovered by another of their world’s ships, which will doom humanity if an antidote is not found, and ask that scientists come aboard their ship, with its research facilities, to develop a cure. Reactions vary widely, with attempted sabotage and murder; the Denebs leave in their ship – along with several Earth descendants who have some of the Deneb strain in their genes. The spore cloud reaches Earth, many people unprepared for the new plague. In Book II, some of the Earth humans, scientists and military, travel to the Deneb’s world, now that a cure has been found. So is a Russian ship, intent on revenge, as they imagine the Denebs are guilty of withholding information that could have saved millions of lives. With time dilation, an extra 20 years occur when reaching the Deneb home world. Many conflicts, resolutions, etc. In Book III, the humans return to Earth, arriving over 40 years after the time of their departure and must deal with the chaos at home.

UNDERCITY and THE BRONZED SKY
by Catherine Asaro

The first two novels in Asaro’s "Major Bhaajan" SF mystery series. Bhaaj is a young woman who left the military to become a private investigator. In UNDERCITY, Bhaaj returns to Raylicon, the planet of her poverty-stricken childhood, hired by the powerful royal family to find their missing son. Her investigation ultimately leads not only to the young price, but also to a revolt by those living in the cave-like
"Undercity". In **THE BRONZED SKY**, Bhaaj has a different assignment on Raylicon: The Jagernauts, an elite guard with augments that enhance their speed, strength, neural networks, are dedicated to protecting the Skolian Empire. Now one of them -- or someone with their exclusive augments -- has become a crazed killer and is hiding on Raylicon, likely in its Undercity. Bhaaj must unravel the complex web of human and AI betrayals surrounding the murders to find the killer.

**Bowl of Heaven trilogy: #3 is GLORY**

In this bestselling series, Capt. Redwing and his crew, on an interstellar voyage to a planet they name Glory, encounter an artificial construct called the Bowl of Heaven. Conflicts arise with the strange and varied aliens living in the Bowl. In **Shipstar**, Bk#2, Redwing and some of his crew continue on towards Glory, while some human survivors are still on the Bowl – which is also headed towards Glory. In Book #3, both the Bowl and Redwing’s ship reach Glory, inhabited by a large variety of bizarre aliens only Larry Niven could think up. To the locals on Glory, a civilization is considered barbaric unless it can communicate via gravity waves! Conflicts ensue. Excellent frontlist selection. Ms. Of GLORY due in about a year. Under contract in US with Tor Books.

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