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Variable Star

Three novels complete in one volume: Mindkiller: Wireheads, addicted to an electric current fed into the pleasure centers of the brain, are the new junkies. Karen, a former wirehead who barely escaped death by pleasure, is determined to bring down those who sell the wireheading equipment, but she and her lover Joe instead turn up evidence of a shadowy global conspiracy—not to control the world, but to keep anyone from realizing that the masters of mind control have been

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controlling us all for some time now Time Pressure: When a beautiful girl appeared in a globe of blue light in a snowbound forest and said she had come back in time, Sam thought it was the most wonderful thing that could possibly happen. But then he began to notice sinister things about her, and thought he would have to kill her to save the present. Except that there was a third possibility, and that really was the most wonderful thing that could possibly happen

Lifeforce: June Bellamy had gone for a walk in a park—and came back with memories missing. She didn't know that, but her partner could tell because she'd told her answering machine about strange people in the park. Now June and Paul are on the run from insidious superhumans who can edit their memories and track them down no matter where or how well they hide. They are desperate—but not nearly as desperate as their pursuers Three suspenseful stories of people in incredible and desperate situations, all of them unknowingly involved in a secret that could mean the salvation of all humans who were alive, who would ever live, or who ever had lived

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Jos aimed straight for the tank ahead, was doing 80 kph by the time he reached it, jogged the wheel and was around it, still accelerating. He was screaming right onto 48th Street before the tank's turret could swivel around to track him. He did not turn south again until he had reached the theater district. All the lights were out on

The Great White Way. Things were relatively quiet for half a dozen blocks, then, until they reached Times Square, where a full-scale riot was in progress. Broadway was blocked with jammed-together burning cars, so Jos turned left and rocketed up 42nd Street, dodging dead cars and dead people at high speed. Within a few blocks he had hit more than half a dozen people and lost his left headlight. On either side of the street Jennifer saw a parade of clubbings, knifings, shootings. She saw something that had once been a white policeman; she saw a bag lady murder a child her age, only to have her own throat cut by a weeping priest; she saw a white woman in full dominatrix gear running from a pack of black boys, trying to clear her path with her whip. Jennifer put her face in her hands and closed her eyes. Jos warned her before turning right. They were back on Fifth Avenue, and all at once the trouble was, incredibly, behind them. They saw absolutely nothing out of the ordinary all the way down to 33rd Street. There were calmly strolling pedestrians and singing drunks, necking couples and break-dancing kids. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

The Folk of the Fringe

“The best mingling of history with historical magic that I have ever seen.”—Gene Wolfe
In a snowbound inn high in the Alps, four people meet who will alter fate. A noble Byzantine mercenary . . . A female Florentine physician . . . An ageless Welsh wizard . . . And Sforza, the uncanny duke. Together they will wage an intrigue-filled

campaign against the might of Byzantium to secure the English throne for Richard, Duke of Gloucester—and make him Richard III. Available for the first time in nearly two decades, with a new introduction by New York Times-bestselling author Scott Lynch, *The Dragon Waiting* is a masterpiece of blood and magic. “Had [John M. Ford] taken *The Dragon Waiting* and written a sequence of five books based in that world, with that power, he would’ve been George R.R. Martin.” —Neil Gaiman At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Callahan Touch

The award-winning author portrays a quirky cosmic world where memories span centuries, mankind's vast potential has been reached, and the farthest frontiers of space have been conquered

Deathkiller

An Entertainment Weekly TOP 10 ROMANCE BOOKS OF THE YEAR A Bookpage TOP PICK A Kirkus BEST BOOKS OF 2017 A Vulture TOP 10 ROMANCE BOOKS OF 2017 A Publishers Weekly BEST BOOKS OF 2017 A Booklist TOP 10 ROMANCE FICTION 2017 “Richly detailed setting, heart-stopping plot, and unforgettable characters.”

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—Deanna Raybourn, New York Times bestselling author As the Civil War rages between the states, a courageous pair of spies plunge fearlessly into a maelstrom of ignorance, deceit, and danger, combining their unique skills to alter the course of history and break the chains of the past . . . Elle Burns is a former slave with a passion for justice and an eidetic memory. Trading in her life of freedom in Massachusetts, she returns to the indignity of slavery in the South—to spy for the Union Army. Malcolm McCall is a detective for Pinkerton's Secret Service. Subterfuge is his calling, but he's facing his deadliest mission yet—risking his life to infiltrate a Rebel enclave in Virginia. Two undercover agents who share a common cause—and an undeniable attraction—Malcolm and Elle join forces when they discover a plot that could turn the tide of the war in the Confederacy's favor. Caught in a tightening web of wartime intrigue, and fighting a fiery and forbidden love, Malcolm and Elle must make their boldest move to preserve the Union at any cost—even if it means losing each other . . . Praise for the novels of Alyssa Cole: “Rich in atmospheric details and rife with unexpected dangers.”—RT Book Reviews “Sweet, sensual, and suspenseful . . . rousing and entertaining.”—Publishers Weekly

Callahan's Con

At Callahan's Crosstime Saloon, patrons and multi-dimensional travelers, human and alien alike, share the stories of their lives and adventures. Reprint.

End of An Era

A Dante/Beckett reduction of human struggle to its lowest common denominator. Michael Mirolla' author of The Formal Logic of Emotion and Berlin. One of the most original and thought - provoking stories I have ever read true literary art Not a word is wasted in this masterpiece. Yes' I call it that. I have read many classics' and I can tell you that The Divine Farce should be counted among them; the finest in American literature. Geek scribe Three strangers are condemned to live together in darkness' crushed together in a concrete stall so small that they can never sit down. Liquid food drips down from above. Waste drains through a grid on the floor. So begins one of the strangest' most surreal comments on the human experience' on love and hatred and the human ability to find good in any situation' no matter how difficult. Michael S. A. Graziano delights in the macabre and surreal' yet it is his optimism that lifts this little novel. Like The Love Song of Monkey' this book is deeply thought provoking' horrifying' and funny. Praise for The Love Song of Monkey; Imaginative' intelligent narrative. Twin ideas of forgiveness and mercy twist through this strange' moving' patiently wrought novel.

Antinomy

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Mike Callahan's wife aims to please at her intergalactic house of ill repute that attracts customers from beyond the limits of the universe.

An Extraordinary Union

A never-before-published masterpiece from science fiction's greatest writer, rediscovered after more than half a century. When Joel Johnston first met Jinny Hamilton, it seemed like a dream come true. And when she finally agreed to marry him, he felt like the luckiest man in the universe. There was just one small problem. He was broke. His only goal in life was to become a composer, and he knew it would take years before he was earning enough to support a family. But Jinny wasn't willing to wait. And when Joel asked her what they were going to do for money, she gave him a most unexpected answer. She told him that her name wasn't really Jinny Hamilton---it was Jinny Conrad, and she was the granddaughter of Richard Conrad, the wealthiest man in the solar system. And now that she was sure that Joel loved her for herself, not for her wealth, she revealed her family's plans for him---he would be groomed for a place in the vast Conrad empire and sire a dynasty to carry on the family business. Most men would have jumped at the opportunity. But Joel Johnston wasn't most men. To Jinny's surprise, and even his

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own, he turned down her generous offer and then set off on the mother of all benders. And woke up on a colony ship heading out into space, torn between regret over his rash decision and his determination to forget Jinny and make a life for himself among the stars. He was on his way to succeeding when his plans--and the plans of billions of others--were shattered by a cosmic cataclysm so devastating it would take all of humanity's strength and ingenuity just to survive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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Ailing assassin ventures into the ruins of a once great city, intent on killing Wndell Morgan Carlson, a man responsible for more deaths than any other ever, who is guarded by powerful ghostly beings who are out to destroy all of humankind. Original.

Off the Wall at Callahan's

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regular folks on a mission to save the world, one customer at a time.

Into the Light

An empathic bounty hunter investigates the murder of a TV evangelist in this fast-paced cyberpunk novel, set in a fundamentalist America of the near future. "Dark and nastily believable." — William Gibson.

Callahan's Key

Callahan's Lady

Callahan's Place is open for business, and all of the "regulars" are here--a talking dog, an alcoholic vampire, and two telepaths--enhancing their joys by drowning their sorrows. Everyone, that is, but Mickey Finn, a seven-foot tall alien in danger of enslavement at the hands of a traveller from across the galaxy Come inside, pull up a chair, order a drink, make a toast, and let Spider Robinson introduce you to the most unique patrons to frequent any establishment, at a bar where the most important law is "shared pain is lessened; shared joy is increased." And if there's time left at the end of the night, just maybe they'll save the world

Bone Song

At the galaxy's most outrageously bizarre bordello, Callahan's girlfriend, Lady Sally, and her staff service a diverse clientele including priests, cabbies, KGB agents, and purebred werebeagles. Reprint.

The Empress of Mars

Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death In the end, the only political systems that seem to work are those based on freedom. The Inner World leaders of the Terran Federation seem to have forgotten this simple truth. After fighting the Khanate^{3/4}with the Fringe Worlds to supply the raw material and the fighting men^{3/4}the Inner Worlds found it hard to give up the powers they had seized during the war. So they decided not to^{3/4}rather than allow the rapidly expanding Fringe Worlds representation in the Federation, they are inviting the Khanate in, to keep the colonial upstarts in their place. The Fringers have only one answer to that: INSURRECTION At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

Callahan's Secret

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Establishing themselves at a discreet little bar in Key West, a group of eccentric characters finds itself targeted by the local mafia, which is working to establish a "protection" racket, while Jake's wife, Zoey, misuses a time machine and finds herself stranded. Reprint.

Callahan?'s Crazy Crosstime Bar

What if the entire universe happened to be the creation of alien minds? Dreens are extraordinary storytellers--and they can actually make the worlds they imagine come to life--and this is the origin of Earth and the entire known universe. Even though Dreens live far across the universe, the human race has the technology for interstellar travel and the military power to destroy the aliens' core planet. But Earth itself is only sustained by the continued existence of the Dreens. If the last Dreen dies, all of humanity will disappear!A science fiction adventure showcasing the imagination that made Frank Herbert famous and the wry wit and satire that brought Brian Herbert critical acclaim.

Man of Two Worlds

When the British Arian Company founded its Martian colony, it welcomed any settlers it could get. Outcasts, misfits and dreamers emigrated in droves to

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undertake the grueling task of terraforming the cold red planet--only to be abandoned when the BAC discovered it couldn't turn a profit on Mars. This is the story of Mary Griffith, a determined woman with three daughters, who opened the only place to buy a beer on the Tharsis Bulge. It's the story of Manco Inca, whose attempt to terraform Mars brought a new goddess vividly to life; of Stanford Crosley, con man extraordinaire; of Ottorino Vespucci, space cowboy and romantic hero; of the Clan Morrigan, of the denizens of the Martian Motel, and of the machinations of another Company entirely, all of whom contribute to the downfall of the BAC and the founding of a new world. But Mary and her struggles and triumphs is at the center of it all, in her bar, the Empress of Mars. Based on the Hugo-nominated novella of the same name, this is a rollicking novel of action, planetary romance, and high adventure. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Callahan Chronicals

Karen is plugged into the electrical socket, experiencing indescribable pleasures of the mind, when a burglar breaks in and unplugs her, saving her from suicide by ecstasy, and now Karen is determined to stop the selling of the wireheading equipment to save everyone from global mind control. Original.

Insurrection

Contains stories from the author's "Callahan's Crosstime Saloon," "Time Travelers Strictly Cash," and "Callahan's Secret"

Challenger's Hope

A collection of fifteen years of Spider Robinson's Callahan stories.

User Friendly

A fan's collection of graffiti-style epigrams, observations, puns, song lyrics, and more is culled from the first five volumes of the Callahan's Place series and is complemented by capsule biographies of the fictional and real-life characters featured within each quote. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

The Divine Farce (Large Print 16pt)

The Time Wars series is being reissued for the first time in a new, larger, higher quality edition to address reader concerns about prior editions, as well as numerous requests to have the books available on Kindle. In the 27th Century,

time travel allows international disputes to be settled by "clocking" soldiers from the future into conflicts of the past to do battle in the Time Wars. The politicians and the corporate leaders who created an entire international economy based on the idea of "an end to war in our time" believed that the past was absolute: it had already happened, therefore it could not be changed. Unfortunately, they were wrong. The greater the number of people who traveled back into the past, the greater were the odds of temporal contamination, changing history in ways that could disastrously affect the future. Major Lucas Priest, a veteran of the elite First Division of the Temporal Army Corps, was tasked to "adjust" the blunder of a Temporal Intelligence agent who had accidentally caused the death of Sir Percy Blakeney, the wealthy English adventurer who saved French royalists from the guillotine. Now, someone else had to become the famous "Scarlet Pimpernel" and carry on that work. Trying to adjust key historical events during the bloody and tumultuous French Revolution would be challenging enough. The trouble was, rogue covert agents from Temporal Intelligence were already on the scene, and they had their own agenda.

The Dragon Waiting

Night of Power

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Archaeologist Brandon Thackery and his rival Miles 'Klicks' Jordan fulfill a dinosaur lover's dream with history's first time-travel jaunt to the late Mesozoic. Hoping to solve the extinction mystery, they find Earth's gravity is only half its 21st century value and dinosaurs that behave very strangely. Could the slimy blue creatures from Mars have something to do with both? At the publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management software (DRM) applied.

Passion Play

Attacked and betrayed, Nick Seafort must lead a stranded ship to safety, in a science fiction adventure from the John W. Campbell Award-winning author. After his heroics aboard the Hibernia in Midshipman's Hope, Nicholas Seafort wins command of his first ship, the Challenger, and joins Admiral Tremaine's task force. Their first meeting is a rude awakening, however, as Tremaine demotes him to a smaller, overcrowded ship and blatantly ignores Seafort's report of alien life on Hope Nation. Above all, Seafort is anxious for his pregnant wife, who's due to have their baby on the journey. After an alien attack and an admiral's betrayal, a wounded Seafort is left stranded aboard a ship short of weapons and fuel. Hundreds of lives hang in the balance as Seafort must find a way to survive.

Melancholy Elephants

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Opening night at Mary's Place draws a packed house, including Lucky Duck, who has a talent for defying the laws of probability; a member of Ireland's fairy folk; and a mysterious stranger carrying around a deadly secret

Telempath

Under the facade of the world's finest theme park lies a secret which could alter the course of human history. Mike and Annie, refugees from the world outside, find a home underground, behind the scenes of Dreamworld, a theme park where hope exists as it does nowhere else. But Dreamworld is threatened by a jealous competitor who kills what he can't have. And if this were not trouble enough, Mike and Annie discover that each day there are more of the "trolls" who maintain Dreamworld than there were the day before. As the "trolls" continue to multiply, Mike and Annie must discover why, or it could mean the end of Dreamworld--and the real world. Knotted in conflict and turmoil, what was a wonderful, carefree place becomes a battleground on which the fate of Earth's future is at stake. And only Mike and Annie, two unconventional heroes, can save it.

The Lifehouse Trilogy

A collection of Robert Heinlein-influenced stories includes tales of an alien

symbiote-inhabited wife, the hit men of the suicidal rich, the lover who would change the course of Halley's comet, and fraudulent time travelers. Original.

Mirror Dance

This classic work of science fiction is widely considered to be the ultimate time-travel novel. When Daniel Eakins inherits a time machine, he soon realizes that he has enormous power to shape the course of history. He can foil terrorists, prevent assassinations, or just make some fast money at the racetrack. And if he doesn't like the results of the change, he can simply go back in time and talk himself out of making it! But Dan soon finds that there are limits to his powers and forces beyond his control.

The Crazy Years

Boozers, aliens, talking dogs, telepaths, ghosts, and traveling salesmen gather to drown their sorrows in a Key West bar where people come to escape convention.

Lady Slings the Booze

In Orson Scott Card's classic apocalyptic science fiction novel The Folk of the

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Fringe, only a few nuclear weapons fell in America--the weapons that destroyed the nation were biological and, ultimately, cultural. But in the chaos, the famine, the plague, there existed a few pockets of order. The strongest of them was the state of Deseret, formed from the vestiges of Utah, Colorado, and Idaho. The climate has changed. The Great Salt Lake has filled up to prehistoric levels. But there, on the fringes, brave, hardworking pioneers are making the desert bloom again. A civilization cannot be reclaimed by powerful organizations, or even by great men alone. It must be renewed by individual men and women, one by one, working together to make a community, a nation, a new America. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Time Travellers Strictly Cash

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The Free Lunch

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For years, Callahan's was the place where friends met to have a few drinks, tell a few jokes, and occasionally save the world. Until that unfortunate incident with the nuke a few years ago. But Jake Stonebender and his wife have opened a new Callahan's, Mary's Place, and all the regulars are there: Doc Webster, Fast Eddie the piano player, Long Drink McGonnigle, and of course the usual talking dogs, alcoholic vampires, aliens, and time travelers. Songs will be sung, drinks will be drunk (and drunks will have drinks), puns will be swapped and as a three-eyed, three-legged, three-armed, three-everythinged alien flashes through space toward the bar, it just might be time to save the world again.

The Pimpernel Plot

Injured in his mother's womb, Lord Miles Naismith Vorkosigan, born a dwarf with brittle bones, faces off against his brother, a cloned stranger created to murder Miles and replace him. 35,000 first printing.

Callahan's Legacy

The Crazy Years

The Man Who Folded Himself

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Lieutenant Donal Connor has been given the most bizarre of new cases. Four famous stage performers have died in recent months, three of them in state capitals within Transifica, the fourth in far Zurinam. And now the idolised diva Maria deLivnova is coming to Tristopolis. Donal's boss is determined that nothing like this is ever to happen in his city. Connor is to have anything he needs, as long as the diva lives. And so begins a dark investigation through a world where corpses give up their psychic energy in the massive necroflux generators which power the city, where gargoyles talk, where wraiths work in slavery, a world of the dead where corruption is alive. This is an extraordinary SF novel set in an alternate universe quite unlike any imagined in SF before; a universe where magic and the supernatural and the undead are given a scientific rationale and hoortyngly plausible rationale. The novel's setting, Tristopolis, is the ultimate noir city; an immense baroque creation of haunted stone skyscrapers, black metal and city-wide catacombs. Its hero Donal Connor is immensely likeable and easy to identify with. Even once he's dead.

Callahan and Company

In New York Times-bestselling science fiction epic *Out of the Dark*, Earth beat back an alien invasion. Now we've got to make sure they don't come back, in *Into the Light*. The Shongairi conquered Earth. In mere minutes, half the human race died, and our cities lay in shattered ruins. But the Shongairi didn't expect the survivors'

tenacity. And, crucially, they didn't know that Earth harbored two species of intelligent, tool-using bipeds. One of them was us. The other, long-lived and lethal, was hiding in the mountains of eastern Europe, the subject of fantasy and legend. When they emerged and made alliance with humankind, the invading aliens didn't stand a chance. Now Earth is once again ours. Aided by the advanced tech the aliens left behind, we're rebuilding as fast as we can. Meanwhile, a select few of our blood-drinking immortals are on their way to the Shongairi homeworld, having commandeered one of the alien starshipsthe planet-busting kind. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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