

Fall 2016 Adult Announcements: SF, Fantasy & Horror

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International fiction, including several exciting books in translation, and collections of short fiction are the highlights of this fall's list. Longtime fans of science fiction and fantasy will also be delighted to see new books from cherished authors Connie Willis and Peter S. Beagle, and a collection of novellas by the legendary Ursula K. Le Guin.

Top 10

Behind the Throne

K.B. Wagers. Orbit, Aug. 2

Taut suspense and dark, rapid-fire humor mark this excellent debut, in which an interplanetary adventurer is forced to take her place as the heir to an imperial throne.

Certain Dark Things

Silvia Moreno-Garcia. St. Martin's/Dunne, Oct. 25

This novel, set in Mexico City, combines elements of Latin-American mythology with a literary voice to turn vampire fiction on its head.

Crosstalk

Connie Willis. Del Rey, Oct. 4

SFWA Grand Master Willis's first novel since 2010's Blackout/All Clear is a rollicking send-up of obsessive cellphone usage in too-near-future America.

The Found and the Lost: The Collected Novellas of Ursula K. Le Guin

Ursula K. Le Guin. S&S/Saga, Oct. 18

All the novellas by SFWA Grand Master Le Guin are collected for the first time—and introduced by the legendary author—in one volume.

The Graveyard Apartment

Mariko Koike, trans. by Deborah Boliver Boehm. St. Martin's/Dunne, Oct. 11

A young couple believe they have found the perfect home to grow into, only to realize that the apartment's idyllic setting harbors the specter of evil.

Invisible Planets: Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction in Translation

Edited and trans. by Ken Liu. Tor, Nov. 1

The Hugo-winning author and translator brings 13 Chinese science fiction short stories to English-reading audiences, along with several essays by Chinese scholars and authors.

Isra-Isle

Nava Semel, trans. by Jessica Cohen. Mandel Vilar, Oct. 25

In 1825 Mordecai Noah, a diplomat, bought Grand Island, near Niagara Falls, as a refuge for Jews. In 2001, his descendant goes to find it—and disappears without a trace.

Summerlong

Peter S. Beagle. Tachyon, Sept. 13

Beagle (The Last Unicorn) returns with this long-anticipated new novel, a beautifully bittersweet tale of passion, enchantment, and the nature of fate.

Swift to Chase

Laird Barron. JournalStone, Oct. 7

The celebrated horror author's fourth collection of macabre stories continues his inquiry into the darkness of the human heart.

Viking

The Hike: A Novel by Drew Magary (Aug. 2, hardcover, \$26, ISBN 978-0-399-56385-0). In this literary odyssey, Magary combines fascinating dream imagery, assorted video game tropes, and a story structure that's deliberately predictable (with nods to many other tales of wandering through strange lands before returning home) but still surprising.

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