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**Ammann, Keith**

**LIVE TO TELL THE TALE: Combat Tactics for Player Characters**

**Hardcover \* June 2020**

**JRS**

**Nonfiction**

From the author of *The Monsters Know What They're Doing* comes an introduction to combat tactics for Dungeons & Dragons players.

On the heels of *The Monsters Know What They're Doing*—a compilation of villainous battle plans for Dungeon Masters based on the author's popular blog—*Live to Tell the Tale* evens the score, providing beginning and intermediate D&D players the tools they need to fight back. Examining combat roles, class features, party composition, positioning, debilitating conditions, attacking combinations, action economy, and the ever-important consideration of the best ways to run away, *Live to Tell the Tale* will help you get the most out of your character's abilities. Ammann has been a Dungeons & Dragons player since before there were flumphs. Back in those days, the manuals were set in Futura and plate mail was AC 2. Now, Keith runs the Dungeons & Dragons blog *The Monsters Know What They're Doing*. He lives in Chicago.

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**Jones, Stephan Graham**

**MY HEART IS A CHAINSAW**

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**JM**

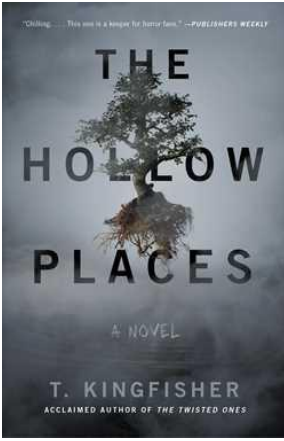
**Fiction**

One Blackfeet Indian final girl fights for survival against race and class divides as well as horrors only her slasher films could have prepared her for in this latest novel from the Jordan Peele of horror literature, Stephen Graham Jones.

Stephen's last book, *The Only Good Indians* received three starred reviews from Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, and Library Journal along with heaps of praise from mainstream media, including Entertainment Weekly and BuzzFeed, and powerhouse authors like Tommy Orange, Terese Marie Mailhot, Victor LaValle, and Paul Tremblay. Horror has taken on a wonderful new nuance as it explores the class and cultural struggles all over the world, in a visceral and immediate way. Films like Jordan Peele's *Get Out* and *Us*, Joe Hill's #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *The Fireman*, and Victor LaValle's *The Changeling*, which was awarded nearly everything last year, are recent examples. Meanwhile, Stephen Graham Jones is on the verge of becoming one of the biggest names in American Indian literature, alongside our own Rebecca Roanhorse, and Tommy Orange. In the horror genre, he's already a giant having been awarded the Bram Stoker award for best novel, and a World Fantasy award for his last novella. Charming, highly promotable, and well regarded by fans and writers from outside the field like Louise Erdrich, Jones is poised to break out. An American Indian author, Jones utilizes the tropes of the genre to show us the life of one young American Indian girl from the Blackfeet Nation, witnessing the everyday horrors of gentrification and waiting for the tables to turn.

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**Kingfisher, T.**  
**THE HOLLOW PLACES: A Novel**  
**Paperback \* October 2020**

**ES**  
**Fiction**

A young woman discovers a strange portal in her uncle's house, leading to madness and terror in this gripping new novel from the author of the "innovative, unexpected, and absolutely chilling" (Mira Grant, Nebula Award-winning author) *The Twisted Ones*. 'Pray they are hungry.' Kara finds these words in the mysterious bunker that she's discovered behind a hole in the wall of her uncle's house. Freshly divorced and living back at home, Kara now becomes obsessed with these cryptic words and starts exploring this peculiar area—only to discover that it holds portals to countless alternate realities. But these places are haunted by creatures that seem to hear thoughts...and the more one fears them, the stronger they become. With her distinctive "delightfully fresh and subversive" (*SF Bluestocking*) prose and the strange, sinister wonder found in Guillermo del Toro's *Pan's Labyrinth*, *The Hollow Places* is another compelling and

white-knuckled horror novel that you won't be able to put down. T. Kingfisher/Ursula Vernon's work has won the Hugo, Nebula, Coyotl, Mythopoeic, and WSFA Small Press Awards. Her work has been a finalist for the Eisner, World Fantasy, and British Science Fiction Awards. Her children's book *Dragonbreath* and the *Hamster Princess* series are huge sellers. Her other horror book, *The Twisted Ones*, received critical acclaim from NPR, Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, and many other publications! While this is a thoroughly modern horror novel that can be enjoyed on its own, it is inspired by a piece of classic early 1900s horror, *The Willows* by Algernon Blackwood. Fans of classic horror will be thrilled, and new horror fans will be delighted to discover the classics.

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**Kuhn, Mallory**  
**AMONG THIEVES**  
**Hardcover \* February 2021**

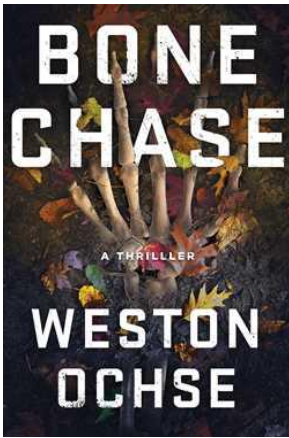
**ES**  
**Fiction**

A high fantasy debut with a high-stakes heist set in a gritty world with an ensemble cast of characters. Ryia Cautella is a callous and brazen mercenary working for a criminal syndicate in the slums of the dockside city of Carrowick. In just over a year's time she's already earned herself a reputation as the quickest, deadliest blade in the city - not to mention the sharpest tongue. But Ryia Cautella is not her real name. For the past six years a deadly secret has kept Ryia in hiding, running from city to city, doing whatever it takes to stay one step ahead of the formidable Guildmaster - sovereign ruler of the five kingdoms of Thamorr. No matter how far or fast she runs, his servants never fail to track her down... But even the most powerful men can be defeated. Her path now leads directly into the heart of the Guildmaster's stronghold, and against every instinct she has, she knows it's not a path she can walk alone. Forced to team up with a crew of assorted miscreants, smugglers and thieves, Ryia must plan her next moves carefully. If she succeeds she wins her freedom once and for all, but unfortunately for Ryia, her new allies are nearly as selfish as she is... and they all have plans of their own.

Mallory Kuhn is a fantasy writer by night and a mild-mannered university employee by day. She lives in the Metro Detroit area with her husband Ryan and a very spoiled cat named Thorin Oakenshield.

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**Ochse, Weston**  
**BONE CHASE**  
Hardcover \* December 2020

**JM**  
**Fiction**

In true *The Da Vinci Code* fashion, a taut thriller filled with rival factions vying for control of the truth in a giant global conspiracy. There were giants on the earth in those days—at least that's what the Bible says. But, where are they? Did they ever really exist at all? When out-of-work math teacher Ethan McCloud is sent a mysterious box, he and his ex-girlfriend begin to unravel a mystery 10,000 years in the making—and he is the last hope to discovering the world's greatest conspiracy. Chased by both the Six-Fingered Man and the Council of David, Ethan must survive the chase—and find the truth. Based upon folklore and documented evidence, award-winning author Weston Ochse has created a thriller that will appeal to fans of Child and Preston's Agent Pendergast novels, with the delicious conspiracy of Dan Brown's Robert Langdon novels. The American Library Association calls Weston Ochse "one of the major

horror authors of the twenty-first century." He has been praised by USA Today, The Atlantic, The New York Post, The Financial Times of London, Publishers Weekly, Peter Straub, Joe Lansdale, Jon Maberry, Kevin J. Anderson, and many more of the world's bestselling authors. His work has won the Bram Stoker Award, been nominated for the Pushcart Prize, and won multiple New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. His military supernatural series SEAL Team 666 has been optioned for a movie starring Dwayne Johnson; his military sci-fi trilogy, which begins with *Grunt Life*, has been praised for its PTSD-positive depiction of soldiers at peace and at war. His shorter work has appeared in DC Comics, IDW Comics, *Soldier of Fortune Magazine*, *Cemetery Dance Magazine*, and peer-reviewed literary journals. His franchise work includes the X-Files, Predator, Aliens, Hellboy, Clive Barker's Midian, and V-Wars.

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**Roanhorse, Rebecca**  
**BLACK SUN: Book #1 from *Between Earth and Sky***  
Hardcover \* October 2020

**JM**  
**Fiction**

From New York Times bestselling author of *Star Wars: Resistance Born* comes the first book in the *Between Earth and Sky* trilogy inspired by the civilizations of the Pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue and forbidden magic. In the holy city of Tova the winter solstice is usually a time for celebration and renewal, but this year it coincides with a solar eclipse, a rare celestial event proscribed by the Sun Priest as an unbalancing of the world. Meanwhile, a ship launches from a distant city bound for Tova and set to arrive on the solstice. The captain of the ship, Xiala, is a disgraced Teek whose song can calm the waters around her as easily as it can warp a man's mind. Her ship carries one passenger. Described as "harmless" the passenger, Serapio, is a young man, blind, scarred, and cloaked in destiny. As Xiala well knows, when a man is described as harmless, he usually ends up being a villain. Crafted with unforgettable characters, Rebecca Roanhorse has created

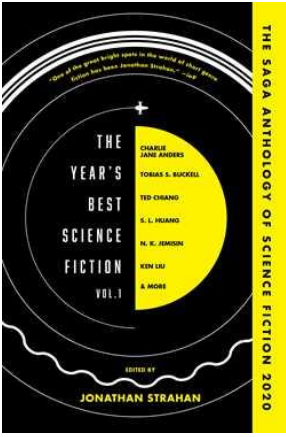
an epic adventure exploring the decadence of power amidst the weight of history and the struggle of individuals swimming against the confines of society and their broken pasts in the most original series debut of the decade. Rebecca Roanhorse is the New York Times bestselling author of *Star Wars: Resistance Reborn* as well as the recipient of a Hugo, Nebula, and the Intrepid awards. She lives in northern New Mexico with her husband, daughter, and pug. Find more at [rebeccaroanhorse.com](http://rebeccaroanhorse.com) and follow her on Twitter @RoanhorseBex.

Her TRAIL OF LIGHTNING won a 2019 Locus Award for Best First Novel, and was a finalist for the Nebula, Hugo, and World Fantasy awards. Her *The Sixth World* series has sold in the **UK, Catalan, Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Korean, Romanian, Russian, and Turkish.**

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**THE YEAR'S BEST SCIENCE FICTION VOL. 1: The Saga Anthology of Science Fiction 2020**

**Paperback \* September 2020**

**JM  
Fiction**

A must-have collection of the best short science fiction and speculative fiction of 2020, showcasing brilliant talent and examining the cultural moment we live in, compiled by award-winning Jonathan Strahan. With short works from some of the most lauded science fiction authors, as well as rising stars, this collection displays the top talent and the cutting-edge cultural moments that affect our lives, dreams, and stories. Authors include past award-winners Rebecca Roanhorse, Ken Liu, Carmen Maria Macabdo, Aliette de Boddard, Kim Stanley Robinson, Yoon Ha Lee, and Ted Chiang. An assemblage of future classics, this anthology is a must-read for anyone who enjoys the vast and exciting world of science fiction.

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