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*A Taint in the
Blood* Vintage
This eBook
has been

formatted to
the highest
digital
standards and
adjusted for
readability on
all devices. A
Journey to
Other Worlds

is a tale about
life in the year
2000 on the
planets Saturn
and Jupiter.
Space travel is
achieved
through
apergy, an

anti-gravitational energy force. Jupiter proves to be a jungle world, with flesh-eating plants, vampire bats, giant snakes and mastodons, and flying lizards. Saturn, in contrast, is an ancient world of silent spirits. The spirit beings provide the explorers with foresight of their own deaths.

Lord of Mountains

Del Rey
 “Utterly engaging...a page-turner that is certain

to win the author legions of new readers and fans.”—George R. R. Martin, author of *A Game of Thrones* It's spring on Nantucket and everything is perfectly normal, until a sudden storm blankets the entire island. When the weather clears, the island's inhabitants find that they are no longer in the late twentieth century...but have been transported instead to the Bronze Age! Now they

must learn to survive with suspicious, warlike peoples they can barely understand and deal with impending disaster, in the shape of a would-be conqueror from their own time.

Railsea

Penguin
 S. M. Stirling presents his first Novel of the Change, the start of the New York Times bestselling postapocalyptic saga set in a world where all technology has been rendered useless. The

Change occurred when an electrical storm centered over the island of Nantucket produced a blinding white flash that rendered all electronic devices and fuels inoperable—and plunged the world into a dark age humanity was unprepared to face... Michael Pound was flying over Idaho en route to the holiday home of his passengers when the plane's engines inexplicably died, forcing a

less than perfect landing in the wilderness. And as Michael leads his charges to safety, he begins to realize that the engine failure was not an isolated incident. Juniper McKenzie was singing and playing guitar in a pub when her small Oregon town was thrust into darkness. Now, taking refuge in her family's cabin with her daughter and a growing circle of friends, Juniper is

determined to create a farming community to benefit the survivors of this crisis. But even as people band together to help one another, others are building armies for conquest... The Stone Dogs Penguin "A seamless fusion of alternate history, postapocalyptic fiction, and espionage-fueled thriller."—Publishers Weekly When an inexplicable wave of energy slams

into North America, the world is plunged into turmoil—as wars erupt, borders vanish, and the great and powerful fall. Against this dramatic backdrop, three very different women navigate the chaos. Deep in a South American jungle, special agent Caitlin Monroe will stop at nothing to discover how a master terrorist escaped a secret detention center in

French Guadeloupe to strike a fatal blow in New York City. Sofia Peiraro, a grieving teenager trying to rebuild her life in Kansas City, is drawn back to Texas by a vicious murder. And in the fashionable bars and boutiques of Darwin, the seething, growing freeport in Australia’s deep north, the British-born aristocrat-turned-smuggler Lady Julianne Balwyn hides

a pistol in the small of her lovely back. She is hunting for the man who is hunting her. As these women fight for survival, justice, and revenge, humanity itself struggles toward its better angels—and to purge its worst demons. “Birmingham knows how to write action. . . . I enjoy world building stories as well as post-apocalyptic tales. This is definitely a little of both.”—Bill Lawhorn, SFRevu “A

rollicking ride . . . fast-paced and thought-provoking.”—The Sun-Herald (Sydney, Australia)

The Sky People Baen Books
Perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell, Steve Berry, Naomi Novik, and Harry Turtledove, Alan Smale’s gripping alternate history series imagines a world in which the Roman Empire has survived long enough to invade North America in 1218. Now the stunning story

carries hero Gaius Marcellinus deeper into the culture of an extraordinary people—whose humanity, bravery, love, and ingenuity forever change his life and destiny. In A.D. 1218, Praetor Gaius Marcellinus is ordered to conquer North America and turning it into a Roman province. But outside the walls of the great city of Cahokia, his legion is destroyed outright; Marcellinus is the only one

spared. In the months and years that follow, Marcellinus comes to see North America as his home and the Cahokians as his kin. He vows to defend these proud people from any threat, Roman or native. After successfully repelling an invasion by the fearsome Iroqua tribes, Marcellinus realizes that a weak and fractured North America won’t stand a chance against the returning

Roman army. Worse, rival factions from within threaten to tear Cahokia apart just when it needs to be most united and strong. Marcellinus is determined to save the civilization that has come to mean more to him than the empire he once served. But to survive the swords of Roma, he first must avert another Iroqua attack and bring Cahokia together. Only with the hearts and souls of a nation at his

back can Marcellinus hope to know triumph. Praise for Alan Smale and *Eagle in Exile* "In Alan Smale, speculative fiction has been dealt a winning hand. Part historian, part anthropologist, part scientist, Smale is a Renaissance man with a storyteller's gift for letting tireless research inform the narrative without overwhelming it. Smale entertains, educates, and

enraptures."—Myke Cole, author of *Javelin Rain* "[*Eagle in Exile*] has the pace and scope of a Michener or Uris epic. . . . Smale's action scenes slash across page after page, intense and bloody. . . . Grab your dagger and sword, for the battle continues."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Warfare, political conflict, family strife—these are all presented in an epic scope where any

decision or wrong move can forever change society.”—*Tech Times*
 “Thoroughly believable . . . Marcellinus is a complicated man, a hero we can all get behind.”—*Historical Novels Review*
The Peshawar Lancers Ace Books
 This fascinating book is the first volume in a projected cultural history of the United States, from the earliest English settlements to our own time. It is a history

of American folkways as they have changed through time, and it argues a thesis about the importance for the United States of having been British in its cultural origins. While most people in the United States today have no British ancestors, they have assimilated regional cultures which were created by British colonists, even while preserving ethnic identities at

the same time. In this sense, nearly all Americans are “Albion's Seed,” no matter what their ethnicity may be. The concluding section of this remarkable book explores the ways that regional cultures have continued to dominate national politics from 1789 to 1988, and still help to shape attitudes toward education, government, gender, and violence, on which differences between

American regions are greater than between European nations.

A Meeting at Corvallis

Penguin
It's been eight years since the Change rendered technology inoperable across the globe. Rising from the ashes of the computer and industrial ages is a brave new world.

Survivors have banded together in tribal communities, committed to rebuilding society. In Oregon's

Willamette Valley, former pilot Michael Havel's Bearkillers are warriors of renown. Their closest ally, the mystical Clan Mackenzie, is led by Wiccan folksinger Juniper Mackenzie. Their leadership has saved countless lives. But not every leader has altruistic aspirations. Norman Arminger, medieval scholar, rules the Protectorate. He has enslaved civilians, built

an army, and spread his forces from Portland through most of western Washington State. Now he wants the Willamette Valley farmland, and he's willing to wage war to conquer it. And unknown to both factions is the imminent arrival of a ship from Tasmania bearing British soldiers...

Into the Storm

Penguin
Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen—Piper's last science fiction novel—is part

of his Paratime series and recounts the adventures of a Pennsylvania state trooper who is accidentally transported to a more backward parallel universe. It is an expanded version of his novelet "Gunpowder God."

The Protector's War Baen Books

In the final book of the blistering trilogy *The Hot War*, old hatreds and new chances for revenge

are unleashed on an already devastated world—as the Cold War becomes a roaring inferno. In 1952 American cities lie in ruins. President Harry Truman, in office since 1945, presides over a makeshift government in Philadelphia, suffering his own personal loss and fearing for the future of democracy. In the wake of Hitler's reign, Germany and America have become allies, and Stalin's

wise hold on power in the USSR persists. Unwilling to trust the Soviet tyrant, Truman launches a long-planned nuclear strike on the city of Omsk—killing Stalin and plunging the Red Army into leaderless, destructive anarchy. Meanwhile, the Baltic states careen toward rebellion, and Poland is seized by rebels bred on war. In a world awash with victims turned victors, refugees, and killers, has

Truman struck a blow for peace or fueled more chaos? As these staggering events unfold, the lives of men and women across battle lines, ethnicities, and religions play out around the globe. In Los Angeles, an extended Jewish family builds a future, while the foul smell of a refugee camp in Santa Monica blows in on the ocean breeze. In Korea, a U.S. fighter struggles to bring his

Korean interpreter stateside as a full American. In Siberia, two German women fight for their survival in a gulag—and begin a strange, harrowing journey home. From the terrifying global chess match between superpowers to the strength of individual human conscience, *Armistice* captures a world that's been split to its core by the violence only mankind can

create. Through the thunder of battle, the clashes of armies, and the whispers of lovers, how humanity will be rebuilt, and who will do it, are the questions that resound in this marvelous work of imagination and history. Praise for *Armistice* “The story’s focus remains on ordinary characters and how they cope with their particular circumstances . . . Readers who savor the patient

accumulation of detail around each scenario will by now be thoroughly addicted.”—Kirkus Reviews “The series is entertaining and explores life on the razor’s edge.”—SFReview
Berserker
 Oxford University Press
 Continuing the exciting adventures from The Rogue Retrieval, The Island Deception blends fun and mystery into a brilliant new portal fantasy from

Dan Koboldt. What happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas. But what happens after you step through a portal to another world, well... For stage magician Quinn Bradley, he thought his time in Alissia was over. He’d done his job for the mysterious company CASE Global Enterprises, and now his name is finally on the marquee of one of the biggest Vegas casinos. And yet, for all the accolades, he

definitely feels something is missing. He can create the most amazing illusions on Earth, but he’s also tasted true power. Real magic. He misses it. Luckily—or not—CASE Global is not done with him, and they want him to go back. The first time, he was tasked with finding a missing researcher. Now, though, he has another task: Help take Richard Holt down. It’s impossible to be in Vegas and not be a

gambler. And while Quinn might not like his odds—a wyvern nearly ate him the last time he was in Alissia—if he plays his cards right, he might be able to aid his friends. He also might learn how to use real magic himself.

Albion's Seed

Del Rey

THE UNION

JACK TAKES

TO SPACE! All-

new alternate history

science fiction from New York

Times best-selling author

Steve White.

In an alternate future where

the British empire never crumbled, the space ships of Her Majesty's Navy work to keep the spaceways safe.

Commander Robert Rogers of the Royal Space Navy is a defense intelligence officer known for his unconventional

ways. Rogers is American born-and-raised, a loyal citizen of the Viceroyalty of North

America. He's a descendant of the founder of the highly effective, pro-British Rogers' Rangers

during the Colonial unpleasantries of 1776, and he's inherited his ancestor's intelligence and drive in spades. But there are those among the stars who are not so happy being subjects of the British Empire. In the Tau Ceti system, a cauldron of trouble brews as a terrorist faction of the rebellious Sons of Arnold attacks the empire from within, and warships of the theocratic Caliphate enters the system,

prepared to do their worse to destroy the hated empire head on. Yet standing against the coming anarchy and tyranny is one intrepid spy prepared to risk all for queen and empire: COMMANDER ROBERT ROGERS, HER MAJESTY'S AMERICAN At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Steve White: "Creative . . . White seamlessly inserts his characters into history, blending science fiction and vintage military action to deliver a fast-paced, high-stakes story. The time travel leads to a twisty, clever series of surprises and plot mechanics."—Publishers Weekly on *Soldiers out of Time* "White offers fast action and historically informed world-building."—Publishers Weekly ". . . recalls the best of the John Campbell era of SF. White's core audience of hard SF fans will be pleased . . ."—Publishers Weekly ". . . Engaging entertainment . . . much suspense and many well-handled action scenes . . ."—Booklist Conqueror Wildside Press LLC Explores the possibilities of alternative history by changing the participants and the stakes in *World War II Pass of Fire* Spectra In the mid-1870s, a violent spray

of comets hits Earth, decimating cities, erasing shorelines, and changing the world's climate forever. And just as Earth's temperature dropped, so was civilization frozen in time. Instead of advancing technologically, humanity had to piece itself back together... In the twenty-first century, boats still run on steam, messages arrive by telegraph, and the British Empire, with its capital now

in Delhi, controls much of the world. The other major world leader is the Czar of All the Russias. Everyone predicts an eventual, deadly showdown. But no one can predict the role that one man, Captain Athelstane King, reluctant spy and hero, will play... The Spanish Craze Del Rey "Other names besides [Herman] Melville's will surely come to mind as you read this thrilling

tale—there's Dune's Frank Herbert. . . . But in this, as in all of his works, Miéville has that special knack for evoking other writers even while making the story wholly his own."—Los Angeles Times On board the moletrain Medes, Sham Yes ap Soorap watches in awe as he witnesses his first moldywarpe hunt: the giant mole bursting from the earth, the harpoonists targeting their prey, the battle

resulting in one's death & the other's glory. Spectacular as it is, Sham can't shake the sense that there is more to life than the endless rails of the railsea—even if his captain thinks only of hunting the ivory-colored mole that took her arm years ago. But when they come across a wrecked train, Sham finds something—a series of pictures hinting at something, somewhere, that should be impossible—th

at leads to considerably more than he'd bargained for. Soon he's hunted on all sides, by pirates, trainsfolk, monsters & salvage-scrabblers. & it might not be just Sham's life that's about to change. It could be the whole of the railsea. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** “[Miéville] gives all readers a lot to dig into here, be it emotional drama, Godzilla-esque monster

carnage, or the high adventure that comes only with riding the rails.”—USA Today “Superb . . . massively imaginative.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Riveting . . . a great adventure.”—NPR “Wildly inventive . . . Every sentence is packed with wit.”—The Guardian (London) *Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen* Penguin In the tradition of Terry Brooks'

Landover series, Piers Anthony Xanth books, and Terry Pratchett's Discworld novels, scientist and blogger Dan Koboldt weaves wonder, humor, and heart into his debut novel, *The Rogue Retrieval*. Sleight of hand...in another land Stage magician Quinn Bradley has one dream: to headline his own show on the Vegas Strip. And with talent scouts in the

audience wowed by his latest performance, he knows he's about to make the big-time. What he doesn't expect is an offer to go on a quest to a place where magic is all too real. That's how he finds himself in *Alissia*, a world connected to ours by a secret portal owned by a powerful corporation. He's after an employee who has gone rogue, and that's the least of his problems. *Alissia* has

true magicians...and the penalty for impersonating one is death. In a world where even a twelve-year-old could beat Quinn in a swordfight, it's only a matter of time until the tricks up his sleeves run out.

The Broken Universe

Penguin Four award-winning authors. Four amazing alternate histories. In this collection of novellas, four masters of alternate history turn back time,

twisting the facts with four excursions into what might have been.

Bestselling author Harry Turtledove imagines a different fate for Socrates (now Sokrates); S. M. Stirling envisions life "in the wilds of a re-barbarized Texas" after asteroids strike the earth in the 19th century; Sidewise winner Mary Gentle contributes a story of love (and pigs) set in the mid-15th

century, as European mercenaries prepare to sack a Gothic Carthage; and Nebula nominee Walter Jon Williams pens a tale of Nietzsche intervening in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. *Black Chamber* Del Rey Pursued by Japanese battleships, the USS Walker, a destroyer under the command of Lieutenant Commander Matthew Patrick Reddy, tries to lose

the enemy by heading into a storm, only to become trapped in a primitive alternate world, populated by strange creatures *The Rogue Retrieval* Tor Books "In this luscious alternative universe, sidekicks quote the Lone Ranger and Right inevitably triumphs with panache. What more could adventure-loving readers ask for?"—Publishers Weekly Oakland,

1946. Ex-soldier John Rolfe, newly back from the Pacific, has made a fabulous discovery: A portal to an alternate America where Europeans have never set foot—and the only other humans in sight are a band of very curious Indians. Able to return at will to the modern world, Rolfe summons the only people with whom he is willing to share his discovery: his war buddies.

And tells them to bring their families... Los Angeles, twenty-first century. Fish and Game warden Tom Christiansen is involved in the bust of a smuggling operation. What he turns up is something he never anticipated: a photo of authentic Aztec priests decked out in Grateful Dead T-shirts, and a live condor from a gene pool that doesn't correspond to any known in captivity or the wild. It is a

find that will lead him to a woman named Adrienne Rolfe—and a secret that's been hidden for sixty years... *The Guns of the South* Baen Publishing Enterprises In his Novels of the Change, New York Times bestselling author S.M. Stirling presents "a devastated, mystical world that will appeal to fans of traditional fantasy as well as post-apocalyptic SF."* Continuing

their quest that began in The Golden Princess, two future rulers of a world without technology risk their lives seeking a fabled blade... Reiko, Empress of Japan, has allied herself with Princess Órlaith, heir to the High Kingdom of Montival, to find the Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi, the Grass-Cutting Sword, a legendary treasure of an ancient dynasty that confers valor and victory to its bearer.

Órlaith understands all too well the power it signifies. Her own inherited blade, the Sword of the Lady, was both a burden and a danger to her father, Rudi Mackenzie, as it failed to save the king from being assassinated. But the fabled sword lies deep with the Valley of Death, and the search will be far from easy. And war is building, in Montival and far beyond. As Órlaith and Reiko encounter

danger and wonder, Órlaith's mother, Queen Matildha, believes her daughter's alliance and quest has endangered the entire realm. There are factions both within and without Montival whose loyalty died with the king, and whispers of treachery and war grow ever louder. And the Malevolence that underlies the enemy will bend all its forces to destroy them. *Publishers

Weekly
(starred
review)
*On the Oceans
of Eternity* e-
artnow
Long ago, in a
distant part of
the galaxy,
two alien
races
met—and
fought a war
of mutual
extinction.
The sole
legacy of that
war was the
weapon that
ended it: the
death
machines, the
BERSERKERS.
Guided by
self-aware
computers
more
intelligent

than any
human, these
world-sized
battle craft
carved a
swath of
death through
the
galaxy—until
they arrived at
the outskirts
of the
fledgling
Empire of
Man. These
are the stories
of the frail
creatures who
must meet
this
monstrous
and
implacable
enemy—and
who, by
fighting it to a
standstill,
become the

saviors of all
living things.
This is
Saberhagen's
classic book
length
collection of
the first
eleven
Berserker
stories. Meet
Berserker
hunter
extraordinaire
Johann
Karlsen, his
evil brother
Felipe Nogara,
The Third
Historian of
the Carmpan
Race, gallant
fighters of the
killer
machines and
the deranged
killer machine,
Mr. Jester.