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## I've Got Sand In All the Wrong Places

'Tis done. The world is a most confused and unsteady place -- especially London, center of finance, innovation, and conspiracy -- in the year 1714, when Daniel Waterhouse makes his less-than-triumphant return to England's shores. Aging Puritan and Natural Philosopher, confidant of the high and mighty and contemporary of the most brilliant minds of the age, he has braved the merciless sea and an assault by the infamous pirate Blackbeard to help mend the rift between two adversarial geniuses at a princess's

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behest. But while much has changed outwardly, the duplicity and danger that once drove Daniel to the American Colonies is still coin of the British realm. No sooner has Daniel set foot on his homeland when he is embroiled in a dark conflict that has been raging in the shadows for decades. It is a secret war between the brilliant, enigmatic Master of the Mint and closet alchemist Isaac Newton and his archnemesis, the insidious counterfeiter Jack the Coiner, a.k.a. Jack Shaftoe, King of the Vagabonds. Hostilities are suddenly moving to a new and more volatile level, as Half-Cocked Jack plots a daring assault on the Tower itself, aiming for nothing less than the total corruption of Britain's newborn monetary system. Unbeknownst to all, it is love that set the Coiner on his traitorous course; the desperate need to protect the woman of his heart -- the remarkable Eliza, Duchess of Arcachon-Qwghlm -- from those who would destroy her should he fail. Meanwhile, Daniel Waterhouse and his Clubb of unlikely cronies comb city and country for clues to the identity of the blackguard who is attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with Infernal Devices -- as political factions jockey for position while awaiting the impending death of the ailing queen; as the "holy grail" of alchemy, the key to life eternal, tantalizes and continues to elude Isaac Newton, yet is closer than he ever imagined; as the greatest technological innovation in history slowly takes shape in Waterhouse's manufactory. Everything that was will be changed forever The System of the World is the concluding volume in Neal Stephenson's Baroque Cycle, begun with Quicksilver and continued in The Confusion.

### **Anathem**

A #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Anathem* is perhaps the most brilliant literary invention to date from the incomparable Neal Stephenson, who rocked the world with *Snow Crash*, *Cryptonomicon*, and *The Baroque Cycle*. Now he imagines an alternate universe where scientists, philosophers, and mathematicians live in seclusion behind ancient monastery walls until they are called back into the world to deal with a crisis of astronomical proportions. *Anathem* won the Locus Award for Best Science Fiction Novel and the reviews for have been dazzling: “Brilliant” (South Florida Sun-Sentinel), “Daring” (Boston Globe), “Immensely entertaining” (New York Times Book Review), “A tour de force” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch), while *Time* magazine proclaims, “The great novel of ideas...has morphed into science fiction, and Neal Stephenson is its foremost practitioner.”

### **The Big U**

Get all three novels in Neal Stephenson's New York Times bestselling "Baroque Cycle" in one e-book, including: *Quicksilver*, *The Confusion*, and *The System of the World*. This three-volume historical epic delivers intrigue, adventure, and excitement set against the political upheaval of the early 18th century.

### **King of the Vagabonds**

When a spaceship lands in Sorrow Falls, a lovable and

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fearless small-town girl is the planet's only hope for survival Three years ago, a spaceship landed in an open field in the quiet mill town of Sorrow Falls, Massachusetts. It never opened its doors, and for all that time, the townspeople have wondered why the ship landed there, and what—or who—could be inside. Then one day a government operative—posing as a journalist—arrives in town, asking questions. He discovers sixteen-year-old Annie Collins, one of the ship's closest neighbors and a local fixture known throughout the town, who has some of the answers. As a matter of fact, Annie Collins might be the most important person on the planet. She just doesn't know it.

### **The Snow Queen**

È l'anno 3689 e il pianeta Arbre vive un periodo di pace e serenità. Nel suo passato ci sono imperi, colpi di stato militari, gli Eventi Tragici e la Ricostituzione, il Primo, il Secondo e il Terzo Sacco, ma nei secoli è stato raggiunto un equilibrio. Gli scienziati, i matematici, i filosofi vivono chiusi nei loro "concenti", e si dedicano alla pura speculazione teorica senza avere nessun contatto con la tecnologia, che invece segna l'esistenza del resto della popolazione: gli "extramuros", sottoposti al Potere Secolare. Ma qualcosa minaccia l'ordine perfetto di Arbre: lo dimostra l'espulsione dal concento di Saunt Edhar, al canto struggente dell'Anathem, del sapiente Orolo, che osservando il cielo ha scoperto un oggetto luminoso in avvicinamento. Sarà il suo allievo prediletto, il diciottenne fraa Erasmus, ad avere una

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parte cruciale nel dramma che sta per svolgersi su Arbre. E toccherà a lui, alla compagna Ala e agli altri novizi esplorare il mondo di fuori: sino ai confini più estremi. Anathem.

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#### **Fall; or, Dodge in Hell**

In 1241, warriors try to stop the Mongols from invading Europe; in the nineteenth century, a group of martial artists provide a language expert with lost manuscripts to translate that chronicle their ancestors' thirteenth century battles.

### **Cryptonomicon**

“Stephenson has a once-in-a-generation gift: he makes complex ideas clear, and he makes them funny, heartbreaking, and thrilling.” —Time The #1 New York Times bestselling author of Anathem, Neal Stephenson is continually rocking the literary world with his brazen and brilliant fictional creations—whether he’s reimagining the past (The Baroque Cycle), inventing the future (Snow Crash), or both (Cryptonomicon). With Reamde, this visionary author whose mind-stretching fiction has been enthusiastically compared to the work of Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, Kurt Vonnegut, and David Foster Wallace—not to mention William Gibson and Michael Crichton—once again blazes new ground with a high-stakes thriller that will enthrall his loyal

audience, science and science fiction, and espionage fiction fans equally. The breathtaking tale of a wealthy tech entrepreneur caught in the very real crossfire of his own online fantasy war game, *Reamde* is a new high—and a new world—for the remarkable Neal Stephenson.

### **Skulduggery Pleasant - Males**

In *Faithful Doubt* Guy Collins explores the role of doubt within theology and philosophy. Focusing on three philosophers--Giorgio Agamben, Jacques Derrida, and Slavoj Žižek--*Faithful Doubt* argues that atheism can be redeeming. Far from being inhospitable to faith, doubt is increasingly necessary for theology. As well as introducing the thought of contemporary philosophers, *Faithful Doubt* examines the significance of popular entertainment and narrative. Novels of Ursula Le Guin, Neal Stephenson, China Mieville, and others are read alongside *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, and *Battlestar Galactica*. Fiction highlights the fluid nature of the sacred and the secular. On the question of evil, *Faithful Doubt* suggests that wisdom lies in acknowledging uncertainty. Weaving the story of Job together with St. Augustine, Donald MacKinnon, and Eleonore Stump, evil exemplifies the necessity for doubt within theology. *Faithful Doubt* brings a new perspective to debates about the relationship between faith and reason. Concluding with a discussion of Soren Kierkegaard, Collins presents a compelling case for harnessing atheism and doubt in service to Christian faith. In order to "doubt wisely" we need to heed the

"faith of the faithless."

### **Anathem und Gesellschaft**

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### **Anathem. Il nuovo cielo**

The New York Times Book Review called Neal Stephenson's most recent novel "electrifying" and "hilarious". but if you want to know Stephenson was doing twenty years before he wrote the epic Cryptonomicon, it's back-to-school time. Back to The Big U, that is, a hilarious send-up of American college life starring after years out of print, The Big U is required reading for anyone interested in the early work of this singular writer.

### **Sevенеves**

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A chronicle of the breathtaking exploits of "Half-Cocked Jack" Shaftoe -- London street urchin-turned-legendary swashbuckling adventurer -- risking life and limb for fortune and love while slowly maddening from the pox. . . and Eliza, rescued by Jack from a Turkish harem to become spy, confidante, and pawn of royals in order to reinvent a contentious continent through the newborn power of finance.

## Snow Crash

An NPR Books Great Read: Two never-before-published stories from the archives of one of science fiction's all-time masters. The novella "A Necessary Being" showcases Octavia E. Butler's ability to create alien yet fully believable "others." Tahneh's father was a Hao, one of a dwindling race whose leadership abilities render them so valuable that their members are captured and forced to govern. When her father dies, Tahneh steps into his place, both chief and prisoner, and for twenty years has ruled without ever meeting another of her kind. She bears her loneliness privately until the day that a Hao youth is spotted wandering into her territory. As her warriors sharpen their weapons, Tahneh must choose between imprisoning the newcomer—and living the rest of her life alone. The second story in this volume, "Childfinder," was commissioned by Harlan Ellison for his legendary (and never-published) anthology *The Last Dangerous Visions*™. A disaffected telepath connects with a young girl in a desperate attempt to help her harness her growing powers. But in the richly evocative fiction of Octavia E. Butler, mentorship is a

rocky path, and every lesson comes at a price. The award-winning author of science fiction classics *Parable of the Sower* and *Kindred* bestows these compelling, long lost gems “like the miraculous discovery that the beloved book you’ve read a dozen times has an extra chapter” (Los Angeles Review of Books). Harlan Ellison and *Dangerous Visions* are registered trademarks of the Kilimanjaro Corporation. All rights reserved.

### **Zodiac**

A New York Times Notable Book The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Seveneves*, *Anathem*, *Reamde*, and *Cryptonomicon* returns with a wildly inventive and entertaining science fiction thriller—*Paradise Lost* by way of Philip K. Dick—that unfolds in the near future, in parallel worlds. In his youth, Richard “Dodge” Forthrast founded Corporation 9592, a gaming company that made him a multibillionaire. Now in his middle years, Dodge appreciates his comfortable, unencumbered life, managing his myriad business interests, and spending time with his beloved niece Zula and her young daughter, Sophia. One beautiful autumn day, while he undergoes a routine medical procedure, something goes irrevocably wrong. Dodge is pronounced brain dead and put on life support, leaving his stunned family and close friends with difficult decisions. Long ago, when a much younger Dodge drew up his will, he directed that his body be given to a cryonics company now owned by enigmatic tech entrepreneur Elmo Shepherd. Legally bound to follow the directive

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despite their misgivings, Dodge's family has his brain scanned and its data structures uploaded and stored in the cloud, until it can eventually be revived. In the coming years, technology allows Dodge's brain to be turned back on. It is an achievement that is nothing less than the disruption of death itself. An eternal afterlife—the Bitworld—is created, in which humans continue to exist as digital souls. But this brave new immortal world is not the Utopia it might first seem . . . . Fall, or Dodge in Hell is pure, unadulterated fun: a grand drama of analog and digital, man and machine, angels and demons, gods and followers, the finite and the eternal. In this exhilarating epic, Neal Stephenson raises profound existential questions and touches on the revolutionary breakthroughs that are transforming our future. Combining the technological, philosophical, and spiritual in one grand myth, he delivers a mind-blowing speculative literary saga for the modern age.

### **Anthem**

This reissue of a modern classic of science fiction, the Hugo and Locus Award-winning and Nebula-nominated *The Snow Queen*, marks the first time the book has been reprinted in fifteen years. The imperious Winter colonists have ruled the planet Tiamat for 150 years, deriving wealth from the slaughter of the sea mers. But soon the galactic stargate will close, isolating Tiamat, and the 150-year reign of the Summer primitives will begin. Their only chance at surviving the change is if Arienrhod, the ageless, corrupt Snow Queen, can destroy destiny

with an act of genocide. Arienrhod is not without competition as Moon, a young Summer-tribe sibyl, and the nemesis of the Snow Queen, battles to break a conspiracy that spans space. Interstellar politics, a millennia-long secret conspiracy, and a civilization whose hidden machineries might still control the fate of worlds all form the background to this spectacular hard science fiction novel from Joan D. Vinge.

### **Against a Dark Background**

Jo Walton is an award-winning author of, inveterate reader of, and chronic re-reader of science fiction and fantasy books. *What Makes This Book So Great?* is a selection of the best of her musings about her prodigious reading habit. Jo Walton's many subjects range from acknowledged classics, to guilty pleasures, to forgotten oddities and gems. Among them, the Zones of Thought novels of Vernor Vinge; the question of what genre readers mean by 'mainstream'; the under-appreciated SF adventures of C. J. Cherryh; the field's many approaches to time travel; the masterful science fiction of Samuel R. Delany; Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*; the early Hainish novels of Ursula K. Le Guin; and a Robert A. Heinlein novel you have most certainly never read. Over 130 essays in all, *What Makes This Book So Great* is an immensely engaging collection of provocative, opinionated thoughts about past and present-day fantasy and science fiction, from one of our best writers.

### **Neverness**

### **Reamde**

A New York Times Bestseller "Love, longing, and rich scenes of daily life. What could be sweeter than a trip to an Irish village packed with robust native characters." —The Christian Science Monitor When a new highway threatens to bypass the town of Rossmore and cut through Whitethorn Woods, everyone has a passionate opinion about whether the town will benefit or suffer. But young Father Flynn is most concerned with the fate of St. Ann's Well, which is set at the edge of the woods and slated for destruction. People have been coming to St. Ann's for generations to share their dreams and fears, and speak their prayers. Some believe it to be a place of true spiritual power, demanding protection; others think it's a mere magnet for superstitions, easily sacrificed. Father Flynn listens to all those caught up in the conflict, as the men and women of Whitethorn Woods must decide between the traditions of the past and the promises of the future.

### **Bedlam (Skulduggery Pleasant, Book 12)**

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Anathem, Reamde, and Cryptonomicon comes an exciting and thought-provoking science fiction epic—a grand story of annihilation and survival spanning five thousand years. What would happen if the world were ending? A catastrophic event renders the earth a ticking time bomb. In a feverish race against the inevitable, nations around the globe band together to

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devise an ambitious plan to ensure the survival of humanity far beyond our atmosphere, in outer space. But the complexities and unpredictability of human nature coupled with unforeseen challenges and dangers threaten the intrepid pioneers, until only a handful of survivors remain . . . Five thousand years later, their progeny—seven distinct races now three billion strong—embark on yet another audacious journey into the unknown . . . to an alien world utterly transformed by cataclysm and time: Earth. A writer of dazzling genius and imaginative vision, Neal Stephenson combines science, philosophy, technology, psychology, and literature in a magnificent work of speculative fiction that offers a portrait of a future that is both extraordinary and eerily recognizable. As he did in *Anathem*, *Cryptonomicon*, the *Baroque Cycle*, and *Reamde*, Stephenson explores some of our biggest ideas and perplexing challenges in a breathtaking saga that is daring, engrossing, and altogether brilliant.

### **The Mongoliad**

On the Damned World--a planet once known as "Earth"--twelve different races of beings, including Vampires, Mermen, Cyclopes, and a nearly extinct humankind, have battled for control and survival for eons, until those sick of war, fear, and death band together to seek a legendary Orb of Light that they hope can bring peace to their world. Reprint.

### **System der katholischen Moraltheologie**

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The second novel from the “hottest science fiction writer in America” and New York Times–bestselling author of *Snow Crash* and *Cryptonomicon* (Details). Meet Sangamon Taylor, a New Age Sam Spade who sports a wet suit instead of a trench coat and prefers Jolt from the can to Scotch on the rocks. He knows about chemical sludge the way he knows about evil—all too intimately. And the toxic trail he follows leads to some high and foul places. Before long Taylor’s house is bombed, his every move followed, he’s adopted by reservation Indians, moves onto the FBI’s most wanted list, makes up with his girlfriend, and plays a starring role in the near-assassination of a presidential candidate. Closing the case with the aid of his burnout roommate, his tofu-eating comrades, three major networks, and a range of unconventional weaponry, Sangamon Taylor pulls off the most startling caper in Boston Harbor since the Tea Party. “[Stephenson] captures the nuance and the rhythm of the new world so perfectly that one almost thinks that it is already here.” —The Washington Post

## **The Secret History of Jane Eyre: How Charlotte Brontë Wrote Her Masterpiece**

### **Unexpected Stories**

Lisa and Francesca are back with another collection of warm and witty stories that will strike a chord with every woman. This six book series is among the best reviewed humor books published today and has been compared to the late greats, Erma Bombeck and Nora

Ephron. Delia Ephron said of the fifth book in the series, *Have a Nice Guilt Trip*, "Lisa and Francesca, mother and daughter, bring you the laughter of their lives once again and better than ever. You will identify with these tales of guilt and fall in love with them and fierce (grand) Mother Mary." This seventh volume will not disappoint as it hits the humorous and poignant note that fans have come to expect from the beloved mother-daughter duo.

### **Faithful Doubt**

Equality 7-2521 finds himself out of step with the collectivist society of the future, and discovers a means to freedom in Ayn Rand's fable of the individual in conflict with society. First published in 1938, *Anthem* takes place in a dystopian future world in which humanity is enduring a new dark age, human life is regimented in every respect and personal identity has been all but snuffed out by a totalitarian government. The narrator, writing his story in secret, realizes he is a criminal simply for having thoughts of his own. Exploring the ruins of a previous civilization he discovers relics, conducts forbidden experiments and learns enough to question the very structure of his society. Can he share this knowledge with his fellow citizens? The author strips the relationship of humanity to civilization down to its bare essence in this modern parable that starkly illuminates the challenge an oppressive government presents to individuality. With an eye-catching new cover, and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of *Anthem* is both modern and readable.

## What Makes This Book So Great

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## The Baroque Cycle

This book consists of articles from Wikia or other free sources online. Pages: 41. Chapters: Amity, Anathem Mire, Anton Shudder, Argus, Auron Tenebrae, Baron Vengeous, Batu, Billy-Ray Sanguine, Bison Dragonclaw, Burgundy Dalrymple, Caelan, Cameron Light, Civet, Corriaval Deuce, Desmond Edgley, Dexter Vex, Dreylan Scarab, Dusk, Eachan Meritorious, Emmett Peregrine, Erskine Ravel, Esryn Vanguard, Fergus Edgley, Finbar Wrong, Fletcher Renn, Frightening Jones, Geoffery Scrutinous, Ghastly Bespoke, Ghastly Bespoke's father, Gordon Edgley, Gordon Edgley, Gruesome Krav, Hieronymus Deadfall, Hokum Pete, Jaron Gallow, Kenny Dunne, Kenspeckle Grouse, Lightning Dave, Lord Vile, Mevolent, Moloch,

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Mr. Bliss, Mr. Jib, Myron Stray, Nathaniel Quiver, Nefarian Serpine, Oisin, Paul Lynch, Pennant, Remus Crux, Sagacious Tome, Saracen Rue, Serpine's assassin, Sev, Skulduggery Pleasant, Solomon Wreath, Springheeled Jack, Staven Weeper, Stentor, Tesseract, Thames Chabon, The Torment, Thrasher, Thurid Guild, Trope Kessel, Vandameer Craven, Vaurien Scapegrace. Excerpt: Amity is an Elemental who is part of The Four Elementals. Amity attends the meeting to elect the new Council of Elders. He gets into an argument with Shakra, believing that The American Sanctuary just want to offer their help. Amity, and the rest of The Four Elementals, are later possessed by Remnants. Amity is an Elemental. Anathem Mire was a ghost seen in the third book. When alive he was the owner of what is now Gordon Edgley's Mansion. He led many expeditions into the caves beneath to study the black crystals, everytime being the sole survivor. This may be because he killed his comrades so they wouldnt steal his secrets. He was known to punish people by throwing them into the deadly caves and died on his last expedition, but before passing he constructed a warped replica of his house in the caverns. In The Faceless Ones Skulduggery kicks his corpse awakening his spirit. He initially attacked them for intruding but

## **The System of the World**

Il mondo in cui è cresciuto il giovane Erasmus non esiste più. Tutto è cambiato nel corso delle avventure vissute nel primo volume della saga di Anathem. Non più la serena vita di studio e riflessione all'interno del

convento, ma un viaggio fuori dalle mura, nelle terre governate dal Potere Secolare, verso l'evento più sconvolgente della storia millenaria del pianeta Arbre: il contatto con una civiltà aliena. I Geometri - così chiamati perché sulla loro astronave è disegnato il più famoso dei teoremi - non sono fisicamente molto diversi dagli arbriani, hanno elaborato, grazie ai loro sapienti, analoghe teorie sul tempo, lo spazio e gli universi paralleli, e soprattutto sono divisi dagli stessi conflitti che attraversano Arbre. La posta in gioco è una trattativa che dice salvezza o distruzione. Stephenson ha scritto un romanzo che fa dimenticare al lettore ogni cosa, trascinandolo in un'apnea degna della grande letteratura d'avventura.

### **Some Remarks**

From bestselling comic-book franchise writer Charles Soule comes a clever and witty first novel of a twentysomething New Yorker who wakes up one morning with the power to predict the future—perfect for fans of Joe Hill and Brad Meltzer, or books like *This Book Is Full of Spiders* and *Welcome to Night Vale*. Knowledge is power. So when an unassuming Manhattan bassist named Will Dando awakens from a dream one morning with 108 predictions about the future in his head, he rapidly finds himself the most powerful man in the world. Protecting his anonymity by calling himself the Oracle, he sets up a heavily guarded Web site with the help of his friend Hamza to selectively announce his revelations. In no time, global corporations are offering him millions for exclusive access, eager to profit from his prophecies.

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He's also making a lot of high-powered enemies, from the President of the United States and a nationally prominent televangelist to a warlord with a nuclear missile and an assassin grandmother. Legions of cyber spies are unleashed to hack the Site—as it's come to be called—and the best manhunters money can buy are deployed not only to unmask the Oracle but to take him out of the game entirely. With only a handful of people he can trust—including a beautiful journalist—it's all Will can do to simply survive, elude exposure, and protect those he loves long enough to use his knowledge to save the world. Delivering fast-paced adventure on a global scale as well as sharp-witted satire on our concepts of power and faith, Marvel writer Charles Soule's audacious debut novel takes readers on a rollicking ride where it's impossible to predict what will happen next.

### **Atmosphra Incognita**

Delta-v tells the story of a group of commercial space pioneers on a multi-year expedition to lift humanity from an Earth-bound species to a space-faring one. Much like the private explorers of earlier centuries whose voyages were financed by investors, these new adventurers gravitate toward risk - ex-soldiers, former astronauts, cavers, salvage divers, base jumpers, and mountain climbers. As the second Age of Exploration begins, they intend to alter the trajectory of human civilization - or die trying.

### **A Sick Gray Laugh**

## **Anathem. Il pellegrino**

### **Professor Hermes und das Anathem**

With this extraordinary first volume in what promises to be an epoch-making masterpiece, Neal Stephenson hacks into the secret histories of nations and the private obsessions of men, decrypting with dazzling virtuosity the forces that shaped this century. As an added bonus, the e-book edition of this New York Times bestseller includes an excerpt from Stephenson's new novel, *Seveneves*. In 1942, Lawrence Pritchard Waterhouse—mathematical genius and young Captain in the U.S. Navy—is assigned to detachment 2702. It is an outfit so secret that only a handful of people know it exists, and some of those people have names like Churchill and Roosevelt. The mission of Waterhouse and Detachment 2702—commanded by Marine Raider Bobby Shaftoe—is to keep the Nazis ignorant of the fact that Allied Intelligence has cracked the enemy's fabled Enigma code. It is a game, a cryptographic chess match between Waterhouse and his German counterpart, translated into action by the gung-ho Shaftoe and his forces. Fast-forward to the present, where Waterhouse's crypto-hacker grandson, Randy, is attempting to create a "data haven" in Southeast Asia—a place where encrypted data can be stored and exchanged free of repression and scrutiny. As governments and multinationals attack the endeavor, Randy joins forces with Shaftoe's tough-as-nails granddaughter, Amy, to secretly salvage a sunken

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Nazi submarine that holds the key to keeping the dream of a data haven afloat. But soon their scheme brings to light a massive conspiracy with its roots in Detachment 2702 linked to an unbreakable Nazi code called Arethusa. And it will represent the path to unimaginable riches and a future of personal and digital liberty or to universal totalitarianism reborn. A breathtaking tour de force, and Neal Stephenson's most accomplished and affecting work to date, *Cryptonomicon* is profound and prophetic, hypnotic and hyper-driven, as it leaps forward and back between World War II and the World Wide Web, hinting all the while at a dark day-after-tomorrow. It is a work of great art, thought and creative daring; the product of a truly iconoclastic imagination working with white-hot intensity.

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An epic masterwork of science fiction, *Neverness* is a stand-alone novel from one of the most important talents in the genre.

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#1 New York Times bestselling author Neal Stephenson is, quite simply, one of the best and most respected writers alive. He's taken sf to places it's never been (*Snow Crash*, *Anathem*). He's reinvented the historical novel (*The Baroque Cycle*), the international thriller (*Reamde*), and both at the same time (*Cryptonomicon*). Now he treats his legion of fans to *Some Remarks*, an enthralling collection of

essays—Stephenson’s first nonfiction work since his long essay on technology, *In the Beginning...Was the Command Line*, more than a decade ago—as well as new and previously published short writings both fiction and non. *Some Remarks* is a magnificent showcase of a brilliantly inventive mind and talent, as he discourses on everything from Sir Isaac Newton to *Star Wars*.

### **Patrologiae Cursus Completus: Series Latina**

The surprising hidden history behind Charlotte Brontë’s *Jane Eyre*. Why did Charlotte Brontë go to such great lengths on the publication of her acclaimed, best-selling novel, *Jane Eyre*, to conceal its authorship from her family, close friends, and the press? In *The Secret History of Jane Eyre*, John Pfordresher tells the enthralling story of Brontë’s compulsion to write her masterpiece and why she then turned around and vehemently disavowed it. Few people know how quickly Brontë composed *Jane Eyre*. Nor do many know that she wrote it during a devastating and anxious period in her life. Thwarted in her passionate, secret, and forbidden love for a married man, she found herself living in a home suddenly imperiled by the fact that her father, a minister, the sole support of the family, was on the brink of blindness. After his hasty operation, as she nursed him in an isolated apartment kept dark to help him heal his eyes, Brontë began writing *Jane Eyre*, an invigorating romance that, despite her own fears and sorrows, gives voice to a powerfully rebellious and

ultimately optimistic woman's spirit. The Secret History of Jane Eyre expands our understanding of both Jane Eyre and the inner life of its notoriously private author. Pfordresher connects the people Brontë knew and the events she lived to the characters and story in the novel, and he explores how her fecund imagination used her inner life to shape one of the world's most popular novels. By aligning his insights into Brontë's life with the timeless characters, harrowing plot, and forbidden romance of Jane Eyre, Pfordresher reveals the remarkable parallels between one of literature's most beloved heroines and her passionate creator, and arrives at a new understanding of Brontë's brilliant, immersive genius.

### **Whitethorn Woods**

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