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a chilling story independent charles and laura live a sheltered gilded life in the the privileged world of cambridge academia young and in love their marriage is blessed by a wonderful child naomi on christmas eve morning charles sets off with naomi on a shopping trip to london by the end of the day all charles and his wife have left are cups of tea and police sympathy their beautiful angelic only child has disappeared days later her murdered body is discovered but is she dead

peter and sarah s marriage has reached an impasse their holiday in beautiful cornwall is chosen to mend old wounds and bandage past pain the house they go to has space space for their writing their painting and their reconciliation it has space too for its own memories and its own unforgettable horrors but they are not to

know that when the locals are less than friendly than they might be and when the house sighs with its secrets the sands of their marriage shift and then sarah vanishes and peter is left alone or is he praise for jonathan aycliffe aycliffe has a fine touch independent aycliffe conjures up a feeling of dread that deepens with each unsettling incident time out naomi s room must rank among the finest of english ghost stories they certainly don t come more dark or fearsome newcastle evening chronicle

even now my hand trembles as i write of it a statue unearthed in ancient babylon during the course of an archaeological dig is transported to london once there it quickly exerts an evil influence over those with whom it comes into contact an influence which threatens to spread throughout london and beyond and which pits the living against the dead in a battle for all mankind

at the end of the nineteenth century charlotte metcalf is a child of good fortune a prosperous father a loving mother a loved brother all cocoon her from the fears of the outside world but then her father dies and she is plunged into poverty and the workhouse becomes her miserable home yet charlotte escapes determined to find her lost brother and her search brings her to barras hall home of unknown relations where fine clothes good food and wealth seem to promise her all she desires but at night the horror begins of sound and sense surpassing all earthy terror and charlotte finds that daytime comfort comes at a price and she must fulfil her terrible destiny praise for jonathan aycliffe aycliffe has a fine touch independent aycliffe conjures up a feeling of dread that deepens with each unsettling incident time out naomi s room must rank among the finest of english ghost stories they certainly don t come more dark or fearsome newcastle evening chronicle

those who live in silence hear them best dominic lancaster hoped to prove himself to his family by excelling in the navy during world war ii instead he is wounded while serving as a gunner and loses his leg still recovering from his wounds and the trauma of his amputation when the blitz begins dominic finds himself shuffled off to the countryside by his family along with his partially deaf sister octavia the crumbling family estate on the shores of ullswater is an old much neglected place that doesn t seem to promise much in the way of happiness or recovery something more than a friendship begins to flourish between dominic and his nurse rose in the late autumn of that english countryside as he struggles to come to terms with his new life as an amputee another thing that seems to be flourishing is octavia s hearing as winter descends sinister forces seem to be materializing around octavia who is hearing voices of children after seeing things that no one else can see and hearing things that no one else can hear octavia is afflicted with a sickness that cannot be explained with octavia s help dominic sets out to find the truth behind the voices that have haunted his sister in doing so he uncovers an even older darker evil that threatens not only octavia but rose and himself jonathan

aycliffe delivers a disturbingly tense ghost story set in the middle of world war ii during england s darkest hour demonstrating that some fears are timeless skyhorse publishing under our night shade and talos imprints is proud to publish a broad range of titles for readers interested in science fiction space opera time travel hard sf alien invasion near future dystopia fantasy grimdark sword and sorcery contemporary urban fantasy steampunk alternative history and horror zombies vampires and the occult and supernatural and much more while not every title we publish becomes a new york times bestseller a national bestseller or a hugo or nebula award winner we are committed to publishing quality books from a diverse group of authors

seek and you shall find after the death of his beloved wife andrew macleod finds solace in his research in edinburgh his interest in the ancient practices of magic is purely academic until the soothingly hypnotic rituals and mysterious ceremonies begin to lure him into a consuming quest for knowledge when his passion escalates into an obsession for power and mastery andrew unwittingly becomes the apprentice of duncan myine who has a strange hold over him though andrew fears myine s menacing tutelage he allows himself to be drawn deeper into an inner circle of evil when he finally discovers the demented motivation behind myine s interest in him it is too late for redemption poised as he is on the edge of the horrific abyss between life and death

jonathan aycliffe has established himself as one of today s pre eminent writers of supernatural fiction a story of the supernatural featuring an ancient babylonian statue recently unearthed and moved to london the statue has evil influence over people the evil influence spreads and ultimately becomes a battle for mankind

may 1942 entrenched in the searing sands of libya a group of soldiers uncover a tomb buried in the ancient dust and they find a macabre crown of thorns and the devastatingly powerful spear of destiny they ve discovered the last resting place of christ sixty years later gerald usherwood and his old army pal max chippendale reunite with friends and family to trade stories and spread christmas cheer dark shadows visit the old friends in the cold of a winter night and make them pay the ultimate price for the secrets they stole gerald s grandson dci ethan usherwood is left to piece together the mystery behind the killings and to uncover the treasure they kept hidden for so many years stunning locations brilliantly portrayed a riveting battle for survival and a desperate hunt for the ultimate truth spear of destiny is undeniably daniel easterman s most powerful thriller to date

some things are best left undisturbed in the countryside of victorian england edward atherton rector of thornham st stephen has taken on the arduous task of restoring the ancient church but he should never have meddled with the tomb that lay beneath the church s crumbling walls the moment the workman raised the tomb lid an unspeakable horror escaped at a loss to explain the unsettling noises and frightening visions that begin to plague the church atherton calls upon fellow

antiquarian and cambridge professor richard asquith to help investigate the strange events that began in the wake of the tomb s disturbance the two discover tantalizing hints of whom and what may have been laid to rest in the tomb but the unforeseen circumstances force asquith to give up his inquiries and leave the small village of thornham behind asquith tries to put the frightening experiences behind him and focus on his new wife and family but death and disappearances abound and asquith soon has no choice but to confront the darkness that has followed him from that ancient church into his own home english novelist jonathan aycliffe has mastered the classic english ghost story and a shadow on the wall nominated in 2000 for the international horror guild award is sure to both mesmerize and haunt you skyhorse publishing under our night shade and talos imprints is proud to publish a broad range of titles for readers interested in science fiction space opera time travel hard sf alien invasion near future dystopia fantasy grimdark sword and sorcery contemporary urban fantasy steampunk alternative history and horror zombies vampires and the occult and supernatural and much more while not every title we publish becomes a new york times bestseller a national bestseller or a hugo or nebula award winner we are committed to publishing quality books from a diverse group of authors

january 1917 cornwall following the death of his father in the great war fifteen year old simon lysaght is sent to live with his uncle sir david trevelyan who rules over the wickedly ancient family estate trevelyan priors simon immediately latches on to his younger cousin tom and together they explore the darker reaches of trevelyan priors including the shot tower where something terrible lurks and a forbidden garden that seems lost in time one afternoon sounds of distant battlefield guns spoil a lovely picnic by the lakeside an impossibility considering the distance to flanders fields the thunderous guns signal the inescapable darkness that descends upon the family rich in atmosphere and populated with memorable characters some noble some nefarious all haunted a garden lost in time proves that the traditional ghost story is alive and well and perfectly able to chill the blood jonathan aycliffe s half dozen horror novels are gilded in the grand old tradition of the english ghost story it is a precious genre well worth preserving and protecting from the teenification that continues to seep into the greater pool of horror fiction drenched in atmosphere and implication the traditional ghost story was taken to artistic heights in the early part of the 20th century by the legendary m r james his portrayal of the metaphysical shroud that lingers just beyond our vision drawn to our fears and powered by our doubts showed that the ordinary and mundane things that we do every day are in fact always on the edge of collapse although many other writers have trod the same misty ground since james no one has done more to explore and extend the jamesian legacy in modern times than jonathan aycliffe

in near future ireland the members of the muslim leaders conference are being held to ransom by a reincarnated david koresh head of security decian carberry endeavours to get to the bottom of the hellish situation

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his heart was beating like a drum at dawn something clawed at his stomach something with talons from his worst nightmares an invitation to visit one of cairo's antiquarian booksellers sets in train a series of terrifying ordeals for jack goodrich having been shown a priceless sword claimed to have belonged to the prophet muhammad jack returns home brimming with excitement but that's when the nightmare begins a dangerous new movement within the ranks of fundamentalist islam wish to put a new caliph on the throne to rule the muslim world to do this they require the sword and they will stop at nothing to get it with the deadliest of weapons in his hands if the new caliph were to declare jihad the consequences would be catastrophic this is a tense and gripping thriller on a truly international scale that poses a chilling question how can you stop a holy war before it starts

this sampler contains something for every fantasy fan with tasters of deadlands by lily herne the first in a series following a group of zombie fighting teen exiles as they try to survive in the living dead infested deadlands of cape town the hunger games meets the walking dead lauren beukes author of the shining girls shades of milk honey by mary robinette kowal the first of the glamouist histories series shades of milk honey is the fantasy novel you've always wished jane austen had written full of wit historical nuance romantic entanglements and domestic magic this is pure entertainment the silence of ghosts by jonathan aycliffe a mesmerising tale of terror set during the second world war from the author of the ghostly classic naomi's room psycho mania edited by stephen jones story by edgar allan poe the tell tale heart a horrifying short story from a master of terror taken from the psycho mania collection of twisted tales of psychos schizoids and serial killers collected by the master horror anthologist stephen jones among others by jo walton winner of the 2012 hugo award for best novel winner of the 2011 nebula award for best novel among others is at once the compelling story of a young woman struggling to escape a troubled childhood a brilliant diary of first encounters with the great novels of modern fantasy and sf and a spellbinding tale of escape from ancient enchantment

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