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## Fall; or, Dodge in Hell

New York Times Bestseller 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” Forthrust 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 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.

## The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O. (The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O., Book 1)

You think you know how the world works? Think again.

## Seveneves: A Novel by Neal Stephenson (Trivia-On-Books)

Trivia-on-Book: Seveneves: A Novel by Neal Stephenson Take the challenge yourself and share it with friends and family for a time of fun! In Stephenson's speculative fiction novel, humanity learns that life on Earth as they know it will soon come to an end. They must decide how and who gets to survive. After two years of planning, they finally build a Cloud Ark, which is made of several small rockets, that is capable of sustaining human life while orbiting space. Once there, survivors face confrontations with each other, disease, and doubt, all while carrying humanity's fate in their hands. You may have read the book, but not have liked it. You may have liked the book, but not be a fan. You may call yourself a fan, but few truly are.

Are you a fan? Trivia-on-Books is an independently curated trivia quiz on the book for readers, students, and fans alike. Whether you're looking for new materials to the book or would like to take the challenge yourself and share it with your friends and family for a time of fun, Trivia-on-Books provides a unique approach to *Seveneves* by Neal Stephenson that is both insightful and educational! Features You'll Find Inside: • 30 Multiple choice questions on the book, plots, characters and author • Insightful commentary to answer every question • Complementary quiz material for yourself or your reading group • Results provided with scores to determine "status" Promising quality and value, come play your trivia of a favorite book!

## **The Peripheral**

Discover the cult classic behind the major new TV adaption from the creators of *Westworld*, starring Chloe Grace Moretz. ----- 'Big-screen, popcorn-chewing thrills' *Guardian* Flynne Fisher lives in the rural American South, working at the local 3D printing shop, while earning much needed extra money playing VR games for rich people. One night she dons a headset and finds herself in futuristic London—a sleek and mysterious world, alluringly different from her own hardscrabble existence. But this isn't like any game she's ever played before: Flynne begins to realize it isn't virtual reality... it's real. Someone in London, seventy years in the future, has found a way to open a door to Flynne's world. And as utterly beguiling as London is... it's also dangerous. As Flynne searches to discover who has connected their worlds, and for what purpose, her presence here sets dangerous forces into motion...forces intent on destroying Flynne and her family in her own world. *The Peripheral* is master storyteller William Gibson's dazzling, hallucinatory glimpse into the fate of mankind - and what lies beyond. ----- 'Mesmerizing, captivating, haunting' *Sunday Times* 'Frightening, plausible. Not just a unique and brilliantly talented SF novelist but a social and psychological visionary' *The Times* 'Frantic with imagination and frantic with the appetite to see what happens next' *Observer* 'A swirlingly philosophical quantum daydream of drones and bodyswapping' *Daily Telegraph*, *Books of the Year*

## **The Rule Breakers**

There are two kinds of people in this world—those who follow the rules and those who do not think twice about breaking them. Studious, smart and sincere, Veda harbours big dreams for the future. But her parents arrange a marriage for her, and the twenty year old discovers that she has no say in the matter. Forced to leave behind an idyllic life in the hill town of Joshimath—filled with conversations and pleasurable times with her siblings, and her best friend, the handsome Suraj—she puts aside her ambitions and moves into a flat in Pune with an indifferent husband and a mother-in-law from hell. Though brought up to be quiet and obedient, Veda chafes at the meaninglessness of her existence and struggles to cope with the unexpected loneliness she is engulfed in. Then, amidst the dark clouds of stagnation and despondency, Veda carves out the unlikely of silver linings. How does she do this? By breaking the rules? Or by following them? In this emotional roller-coaster of a novel, Preeti Shenoy treads bold new ground yet again.

## **Termination Shock**

New York Times Bestseller From Neal Stephenson—who coined the term “metaverse” in his 1992 novel *Snow Crash*—comes a sweeping, prescient new thriller that transports readers to a near-future world in which the greenhouse effect has inexorably resulted in a whirling-dervish troposphere of superstorms, rising sea levels, global flooding, merciless heat waves, and virulent, deadly pandemics. “Stephenson is one of speculative fiction’s most meticulous architects. . . . *Termination Shock* manages to pull off a rare trick, at once wildly imaginative and grounded.” — New York Times Book Review One man—visionary billionaire restaurant chain magnate T. R. Schmidt, Ph.D.—has a Big Idea for reversing global warming, a master plan perhaps best described as “elemental.” But will it work? And just as important, what are the consequences for the planet and all of humanity should it be applied? Ranging from the Texas heartland to the Dutch royal palace in the Hague, from the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the sunbaked Chihuahuan Desert, *Termination Shock* brings together a disparate group of characters from different cultures and continents who

grapple with the real-life repercussions of global warming. Ultimately, it asks the question: Might the cure be worse than the disease? Epic in scope while heartbreakingly human in perspective, *Termination Shock* sounds a clarion alarm, ponders potential solutions and dire risks, and wraps it all together in an exhilarating, witty, mind-expanding speculative adventure.

## The Power to Compete

"If you're as interested in Japan as I am, I think you'll find that *The Power to Compete* is a smart and thought-provoking look at the future of a fascinating country." - Bill Gates, "5 Books to Read This Summer" Father and son – entrepreneur and economist – search for Japan's economic cure *The Power to Compete* tackles the issues central to the prosperity of Japan – and the world – in search of a cure for the "Japan Disease." As founder and CEO of Rakuten, one of the world's largest Internet companies, author Hiroshi Mikitani brings an entrepreneur's perspective to bear on the country's economic stagnation. Through a freewheeling and candid conversation with his economist father, Ryoichi Mikitani, the two examine the issues facing Japan, and explore possible roadmaps to revitalization. How can Japan overhaul its economy, education system, immigration, public infrastructure, and hold its own with China? Their ideas include applying business techniques like Key Performance Indicators to fix the economy, using information technology to cut government bureaucracy, and increasing the number of foreign firms with a head office in Japan. Readers gain rare insight into Japan's future, from both academic and practical perspectives on the inside. Mikitani argues that Japan's tendency to shun international frameworks and hide from global realities is the root of the problem, while Mikitani Sr.'s background as an international economist puts the issue in perspective for a well-rounded look at today's Japan. Examine the causes of Japan's endless economic stagnation Discover the current efforts underway to enhance Japan's competitiveness Learn how free market "Abenomics" affected Japan's economy long-term See Japan's issues from the perspective of an entrepreneur and an economist Japan's malaise is seated in a number of economic, business, political, and cultural issues, and this book doesn't shy away from hot topics. More than a discussion of economics, this book is a conversation between father and son as they work through opposing perspectives to help their country find *The Power to Compete*.

## Zodiac

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

## Some Remarks

#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.

## **What Algorithms Want**

The gap between theoretical ideas and messy reality, as seen in Neal Stephenson, Adam Smith, and Star Trek. We depend on—we believe in—algorithms to help us get a ride, choose which book to buy, execute a mathematical proof. It's as if we think of code as a magic spell, an incantation to reveal what we need to know and even what we want. Humans have always believed that certain invocations—the marriage vow, the shaman's curse—do not merely describe the world but make it. Computation casts a cultural shadow that is shaped by this long tradition of magical thinking. In this book, Ed Finn considers how the algorithm—in practical terms, “a method for solving a problem”—has its roots not only in mathematical logic but also in cybernetics, philosophy, and magical thinking. Finn argues that the algorithm deploys concepts from the idealized space of computation in a messy reality, with unpredictable and sometimes fascinating results. Drawing on sources that range from Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash* to Diderot's *Encyclopédie*, from Adam Smith to the Star Trek computer, Finn explores the gap between theoretical ideas and pragmatic instructions. He examines the development of intelligent assistants like Siri, the rise of algorithmic aesthetics at Netflix, Ian Bogost's satiric Facebook game *Cow Clicker*, and the revolutionary economics of Bitcoin. He describes Google's goal of anticipating our questions, Uber's cartoon maps and black box accounting, and what Facebook tells us about programmable value, among other things. If we want to understand the gap between abstraction and messy reality, Finn argues, we need to build a model of “algorithmic reading” and scholarship that attends to process, spearheading a new experimental humanities.

## **Mars One**

-A teenage boy leaves for Mars as a colonist with the Mars One space program and grapples with what he's leaving behind to do so---

## **Climate Wars**

Waves of climate refugees. Dozens of failed states. All-out war. From one of the world's great geopolitical analysts comes a terrifying glimpse of the near future, when climate change drives the world's powers towards the cutthroat politics of survival. An increase of as little as two degrees Celsius in average global temperature—which is almost inevitable—could heat global politics to boiling point and trigger massive conflicts over scarce food and water. Bringing together extensive interviews and the latest research in this revised and updated edition, Gwynne Dyer reveals the truth about our planet's future. Can our technology save us, or is it too late? Where do our best hopes for damage limitation lie? Prescient and unflinching, *Climate Wars* will be one of the most important books of the coming years. Read it and find out what we're heading for.

## **Cryptonomicon**

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 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.

## **The Ocean's Own**

An empire that stretches from coast to coast is not enough for the son of Chandragupta. All he desires: to conquer the untamable oceans beyond. 338 CE. A young ruler defeats the Naga kings of the north before claiming Kanchi in a powerful attack none had anticipated. It is his latest conquest that brings him closer to the ocean he seeks to control - and to Angai: a young woman unlike any he has ever known. Sharp-witted, with an even sharper tongue, she has the conqueror's ear ... and his heart. With her by his side, he prepares to do what even his father could not have dreamed of. To ensure the world would never forget the name Samudragupta. The final book in the enthralling Gupta Empire trilogy, *The Ocean's Own* tells the story of a king who dared to take his sword to the seas.

## **Anathem**

The latest magnificent creation from the award-winning author of *Cryptonomicon* and the Baroque Cycle trilogy. Erasmus, 'Raz', is a young avout living in the Convent, a sanctuary for mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers. Three times during history's darkest epochs, violence has invaded and devastated the cloistered community. Yet the avouts have always managed to adapt in the wake of catastrophe. But they now prepare to open the Convent's gates to the outside world, in celebration of a once-a-decade rite. Suddenly, Erasmus finds himself a major player in a drama that will determine the future of his world - as he sets out on an extraordinary odyssey that will carry him to the most dangerous, inhospitable corners of the planet...and beyond.

## **Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest**

When asked their religious identification, more people answer 'none' in the Pacific Northwest than in any other region of the United States. But this does not mean that the region's religious institutions are without power or that Northwesterners who do attend no place of worship are without spiritual commitments. With no dominant denomination, Evangelicals, Mainline Protestants, Catholics, Jews, adherents of Pacific Rim religious traditions, indigenous groups, spiritual environmentalists, and secularists must vie or sometimes must cooperate with each other to address the regions' pressing economic, environmental, and social issues. One cannot understand this complex region without understanding the fluid religious commitments of its inhabitants. And one cannot understand religion in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska without *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest*.

## **Quicksilver**

As extraordinary an achievement as *Cryptonomicon*, *Quicksilver* is Neal Stephenson's first novel in his acclaimed Baroque Cycle. Neal Stephenson follows his international bestseller, the WWII thriller *Cryptonomicon*, with a novel set in the 16th and 17th centuries, in a world of war, scientific, religious and political turmoil. With a cast of characters that includes Newton, Leibniz, Christopher Wren, Charles II, Cromwell and the young Benjamin Franklin, Stephenson again shows his extraordinary ability to get inside a

place and time; as he did for the futures of his science fiction (Snowcrash, The Diamond Age) and for WWII (Cryptonomicon), here he does for the England of the Civil War and the Europe of the Wars of Religion and the Scientific Revolution. Quicksilver is yet another tour-de-force from a writer who is simply unique.

## **Tales of Known Space**

Thirteen tales of man's expansion and colonization throughout the galaxy.

### **Snow Crash**

Recently 'resigned' from his job as the coolest samurai sword-toting pizza-delivery guy in the world, Hiro has had to fall back on his old hi-tech scavenger ways. Not that he's a nobody on the virtual street - one of the founders of The Black Sun, he helped write the rule book for the digital Metaverse. Which is why he's so confused when he's offered a cyber-drug called Snow Crash- 'cos there are no such things as drugs in their computer-generated world. And yet here it is, complete with devastating side effects. Who could have made it? And what the hell does it actually do?

### **The Seven Daughters of Eve**

In 1994 Professor Bryan Sykes, a renowned world authority on genetics, was called in to examine the frozen remains of a man trapped in ice in northern Italy. News of the discovery of the Ice Man and his age which Professor Sykes put at over five thousand years old, fascinated the world. But what made the story particularly extraordinary was that Professor Sykes was also able to track down a genetic ancestor of the Ice Man, a woman living in Britain today. How was he able to locate a living relative of a man who died thousands of years beforehand? In THE SEVEN DAUGHTERS OF EVE, Bryan Sykes tells us of his scientific research into a strand of DNA, known as . mitochondrial DNA, which passes undiluted from generation to generation through the maternal line making it possible to trace one's DNA throughout the world and throughout time. After plotting the sequences of sample DNA tissue, he found that they clustered around only seven main groups. The conclusion: almost everyone of European descent, wherever they live in the world, can trace their ancestry back to one of seven women, the so-called seven daughters of Eve. He has named them: Ursula, Tara, Helena, Katrine, Xenia, Jasmine and Valda. In this remarkable scientific adventure story we learn exactly how our origins can be traced, how and where our ancient genetic clan lived, what their lives were like and how we are each living proof of the almost miraculous strength of our genetic make-up which has survived and prospered over so many thousands of years. It is a book that not only presents the story of the evolution of man in a wholly new light, but also strikes right at the heart of ourselves as individuals and our sense of identity.

### **The Sound of Butterflies**

An international bestseller this novel follows an unforgettable journey from the demure gentility of turn-of-the-twentieth-century England into the heart of darkness. In 1904, the young lepidopterist Thomas Edgar arrives home from a collecting expedition in the Amazon. His young wife Sophie is unprepared for his emaciated state and, even worse, his inability - or unwillingness - to speak. Sophie's genteel and demure life in Edwardian England contrasts starkly with the decadence of Brazil's rubber boom, as we are taken back to Thomas's arrival in the Amazon and his search for a mythical butterfly. Up the river, via the opulent city of Manaus - where the inhabitants feed their horses champagne and aspire to all things European - Thomas's extraordinary, and increasingly obsessed, journey carries him through the exotic and the erotic to some terrible truths. Back home, unable to break through Thomas's silence, Sophie is forced to take increasingly drastic measures to discover what has happened. But as she scavenges what she can from Thomas's diaries and boxes of exquisite butterflies, she learns as much about herself as about her husband.

## **Mordew**

GOD LIES DEFEATED, his corpse hidden in the catacombs beneath Mordew. On the surface, the streets of this the sea-battered city are slick with the Living Mud and the half-formed, short-lived creatures it spawns - creatures that die and are swept down from the Merchant Quarter by the brooms of the workers and relentless rains, where they rot in the slums. There, a young boy called Nathan Treeves lives with his parents, eking out a meagre existence by picking treasures from the Living Mud - until one day his mother, desperate and starving, sells him to the mysterious Master of Mordew. The Master derives his power from feeding on the corpse of God. But Nathan, despite his fear and lowly station, has his own strength – and it is greater than the Master has ever known. Great enough to destroy everything the Master has built. If only Nathan can discover how to use it. So it is that the Master begins to scheme against him - and Nathan has to fight his way through the betrayals, secrets, and vendettas of the city where God was murdered, and darkness reigns... **WELCOME TO MORDEW – THE FIRST IN A FANTASTIC NEW TRILOGY FROM THE WELLCOME BOOK PRIZE-SHORTLISTED WRITER, ALEX PHEBY.**

## **Arkwright**

A hard science fiction novel from multiple Hugo Award–winner Allen Steele Best 19 Science Fiction Books of 2016 Allen Steele, creator of the Coyote series of books, has written a triumphant science fiction novel hailed as triumphantly optimistic. Nathan Arkwright is a seminal author of the twentieth century. At the end of his life he becomes reclusive and cantankerous, refusing to appear before or interact with his legion of fans. Little did anyone know, Nathan was putting into motion his true, timeless legacy. Convinced that humanity cannot survive on Earth, his Arkwright Foundation dedicates itself to creating a colony on an Earth-like planet several light years distant. Fueled by Nathan's legacy, generations of Arkwrights are drawn together, and pulled apart, by the enormity of the task and weight of their name.

## **Interface**

From his triumphant debut with *Snow Crash* to the stunning success of his latest novel, *Quicksilver*, Neal Stephenson has quickly become the voice of a generation. In this now-classic thriller, he and fellow author J. Frederick George tell a shocking tale with an all-too plausible premise. There's no way William A. Cozzano can lose the upcoming presidential election. He's a likable midwestern governor with one insidious advantage—an advantage provided by a shadowy group of backers. A biochip implanted in his head hardwires him to a computerized polling system. The mood of the electorate is channeled directly into his brain. Forget issues. Forget policy. Cozzano is more than the perfect candidate. He's a special effect. “Complex, entertaining, frequently funny.”—Publishers Weekly “Qualifies as the sleeper of the year, the rare kind of science-fiction thriller that evokes genuine laughter while simultaneously keeping the level of suspense cranked to the max.”—San Diego Union-Tribune “A Manchurian Candidate for the computer age.”—Seattle Weekly

## **The Thing Itself**

Adam Roberts turns his attention to answering the Fermi Paradox with a taut and claustrophobic tale that echoes John Carpenters' *The Thing*. Two men while away the days in an Antarctic research station. Tensions between them build as they argue over a love-letter one of them has received. One is practical and open. The other surly, superior and obsessed with reading one book - by the philosopher Kant. As a storm brews and they lose contact with the outside world they debate Kant, reality and the emptiness of the universe. They come to hate each other, and they learn that they are not alone.

## **All the Birds in the Sky**

WINNER OF BEST NOVEL IN 2016 NEBULA AWARDS FINALIST FOR BEST NOVEL IN THE 2017

**HUGO AWARDS** Childhood friends Patricia Delfine, a witch, and Laurence Armstead, a mad scientist, parted ways under mysterious circumstances during middle school. But as adults they both wind up in near-future San Francisco, where Laurence is an engineering genius and Patricia works with a small band of other magicians to secretly repair the world's ever growing ailments. But something is determined to bring them back together—to either save the world, or end it.

## **The System Of The World**

Neal Stephenson follows his highly-praised historical novels, *Quicksilver* and *The Confusion*, with the extraordinary third and final volume of the Baroque Cycle. The year is 1714. Daniel Waterhouse has returned to England, where he joins forces with his friend Isaac Newton to hunt down a shadowy group attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with 'Infernal Devices' - time bombs. As Daniel and Newton conspire, an increasingly vicious struggle is waged for England's Crown: who will take control when the ailing queen dies? Tories and Whigs clash as one faction jockeys to replace Queen Anne with 'The Pretender' James Stuart, and the other promotes the Hanoverian dynasty of Princess Caroline. Meanwhile, a long-simmering dispute between Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz comes to a head, with potentially cataclysmic consequences. Wildly inventive, brilliantly conceived, *The System of the World* is the final volume in Neal Stephenson's hugely ambitious and compelling saga. Filled with a remarkable cast of characters in a time of genius, discovery and change, the Baroque Cycle is a magnificent and unique achievement.

## **Reading Comics**

Suddenly, comics are everywhere: a newly matured art form, filling bookshelves with brilliant, innovative work and shaping the ideas and images of the rest of contemporary culture. In *Reading Comics*, critic Douglas Wolk shows us why and how. Wolk illuminates the most dazzling creators of modern comics—from Alan Moore to Alison Bechdel to Chris Ware—and explains their roots, influences, and where they fit into the pantheon of art. As accessible to the hardcore fan as to the curious newcomer, *Reading Comics* is the first book for people who want to know not just which comics are worth reading, but ways to think and talk and argue about them.

## **Master of the Revels**

In this brilliant sequel to *The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.*—an enthralling, history-bending adventure traversing time and space, fact and fiction, magic and science co-written with #1 New York Times bestselling author Neal Stephenson—a daring young time traveler must return to Jacobean England to save the modern world. This fast-paced sequel to the New York Times bestselling near-future adventure *The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.* picks up where the original left off, as Tristan Lyons, Mel Stokes, and their fellow outcasts from the Department of Diachronic Operations (D.O.D.O.) fight to stop the powerful Irish witch Gráinne from using time travel to reverse the evolution of all modern technology. Chief amongst Gráinne's plots: to encrypt cataclysmic spells into Shakespeare's "cursed" play, *Macbeth*. When her fellow rogue agents fall victim to Gráinne's schemes, Melisande Stokes is forced to send Tristan's untested, wayward sister Robin back in time to 1606 London, where Edmund Tilney, the king's Master of Revels, controls all staged performances in London. And now Gráinne controls Tilney. While Robin poses as an apprentice in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Mel travels to the ancient Roman Empire and, with the help of double-agent Chira in Renaissance Florence, untangles the knotted threads of history while the diabolical Gráinne jumps from timeline to timeline, always staying frustratingly one stop ahead—or is it behind? Historical objects disappear, cities literally rise and fall, and nothing less than the fate of humanity is at stake. As Gráinne sows chaos across time and space, the ragtag team of ex-D.O.D.O. agents must fix the past—in order to save the future. Critically acclaimed author Nicole Galland brings her deep knowledge of history and signature wit to this gripping romantic adventure.



## **In the Orbit of Sirens**

Nightmarish machines have driven humanity into the depths of space. The survivors are forced to adapt to a planet filled with monsters.

## **Toilet-bound Hanako-kun, Vol. 0**

The origin of AidaIro's masterpiece! Toilet-bound Hanako-kun (ital) was originally published as a self-contained short series, and you can read those three chapters here along with AidaIro's debut work, "My Dear Living Dead." If you want to see Nene try to curse her ex to death, Kou fall off a roof (more than once), or Hanako-kun butt heads with a new group of School Mysteries, come and see where it all began!

## **Seveneves**

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 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.

## **A Reunion Of Ghosts**

A NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD FINALIST "The Alter sisters are mordant, wry, and crystalline in wit and vision; it is a tremendous pleasure to rocket through generations of their family histories with them." —Lauren Groff, New York Times bestselling author of *Fates and Furies*, *The Monsters of Templeton*, and *Arcadia* In the waning days of 1999, the last of the Alters—three damaged but wisecracking sisters who share an apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side—decide it's time to close the circle of the family curse by taking their own lives. But first, Lady, Vee, and Delph must explain the origins of that curse and how it has manifested throughout the preceding generations. Unspooling threads of history, personal memory, and family lore, they weave a mesmerizing account that stretches back a century to their great-grandfather, a brilliant scientist whose professional triumph became the terrible legacy that defines them. A suicide note crafted by three bright, funny women, *A Reunion of Ghosts* is the final chapter of a saga lifetimes in the making—one that is inexorably intertwined with the story of the twentieth century itself. "Mitchell explores the mixed-blessing bonds of family with wry wit. This original tale is black comedy at its best."—*People Book of the Week* "A rich portrait of a complicated family, at turns violent and hilarious."—Emma Straub, New York Times bestselling author

## **Currency**

A crown is dangerous. A crown split seven ways is deadly. Sixteen-year-old Ana is far from royalty. She's a foster kid with a dead mom and a deadbeat dad. The only thing she wants is to escape her hometown and her grief. Ana's plans are derailed when a dangerous family secret is revealed. She is the sole heir to a fallen dynasty on a world where seven families share the crown. Her family was murdered one by one, leaving six

families to rule. Now, someone knows Ana's location. With assassins closing in, Ana's life and the crown are at stake. With the help of a handsome hobo, she escapes to the place where it all began—a faraway world where magic and technology coexist. Ana must navigate a tangled web of friends and foes to unmask her would-be assassin before it's too late. Travel to a glittering, dangerous world with political alliances and ballgowns, perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Cinder*. ???SEVEN CROWNS is the first book in the *Shadows & Starlight* series. Book 1: *Seven Crowns* Book 2: *The Botanist's Game* Book 3: *Rule of Shadows* Book 4: *Fallen Kingdom*

## Seven Crowns

Most people have stopped doing whatever it is they did before an asteroid hovered into view. But as the time for it to hit grows closer, Hank is still working the case of an insurance man who committed suicide and he's the only one who cares.

## The Last Policeman

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Termination Shock* and *Cryptonomicon*, the first installment in a monumental new series—an expansive historical epic of intrigue and international espionage, presaging the dawn of the Atomic Age. The first installment in Neal Stephenson's *Bomb Light* cycle, *Polostan* follows the early life of the enigmatic Dawn Rae Bjornberg. Born in the American West to a clan of cowboy anarchists, Dawn is raised in Leningrad after the Russian Revolution by her Russian father, a party line Leninist who re-christens her Aurora. She spends her early years in Russia but then grows up as a teenager in Montana, before being drawn into gunrunning and revolution in the streets of Washington, D.C., during the depths of the Great Depression. When a surprising revelation about her past puts her in the crosshairs of U.S. authorities, Dawn returns to Russia, where she is groomed as a spy by the organization that later becomes the KGB. Set against the turbulent decades of the early twentieth century, *Polostan* is an inventive, richly detailed, and deeply entertaining historical epic, and the start of a captivating new series from Neal Stephenson.

## Polostan

Traces the development of science and the discoveries that have made man unique among animal species.

## The Ascent of Man

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