

Temple Dark Books



Trade Catalogue

2026

Praise for Diathesis, Book 1 of *Descent*

Diathesis [sets] in train a number of fascinating themes that parallel our contemporary concerns...

Irish Times

...a very clear sense of the main characters...we can see how they are on a collision course with one another...a well written start to a longer story.

Allen Stroud, BSFA Chair

...an incredible, sweeping opening to what promises to be a truly epic series...strikingly pertinent in the face of current technological and cultural developments...

Irish Examiner

...a quantum leap forward in science fiction writing...a phenomenal tale of science and the ethical questions that come with it...

Monster Librarian

Soledad is back at work in his field of excellence; a space opera in a future both bleak and hopeful.

Scott Arbuckle

...a gripping, thought-provoking, and emotionally intense science fiction novel that immerses readers in a world teetering on the edge of darkness and revelation...

Even Angels

...strong characters, from a diverse set of backgrounds, reflecting how the issues it raises impact the world...balance between cosmic scale and personal stakes adds weight to the story...the genetically engineered children is a particular standout...one to look out for.

Adrian Fletcher, BFS Review

THE END IS NIGH WHO WILL BE SAVED?

With the release of Ishmael A. Soledad's **Diathesis** on April 18 2026, classic Sci-Fi was rejuvenated and modernised. We included a detailed schematic of the Ismud interstellar vehicle on the interior of the dustjacket of the hardback, as well as star maps on the endpapers and a signed, stamped, and numbered collector card (see on website or in our catalogue). Now we move confidently on to the second instalment of *Descent*, this stunning hexalogy from our Aussie master of Sci-fi, tipped for awards since his debut novel, *Sha'Kert: End of Night*. If you haven't yet discovered Soledad's immersive, intuitive and heartfelt writing, you're missing out.

ORDERING INFORMATION

TITLE: Death

AUTHOR: Ishmael A. Soledad

RELEASE: August 1st 2026

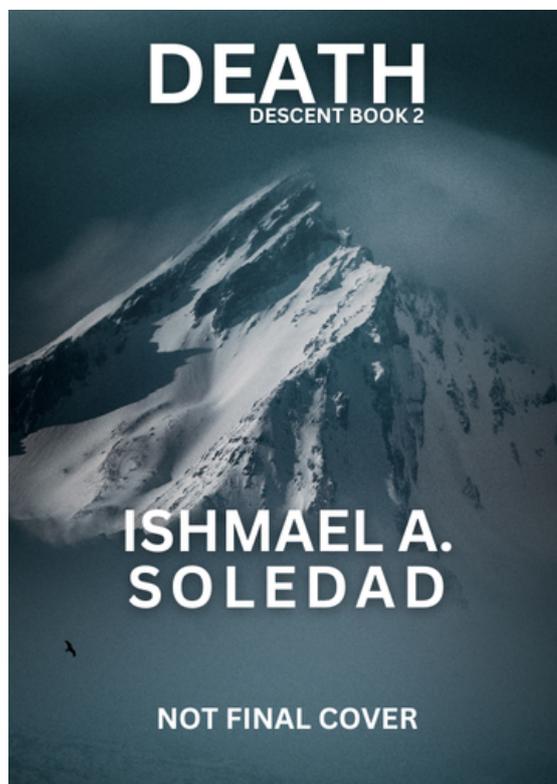
FORMAT: Trade Paperback

ISBN: 978-1-0682507-5-0

PGS: 421 TBC

RRP: €19.99/£17.99

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Death picks up from Diathesis with a diversity of focus: The saboteur Maria Rodrigues is on the rescue mission to the Goddard station on Iapetus, as the fated Ismud approaches Saturn. On Earth, Richard and his sister, Elyse, are caught up in a murderous manhunt as the Chinese secret services try to cover their tracks; while the enigmatic Charles prophesies doom and gathers a cult-like following. In Earth orbit, the psychopathic Li Qiao befriends the hidden genius developing the next stage in human evolution; while from their station they observe a visitation from an alien species, horrific in its silent and pragmatic mandate...

...and an Arctic research team are immersed in visions of the end.

Praise for the Kiranis series

Gods of Kiranis [is] an achievement, and a very notable one. The book has an unbelievably dense and complex plot, on the level of the Game of Thrones novels, and it's impressive with the scope and imagination of the science fiction elements used...readers looking for a truly unique novel in terms of universe building and scope won't want to miss this one.

Monster Librarian

...a huge revenge plot...kicks your expectations out the window...[t]he outcome is as heartbreaking as it is astonishing, and Geobey's penchant for interrelated plot lines keeps things tight and demands that you pay attention to otherwise throwaway details. No wasted exposition or dialogue, everything meaningful and subliminal...[f]rom emotionally charged death scenes to spectacular outer space action...

Goodreads

...propels the reader deeper into the machinations and minds of his chief protagonists, their worlds, and the forces that drive them. Things are never as they seem, each layer a prelude to others, every climax a beginning. With Geobey you must expect the unexpected, embrace detail that informs the big picture, and revel in the twilight between science fiction and fantasy.

I. A. Soledad, *Descent*

The pace is fast...packed with action...merges fantasy with science fiction in an intricate plot...[t]he background building is intense, the plot is complex, and the characters are realistic...a series to keep an eye on.

Asher Syed for RF Review

There are fantasy elements that will delight hybrid-loving readers, including the god-like Naveen, portals, and the mother of all fantasy creatures, dragons...cat and mouse chases that transcend time and galaxies...there is no stopping the bullet train excitement of Kiranis...

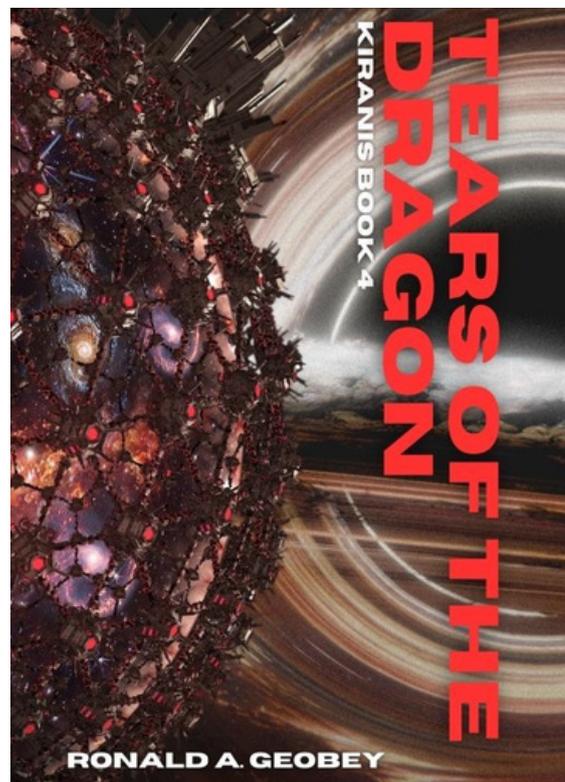
RF Review

...one of the most unique sci-fi sagas ever written

Murray Samuelson

THE UNIVERSE AWAITS ARE YOU PREPARED?

Kiranis is gearing up to be the *Magnum Opus* from Irish author of epic Science Fiction & Fantasy, Ronald A. Geobey. Geobey merges his love of Science Fiction & Fantasy with his academic background in theology and ancient history, and then throws in some astrophysics just to keep things on the event horizon of wonder. Repeatedly hailed as a unique Sci-Fi/Fantasy offering; reminiscent of Jordan's *Wheel of Time* and *Game of Thrones* in terms of scope; recalling for some *The Expanse*, for others Niven's *Ringworld*, this 7-book story will alter the reader's perception of what can be achieved when a passion for kindred genres are brought together.



ORDERING INFORMATION

TITLE: Tears of The Dragon

AUTHOR: Ronald A. Geobey

RELEASE: August 29th 2026

FORMAT: Trade Paperback

ISBN: 978-1-0682507-4-3

PGS: 520 TBC

RRP: €19.99/£17.99

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Tears of The Dragon picks up almost immediately following the shocking revelations at the end of Book 3, *Secrets of The Universe*, as Captain Philip Arthur investigates the nature of their universe with the help of the mysterious Chosen House. But the Garran have occupied Earth and Janey Echad has to face the Station Master; the Si Absolution are contained on an imperial world, and the empress has arrived at Sieltor Prime. Even all this will pale in comparison to what is unfolding on Kiranis, as Naveen becomes the man he was destined to be, and Antoni Echad and Cassandra Messina are drawn into a war from which only one will escape.

While all along, the singularity awaits...



"LORD OF THE FLIES MEETS ROMERO'S THE CRAZIES!"
"...AN UNRELENTING THRILL RIDE THAT KEEPS THE MOMENTUM ON FULL THROTTLE TO THE END."
"...AN UGLY, ULTRA-VIOLENT WORLD WHERE THE KIDS ARE EVERY PARENT'S WORST NIGHTMARE."

DON'T GROW UP YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT YOU BECOME

A pandemic sweeps across the world, turning adults into flesh-hungry maniacs, and when children pass through puberty, they turn too. If this sounds familiar, COVID must have been very different for you! And there's no coming back from this one. It started with a slug-killer powder called Nemkyl, but there's someone behind it all, and they have a plan. *Nematodes* is a face-scratching, neck-biting, action-packed thrill ride where children are the angry, desperate, and heavily armed protagonists. But their tribalistic approach to society in a world where adults are either monsters or a mistrusted enemy won't help them with what's coming, as an alien conspiracy operates behind the scenes.

ORDERING INFORMATION

TITLE: Nematodes

AUTHOR: David Smith

RELEASE: October 31 2026

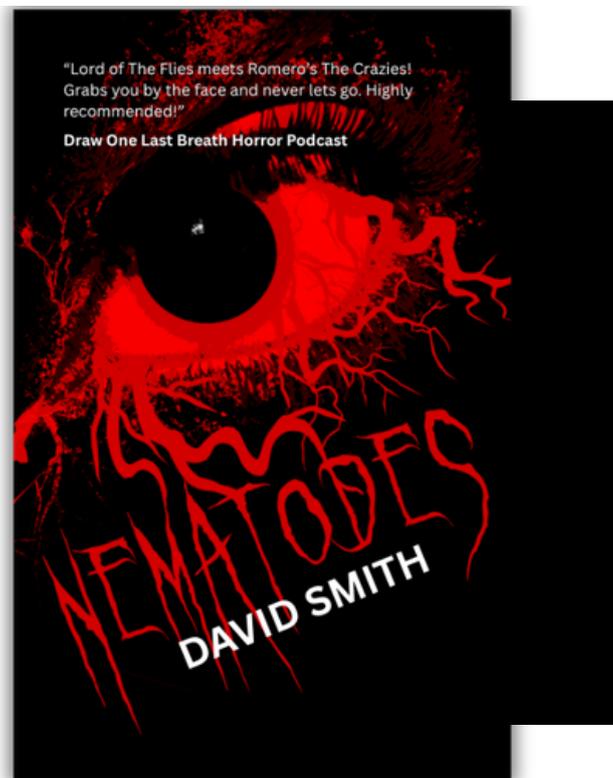
FORMAT: 'B Format' Paperback

ISBN: 978-1-0682507-2-9

PGS: 371

RRP: €18.99/£16.99 (TBC)

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David Smith is a prolific and eclectic writer, a Welsh recluse who's probably planning the very horror he writes about. We've been getting great feedback about *Nematodes*, and we're excited to inflict it upon an unsuspecting public. Will you be part of our campaign of terror?

Check out the ordering information here and contact us with any questions you may have about this exciting release that's sure to make its mark - if not on your throat then at least in popular culture.





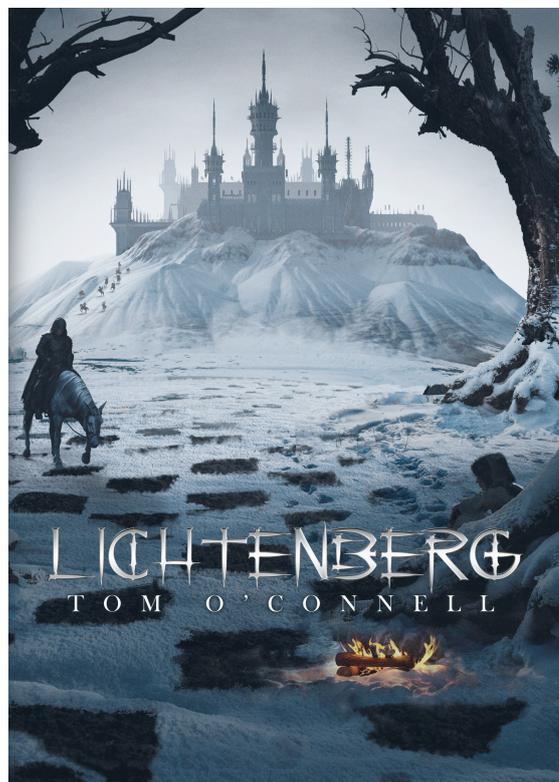
“...a stellar debut. O’Connell writes with great immediacy...epic and intimate. I loved it!” - Mike McCormack, *International Dublin Literary Award Winner*

“...a brilliant debut novel, with a vital message for our times.” - Catherine Doyle, *NY Times Bestselling Author of The Dagger and The Flame*

RESISTANCE

THE COURAGE TO QUESTION

We launched *Lichtenberg* in Charlie Byrne’s Bookshop, with Mike McCormack kicking off the celebrations. This engaging and thought-provoking dystopian fiction, set in an uncomfortably credible future, explores the dangers of nationalist ideology, state propaganda, revisionist history, and the othering of the marginalised outsider; all issues that now threaten our contemporary society. Drawing on classics like Orwell’s *1984*, Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale*, and Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451*, O’Connell channels the voice of his generation as his protagonist dares to question the status quo and alters the trajectory of a life spent sleepwalking through injustice and atrocity. In *Lichtenberg* we re-learn the courage to question.



With a Master’s in Dystopian Literature and pursuing a PhD in the topic in the University of Galway, Tom O’Connell is perfectly positioned to articulate the fears and concerns of our modern age. *Lichtenberg* comes to us from the perspective of Riven, an elite soldier in the city of Raidon, the last bastion of civilisation, ostensibly beset by nomadic people considered no better than animals. O’Connell unnerves the reader by positioning them within the city, amongst men and women immersed in its propaganda, hedonism, and brutality.

Lichtenberg is Temple Dark Books’ fourteenth release and is testament to the label’s vision of becoming Ireland’s premier publisher of Speculative Fiction.

ORDERING INFORMATION

TITLE: Lichtenberg

AUTHOR: Tom O’Connell

RELEASE: November 15th 2025

FORMAT: Trade Paperback

ISBN: 978-1-0682507-3-6

PGS: 354

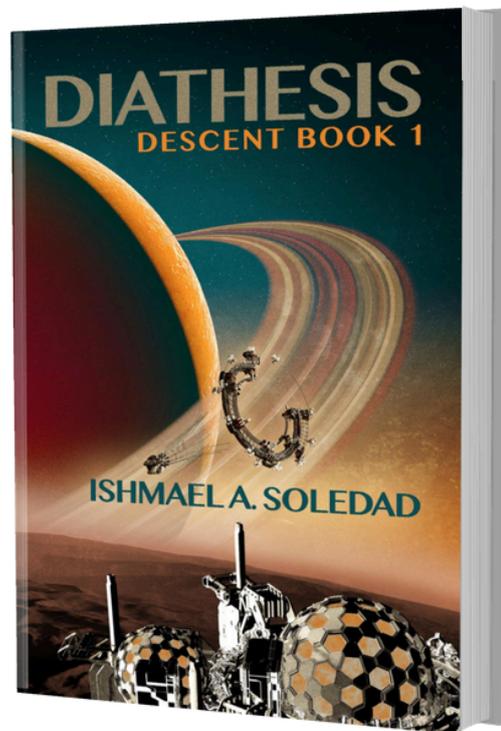
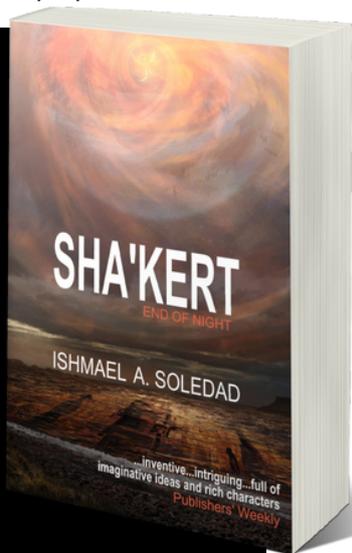
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A BRAVE NEW WORLD

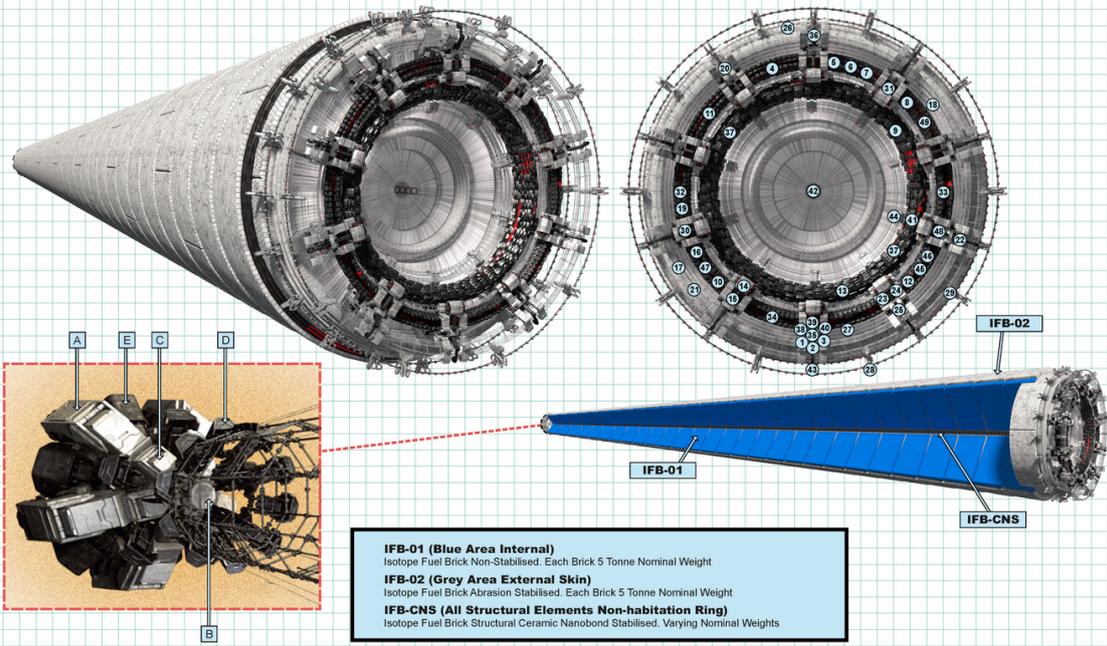
With the release of Ishmael A. Soledad's **Diathesis** at Eastercon 2025, orders for his Ditmar-nominated debut, **Sha'Kert: End of Night**, started coming in thick and fast. **Sha'Kert** was nominated for the prestigious **Ditmar Award** by none other than Ion Newcombe, the editor of **Antipodean SF**, Australia's longest running Sci-Fi magazine; and was also read for the **Aurealis Awards**. Ishmael's writing is immersive and highly engaging, drawing us into the psyche of characters we love to hate and hate to love, their flaws and virtues haunting us with questions of morality and purpose. **Sha'Kert** retails at **€16.99/£14.99**.



D**iathesis** opens Ishmael's brand new series, *Descent*, in which a mission to visit another world coincides with the demise of the one we call home. With themes of environmental activism, the ethics of biomedicine, genetic engineering, and international politics, the characters of **Diathesis** form a microcosm of all our modern concerns, with Ishmael once again bringing us into the minds of his characters with his unique style and syntax. This is an author to watch, and **Diathesis** has received fantastic reviews from the BSFA and BFS, as well as in the Irish Times and the Irish Examiner. The book launched as a Limited Edition hardback but the paperback is also now available. Hardback RRP is **€24.99/£20.99**; Paperback **€17.99/£15.99**

General Arrangement, ISMUD Probe, Communications Division, ESA HQ, Frankfurt

- Observation Bay Deep Space Nodes
- Observation Bay Planetary Nodes
- Observation Bay Stellar Nodes
- Termination and Control System
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IFB-01 (Blue Area Internal)
Isotope Fuel Brick Non-Stabilised. Each Brick 5 Tonne Nominal Weight

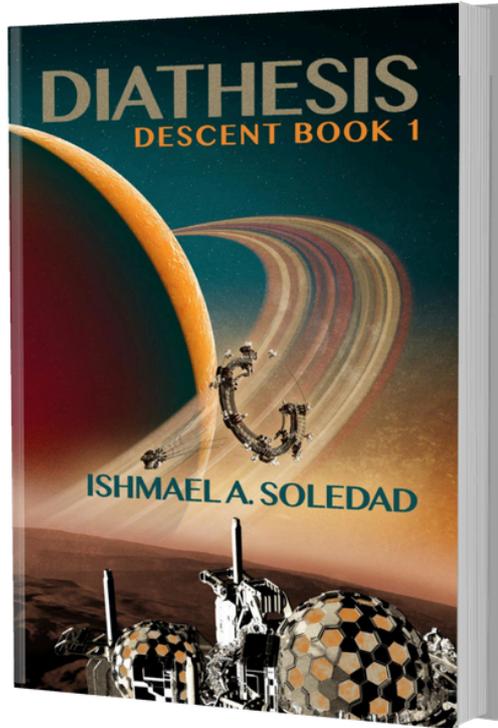
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Isotope Fuel Brick Abrasion Stabilised. Each Brick 5 Tonne Nominal Weight

IFB-CNS (All Structural Elements Non-habitation Ring)
Isotope Fuel Brick Structural Ceramic Nanobond Stabilised. Varying Nominal Weights

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 - 32. Navigation Node (Primary)
 - 33. Navigation Node (Secondary)
 - 34. Orbital Attitude and Control System
 - 35. Observation Nodes
 - 36. Orbital Solar Power Array
 - 37. Probe Auxiliary Power Unit
 - 38. Passive Observation Bay Deep Space
 - 39. Passive Observation Bay Planetary
 - 40. Passive Observation Bay Stellar
 - 41. Power Exchange Couplings
 - 42. Reactor Core Throat
 - 43. Ram Scoop Magnetic Field Control
 - 44. Ram Scoop Magnetic Field Generator
 - 45. Reclamation and Waste Recycling
 - 46. Classified Quantum Storage Node
 - 47. SloSleep2 Bay
 - 48. Tau Ceti Surface Experiments Platform
 - 49. Orbital Attitude and Control System
- A. Magnetic Efflux Field Generators
B. Reactor Converter Unit
C. Vane Flow Manoeuvring Unit (Primary)
D. Vane Flow Manoeuvring Unit (Secondary)
E. Magnetic Efflux Field Control Node
- Carolina Alessandri**
Director Project ISMUD, ESOP, ESA
- Doctor Maria Rodrigues**
Director SloSleep Division, ESTEC, ESA
- Irek Lauzon**
Chef de Cabinet, Directorate-General

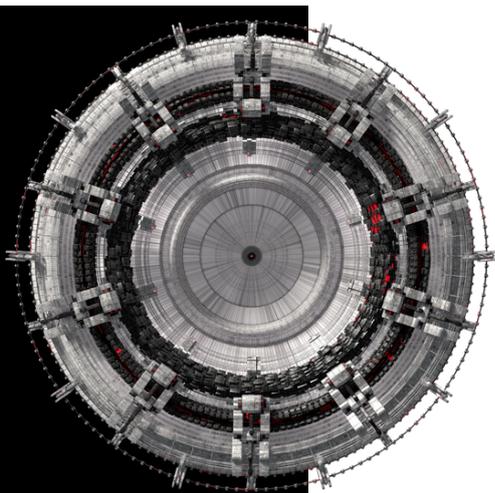
A QUANTUM LEAP FORWARD

Above is a cut-off of the dustjacket interior for the Limited Edition hardback, featuring a detailed schematic of the Ismud probe as featured in the novel. This is the product of hundreds of hours of work, from Ishmael's original designs to Eugen Baitinger's concept art; then from the vision of Editor Ronald A. Geobey and the attention to detail of our cover designer, Brian Mongey. The design of the probe envisages the moving forward of the engine block along a rail as the (blue) fuel blocks are depleted. This is bound to be a collectible piece, and only features in the hardback, of which **there are only 500 copies.**



Diathesis is already making its mark, and we anticipate an exciting response as it hits the shelves of readers and booksellers everywhere. Needless to say, this is our favourite review so far:

"...a quantum leap forward in science fiction writing...a phenomenal tale of science and the ethical questions that come with it...should easily be on the shortlist for awards this year, if not the outright winner. If you are looking for a futuristic tale that will keep you pondering over the dilemmas posed for weeks afterwards, don't miss this one. It's a must read for sci-fi fans. This is sure to be one of the best of 2025." - **Monster Librarian**



Diathesis HB ISBN: 978-1-0686626-6-9 (328 PGS.)

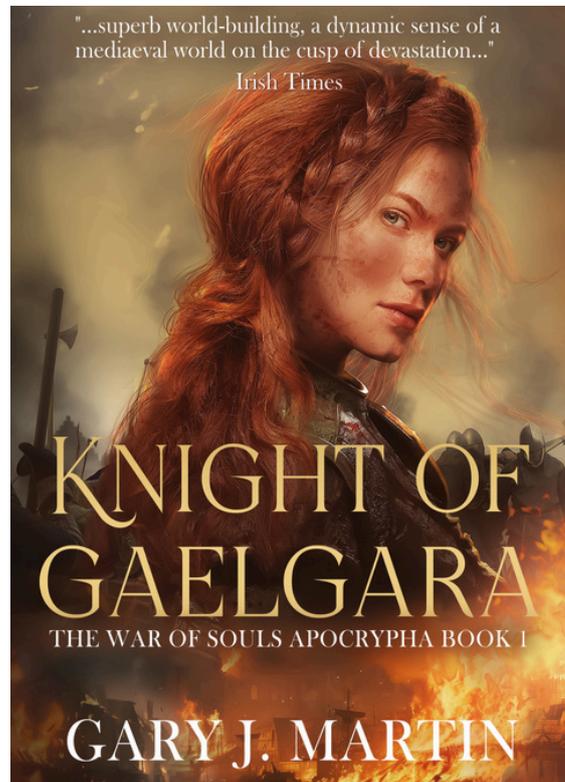


HEAR YE ALL!

THERE'S A NEW MARTIN IN TOWN

We had a crazy year in 2024. We launched our first Limited Edition hardback while redesigning our Phase One catalogue. But it was all very much worth the effort.

Our **Phase Two** paperbacks can all be ordered either directly from us or via your Gardners account. As you browse our catalogue, keep in mind that you can speak with us directly about your order, and that we pride ourselves on making direct connections with booksellers.



Knight of Gaelgara was launched at Swords Castle, just north of Dublin Airport, where our director, Ronald A. Geobey, played as a child. It was a real homecoming and Gary J. Martin read a short precursor to the novel written especially for the event, while the wonderful fighters of **Fragarach Armoured Combat Ireland** brought it all to life with duels and a 'storming of the gates' to end each session. We look forward to doing it all again next year. You'll find the photo gallery on the **Knight of Gaelgara** page on our website, and ordering details for the Ltd. Ed. hardback (and the paperback) are on the pages to follow.



KNIGHT OF GAELGARA

In this June 2024 release, Roslind Radvinn, daughter of the Baron of Aksson, returns home to a plot to assassinate her father and take the city. **Knight of Gaelgara** opens *The War of Souls Apocrypha*, a trilogy from Irish author Gary J. Martin. The Limited Edition hardback features a full-colour map *inside the dustjacket*, and each copy is **stamped, signed and numbered** on the title page. Stocks are running low, so act fast!



The hardback RRP is **€19.99/£17.99**, which is excellent value for the amount of work put into it. The RRP for the paperback (which includes a B+W map) is **€16.99/£14.99**.

A review from Declan Burke of the *Irish Times* speaks of “superb world-building, a dynamic sense of a mediaeval world on the cusp of devastation.” With a female protagonist and attention to detail indicating a passion for the medieval world, Gary J. Martin’s debut Fantasy novel is making its mark. (See Summary below for **special price on Ltd HB** - direct supply only)

HB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-0-0 (350 PGS.)

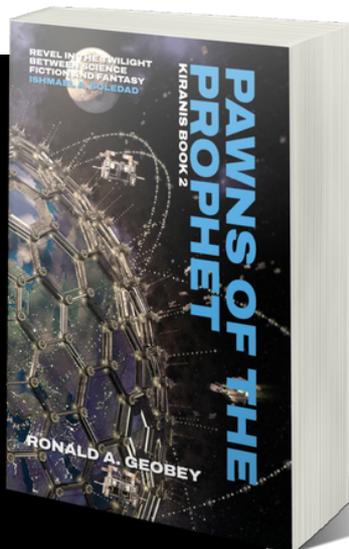
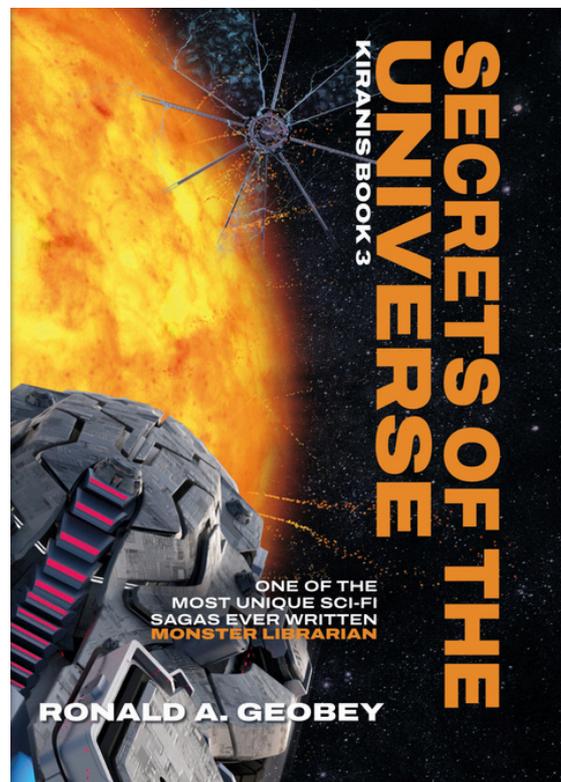
PB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-1-7 (342 PGS.)



THE KIRANIS SERIES

A WHOLE NEW UNIVERSE

The new covers and enhanced interiors of Ronald A. Geobey's **Kiranis** books have been going down a treat - they feature forewords and dramatis personae that our Phase One readers had requested. The series is best classed as hybrid SFF, and has been described as *The Expanse* meets *Game of Thrones*, which should give you some idea of the overlap in genres and the scope of this story (leading one reviewer to compare it to Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time*). *Star Trek* and *BSG* fans will also love it.



Kiranis is a series 30 years in the making, and will have 7 books in total. They are all meticulously planned and Book 4 is underway. You can watch the video trailers or read the blurbs and reviews via the Kiranis series page or on each title webpage, but the core of the story revolves around the Prophet Naveen and his manipulation of worlds and alien races to bring about his ultimate goal, a mystery which unfolds with each new instalment. Each paperback to date retails at €17.99/£15.99.

Gods of Kiranis PB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-5-5 (448 PGS.)

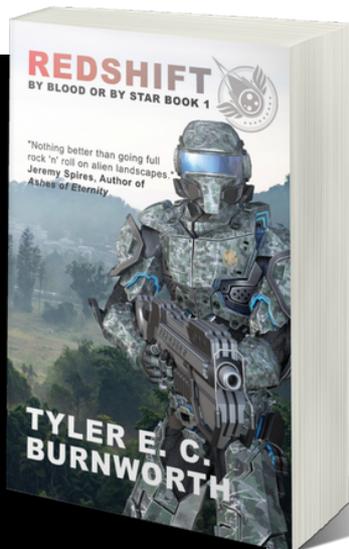
Pawns of The Prophet PB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-6-2 (488 PGS.)

Secrets of The Universe PB ISBN: 978-1-738-4676-7-9 (496 PGS.)



A TIME FOR WAR

American author of Military Sci-Fi Tyler E. C. Burnworth (AKA Pacey Holden) delivers a blistering action adventure among the stars in **Redshift**, the opener to his trilogy **By Blood Or By Star**. Having worked on Nellis Air Force base while he was writing this book, Tyler knows his stuff, and we can feel it in the developing camaraderie of the troops, their naiveté as they're plunged into a war they don't understand, and every trigger pulled and bullet fired. We highly recommend checking out the trailers on the title pages.



A **Apogee** expands Abraham's universe, plunging us headlong into a conspiracy to change everything. This time a parallel story featuring a female detective delivers a sort of cyperpunk feel to the novel, as she delves into shady dealings with augmented humans and moves ever closer to the same people manipulating Abraham. Abraham has more than come of age at this point, but he's still as malleable to people who know how to use human weapons to their own ends.

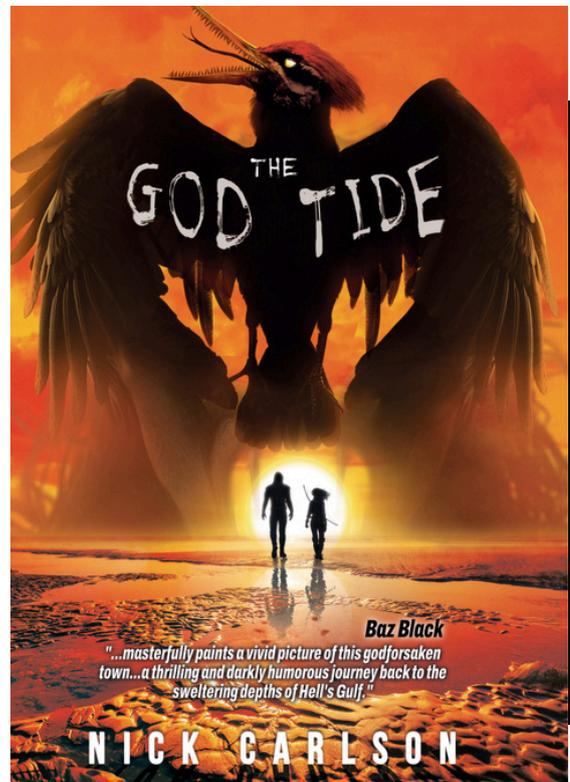
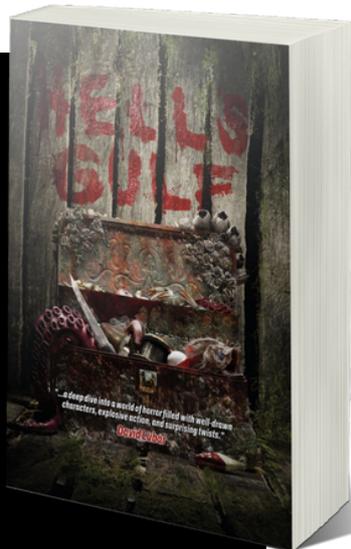
Redshift PB ISBN: 978-1-0686626-7-6 (384 PGS.)
Apogee PB ISBN: 978-1-0686626-8-3 (408 PGS.)



VISIT HELL'S GULF

We just had to breathe new life into Nick Carlson's weird and wonderful cosmic horror tales, especially with **The God Tide** releasing in paperback for the first time.

The fictional Hell's Gulf is a town that'll set your teeth on edge, and not just when you try to eat shark meat at the beach cookout. In **Hell's Gulf**, we meet Rowan Vane, who finds himself caught up in a mystery going back decades and driving the townsfolk crazy. You can check out the blurb on the Hell's Gulf webpage. Hell's Gulf retails at **€16.99/£14.99** and comes with character art and a map.



The **God Tide** takes us back to Hell's Gulf in another standalone tale, this time following the hapless Lance Aukland, as he searches for a missing bird of prey and is drawn into the schemes of a family of horrible creatures who want to claim him as their own - after they've eaten him! Like Hell's Gulf, this is a surprisingly emotional tale, exploring one's place in the world and the power of family. **The God Tide** paperback features creature art and retails at **€16.99/£14.99**.

Hell's Gulf PB ISBN: 978-1-0686626-0-7 (422 PGS.)

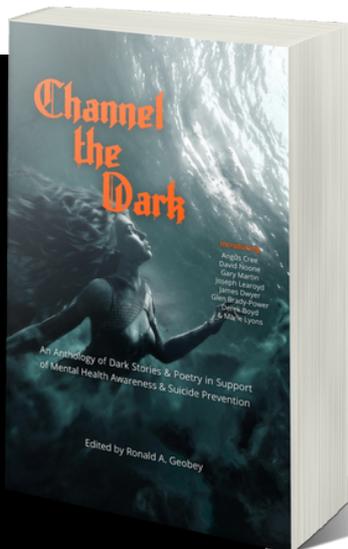
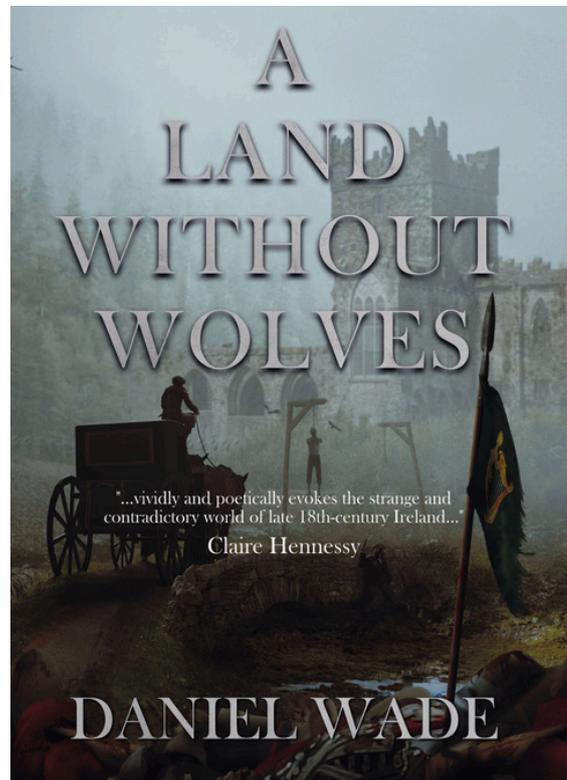
The God Tide PB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-6-2 (340 PGS.)



GO A LITTLE DARKER

A Land Without Wolves takes us back to late 18th century Ireland, in the turbulent years leading up to the 1798 rebellion. Award-winning Irish poet and playwright

Daniel Wade immerses us in a dark and murky world, challenging whatever illusions we might have about this period in Irish history. In a dark historical fiction tale populated with real historical characters, we follow a highwayman and his protégé as they trouble the roads of Wexford before embroiling themselves in the gangs of Dublin. **(Inc. maps, glossary, and historical figures details)**



Channel the Dark, our anthology of short stories and poems in aid of suicide prevention, accompanies our event of the same name. This project seeks to encourage creativity and productivity in the fight against mental health issues. Award-winning Director, Actor, and Screenwriter Baz Black joined us for our inaugural event, and we look forward to doing it again for Vol. 2. Some copies of the Vol. 1 hardback remain with us if you would like to order direct, and the paperbacks can be ordered specially. Keep an eye on our social media and newsletters for updates regarding Vol. 2.

A Land Without Wolves PB ISBN: 978-1-7384676-8-6 (374 PGS.)
Channel the Dark PB ISBN: 978-1-7397492-8-6 (286 PGS.)

Title Summary Pg. 1/2

TITLE + ISBN	FORMAT + FEATURES	PGS	RRP €/£	PRICE €/£
Nematodes 978-1-0682507-2-9	"Black Edition" PB (Mass Mkt) Black pages	371	€18.99 £16.99	Gardners: TBC
Tears of The Dragon 978-1-0682507-4-3	PB (Trade); Foreword; Bonus Content	520	€19.99 £17.99	Gardners: TBC
Death 978-1-0682507-5-0	PB (Trade)	418	€19.99 £17.99	Gardners: TBC
Lichtenberg 978-1-0682507-3-6	PB (Trade)	352	€19.99 £16.99	Gardners: £9.35
Diathesis 978-1-0682507-0-5	PB (Trade)	328	€17.99 £15.99	Gardners: £9.59
Diathesis 978-1-0686626-6-9	HB; F/C ART INSIDE JACKET; ART ENDPAPERS; STAMPED, NUMBERED, SIGNED TIP- IN CARD	328	€24.99 £20.99	Gardners: £10.49 <u>SPECIAL DISCOUNT</u>
Knight of Gaelgara 978-1-7384676-0-0	HB; F/C MAP INSIDE JACKET; STAMPED, NUMBERED, SIGNED	350	€19.99 £17.99	Direct: £7.99 (min. 5)
Knight of Gaelgara 978-1-7384676-1-7	PB (Trade); B/W MAP	342	€16.99 £14.99	Gardners: £8.99
Gods of Kiranis 978-1-7384676-5-5	PB (Trade); Foreword; Bonus Content	448	€17.99 £15.99	Gardners: £9.59
Pawns of The Prophet 978-1-7384676-6-2	PB (Trade); Foreword; Bonus Content	488	€17.99 £15.99	Gardners: £9.59
Secrets of The Universe 978-1-738-4676-7-9	PB (Trade); Foreword; Bonus Content	496	€17.99 £15.99	Gardners: £9.59
Sha'Kert: End of Night 978-1-7384676-3-1	PB (Trade)	414	€16.99 £14.99	Gardners: £8.99

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