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The Descent New Riders

An exciting new series based on the hit family game Pandemic begins with a deadly disease breaking out in darkest Peru - it's up to a crack team of experts to find the source before it spreads, in this taut airport thriller. Bodhi Patel is the brand new Lead Epidemiologist for the world's top epidemic specialists, Global Health Agency, but there's no time to settle in: his new boss, Helen Taylor, deploys GHA to contain a mysterious new killer virus spreading into Brazil. On the ground they learn that the virus is loose in a region controlled by a heavily armed drug warlord, and the race against time to discover a cure just got a whole lot tougher. Meanwhile, Bodhi finds himself with a newly reshuffled team still smarting from the changes, including his ex - the last person he expected to be working with.

The Deep Dark Descending Crown

This is a game about killing monsters. All kinds, anywhere, any time. You and your friends are members of the NIGHTWATCH: an ancient order of warriors, trackers, wizards, and alchemists dedicated to hunting down and destroying the malevolent creatures that terrorize humanity. Over the course of the game, your characters will rise through the ranks of their chosen Guild, gaining experience and unlocking new skills as they fight ever more dangerous enemies on the blood-soaked path to confront their ultimate quarry. So sharpen your sword, check the flints on your pistols, and grab a handful of elixirs; it's time to give the monsters someone to fear. *** NIGHTWATCH - a Solo or Cooperative Tabletop Miniatures Adventure Game. Miniatures agnostic and adaptable to nearly any fantasy setting from Ancients to Black Powder, NIGHTWATCH is easy to learn and quick to play, with straightforward dice mechanics and minimal book keeping. Made for Cooperative or Solo gaming, you can read the book in an afternoon and gather your friends, your dice, terrain, and miniatures that evening for your first hunt. ___ From the author of 'Hardwired: Cyberpunk Espionage and Mayhem', 'Hardwired: the Tsim Sha Tsui Expansion', and 'Zona Alfa: Salvage and Survival in the Exclusion Zone.' Now sharpen your sword, check the flints on your pistols, and grab a healing potion; it's time to give the monsters something to fear.

Vikings at War Simon and Schuster

The Heroine's Journey describes contemporary woman's search for wholeness in a society where she has been defined according to masculine values. Drawing on cultural myths and fairy tales, ancient symbols and goddesses, and the dreams of contemporary women, Murdock illustrates the need for—and the reality

of—feminine values in Western culture. This special anniversary edition, with a new foreword by Christine Downing and preface by the author, illuminates that this need is just as relevant today as it was when the book was originally published thirty years ago.

Game Mechanics New Riders

A homicide detective hunts down his wife's killers while struggling between his thirst for revenge and a twinge of conscience forbidding him to take the law into his own hands. Homicide Detective Max Rupert never fully accepted his wife's death, even when he believed that a reckless hit-and-run driver was to blame. Haunted by memories both beautiful and painful, he is plagued by feelings of unfinished business. When Max learns that, in fact, Jenni was murdered, he must come to terms with this new information—and determine what to do with it. Struggling to balance his impulses as a vengeful husband with his obligations as a law enforcement officer, Max devotes himself to relentlessly hunting down those responsible. For most of his life, he has thought of himself as a decent man. But now he's so consumed with anguish and thoughts of retribution that he finds himself on the edge, questioning who he is and what he stands for. On a frozen lake at the US-Canadian border, he wrestles with decisions that could change his life forever, as his rage threatens to turn him into the kind of person he has spent his entire career bringing to justice.

Where the Deep Ones Are New World Library

Pioneer study of the need for an inner female authority in a masculine-oriented society. Interprets the journey into the underworld of Inanna-Ishtar, Goddess of Heaven and Earth, to see Ereshkigal, her dark sister. So must modern women descend into the depths of themselves. Rich in insights.

Aconyte Books Best of 2021 Simon and Schuster

Legendary heroes battle the undead and dark sorcery, in the first of a rip-roaring new series for the fan-favorite epic fantasy game, Descent. When the Baroness of Forthyn's daughter disappears, she calls on the legendary orc hero, Durik, to find her. Durik enlists his old questing partners - the dwarf alchemist, Ulma Grimstone, and roguish Logan Lashley - in the hopes of reliving their glory days. Together they journey to fearstruck Fallowhearth. There, instead of clues, they uncover necromancy: graveyards emptied of corpses, with trails of footprints leading into sinister Blind Muir Forest... But the forest holds more than just the walking dead: between its boughs lurk treachery, a sorcerer ally turned to darkness, and a shocking infestation of giant, murderous monsters.

Zachareth Simon and Schuster

Game mechanics--the rules and systems that govern the functional behavior of a game--lie at the heart of all game design. The mechanics implement the living world of the game; they

generate active challenges for players to solve in the game world and they determine the effects of the players' actions on that world. Here to teach game designers and students the essentials of game mechanics are two leading authorities in game design. Readers will learn how to craft mechanics that generate challenging, enjoyable, and well-balanced gameplay. They'll learn how to visualize and simulate game mechanics in order to design better games and learn at what stages to prototype, test, and implement mechanics in games.

Building Blocks of Tabletop Game Design Simon and Schuster

A starter box for the Cyberpunk RPG line. Everything you need to play the game.

In the Shadow of Deimos McFarland

A bestiary of wondrous friends and foes for the world's greatest roleplaying game Sparkling with the musings of the wizard Mordenkainen, this tome features a host of creatures for use in the Dungeons & Dragons roleplaying game. Compiling and updating monsters that originally appeared in previous D&D fifth edition releases, these creatures represent some of the most benevolent and malevolent forces that D&D heroes might face. The book also gathers together fantastical peoples from many different worlds. Each of these peoples represents a race option when you create your D&D character, expanding on the choices in the Player's Handbook. Includes more than 250 monsters—updates to the monsters include making spellcasters easier for Dungeon Masters to run, giving many monsters more damage and resilience, and improving the organization of the stat blocks themselves Includes more than 30 playable races—brings the game's setting-agnostic races into one book, complementing the races in the Player's Handbook A multiverse of lore—includes updates to monster lore that refocuses their stories on the D&D multiverse, rather than on any particular world

Blind Descent Random House Trade Paperbacks

A Breakout NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller A USA Today Bestseller An Indie National Bestseller "Outstanding . . . The days when you had to choose between a great story and a great piece of writing? Gone." —Esquire "The story unfolds brilliantly, always surprisingly . . . The magic of his prose equals the horror of Johnston's story; each somehow enhances the other . . . Read this astonishing novel." —The Washington Post "Tim Johnston's high-wire literary thriller . . . will leave you gasping." —Vanity Fair "A riveting literary thriller of the can't-stop-turning-the-page, stay-up-all-night variety." —Alice LaPlante, author of A Circle of Wives The Rocky Mountains have cast their spell over the Courtlands, a young family from the plains taking a last summer vacation before their daughter begins college. For eighteen-year-old Caitlin, the mountains loom as the ultimate test of her runner's

heart, while her parents hope that so much beauty, so much grandeur, will somehow repair a damaged marriage. But when Caitlin and her younger brother, Sean, go out for an early morning run and only Sean returns, the mountains become as terrifying as they are majestic, as suddenly this family find themselves living the kind of nightmare they've only read about in headlines or seen on TV. As their world comes undone, the Courtlands are drawn into a vortex of dread and recrimination. Why weren't they more careful? What has happened to their daughter? Is she alive? Will they ever know? Caitlin's disappearance, all the more devastating for its mystery, is the beginning of the family's harrowing journey down increasingly divergent and solitary paths until all that continues to bind them together are the questions they can never bring themselves to ask: At what point does a family stop searching? At what point will a girl stop fighting for her life? Written with a precision that captures every emotion, every moment of fear, as each member of the family searches for answers, *Descent* is a perfectly crafted thriller that races like an avalanche toward its heart-pounding conclusion, and heralds the arrival of a master storyteller.

The Doom of Fallowhearth Simon and Schuster

Mars is the new frontier for humanity, as we launch an epic saga of inspiring planetary exploration set in the award-winning Terraforming Mars boardgame Mars, 2316. The recently created Terraforming Committee arbitrates the dramatic development of Mars by powerful rival corporations. When a rogue asteroid crashes into a research center and kills its lone technician, the fragile balance between corporations is shattered. The World Government's investigation into the accident reveals a multitude of motives, while a corporation insider stumbles on a dark conspiracy. Two Martians with very different agendas must navigate a trail of destruction and treachery to uncover the truth and expose those responsible, before Mars falls to Earth's corruption. As lines blur between progress and humanity, Mars itself remains the biggest adversary of all.

Mordenkainen Presents: Monsters of the Multiverse (Dungeons & Dragons Book) Simon and Schuster

We are not alone. Some call them devils or demons. But they are real. They are down there. And they are waiting for us to find them. In a cave in the Himalayas, a guide discovers a self-mutilated body with a warning: Satan exists. In the Kalahari Desert, a nun unearths evidence of a proto-human species and a deity called Older-than-Old. In Bosnia, something has been feeding upon the dead in a mass grave. So begins mankind's most shocking realization: the underworld is a vast geological labyrinth populated by another race of beings. With all of Hell's precious resources and territories to be won, a global race ensues. Nations, armies, religions, and industries rush to colonize and exploit the subterranean frontier. A scientific expedition is launched westward to explore beneath the Pacific Ocean floor, both to catalog the riches there and to learn how life could develop in the sunless abyss. But in the dark underground, as humanity falls away from them, the scientists and mercenaries find themselves prey not only to the savage creatures, but also to their own treachery, mutiny, and greed. One thing is certain: Miles inside the earth, evil is very much alive.

Curse of Honor National Geographic Books

Explore Aconyte's world expanding fiction of 2021 with the opening excerpts from the epic fantasy realms of *Descent: Legends of the Dark*, undead horrors in *Zombicide*, the eldritch adventure of *Arkham Horror*, and space exploration from *Terraforming Mars* *Mask of Silver* by Rosemary Jones – A movie director shoots his silent horror masterpiece in eerie *Arkham*, capturing crawling nightmares instead of moving pictures. Last *Resort* by Josh Reynolds – Hordes of zombies threaten to wipe out

all of mankind in this first action-horror novel set in the exciting (yet horrifying) world of the *Zombicide* games. In the *Shadow of Deimos* by Jane Killick – Mars is the new frontier for humanity, as we launch an epic saga of inspiring planetary exploration. *Pandemic: Patient Zero* by Amanda Bridgeman – The debut of an incredible new novel series that shows just what humanity can achieve when experts work together, to ensure a global pandemic is never allowed to break out again. *The Shield of Daqan* by David Guymier – Mighty warriors fight to save the realm from blood magic and evil, in this battle-soaked epic fantasy novel. *To Chart the Clouds* by Evan Dicken – A sneak peek at our first 2022 *Legend of the Five Rings* title in which border tensions between rival samurai clans escalate into war over a hidden valley.

A Dark Descent John Wiley & Sons

In this massive anthology, Warhammer 40,000 fans will find classic stories that have been unavailable for a while.

The Founder's Paradox National Geographic Books

The first in an exciting new series of heroic fantasy novels, *Zachareth*, explores the past of one of *Descent: Legends of the Dark*'s most notorious villains Zachareth, Baron of Carthridge, is a driven, ruthless and obsessive man – a man who could be a hero, but he wants so much more. Having watched his father fall under the sway of a sorceress, Zachareth grows up craving knowledge and power. When his tutor at Greyhaven introduces him to forbidden magics, Zachareth discovers there is more to power than meets the eye. As he returns home to a barony on the verge of rebellion and beset by necromantic foes, Zachareth must choose his true path – the path of virtue and heroism, or that of darkness and villainy; the line between the two is finer than most imagine.

Pandemic: Patient Zero Aconyte

They had existed from time immemorial, hidden in a space warp far beneath the the surface of the Earth. Until now, their only form of nourishment had been a strange hallucinogenic grain. Now, they hungered for human flesh. The Earth was to be their stockyard and mankind their meat...

Descent Atlas Games

After the defeat of one *Wicked*, the other *Witches of Oz* prepare for vengeance in this second book of the *Ages of Oz* series! Glinda and her friends have successfully vanquished Aphidina, the first of the four *Wicked Witches*. But her task is far from over. With the fate of all of Oz hanging in the balance, Glinda struggles to locate a mysterious teacher called Mythra, who is the only one who can guide her in reaching her mystic potential and becoming the powerful Sorceress she is destined to be. While Glinda searches far and wide for her mentor, the fiery-spirited Locasta finds herself undertaking an equally important search—for the Elemental Fairy of Lurl, and the means by which to destroy the second Witch, Marada, *Wicked Warrior of the North*. Surprising discoveries await both Glinda and Locasta. Great dangers threaten, formidable enemies lurk, and startling secrets abound. Glinda, Locasta, Ben, and Shade bravely continue their mission teaming up with some very welcome—and very unexpected—allies along the way. Together they prove that there is no hope for the future if one is not willing to learn from the past.

The Journey of Soul Initiation Wizards of the Coast

Delve into the dungeons of Terrinoth with a veritable who's who of the hobby game industry! *The Descent: Quest Compendium* presents in a 96-page hardbound volume sixteen of the most cunning, deadly, and puzzling scenarios for your gaming table. Brought to you by a team of acclaimed and award-winning game designers and authors including: Keith Baker (*Gloom*), Kenneth Hite (*Where the Deep Ones Are*), Mike Selinker (*Yetisburg*), and John Kovalic (*Dork Tower*) and many more. These creators and a many more stretch the boundaries of the game into bold new

territories, full of challenges and adventure, using the *Descent: Journeys in the Dark* core set and expansions. Each quest includes an introduction written by the designer of the scenario, with interesting background on the development of the scenario, as well as biographical information for the author. *The Descent: Quest Compendium* also includes an introduction by award-winning game designer and *Descent* fan, Alan R. Moon, as well as a special tribute to *Dungeons & Dragons* creator Gary Gygax written by *Descent: Journeys in the Dark*'s designer, Kevin Wilson.

A Fiery Friendship Margaret K. McElderry Books

The bestselling *Journey to the West* comic book by artist Chang Boon Kiat is now back in a brand new fully coloured edition. *Journey to the West* is one of the greatest classics in Chinese literature. It tells the epic tale of the monk Xuanzang who journeys to the West in search of the Buddhist sutras with his disciples, Sun Wukong, Sandy and Pigsy. Along the way, Xuanzang's life was threatened by the diabolical White Bone Spirit, the menacing Red Child and his fearsome parents and, a host of evil spirits who sought to devour Xuanzang's flesh to attain immortality. Bear witness to the formidable Sun Wukong's (Monkey God) prowess as he takes them on, using his Fiery Eyes, Golden Cudgel, Somersault Cloud, and quick wits! Be prepared for a galloping read that will leave you breathless!

The Shield of Daqan Casemate Publishers

"If games were lands to be explored, they would be far too large for one explorer to master. *Building Blocks of Tabletop Game Design* is a much-needed atlas for the explorer—giving a framework of what to look for in a game, and a focus for game play that will be useful for understanding the whole. The game scholar will find this invaluable." —Richard Garfield, creator of *Magic: The Gathering* "People talk about the art of game design or the craft of game design. Engelstein and Shalev hone in on the science of game design with a razor-sharp scalpel. This book will be within arm's reach as I work on games and I expect it to be consulted often." —Rob Daviau, creator of *Risk: Legacy* and Chief Restoration Officer of *Restoration Games* "The most comprehensive and well-researched encyclopedia of game mechanisms that I've seen to date." —Matt Leacock, creator of *Pandemic* *Building Blocks of Tabletop Game Design: An Encyclopedia of Mechanisms, Second Edition* compiles hundreds of game mechanisms, organized by category. The book can be read cover-to-cover and used as a reference to solve a specific design problem or for inspiration and research on new designs. This second edition collects even more mechanisms, expands on and updates existing entries, and includes color images. *Building Blocks* is a great starting point for new designers, a handy guidebook for the experienced, and an ideal classroom reference. Each Game Mechanisms Entry Contains: The definition of the mechanism An explanatory diagram of the mechanism Discussion of how the mechanism is used in successful games Considerations for implementing the mechanism in new designs Geoffrey Engelstein is a game designer and educator. His designs include the *Space Cadets* series, *The Dragon & Flagon*, *The Expanse*, and *Super Skill Pinball*. He has published several books on game design, including *GameTek: The Math and Science of Gaming*, *Achievement Relocked*, and *Game Production*. He is on the faculty of the NYU Game Center as an adjunct professor for Board Game Design and has been invited to speak about game design at PAX, GenCon, Metatopia, and the Game Developers Conference. Isaac Shalev is a game designer, author, and educational games consultant. He has designed tabletop titles including *Seikatsu*, *Waddle*, and *Show & Tile*. He runs Sage70, Inc., a data strategy and games-based learning consultancy that serves nonprofit organizations. He lives in Cary, North Carolina with his wife, three children, and a dog.