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Greetings,

Welcome to the February edition of the Black Library newsletter, and I'm afraid the last newsletter in this format. Now I know what you're thinking, does this mean no more newsletters? Nope the newsletter will be continued, just not like this anymore. Is there any connection with the hammering coming from within the depths of the Adeptus Mechanicus temple (aka Ragnar's desk)? Absolutely! Are you going to tell us what's going on? Nope. Wouldn't want to spoil the surprise which is coming soon!

The main news this month however is the first novel in the brand new Horus Heresy Series, Horus Rising written by Dan Abnett is now available on advance order. Rarely has a brand new series has caused so much excitement before the first novel has even been released. In fact there's so much excitement it's been turning people into a bunch of frothing loonies desperate to get their hands on a copy, and that's just the editors! To coincide with its release we are also releasing a brand new A2 size poster of the novel's cover as well as a fantastic t-shirt!

With all this excitement I think I need a lie down. Either that or cut back on the sugar.

See you next month and no., I'm still not going to tell you what's going on.

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Chris

++ Xenology Collector's Edition ++

From the dissection tables of the Ordo Xenos comes the most heretical account to date of the foul Xenos, which assaults mankind. This is the document that Inquisitorial authorities don't want you to see.

The Xenology collector's edition is a genuine artefact, censored by the upper echelons of the Inquisition. Presented in a genuine Kroot skin slipcase, the hardback collector's edition of Xenology bears the metallic symbol of the Ordo Xenos - a stylised metallic 'X', pressed into the Kroot skin covering. The titling of the book is displayed in silver

Strictly limited to only 300 copies, this numbered hardback edition includes a dossier containing diagrams of alien dissections as well as brand new material concerning the Xenos. To ensure that such knowledge does not fall into the wrong hands, the presentation slipcase has been bound by the Inquisition with a leather thong and then placed in a hermetically sealed evidence pouch, to keep the alien taint within!

This item will be shipped only via UPS, thus we cannot accept APO or any other form of PO Box address. Orders within the UK will be charged £10 shipping; all other orders will be charged £15. Please also allow 28 days for delivery.

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/krootskin>

++ Advance orders this month++

Horus Heresy : Horus Rising
Dan Abnett. Warhammer 40,000 £6.99/\$7.99
In Stores April 2006 UK. May 2006 USA.

It is the 31st millennium. The forces of humanity have reached the stars. Under the benevolent leadership of the Immortal Emperor and his superhuman sons, the primarchs, the Imperium of Man has stretched out across the galaxy. It is a golden age of discovery and conquest. But now, on the eve of victory, the Emperor leaves the front lines, entrusting the great crusade to his favourite son, Horus. Promoted to Warmaster, can the idealistic Horus carry the Emperor's grand plan? Worse still, this promotion has sown discontent amongst his brothers. How long before this escalates into all-out mutiny? Horus Rising is the first chapter in the epic tale of the Horus Heresy, a galactic civil war that threatened to bring about the extinction of humanity.

To read an interview with the author of Horus Rising, Dan Abnett as well as downloading the fantastic cover art as wallpaper, visit our new Horus Heresy page at;
<http://www.blacklibrary.com/horus>

The Cold Hand of Betrayal
Edited by Marc Gascoigne and Christian Dunn. Warhammer £6.99/\$7.99
In Stores April 2006 UK. May 2006 USA.

In the grim Old World, the bloodthirsty followers of the Chaos Gods ravage the land. It is a dark age, a bloody age, an age of daemons and of sorcery. It is an age of battle and death, and of the end of the world. Amidst the fire, flame and fury, it is a time too, of mighty heroes, of bold deeds and great courage. Packed with grim fantasy tales from the gothic Warhammer world, The Cold Hand of Betrayal is a great collection of Warhammer fantasy short stories penned by some of the Black Library's favorite authors. As well as brand new stories by Graham McNeil and Steven Savile, it also contains four short stories by the winners of our Warhammer Fantasy story competition. A terrific collection that will appeal to all lovers of Warhammer fantasy.

Let The Galaxy Burn
Edited by Marc Gascoigne. Warhammer 40,000 £8.99/\$10.99
In Stores April 2006 UK. May 2006 USA.

By popular demand, we've gathered up the best SF short stories ever written for the Black Library into one massive volume, and added some brand new tales which include a new story from CS Goto and the origins of Patience Kys novella by Dan Abnett 'Playing Patience'! Warhammer 40,000 fans will be keen to get their hands on classic stories that have been unavailable for some time and all readers will enjoy the exciting and varied range on offer in this high-value volume.

You can buy these books from our advance order page here.
<http://www.blacklibrary.com/advanceorders>

++ Current releases++

Faith & Fire
James Swallow. Warhammer 40,000. £6.99/\$7.99
In Stores March 2006 UK. April 2006 USA.

When a dangerous psychic terrorist escapes from their custody, the Sisters of Battle not only have to hunt down and recapture him, but also need to restore their honour in the eyes of their superiors. Armed with determination, faith and the best training and weaponry the Imperium has to offer, the Sisters will let nothing and nobody stand in their way.

Inheritance.

Steven Savile. Warhammer Fantasy. £6.99/\$7.99

In stores March 2006 UK. April 2006 USA.

The first of a blood-drenched trilogy that tells the tale of the vampire counts. Inheritance chronicles the rise to power of the most infamous family of vampires, the von Carsteins. When the dark and sinister Vlad von Carstein arrives in Sylvania, a plague of evil is set loose and the land is transformed into a domain of the undead. Can anyone save the land of the living from this bloodthirsty family of vampires and their terrifying undead armies? I have to say that Inheritance has become my favourite Warhammer fantasy book. I highly recommend it.

Imperial Gothic.

Dan Abnett. Warhammer 40,000. £7.99/\$9.99

In stores March 2006 UK. April 2006 USA

Black Library star author Dan Abnett explores the grim reality of the Warhammer 40,000 universe with a collection of cutting-edge stories. Lone Wolves is a tale of honour and bravery that pits the Space Wolves and a lone Imperial Guard squad against a planet of tyrannids. Inquisitor Ascendant is a bitter warning to all who think they are above the temptation of Chaos. These and other kick-ass strips bring the Warhammer 40,000 universe to life like never before!

The Last Chancers.

Gav Thorpe. Warhammer 40,000. £8.99/\$10.99

In Stores March 2006 UK. April 2006 USA

Kage is a desperate man. Locked up, it looks like his luck has finally run out. Under the command of the seasoned colonel Schaeffer, Kage and his fellow criminals of the 13th Penal Legion are sent of the nightmarish warzones and on countless, increasingly dangerous missions. All to earn their 'last chance'. The Last Chancers Omnibus contains the novels 13th Legion, Kill Team and Annihilation Squad plus the short stories Deliverance and Liberty.

The Art of Warhammer 40,000

Matt Ralphs & Marc Gascoigne Warhammer 40,000. £30/\$50

In stores February 2006 UK, March 2006 USA.

For over twenty years the dark, gothic SF universe of Warhammer 40,000 has fired the imagination of millions of gamers worldwide. The ever-popular Space Marines have become cultural icons within the gaming community, and the tireless work of Games Workshop's art department and freelance artists such as Clint Langley and Adrian Smith is celebrated in this new hardback book. We reveal, in the artists' own words, how they produce such wonderful art and discuss their methods, techniques and inspirations.

You can buy these books from all good book stores or direct from our online store here:

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/currentreleases>

++ Merchandise ++

Fell Cargo pendant

£8, March UK,

Any pirate needs to show their allegiance to their ship and their crew. That's also true to zombie pirates. To coincide with the release of the great novel 'Fell Cargo' we are releasing this great pendant which will allow all budding pirate to show their allegiance to Captain Silvaro.

Death or Glory pendant
£8, March UK.

With the release of the latest Ciaphas Cain novel, we are releasing this fantastic pendant so you can show your allegiance to the Imperium's cause.

Faith and Fire T-shirt L and XL
£16, March UK.

To coincide with the first Sisters of Battle novel Faith & Fire, we are releasing this awesome new t-shirt which has the symbol of the Order of our martyred lady on the front. This t-shirt will come in two sizes: Large and Extra Large.

You can buy these items from our Online store here:

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/badges>

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/tshirts>

++ Merchandise on Advance order ++

Horus Rising T-shirt L and XL
£16, April UK

To coincide with the release of Horus Rising, we are releasing a great new T-shirt, which has the symbol for Horus Rising across its front, the symbol for the Lunar Wolves on one sleeve and the symbol for the Sons of Horus on the other sleeve. This T-shirt will come in two sizes: Large and Extra large.

Horus Rising A2 poster
£6, April UK

With the release of the first novel in the new Horus Heresy series we are releasing an A2 poster of the brilliant cover art by Neil Roberts.

You can buy these items from our Online store here:

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/posters>

<http://www.blacklibrary.com/tshirts>

++ This Month's Hot Topics ++

++ Back in Action++

After investing in some new printing servitors, we have been able to reprint some of our novels which have been out of stock for a while. New print runs of Eisenhorn Omnibus, Deus Sanguinius, Double Eagle, Fifteen Hours, Ravenor, Grey Knights, Grudge Bearer and Lord of the Night have all arrived and you can now buy these books again through our Online store.

++ New Acolytes++

Occasionally here at Black Library we have to acquire new acolytes, as some of our Acolytes either escape the security servitors, breakdown or just go screamingly insane. Oops, shouldn't have said that last one out loud, that doesn't happen, honest!
We have recently acquired two new acolytes and I thought this would be a good time as any to introduce them.

First up is Rosie, who having escaped from the realm of mundane reality in Coventry, our latest recruit ventured north to seek thrills within the grim darkness that is Black Library, where cake and madness

reign supreme (wow she got a handle on this place really quickly didn't she?).

Now minion to all that is Marketing and Design, in her spare time she heads to the hills to seek daylight and dirt from the (dis)comfort of the back of a mountain bike. Fond of fermented grape juice, She dislikes liquorice, dust and flatulent strangers.

Our Second new acolyte is Nick, who.... Oh ,wait a second I know you!

'Greetings folks, Nick Kyme here. Yes, that's right, Nick Kyme. Some of you, dear readers, might be wondering what I'm doing gnashing my gums on the BL Newsletter - well, I'll tell you. I've moved on from the pages of White Dwarf, where some of you might remember me, and on to heady climes of the Black Library. As of last week I took up my post as Black Library Editor, where, as well as working on the BL novels range, I'll also be taking on the wonderful art and background books we produce.'

And on that note I think we better go and lock the doors before they realize their mistake and try to escape.

++ The Art of Warhammer 40,000 Collectors edition++

The Art of Warhammer 40,000 collector's edition has just arrived into stock and this truly unique collector's edition is presented in a leather presentation box complete with an official golden imperial aquila stamped into the front.

Inside, the hardback collector's edition book is protected within high-quality black paper packaging, complete with official Imperial wax seal. Break the seal and you'll be presented with a numbered collector's edition of the lavish The Art of Warhammer 40,000 artbook which is also bound in leather with gold titling, gold page edging and two place marker ribbons in black and gold

The book itself is crammed with the very best artwork from the world of Warhammer 40,000 along with quotes and commentary from Games Workshop luminaries such as John Blanche, Jes Goodwin and Alan Merrett.

Limited to only 300 copies, it is currently only available to people on our Collectors edition mailing list. To join our mailing list you will need to send a blank email to this address; join-blcollectorseditions@lyris.games-workshop.com

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