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The Algebraist Abacus
The fifth Culture book from the awesome imagination of Iain M. Banks, a modern master of science fiction. Two and a half

millennia ago, the artifact appeared in a remote corner of space, beside a trillion-year-old dying sun from a different universe. It was a perfect black-body sphere, and it did nothing. Then it disappeared. Now it is

back. Praise for the Culture series: 'Epic in scope, ambitious in its ideas and absorbing in its execution' Independent on Sunday 'Banks has created one of the most enduring and endearing visions of the future' Guardian 'Jam-packed with extraordinary invention' Scotsman 'Compulsive reading' Sunday Telegraph

The Culture series:
 Consider Phlebas
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 Other books by Iain M. Banks:
 Against a Dark Background
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 Cambridge University Press

The first book in Iain M. Banks's seminal science fiction series, *The Culture*. Consider Phlebas introduces readers to the utopian conglomeration of human and alien races that explores the nature of war, morality, and the limitless bounds of mankind's imagination. The war raged across the galaxy. Billions had died, billions more were doomed. Moons, planets, the very stars themselves, faced destruction, cold-blooded, brutal, and worse, random. The Idirans fought for their Faith; the Culture for its moral right to exist. Principles were at stake. There could be no surrender. Within the cosmic conflict, an individual crusade. Deep within a fabled labyrinth on a barren

world, a Planet of the Dead proscribed to mortals, lay a fugitive Mind. Both the Culture and the Idirans sought it. It was the fate of Horza, the Changer, and his motley crew of unpredictable mercenaries, human and machine, actually to find it, and with it their own destruction.

A Song of Stone

Cambridge University Press

Charles Stross

Being a Study of Algebra in the Middle of the Sixteenth Century, Together with a Translation of and a Commentary Upon an Unpublished Manuscript of Scheubel's Now in the Library of Columbia University Penguin
An understanding of developments in Arabic mathematics between the IXth and XVth

century is vital to a full appreciation of the history of classical mathematics. This book draws together more than ten studies to highlight one of the major developments in Arabic mathematical thinking, provoked by the double fecondation between arithmetic and the algebra of al-Khwarizmi, which led to the foundation of diverse chapters of mathematics: polynomial algebra, combinatorial analysis, algebraic geometry, algebraic theory of numbers, diophantine analysis and numerical calculus. Thanks to epistemological analysis, and the discovery of hitherto unknown material, the author has brought these chapters into the light, proposes another periodization for

classical mathematics, and questions current ideology in writing its history. Since the publication of the French version of these studies and of this book, its main results have been admitted by historians of Arabic mathematics, and integrated into their recent publications. This book is already a vital reference for anyone seeking to understand history of Arabic mathematics, and its contribution to Latin as well as to later mathematics. The English translation will be of particular value to historians and philosophers of mathematics and of science.

Transition Springer
Science & Business
Media

Sharrow was once the leader of a personality-

attuned combat team in one of the sporadic little commercial wars in the civilization based around the planet Golter. Now she is hunted by the Huhsz, a religious cult which believes that she is the last obstacle before the faith's apotheosis, and her only hope of escape is to find the last of the apocalyptically powerful Lazy Guns before the Huhsz find her. Her journey through the exotic Golterian system is a destructive and savage odyssey into her past, and that of her family and of the system itself.

Battle of the Linguist Mages Simon and Schuster

Dark family secrets and a long-lost love affair lie at the heart of Iain Banks's fabulous

new novel. The Wopuld family built its fortune on a board game called Empire! - now a hugely successful computer game. So successful, the American Spraint Corp wants to buy the firm out. Young renegade Alban, who has been evading the family clutches for years, is run to ground and persuaded to attend the forthcoming family gathering - part birthday party, part Extraordinary General Meeting - convened by Win, Wopuld matriarch and most powerful member of the board, at Garbadale, the family's highland castle. Being drawn back into the bosom of the clan brings a disconcerting confrontation with Alban's past. What drove his mother to take her own life? And

is he ready to see Sophie, his beautiful cousin and teenage love? Grandmother Win's revelations will radically alter Alban's perspective for ever. *A Toolkit for Operator Algebraists* Routledge Her eyes were black, wide as though with some sustained surprise, the skin from their outer corners to her small ears taut. Her lips were pale, and nearly too full for her small mouth, like something bled but bruised. He had never seen anyone or anything quite so beautiful in his life.' Graham Park is in love. But Sara Fitch is an enigma to him, a creature of almost perverse mystery. Steven Grout is paranoid - and with justice. He knows that They are out to get

him. They are. Quiss, insecure in his fabulous if ramshackle castle, is forced to play interminable impossible games. The solution to the oldest of all paradoxical riddles will release him. But he must find an answer before he knows the question. Park, Grout, Quiss - no trio could be further apart. But their separate courses are set for collision. The Young Algebraist's Companion ... The fourth edition, corrected, etc Macmillan Provability, Computability and Reflection Polytopes, Rings, and K-Theory The Algebraist The words "microdifferential systems in the complex domain" refer

to several branches of mathematics: microlocal analysis, linear partial differential equations, algebra, and complex analysis. The microlocal point of view first appeared in the study of propagation of singularities of differential equations, and is spreading now to other fields of mathematics such as algebraic geometry or algebraic topology. However it seems that many analysts neglect very elementary tools of algebra, which forces them to confine themselves to the study of a single equation or particular square matrices, or to carry on heavy and non-intrinsic formulations when studying more general systems. On the other hand, many algebraists

ignore everything about partial differential equations, such as for example the "Cauchy problem", although it is a very natural and geometrical setting of "inverse image". Our aim will be to present to the analyst the algebraic methods which naturally appear in such problems, and to make available to the algebraist some topics from the theory of partial differential equations stressing its geometrical aspects. Keeping this goal in mind, one can only remain at an elementary level.

The Algebraist Abacus It begins in the realm of the Real, where matter still matters. It begins with a murder. And it will not end until the Culture has gone to war with death itself.

Lededje Y'breq is one of the Intagliated, her marked body bearing witness to a family shame, her life belonging to a man whose lust for power is without limit. Prepared to risk everything for her freedom, her release - when it comes - is at a price, and to put things right she will need the help of the Culture.

Benevolent, enlightened and almost infinitely resourceful though it may be, the Culture can only do so much for any individual. With the assistance of one of its most powerful - and arguably deranged - warships, Lededje finds herself heading into a combat zone not even sure which side the Culture is really on. A war - brutal, far-reaching - is already

raging within the digital realms that store the souls of the dead, and it's about to erupt into reality. It started in the realm of the Real and that is where it will end. It will touch countless lives and affect entire civilizations, but at the center of it all is a young woman whose need for revenge masks another motive altogether.

The Algebraist Simon and Schuster

There is a world that hangs suspended between triumph and catastrophe, between the dismantling of the Wall and the fall of the Twin Towers, frozen in the shadow of suicide terrorism and global financial collapse. Such a world requires a firm hand and a guiding light. But does it need the Concern: an all-

powerful organization with a malevolent presiding genius, pervasive influence and numberless invisible operatives in possession of extraordinary powers? Among those operatives are Temudjin Oh, of mysterious Mongolian origins, an un-killable assassin who journeys between the peaks of Nepal, a version of Victorian London and the dark palaces of Venice under snow; Adrian Cubbish, a restlessly greedy City trader; and a nameless, faceless state-sponsored torturer known only as the Philosopher, who moves between time zones with sinister ease. Then there are those who question the Concern: the bandit queen Mrs. Mulverhill,

roaming the worlds recruiting rebels to her side; and Patient 8262, under sedation and feigning madness in a forgotten hospital ward, in hiding from a dirty past. There is a world that needs help; but whether it needs the Concern is a different matter. Look to Windward Orbit A superb standalone novel from the awesome imagination of Iain M. Banks, a master of modern science fiction. It is 4034 AD. Humanity has made it to the stars. Fassin Taak, a Slow Seer at the Court of the Nasqueron Dwellers, will be fortunate if he makes it to the end of the year. The Nasqueron Dwellers inhabit a gas giant on the outskirts of the galaxy, in a system awaiting its

wormhole connection to the rest of civilisation. In the meantime, they are dismissed as decadents living in a state of highly developed barbarism, hoarding data without order, hunting their own young and fighting pointless formal wars. Seconded to a military-religious order he's barely heard of - part of the baroque hierarchy of the Mercatoria, the latest galactic hegemony - Fassin Taak has to travel again amongst the Dwellers. He is in search of a secret hidden for half a billion years. But with each day that passes a war draws closer - a war that threatens to overwhelm everything and everyone he's ever known. As complex, turbulent and

spectacular as the gas giant on which it is set, this novel from Iain M. Banks is space opera on a truly epic scale.

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A Novel
Night Shade

Hisako Onoda, world famous cellist, refuses to fly. And so she

travels to Europe as a passenger on a tanker bound through the Panama Canal. But

Panama is a country whose politics are as volatile as the local freedom fighters. When

Hisako's ship is captured, it is not long before the atmosphere

is as flammable as an oxy-acetylene torch, and the tension as sharp as the spike on her cello...

CANAL DREAMS is a novel of deceptive simplicity and dark, original power: stark

psychological insights mesh with vividly realised scenarios in an ominous projection of global realpolitik. The result is yet another major landmark in the

quite remarkable career of an outstanding modern novelist.

A New and Easy Guide to Algebra, Introduced by the Doctrine of Vulgar Fractions. Designed for the Use of Schools, ... Orbit

This book examines interactions of polyhedral discrete geometry and algebra. What makes this book unique is the presentation of several central results in all three areas of the exposition - from discrete geometry, to commutative algebra, and K-theory.

Microdifferential Systems in the Complex Domain

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years. But with each day that passes a war draws closer — a war that threatens to overwhelm everything and everyone he's ever known. Skyhorse Publishing, under our Night Shade and Talos imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of titles for readers interested in science fiction (space opera, time travel, hard SF, alien invasion, near-future dystopia), fantasy (grimdark, sword and sorcery, contemporary urban fantasy, steampunk, alternative history), and horror (zombies, vampires, and the occult and supernatural), and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller, a national bestseller, or a Hugo or Nebula award-

winner, we are committed to publishing quality books from a diverse group of authors. *Complicity* Springer Science & Business Media
An anthology of "space opera" tales selected by the editors as some of the best representations of the genre includes pieces written between the pulp magazine era and the present, in a volume that features such writers as Jack Williamson, Samuel R. Delany, David Drake, Iain M. Banks, and Ursula K. Le Guin, among others. Reprint. 10,000 first printing. **Surface Detail** Orbit
The New York Times bestselling Culture novel... The Scavenger species are circling. It is, truly, provably, the End Days for the Gzilt

civilization. An ancient people, organized on military principles and yet almost perversely peaceful, the Gzilt helped set up the Culture ten thousand years earlier and were very nearly one of its founding societies, deciding not to join only at the last moment. Now they've made the collective decision to follow the well-trodden path of millions of other civilizations; they are going to Sublime, elevating themselves to a new and almost infinitely more rich and complex existence. Amid preparations though, the Regimental High Command is destroyed. Lieutenant Commander (reserve) Vyr Cossont appears to have been involved, and she is now wanted - dead, not alive. Aided

only by an ancient, reconditioned android and a suspicious Culture avatar, Cossont must complete her last mission given to her by the High Command. She must find the oldest person in the Culture, a man over nine thousand years old, who might have some idea what really happened all that time ago. It seems that the final days of the Gzilt civilization are likely to prove its most perilous.

Use of Weapons

Orbit Books

A fiercely satirical novel by one of the Britain's greatest living writers chronicles the behind-the-scenes machinations of a secretive organization with plans to dominate the world. By the author of *A Song of Stone* and *The Wasp Factory*. Reprint.

12,500 first printing.
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 London: Orbit, 1998.
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 “It reads like Snow
 Crash had a dance-off
 with Gideon the Ninth,
 in a world where
 language isn't a virus
 from outer space, it's a
 goddamn alien
 invasion.” —Charles
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 Los Angeles, a
 shadowy faction led by
 the Governor of
 California develops the
 arcane art of combat
 linguistics, planting the
 seeds of a future
 totalitarian empire in
 Scotto Moore's *Battle
 of the Linguist Mages*.
 Isobel is the Queen of
 the medieval rave-
 themed VR game
Sparkle Dungeon. Her
 prowess in the game
 makes her an ideal

candidate to learn the
 secrets of "power
 morphemes"—unnatur-
 ally dense units of
 meaning that warp
 perception when
 skilfully pronounced.
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 makes her the target
 of a strange resistance
 movement led by
 spellcasting anarchists,
 who may be the only
 thing stopping the
 cabal from toppling
 California over the
 edge of a terrible
 transformation, with
 forty million lives at
 stake. Time is short for
 Isobel to level up and
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 weirder enemies than
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