

Beauty And The Cyborg Volume 1

Saints are currently undergoing a resurrection in middle grade and young adult fiction, as recent prominent novels by Socorro Acioli, Julie Berry, Adam Gidwitz, Rachel Hartman, Merrie Haskell, Gene Luen Yang, and others demonstrate. *Cyborg Saints: Religion and Posthumanism in Middle Grade and Young Adult Fiction* makes the radical claim that these holy medieval figures are actually the new cyborgs in that they dethrone the autonomous subject of humanist modernity. While young people navigate political and personal forces, as well as technologies, that threaten to fragment and thingify them, saints show that agency is still possible outside of the humanist construct of subjectivity. The saints of these neomedievalist novels, through living a life vulnerable to the other, attain a distributed agency that accomplishes miracles through bodies and places and things (relics, icons, pilgrimage sites, and ultimately the hagiographic text and its reader) spread across time. *Cyborg Saints* analyzes MG and YA fiction through the triple lens of posthumanism, neomedievalism, and postsecularism. *Cyborg Saints* charts new ground in joining religion and posthumanism to represent the creativity and diversity of young people's fiction.

What gives beauty such fascinating power? Why is beauty so easy to recognize but so hard to define? Across cultures and continents and over the centuries the standards of beauty have changed but the desire to portray beauty, to praise beauty, and to possess beauty has never diminished. *Icons of Beauty* offers an enthralling overview of the most revered icons of female beauty in world art from pre-history to the present. From images of Eve to Cindy Sherman's self-portraits, from Cleopatra to Madonna, from ancient goddesses to modern celebrities, this interdisciplinary set offers fresh insight as to how we can use perceptions of beauty to learn about world cultures, both past and present. Each chapter looks at an individual work of art to pose a question about the power of beauty. What makes beauty modern? What is the influence of celebrities? How do women portray their own beauty in a different manner than men? In-depth profiles of the icons reveal how specific ideas about beauty were developed and expressed, offering a full analysis of their history, cultural significance, and lasting influence. In addition to renowned works of art, *Icons of Beauty* also looks at icons in literature, film, politics, and contemporary entertainment. Interdisciplinary and multicultural in its approach, chapters inside this set also feature sidebars on provocative topics and issues, such as foot binding and body adornment; myths and practices; opinions and interpretations; and even related films, songs, and even comic book characters. Generously illustrated, this rich set encompasses history, politics, society, women's studies, and art history, making it an indispensable resource for high school and college students as well as general readers.

Offering a study in the history of ideas, of design and architecture, and of cultural politics, this book converges on the issues of globalisation. It explores the development of international laws of intellectual property, ideas of design pedagogy, and competing philosophies of aesthetics.

When Vampire Hunter D entered the town of Sedoc it was in search of answers to the meaning of a dying vampire's last words: "Find Muma." But when he meets Mia, the daughter of the local fortuneteller, he learns the mists emanating from a smoking crater on the outskirts of Sedoc have reanimated thousands of corpses, compelling them to crawl from their graves and hurl themselves into the smoking chasm. When D goes to investigate, he finds himself split in two: a second Vampire Hunter D, full of passion and lust and hunger for the company of women, is born! * Features eleven black-and-white line illustrations by Yoshitaka Amano. "Richly descriptive, filled with bone crushing action and horror aplenty, this is one wild ride down the highway to Hell." - Active Anime

CYBORG VOL. 2: DANGER IN DETROIT is a thrilling series by animation writer John Semper Jr. (Spider-Man: The Animated Series) and artists Will Conrad (NIGHTWING) and Paul Pelletier (AQUAMAN). Cyborg is the Justice League's most high-tech hero, but can he withstand an attack by another of his brilliant father's creations? Captured by those he thought he could trust, Cyborg discovers a covert plot to use alien technology to start a world war. And when he winds up imprisoned in the heart of S.T.A.R. Labs, an unorthodox escape plan brings him face-to-face with Anomaly, a human-machine hybrid created by Cyborg's father Silas years before Vic Stone became Cyborg! Only the now-missing Silas Stone holds the answers to the puzzle Anomaly presents, but before Cyborg can rescue his father, he'll first have to free the city of Detroit from the villainy of the bizarre Lord of the Rats! Rocketing from the pages of DC REBIRTH: JUSTICE LEAGUE, CYBORG VOL. 2 collects issues #6-13.

According to the last census, one in five people in the United States lives with a disability. Some are visible, some are hidden--but all are underrepresented in media and popular culture. Now, just in time for the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, activist Alice Wong brings together an urgent, galvanizing collection of personal essays by contemporary disabled writers. There is Harriet McBryde Johnson's "Unspeakable Conversations," which describes her famous debate with Princeton philosopher Peter Singer over her own personhood. There is columnist s. e. smith's celebratory review of a work of theater by disabled performers. There are original pieces by up-and-coming authors like Keah Brown and Haben Girma. There are blog posts, manifestos, eulogies, and testimonies to Congress. Taken together, this anthology gives a glimpse of the vast richness and complexity of the disabled experience, highlighting the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community. It invites readers to question their own assumptions and understandings. It celebrates and documents disability culture in the now. It looks to the future and past with hope and love.

Women's magazines teem with its promises and horror stories; feminists ardently debate its status as harmful or heroic; surgeons and regulators compete to define which procedures can be offered and how. Through its representation, cosmetic surgery impacts on us all, not just those who go 'under the knife'. This book investigates the ways in which cosmetic surgery is shaping gender, and in the process, it questions contemporary cultural studies assumptions about how we read the media.

Out on the Frontier, the killers called the "Nameless" have no wanted posters--because everyone they go after winds up dead. Now D must measure his sword against these grotesque and deadly freaks! Hired by the mayor of Schwartzen to stop a corrupt political ploy that would sacrifice human lives to appease the local Noble, Grand Duke Bergenzky, the vampire hunter arrives in town to find his client has himself dropped dead under suspicious circumstances. His widow, wanting no more bloodshed, begs D to simply forget the job--but D's interest in the job is just beginning...

In this chilling adventure, Vampire Hunter D has been dispatched to vanquish the ancient vampiric Noble Count Braujou, guardian of an ancient buried treasure. But when a mysterious object crashes into the earth, destroying half of the northern Frontier, D faces an even more terrifying opponent--the renegade vampire Valcua, the Ultimate Noble! Having been exiled to outer space, Valcua took his entire kingdom of strange and deadly creatures with him, and swore that

when the time was right they would return to have their revenge. Unfortunately for D, that time is now . . .

The technological capacity to transform biology - repairing, reshaping and replacing body parts, chemicals and functions – is now part of our lives. Humanity is confronted with a variety of affordable and non-invasive 'enhancement technologies': anti-ageing medicine, aesthetic surgery, cognitive and sexual enhancers, lifestyle drugs, prosthetics and hormone supplements. This collection focuses on why people find these practices so seductive and provides ethnographic insights into people's motives and aspirations as they embrace or reject enhancement technologies, which are closely entangled with negotiations over gender, class, age, nationality and ethnicity.

Professional surfer Mikki Tanaka didn't want to leave her beloved Hawaii, the ocean waves, or the vibrant sea life she's worked so hard to protect. But her protests and aggressive tactics didn't mesh with the law and she's found herself behind bars. Her choice? Ten years in jail or life as an Interstellar Bride. Never one to shy away from adventure, she decides to take her chances in the stars—with not one, but two sexy-as-hell alpha warriors on The Colony. Surnen, a Prillon Warrior and trusted doctor, has been waiting for a bride for years. Banished to The Colony, he's given up all hope, until a black-haired Earth beauty instantly steals his heart and his breath. But the highly disciplined doctor likes protocols and control, in bed and out of it. His second and an equally ruthless warrior, Captain Trax, agrees.

Unfortunately, their new mate has a wild streak, a thirst for danger, and an appetite for violence that both shocks and thrills them. When her penchant for stirring up trouble brings danger to The Colony, they'll stop at nothing to save her. Nothing at all. If you love romance in the style of Nalini Singh, Christine Feehan, J.R. Ward, Lara Adrian, S. E. Smith, and out-of-this world outer space adventures like The Expanse, Star Trek, Star Wars and Stargate, be sure to read USAT Bestselling Author Grace Goodwin's exciting science fiction and paranormal book series! Aliens, adventure, and hot romance all in one place! Over one MILLION books sold! **Tags: alien romance, sci-fi romance, science fiction romance, paranormal romance, psychic romance, shifter, space fleet, space opera, interstellar brides, mail-order bride, arranged marriage, shifter, mate, alien mate, fated mate, reverse harem, scifi romance, scifi alien romance, scifi harem, The Colony, IBP, Prillon, Warrior, Atlan, Warlord, Everis, Hunter, Cyborg, Viken, Rogue 5, Kronos, Cerberus, Astra, matched mate, Trion, Coalition Fleet.

?Philip José Farmer, the bestselling author of RIVERWORLD, introduces the climatic volume of fantastic adventure within the confines of THE DUNGEON Escape—and victory? Fleeing from the mysterious creators of the Dungeon, Clive Folliot breaks through to the ninth level suddenly, completely alone. Stranded in a freezing polar wilderness, he faces certain death from the cold, but one urgent question drives him onward. His new surroundings bear frightening similarities to the world Clive left behind so long ago. Has he fought through the entire Dungeon—only to discover that the earth itself is the ninth and final level? Joined by a monster more horrible—yet more human—than anything else he has yet encountered, Clive struggles to find his missing comrades and to triumph at last against the murderous masters of the Dungeon! THE FINAL BATTLE by Richard A. Lupoff With fantastic illustrations by Robert Gould, winner of the World Fantasy Award.

Roland Tankowicz wasn't even legally a person anymore. The aging cyborg had never really recovered from being betrayed and enslaved by his superiors in the Army, and the final insult of being permanently classified as "defunct military ordnance" had been a bitter pill to swallow. For the last three decades, he's avoided dealing with this by drinking beer and working as a fixer for the crime families in 25th-century Boston. It's easy money when you're the kind of guy who is bullet-proof and can pick up a house. But then Lucia Ribiero stumbles into his favorite watering hole dragging a squad of bounty hunters behind her. Shadows from his own dark past, and old debts still unpaid conspire to drive the old war-horse out for one more mission. Like any good soldier, the mission is all that matters for Roland. What follows is action and adventure on a scale the galaxy may never recover from. In this volume be prepared to see Roland fight cyborgs, gangsters, mercenaries, crime lords, mutants and at least one angry corporate executive as he starts down the ugly path to redemption. The guns will blaze and fists will fly, but before the dust settles a whole galaxy's worth of mad science gone awry will learn a painful lesson about letting sleeping dogs lie. Collected here are the first three full-length novels in the critically-acclaimed tech-noir phenomenon known as: THE FIXER

Heroic. Iconic. Unstoppable. Armed with her Lasso of Truth and imbued with the power of the gods themselves, Princess Diana of Themyscira-known to the world as Wonder Woman-is one of the greatest superheroes in history. But who is sheÉreally? Not even Wonder Woman herself knows for sure. DianaÕs links to both the Amazons and the Gods of Olympus have been severed. Her memories are a tangle of contradictions that even her lie-detecting lasso cannot untangle. To solve the riddle of her origin, she must embark on her greatest quest of all: finding a way back to her vanished home. To get there, she must team up with her greatest enemy, the feral beast-woman, Cheetah. Will this unlikely alliance shine the light of truth on DianaÕs darkest secrets, or bury them-and her-forever? Find out in WONDER WOMAN VOL. 1: THE LIES-exploding from the blockbuster DC Rebirth event! Legendary Wonder Woman writer Greg Rucka (BATWOMAN: ELEGY) makes his triumphant return to the character for the first time in years and joins renowned fantasy artist Liam Sharp (2000 AD) for one of the most momentous stories in DianaÕs history! Collects WONDER WOMAN #1, #3, #5, #7, #9, #11 and the WONDER WOMAN: REBIRTH one-shot.

Even before the enormous success of A Game of Thrones, George R. R. Martin had secured his reputation as one of the most exciting storytellers of our time. The second of two thrilling collections, Dreamsongs: Volume II continues the story of his amazing journey from a young writer to a #1 New York Times bestselling force of nature. Whether writing about werewolves, wizards, or outer space, George R. R. Martin is renowned for his versatility and expansive talent, as demonstrated in this dazzling collection. Dreamsongs: Volume II contains acclaimed stories such as the World Fantasy Award winner "The Skin Trade," as well as the first novella in the Ice and Fire universe, The Hedge Knight—plus two early screenplays. Featuring extensive author commentary, Dreamsongs: Volume II is an invaluable chronicle of a writer

at the height of his creativity—and an unforgettable reading experience for fans old and new. “Science fiction, fantasy and horror fans alike will be blown away by the diversity and quality of stories. . . . This extraordinary collection is one to cherish.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Dreamsongs is the ideal way to discover . . . a master of science fiction, fantasy and horror. . . . Martin is a writer like no other.”—The Guardian (U.K.) PRAISE FOR GEORGE R. R. MARTIN “Of those who work in the grand epic-fantasy tradition, Martin is by far the best. In fact . . . this is as good a time as any to proclaim him the American Tolkien.”—Time “Long live George Martin . . . a literary dervish, enthralled by complicated characters and vivid language, and bursting with the wild vision of the very best tale tellers.”—The New York Times “I always expect the best from George R. R. Martin, and he always delivers.”—Robert Jordan

Collects Uncanny X-Men #450-454. The X-Men investigate a series of mysterious murders in New York City. All the victims seem to have been cut to pieces by blades... Adamantium blades! But if Wolverine didn't murder these people, then who did?! Plus: While on assignment to track down missing teammate Sage, the X-Men discover more than they bargained for: the birth of a newer and deadlier Hellfire Club!

This book is an important addition to the discourse on contemporary ethical issues in the disciplines of art and design.

The original Teen Titans always stood in the shadows of their larger-than-life mentors—young heroes like Robin, Wonder Girl and Kid Flash saw plenty of action, but it was Batman, Wonder Woman and the Flash who ultimately called the shots. All that changed, however, with the arrival of THE NEW TEEN TITANS in 1980—and the lives of DC's adolescent adventurers would never be the same! Crafted by comics legends Marv Wolfman and George Pérez, this all-new super-title featured greater dangers, fiercer emotions and more tangled relationships than any that had come before. The Titans' celebrated stories have ensured that the names of Starfire, Cyborg, Raven and Changeling will be passed down through history alongside those famous aliases employed by Dick Grayson, Donna Troy and Wally West. Now, for the first time, the saga of Wolfman and Pérez's NEW TEEN TITANS is available in a comprehensive series of trade paperback editions. THE NEW TEEN TITANS VOL. 8 collects issues #49-58 of TALES OF THE TEEN TITANS and features the legendary wedding of Donna Troy, as well as the never-before-reprinted tales “The Trial of the Terminator,” “Jericho's Story” and more!

No one denies the beast. I am a Warlord. A beast. An assassin for the Intelligence Core. Even so, I've been sent to Earth for a simple mission: Find a mate. I hold no hope. Who would want me? I'm scarred... inside and out. But one look at the human beauty and there is no question, she's mine. When she is taken from me, I will use all my training to save her from my enemies. Nothing on Earth—or any planet in the universe—will keep me from her. She. Is. Mine. If you love romance in the style of Nalini Singh, Christine Feehan, J.R. Ward, Lara Adrian, S. E. Smith, and out-of-this world outer space adventures like The Expanse, Star Trek, Star Wars and Stargate, be sure to read USAT Bestselling Author Grace Goodwin's exciting science fiction and paranormal book series! Aliens, adventure, and hot romance all in one place! Over one MILLION books sold! Tags: alien romance, sci-fi romance, science fiction romance, paranormal romance, psychic romance, shifter, space fleet, space opera, interstellar brides, mail-order bride, arranged marriage, shifter, mate, alien mate, fated mate, reverse harem, scifi romance, scifi alien romance, scifi harem, The Colony, IBP, Prillon, Warrior, Atlan, Warlord, Everis, Hunter, Cyborg, Viken, Rogue 5, Kronos, Cerberus, Astra, matched mate, Trion, Coalition Fleet.

When a floating city becomes the target of a rash of vampire attacks, only one man can restore the oasis. "The City," a tiny metropolis of a few hundred sheltered citizens floating serenely on a seemingly random course a few feet above the ground, has long been thought safe from the predation of marauding monsters. It seemed like a paradise. A paradise shattered when an invasion of apparent vampires threatens the small haven. While the Vampire Hunter known only as "D" struggles to exterminate the scourge, a former denizen of the city, the attractive Raleigh Knight, and the brash John M. Brassalli Pluto VIII seize control of the city lurching it onto a new and deadly course. D's travails are just beginning. FOR MATURE READERS

Awakening in a futurist military installation with no memory of who he is or how he got there, a young man known only as CYBORG 009 has been stripped by his captors of not only his freedom but also his humanity. His body augmented by cybernetic technology, CYBORG 009 joins forces with 8 other men and women, CYBORG 001-008, and sets off on a journey to learn the truth of why they were turned into weapons of mass destruction, and to prevent a conflict that could very well be the start of World War III.

Cyborg is a member of the Justice League. He is one of Earth's greatest heroes. But is Cyborg really who he thinks he is? Find out in CYBORG VOL. 1: THE IMITATION OF LIFE, a part of DC Rebirth! When a shocking discovery about his own origin makes Victor Stone question everything he thought he knew about his identity and his humanity, it seems Cyborg might be more machine than man after all. But if that's the case, which side will Cyborg take when a mysterious cybernetic entity decides to start a war between man and machines? Now, the people Victor Stone cares about the most are caught up in the crossfire, and the choices he makes may mean the difference between the survival of mankind and an artificially intelligent future. Can Cyborg display the heart of a hero...or will he be torn in two by his dual nature? Cyborg is reborn for DC REBIRTH in this great new starting point graphic novel, thanks to animation writer John Semper, Jr. (Spider-Man: The Animated Series) and artists including Paul Pelletier (AQUAMAN), Will Conrad (NIGHTWING), Timothy Green II (RED HOOD AND THE OUTLAWS) and more! Collects CYBORG #1-5 and CYBORG: REBIRTH #1.

12,090 A.D. It is a dark time for the world. Humanity is just crawling out from under three hundred years of domination by the race of vampires known as the Nobility. The war against the vampires has taken its toll; cities lie in ruin, the countryside is fragmented into small villages and fiefdoms that still struggle against nightly raids by the fallen vampires—and the remnants of their genetically manufactured demons and werewolves. Every village wants a Hunter—one of the warriors who have pledged their laser guns and their swords to the eradication of the Nobility. But some Hunters are better than others, and some bring their own kind of danger with them... From creator Hideyuki Kikuchi, one of Japan's leading horror authors with illustrations by renowned Japanese artist, Yoshitaka Amano, best known for his illustrations in Neil Gaiman's Sandman: The Dream Hunters and the Final Fantasy games. This book breaks new ground in providing an in-depth critical assessment of cyborg cinema, arguing that it remains one of the most intriguing and provocative cycles to have emerged in contemporary screen culture. Tracing the cinematic cyborg's transition over the last two decades and evaluating the theoretical significance attributed to this figure, it asks what relevance the cyborg continues to have in terms of understanding human identity, our relationship to technology, and to one another.

She risked everything to escape from Earth - but her new life came with a cost. Haven colony is Maggie's new home and her one

chance at freedom. Clean water, free air... As far as she's concerned, it's paradise. But getting here meant leaving her best friend behind. It doesn't take long for her to learn Haven is surrounded by hidden dangers—and the most dangerous of all is a sexy, scarred cyborg named Striker. Humans took everything from him. His family, his friends, even his voice. Why would he trust one of them with anything? Striker just wants to live quietly. The wild places beyond the colony are his sanctuary, a place he can go to forget about his past and the ones he failed to protect. He intended to stay clear of the human colonists. Then, one of them started entering his woods. Maggie isn't like the others. She's determined, beautiful, and unaware of the dangers prowling the forest. He never wanted to be responsible for anyone again, but the flame-haired beauty needs him more than she knows... and he might need her more than he thinks. Keywords: Alpha Male, Cyborg romance, alpha hero, redemption, sci-fi romance series, The Drift Demon City Shinjuku, home to monsters and magicians alike. The warlock Gento Roran has broken his fifteen-year slumber and seeks dominion over the city. Now resurrected from his accursed sarcophagus, he is accompanied by the Hyota, the "small superman." A secret seal has proclaimed that "Those who control Demon City will control the world." And so the stage is set for a fateful battle between Gento and Setsura Aki. Meanwhile, Doctor Mephisto, the Demon Physician, is treating a curious new patient, a girl named Mayumi. Any man who has sex with her dies soon afterwards. This deadly cause and effect appears to be nothing more than coincidence at first. But only at first. Assassination squads possessed of the most unusual ways of dealing death come after Setsura. One after the next, he's caught up in the fight of his life! What is this secret seal? And how is it connected to Mayumi? Hideyuki Kikuchi has again unleashed his creative powers in a thrilling and hair-raising tale of the supernatural. The first volume of Maohden!

He lost his humanity to save his sister More machine than man, Doug can hack any computer across the galaxy. Syndicorp may own him, but he secretly uses his power to protect his twin and the rebels she leads. When he discovers a rogue AI with information that could expose the rebels' location, he must come up with a plan to destroy it. If only the fiercely loyal woman who owns the AI didn't make his circuits go haywire... Trapped between duty and love After mistakenly helping her rebel sister escape, Private Attie Swan just wants to resume her career and forget the rebellion exists. But when a frighteningly hot cyborg abducts her, he turns every belief she has about the corporation she works for on its head. He is also the only hope of keeping her sister alive. Unsure if they can trust each other, they must work together to defend those they love. But the secrets Doug protects could drag them both into a deadly game not even a rogue cyborg can win. And he may just have to sacrifice everything to keep her safe. Reader Promise: Steamy love scenes, dangerous cyborgs, and heart-pounding action with no cliffhangers and a guaranteed HEA. This thrilling Sci-Fi is intended for mature audiences.

A deadly circus competition. A tinkerer tasked with removing the losing cyborgs' implants. Who is she to protect when she falls for both the handsome ringleader and a beautiful acrobat?

The world of the Lunar Chronicles comes alive in this thrilling continuation of "Wires and Nerve," which finds Iko and the Lunar crew battling rogue soldiers as they work to unify Earth and Luna.

2024: the world has been mass-doxxed, and the internet is only for porn. Every email, photo, and document ever sent rains down out of the cloud, and only a fool would send a secret over the web. This is the era of the "Paper Jockeys": armed couriers with a briefcase of secrets who'll get your sensitive information around the globe or die trying. Human punching bag Jack McGinnis and his partner Oona are two of the best couriers in the business. For a price, they'll move your sensitive information where it needs to go as they fight off fascists, criminals, and spies. From new star DAVID O'SULLIVAN and GERRY DUGGAN, writer of *Deadpool* and *Uncanny Avengers*. Collects *ANALOG* #1-5

She might just look like an ordinary-if beautiful-young woman, but Iriya is anything but ordinary! A ruthless warrior clad in red armor, Iriya is a Hunter determined to exterminate the vampires that were once her parents and siblings. Now, half-vampire, half-human D has to decide to offer his assistance, get out of the way, or have a dangerous battle on his hands! This latest volume features six new illustrations by Final Fantasy designer Yoshitaka Amano and an unforgettable matchup between the coolest vampire hunter and the hottest berserker woman on the Frontier!

Vampire Hunter D takes on his greatest challenge yet! The ruthless vampire Noble General Gaskell commands the loyalty of some of the most infamous and deadly vampires in history, and Gaskell has no patience for D's interference, heroic or not! With the odds stacked against him, D must prevail — or perish * Features seven gorgeous black-and-white line illustrations by Yoshitaka Amano. As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

Pop culture and the media today are saturated with the focus on the aesthetics of the human body. Magazines and infotainment shows speculate whether this or that actress had breast implants or a nose job. Americans are not just focusing on celebrities but on themselves too and today have unprecedented opportunities to rework what nature gave them. One can now drop in to have cosmetic surgery at the local mall. Contemplating the superficial nature of it all grows tiresome, and pop culture vultures and students can get a better fix for their fascination with the body beautiful through the cultural insight provided in this amazing set. *Cultural Encyclopedia of the Body* is a treasure trove of essays that explore the human body alphabetically by part, detailing practices and beliefs from the past and present and from around the world that are sometimes mind-blowing and eye-popping. Body parts are examined through a multifaceted cultural lens. Readers will explore how the parts are understood, what they mean to disparate societies, how they are managed, treated, and transformed, and how they are depicted and represented. The entries draw from many disciplines that are concerned to some degree or another with human bodies, including anthropology archeology, sociology, religion, political history, philosophy, art history, literary studies, and medicine. The encyclopedia proffers information on a number of cultures, tribes, and customs from East and West. Ancient practices to the latest fad, which in fact might continue ancient practices, are illuminated. Other considerations that arise in the essays include comparisons among cultures, the changing perceptions of the body, and issues of race, gender, religion, community and belonging, ethnicity, power structures, human rights.

D accompanies a convoy delivering a vampire Noble to face public trial for his crimes against humanity. However, the Noble's enemies have targeted the men and women of the convoy, and they are out for vengeance! Can D bring himself

to kill humans in order to protect the Noble under his charge? "Vampire Hunter D is a solid mixture of horror, sci-fi and fantasy." - Otaku USA

Baron Byron Balazs nears the end of his arduous journey; his bodyguard—the enigmatic and deadly Vampire Hunter D — has delivered him to his faraway home in Krauhausen. Having survived the near-epic journey, and many attempts on his life — ordered by his father, the dread Vampire Noble Lord Vlad — the baron thinks he is ready for his final battle, whatever the cost. But Lord Vlad is not so easily vanquished, as he unleashes yet another host of nefarious killers on his son, not least of whom is a mad doctor who was enlisted to perform sinister experiments on the young baron's mother years before! * The epic conclusion of the longest Vampire Hunter D story ever. This book was originally published in four individual novels in Japan. To make this more affordable for fans, we're releasing this mega-novel as two omnibus volumes! * Features thirteen black-and-white line illustrations by Yoshitaka Amano.

Robotic Heart è la prima novella della serie Beauty and the Cyborg. La storia di Alec si snoderà tra passato e presente, ripercorrendo tutta la cronologia del cyborg più misterioso di Elettra. Una nuova voce all'interno del racconto cambierà tutto ciò che credevate di sapere sul protagonista di Beauty and the Cyborg. Può l'amore essere programmato? Una nuova novella Cyberpunk con un pizzico di romanticismo. La lettura del primo volume della serie è fortemente consigliata. Robotic Heart Spin-Off Di Beauty and the Cyborg Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

In Heir Apparent there are as many ways to win as there are to get killed. Giannine can testify to how many ways there are to die—it's about all she's been able to do since she started playing. Now all she has to do is get the magic ring, find the stolen treasure, answer the dwarf's dumb riddles, come up with a poem for the head-chopping statue, cope with the army of ghosts, outmaneuver her half brothers, and defeat the man-eating dragon. If she can do all of that, why, she just might save her own life!

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