

PROJECT HAIL MARY

by Andy Weir

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish.

Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery—and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone.

Or does he?

An irresistible interstellar adventure as only Andy Weir could deliver, *Project Hail Mary* is a tale of discovery, speculation, and survival to rival *The Martian*—while taking us to places it never dreamed of going.

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STORM FRONT

by Jim Butcher

Harry Dresden—Wizard

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Harry Dresden is the best at what he does. Well, technically, he's the only at what he does. So when the Chicago P.D. has a case that transcends mortal creativity or capability, they come to him for answers. For the "everyday" world is actually full of strange and magical things — and most of them don't play well with humans. That's where Harry comes in. Takes a wizard to catch a — well, whatever.

There's just one problem. Business, to put it mildly, stinks. So when the police bring him in to consult on a grisly double murder committed with black magic, Harry's seeing dollar signs. But where there's black magic, there's a black mage behind it. And now that mage knows Harry's name. And that's when things start to get... interesting.

Magic. It can get a guy killed.

THE NIGHT CIRCUS

by Erin Morgenstern

The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and it is only open at night.

But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco soon tumble headfirst into love, setting off a domino effect of dangerous consequences, and leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance.

THE LONG DARK TEA-TIME OF THE SOUL

by Douglas Adams

When a passenger check-in desk at Terminal Two, Heathrow Airport shoots up through the roof engulfed in a ball of orange flame, no rational cause can be found for the explosion—it is simply designated as an act of God.

But, thinks Dirk Gently, *which* god? And why? What god would be hanging around Heathrow Airport trying to catch the 3:37 to Oslo?

Soon he is involved (pleasantly) with an attractive young woman who has survived the blast, and (unpleasantly) with a couple of angry, bickering gods, as well as a whole series of apparently unrelated challenges to his detective abilities that would have baffled Sherlock Holmes—from the mysterious death of a client whose head is found revolving on a rock LP record to the hostile attention of a stray eagle...

Funnier than *Psycho*, more chilling than *Jeeves Takes Charge*, shorter than *War and Peace*, the new Dirk Gently novel, *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul* is Douglas Adams' most ambitious (and delightfully puzzling) novel to date, pitting Dirk not only against the laws of the universe, but also the Norse Gods.