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infiltrate a competitor's business and steal back something that they stole from Galaxy's old boss. When the true nature of the situation is revealed, however, Galaxy and Space must use all of their wits and cunning in order to avoid getting in trouble with the law. KEYWORDS: science fiction action adventure series, science fiction action adventure humor, science fiction serial, science fiction humorous, science fiction humor serial, science fiction comedy, science fiction comedy adventure

The Pan of Hamgee doesn't believe in miracles but if he's going to save K'Barth it looks as if he might need one. He's not quite as alone as he thought. The punters from The Parrot and Screwdriver are right behind him and he has rescued three of his friends from the Grongolian Security Forces, who are now of course, three of the nation's most wanted, which doesn't make life easy. He even has something of a plan for once. It involves making peace with the Resistance, trying to resurrect the Underground movement, and toppling Lord Vernon. Now, The Pan just needs to keep his head down and maintain a low profile. He must be brave and clever and stay in control. That's going to be a first. But the hardest part will be staying alive long enough to put his plan into action. Written in British English with a little light swearing. Suggested cinema rating: PG This book is the final part of a completed science fiction series which is best enjoyed when read in sequence.

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The Snarkest Sci-Fi Series in the Galaxy is Back! After saving an alien race and its god from a sentient zombie virus, Cal Carver and the crew of the Dread Ship Shatner are feeling pretty pleased with themselves. Unfortunately, the creator of the zombie virus is out for revenge, and has recruited the galaxy's deadliest - and oldest - assassin, Lady Vajazzle, to hunt Space Team down. But when Vajazzle discovers the crew is under the protection of a wolf-like species known as the Greyx, she is forced to implement a Plan B so diabolical it threatens to plunge the entire star system into chaos. With time running out, Cal must find a way to outmaneuver and outgun the galaxy's greatest killer before she murders his friends, butchers the Greyx, and buys the whole galaxy a one-way ticket to total annihilation. Featuring murderous senior citizens, a moon of death, and a pointy stick that could change the fate of the universe, *Space Team: The Wrath of Vajazzle* is the second relentlessly funny science

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fiction book in the bestselling Space Team series by award-winning author, Barry J. Hutchison. Strange new planets, ancient civilisations, teleporters, killer robots, super computers, jet bikes and subterfuge galore! Hal Spacejock's cargo business is going so well he's considering getting into passengers ... especially the beautiful and mysterious Sonya Polarov. Meanwhile, Rex Curtis runs the galaxy's biggest freight company, and he's sick of independent pilots stealing his cargo jobs. He's determined to make a statement by destroying the biggest nuisance of them all: Hal Spacejock. And all he has to do is ensure Hal's latest cargo job ends in disaster. Unaware of the threat and distracted by Sonya, Hal's time-sensitive cargo sits aboard his ship while the deadline looms ever closer. If he doesn't get a move on, the late fees will ruin him ... and cost him his life into the bargain. Set in the distant future, where humanity spans the galaxy and robots are second-class citizens, Second Course is the second novel in the Hal Spacejock series. This title is also available in Omnibus One, a collection of the first three Hal Spacejock novels. That's usually a better deal than buying the books individually. Hal Spacejock novels are self-contained, with a beginning, a middle and a proper ending. They're not sequels, they don't end on a cliffhanger, and you could start or end your journey with any book in the series. (Some events from earlier books are

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They'll do the right thing--so long as there's a good payday. Jack Tressler and the crew of the Little Princess II are bored. Despite repeated attempts to go legit, they're drawn to the allure of black market dealings. Their latest venture: covertly transporting passengers. With their spaceship not quite up to snuff for a high-paying client, they decide to get the vessel detailed. However, through a series of miscommunications, the crew inadvertently finds themselves taking on more passengers than they'd planned--and being the latest addition to a human trafficking ring. With a dangerous pirate gang known as the Blue Rabbits expecting delivery of their human cargo, Jack and his friends hatch a daring plan to free the innocent workers. That is, so long as they get to take home some loot in the process. Making Trouble is the third installment in Troubled Space, a series of short, comedic space opera novellas perfect for fans of Space Team, Spaceballs, and other funny sci-fi.

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chance to go straight but it's been so long that he's almost forgotten how. Despite a death warrant over his head he is released, given a state-sponsored business, and a year's amnesty for all misdemeanours while he adjusts. On the down side, Ruth has thrown in her lot with his nemesis, Lord Vernon. The Pan doesn't have a year, either. In only five days Lord Vernon will gain total power and destroy K'Barth. Unless The Pan can stop him. Because even though the Candidate, the person prophesied to save K'Barth, has finally appeared it's still going to be down to The Pan to make things right. But he has no clue where to start or whether he even can. The future hangs by a thread and the only person who can fix it is The Pan: a man without a plan. Written in British English with a dash of light searing. Suggested cinema rating PG

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The Pan of Hamgee is not a natural knight in shining armour. Yet he has escaped from police custody in K'Barth, switched realities and foiled Lord Vernon's

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attempt to kidnap Ruth, the Chosen One, from the Festival Hall. Pretty good, he thinks. However, Ruth thinks otherwise. Being pursued by Lord Vernon is bad enough. Now, thanks to The Pan, she's on the run. They are both alive, of course, but with Lord Vernon on their tail neither of them can be sure how long for. To save K'Barth and Ruth, the woman of his dreams, The Pan must introduce her to the Candidate, who is prophesied to be the man of her dreams. And he must do it fast – before Lord Vernon finds her. But the gentleman in question is in hiding and no-one knows where. Only The Pan can find him, if he can bring himself to unite them. Written in British English with a dash of light swearing.

Suggested cinema rating PG. A QUICK WORD WITH THE AUTHOR Q - So, tell us about the K'Barthan Series. What made you write it? What makes it special? A - As a reader, I have always loved British satire and humor or humour. I love comedic sci fi and fantasy and I love funny; funny epic fantasy series like the Discworld novels and comedic sci fi like Douglas Adams totally floats my boat. But I also like a gripping tale that zips along quickly in the time honoured tradition of unputdownable adventure. And of course, I like genre fiction mashups; Douglas Adams meets StarTrek and James Bond - and a dash of romance (but no squelchy bits). Therefore, my cunning gambit was fantasy that was also science fiction and would

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surprise even me. I wanted a fast paced story and gripping tale but comedy in the tradition of all the great funny British authors. The K'Barthan series does have a deeper side. Sure on one level it's a light piece of witty comedy fiction but on another level it's about teamwork; team action in science fiction - or fantasy. Our heros and heroines work together across the series to bring down the indomitable forces of evil (bit of an untrendy epic fantasy trope there but I like it). You won't find standard mythic creatures in my sci fi - I couldn't face the deluge of emails I'd inevitably get from those who knew more about them than I do, telling me I'd got them wrong. However, you will find all sorts of quirky characters and interesting alien species. From six feet Swamp Things with antennae to cute furry creatures like the Blurpons, with their fluffy ears, big button eyes and penchant for extreme violence. The K'Barthan population has variety. Q – Should this series be read in order? A – Yes. The character development – and some of the technology – will make the most sense if it is. That said, the short series prequel can be read any time. The books go in this order: - Unlucky Dip: Prequel - Few Are Chosen, K'Barthan Series: Part 1 - The Wrong Stuff, K'Barthan Series: Part 2 - One Man: No Plan, K'Barthan Series: Part 3 - Looking For Trouble, K'Barthan Series: Part 4 Q – What is your favourite kind of Book? Would The K'Barthan Series fit on the

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list? A – Oh yes. I wrote it entirely for me. If anyone else likes it, that's gravy. I love British humour, especially satire and parody in sci fi and fantasy: people like Pratchett and Adams. There's so much texture and depth in their books. I think if you're funny you can be harder hitting and setting it all in a parallel reality helps. Q – Do you have a target reader? A – It's more a mind set and an approach to life I'm reaching out to. Sure, I wrote it with my (then) teenage nephew in mind - but to give you an idea; the oldest fan of the series I know of is in his 90s and the youngest is 10. Q – Thanks for giving our readers a look inside The K'Barthan Series. A – Thank you!

Brent Bolster has a particular set of skills.

Unfortunately, most of them have no practical application whatsoever. Now, he's met his worst nightmare: an alien with a clipboard. So begins the adventures of Brent Bolster and his ragtag coalition of associates. With a client in the shapely form of a gorgeous dame, a musclebound assistant, an alien with an attitude, and fish called Algernon, Brent uncovers a galactic conspiracy. Meanwhile, a mighty warship is on its way. Affectionately known as The Skull by its crew of warlike Andelians, the ship causes all who see her to tremble. And in command is the notorious Admiral Norph, a warrior who makes Genghis Khan look neighborly. The scene is set for a galactic confrontation. Can Brent handle it? Probably

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not. But it will be fun to watch him try. You'll get a kick out of this comedy because all sci-fi fans love a tongue-in-cheek reference. Dial G for Gravity takes the world of an old-fashioned gumshoe and propels it into the future. But like all good sci-fi, it has something to say about the way we live now and where we're headed. So grab a pot of joe, fill your favorite Star Fleet mug, and start reading. Praise for Dial G for Gravity All from GoodReads reviewers. I stayed up far later than intended to read more of it. Brent is fun, an idiot, but fun. The humour is reminiscent of Douglas Adams novels and Red Dwarf. I thoroughly enjoyed it and found it even more tongue in cheek than M.I.B. It's funny, intriguing, there's hints of romance, plotting and tremors of intergalactic war. What more could you ask from your story? This is a great book to read. The cast of characters are vivid, hilarious at times. And unique to say the least. A mystery in the form of a comedy. I loved it A comic galactic mystery that's a cross between Red Dwarf, MIB and Ghostbusters, Mikey Campling's excellent novel Dial G for Gravity will have you rolling in the aisles, before checking under the bed and in the wardrobes for little green men, before you can relax and go to sleep tonight! This book is such great fun. I especially liked the characters in it. They are so very believable and likeable too. I loved their quirkiness and personality flaws. The story is compelling, the characters are

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three dimensional, it's complex and definitely un-put-down-able. The humor is much more adult, dryer, with a more classic wit.

As adventurers of the grand cosmos, Mr. Jason Space and Captain Helena Galaxy seek to discover new worlds and new adventures and to have fun while doing it. They will never do paid mercenary work, no matter how good the offer, for they are explorers and not mercenaries. They will complete every mission they undertake, no matter how much trouble it gets them into. And they will never give up, regardless of whatever menacing aliens or dangerous obstacles they run into. In order to earn more money to fuel their adventures, Galaxy and Space travel to the jungles of Shizor in search of ancient ruins that might hold valuable artifacts that they can sell to museums. But with Galaxy suffering from sleep deprivation, the two explorers must escape the ruins before the mysterious Phantom of the Jungle claims both of their lives. **KEYWORDS:** science fiction action adventure series, science fiction action adventure humor, science fiction serial, science fiction humorous, science fiction humor serial, science fiction comedy, science fiction comedy adventure

It's the 25th Century and the President of Earth is about to be arrested for tax evasion. Meanwhile... as Detective Inspector Capstan becomes increasingly used to his new life in the future, he's asked to track

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down a mad and rather disgruntled scientist who's just escaped from a maximum security prison asteroid. But when the scientist in question threatens to travel back in time to punish the person he feels responsible for having had him locked up, it's up to Capstan and Dewbush to do whatever they can to stop him. This, the third in the brand new Space Police series, is a hilariously funny Sci Fi space comedy that's just perfect for fans of Douglas Adams Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Terry Pratchett, and the Space Team books.

"Writers and artists in the highly competitive U.S. comics mainstream have always had to explore these questions but they were especially pressing in the 1980s. As comics readers grew older they started calling for more sophisticated stories. They were also no longer just following the adventures of popular characters--writers and artists with distinctive styles were in demand. DC Comics and Marvel went looking for such mavericks and found them in the United Kingdom. Creators like Alan Moore, Grant Morrison and Garth Ennis migrated from the anarchical British comics industry to the U.S. mainstream and shook up the status quo yet came to rely on the genius of the American system."--

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Dewbush have somehow managed to prevent the destruction of their home planet by the Mammary Clans. With a much deserved day off, they decide to visit the British Museum where the last ever fish finger is the key exhibit. But it's about to be stolen, and the evidence leads them to Ganymede, a moon orbiting Jupiter, where they come face-to-face with the mysterious Gorgnome Obadiah. This, the second in the brand new Space Police series, is a hilariously funny Sci Fi space comedy that's just perfect for fans of Douglas Adams Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Terry Pratchett, and the Space Team books.

A cunning rival determined to ruin Hal's business, a Peace Force officer facing a dangerous investigation and a planet with more bugs than a new operating system ... When Hal and Clunk set out to make a fresh start, this wasn't exactly what they had in mind. Now Hal must choose: take on the rival to save his own business, or help the officer with her first - and possibly last - investigation? Whatever he decides, it's No Free Lunch for Hal Spacejock! Set in the distant future, where humanity spans the galaxy and robots are second-class citizens, No Free Lunch is the fourth novel in the Hal Spacejock series. Book five, Baker's Dough, is also available. Winner, Western Australian Science Fiction Foundation Award, 2008 One of five finalists in the 2008 Aurealis Awards Australia's Premier Speculative Fiction award One of six finalists in the 2008 Ditmar Awards

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Also available in Hal Spacejock Omnibus Two, along with books five and six in the series. This is usually the cheapest way to pick up all three novels. Hal Spacejock novels are self-contained, with a beginning, a middle and a proper ending. They're not sequels, they don't end on a cliffhanger, and you could start or end your journey with any book in the series. (Some events from earlier books are referenced in later ones, so it makes sense to read them in order, but it's not essential.) These comedy scifi novels are perfect for fans of Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Doctor Who, Space Team, Space Police, and Red Dwarf. Keywords: comedy scifi with robots

Terry Pratchett meets Dr Who ... sort of. As recently appointed delivery man for Big Merv, one of Ning Dang Po's most powerful crime bosses, The Pan of Hamgee is ordered to deliver a gift to Big Merv's current girlfriend. With a pair of bespoke-made, sapphire and diamond earrings on board, and a trip across the city in the offing, what could possibly go wrong? Everything. This book is written and spelled in British English, suggested cinema rating PG. Contains a dash of light swearing. Suitable for any reader of any age from 10 up - younger readers who have read all the Harry Potter books without any worries will be fine with the Hamgeean Misfit stories. Suggested cinema rating, PG. INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR Q – So, tell us about K'Barthan

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It's the 26th Century and the President of Earth has started a bunfight with every single planet in the solar system. Meanwhile... battling it out on the frontline is Galaxy Squad, the bravest, toughest and most highly decorated team of officers in the whole of Earth's Space Fleet. Sadly though, they've just been accidentally poisoned by a group of interns and are now dead. Unwilling to own up to having just murdered Space Fleet's finest, the interns are forced to step into their shoes. The good news is that their next assignment is an easy one - to locate and return Voyager Two to Earth. And so, pretending to be the real Galaxy Squad, the interns set off on what is their very first mission. But what should be a fairly straight forward assignment soon turns out to be anything but. From the international best selling author of the SPACE POLICE series comes this brand new book, a hilariously funny Sci Fi space comedy that's just perfect for fans of Douglas Adams Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Guardians of the Galaxy, Terry Pratchett, and the Space Team series. WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT DAVID BLAKE'S WORK "Absurd comedy of the style Douglas Adams used to grace us with has been in short supply since he left for what has

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Traces the history of comic books, discusses the economics of the field and the changing relationship between the words and the pictures, and profiles leading artists

Readers of science fiction dystopia comedy books who also like portal fantasy will (hopefully) enjoy the dry sarcastic humour and satire of this series. There are dark sections and some gallows humour, but this is, for the most part, a light sci fi novel. A man chosen by destiny. The wrong man. Meet The Pan of Hamgee: coward, unwilling adventurer and, by some miracle, K'Barth's longest surviving outlaw. He just wants a quiet life so working as getaway driver is probably a bad career move. Then he falls in love at first sight with a woman he hasn't even met who comes from an alternative reality. That's when things really begin to get complicated. Meet Ruth Cochrane: she's the Chosen One, destined to play a pivotal role in saving K'Barth from a cruel dictator. She's never heard of K'Barth, though. She's a public relations executive from London and she's totally unaware of the chaos about to hit her life. Meet Lord Vernon: power hungry psychopath on the brink of world

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All The Pan of Hamgee wants is a quiet life. So why did he have to fall in love with a woman living a different version of reality, upset a murderous tyrant and then run out of places to hide? Now all he has to do is face his inner demons, rescue everything he holds dear and save the world, or die trying. Oh yes, and he's an abject coward. Great. No pressure then. Written in British English with a little light swearing. Suggested cinema rating: PG This is the box set version of a completed science fiction series.

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When trouble comes knocking, be out. It's midwinter and preparations for the biggest religious festival in the K'Barthan year are in full swing. Yes, even though, officially, religious activity has been banned, no-one's going to ignore Arnold, The Prophet's Birthday, especially not Big Merv. He orders The Pan of Hamgee to deliver the traditional Prophet's Birthday gift to his accountants and lawyers. As usual, The Pan has managed to elicit the unwanted attention of the security forces. Can he make the delivery and get back to the Parrot and Screwdriver pub in time for an unofficial Prophet's Birthday celebration with his friends? Written in British English with a dash of light searing. Suitable for any reader of any age from 10 up - younger readers who have read all the Harry Potter books without any worries will be fine with the Hamgeean Misfit stories. Suggested cinema rating, PG. INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR Q – So, tell us about K'Barthan Extras. What made you write them? What makes this book special? A – If you want the honest answer I wrote it for me. As a reader, I love British satire and humor (or humour). I love wit; funny epic fantasy series like the Discworld novels and comedic sci fi like Douglas Adams, humorous science fiction reads, or fantasy stories. I like sff and speculative fiction but the best science fiction and fantasy stories, for me, are funny, I like adventure and action and a gripping tale that zips along quickly. And of course, I like genre

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fiction mashups; Douglas Adams meets StarTrek and James Bond - with a smidgeon of Dr Who and a dash of romance (but no squelchy bits). Think Father Ted meets Red Dwarf or then again ... maybe don't. I wanted a fast paced story, a gripping tale but at the same time a funny one. Comedy in the tradition of all the great humorous British authors, something light and witty and clever. I like to aim high. I wanted protagonists people could love and empathise with, mavericks, misfit characters, real people ... except they're not all people obviously, some of them are other alien (ish) species. The K'Barthan series about misfit heroes and heroines winning the day, it's about good versus evil even when the good guys are on different sides. It's a science fiction fantasy action adventure - it's planet based, so it's a bit of a blend. It's pure comedic portal fantasy, except it's comedy sci fi too. You'll find all sorts of quirky characters and interesting alien species: from 6ft Swamp Things with antennae to cute furry creatures like the Blurpons, with their fluffy ears, big button eyes and penchant for extreme violence. Oh ... and did I mention the flying car chases? Q – Do our readers have to read the K'Barthan Extras in order? A – Nope, you can read these in any order you like although this one has a kind of Christmas flavour so it's a good read around holiday time. They don't have Christmas in K'Barth of course, they have Arnold, The Prophet's Birthday but it's meant to be a parallel. Q – What is your favourite kind of Book? Would this one fit on the list? A – Oh yes. As I mentioned earlier, I love humorous novels and comedic sci fi especially. I enjoy science fiction fantasy and I love the idea of stories set in

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parallel universes or realities - I enjoyed the Narnia books and J R Tolkein, too. I also love a good super villain, a bad guy you love to hate. That said, a lot of my influences come from TV. There was this evening slot in the UK, after homework but before supper, when they showed old classic stuff on BBC2; original StarTrek, Get Smart, Hogan's Heroes, The Man from U.N.C.L.E. The persuaders, the Avengers, the Saint, Randal and Hopkirk Deceased, The Prisoner, Space 1999. Then there's Star Wars, Blake's Seven and Dr Who, and Red Dwarf, of course. I loved all that. Q – Do you have a target reader? A – Officially it's young adults and teenagers. Now that it's complete the series is certainly proving popular with ya readers and I had my nephew in mind when I wrote them, who was a teenager at the time. However, I firmly believe that all the best books should hold a universal appeal, so I also wrote it for me. Thus far – if the people who contact me are anything to go by – it appeals to a certain type of person across the board. The oldest fan of the my books I know about was in his 90s and the youngest,10. The kind of readers who review my stuff often compare it to Terry Pratchett's Discworld, Douglas Adams, Harry Potter and Harry Harrison's Stainless Steel Rat series (but don't expect this to be as good as any of those). People who like my stuff also enjoy Barry Hutchieson's Space Team books but again, while mine are good science fiction fantasy books, don't expect them to as good as all this stuff I've mentioned whatever the reviews might say! This is just to give you a flavour of the kind of tone you might expect. Fans of these other sci fi and fantasy authors may also enjoy this series:

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