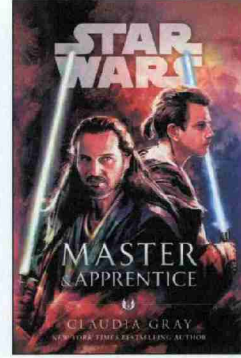
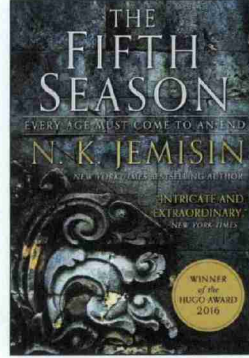
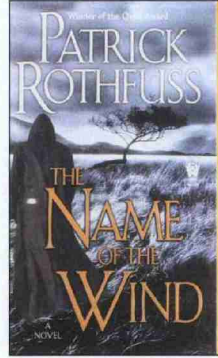
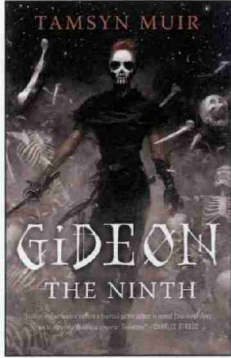


LOCUS BESTSELLERS



HARDCOVERS

	months on list	last month
1) <b>Gideon the Ninth</b> , Tamsyn Muir (Tor.com Publishing)	4	6
2) <b>A Brightness Long Ago</b> , Guy Gavriel Kay (Berkley)	6	-
*) <b>The Starless Sea</b> , Erin Morgenstern (Doubleday)	2	8
4) <b>The Book of Dust, Vol. 2: The Secret Commonwealth</b> , Philip Pullman	2	-
*) <b>Ninth House</b> , Leigh Bardugo (Flatiron)	3	3
6) <b>Fall; or, Dodge in Hell</b> , Neal Stephenson (Morrow)	5	-
7) <b>Warrior of the Altai</b> , Robert Jordan (Tor)	3	5
8) <b>Accepting the Lance</b> , Sharon Lee & Steve Miller (Baen)	2	9
*) <b>Strange Planet</b> , Nathan W. Pyle (Morrow Gift)	1	-
10) <b>Dead Astronauts</b> , Jeff VanderMeer (MCD)	1	-
*) <b>Fire &amp; Blood</b> , George R.R. Martin (Bantam)	10	-

PAPERBACKS

1) <b>The Name of the Wind</b> , Patrick Rothfuss (DAW)	75	1
2) <b>Dune</b> , Frank Herbert (Ace)	35	2
3) <b>Seasons</b> , Mercedes Lackey, ed. (DAW)	1	-
4) <b>Good Omens</b> , Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett (Morrow)	28	4
5) <b>Blood of Elves</b> , Andrzej Sapkowski (Orbit US)	1	-
*) <b>The Last Wish</b> , Andrzej Sapkowski (Orbit US)	4	-
7) <b>American Gods</b> , Neil Gaiman (Morrow)	42	-
8) <b>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</b> , Neil Gaiman (Morrow)	3	-
9) <b>Lies Sleeping</b> , Ben Aaronovitch (DAW)	2	3
10) <b>Warbreaker</b> , Brandon Sanderson (Tor)	2	-
*) <b>The Way of Kings</b> , Brandon Sanderson (Tor)	15	-

The race to the top of the hardcover list was tight this month, with less than a handful of votes separating first place from fourth place. Tamsyn Muir's **Gideon the Ninth** squeaked out a win, just edging out our tied, second place finishers **A Brightness Long Ago** by Guy Gavriel Kay and **The Starless Sea** by Erin Morgenstern. **A Trick of Light** by Stan Lee & Kat Rosenfield (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), part of the Alliances Universe, was our new runner-up. We had 49 nominated titles, down from last month's 52.

TRADE PAPERBACKS

	months on list	last month
1) <b>The Fifth Season</b> , N.K. Jemisin (Orbit US)	36	8
2) <b>The Three-Body Problem</b> , Cixin Liu (Tor)	38	4
3) <b>Dead Astronauts</b> , Jeff VanderMeer (McClelland & Stewart)	1	-
4) <b>The Last Wish</b> , Andrzej Sapkowski (Orbit US)	5	1
5) <b>A Darker Shade of Magic</b> , V.E. Schwab (Tor)	21	3
6) <b>The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet</b> , Becky Chambers (Harper Voyager US)	5	8
7) <b>The Raven Tower</b> , Ann Leckie (Orbit US)	2	-
8) <b>The Calculating Stars</b> , Mary Robinette Kowal (Tor)	6	-
9) <b>Fahrenheit 451</b> , Ray Bradbury (Simon & Schuster)	56	-
*) <b>Leviathan Wakes</b> , James S.A. Corey (Orbit US)	27	5

MEDIA-RELATED & GAMING-RELATED

1) <b>Star Wars: Master &amp; Apprentice</b> , Claudia Gray (Del Rey)	8	4
2) <b>Star Wars: Heir to the Empire</b> , Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)	4	-
3) <b>Star Wars: Thrawn</b> , Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)	15	-
4) <b>Star Wars: Thrawn: Alliances</b> , Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)	11	-
5) <b>Star Wars: Thrawn: Treason</b> , Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)	4	-

On the paperbacks list, the top two held steady, with **The Name of the Wind** by Patrick Rothfuss and **Dune** by Frank Herbert remaining in first and second place respectively. Our new runner-up was **The Cloud Roads** by Martha Wells (Night Shade), book one in The Books of Raksura series. 51 titles were nominated, up from 47 last month.

Old favorites returned to the top of the trade paperback list, with N.K. Jemisin's **The Fifth Season** claiming the number one spot followed by **The Three-Body Problem** by Cixin Liu. There were no new runners-up. We had 56 titles nominated, down from 75 last month.

Star Wars swept our media and gaming-related books list this month. Claudia Gray's **Star Wars: Master & Apprentice** captured first place with a substantial lead over Timothy Zahn's **Star Wars: Heir to the Empire** in second. There were no new runners-up. We had 16 nominated titles, down from last month's 21. ■

Compiled with data from: Bakka-Phoenix (Canada), Borderlands (CA), McNally Robinson (two in Canada), Mysterious Galaxy (CA), Toadstool (NH), Uncle Hugo's (MN), White Dwarf (Canada). Data period: December 2019.

GENERAL BESTSELLERS

	NY Times Bk Review					Publishers Weekly					Los Angeles Times				
	12/1	8	15	22	29	12/2	9	16	23	30	12/1	8	15	22	29
<b>HARDCOVERS</b>															
<b>The Institute</b> , Stephen King (Scribner)	8	9	6	4	4	10	6	5	3	20	-	16	20	-	-
<b>The Starless Sea</b> , Erin Morgenstern (Doubleday)	9	13	14	15	15	15	16	19	19	19	1	9	4	15	12
<b>The Testaments</b> , Margaret Atwood (Talese)	11	14	9	10	9	14	12	13	10	10	16	19	18	-	-
<b>The Andromeda Evolution</b> , Daniel H. Wilson (Harper)	13	-	-	-	-	16	23	22	21	23	-	-	-	-	-
<b>The Water Dancer</b> , Ta-Nehisi Coates (One World)	14	11	-	14	14	8	19	12	18	12	10	7	6	9	11
<b>Nothing to See Here</b> , Kevin Wilson (Ecco)	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	20	12	19	-
<b>The Rise of Magicks</b> , Nora Roberts (St. Martin's)	-	-	1	8	13	-	1	9	12	18	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Exhalation</b> , Ted Chiang (Knopf)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	20	-	-	19	16	4
<b>Ninth House</b> , Leigh Bardugo (Flatiron)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-
<b>Gideon the Ninth</b> , Tamsyn Muir (Tor.com)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
<b>PAPERBACKS</b>															
<b>The Overstory</b> , Richard Powers (Norton) •	2	3	2	1	2	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
<b>The Handmaid's Tale</b> , Margaret Atwood (Anchor) •	9	12	10	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	-
<b>Doctor Sleep</b> , Stephen King (Gallery) •	13	-	-	-	-	16	12	25	25	17	-	-	-	-	-
<b>It</b> , Stephen King (Scribner) •	-	-	12	-	-	-	25	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Elevation</b> , Stephen King (Scribner) •	-	-	-	-	-	12	9	21	18	18	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Doctor Sleep</b> , Stephen King (Pocket)	-	-	-	-	-	15	16	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
<b>The Cabin at the End of the World</b> , Paul Tremblay (Morrow) •	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Watchmen</b> , Alan Moore & Dave Gibbons (DC Comics) •	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	24	19	13	-	-	-	-	-
<b>The Outsider</b> , Stephen King (Gallery) •	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Of Blood and Bone</b> , Nora Roberts (St. Martin's Griffin) •	-	-	-	-	-	19	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>The Shining</b> , Stephen King (Anchor)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	11	-	11	15
<b>Good Omens</b> , Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett (Morrow)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-
<b>American Gods</b> , Neil Gaiman (Morrow) •	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
<b>All the Birds in the Sky</b> , Charlie Jane Anders (Tor) •	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-

**Children of Blood and Bone** and **Children of Virtue and Vengeance** by Tomi Adeyemi, **Supernova** by Marissa Meyer, **The Book of Dust, Vol 2: The Secret Commonwealth** by Philip Pullman, **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: The Illustrated Edition** by J.K. Rowling, **Starsight** by Brandon Sanderson, **The Toll** by Neal Shusterman, and **Call Down the Hawk** by Maggie Stiefvater made the hardcover YA list. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill made the mass market/trade paper YA list. See Locus Online for weekly charts of genre books on these and eight other general bestseller lists! • trade paperbacks

**AUDIBLE.COM (AUDIO)**

**SCIENCE FICTION**

- 1) **Junkyard Cats**, Faith Hunter; narrated by Kristine Hvam (Audible Original)
- 2) **The Martian**, Andy Weir; narrated by Wil Wheaton (Audible Studios)
- 3) **Skyward**, Brandon Sanderson; narrated by Suzy Jackson (Audible Studios)
- 4) **Starsight**, Brandon Sanderson; narrated by Suzy Jackson (Audible Studios)
- 5) **1984: New Classic Edition**, George Orwell; narrated by Simon Prebble (Blackstone)
- 6) **Dune**, Frank Herbert; narrated by Scott Brick, Orlagh Cassidy, Euan Morton, Simon Vance, Ilyana Kadushin (Macmillan Audio)
- 7) **The Testaments**, Margaret Atwood; narrated by Derek Jacobi, Mae Whitman, Ann Dowd, Bryce Dallas Howard, Tantoo Cardinal, Margaret Atwood (Random House Audio)
- 8) **The Overstory**, Richard Powers; narrated by Suzanne Toren (Recorded Books)
- 9) **The Singularity Trap**, Dennis E. Taylor; narrated by Ray Porter (Audible Original)
- 10) **The Stand**, Stephen King; narrated by Grover Gardner (Random House Audio)

**FANTASY**

- 1) **The Last Wish**, Andrzej Sapkowski; narrated by Peter Kenny (Hachette Audio)
- 2) **Pile of Bones**, Michael J. Sullivan; narrated by Tim Gerard Reynolds (Audible Studios)
- 3) **Blood of Elves**, Andrzej Sapkowski; narrated by Peter Kenny (Hachette Audio)
- 4) **Sword of Destiny**, Andrzej Sapkowski; narrated by Peter Kenny (Hachette Audio)
- 5) **Norse Mythology**, Neil Gaiman; narrated by Neil Gaiman (Harper Audio)
- 6) **The Time of Contempt**, Andrzej Sapkowski; narrated by Peter Kenny (Hachette Audio)
- 7) **The Chronicles of Narnia Adult Box Set**, C.S. Lewis; narrated by Kenneth Branagh, Alex Jennings, Michael York, Lynn Redgrave, Derek Jacobi, Jeremy Northam, Patrick Stewart (Harper Audio)
- 8) **The Institute**, Stephen King; narrated by Santino Fontana (Simon & Schuster Audio)
- 9) **Baptism of Fire**, Andrzej Sapkowski; narrated by Peter Kenny (Hachette Audio)
- 10) **Mage Errant: Publisher's Pack: Book 1-2**, John Bierge; narrated by Ralph Lister (Podium)

**SMASHWORDS (EBOOK)\***

**SCIENCE FICTION**

- 1) **Spinward Fringe Broadcast 13: Warriors**, Randolph Lalonde
- 2) **Dawn Saga Box Set**, Zachariah Wahrer
- 3) **The Anti Life Series Box Set: Books 1-3**, Allen Kuzara
- 4) **The Survivalist: Road Home**, Arthur T. Bradley
- 5) **Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse: Home**, Shawn Chesser
- 6) **Spinward Fringe Broadcast 12: Invasion**, Randolph Lalonde
- 7) **Zombie Fallout 13: The Perfect Betrayal**, Mark Tufo
- 8) **The Survivalist: Anarchy Rising**, Arthur T. Bradley
- 9) **Strange Attractors**, Jeffrey A. Carver
- 10) **The Survivalist: Madness Rules**, Arthur T. Bradley
- 11) **The Calderan Problem**, Joseph R. Lallo
- 12) **Endurance: The Complete Series**, A.C. Spahn
- 13) **His Robot Wife: Patience Under Fire**, Wesley Allison
- 14) **Battle Earth**, Nick S. Thomas
- 15) **Cipher Hill**, Joseph R. Lallo
- 16) **The Survivalist: Judgment Day**, Arthur T. Bradley
- 17) **Galaxy Dog**, Brett Fitzpatrick
- 18) **Spinward Fringe Broadcast 3: Triton**, Randolph Lalonde
- 19) **The Survivalist: Freedom Lost**, Arthur T. Bradley
- 20) **Spinward Fringe Broadcast 11: Revenge**, Randolph Lalonde

**FANTASY**

- 1) **The Dothan Chronicles: The Complete Trilogy**, Charissa Dufour
- 2) **The Blade's Memory**, Lindsay Buroker
- 3) **Age of Legend**, Michael J. Sullivan
- 4) **The Frey Saga Book II: Pieces of Eight**, Melissa Wright
- 5) **Oaths**, Lindsay Buroker
- 6) **The Steele Wolf**, Chanda Hahn
- 7) **The Silver Siren**, Chanda Hahn
- 8) **The Frey Saga Book III: Rise of the Seven**, Melissa Wright
- 9) **The Frey Saga Book IV: Venom and Steel**, Melissa Wright
- 10) **Witch's Bell Book Two**, Odette C. Bell
- 11) **The Choice of Magic**, Michael G. Manning
- 12) **Winning the Legend**, B. Kristin McMichael
- 13) **Secrets and Spellcraft**, Michael G. Manning
- 14) **Witch's Bell Book Three**, Odette C. Bell
- 15) **Night's Reckoning: An Elemental Legacy Novel**, Elizabeth Hunter
- 16) **Witch's Bell Book Four**, Odette C. Bell
- 17) **The Legend of Oesclienne: The Ascending**, Jenna Elizabeth Johnson
- 18) **Patterns in the Dark**, Lindsay Buroker
- 19) **Wolf of Stone**, Quinn Loftis
- 20) **Witch's Bell Book Five**, Odette C. Bell

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