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*What If? Intriguing Fantasy & Science Fiction*

**Firebirds: An Anthology of Original Fantasy and Science Fiction.** This is a collection of 16 short science fiction and fantasy stories by award winning authors. The stories are richly romantic in the broad-est sense, and they effortlessly transport readers.

Fisher. **Oracle Betrayed.** Mirany, a shy girl, is one of the Nine, who serve the god-on-earth, Archon. The dying Archon secretly passes Mirany a message: she must find the boy who is meant to take his place and, out-witting those who would seize power, ensure that he is proclaimed the new Archon.

Fox. **Eager.** When their much-loved, old-fashioned robot begins to run down, Gavin and his sister Fleur try EGR3 (Eager), an experimental new robot. When the eerily human robot begins to behave suspiciously, Eager and the Bells are drawn into a great adventure.

Graham. **Beyond the Summerland.** Joraiem and other young members of Novaana, the ruling class of men, train in Summerland to rule Kirthanin and to defend it against the evil schemes of Malek.

Hanley. **Light of the Oracle.** Bryn, the daughter of a humble stone-cutter, is chosen to become a student at the famous Temple of the Oracle, a train-ing school for future priests and priestesses.

Hearn. **Sign of the Raven.** In the basement of his grandmother's home in London where his mother is recuperating from cancer, Tom discovers a path to the past where, in the year 1717, a fairy child and her friends desperately need his help.

Lowry. **Messenger.** Matty lives with the blind man called Seer and helps him around the house. Now an educated young adult, Matty delivers messages for Leader, the head of Village, traversing the sometimes inhospitable Forest. On one such mission, he discovers that he has the power to heal. Meanwhile, sinister attitudes begin to infiltrate his formerly tolerant Village.

Lunn. **Aquanauts.** Greta travels with her brilliant father to a laboratory habitat in a submarine on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Her father has created the first man-made black hole. What was supposed to be a trip of a few days turns into a nightmare when an accident with the black hole spins them billions of years into the future, trapping her dad in a particle of time.

Marsden. **Out of Time.** James reads by his open bedroom window at night. Other lives and other worlds beckon. One of these worlds is conjured by old Mr Woodford, a physicist, who constructs a strange black box. One day when James slips into the laboratory, he makes a dreadful discovery and learns to master a great power.

Meyer. **Water Mirror.** In a place similar to Venice, two teenaged orphans, apprenticed to a maker of magic mirrors, begin to realize that their fates are tied to the magical protector of the city known as the Flowing Queen and to the ruler of Hell, respectively.

Page. **Rewind.** An accident at a concert turns Liam into a ghost and takes him back in time to when his abusive father and victimized mother were teenagers.

Skurzynski. **Revolt.** Corgan is used to being the hero. Leader of the team that won the Virtual War, he chose for his reward to live on the Isles of Hiva, in an idyllic paradise. Idyllic until the clones, Brigand and Cyborg, arrived, that is.

Sleator. **Last Universe.** When her desperately ill brother insists that she take him into their mysterious backyard garden (designed by their quantum physicist great uncle), Susan discovers that things are not always what they seem.

Spiegler. **Amethyst Road.** Having fled the city of Oestia after attacking an official, Serena-an outcast and mixed-race child--seeks to reunite her family and regain her honor.

Stroud. **Ptolemy's Gate.** Dangerous adventures challenge the djinni Bartimaeus and his master, Nathaniel, a powerful magician who is serving as England's minister of information.

Tiffany. **Ariel.** Ariel is beautiful and magical, a creator of dreams and of mischief. Sprung from the mind of a dazed sailor shipwrecked in the Bermuda Triangle, she rules half of her enchanted isle, dreaming of the savior from the east who will help her conquer all.

Vande Velde. **Now You See It...** With Wendy's new glasses, she begins to see cheerful corpses, old crones disguised as teenyboppers, and portals to another world--a place where everyone knows of the glasses' powers and will do anything they can to get them.

Westerfeld. **Pretties.** Tally's transformation to perfect beauty has given her everything she has always wanted, including her totally hot boyfriend. But beneath the fun and freedom something is wrong. Tally has to fight for her life because her secret knowledge has put her in danger with the authorities.