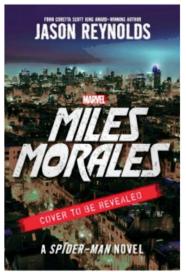


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Congratulations to whoever is pulling the strings behind the latest crop of Marvel prose novels. The lineup of talent (including Jason Starr, Alisa Kwitney, Margaret Stohl, Eoin Colfer, Corinne Duyvis, Shannon Hale and others) is amazing. Marvel even persuaded award winning author <u>Jason Reynolds</u> to join its writer's bullpen (<u>Miles Morales: A Spider-Man Novel</u> / First Printing: August 2017 / ISBN: 9781484787489). Reynolds' latest book (<u>Ghost</u>) has garnered universal rave reviews and we're curious to see what he does with his upcoming Spider-Man novel. Here's a blurb from the publisher: "When Miles Morales accidentally discovers a villainous teacher's plan to turn good kids bad, he will need to come to terms with his own destiny as the new Spider-Man."

<u>Wonder Woman: Warbringer</u> by <u>Leigh Bardugo</u> will kick off DC's new Icons prose novel imprint in August. Additional books featuring Batman (Marie Lu), Superman (Matt de la Pena), and Catwoman (Sarah J. Maas) are currently in the pipeline.

<u>Van Allen Plexico</u> has been chronicling the adventures of the Sentinels since 2006. To celebrate 10 years of writing superhero prose fiction (has it really been that long?), Plexico recently published <u>Sentinels: The Dark Crusade</u>, the ninth book in his cosmic superhero series. If you like the Avengers and Jim Starlin comics, you'll undoubtedly dig Plexico's books. We've read the first four volumes (see our reviews <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>). A review of the latest novel can be found at <u>PulpFictionReviews</u>.

<u>Keith R.A. DeCandido</u>'s Super City Cops series is like a TV police procedural with superheroes and supervillains. The first book came out in 2011 (<u>The Case of the Claw</u>) and now the author is set to release three follow-up installments: <u>Avenging Amethyst</u> (available now), <u>Undercover Blues</u> (available 01.03.17), and <u>Secret Identities</u> (available 02.07.17).

<u>Joelle Sellner</u> is a writer with experience in TV animation, video games, and comic books (*Monster High, Ben 10, Hi Hi Puffy AmiYumi*). Now she's getting into prose fiction. <u>D-Man Power Seekers</u> is the first book of a new series about a mischievous kid named Deepu and his alien superpowers. More information can be found on the publisher's site (<u>here</u>).

Fans of the <u>New Praetorians</u> comic book series will be happy to discover that author <u>R.K. Syrus</u> is now writing novels featuring his kick-ass heroine Sienna Knight. No official publication date has been announced, but the author has shared the first book's cover with us. Check it out (<u>here</u>).

<u>The Boys in the Back Row</u> by <u>Mike Jung</u> (available sometime during the fall of 2018) is the story of comic nerds, band geeks, and one grand misadventure in the name of friendship. You may recall that Jung wrote a well-received superhero novel back in 2012 called <u>Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities</u>.

<u>Kneel Before Mars</u> (Michael D. Hexenhammer / First Printing: November 2016 / ISBN: 9780997497922) features supervillains, superheroes, aliens, and zombies. Says the author: It's *War of the Worlds* with a big jolt of Shaw Brothers-style kung fu.