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Dumbness is a Dish Best Served Cold  
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Collected together for the first time, here are the three hard-hitting standalone novels set in the world of Joe Abercrombie's bestselling FIRST LAW trilogy. BEST SERVED COLD: War may be hell but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too. Her victories have made her popular - a

shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed, thrown down a mountain and left for dead, Murcatto's reward is a broken body and a burning hunger for vengeance. Whatever the cost, seven men must die. THE HEROES: Over three bloody days of battle, the fate of the North will be decided. But with both sides riddled by intrigues, follies, feuds and petty jealousies, it is unlikely to be the noblest hearts, or even the strongest arms that prevail. Three men. One battle. No Heroes. RED COUNTRY: Shy South hoped to bury her bloody past and ride away smiling, but she'll have to sharpen up some bad old ways to get her family back, and she's

not a woman to flinch from what needs doing. She sets off in pursuit off her family's killers with only a pair of oxen and her cowardly old stepfather Lamb for company. But it turns out Lamb's buried a bloody past of his own, and out in the lawless Far Country, the past never stays buried.

#### **A Little Hatred** Orbit

The national bestselling author of *The Wedding Soup Murder* returns to the Jersey Shore where a killer is stirring up trouble during a hurricane... At the Casa Lido, the end of summer means a party, and hit whodunit writer Victoria "Vic" Rienzi and her family are cooking like crazy for the restaurant's seventieth anniversary celebration. As they chop onions and garlic, old family friend Pete Petrocelli stops by, saying he knows

something that would make for a good mystery novel. Curious, Vic asks Nonna to elaborate on Pete's claim and learns of a relative who mysteriously disappeared back in Italy... The night of the party brings a crowd--and a full throttle hurricane. When the storm finally passes, everyone thinks they're in the clear--until the first casualty is found, and it's Pete. Remembering his visit, Vic isn't certain Pete's death was an accident and decides to dig deeper into his story. What she finds is meatier than Nonna's sauce...

#### **The Heroes** Penguin

Sir Phillip knew that Eloise Bridgerton was a spinster, and so he'd proposed, figuring that she'd be homely and unassuming, and more than a little desperate for an offer of marriage.

Except . . . she wasn't. The beautiful woman on his doorstep was anything but quiet, and when she stopped talking long enough to close her mouth, all he wanted to do was kiss her . . . and more. Did he think she was mad? Eloise Bridgerton couldn't marry a man she had never met! But then she started thinking . . . and wondering . . . and before she knew it, she was in a hired carriage in the middle of the night, on her way to meet the man she hoped might be her perfect match. Except . . . he wasn't. Her perfect husband wouldn't be so moody and ill-mannered, and while Phillip was certainly handsome, he was a large brute of a man, rough and rugged, and totally unlike the London gentlemen vying for her hand. But when he smiled . . . and when he kissed her . . . the rest of

the world simply fell away, and she couldn't help but wonder . . . could this imperfect man be perfect for her?

*Once Upon a Chef: Weeknight/Weekend*  
Penguin

Revenge is a dish best served cold.

Which is a real problem when the attraction runs red-hot. Trust me. I know. The only reason I decided to renovate my family's ice-cream store was to serve up a sundae full of revenge for my a-hole ex who opened an ice-cream store right next to mine. It was supposed to be simple. Renovate. Reopen. Put his peachy butt out of business. Until he decided to get under my skin--and broke my toe. Now, I'm stuck with Chase in my store every day, helping me renovate. But he's also in my head, and I'm spending a little too much time up

against his abs. Not that it's the worst place to be. But it doesn't change anything. I still hate him, and I'm still going to get my revenge. Right?

**Best Served Cold** Cambridge University Press

The second novel in the wildly popular First Law Trilogy from New York Times bestseller Joe Abercrombie. Superior Glokta has a problem. How do you defend a city surrounded by enemies and riddled with traitors, when your allies can by no means be trusted, and your predecessor vanished without a trace? It's enough to make a torturer want to run -- if he could even walk without a stick. Northmen have spilled over the border of Angland and are spreading fire and death across the frozen country. Crown Prince Ladisla is

poised to drive them back and win undying glory. There is only one problem -- he commands the worst-armed, worst-trained, worst-led army in the world. And Bayaz, the First of the Magi, is leading a party of bold adventurers on a perilous mission through the ruins of the past. The most hated woman in the South, the most feared man in the North, and the most selfish boy in the Union make a strange alliance, but a deadly one. They might even stand a chance of saving mankind from the Eaters -- if they didn't hate each other quite so much. Ancient secrets will be uncovered. Bloody battles will be won and lost. Bitter enemies will be forgiven -- but not before they are hanged. First Law Trilogy The Blade Itself Before They Are Hanged Last Argument of Kings For more from Joe Abercrombie,

check out: Novels in the First Law world  
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Country  
Best Served Cold Hachette UK  
Jamie Kelly is back and dumber than  
ever in this super-deluxe four-color Dear  
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ever -- but Jamie Kelly may have finally  
found the key to fame, fortune, and  
fabulousness. Together with Isabella and  
Angeline, she's come up with a  
moneymaking idea, and it has to do with  
food. Everyone likes food! They're going  
to be rich! The only problem? They have  
to come up with something that people  
actually want to eat. Jamie has some  
sophisticated thoughts on food, like,  
"She was manipulating us like dough.  
Like the sweet, delicious dough that we

are. And she was baking us into the type  
of delicious cookies you can only get  
from dough like us. And she was putting  
sprinkles of us on top of us, and -- forget  
it. I'm hungry. I want some cookies." This  
is sure to go well.

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*The Trouble with Peace* Hachette UK

The New York Times bestselling first  
book in Joe Abercrombie's The Age of  
Madness Trilogy where the age of the  
machine dawns, but the age of magic  
refuses to die. The chimneys of industry  
rise over Adua and the world seethes  
with new opportunities. But old scores  
run deep as ever. On the blood-soaked  
borders of Angland, Leo dan Brock  
struggles to win fame on the battlefield,  
and defeat the marauding armies of

Stour Nightfall. He hopes for help from the crown. But King Jezal's son, the feckless Prince Orso, is a man who specializes in disappointments. Savine dan Glokta -- socialite, investor, and daughter of the most feared man in the Union -- plans to claw her way to the top of the slag-heap of society by any means necessary. But the slums boil over with a rage that all the money in the world cannot control. The age of the machine dawns, but the age of magic refuses to die. With the help of the mad hillwoman Isern-i-Phail, Rikke struggles to control the blessing, or the curse, of the Long Eye. Glimpsing the future is one thing, but with the guiding hand of the First of the Magi still pulling the strings, changing it will be quite another . . . For more from Joe Abercrombie, check out:

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Half a King, Half the World, Half a War  
 Hachette UK

Ann Weaver knows getting ditched by Jack Bloom back in high school was for the best. He may have been her first, but she's twenty-nine now and way over him. When a night out with friends—and a couple of glasses of wine—starts them all talking about regrets, Ann decides it's time to confront the past. Luckily, hers has recently moved back to town, and he looks just as good as ever. There's something different about Jack, though. He's funny, kind, and amazing in bed—but he's also sweeter than she



remembers. Soon Ann starts to forget she's in it for revenge. Jack is older and wiser now, and he's ready to do whatever it takes for a chance at a future with very grown-up, gorgeous Ann. But once Jack learns about her motive for rekindling their romance, he has to decide if love can push through the lie. Each book in the Best Revenge series is a STANDALONE story that can be enjoyed out of order. \* Served Cold \* Served Hot \* Served Sweet  
*The Causal Angel* Orbit  
'Joe Abercrombie is doing some terrific work' George R. R. Martin, author of GAME OF THRONES. They burned her home. They stole her brother and sister. But vengeance is following. Shy South hoped to bury her bloody past and ride away smiling, but she'll have to sharpen

up some bad old ways to get her family back, and she's not a woman to flinch from what needs doing. She sets off in pursuit with only a pair of oxen and her cowardly old stepfather Lamb for company. But it turns out Lamb's buried a bloody past of his own, and out in the lawless Far Country, the past never stays buried. Their journey will take them across the barren plains to a frontier town gripped by gold fever, through feud, duel and massacre, high into the unmapped mountains to a reckoning with the Ghosts. Even worse, it will force them into alliance with Nicomo Cosca, infamous soldier of fortune, and his feckless lawyer Temple, two men no one should ever have to trust... The past never stays buried...  
*The Collected Joe Abercrombie*

Tordotcom

The final novel in the First Law Trilogy by New York Times bestseller Joe Abercrombie. Logen Ninefingers might only have one more fight in him -- but it's going to be a big one. Battle rages across the North, the king of the Northmen still stands firm, and there's only one man who can stop him. His oldest friend, and his oldest enemy: it's time for the Bloody-Nine to come home. With too many masters and too little time, Superior Glokta is fighting a different kind of war. A secret struggle in which no one is safe, and no one can be trusted. As his days with a sword are far behind him, it's fortunate that he's deadly with his remaining weapons: blackmail, threats, and torture. Jezal dan Luthar has decided that winning glory is

too painful an undertaking and turned his back on soldiering for a simple life with the woman he loves. But love can be painful too -- and glory has a nasty habit of creeping up on a man when he least expects it. The king of the Union lies on his deathbed, the peasants revolt, and the nobles scramble to steal his crown. No one believes that the shadow of war is about to fall across the heart of the Union. Only the First of the Magi can save the world, but there are risks. There is no risk more terrible, than to break the First Law. . .

*The Unofficial Companion to Revenge*

Entangled: Brazen

Gladiator. Assassin. Thief. Princess. And the Slave. The Five Warrior Angels have been revealed, one by one the mystical weapons they once wielded are being

found, and an ancient prophecy is finally being fulfilled. Or is it? For when it comes to recorded history, much is intended to manipulate and deceive. Returning to the kingdom of Gul Kana, Princess Jondralyn has suffered a devastating loss, discovering that not all prophecy is to be assumed, not all scripture to be trusted. At the same time, her younger sister, Tala, has found faith within herself while facing off against villains, who are using her for their devices. Hawkwood, the former Bloodwood Assassin, is captured. And the knight, Gault, betrayed by the Angel Prince, can only wonder of the fate of his daughter who has fallen into terrible hands. All while Nail embarks upon the deadliest quest the Five Isles has ever known.

### **Sharp Ends** Orbit

"The final book in a stirring new epic fantasy trilogy following Half a King and Half the World. Yarvi is the unlikely heir to the throne--a clever, thoughtful boy with a crippled hand who feels out of place in a violent, Viking-like society. Thorn is a young girl, determined to follow in the footsteps of her dead father and become a famous warrior, whatever it takes. Now Yarvi has avenged the murder of his father, and sets out on an epic journey with Thorn that will embroil his kingdom in all-out war"--

### Orbit

Sharp Ends is the ultimate collection of award winning tales and exclusive new short stories from the master of grimdark fantasy, Joe Abercrombie. Violence explodes, treachery abounds,

and the words are as deadly as the weapons in this rogue's gallery of side-shows, back-stories, and sharp endings from the world of the First Law. The Union army may be full of bastards, but there's only one who thinks he can save the day single-handed when the Gurkish come calling: the incomparable Colonel Sand dan Glokta. Curnden Craw and his dozen are out to recover a mysterious item from beyond the Crinna. Only one small problem: no one seems to know what the item is. Shevedieh, the self-styled best thief in Styria, lurches from disaster to catastrophe alongside her best friend and greatest enemy, Javre, Lioness of Hoskopp. And after years of bloodshed, the idealistic chieftain Bethod is desperate to bring peace to the North. There's only one obstacle left -- his own

lunatic champion, the most feared man in the North: the Bloody-Nine . . .

*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*  
Orbit

Many tales are told of the Syldoon Empire and its fearsome soldiers, who are known throughout the world for their treachery and atrocities. Some say that the Syldoon eat virgins and babies-or perhaps their own mothers.

Arkamondos, a bookish young scribe, suspects that the Syldoon's dire reputation may have grown in the retelling, but he's about to find out for himself. Hired to chronicle the exploits of a band of rugged Syldoon warriors, Arki finds himself both frightened and fascinated by the men's enigmatic leader, Captain Braylar Killcoin. A secretive, mercurial figure haunted by

the memories of those he's killed with his deadly flail, Braylar has already disposed of at least one impertinent scribe . . . and Arki might be next. Archiving the mundane doings of millers and merchants was tedious, but at least it was safe. As Arki heads off on a mysterious mission into parts unknown, in the company of the coarse, bloody-minded Syldoon, he is promised a chance to finally record an historic adventure well worth the telling, but first he must survive the experience! A gripping military fantasy in the tradition of Glen Cook, *Scourge of the Betrayer* explores the brutal politics of Empire and the searing impact of violence and dark magic on a man's soul.

Best Served Cold Harper Collins

"The good thing is, no one will ever die

again. The bad thing is, everyone will want to." A physicist receives a mysterious paper. The ideas in it are far, far ahead of current thinking and quite, quite terrifying. In a city of "fast ones," shadow players, and jinni, two sisters contemplate a revolution. And on the edges of reality a thief, helped by a sardonic ship, is trying to break into a Schrödinger box for his patron. In the box is his freedom. Or not. Jean de Flambeur is back. And he's running out of time. In Hannu Rajaniemi's sparkling follow-up to the critically acclaimed international sensation *The Quantum Thief*, he returns to his awe-inspiring vision of the universe...and we discover what the future held for Earth. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management

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*The Shattered Sea Series 3-Book Bundle*  
Orbit

Marion Deeds's *Comeuppance Served Cold* is a hard-boiled historical fantasy of criminality and magic, couched in the glamour of *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*. "[A] beautifully constructed magical heist in turn-of-the-century Seattle."—Mary Robinette Kowal *Seattle, 1929*—a bitterly divided city overflowing with wealth, violence, and magic. A respected magus and city leader intent on criminalizing Seattle's most vulnerable magickers hires a young woman as a lady's companion to curb his rebellious daughter's outrageous behavior. The widowed owner of a speakeasy encounters an opportunity to make her husband's murderer pay while

she tries to keep her shapeshifter brother safe. A notorious thief slips into the city to complete a delicate and dangerous job that will leave chaos in its wake. One thing is for certain—comeuppance, eventually, waits for everyone. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Seraphina's Lament** Orbit

'Joe Abercrombie is doing some terrific work' George R. R. Martin, author of *GAME OF THRONES*. Here are the first six books set in the world of *THE FIRST LAW*, Joe Abercrombie's hugely successful fantasy creation. Join Logen Ninefingers, Jezal dan Iuthar and Inquisitor Glokta as war rages across the North in the first trilogy, and then enjoy three self-

contained novels and discover more of the remarkable imagination of the UK's most prominent fantasy author. Contains THE BLADE ITSELF, BEFORE THEY ARE HANGED, LAST ARGUMENT OF KINGS, BEST SERVED COLD, THE HEROES and RED COUNTRY

*Red Country* Orbit

A fragile peace gives way to conspiracy, betrayal, and rebellion in this sequel to the New York Times bestselling *A Little Hatred* from epic fantasy master Joe Abercrombie. "A master of his craft." —Forbes "No one writes with the seismic scope or primal intensity of Joe Abercrombie." —Pierce Brown Peace is just another kind of battlefield . . . Savine dan Glokta, once Adua's most powerful investor, finds her judgement, fortune and reputation in tatters. But she

still has all her ambitions, and no scruple will be permitted to stand in her way. For heroes like Leo dan Brock and Stour Nightfall, only happy with swords drawn, peace is an ordeal to end as soon as possible. But grievances must be nursed, power seized, and allies gathered first, while Rikke must master the power of the Long Eye . . . before it kills her. Unrest worms into every layer of society. The Breakers still lurk in the shadows, plotting to free the common man from his shackles, while noblemen bicker for their own advantage. Orso struggles to find a safe path through the maze of knives that is politics, only for his enemies, and his debts, to multiply. The old ways are swept aside, and the old leaders with them, but those who would seize the reins of power will find no

alliance, no friendship, and no peace lasts forever. For more from Joe Abercrombie, check out: *The Age of Madness* *A Little Hatred* *The Trouble With Peace* *The Wisdom of Crowds* *The First Law Trilogy* *The Blade Itself* *Before They Are Hanged* *Last Argument of Kings* *Best Served Cold* *The Heroes* *Red Country* *The Shattered Sea Trilogy* *Half a King* *Half a World* *Half a War*

**The Blade Itself** Del Rey

Springtime in Styria. And that means war. There have been nineteen years of blood. The ruthless Grand Duke Orso is locked in a vicious struggle with the squabbling League of Eight, and between them they have bled the land white. While armies march, heads roll and cities burn, and behind the scenes bankers, priests and older, darker

powers play a deadly game to choose who will be king. War may be hell but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too. Her victories have made her popular - a shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed, thrown down a mountain and left for dead, Murcatto's reward is a broken body and a burning hunger for vengeance. Whatever the cost, seven men must die. Her allies include Styria's least reliable drunkard, Styria's most treacherous poisoner, a mass-murderer obsessed with numbers and a Northman who just wants to do the right thing. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is



dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started... Springtime in Styria. And that means revenge. First

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