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*This guide provides a rundown of some books that will help you learn more about the 41st Millennium, the Horus Heresy, and the Mortal Realms alike.*

# WARHAMMER 40,000



## AVENGING SON

Guy Haley

*This explosive series begins in the midst of the Indomitus Crusade, as Roboute Guilliman attempts to push through the Great Rift that has torn the galaxy apart. His success or failure will determine the fate of the Imperium itself.*

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## THE LION: SON OF THE FOREST

Mike Brooks

*Lion El'Jonson, Primarch of the Dark Angels, awakens after ten thousand years locked in stasis at the heart of his shattered home world. In a galaxy wracked by war, he seeks to protect humanity from one of his Fallen sons - by gathering others to his banner.*

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# DARK IMPERIUM

TRILOGY



## DARK IMPERIUM

Guy Haley

*The reborn Primarch of the Ultramarines, Roboute Guilliman, launches a mighty crusade to reclaim star systems on the far side of the Great Rift that has divided the galaxy. Meanwhile, his traitorous brother Mortarion sets plans for revenge into motion.*

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## PLAGUE WAR

Guy Haley

*Mortarion, the Daemon Primarch of the Death Guard, turns his pestilent eye towards the realm of the Ultramarines – now undermanned whilst Roboute Guilliman leads vast armies far away from home. The trap is set, but will Guilliman take the bait?*

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## GODBLIGHT

Guy Haley

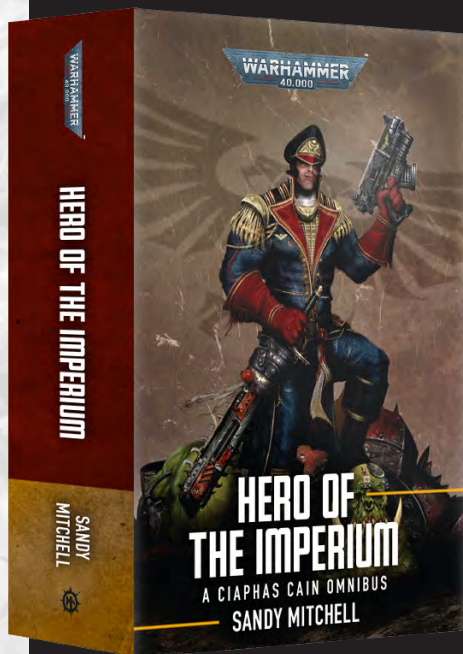
*The stage is set for an epic confrontation which has been 10,000 years in the making. Roboute Guilliman's army faces off against Mortarion and his Death Guard in a struggle for the fate of the Imperium. Will the treacherous forces of Chaos prevail?*

RELATED PRODUCT: Combat Patrol: Death Guard



# CIAPHAS CAIN

WARHAMMER 40,000 SERIES



## CIAPHAS CAIN: HERO OF THE IMPERIUM

Sandy Mitchell

*Discover the life and exploits of a legendary Astra Militarum officer in this hilarious series. As Ciaphas recounts his own memoirs, the reader sees what really goes on behind the scenes as he panics, bluffs, and bumbles his way through one deadly encounter after another.*

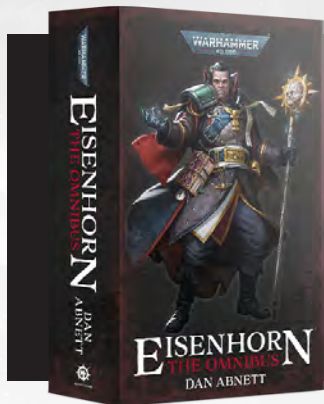
*If you're looking for an irreverent and absurd take on the Imperium of Mankind, Ciaphas Cain is perfect for you.*

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# EISENHORN

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## EISENHORN: THE OMNIBUS

Dan Abnett

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# GAUNT'S GHOSTS

WARHAMMER 40,000 SERIES



## THE FOUNDING

Dan Abnett

*Led by Colonel-Commissar Ibram Gaunt, the Tanith 1st Regiment of the Imperial Guard was recruited just before their planet was utterly destroyed. This storied force would go on to take part in some of the most important battles of the 41st Millennium, with a cast of characters that's both endearing and relatable.*

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## THE INFINITE AND THE DIVINE

Robert Rath

*The leaders of the mechanical necrons are far from automatons. Their biggest personalities have survived for thousands of years – and sometimes they find themselves at odds with each other. Explore a rivalry many millennia in the making.*

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## BRUTAL KUNNIN

Mike Brooks

*This Orks novel told from their perspective – by turns both amusing and horrifying – follows Warboss Ufthak Blackhawk's quest to loot a planet, only to find some rival Orks have beaten him to it. Can the factions keep their guns aimed at a common enemy instead of each other?*

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## HARROWMASTER

Mike Brooks

*An ambitious warlord of the Alpha Legion seeks to exploit the chaos sown by the Great Rift and make his mark upon the galaxy. Can his skill and cunning bring the splintered remnants of his Legion together, with him at their head?*

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## STEEL TREAD

Andy Clark

*The crew of a mighty tank in the Astra Militarum is joined by a commander from a different regiment. All serve the Emperor, but each member must trust the others with their life. Will they come together in the face of a dangerous foe?*

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## AHRIMAN: THE OMNIBUS

John French

*Three novels in one, following the greatest sorcerer of the Chaos-worshipping Thousand Sons Space Marines. 10,000 years ago Ahriman made a grave mistake, and now he seeks a way to reverse the spell that turned his brethren into empty shells.*

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# WARHAMMER 40,000

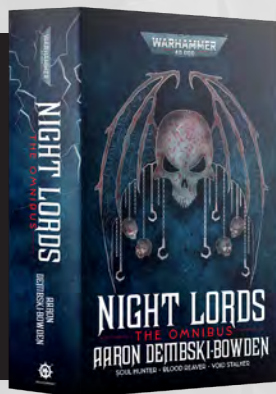


## LEVIATHAN

Darius Hinks

*Lieutenant Castamon of the Ultramarines rallies his warriors to thwart a tyranid invasion. When this new tendrill of Hive Fleet Leviathan proves unpredictable and deadly, Castamon and the First Company must harness all their skill, might, and zeal, or face utter annihilation.*

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## NIGHT LORDS: THE OMNIBUS

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*The incredibly popular Night Lords trilogy is collected together in one book, detailing the exploits of a warband of vicious and ambitious killers. Against all expectation, the reader ends up rooting for these anti-heroes to win, despite the unthinkable horrors they perpetrate.*

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## BELISARIUS CAWL: THE GREAT WORK

Guy Haley

*The tech-priests of the Adeptus Mechanicus maintain the machines and wargear of the Imperium. Now Archmagos Cawl, their greatest mind, goes off in search of forbidden technology – and mastering it could mean a breakthrough in the battle for the galaxy.*

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## **MINKA LESK: THE LAST WHITESHIELD**

Justin D Hill

*A raw recruit's military service begins as her home is destroyed by the forces of Abaddon the Despoiler. This omnibus follows Minka Lesk's meteoric rise through the ranks of the Astra Militarum as she seeks vengeance for the loss of Cadia, and everything she knew.*

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## **KRIEG**

Steve Lyons

*The Death Korps of Krieg are an Astra Militarum regiment like no other, masking their humanity as penance for their treasonous past. Now deployed to a soul-crushing siege in the Octarius War Zone, will they pay the terrible cost of victory?*

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## **ASSASSINORUM: KINGMAKER**

Robert Rath

*A mighty Knight World is on the verge of declaring independence from the Imperium as their ambition spirals out of control. This calamitous series of events warrants the attention of two very different Assassins – but can they work together to complete their mission?*

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# WARHAMMER AGE OF SIGMAR



## DOMINION Darius Hinks

*Something stirs in the Realm of Beasts, and the Stormcast Eternals are dispatched to protect the faithful of Sigmar from a sinister new foe. This novel shows us what an epic war looks like from the eyes of a common citizen of the Mortal Realms.*

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## THE ARKNAUT'S OATH Guy Haley

*Drekki Flynt is a skyvessel captain, an adventurer, a wit, a self-proclaimed genius... and in trouble. Having accepted a lucrative contract, this Kharadron rogue now finds himself up against giant air-beasts, grot pirates, and terrible storms – not to mention a conspiracy with links to dark powers and an ancient empire.*

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## BAD LOON RISING Andy Clark

*Born the weakest runt of his Moonclan tribe, Zograth was only ever one beating away from a nasty end... until the Bad Moon bestowed upon him its blessing. To seize power, Zograth must use his razor-sharp mind, unpredictable magic – and his loyal troggoth, Skrog.*

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# WARHAMMER AGE OF SIGMAR



## GODEATER'S SON

Noah Van Nguyen

*The invading Azyrites brought arrogance, cruelty, and a god who seemed blind to it all. Held just wants solitude, but they have destroyed his peace. To defeat the Stormcasts, he must embrace older, darker powers that threaten the very freedom for which he fights.*

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## GHOULSLAYER

Darius Hinks

*Once a renowned Slayer in the destroyed World-that-Was, Gotrek sought a glorious death at the hands of a mighty enemy. Now roaming the Mortal Realms and stronger than ever, he tears through the Realm of Death seeking Nagash, the Great Necromancer.*

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## THE HOLLOW KING

John French

*Cado Ezechiar is a Soulblight vampire who has outlived his people and kingdom – indeed, the very memory of the age that made him. Now he roams the Realm of Death, seeking retribution and salvation for those he failed. Can the Hollow King make good on his revenge, or will he truly lose everything?*

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### **BLOODLINES** *Chris Wraight*

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BONE-CHILLING TALES FROM THE  
FAR FUTURE AND THE MORTAL REALMS



### **GOTGHUL HOLLOW** *Anna Stephens*

*A fallen noble house in the Realm of Death buried a twisted secret decades ago. When their ancestral home is threatened, the tranquillity they have hidden behind is violently disrupted. Father and daughter must settle their differences and unravel the ancient curse.*

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## THE HORUS HERESY



### **VALDOR: BIRTH OF THE IMPERIUM** *Chris Wraight*

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# THE HORUS HERESY® SIEGE OF TERRA



## THE SOLAR WAR

John French

*The traitorous fleet of the Warmaster Horus enters the Sol System, the seat of the Imperium, in a brazen attempt to overthrow the Emperor. But the loyalist forces are prepared, and Terra itself has been transformed into a nigh-impregnable fortress.*

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## THE LOST AND THE DAMNED

Guy Haley

*The siege of Terra begins in earnest as the forces of the Warmaster make planetfall. The bombardment, chemical warfare, and sheer savagery of the attack are unlike anything the galaxy has ever seen.*

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## THE FIRST WALL

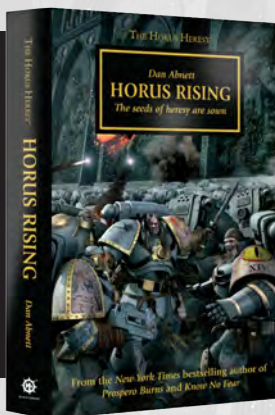
Gav Thorpe

*The outer walls of the palace have fallen, and the brilliant siege breaker Perturabo of the Iron Warriors must defeat the incredibly complex network of walls and gates built by his brother, Rogal Dorn of the Imperial Fists.*

RELATED PRODUCT: Rogal Dorn, Primarch of the Imperial Fists Legion, Perturabo, Primarch of the Iron Warriors Legion

# THE HORUS HERESY

BRUTAL GALACTIC CIVIL WAR

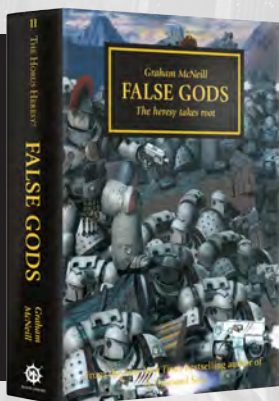


## HORUS RISING

Dan Abnett

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## FALSE GODS

Graham McNeill

*Horus is injured in battle, even as the divisions between the Legions begin to widen. An influential advisor to the Warmaster leads him down a path that will ultimately end in betrayal, sowing the seeds of a conflict that will tear the galaxy apart.*

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## GALAXY IN FLAMES

Ben Counter

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