



***The Diamond Age***  
and  
***Snow Crash***  
by Neal Stephenson

**\*\*\* Available for the first time in ebook format \*\*\***

ePenguin are to publish *Snow Crash* and *The Diamond Age* by the celebrated author Neal Stephenson in ebook format.

**The Diamond Age:**

<http://www.penguin.co.uk/Book/BookFrame?0141884827>

Published: Friday 11th January, priced £5.59.

Far above the diamondoid bedrock of New Chusan, a powerful class of neo-Victorians is ruling twenty-first-century Atlantis/Shanghai. John Percival Hackworth, a brilliant nanotechnologist, has created an illicit, magical book for the education of a young lady: an interactive device crammed with folklore, science and the martial arts that teaches young women how to think for themselves.

What will happen to society if it should fall into the hands of someone like little Nell, a poor orphan girl with so much to learn?

**Snow Crash**

<http://www.penguin.co.uk/Book/BookFrame/0,1011,,00.html?0CS^0141884800>

Published: Friday 8th February, priced £5.59.

In Reality, the Burbclaves are miniature nation states, MetaCops take major credit cards and the CosaNostra controls the pizza franchise.

Freelance hacker and delivery boy Hiro Protagonist shares a U-Stor-It in LA with his two swords and a Ukrainian grunge metal guitarist. On the Street he's one of the elect who wrote the protocols of the Metaverse, where custom avatars strut and advertising space sells by the pixel.

The Street is much sharper than reality and less dangerous - until an out-of-focus lowlife starts handing out free samples of Snow Crash ...

**Both titles will be available in Microsoft Reader format.**

**Both also feature redesigned jackets.**

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### Praise for Snow Crash

'The most dazzling debut of recent years'  
- Charles Shaar Murray, *Time Out*

'Snow Crash is without question the biggest SF novel of the 1990s'  
- Bruce Sterling

### Praise for The Diamond Age:

'A brilliant, tricky, twenty-first-century version of Pygmalion'  
- *The Guardian*

'...when Stephenson talks, you get the feeling he's going to be right'  
- *Newsweek*

**Neal Stephenson** has published five novels: *The Big U*, *Zodiac*, *Snow Crash*, *The Diamond Age* and *Cryptonomicon* and a work of nonfiction, *In the Beginning there was the Command Line*. He lives in Seattle, where he is at work on other novels.

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