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Dear booksellers,

Welcome once again to the latest highlights offering from HarperCollins UK, published to coincide with the 2024 London Book Fair, where despite the ever more turbulent times in which we find ourselves, business continues to flourish. Highlights from the past twelve months include the continued expansion of Voyager and Magpie, the ongoing success of Holly Jackson, Alice Oseman and Tahereh Mafi (all of whom feature in the upcoming season) and the establishment of Rebecca Kuang as a once-in-a-generation superstar following the publication of *Yellowface*, new in paperback later this year.

In fiction, we welcome long-awaited new books from *New York Times* bestseller Lucy Foley, Booker-shortlisted Joseph O'Neill and literary superstar Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie with her first full-length novel since *Americanah*. Alongside them sit global brands Jeffrey Archer and Karin Slaughter, and two recent favourites, Bella Mackie and Coco Mellors, who introduces *Blue Sisters* on page 12. And to cap it all, Tracy Chevalier's *The Glassmaker* is a beautifully evocative history of Venice, told through the eyes of one family, and one woman, and an absolute treat.

Our fantasy lists for all ages go from strength to strength, with established bestsellers Raymond Feist, Mark Lawrence and Neal Stephenson sitting alongside the best in contemporary writing. We have new books in the *Twin Crowns* and *Scarlet Veil* series, and welcome Taran Matharu to the list with his latest epic *Dragon Rider*.

Non-fiction leads off with autobiographies from Cher, RuPaul, and Craig Foster, director of Netflix sensation *My Octopus Teacher*. We feature an affectionate portrait of Queen Elizabeth II from Craig Brown, the latest culinary memoir from Nigel Slater, and history from Max Hastings, Philippa Gregory and Robert Fisk.

In Children's we look forward to Paddington in Peru, and celebrate two anniversaries: 20 years since Oliver Jeffers' *How to Catch a Star*, and 25 since the first publication of Lemony Snicket. We are also hoping to continue our growth in young adult publishing with the launch of Harper Fire, and cement Hannah Gold's unique place in the children's fiction market with her latest life-affirming masterpiece, *Turtle Moon*.

Away from publishing, I am pleased to let you know that the build and set-up for our Distribution Centre's upcoming move from its home of 50 years in Bishopbriggs to our new, state-of-the-art facility in Robroyston is well underway. Once the site is operational (this is still some months away) we will operate a dual site system for a period of time to ensure the smoothest of possible transitions. We look forward to keeping you informed of further developments in due course.

We will miss those who have been kept from LBF this year by the continued turmoil around the world, and to them and everyone else, we wish you successful and more peaceful times ahead.

Best wishes,
Ben

Ben Wright
International Sales Director



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BEST SELLERS



Rebecca F. **KUANG**

Yellowface

'Hard to put down, harder to forget'
STEPHEN KING

This is one hell of a story. It's just not hers to tell.

Athena Liu is a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. But when June just happens to witness Athena die in a freak accident, she realises now is her chance to find fame.

So what if that means stealing her friend's work? So what if that means creating a

new, racially ambiguous identity? So what if a social media scandal is about to blow her cover?

As her lies mount up and threaten her stolen success, how far will June go to keep what she thinks she deserves?

• *Yellowface* was a no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and a no. 5 *New York Times* bestseller.

£9.99 / PB B / 07 MAY 2024 / 9780008532819



COVER NOT FINAL



Naomi **ALDERMAN**

The Future

When Martha Einkorn finally fled her father's isolated compound, she never expected to find herself working for a powerful social media mogul hell-bent on controlling everything. Now, Martha's surrounded by mega-rich companies designing private weather, predictive analytics and covert weaponry. Leaving the cult is one thing, but if the apocalyptic warnings in her father's sermons are starting to come true, how much future is actually left?

Across the world, in a mall in Singapore, Lai Zhen desperately flees from an assassin. Suddenly, a remarkable piece of software appears on her phone telling her exactly how to escape. Who made it? What is it really for?

While a few billionaires assured of their own safety lead the world to destruction, Martha's relentless drive and Zhen's insatiable curiosity could lead to something beautiful... or the cataclysmic end of civilisation.

£9.99 / PB B / 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 9780008309176



Coco **MELLORS**

Blue Sisters

The highly-anticipated new novel from the bestselling author of *Cleopatra and Frankenstein*.

The Blue sisters have always been exceptional - and exceptionally different.

Avery: A strait-laced lawyer living in London, hiding a secret that could undo her perfect life forever.

Bonnie: A boxer, now working as a bouncer in LA, until one reckless night threatens to drive her out of the city.

Lucky: The rebellious youngest, a model in Paris whose partying ways are finally catching up with her.

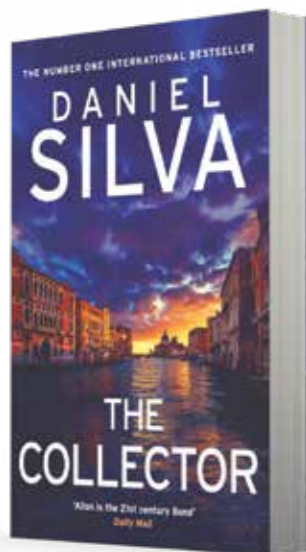
Then there was Nicky, the beloved fourth sister, whose unexpected death left them all reeling. Somehow the Blue sisters must find a way to navigate their grief, addiction and heartbreak—and learn to fall in love with life again.

"I love Coco's style of writing and the pace of the story. There is so much depth to her characters."

Recommended by Lauren,
Sales Manager, Europe

£14.99 / TPB OM / 21 MAY 2024 / 9780008623005





Daniel **SILVA**

The Collector

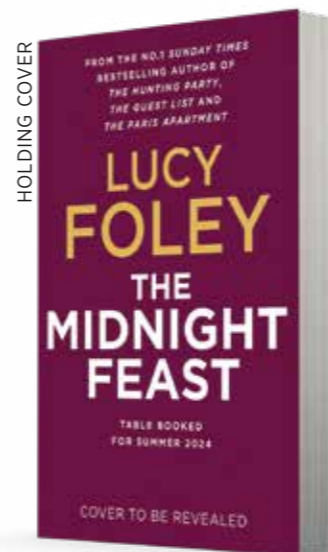
When the world's most valuable painting goes missing, art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon is called in to lead the case. The painting in question is *The Concert* by Johannes Vermeer, one of thirteen works of art stolen from Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in 1990.

With the help of a most unlikely ally, a beautiful Danish computer hacker and professional thief, Gabriel soon discovers that the painting has

changed hands as part of an illicit billion-dollar business deal involving a man code-named the Collector, an energy executive with close ties to the highest levels of Russian power.

The missing masterpiece is the lynchpin of a conspiracy that if successful, could plunge the world into a conflict of apocalyptic proportions. To foil the plot, Gabriel must carry out a daring heist of his own, with millions of lives hanging in the balance.

£9.99 / PB B / 20 FEBRUARY 2024 / 9780008280659



Lucy **FOLEY**

The Midnight Feast

The brand new murder mystery thriller from the no. 1 bestseller, Lucy Foley. Book your place at the table...

Midsummer, the Dorset coast. Guests gather for the opening of The Manor hotel, the new jewel on the Dorset coastline. The champagne is flowing, the guest list sparkling, the sun setting on an unforgettable summer solstice.

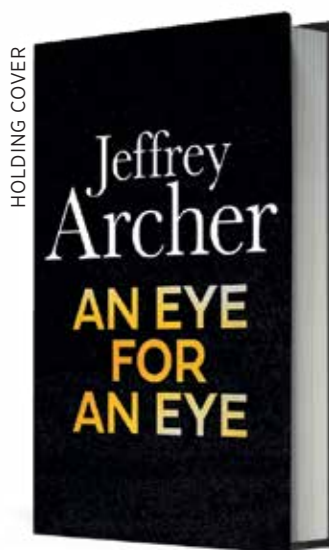
But under the cloak of celebration, something dark

is stirring. The Manor has a secret history; built in the shadows of an ancient wood.

Now old friends and enemies are creeping out of the shadows. And they'll soon discover what other deadly secrets come out at night...

- Hailed as 'this generation's Agatha Christie', Lucy Foley has sold over 2.5 million copies worldwide.

£14.99 / TPB OM / 06 JUNE 2024 / 9780008385101



Jeffrey **ARCHER**

An Eye for an Eye

The new unputdownable novel from Jeffrey Archer.

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth, a billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government will be plunged into crisis.

Thousands of miles away, in the leafy Berkshire countryside, Lord Hartley, heir to a title going back two hundred years, lies

dying. But his death will release an inheritance with explosive consequences.

Two deaths. Continents apart. Coincidental and unrelated. Until the mind of a master criminal hell-bent on revenge creates a link. And then it's down to Chief Inspector William Warwick and Inspector Ross Hogan to uncover the truth before an innocent man's life and legacy are destroyed...

£22 / HB / 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 9780008640118



Nita **PROSE**

A Molly the Maid Mystery (2) – The Mystery Guest

The brand new mystery thriller from the no. 1 global bestselling author of *The Maid*.

Molly Gray wears her Head Maid badge proudly for every shift at the Regency Grand Hotel, plumping pillows, sweeping up the guests' secrets, silently restoring rooms to a state of perfection.

But when a renowned guest – a famous mystery writer – drops very dead in the grand tea room, Molly has an unusual clean-up on her hands.

As rumours and suspicion swirl in the hotel corridors, it's clear there's grime lurking beneath the gilt. And Molly knows that she alone holds the key to the mystery. But unlocking it means thinking about the past, about a dusty old house, and everything else she's kept tidied away in her memory.

Because Molly knew the dead guest once upon a time – and she knows his secrets too...

"Molly the Maid makes a delightful return with more sleuthing and Regency Grand hijinks. Thoroughly enjoyable cosy crime at its best."

Recommended by Julie,
Senior Sales Manager, Europe

£9.99 / PB B / 18 JULY 2024 / 9780008435813



Bella MACKIE

Untitled

Bella Mackie is back! Following the million copy success of *How to Kill Your Family*, get ready for more characters you love to hate, lots of dark sly humour... and murder, of course.

Anthony Wistern is wealthy beyond imagination. He's also dead.

His charming wife Olivia has always been the perfect accessory. Perhaps she knows more than she's letting on.

His children are squabbling over their inheritance. But they've inherited more than just their father's love for money.

And someone on the outside is looking for the truth. Or maybe she just wants revenge.

It pays to be the favourite. Doesn't it?

£14.99 / TPB OM / 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 9780008559526



Holly JACKSON

The Reappearance of Rachel Price

A gripping new young adult thriller from the award-winning author of the bestselling *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* trilogy.

18-year-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mum's mysterious disappearance. Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished and young Bel was the only witness. Rachel is gone, presumed dead.

The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agree to a true crime

documentary. Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal. But then Rachel Price reappears, and life will never be normal again...

- Together #HollyJackson and #AGGGTM have over 52 million views on TikTok and, in 2023, Holly Jackson won BookTok Author of the Year at the first ever TikTok Book Awards.

£10.99 / TPB OM / 02 APRIL 2024 / 9780008617264



Karin SLAUGHTER

The Will Trent Series (12) — This is Why We Lied

Welcome to the McAlpine Lodge: the height of luxury escapism. The ultimate getaway location.

It should be paradise... but everyone here is lying. That is, until Mercy McAlpine threatens to expose everybody's secrets. Within hours, Mercy is dead.

In a location this remote, hunting down the murderer should be impossible. Except that Will Trent and Sara Linton – investigator and medical examiner – have chosen the McAlpine Lodge for their honeymoon. The holiday of a lifetime has become a race against the clock.

£14.99 / TPB OM / 20 JUNE 2024 / 9780008625832



STAFF PICK!

Tracy CHEVALIER

The Glassmaker

"This beautiful, clever, beguiling story of a Venetian family through the centuries is a sheer delight."
Ben, International Sales Director

Venice, 1486. Across the lagoon lies Murano, the city of glass. Women are not meant to work with glass, but Orsola Rosso flouts convention to save her family from ruin. Skipping like a stone through the centuries, we follow Orsola as she hones her craft through war and plague, tragedy and triumph, love and loss.



£14.99 / TPB OM / 18 JUNE 2024 / 9780008153878



Tahereh MAFI

Shatter Me — Unravel Me [Collectors' Special Edition]

Discover the romantic, addictive and thrilling world of Tahereh Mafi's fantasy *Shatter Me* with the second book in the series. This stunning hardback collectors' edition with its exclusive design and gold reading ribbon is the perfect gift for fans and new readers alike.

In this heart-racing sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *Shatter Me*, Juliette has to make life-changing decisions between what she wants and what she thinks is right: decisions that might involve choosing between her heart and the lives of those she loves.

£16.99 / HB / 09 MAY 2024 / 9780008687625



Tahereh MAFI

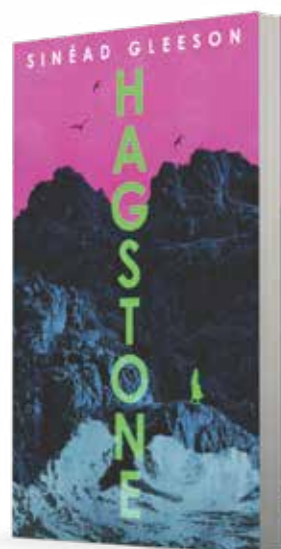
This Woven Kingdom — All This Twisted Glory

Layered with exquisite tension and heart-stopping romance, *All This Twisted Glory* is the explosive third book in the captivating, bestselling *This Woven Kingdom* series.

In a twisted exchange, Cyrus, the mercurial ruler of Tulan, has offered Alizeh his kingdom: first she must marry him, then she must kill him.

Despite their best efforts to despise each other, Alizeh and Cyrus are drawn together over and over with an all-consuming thirst that threatens to destroy them both.

£8.99 / PB B / 01 AUGUST 2024 / 9780008625757



Sinéad **GLEESON**

Hagstone

The haunting debut novel from beloved, Irish no. 1 bestselling author Sinéad Gleeson.

On a wild and rugged island, artist Nell has found a home. The mysterious Inions, a commune of women who have travelled there from all over the world, consider it a place of refuge and safety, of solace in nature.

One day, a letter arrives at Nell's door from the reclusive Inions who invite Nell into the commune for a commission

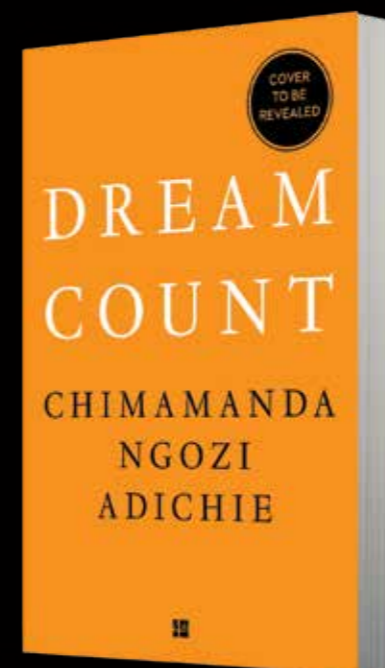
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to produce a magnificent art piece to celebrate their long history. In its creation, Nell will discover things about the community and about herself that will challenge everything she thought she knew.

Beautifully written, prescient and eerily haunting, Sinéad Gleeson's fiction debut takes in the darker side of human nature and the mysteries of faith and the natural world.

The new novel from international bestselling literary sensation,
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

DREAM COUNT



An exquisite jewel of a novel that features four intersecting stories, each told from the perspective of a woman striving to love and to live on her own terms.

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COCO MELLORS

“Emotionally, this novel took me deeper than I’ve ever gone before.”

COCO MELLORS INTRODUCES *BLUE SISTERS*

“Until you know my sisters, you don’t know me.” This was the comment, uttered casually by a friend several years ago, when I was still writing *Cleopatra and Frankenstein*, desperately dreaming of finishing one (just one!) novel, that eventually planted the seed of *Blue Sisters*. Was this true of me and my siblings, I wondered? Could you know me if you didn’t know them? And, if it was true, who would I be if I lost one of them?

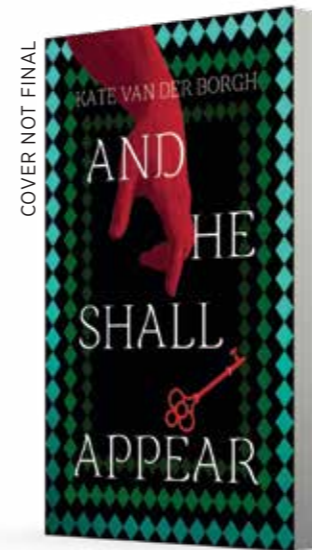
I imagined *Blue Sisters* as a take on sibling stories like *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *Little Women* and *The Corrections*, in which three very different sisters end up returning to their childhood home in New York after the death of their fourth sister. It is, first and foremost, a family novel. It’s about the ways siblings shape each other, how addiction manifests between generations, and how grief changes us. It’s also (because I’m me, and I can’t write the dark without the light) about glamour, sex, and the joy of living.

Emotionally, this novel took me deeper than I’ve ever gone before. It also pushed me way past my comfort zone in terms of research. Bonnie, the second eldest sister, is a professional boxer; in order to write her fight scenes with technical accuracy, I trained with a boxing coach in Venice, LA

for over a year (and even proudly sported a black eye from sparring to prove it). I also interviewed models from all over the world to better understand the youngest sister Lucky’s career as a teen model in the fashion industry. For Avery, the eldest sister, who has an affair with a man she meets in AA ten years into sobriety, I had countless conversations with other addicts about how self-destructive impulses can shape-shift in long-term sobriety.

It is impossible for me to convey how indebted I am to booksellers for the success of *Cleopatra and Frankenstein*. Many of my happiest memories from the past year are from visiting bookstores in Europe meeting you, often chatting well past closing hours (for which I apologise!).

My wish, as *Blue Sisters* makes its way into the world, is fairly simple: first, that you know how deeply thankful I am for your support, and second, that you enjoy it.



Kate van der BORGH

And He Shall Appear

A deeply unsettling story of obsessive friendship, dark magic and the ways in which we mythologise our past.

When a young man arrives at Cambridge as a first year student, he feels immediately like a fish out of water. Determined to reinvent himself, he can’t believe his luck when he falls in with the brilliant, charismatic Bryn Cavendish, a notorious debauched partyer and budding occultist.

But Bryn has a strange control over the loyal group that surrounds him, and those who cross him end up outcast, haunting the peripheries of campus life like ghosts. As the academic year progresses, we start to wonder – is there something darker to Bryn than just undergraduate tricks and dangerous parties?

• A dark academia thriller, for fans of *If We Were Villains*.

£14.99 / TPB OM / 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 9780008636555



Joyce Carol OATES

Butcher

An extraordinary and arresting novel about a women’s asylum and a terrifying doctor who wants to change the world.

In this harrowing story based on authentic historical documents, we follow the career of Dr. Silas Weir, “Father of Gyno-Psychiatry,” as he ascends from professional anonymity to national renown.

At the New Jersey Asylum for Female Lunatics, Weir’s ambition is fuelled by his obsessive fascination with a young Irish woman named Brigit, who becomes not only Weir’s primary experimental subject, but also the agent of his destruction.

£13.99 / TPB OM / 21 MAY 2024 / 9780008694883



Joyce Carol OATES

Zero-Sum

From a brilliant young philosophy student bent on seducing her famous philosopher-mentor to a group of diabolically clever high school girls wreaking a particularly apt sort of vengeance on sexual predators in their community, these powerfully wrought stories hold a mirror up to our time.

In *Zero-Sum*, Joyce Carol Oates has created a world of erotic obsession, thwarted idealism, and ever-shifting identities. Provocative and stunning, *Zero-Sum* reinforces Oates’s standing as a literary treasure and an artist of the mysterious interior life.

£9.99 / PB B / 18 JULY 2024 / 9780008609801

Liz MOORE

The God of the Woods

Some said it was tragic, what happened to the Van Laars.

Some said the Van Laars deserved it. That they never even thanked the searchers who stayed out for five nights in the freezing forest trying to help find their missing son.

Some said there was a reason it took the family so long to call for help. That they knew what happened to the boy.

Now, fifteen years later, the daughter the family had

in their grief has gone missing in the same wilderness as her brother.

Some say the two disappearances aren't connected. Some say they are.

- Liz Moore is the author of four novels, most recently the *New York Times* bestselling *Long Bright River*.



£13.99 / TPB OM / 02 JULY 2024 / 9780008663803



"A consuming novel: mystery, strong characters, a wild and beautiful setting. I just wanted to read and read and read."

Recommended by Pauline, Open Market Sales Director

Olivia PETTER

Gold Rush

Rose should be happy. She has a close circle of friends, a fledgling career in public relations at one of the best media companies, and she's just spent the night with one of the most famous men on the planet, Miles Jax. But when she wakes up, she's in pain, she can't remember getting home and Miles is ignoring her.

As work pressures start to mount, and friendships she once depended on fade away, Rose begins to unravel. The panic attacks on the tube get worse,

a visit to the gynaecologist ends in tears, and a school friend's hen do becomes one of the most traumatising nights of her life. It doesn't help that Miles Jax's face is everywhere she looks. Why does her breath get shallow whenever she sees him? What really happened that night? And what happened to that promising student?

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Emily DUNLAY

Teddy

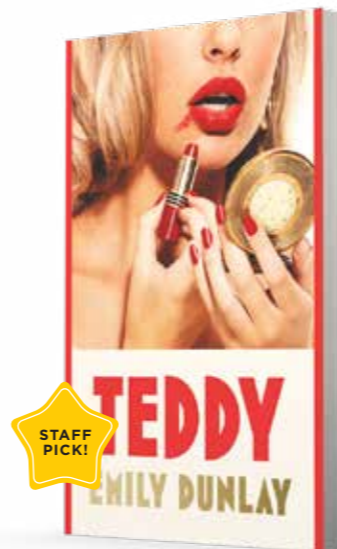
It is the summer of 1969 and Rome is awash with glamour and intrigue: the stars of Cinecittà are drinking and dancing along the paparazzi-lined Via Veneto, rubbing shoulders with royalty, American expats, and sometimes even Russian spies.

Teddy Huntley Carlyle is fresh off a plane from Texas with a new husband in tow and a new life on the horizon. She's earned a fresh start. In Rome, Teddy will be good. She will wear the right clothes and the perfect lipstick

and she will charm her husband's colleagues at the Embassy.

And Teddy is good, until the Fourth of July, when she is caught on camera in the arms of the American ambassador. There it is, the evidence of her rot, on film. Trying to recover the photographs and keep her reputation intact, Teddy descends into the underbelly of the city... but is she in over her head?

£13.99 / TPB OM / 02 JULY 2024 / 9780008669720



"A gorgeously written, glamorous and suspenseful novel."

Recommended by Natalie, Sales Manager, Middle East

Thomas BRUSSIG

Introduction by Jonathan Franzen, Translated by Jonathan Franzen and Jenny Watson

The Short End of the Sonnenallee



Thomas Brussig's classic German satire is a comedic, moving account of life in East Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The Short End of the Sonnenallee is a satire set, literally, on the Sonnenallee, the famed "boulevard of the sun" in East Berlin.

Within this boulevard lives Michael. Hopelessly in love with the most beautiful girl on the street, Michael is batted away in favour of the Western boys who are free to cross the border. What chance does Michael have, and how much trouble will he get into by pursuing her?

£9.99 / PB B / 11 APRIL 2024 / 9780008559359



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Yiyun LI

Wednesday's Child

A dazzling collection of short stories written over a decade, spanning loss, alienation, ageing and the strangeness of contemporary life.

A grieving mother makes a spreadsheet of everyone she's lost. A professor develops a troubled intimacy with her hairdresser. And every year, a restless woman receives an email from a stranger.

In Yiyun Li's stories, people strive for an ordinary existence until doing so becomes unsustainable, until the surface cracks and grand mysterious forces – death, violence, estrangement – come to light.

£9.99 / PB B / 10 OCTOBER 2024 / 9780008531904

Cristina HENRÍQUEZ

The Great Divide

A breath-taking historical novel following the incredible construction of the Panama Canal and casting light on the unsung people who lived and laboured in its shadow.

It is said that the Canal will be the greatest feat of engineering in history. But first, it must be built.

Ada Bunting, a bold sixteen-year-old from Barbados, arrives alone in Panama as a stowaway seeking work in the grand building project of the Canal.

For Omar, whose upbringing was quiet and lonely, this job offers a chance to finally find connection and independence.

Scientist John Oswald journeys to Panama in pursuit of one goal: eliminating malaria. But everything hangs in the balance when his wife Marian falls ill.

After John witnesses an act of bravery and compassion from Ada, he hires her as a caregiver for his wife. This fateful decision sets in motion a sweeping tale of ambition, loyalty, and sacrifice.

£14.99 / TPB OM / 05 MARCH 2024 / 9780008607999



STAFF PICK!

"A truly exquisite ensemble of characters who will have you rooting for them pages-in. This is a 5 read that you won't forget in a hurry. I loved it!"*

Recommended by Yema,
Marketing Manager, Open Markets

COVER NOT FINAL



K. PATRICK

Mrs S

In an elite English boarding school, a young Australian woman arrives to take up the antiquated role of 'matron'. Within this landscape of immense privilege, she finds herself unsure of her role, her accent and her body.

That is until she meets Mrs S, the headmaster's wife, a woman who is her polar opposite: assured, sophisticated, a paragon of femininity. Over the course of a long, restless heatwave, the matron finds herself irresistibly drawn ever closer into Mrs S's world and their unspoken desire blooms into an illicit affair of electric intensity.

£9.99 / PB B / 06 JUNE 2024 / 9780008561031



STAFF PICK!

Joseph O'NEILL

Godwin

"An unsettling journey into football's murky underworld, with much to say about family and finding one's purpose."

Recommended by Sean,
Senior Sales Executive, Open Markets

A desperate young football agent attempts to track down an elusive prospect known only as "Godwin" - an African teenager he believes could be the next Messi.

This is an adventure story about family and migration, the beauty and ugliness of football, and the perils and promises of international business.

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BRIDGET COLLINS

"I've always been fascinated by the tremendous potency of silence."

BRIDGET COLLINS INTRODUCES THE SILENCE FACTORY

The Silence Factory is a historical novel, set in 1870 or thereabouts, about a factory which spins spider silk into a fabric that creates silence. It's the story of Henry, a young widower, who is drawn into the luxurious, upper-class world of Sir Edward Ashmore-Percy, the owner of the factory, and finds himself falling deeper and deeper under the spell of the silk; it's also the story of Sophia, whose husband discovered the spiders and their webs years before, and whose journey to the exotic world of the spiders' Mediterranean habitat changes everything she thinks she knows about her life.

I've always been fascinated by the tremendous potency of silence: it's simultaneously something which can be intensely desirable and horribly claustrophobic. We all want to silence inconvenient noise, but we all fear being silenced; so it struck me as a perfect metaphor for certain kinds of power.

Henry's story begins with his wife's death in childbirth: the guilt he feels about not having been able to help her makes him anxious to prove himself, and even more desperate to start again. The world of the silk - and Sir Edward Ashmore-Percy - is enticing, and he throws himself into it with a passion; but (of course) neither the silk nor Sir Edward are exactly what

they seem, and by the time Henry discovers the truth he's hopelessly entangled.

In counterpoint, Sophia begins her journey as a dutiful wife, supporting her husband and tolerating his ambition and selfishness. But the island where the spiders live is mysterious and unpredictable, and an encounter with their guardian - a Greek woman called Hira - leads Sophia to recognise and acknowledge her own unexpected, forbidden desires. So for both characters, the story is really about seduction, and redemption: both of them face a terrible rewriting of everything they thought they knew - about the silk, about the world, and about themselves.

I'm always a bit nervous when a new book comes out, but at the same time I cannot wait to share it with readers - and, first of all, with booksellers. I will always be incredibly grateful for the support so many of you gave to *The Binding* and *The Betrayals* - I am so, so hoping that you like *The Silence Factory* just as much.





Bernard **CORNWELL**

The Sharpe Series (14) — Sharpe's Command

If any man can do the impossible it's Richard Sharpe.

And the impossible is exactly what the formidable Major Sharpe is asked to do when he's dispatched

on an undercover mission behind enemy lines, deep in the Spanish countryside. But he and his small group of men are rapidly outnumbered, enemies are hiding in plain sight, and time is running out.

£9.99 / PB B / 09 MAY 2024 / 9780008496807



Bridget **COLLINS**

The Silence Factory

From the no. 1 bestselling author of *The Binding*, this is an enthralling story about complicity, desire and corruption.

Henry dreams of silence. A world without the clattering of carriages through cobbled streets, the distant cries of drunken brawls, the relentless ticking of the clock.

Then he meets a fascinating, mysterious gentleman who sells just that. Precious silk that can drown out the clamour of the world – and everything Henry is

so desperate to escape.

Summoned to Sir Edward's secluded factory to try to cure his young daughter's deafness, Henry is soon drawn deeper and deeper into the mysterious origins of this otherworldly gift: a gift that has travelled from ancient Mediterranean glades to English libraries.

Ignoring repeated warnings, he allows himself to fall under the spell of Sir Edward and his silk... but when he learns its true cost, will it be too late to turn back?

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Millie **BOBBY BROWN**

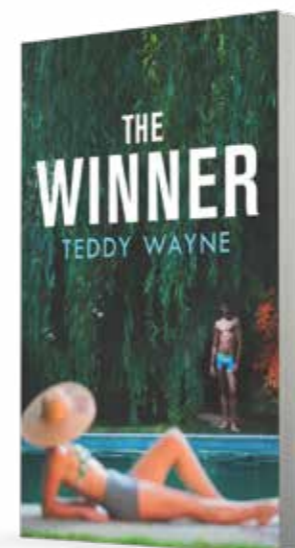
Nineteen Steps

London, 1942.

Despite the raging war, spirited 18-year-old Nellie Morris lives a quiet life in the tight-knit East End community of Bethnal Green. That is until a tragic accident occurs

during an air raid. Even the closest family can't escape the devastation of war, and as the secrets and truth about that fateful night become clear, they threaten to tear Nellie – and those dearest to her – apart.

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Teddy **WAYNE**

The Winner

A razor-sharp novel that skewers the life of the uber-rich in the vein of *The White Lotus*.

With no job prospects and needing to support his chronically ill mother, recent law graduate Conor takes a summer job teaching tennis. One of his first students is Catherine, a magnetic divorcée keen to hire him for more than advice on her serve. What begins as a transactional arrangement soon develops into an intoxicating relationship.

Things become even more complicated when Conor encounters Emily, with whom he has his first taste of real intimacy. Against his better judgment, he soon finds himself living a double life that inevitably leads to disaster.

Conor knows how hard it is to win against those with money and power. In his fight for survival, he has to put emotion aside and play with only his wits – after all, in tennis, love means nothing.

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Caro **DE ROBERTIS**

The Palace Of Eros

Eros, daughter to the goddess Aphrodite, has the ability to change her gender at will, much to the displeasure of Zeus.

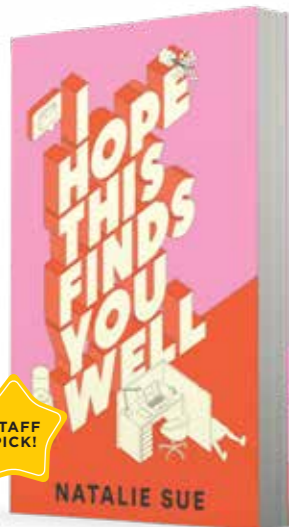
When Psyche is sacrificed by her parents to a 'monstrous husband', she discovers that her

husband is in fact female – but her initial trepidation is soon replaced with joy when the two fall deeply in love.



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STAFF PICK!

"Witty and hilarious, with a perfect twist - I hope this finds you as well as it did me after reading this book!"

Recommended by Annabella, Sales Executive, Open Markets

Natalie **SUE**

I Hope This Finds You Well

The laugh-out-loud, not-to-be-missed debut of 2024.

Meet Jolene: she's socially anxious, isolated, and hates her boring office job. To cope with the daily drudgery, she details petty office grievances via hidden messages in emails to her colleagues. But when one of the messages is exposed, and HR restrictions on her computer result in an IT mix-up that grants her access to her co-workers'

inboxes and DMs, she decides to turn the tables.

As tensions in the office rise, Jolene starts to learn more about her colleagues than she could ever have imagined. In the end, she must decide if she can keep living her life between the lines of an email, or if she's ready to leave the comfort of her cubicle and finally experience the world she's hidden herself away from.



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Mhairi **McFARLANE**

Who's That Girl — You Belong With Me

Edie has found true love with Elliot Owen, a man who is not only handsome but Hollywood royalty. And, he insists, madly in love with Edie Thompson: an ordinary citizen.

Edie must learn how to live in the limelight, but soon discovers it's not easy when the press is the third person in your relationship, or when stories start leaking that force you to mistrust the motives of those around you. It's harder still when your past is raked up by envious people determined to destroy your present. Are she and Elliot a fairytale, or a cautionary fable about getting what you wish for?

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Kirsten **MILLER**

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books

From the author of *The Change* comes a novel about book banning and those brave enough to stand up against this censorship.

In Troy, Georgia, Lula Dean has decided to cleanse the town's reading habits. All banned books have been removed from public spaces, and the townspeople are only allowed to read books Lula has deemed 'appropriate'.

But a small group refuse to be told what they can and can't read. The revolution is coming.



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Yomi **ADEGOKE**

The List

The instant *Sunday Times* bestselling debut novel.

Ola Olajide, a high-profile journalist, is marrying the love of her life in one month's time. Young, beautiful, successful - she and her fiancé Michael seem to have it all.

That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: 'Oh my god, have you seen The List?'

It began as a list of anonymous allegations about abusive men. Now it has been published online. And Michael's name is on there.

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Emily **SLAPPER**

Everyone I Know is Dying

A razor-sharp debut novel from an exciting new voice.

Despite all Iris's success in life, a crippling depression threatens to overwhelm her. The support and stability of her family and friends feels suffocating. And torn between her flatmate George - good, kind, reliable George - and cold, indifferent Patrick, she only seems capable of making choices that cause her pain.

Everyone I Know is Dying explores the pressures of womanhood, toxic relationships, and mental health crises - all through a Gen Z lens.

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HOLDING COVER



Jen **BESSER**

With Shana Feste

Dirty Diana

Diana, a wife and mother living in suburbia, has a dull job at a male-dominated accounting firm.

To escape her increasingly suffocating life, Diana secretly runs an erotic website where women reveal their intimate sexual fantasies. But just as her new secret life brings her the excitement she's been lacking, her marriage to Oliver starts to crumble around her.

• *Dirty Diana* began life as a number one podcast on Apple in 2020, attracting guests including Lena Dunham, Melanie Griffith and Gwendoline Christie.

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Phoenicia **ROGERSON**

Herc

The enthralling new queer, feminist retelling of Greece's greatest hero.

This should be the story of Hercules: his twelve labours, his endless adventures... everyone's favourite hero, right? Well, it's not.

This is the story of everyone else: his friends, his enemies, his wives, his children, his lovers, his rivals, his gods, his victims.

It's time to hear their stories.

Told with humour and heart, *Herc* gives voice to the silenced characters, in this feminist, queer retelling of the classic Hercules myth.

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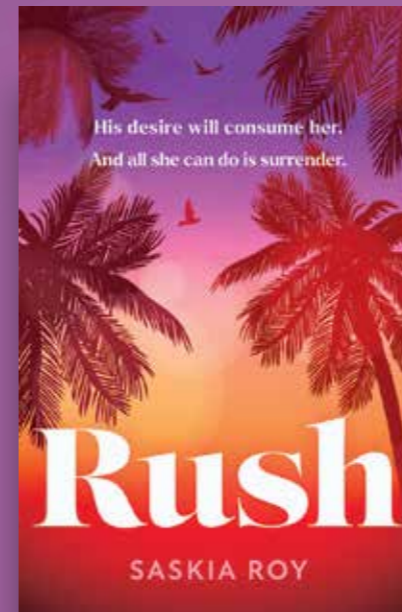
One Knight can change the world and maybe, just maybe, love can bloom, even on a battlefield.

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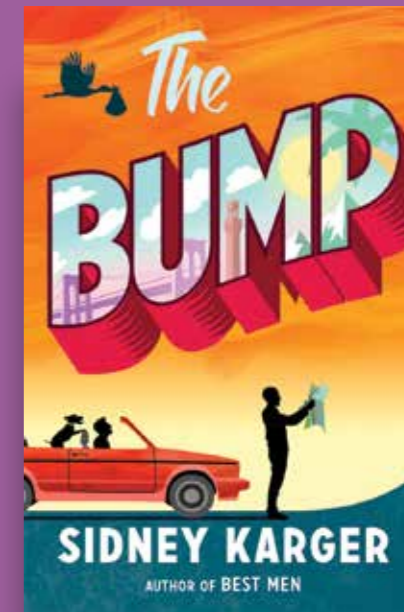


It's the hottest wedding of the year and musician Gwen is about to perform, but there's someone in the wedding party she recognises...

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Sophie IRWIN

A Lady's Guide to Scandal

Widowed at just seven-and-twenty from her marriage of convenience, Eliza, now Countess of Somerset, is bequeathed a fortune, hers to keep – provided she can steer clear of scandal.

The last thing she expects is to be torn between two very different men – a face from the past, whose loss she's always mourned, and a roguish poet, who scorns convention.

But a lady's reputation is fragile and with jealous eyes on Eliza's fortune, it will only take one whisper of gossip for her to lose it all...

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Lindsey KELK

Love Story

Sophie Adams has published an extremely spicy romance novel under a pseudonym. Her debut is a huge hit – but, with an ex who's an award-winning literary author, she's keeping her success strictly confidential – that is until the one person she doesn't want to know figures it out.

A British-set, enemies-to-lovers, small-town summer romance, *Love Story* reminds us all that, whatever else you might be in life, the most important thing you can be is yourself.

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Emily LAYDEN

Once More from The Top

A propulsive story of music, friendship, coming of age and the cost of fame.

Dylan Read, a legendary country-music pop star, has spent fifteen years growing up in the public eye, learning to craft the perfect good girl image.

But Dylan is privately haunted by the loss of her best friend Kelsey, who went missing the year before Dylan's meteoric rise to fame. Then one day Kelsey's body is found at the

bottom of a New England lake where they grew up and Dylan is drawn back to her hometown to revisit their ill-fated teenage friendship and reckon with secrets that have stayed hidden for decades...

- Megan Abbott meets Taylor Jenkins Reid in this page-turning mystery about a missing girl, competitive teenage friendships and a life lived in the spotlight.

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Ashley POSTON

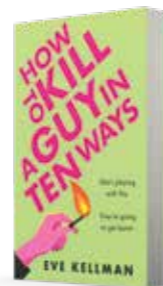
A Novel Love Story

A professor of literature finds herself lost in a good book... literally.

Eileen Merriweather loves a good love story. The fictional kind, anyway. After all, imaginary men don't break your heart. That's why she's so excited for her annual book club retreat.

But when her car breaks down en route, she finds herself in Eloraton. A town that feels too good to be true, and also... familiar. Because Eloraton is the setting of Eileen's favourite romance series. And Eileen is sure she must be here to bring the town its storybook ending.

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Eve KELLMAN

How to Kill a Guy in Ten Ways

After one too many terrifying encounters, Millie Masters sets up a hotline for women who feel unsafe walking home alone at night: Message M.

But very quickly she realises that there's much more to be done to help the women who call in. Because the men just do it again the next night, and the next, and the next...

And when her own sister is assaulted on a night out, the temptation to take the law into her own hands becomes too much to resist. Because M can also stand for murder...

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Eleanor GOYMER

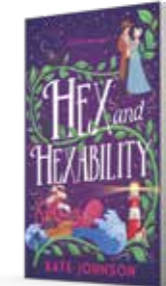
The Fallback

A brilliant friends to lovers, opposites attract romcom.

There is no rulebook for secretly falling in love with your best friend. So, when Mitch offers Rosie a bargain that secretly gets her what she's been pining for... Rosie would be a fool to say no, right? According to the bargain, they must find their soulmates by Christmas or be each other's fallback.

Either way Rosie wins: she finds someone that will finally get her over Mitch or she can finally be with him. What she didn't bargain for was Mitch falling for someone else...

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Kate JOHNSON

Hex and Hexability

***Bridgerton* meets *The Ex Hex* this spooky season.**

A couple of years before Waterloo, Lady Theophania, Tiffany to her friends, is being presented to society, when she causes an incident in front of the entire ton at the ball of the season. On the cusp of being sent to stay with a Great Aunt on the South Coast, she is rescued from the ball by a tall, dark, handsome stranger.

A few years later, that same stranger is found washed up on the beach under Tiffany's home and it seems he's not who he says he is...

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KIRSTEN MILLER

“This is the kind of novel that could get me into a whole heap of trouble”

KIRSTEN MILLER SPEAKS ABOUT THE INSPIRATION BEHIND LULA DEAN'S LITTLE LIBRARY OF BANNED BOOKS

I grew up in the American South, and though I now live in Brooklyn, I will always consider myself a southerner. As everyone from the South knows all too well, you're never really able to leave. It alters your DNA and seeps into the marrow of your bones. I knew I'd eventually set a book in the South, but I had no intention of writing a novel like *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* so soon. Then two things happened that made it clear that the time had come. First, my childhood best friend died tragically. Then folks down South started banning books.

The connection between the two can be summed up by a phrase that's familiar to any southerner: *heritage and history*. My friend devoted the last years of her life to bringing down the Confederate statue that stands in front of our hometown's courthouse. In return for her efforts, she received non-stop harassment and death threats. When she drove off the road one night and slammed into a tree, there were those in town who wondered if her death was truly an accident. She's been gone for two years now. That statue hasn't moved an inch.

Today, the South is torn between those of us who are eager to move forward—and those who long to return to an imagined past. The

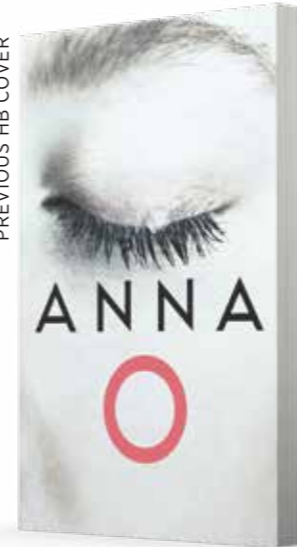
latter are the same southerners who've begun banning books about Black history, LGBTQ lives and the Holocaust. They claim they're protecting our heritage and history. In truth, they're out to whitewash the past and protect their perceived place in the world.

Their efforts may prove successful. It's harder to get the truth out than ever before. In the United States, books remain one of the few ways to reach across the political divide. But if you want to send a message to the masses, you can't browbeat or lecture. You *must* entertain.

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books is entertaining as hell. A tribute to the Southern storytelling tradition, it's filled with eccentric characters and irreverent humor. But underneath is a message that's deadly serious. It's the kind of novel that could get me into a whole heap of trouble. But that's okay. It's time I stopped watching from the sidelines. I owe it to my friend to take up the fight.



PREVIOUS HB COVER



Matthew BLAKE

Anna O

Anna O hasn't opened her eyes in four years...

Not since the night she was found in a deep sleep by the bodies of her best friends, suspected of a chilling double murder.

For Doctor Benedict Prince, a forensic psychologist on London's Harley Street, waking Anna O could be career-defining. As an expert in sleep, he knows all about the darkest chambers of the mind; the

secrets that lie buried in the subconscious.

As he begins Anna O's treatment – studying his patient's dreams, combing her memories, visiting the site where the horrors played out – he pulls on the thread of a much deeper, darker mystery.

Awakening Anna O isn't the end of the story, it's just the beginning.

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PREVIOUS HB COVER



Abigail DEAN

Day One

When a lone gunman enters a primary school in a beautiful Lake District town, the effects of the tragedy radiate through idyllic Stonesmere with devastating consequences.

At the epicentre of the tragedy is Marty, daughter of the teacher who dies trying to protect her pupils. Her actions in the immediate aftermath change the trajectory of her life forever.

As news of the shooting spreads across the country, rumours of inconsistencies

begin to surface, festering online. Conspiracy theorists start questioning what happened, and for outsider Trent Casey, this new community offers him a chance to step into the spotlight.

With events spiralling out of control, Marty and Trent's lives become irreversibly entwined and the true story is gradually revealed. Eight years later, Marty must piece together her memories of that fateful day and face up to the part she played.

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Kim **SHERWOOD**

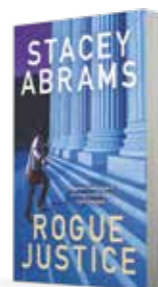
Double O (2) – A Spy Like Me

Six days. Three agents. One chance to find James Bond.

An elite team of MI6 agents must go undercover to unravel a smuggling network funding violent terror. As the agents follow the twisting trail, they find themselves unexpectedly inching closer to Bond...

Uncover the dangerous world of deception in the second thrilling adventure in the acclaimed *Double O* series by Kim Sherwood.

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Rogue Justice

Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene is back. But as the sparks of Congressional hearings and political skirmishes swirl around her, Avery is approached at a legal conference by Preston Davies, a man who believes his boss, a judge, was being blackmailed in the days before she died. As Avery digs deeper, she begins to see a frightening pattern – and she worries that something far more sinister may be unfolding inside the nation's third branch of government. With lives at stake, Avery must race the clock and an unexpected enemy to find the answer.



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Jesse **SUTANTO**

You Will Never Be Me

Influencer Meredith Lee didn't teach Aspen Palmer how to blossom on social media just to be ditched as soon as Aspen became big.

Then Mer gets lucky; she finds one of Aspen's kids' iPads, which gives her access to all of Aspen's social media accounts. Would anyone else be able to resist tweaking things a little here and there, showing up in Aspen's place for meetings with potential sponsors?

Then Meredith suddenly goes missing and Aspen's world is upended, and mysterious threats begin to arrive – but she won't let anything get in the way of her perfect life again.

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Stacy **WILLINGHAM**

Only If You're Lucky

Margot went to college in South Carolina for a chance to get a fresh start.

She gets her wish when the enigmatic Lucy invites her to join two other girls in a shared house. But as Margot gets to know the girls, she begins to realise that something's off about Lucy.

Then Lucy goes missing and a boy from the frat house next door is dead. As the police continue to dig, they realise Lucy isn't the only one with secrets...

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Robert **THOROGOOD**

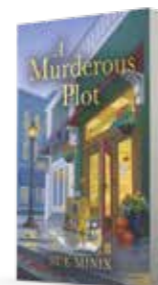
The Marlow Murder Club Mysteries (3) – The Queen of Poisons

Who killed the Mayor? It's up to the Marlow Murder Club to find out...

Geoffrey Lushington, Mayor of Marlow, dies suddenly during a Town Council meeting. When traces of aconite – also known as the queen of poisons – are found in his coffee cup, the police realise he was murdered.

Who would want to kill the affable Mayor? How did they even get the poison into his coffee? And is anyone else in danger? Judith, Suzie, and Becks are about to face their most difficult case yet.

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Sue **MINIX**

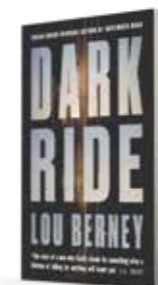
The Bookstore Mystery Series – A Murderous Plot
The Bookstore Mystery Series – Sentenced to Murder

She can plot out the perfect murder mystery... But can she solve one in real life?

Just as Jen sits down to write her next murder mystery novel, a killer strikes again in the tiny town of Riverton. Will Jen be able to solve this murderous plot, or will the killer, and her new book, get the better of her?

This bookish cosy mystery is perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Ellery Adams, and will leave you guessing right up until the final page.

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Lou **BERNEY**

Dark Ride

Hardy "Hardly" Reed is drifting through life, until one day he notices two children, around six or seven, alone and sporting injuries. He reports the incident to Child Protective Service – and that should be the end of it. But Hardly is haunted by the two kids and, despite his tendency to avoid unnecessary effort, he decides to do what's right and help them. But as tensions with the children's parents escalate, Hardly gradually begins to discover that the situation is more dangerous than he ever expected...

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J.L. **BLACKHURST**

The Impossible Crimes Series (2) – Smoke and Murders

Members of the Lewes Bonfire Society would say afterwards that the event would have been a huge success that year, if it hadn't been for the dead body...

When the charred remains of Rupert Millington are found inside a burning effigy, no one knows how they got there, but there are plenty of rumours about whodunnit.

Detective Tess Fox and her con-artist sister Sarah Jacobs are confident they have the skills to unmask the true killer. But will this puzzling mystery prove beyond even their talent?

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Raymond E. FEIST

The Dragonwar Saga (1) — A Darkness Returns

Hatushaly, last scion of the Firemane dynasty, his beloved Hava, and their dubious friend Donte have been transported across space and time from the war-torn world of Garn to the relative peace of Midkemia.

And while the Church of the One has risen to bring death and destruction to Hatu's home world, an even greater menace lies in wait – a creature from the Void, bent on the destruction of all living things. It will take everything Hatu and Hava have to save the worlds of Midkemia and Garn from everlasting darkness.

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Mark LAWRENCE

The Library Trilogy (2) — The Book That Broke the World

Evar and Livira stand side by side and yet far beyond each other's reach. Evar is forced to flee the library, driven before an implacable foe. Livira, trapped in a ghost world, has to recover her book if she's to return to her life.

While Evar's journey leads him outside into the vastness of a world he's never seen, Livira's destination lies deep inside her own writing, where she must wrestle with her stories in order to reclaim the volume in which they were written. The secret war that defines the library has chosen its champions and set them on the board.

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Shannon CHAKRABORTY

The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi

Amina al-Sirafi has survived backstabbing rogues, vengeful merchant princes, several husbands, and one actual demon to retire peacefully with her family to a life of piety, motherhood, and absolutely nothing that hints of the supernatural.

But when she's offered a job no bandit could refuse, she jumps at the chance for one final adventure with her old crew that will make her a legend and offers a fortune that will secure her and her family's future forever.

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Thea GUANZON

The Hurricane Wars (1) — The Hurricane Wars

The epic new enemies-to-lovers romantasy, packed with passion, adventure and magic.

All Talasyn has ever known are the Hurricane Wars. An orphan of the struggle, she uses the power of light to fight for her people.

All Alaric has ever known is darkness. The son of the Night Emperor and their deadliest weapon, he wields terrifying shadow magic to crush the rebellion.

Then he sees Talasyn and their lives are changed forever. Now a greater threat is rising and only they can stop it.

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George R.R. MARTIN

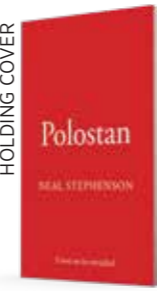
A Song of Ice and Fire — Fire and Blood: The inspiration for HBO's *House of the Dragon* Slipcase edition

The inspiration for HBO and Sky TV series *House of the Dragon*.

Centuries before the events of *A Game of Thrones*, House Targaryen – the only family of dragonlords to survive the Doom of Valyria – took up residence on Dragonstone. *Fire and Blood* begins their tale with the legendary Aegon the Conqueror, creator of the Iron Throne, and goes on to recount the generations of Targaryens who fought to hold that iconic seat, all the way up to the civil war that nearly tore their dynasty apart.

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Neal STEPHENSON

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An expansive historical epic of intrigue and international espionage.

Born in the American West to a clan of cowboy anarchists, Dawn Rae Bjornberg grows up in Leningrad, raised by her Russian father, a party line Leninist. Upon her return to America, however, Dawn is drawn into gun running and revolution in the streets of Washington, D.C. When she is forced to go on the run from U.S. authorities, Dawn returns to Russia where she is groomed as a spy by the organisation that later becomes the KGB.

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Analeigh SBRANA

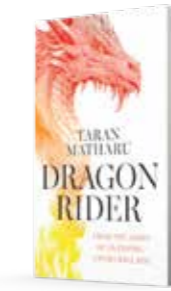
Lore of the Wilds Duology (1) — Lore of the Wilds

In a land ruled by ruthless Fae, Lore Alemeyu's village is trapped in a forested prison. Any escape attempt is futile. But when her village is threatened, Lore makes a desperate deal with a fae lord. As she navigates the hostile world outside, Lore is forced to rely on two fae males to survive.

When undeniable chemistry ignites, she's not just in danger of losing her life, but her heart – to the very creatures she can never trust.



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Taran MATHARU

Dragon Rider

Jai has spent his life forced to serve the cruel empire that killed his family and now rules his people. But when a new princess is betrothed to the emperor's young son, she brings with her a priceless gift: dragons.

When the betrothal goes wrong, a bloody coup leads to chaos at court. Jai seizes his chance to escape and flees, but not before stealing a dragon egg. To vanquish the empire, he must do the impossible: bond with a dragon. Only then can he seize his destiny, and seek his revenge.



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Laura **PURCELL**

Moonstone

A sparkling, chilling gothic romance with real bite.

Following a scandal, Camille is sent to the woods to live with her reclusive godmother and her strange daughter, Lucy. She has never met anyone quite like Lucy before, and as they grow closer and cross forbidden boundaries, strange things begin to happen. Mysterious deaths, claw marks raking the doors, and the nights are pierced by howls that sound almost... otherworldly.

Should Camille be more afraid of what's hiding in the woods – or her own heart?

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Kyrie **McCAULEY**

All the Dead Lie Down
Bad Graces

A haunting romance about a dark family lineage, the ghosts of grief, and the lines we're willing to cross for love.

Days after a tragedy leaves Marin Blythe alone in the world, she receives a surprising invitation from Alice Lovelace, an acclaimed horror writer and childhood friend of Marin's mother, offering her a nanny position at Lovelace House.

As she settles in, Marin can't escape the anxiety that shadows her. Dead birds appear in her room. The children's pranks escalate. Something dangerous lurks in the woods...

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Rebecca **ROSS**

Letters of Enchantment (1) —
Divine Rivals

The epic new enemies-to-lovers fantasy novel from no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller Rebecca Ross.

Having landed herself a prestigious job at a newspaper, Iris is busy trying to keep her homelife together. Each night, she pours her heart out in letters to her brother – except the letters have reached the hands of the last person Iris trusts: Roman Kitt, her cold, unforgiving rival at the paper.

Drawn together by fate and magic, Iris and Roman form an unlikely connection. They say love conquers all, but can it triumph in a war between gods?

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FREDDIE KÖLSCH

“I wrote this story for the only person I was sure would want to read it: my own teenage self.”

FREDDIE KÖLSCH INTRODUCES HER DEBUT LGBTQ DARK ROMANCE, *NOW, CONJURERS*

Dear Booksellers,

As a former bookseller myself, it is my absolute delight to bring you *Now, Conjurers*, my first novel.

I know how hard it is to capture the abstract *something* that makes a person pick up a particular book... and so, ultimately, I wrote this story for the only person I was sure would want to read it: my own teenage self. That younger me is still there in my head—just barely out of reach in the past, perpetually feeling *feelings* and doing *things* that will turn me into the person I am now—and, sometime back in the early 2000s, she’s looking through all of the genre books she loves most for the lesbian character that reminds her of herself. For the group of misfits that act as a loving substitute for a crappy home life.

For the queer romance that mirrors her own romance with the girl she really likes.

In that way, I actually wrote *Now, Conjurers* for all of us. Because, of course, lots of booksellers (maybe even you!) are total weirdos, are queer, are living odd lives on the fringes of the mainstream... or, at the very least, are open to all of those things. And maybe you were actually *just like* Nesbit or Dove or Drea or Brandy, the teen coven of alternative kids who

discover that a monster is responsible for the death of their leader.

Or maybe you’re like that dead leader, and like so many other kids I knew, back in my own grubby adolescence... the kids who kept all of their pain and fear locked inside, fighting monsters that absolutely nobody around them knew about.

Maybe you’re one of those people with interests that straddle that weird gap between the totally stupid and the legitimately intellectual. Maybe you like wordplay, creepy carnivals, the disembodied voice behind a dark curtain that calls you onward, the idea of *magic that works*.

Maybe you’re not someone that your parents are proud of.

Maybe you’re a good person anyway.

Teenage me was all of those things, and I tried to tell a story that would thrill her, that she would want to read again and again. I hope the teenager in you feels the same way.



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Now, Conjurers

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Astrid has lived in the rhubarb shed her whole life. The outside world is dangerous, Mama explains, and she is safe in the shed.

Then one night a stranger with wings comes to take Astrid to a secret city in the sky called London Overhead, far above the highest peak of the Shard. For Astrid, like her, is a Librae – and will soon grow wings of her own.

Astrid is swept into a breathtaking and magical world of new friendships, sweeping adventures and unimaginable discoveries at the ancient, beautiful school for Librae students: Starminster. But quickly she learns that all is not well in the glimmering city. And when rumours abound of missing children in London Underfoot, she begins to realise that Mama may have been right about the dangers waiting for Astrid all along.

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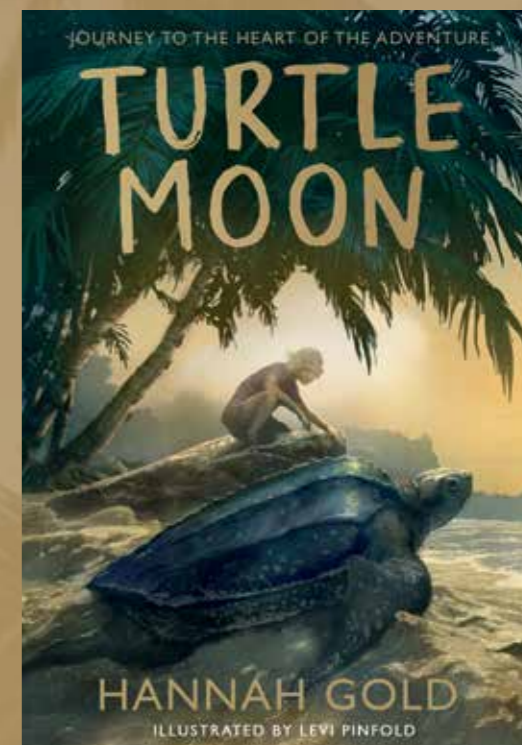
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As an epic final showdown draws near, Phoenix struggles to protect her friends, determined not to lose anyone else she loves. But the Master is crueller and more powerful than she ever imagined and as Phoenix's past and present collide, unthinkable sacrifices will have to be made to defeat him.

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Bequeathed with the mysterious seal of the Golden Linnet, Sam must uncover family secrets, face deadly foes and undertake perilous journeys.

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MEGAN **HOPKINS**

‘It is a source of daily delight and wonder to me that Starminster will soon appear on bookshelves’

MEGAN HOPKINS INTRODUCES HER DEBUT CHILDREN'S NOVEL, *STARMINSTER*

London is a chameleonic city, full of surprises. Around every corner, through every cobbled alleyway, lurking in bollards and docks and placards, London persistently reminds its visitors of all the Londons it has been, and all the Londons it has yet to become. Even in my own lifetime, London has shot skywards, and the monolith of St Paul's Cathedral is dwarfed by the buildings around it. So when it came to creating another London, this didn't seem like much of a leap – there are already a thousand Londons, in real life, in fantasy, across history and across fiction. So London Overhead materialised in my mind, almost fully formed. A London that floats above the city we know, ancient bridges and staircases, lined by a net to catch anyone falling from the skies.

Starminster is my first novel, and it was constructed from many micro-epiphanies as I struggled to write the story that I knew my young self had wanted: a wish-fulfilment story about a girl with wings. The first few chapters of the book took years to get right. I knew I wanted an isolated child as a main character, but couldn't figure out how to write her. When my mother-in-law casually mentioned champagne rhubarb, grown in candlelight, I knew that my protagonist was

raised in a rhubarb shed, longing for starlight.

When constructing my school of flight, *Starminster*, it was important to me that learning to fly was rigorous and challenging in nature; I hoped children would recognise that incredible skills can only result from hard graft. Eventually, I remembered the childhood hours I spent gazing upwards in churches and cathedrals, imagining soaring through rafters, or reading in dusty, inaccessible nooks. St Paul's Cathedral inserted itself into the novel as the perfect place – the only place – suitable to host England's only school of flight.

It is a source of daily delight and wonder to me that *Starminster* will soon appear on bookshelves. I hope that it will find its way into the hands of children who have also dreamed of the lightness and freedom of flight – and that they can achieve that dream, and many others, through the infinite power of imagination.





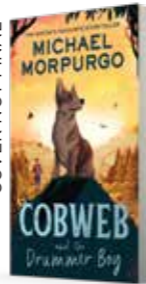
Anna JAMES

Chronicles of Whetherwhy (1) —
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Pages & Co. (6) — Pages & Co.:
The Last Bookwanderer

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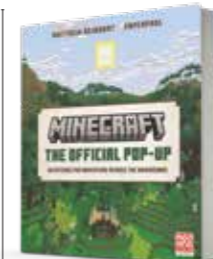
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Then disaster strikes and their beloved friend Henry disappears: snatched by a mysterious creature, and dragged down into the depths of the River Thames.

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Laura NOAKES

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a Fraud

Cosima lives at the Star Diamond Home for Children with her best friends Diya, Mary and Pearl. Life has recently been peaceful, but where Cos goes, adventure is sure to follow – and when a world-famous painting is stolen, Cos's father is arrested for the crime. Cos and her friends know he has been framed – and they are sure that notorious thief, the Spectre, is responsible.

Cos is determined that she won't lose her father again – and the girls must use spirit, wit, bravery and ingenuity to bring him safely home.

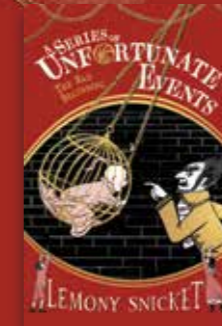
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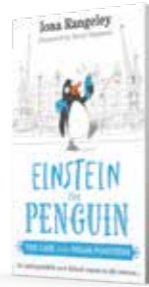
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Oscar's Lion

Oscar is a little terrified to find that a lion is going to be looking after him for the weekend. But when the lion lets him eat as many biscuits as he wants, and reads him his favourite story ten times, Oscar realises he might be on to something good.

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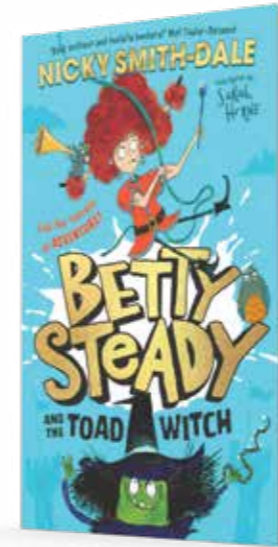
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Get ready to welcome the most extraordinary penguin back into your own home.

Imogen has been taking a step back from penguin activities since she started her new school, leaving her brother, Arthur, in charge of visiting their feathered friends. But when penguins start to go missing from the wild, she knows she has to spring into action. Could old adversaries be behind the random disappearances? With the help of their old friend, Einstein, it's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective again.

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Illustrated by Sarah Horne

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At twelve years old, Betty Steady stands tall and dazzling, and is the Guardian of Wobbly Rock – a faraway kingdom which she protects fearlessly, all by herself. But then the Toad Witch literally cuts Betty down to size. Can Betty prevent disaster before the Toad Witch and her evil army launch a terrible attack on Wobbly Rock?

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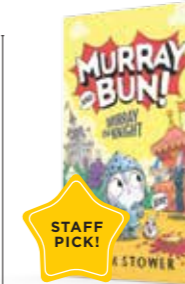
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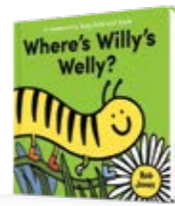
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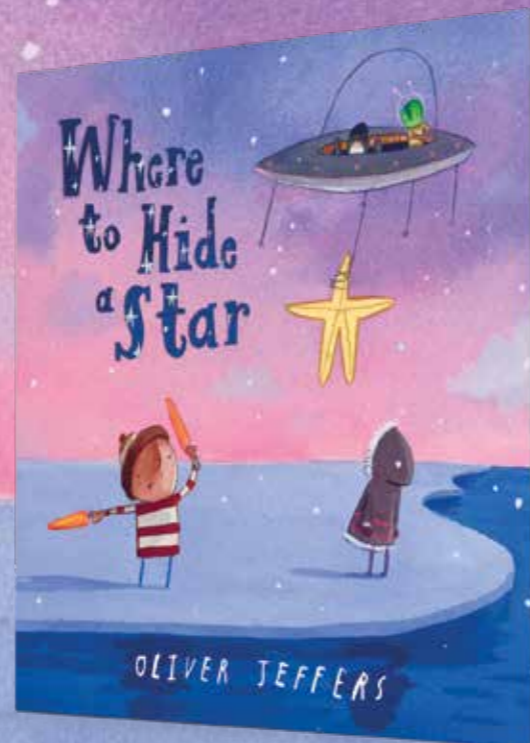
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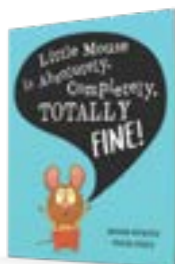
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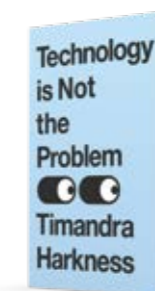
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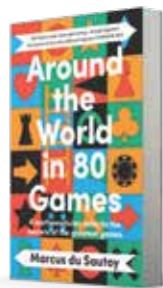
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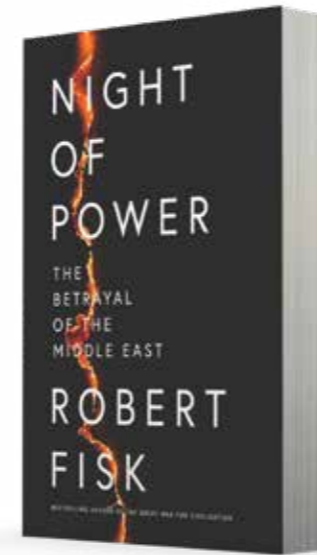
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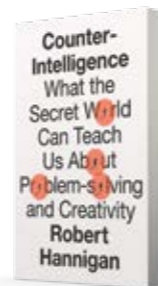
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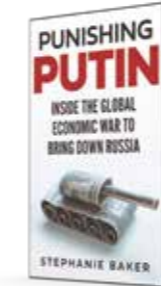
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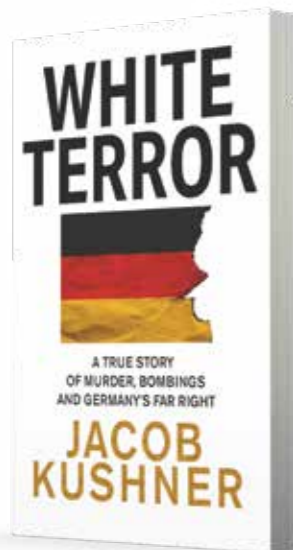
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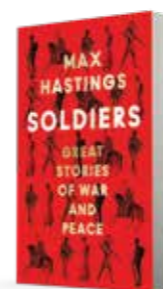
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Mirrors of Greatness: Churchill and the Leaders Who Shaped Him

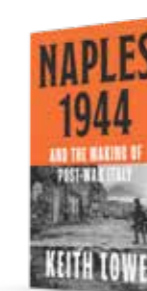
Winston Churchill followed his own star. He yearned to be 'great', to gain historical immortality – and he did so through deeds and words.

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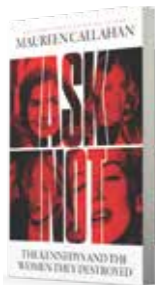
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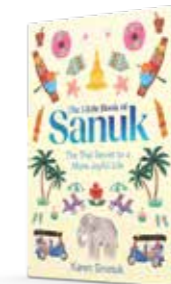
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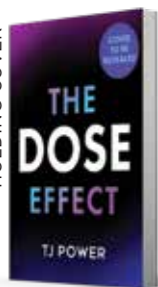
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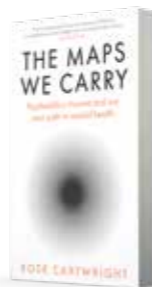
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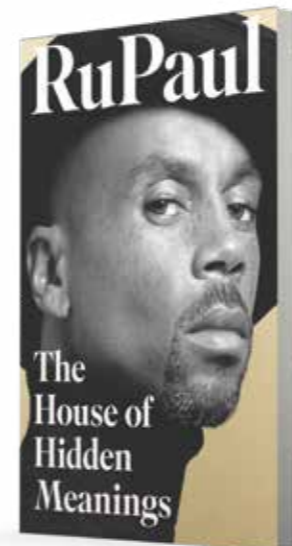
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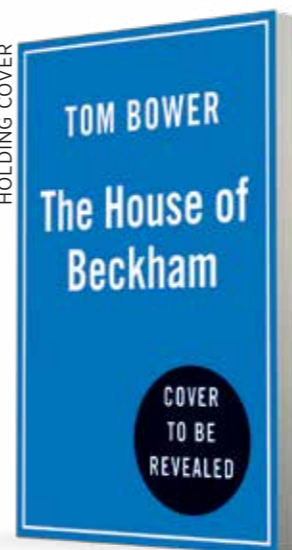
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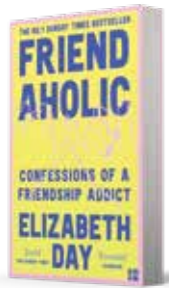
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