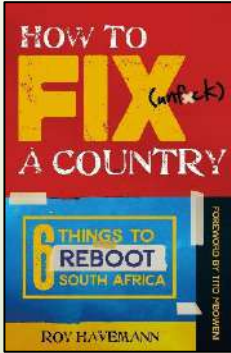


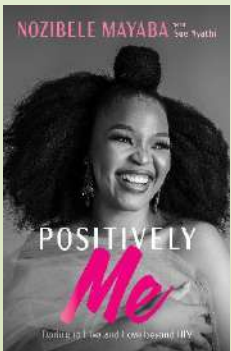
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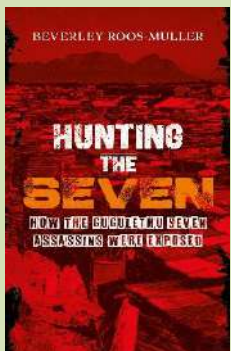
How to Fix (Unf*ck) A Country by Roy Havemann
9781776193417 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

After state capture, South Africa is f*cked not in a good place. The system is down. How do we reboot? We are not the first country to find itself in a difficult spot. China, India, South Korea, Vietnam and many others have gone from being economic basket cases to powerhouses, lifting millions out of poverty. So how can we pick ourselves up and fix things? In this book, Roy Havemann argues that right now we need to focus on six basic 'E's: Eskom, Education, Environment, Exports, Ethics, and Equality. Havemann lays out how we can practically bring in lessons from other countries and learn from their achievements and mistakes. He shows that we are slowly moving in the right direction. Sometimes the solutions to our problems are right here in our very own country, all that is needed is for us to recognise and harness them.



Positively Me by Nozibele Mayaba with Sue Nyathi
9781776193387 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

Born in Qgeberha in the 1990s, popular Aids activist Nozibele Mayaba's upbringing was one of struggle and strife. She was raised by the tough hand of her mother in the confines of a strict Christian household. Nozibele strove to be the "good girl" that everyone adores to win her mother's approval and the affection of her absent father. She lived by the book and was steered by her faith. Hers becomes a life of firsts. She is the first person in her family to travel overseas. The first to graduate from university. It is also her first love, with his infectious smile that infected her with HIV. This diagnosis throws her life into disarray. Fearing stigma and feeling the need to maintain her "good girl" image, she kept her status a secret. However, she soon succumbed to depression. It is in the aftermath, when she picks up the broken pieces of her life that she finds purpose in all the pain she has endured.

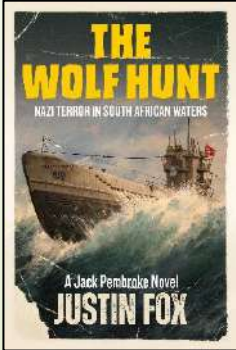


Hunting The Seven by Beverley Roos-Muller
9781776193509 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R320

Never have seven people been so hunted. By assassins. Then by journalists, lawyers, activists and TRC investigators in search of the truth for the victims' families. In 1986, seven young men were shot and killed by police in Gugulethu in Cape Town. The nation was told they were part of a 'terrorist' MK cell plotting an attack on a police unit. An inquest followed, then a dramatic trial in 1987 and a second inquest in 1989 that again exonerated the police. Finally, ten years later, Eugene de Kock's Vlakplaas unit was exposed at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for having planned and executed the cold-blooded killings. Yet their real agenda remained a mystery. Beverley Roos-Muller reveals her own decades-long connection to the case and her search for the truth of their deaths that has been shrouded in lies and mystery.

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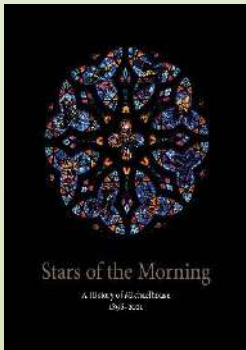
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The Wolf Hunt by Justin Fox

9781776194025 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

July 1941. Having left England to join his father in South Africa, Lieutenant Jack Pembroke has found a new home and a new love in Cape Town and is put in command of a small, anti-submarine flotilla at the Royal Navy base in Simonstown. He has precious little time to train his men, and prepare his ships, for the arrival of deadly Nazi wolf packs, U-boats sent by Admiral Dönitz from bases in France to cripple the Cape convoy route. With the Mediterranean all-but closed to maritime traffic, and Rommel's forces rampaging through North Africa, this sea route is vital to supplying Allied forces in Egypt at a critical point in World War II. Everything will hang in the balance with the arrival of the enemy in South African waters.

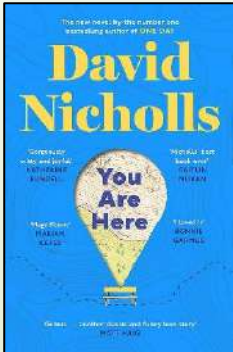


Stars Of The Morning by Gary Ralfe

9781776192939 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | HB | R950

Established in Pietermaritzburg in 1896 and transferred to rural Balgowan in 1901, Michaelhouse has been one of South Africa's premier senior boarding schools for boys for more than a century. As a diocesan school, set up on the model of the great English public schools, from the start Michaelhouse aimed to shape the whole boy, academically, spiritually and on the playing field. *Stars of the Morning* chronicles the history of the school, from the move to Balgowan and the indelible imprint left by the two world wars to the impact of load shedding and Covid-19. Author Gary Ralfe has a long and storied connection with Michaelhouse, as an Old Boy, grandparent, governor, chairman, trustee and benefactor. He draws on archival sources, interviews and extensive research to tell this complex and fascinating story.

Fiction



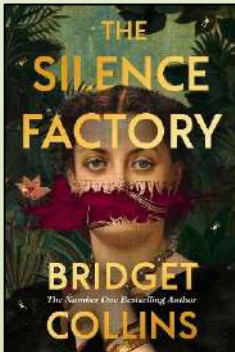
You Are Here by David Nicholls

9781444715453 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R415

Marnie is stuck. Stuck working alone in her London flat, stuck battling the long afternoons and a life that often feels like it's passing her by.

Michael is coming undone. Reeling from his wife's departure, increasingly reclusive, taking himself on long, solitary walks across the moors and fells.

When a persistent mutual friend and some very English weather conspire to bring them together, Marnie and Michael suddenly find themselves alone on the most epic of walks and on the precipice of a new friendship. But can they survive the journey?

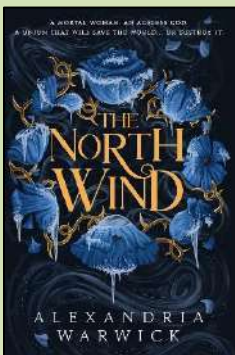


The Silence Factory by Bridget Collins

9780008424039 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

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 origins of this otherworldly gift: a gift that has travelled from ancient Mediterranean glades to English libraries. Ignoring repeated warnings from the girl's secretive governess, 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?

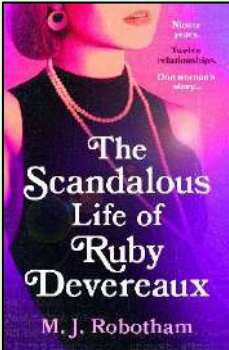


The North Wind by Alexandria Warwick

9781398533844 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R390

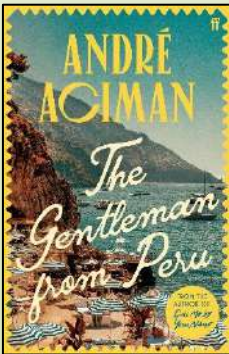
Wren of Edgewood is no stranger to suffering. With her parents gone, it's Wren's responsibility to ensure she and her sister survive the harsh and endless winter, but if the legends are to be believed, their home may not be safe for much longer. For three hundred years, the land surrounding Edgewood has been encased in ice as the Shade, a magical barrier that protects the townsfolk from the Deadlands beyond, weakens. Only one thing can stop the Shade's fall: the blood of a mortal woman bound in wedlock to the North Wind, a dangerous immortal whose heart is said to be as frigid as the land he rules. And the time has come to choose his bride. When the North Wind sets his eyes on Wren's sister, Wren will do anything to save her, even if it means sacrificing herself in the process. But mortal or not, Wren won't go down without a fight...

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The Scandalous Life of Ruby Devereaux by M J Robotham
9781035901111 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R385

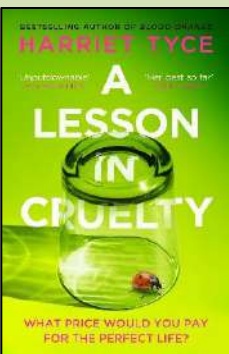
From a teenager in wartime England to a veteran of modern-day London, via 1950's New York, the Swinging Sixties, Cold War Berlin, Venice and Vietnam, Ruby Devereaux has lived one hell of a life: parties, scandals and conflict zones, meeting men and adventure along the way. In a writing career spanning seven decades and more than twenty books, she's distilled everything into her work. Or has she? Now beyond her 90th year, Ruby's energy is ebbing and her beloved typewriter put away. Until a call from her publisher presents Ruby with an ultimatum, and the impetus to embark on one last book, "warts and all", as she says. Even in her dotage, Ruby.M Devereux has the power to surprise, because whatever this author does, she does on her own terms. Always. Is Ruby finally about to reveal the secrets of her infamous life?



The Gentleman From Peru by André Aciman
9780571385119 | Faber & Faber | HB | R370

A group of college friends find themselves marooned at a luxurious hotel on the Amalfi Coast in Italy. While their boat is being repaired, they can't help but observe the daily routine of a fellow hotel guest, a mysterious, white-bearded stranger who sits on the veranda each night and smokes one cigarette, sometimes two.

When the group decides to invite the elegant traveller to lunch with them, they cannot begin to imagine the miraculous abilities, strange wisdom, and a life-changing story he is about to impart to one of the friends in particular. .



A Lesson in Cruelty by Harriet Tyce
9781472280138 | Headline | TPB | R415

They say you can't always get what you want. But you can take it.

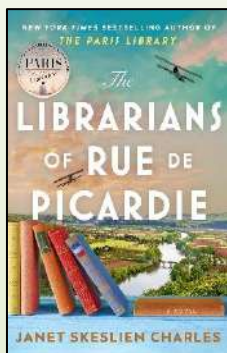
Anna wants a fresh start. She doesn't believe she deserves it, but after three years behind bars she has finally paid her dues. Most of them, anyway.

Lucy craves the attention of the only man she can't have, her alluring Oxford professor. He's married, not for the first time. Maybe she should be next in line?

Marie the recluse has been locked up for too long. She's not ready to be free, but some rules are meant to be broken.

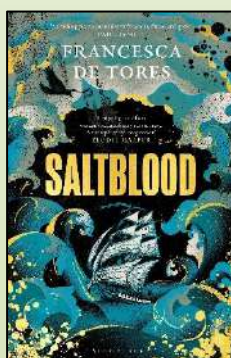
Everyone wants a perfect life. But not everyone is prepared to take it. Unless someone decides to teach them a lesson.

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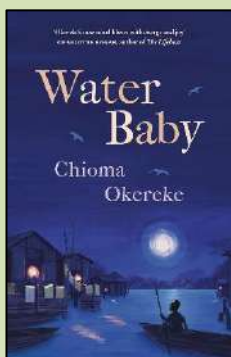
The Librarians of Rue de Picardie by Janet Skeslien Charles
9781035417896 | Headline | TPB | R415

1918: As the Great War rages, Jessie Carson takes a leave of absence from the New York Public Library to work for the American Committee for Devastated France, a group of women determined to rebuild devastated French communities just miles from the front. Upon arrival, Jessie strives to establish something that the French have never seen, children's libraries. She turns ambulances into bookmobiles and trains the first French female librarians. Then she disappears. 1987: When NYPL librarian and aspiring writer Wendy Peterson stumbles across a passing reference to Jessie Carson in the archives, she becomes consumed with learning her fate. In her obsession, she discovers that she and the elusive librarian have more in common than their work at New York's famed library, but she has no idea their paths will converge in surprising ways across time.



Saltblood by Francesca De Tores
9781526661326 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R365

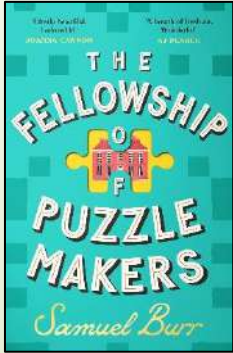
In a rented room outside Plymouth in 1685, a daughter is born as her half-brother is dying. Her mother makes a decision: Mary will become Mark, and Ma will continue to collect his inheritance money. Mary's dual existence as Mark will lead to a role as a footman in a grand house, serving a French mistress; to the navy, learning who to trust and how to navigate by the stars and to the army and the battlegrounds of Flanders, finding love among the bloodshed and the mud. But none of this will stop Mary yearning for the sea. Drawn back to the water, Mary must reinvent herself yet again, for a woman aboard a ship is a dangerous thing. This time Mary will become something more dangerous than a woman. She will become a pirate.



Water Baby by Chioma Okereke
9781529425413 | Quercus | TPB | R415

She's the Pearl of Makoko and the world is her oyster. In Makoko, the floating slum off mainland Lagos, Nigeria, nineteen-year-old Baby yearns for an existence where she can escape the future her father has planned for her. With opportunities scarce, Baby jumps at the chance to join a newly launched drone-mapping project, aimed at broadening the visibility of her community. Then a video of her at work goes viral and Baby finds herself with options she could never have imagined, including the possibility of leaving her birthplace to represent Makoko on the world stage. But will life beyond the lagoon be everything she's dreamed of? Or has everything she wants been in front of her all along?

Fiction



The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers by Samuel Burr
9781398712317 | Orion | TPB | R415

Clayton Stumper is an enigma. He might be twenty-five years old, but he dresses like your grandad and drinks sherry like your aunt.

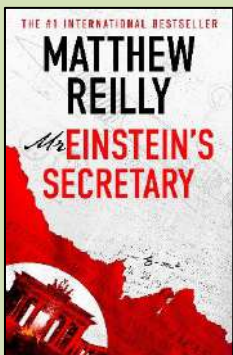
Abandoned at birth on the steps of *the Fellowship of Puzzle Makers*, he was raised by the sharpest minds in the British Isles and finds himself amongst the last survivors of a fading institution. When the esteemed crossword compiler, Pippa Allsbrook, passes away, she bestows her final puzzle to him: a promise to reveal the mystery of his parentage and prepare him for his future. Yet as Clay begins to unpick the clues, he uncovers something even the Fellowship have never been able to solve and it's a secret that will change everything...



The Library Thief by Kuchenga Shenjé
9781408726853 | Little Brown | TPB | R415

After he brought her home from Jamaica as a baby, Florence's father had her hair hot-combed to make her look like the other girls. But as a young woman, Florence is not so easy to tame and when she brings scandal to his door, the bookbinder throws her onto the streets of Manchester.

Intercepting her father's latest commission, Florence talks her way into the remote, forbidding Rose Hall to restore its collection of rare books. Lord Francis Belfield's library is old and full of secrets, but none so intriguing as the whispers about his late wife. Then one night, the library is broken into. Strangely, all the priceless tomes remain untouched. Florence is puzzled, until she discovers a half-burned book in the fireplace. She realises with horror that someone has found and set fire to the secret diary of Lord Belfield's wife...



Mr Einstein's Secretary by Matthew Reilly
9781398721289 | Orion | TPB | R435

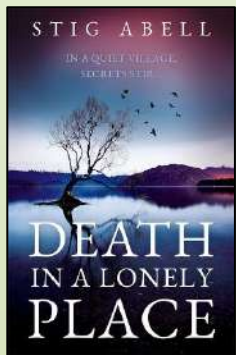
All Hanna Fischer ever wanted to do was to study physics under the great Albert Einstein. But when, as a teenager in 1919, her life is suddenly turned upside-down, she is catapulted into a new and extraordinary life as a secretary, a scientist, a sister and a spy. From racist gangs in Berlin to gangsters in New York City, Nazis in the 1930s and Hitler's inner circle during the Second World War, Hanna will encounter some of history's greatest minds and most terrible moments, all while desperately trying to stay alive. She is a most unique secretary and she will work for many bosses, from shrewd businessmen to vile Nazis, to the greatest boss of them all, Mr Albert Einstein...

Fiction



The Book That Broke the World by Mark Lawrence
9780008456771 | HarperCollins | TPB | R420

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, must 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. And all the while, the library quietly weaves thread to thread, bringing the scattered elements of Livira's old life, friends and foe alike, back together beneath new skies. Long ago, a lie was told, and with the passing years it has grown and spread, a small push leading to a chain of desperate consequences. Now, as one edifice topples into the next with ever-growing violence, it threatens to break the world.



Death in a Lonely Place by Stig Abell
9780008517076 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

A rural paradise...

Detective Jake Jackson moved to the countryside for a quieter life. And he finally seems to have his wish, spending his days immersed in nature, and his evenings lazing by the fire.

A terrifying secret...

But the return of an old case shatters the calm and pulls him into the shadowy world of a secretive group serving the extravagant whims of the elite.

An enemy closes in...

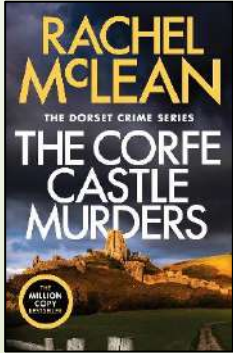
As the web around Jake tightens, he must determine who he can really trust in his small community. Or else he will learn just how far the elite will go to protect their secrets.



It Ends With Us FTI by Colleen Hoover
9781398531734 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R295

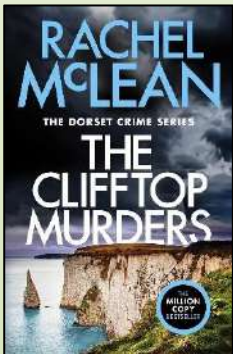
Lily hasn't always had it easy, but that's never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She's come a long way from the small town where she grew up, she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. And when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily's life seems too good to be true. Ryle is assertive, stubborn, maybe even a little arrogant. He's also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily. And the way he looks in scrubs certainly doesn't hurt. Lily can't get him out of her head. But Ryle's complete aversion to relationships is disturbing. Even as Lily finds herself becoming the exception to his "no dating" rule, she can't help but wonder what made him that way in the first place.

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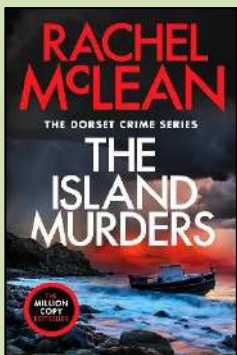
The Corfe Castle Murders (Dorset Crime series, 1) by Rachel McLean
9781804367605 | Canelo | PB | R265

When a body is found at the castle ruins, can DCI Lesley Clarke uncover the killer? After being injured in a bomb attack in Birmingham, DCI Lesley Clarke relocates to the peace of rural Dorset. But things don't stay calm for long. Before she's even started her new job, Lesley has to hit the ground running as she's dragged into investigating a murder at one of England's most iconic landmarks, the imposing Corfe Castle. Can she navigate the politics of a smaller force and work with her new partner DS Dennis Frampton, who doesn't appreciate her. And most importantly, can she solve the murder before the killer strikes again?



The Clifftop Murders (Dorset Crime Book 2) by Rachel McLean
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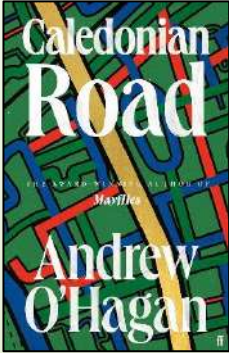
A murder at Old Harry Rocks. A detective on a case that's too close to home. After moving to rural Dorset, DCI Lesley Clarke is settling into her new job at the Major Crimes Unit and becoming accustomed to a slower pace of life. Until she's called in to solve the murder of a woman with links to Lesley's new girlfriend. Has Lesley made a grave error of judgement? Can she track down the killer or does she already know her? And how will Lesley's new colleagues react when she tells them she's dating a suspect? A fast-paced, gripping detective novel that fans of Elly Griffiths and Ann Cleeves will love.



The Island Murders (Dorset Crime series, 3) by Rachel McLean
9781804367629 | Canelo | PB | R265

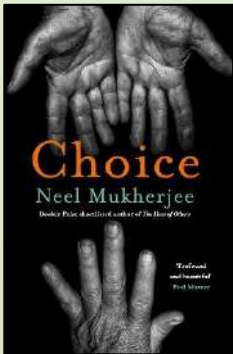
When a body washes up on the shores of Brownsea Island, DCI Lesley Clarke initially suspects suicide. But as she investigates the death, growing close to the island's isolated community, she starts to suspect foul play. As the case deepens, Lesley uncovers the many secrets mysteries hidden within Brownsea Island, secrets that might just hold the key to the case. Why did the victim argue with her best friend days before her death? What is the victim's manager concealing from the investigation? What secrets isn't the victim's manager keeping? And can Lesley get to the bottom of the mystery... before someone else dies?

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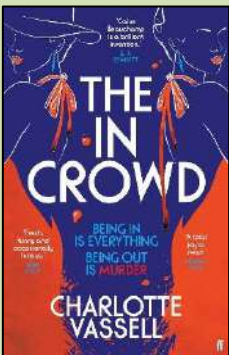
Caledonian Road by Andrew O'Hagan
9780571381364 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

May 2021. London. Campbell Flynn, art historian and celebrity intellectual, is entering the empire of middle age. Fueled by an appetite for admiration and the finer things, controversy and novelty, he doesn't take people half as seriously as they take themselves. Which will prove the first of his huge mistakes. The second? Milo Mangasha, his beguiling and provocative student. Milo inhabits a more precarious world, has experiences and ideas which excite his teacher. He also has a plan. Over the course of an incendiary year, a web of crimes and secrets and scandals will be revealed, and Campbell Flynn may not be able to protect himself from the shattering exposure of all his privilege really involves. But then, he always knew when his life came tumbling down, it would occur in public.



Choice by Neel Mukherjee
9781805461043 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R390

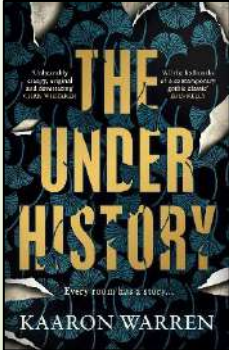
A publisher, who is at war with his industry and himself, embarks on a radical experiment in his own life and the lives of those connected to him; an academic exchanges one story for another after an accident brings a stranger into her life; and a family in rural India have their lives destroyed by a gift. These three ingeniously linked but distinct narratives, each of which has devastating unintended consequences, form a breathtaking exploration of freedom, responsibility, and ethics. What happens when market values replace other notions of value and meaning? How do the choices we make affect our work, our relationships, and our place in the world? Neel Mukherjee's new novel exposes the myths of individual choice, and confronts our fundamental assumptions about economics, race, appropriation, and the tangled ethics of contemporary life.



The In Crowd by Charlotte Vassell
9780571376223 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R370

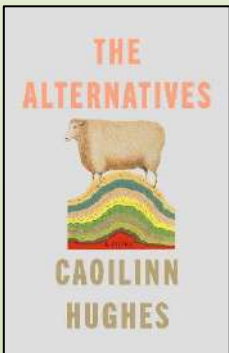
On the last Saturday in August, politicians and socialites trade tidbits of gossip and sips of Pimm's under the tasteful bunting of a Richmond garden party. They'd never guess that the police are just a stone's throw away, pulling a body out of the river Thames. The drowning appears to be a tragic accident, until Detective Caius Beauchamp gets an unexpected tip. The victim, it seems, had enemies in high places. Did being on the wrong side of them get her killed?

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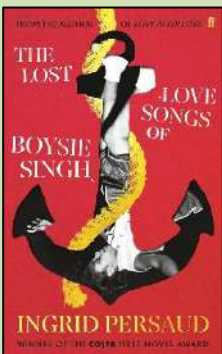
The Underhistory by Kaaron Warren
9781800812031 | Profile | TPB | R400

People come to visit my home and I love to show them around. It's not the original house of course. That was destroyed the day my entire family died. But I don't think their ghosts know the difference. Pera Sinclair was nine the day the pilot intentionally crashed his plane into her family's grand home, killing everyone inside. She was the girl who survived the tragedy, a sympathetic oddity, growing stranger by the day. Over the decades she rebuilt the huge and rambling building on the original site, recreating what she had lost, each room telling a piece of the story of her life and that of the many people who died there, both before and after the disaster. Her sister, murdered a hundred miles away. The soldier, broken by war. Death follows Pera, and she welcomes it in as an old friend. And while she doesn't believe in ghosts, she's not above telling a ghost story or two to those who come to visit Sinclair House.



The Alternatives by Caoilinn Hughes
9780861547807 | Oneworld | TPB | R415

Olwen was plunged prematurely into adulthood when her parents died in tragic circumstances. She and her three younger sisters, each single, each with a PhD, are now in their thirties and leading disparate, distanced lives. Until one day Olwen, a geologist haunted by a terrible awareness of the Earth's future, abruptly vanishes from her home. Together for the first time in years, her three siblings descend on the Irish countryside in search of a sister who doesn't actually want to be found. In an isolated rural bungalow, they reach into their uncommon past, confronting both old wounds and a desperately uncertain future. Fiercely witty and unexpectedly hopeful, *The Alternatives* is an unforgettable portrait of a family perched on our collective precipice.



The Lost Love Songs of Boysie Singh by Ingrid Persaud
9780571386505 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

This is the tale of four women.

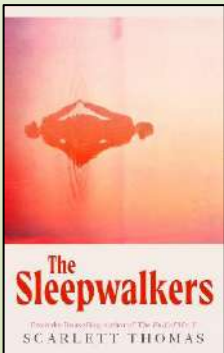
Popo: brilliant, vulnerable and stuck. She's determined to free herself from the traps of her past. Mana Lala: a devoted mother, her only connection to her man is their little boy, and she will do anything to keep them close. For Doris, well he's glorious and once she's licked him into shape, her husband presents an opportunity to climb the social ladder. She's heard the awful stories, but she's sure they won't be hers. Rosie just wants to mind her business, her lover, Etty, and her store. Four lives, connected and controlled by one man: the notorious, charismatic gangster Boysie Singh. Pull up a chair and let these women tell of the man they believed could love, help or free them, and how some of them survived to tell a tale at all.

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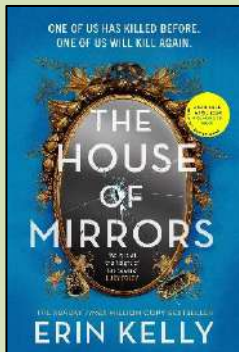
Seven Days by Robert Rutherford
9781399726405 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R415

Alice knows her father is guilty of many things.
He's guilty of abandoning her.
He's guilty of being unfaithful to her mother.
But is he guilty of murder?
Now on Death Row, he has seven days to live.
Some people want him released.
Others will kill to keep him just where he is.
Alice has only one chance to save him. But should she?



The Sleepwalkers by Scarlett Thomas
9781398529984 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R410

Evelyn and Richard arrive on a tiny Greek island for their honeymoon. It's the end of the season and a storm is imminent. Determined to make the best of it, they check into the sun-soaked doors of the Villa Rosa. Already feeling insecure after seeing the 'beautiful people,' the seemingly endless number of young models and musicians lounging along the Mediterranean, Evelyn is wary of the hotel's owner, Isabella, who seems to only have eyes for Richard. Isabella ostensibly disapproves of every request Evelyn makes, seemingly annoyed at the fact that they are there at all. Isabella is also preoccupied with her chance to enthrall the only other guests, an American producer named Marcus and his partner Debbie, with the story of *'the sleepwalkers,'* a couple who had stayed at the hotel recently and drowned.



The House of Mirrors by Erin Kelly
9781399711975 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R415

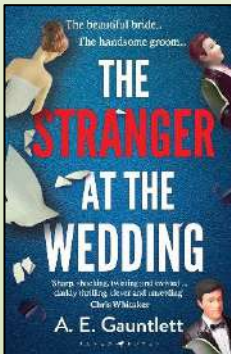
In the sweltering summer of 1997, straight-laced, straight-A student Karen met Biba, a bohemian and impossibly glamorous aspiring actress. A few months later, two people were dead and another had been sent to prison. Having stood by Rex as he served his sentence, Karen is now married to him with a daughter, Alice, who runs a vintage clothing company in London. They're a normal family, as long as they don't talk about the past, never mention the name Biba, and ignore Alice's flashes of dark, dangerous fury. Karen has kept what really happened that summer of '97 hidden deep inside her. Alice is keeping secrets of her own. But when anonymous notes begin to arrive at Alice's shop, it seems the past is about to catch up with them all ...

Fiction



Bonjour, Sophie by Elizabeth Buchan
9781838955281 | Atlantic | TPB | R390

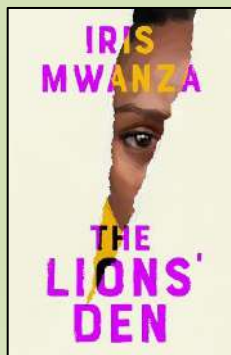
It's 1959 and time for eighteen-year-old Sophie's real life to start. Her existence in the village of Poynsdean, Sussex, with her austere foster-father, the Reverend Osbert Knox, and his frustrated wife Alice, is stultifying. She finds diversion and excitement in a love affair, but soon realizes that if she wants to live life on a bigger canvas, she must take matters into her own hands. She dreams of escape to Paris, the wartime home her French mother fled before her birth. Getting there will take spirit and ingenuity, but it will be her chance to discover more about her family background, and, perhaps, to find a place where she can finally belong. When Sophie eventually arrives in the Paris arising from the ashes of the war, it's both everything she imagined, and not at all what she expected...



The Stranger at the Wedding by A. E. Gauntlett
9781526659750 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R445

Annie never believed in true love. Not until she caught sight of Mark on a crowded commuter train. It wasn't until months later that they finally had their picture-perfect first date and after a whirlwind romance, they are now about to tie the knot. Both Annie and Mark have suffered tragedy, their shared experience of sorrow has brought them together, but at times the pressure of those losses has also threatened their happiness. Today they will leave all of that in the past and forge a new life. But not everyone gathered here has come to toast the new couple.

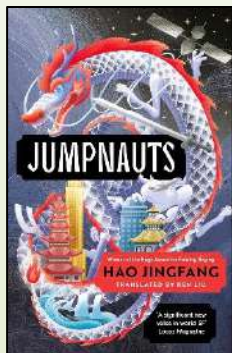
And Annie quickly realises that her new life isn't going to be the happily ever after she had planned. A completely unputdownable, brilliantly sharp, dark and twisty story of love, lies and obsession.



The Lions' Den by Iris Mwanza
9781838859923 | Canongate | HB | R420

Rookie lawyer Grace Zulu does not give up easily. She escaped an arranged marriage to put herself through university. Now she's got her first case. Her client is young Willbess 'Bessy' Mulenga, who has been arrested for offences 'against nature'. Bessy works in a men-only bar, loves to dance, to wear dresses and live freely. But in 1990s Zambia, following your own identity can get you beaten, jailed or even worse. Grace is determined to get Bessy out of custody. Then her terrified, bruised client goes missing without a trace. She knows something bad has happened and that someone is trying to cover it up. Along with the most unlikely group of allies, Grace must take on powerful enemies at the highest levels, even risk her own safety to get to the truth. The whole truth.

Fiction



Jumpnauts by Hao Jingfang
9781786696557 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R420

2080, the world is divided, dominated by two antagonistic factions, the Pacific League and the Atlantic Alliance.

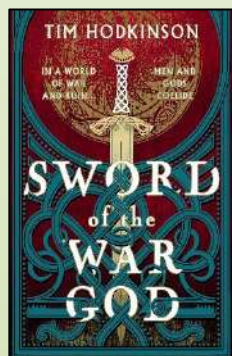
Tensions are high and the smallest disturbance in the status quo could set the world on fire.

And a signal flickering through deep space could be just that spark.

As three young scientists form an alliance to decode the signal, they realise that the answers don't only lie in deep space, they also lie deep in humanity's past.

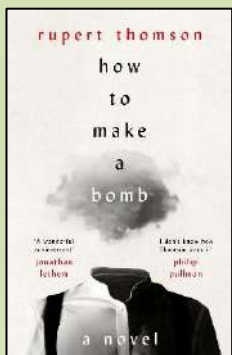
What they discover will change everything: our past, present and future.

If we have one.



Sword of the War God by Tim Hodkinson
9781804540619 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R420

436 AD. The Burgundars are confident of destroying Rome's legions. Their forces are strong and they have beaten the Romans in battle before. But they are annihilated, their king killed, his people scattered. Their fabled treasure is lost. For Rome has new allies: the Huns, whose taste for bloodshed knows no bounds. Many years later, the Huns, led by the fearsome Attila, have become the deadliest enemies of Rome. Attila seeks the Burgundars' treasure, for it includes the legendary Sword of the War God, said to make the bearer unbeatable. No alliance can defeat Attila by conventional means. With Rome desperate for help, a one-eyed old warlord from distant lands and his strange band of warriors may have the answers... but oaths will be broken and the plains of Europe will run with blood before the end.



How to Make a Bomb by Rupert Thomson
9781035908547 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R495

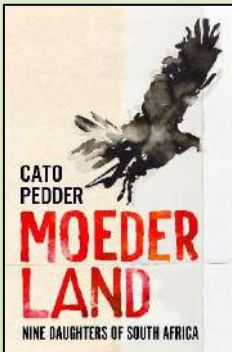
Philip Notman, an acclaimed historian, attends a conference in Bergen, Norway. On his return to London, and to his wife and son, something unexpected and inexplicable happens to him, and he is unable to settle back into his normal life. Seeking answers, he flies to Cadiz to see Inés, a Spanish academic with whom he shared a connection at the conference, but his journey doesn't end there. A chance encounter with a wealthy, elderly couple sends him to a house on the south coast of Crete. Is he thinking of leaving his wife, whom he claims he still loves, or is he trying to change a reality that has become impossible to bear? Is he on a quest for a simpler and more authentic existence, or is he utterly self-deluded? As he tries to make sense of both his personal circumstances and the world surrounding him, he finds himself embarking on a course of action that will push him to the very brink of disaster.

Non- Fiction



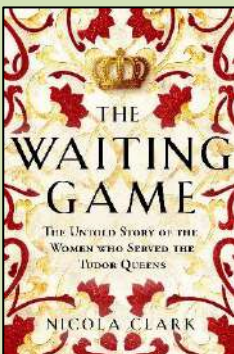
LVOE II by Atticus
9781472293862 | Headline | TPB | R470

In the highly anticipated follow-up to *LVOE: Poems, Epigrams & Aphorisms*, three-time New York Times bestselling author Atticus is inviting readers to take a deeper look behind the mask as he continues his powerful journey inward in search of love, peace, and acceptance. *LVOE*. Volume II is an expanded exploration of self-love, meditation, meaning, loss, and romance from the internet's favourite poet. Atticus implores his instantly recognizable lyrical style, gorgeous illustrations, and relatable themes to once again dazzle readers, inspiring them to look within. This collection will feature all-new poems, each paired with beautiful sketches that bring the words alive from the page.



Moederland by Cato Pedder
9781399810807 | John Murray | TPB | R435

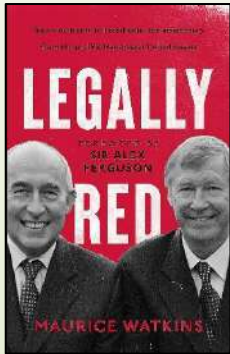
Moederland is a courageous and modern appraisal of what it means to be descended from the people who created the ultraracist apartheid system in South Africa. Illuminating its turbulent history through the lives of her female ancestors, it is a history of South Africa like no other, told from the perspective of women long silenced in the historical narrative. It asks, what were they doing while white supremacy was constructed? Cato Pedder travels the centuries from the 1600s, when Cape Town was a remote outpost of the Dutch East India Company, to the kraal of a Zulu king in the 1800s before doubling back to Europe and then culminating with the English Quaker aunt who defies apartheid to marry across the colour line. As anti-racist campaigners call out the statue of Jan Smuts in Parliament Square, Cato unpacks the legacy of her Afrikaans heritage and bringing their collective shame into the light.



The Waiting Game by Nicola Clark
9781474622219 | Orion | TPB | R415

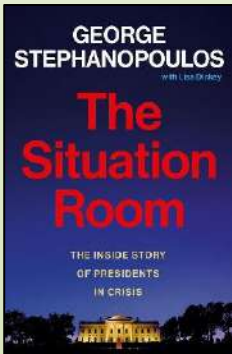
The Waiting Game explores the daily lives of ladies-in-waiting, revealing the secrets of recruitment, costume, what they ate, where (and with whom) they slept. We meet María de Salinas, who travelled to England with Catherine of Aragon when just a teenager and spied for her during the divorce from Henry VIII. Anne Boleyn's lady-in-waiting Jane Parker was instrumental in the execution of not one, but two queens. And maid-of-honour Anne Basset kept her place through the last four consorts, negotiating the conflicting loyalties of her birth family, her mistress the Queen, and even the desires of the King himself. As Henry changed wives and changed the very fabric of the country's structure besides, these women had to make choices about loyalty that simply didn't exist before. *The Waiting Game* is the first time their vital story has been told.

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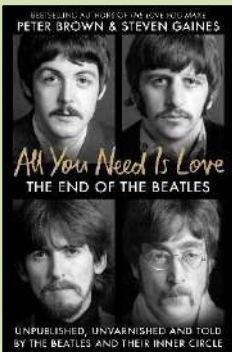
Legally Red by Maurice Watkins
9781399731249 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R470

Dubbed the Henry Kissinger of the football world for his diplomatic skills, the man who hired Sir Alex Ferguson recalls his years at Manchester United. Maurice Watkins was involved in every major deal done by the Reds since 1976 until he stepped down from the board and was eye-witness to many of the triumphs the club enjoyed under Ferguson, and the rise of household names such as David Beckham and Ryan Giggs. From Ronaldo to Beckham to Schmeichel and Cantona, the Red Devil lawyer worked tirelessly with the greatest players and the greatest manager of the 90s and noughties and was the linchpin that kept the great club together.



The Situation Room by George Stephanopoulos
9781538770184 | Hachette | TPB | R450

George Stephanopoulos, former senior advisor to President Clinton and for more than 20 years anchor of This Week and co-anchor of Good Morning America, recounts the crises that decided the course of history, from the place 12 presidents made their highest-pressure decisions: the White House Situation Room. No room better defines American power and its role in the world than the White House Situation Room. And yet, none is more shrouded in secrecy and mystery. Created under President Kennedy, the Sit Room has been the epicentre of crisis management for presidents for more than six decades. Time and again, the decisions made within the Sit Room complex affect the lives of every person on this planet. Detailing close calls made and disasters narrowly averted, *THE SITUATION ROOM* will take readers through dramatic turning points in a dozen presidential administrations.



All You Need Is Love by Steven Gaines & Peter Brown
9781800962347 | Octopus | TPB | R470

All You Need is Love is a ground-breaking oral history of the Beatles and how it all came to an end. In 1980-1981 former COO of Apple Corp, Peter Brown and author Steven Gaines interviewed everyone in the Beatles' inner circle and included a small portion of the transcripts in their international bestselling book *The Love You Make*, which spent four months on the New York Times bestseller list. But left in their archives was a treasure trove of unique and candid interviews that they chose not to publish, until now. A powerful work assembled through honest, intimate, sometimes contradictory and always fascinating testimony, *All You Need is Love* is a one-of-a-kind insight into the final days, weeks, months and years of the Beatles phenomenon.

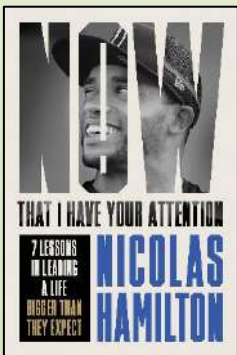
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Ghosts of the British Museum by Noah Angell
9781800961333 | Octopus | TPB | R435

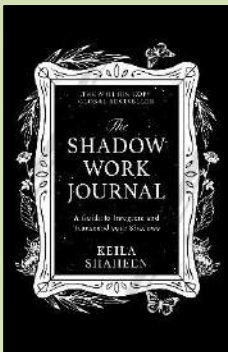
What if the British Museum isn't a carefully ordered cross section of history but is instead a palatial trophy cabinet of colonial loot, swarming with volatile and errant spirits?

When artist and writer Noah Angell first heard murmurs of ghostly sightings at the British Museum he had to find out more. What started as a trickle soon became a deluge as staff old and new, from overnight security to respected curators, brought him testimonies of their supernatural encounters. It became clear that the source of the disturbances was related to the Museum's contents, unquiet objects, holy plunder, and restless human remains protesting their enforced stay within the colonial collection's cabinets and deep underground vaults. According to those who have worked there, the institution is heaving with profound spectral disorder.



Now That I have Your Attention by Nicolas Hamilton
9781804191712 | Octopus | TPB | R435

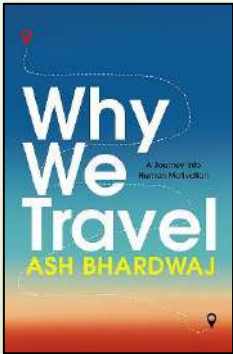
Born with a form of cerebral palsy, Nicolas was told that he would never walk and would need a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Today he not only walks everywhere but he is the first disabled athlete to ever compete at the top level of British motorsport, The British Touring Car Championship, where he lines up on the grid alongside some of the world's best drivers. *Now That I Have Your Attention* follows Nicolas's remarkable journey and shares the valuable, tough, and often surprising lessons learned throughout his life. Nicolas's journey has at times been hostile and has forced him to navigate periods of anger and resentment, but by building his mental strength and pushing himself beyond the physical limits of what anyone had ever expected of him, Nicolas has changed his life and believes you can too.



The Shadow Work Journal by Keila Shaheen
9780008696269 | HarperCollins | TPB | R380

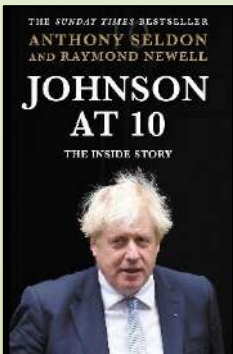
The Shadow Work Journal is an empowering and compassionate tool to help you face your shadows and overcome the obstacles and limiting self-beliefs that are holding you back from achieving your true potential. Based on established and highly effective therapeutic practices, this interactive journal will guide you on an exploration through the hidden aspects of your psyche, to confront and embrace your shadow self. Using insightful prompts, and thought-provoking exercises and reflections, you'll discover a path to greater self-awareness, cultivate self-love and acceptance, and find a deeper connection with your authentic self. Join the millions of people whose lives have been transformed through *The Shadow Work Journal* and experience the healing you deserve.

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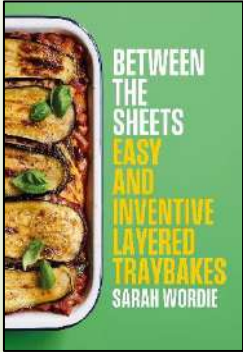
Why We Travel by Ash Bhardwaj
9781915798794 | Bedford Square | TPB | R430

Why We Travel is a smart-thinking travel book, which uses travel as a window into human motivations. It explores what we can gain from venturing out into the world. It threads together reflective memoir, evocative travelogue, research, conversation, advice and big ideas. Some of the travels are epic adventures; others are closer to home; and some are journeys of internal exploration. Each journey is a window into one of 12 motivations for travel: Curiosity, Inspiration, Happiness, Creativity, Serendipity, Hardship, Service, Healing, Wonder, Empathy, Eroticism, and Hope. By unpacking these motivations and digging into the science of where they come from, this book asks how travel intersects with the rest of our lives, answering key questions.



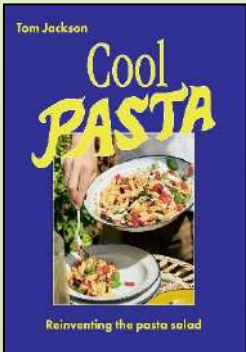
Johnson at 10 by Anthony Seldon & Raymond Newell
9781838958046 | Atlantic | PB | R345

After his dramatic rise to power in the summer of 2019 amid the Brexit deadlock, Boris Johnson presided over the most turbulent period of British history in living memory. Beginning with the controversial prorogation of Parliament in August and the historic landslide election victory later that year, Johnson was barely through the door of No. 10 when Britain was engulfed by a series of crises that will define its place in the world for decades to come. From the agonising upheaval of Brexit and the devastating Covid-19 pandemic to the nerve-shredding crisis in Afghanistan, the outbreak of war in Ukraine and the Partygate scandal, Johnson's government ultimately unravelled after just three years. This gripping behind-the-scenes work of contemporary history maps Johnson's time in power from start to finish and sheds new light on the most divisive Prime Minister to have led the United Kingdom since Thatcher.



Between the Sheets by Sarah Wordie
9781922616937 | Murdoch | HB | R455

Love lasagne? Why not twist that up and try these 60 ultra-tasty dishes that all use simple but clever layering techniques to create a new way to present family favourites. Between these sheets you'll find lots of familiar dishes inventively layered with poppadoms, ribboned vegetables, tortilla wraps, pancakes or pasta to construct beautifully simple midweek suppers or impressive weekend feasts. Try chicken quesadilla lasagne, pulled pork nacho bake, cherry and hazelnut meringue layer cake and for traditionalists there is the ultimate vegetarian lasagne made with four types of mushroom and five cheeses. This creative cookbook is for anyone who wants to have fun with their cooking and shake up their dinner routine.



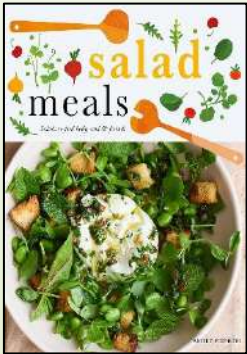
Cool Pasta by Tom Jackson
9781784885724 | Hardie Grant | HB | R410

Cool Pasta presents bright, delicious and original pasta recipes that will breathe fresh life into your favourite store-cupboard staple. Pasta salad is the perfect warm weather dish: rummage through the shelves of your local store to rustle up a summery lunch for the next few days, prepare a big platterful for when company's coming, or simply eat it straight from the mixing bowl as you scan your diary for potluck or picnic potential. With 60+ innovative recipes including Tuna Melt, the iconic sandwich reimagined as a pasta salad, Spanakopasta with grilled feta and crispy filo shards, silky and tangy Brown Butter Gnocchi Chaat, and a tongue-numbing Sichuan-Style Pici Salad, *Cool Pasta* takes the heat off every social occasion and brings texture, contrast and exciting flavours to the al fresco table.



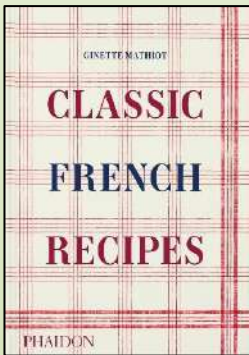
On Sundays by Dave Verheul
9781743799093 | Hardie Grant | HB | R600

Sunday is the perfect day of the week for entertaining, the day when everything slows and we can spend our time meaningfully with family and friends. But what should you cook on a Sunday at the start of spring, or Sunday after a tough week? This beautifully photographed book offers 16 considered menus to suit every mood and gathering throughout the year. Divided by the four seasons, each chapter includes a selection of self-contained recipes to inspire your perfect Sunday, from lunch on a languid summer afternoon with poached rainbow trout and artichokes, to a wintertime fireside feast complete with woodfired crispbread and condiments for your favourite cheeses. Each chapter also includes helpful tutorials on breadmaking, preserving and mushrooming.



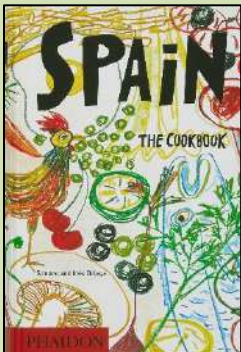
Salad Meals by Emily Ezekiel
9781958417478 | Hardie Grant | HB | R485

Salad Meals shows you how to eat the rainbow of fruit and vegetables all year long with delicious and satisfying meals. Organized by season to highlight what is freshest and most delicious at that moment, *Salad Meals* offers a more sustainable approach to shopping, and one that is better for your overall health. *Salad Meals* introduces readers to the concept of salad boards, which are sure to impress at dinner parties. And for busy workdays, ideas for salad jars to take to work for desk lunches are healthy and time saving. Hearty salads use the addition of grains and proteins for the colder months, and lighter salads take advantage of fleeting spring and summer produce for the warmer months. *Salad Meals* is sure to expand your idea of what salad can be, and how it can delight.



Classic French Recipes by Ginette Mathiot
9781838666798 | Phaidon | HB | R1340

Celebrated food writer Ginette Mathiot, author of *Je sais cuisiner* (the best-selling home-cooking book in France for over 90 years), taught three generations of French families how to cook. In this elegant cloth-covered new collection of tried-and-tested accessible recipes, complete with two ribbon markers, more than 170 of the finest French dishes have been selected from her works. With gorgeous, newly commissioned photography, an introduction by food writer Keda Black, and a fascinating foreword by the adopted Parisian pastry chef, cook, and writer, David Lebovitz, *Classic French Recipes* is the ultimate guide for all home cooks on how to prepare the most authentic and delicious French cuisine the French way.



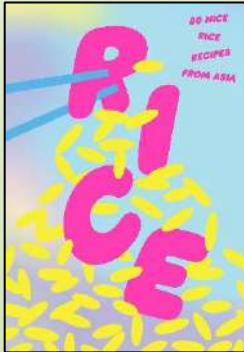
Spain: The Cookbook by Simone and Inés Ortega
9781838668150 | Phaidon | HB | R1340

Spanish cooks have trusted and relied on this traditional home-cooking companion ever since it was first published over 40 years ago, with millions of copies sold to date. True to its original title (1080 recetas de cocina) it contains a comprehensive collection of 1,080 authentic Spanish recipes, covering everything from tortilla to bacalao. In addition to its simple, easy-to-follow recipes, there are also menu plans, cooking tips, and a glossary and the book is fully illustrated throughout with specially commissioned photographs and over 500 illustrations by the famous Spanish graphic designer and illustrator, Javier Mariscal. This best-selling classic is a friendly and approachable book for all home cooks and covers every Spanish dish you could wish to make.



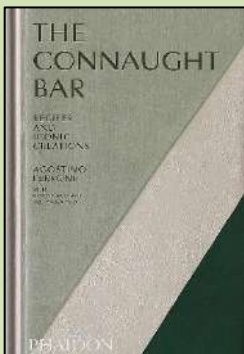
The Mediterranean Cook by Meni Valle
9781922754875 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R930

Escape to the Mediterranean with Meni Valle's celebration of the fresh and flavor-packed cuisine of the region, with more than 75 vegetarian recipes. From roasted eggplants and tangy artichokes to perfectly flaky pastry boats and juicy grilled plums and figs, each dish is an invitation to savor the sensational flavors of the countries that border the Mediterranean. Following slow food values, Valle's recipes are simple and seasonal, showcasing how to get the best out of fresh, local produce, all year round. Featuring beautiful photographs of each recipe, as well as step-by-step images to guide the reader through more intricate preparations, *The Mediterranean Cook* is a heartfelt and beautifully captured homage to a cuisine rich in flavor and history.



Rice: 80 Nice Rice Recipes from Asia by Various
9781923049086 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R515

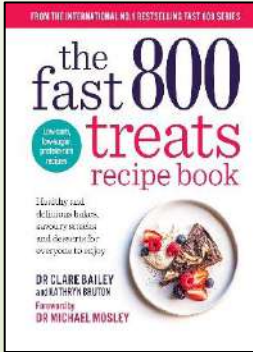
A collection of the best dishes of the rice world, from Sushi to Biryani to Bibimbap. With 80 delicious recipes, beautiful photography, and dishes that are as simple as they're packed with flavour, this book is (almost) as good as a trip across Asia. Each chapter features a different style of rice—steamed, fried, simmered, molded, and sweet—forming the base for some very good recipes. From the staples you've loved for years to contemporary creations that will have you cooking them again and again, Rice's recipes include congee, onigiri, nasi lemak, Hainanese chicken and sticky rice with coconut caramel & sesame. With recipes for basics and plenty of vegetarian and vegan-friendly options, there's no reason to ever stop eating this delicious grain.



The Connaught Bar by Agostino Perrone
9781838668105 | Phaidon | HB | R1010

Step inside one of the best bars in the world and learn how the Connaught Bar's virtuoso mixologists create 100 elegant cocktails, both contemporary and timeless classics with easy-to-follow recipes and clear instructions on how to recreate them at home. Alongside expert guidance for essential bar tools, glassware, and spirits, there are 120 additional recipes for homemade syrups, infused spirits, and garnishes that Master Mixologist Agostino Perrone and his team use to make their signature celebrated drinks, including the famed Connaught Martini. Each cocktail recipe is introduced with a narrative from Perrone about the inspiration and ingredients that make these cocktails truly sensational experiences.

Cookery



The Fast 800 Treats Recipe Book by Dr Clare Bailey & Kathryn Bruton
9781780726328 | Octopus | HB | R525

In this enticing new cookbook, Dr Clare Bailey shows you how to create fabulous bakes, sweet treats and desserts with recipes that are low in sugar, high in protein yet irresistibly delicious! From family favourites such as brownies, cheesecakes and crumbles to healthy cupcakes, scones and bite-size muffins, *The Fast 800 Treats Recipe Book* brings you sweet treats and savoury snacks that won't send your blood sugars soaring. Featuring 80 indulgent recipes that make use of healthy and natural ingredients, plus top tips on ingredient swaps and how to weave these recipes into your Fast 800 Programme, this book is full of goodies for every occasion.

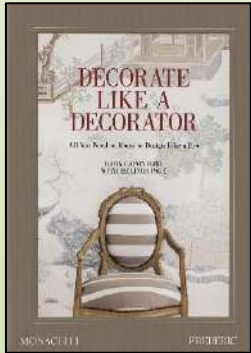
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Viktor & Rolf: Fashion Statements (Bilingual edition) by Thierry-Maxime Loriot
9783777443065 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R1545

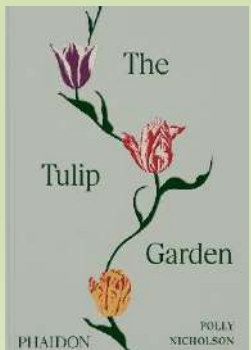
For more than three decades, Viktor Horsting and Rolf Snoeren have been exploring with breathtaking virtuosity the boundaries between the worlds of haute couture and art. The book reflects the duo's passions, obsessions and singular vision of their unconventional approach to design. Viktor&Rolf's creations have been embraced by artists such as Madonna, Tilda Swinton, Lady Gaga, Doja Cat and Cardi B as well as many dancers and opera singers. Along with introductory essays and an interview with Viktor&Rolf, 100 of their most daring couture pieces, their dolls dressed in the designers' iconic creations as well as works by renowned visual artists like Ellen von Unwerth, Andreas Gursky, Inez&Vinoodh and Cindy Sherman provide an in-depth look at Viktor&Rolf's unique concept of wearable art.



Decorate Like a Decorator by Dara Caponigro
9781580936309 | Phaidon | HB | R1510

Decorate Like a Decorator highlights the decorating tricks that only experienced designers know how to pull off, until now! This book shares with readers more than one hundred decorator pro moves: like how to use stripes on the bias, upholster doors, deploy curtain tiebacks, hang plates on the walls, and fabricate bespoke lampshades.

Divided into twenty-one chapters covering everything from pelmets and valances, trim, upholstery ideas, slipcovers, folding screens, and fabric-covered walls, to accent paints, bedspreads, decorative lampshades, scenic wallpaper, and more it's a lavishly illustrated cheat sheet for what it takes to transform a room from standard to sensational.



The Tulip Garden by Polly Nicholson & Andrew Montgomery
9781838667689 | Phaidon | HB | R1010

Tulips are one of the world's most popular flowers, with over 2,500 varieties produced in the Netherlands each year.

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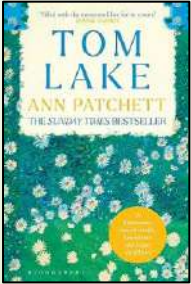
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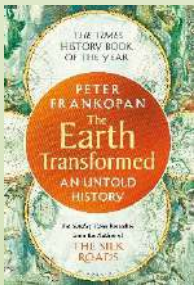
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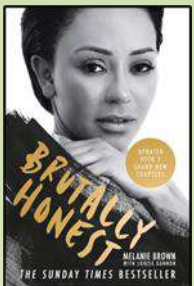
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