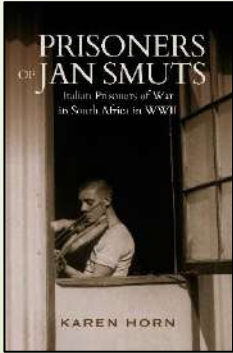


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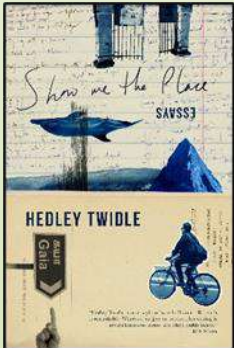
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Prisoners of Jan Smuts by Karen Horn

9781776192847 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R330

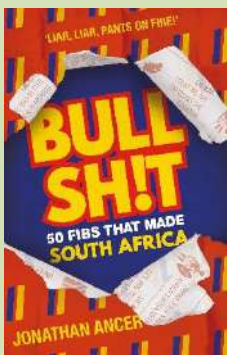
Equally skilled in different trades than in the art of love, the Italian prisoners-of-war (POWs) who were incarcerated in South Africa during the Second World War are a source of great fascination. The first Italian POWs arrived in the Union of South Africa in early 1941, most of them being held in Zonderwater Camp outside Cullinan or in work camps across the country. The government of Jan Smuts saw them as a source of cheap labour that would contribute to harvesting schemes, road-building projects such as the old Du Toit's Kloof Pass between Paarl and Worcester and even to prickly-pear eradication schemes. This book recounts the stories of survival and shenanigans of the Italian POWs in the Union through the eyes of five prisoners who had documented their experiences in memoirs and letters.



Show Me The Place by Hedley Twidle

9781776193202 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R295

From award-winning non-fiction writer Hedley Twidle comes *Show Me the Place*, an essay collection searching through history, memory and literature to find glimmers of utopia. The collection is a book of elsewhere; in it, the author charts a journey to find other liveable places and spaces in a troubled world. Whether embarking on a bizarre quest, the author explores forgotten utopias, intentional communities and islands of imagination with curiosity, hope and humour. Threaded through the pieces in this collection are questions of friendship and human community, of environmental destruction and repair, of landscape and memory. *Show Me the Place* investigates the deep human desire to imagine social and environmental alternatives to what we take as normal or inevitable.



BULLSH*T!: 50 Fibs that Made South Africa by Jonathan Ancer

9781776193110 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | PB | R270

An outrageous miscellany of lies, myths, untruths, fibs and fabrications that tell the woeful history of South Africa. Aimed at offending and entertaining everyone in equal measure, this will have South Africans sniggering and spluttering into their porridge. It will also pique their curiosity. The lies come thick and fast, like a burst sewerage pipe. Way, way back the Europeans 'discovered' southern Africa and found a land that was largely uninhabited. Um, no. On the other hand, Africa was a paradise before the settlers pulled in. Not quite! Back in the darkest of ages (the 1970s!), citizens were told that there were Satanic messages if you played The Beatles songs backwards. During the civil war in Angola, there were no South African troops in that country. President Nelson Mandela told us that we, as a nation, were 'special'. Turns out we aren't.

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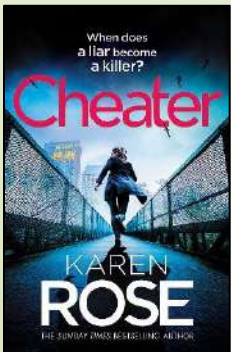


A Sicilian Affair by Susan Lewis
9780008471972 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

When Catie meets handsome Giancarlo, she has stumbled across a love that could last forever... If only she can admit the truth about her past.

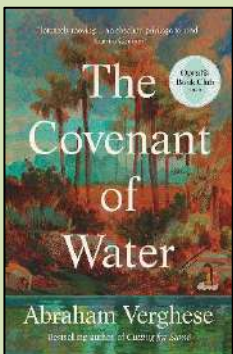
But the scars of betrayal from her broken marriage and fragile family are only part of the story.

Some secrets are too devastating to share...



Cheater by Karen Rose
9781472296917 | Headline | TPB | R415

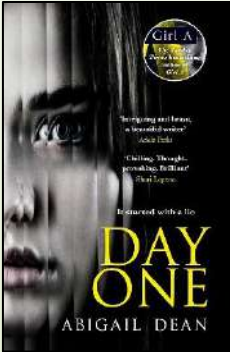
Homicide Detective Kit McKittrick finds herself standing over a dead body in the Shady Oaks retirement center. Frank Flynn has been stabbed and his room ransacked. Though he kept his background quiet at the center, Kit recognizes Frank from the San Diego Police Department. Had the former detective been following a trail that led to his murder? When the head of security is also found dead, it points to a conspiracy right at the heart of Shady Oaks. The one person who might be able to help uncover the truth is just who Kit has been avoiding: Dr Sam Reeves. As a volunteer at the center and a friend of the victim, the forensic psychologist could be just what her case needs. But without access to CCTV of the day of the murder, how will Kit catch her killer? And can she do so before anyone else is put in danger?



The Covenant of Water Hardcover by Abraham Verghese
9781804710456 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R315

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* follows a family in southern India that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century a twelve-year-old girl, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this poignant beginning, the young girl and future matriarch known as Big Ammachi, will witness unthinkable changes at home and at large over the span of her extraordinary life, full of the joys and trials of love and the struggles of hardship. A shimmering evocation of a lost India and of the passage of time itself.

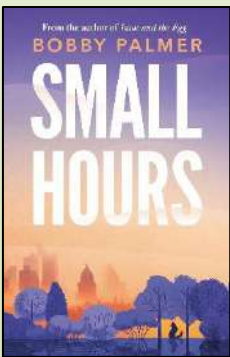
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Day One by Abigail Dean

9780008389277 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

Marty told the reporters that she saw it happen. She saw the gunman enter the hall. She saw her mother die trying to protect them all. That's the version of *Day One* Marty wishes was true. But strange inconsistencies in her story begin to surface. Details that don't add up. Questions she can't answer. The story ignites. Amidst the media frenzy, conspiracy theorists become obsessed with exposing what really happened. And at the epicenter of it all is a small community changed forever. Survivors crushed by guilt. Families torn in half. Outsiders consumed by the hunt for truth. Each has their own version of Day One. Each must grapple with this tragedy, even as fanatics question whether it ever really happened at all. But what did Marty really see? And why would she lie?



Small Hours by Bobby Palmer

9781035402649 | Headline | TPB | R415

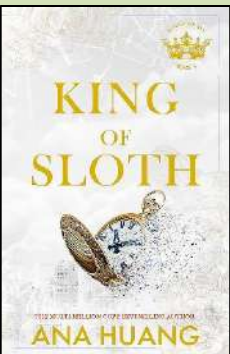
If you stood before sunrise in this wild old place, looking through the trees into the garden, here's what you'd see:

A father and son, a fox standing between them.

Jack, home for the first time in years, still determined to be the opposite of his father.

Gerry, who would rather talk to animals than the angry man back under his roof.

Everything that follows is because of the fox, and because Jack's mother is missing. It spans generations of big dreams and lost time, unexpected connections and things falling apart, great wide worlds and the moments that define us.



King of Sloth by Ana Huang

9780349436371 | Little Brown | BPB | R280

He'd never wanted anyone enough to chase them...until he met her.

Charming, easygoing, and rich beyond belief, Xavier Castillo has the world at his fingertips.

He also has no interest in taking over his family's empire (much to his father's chagrin), but that

hasn't stopped women from throwing themselves at him...unless the woman in question is his

publicist. Nothing brings him more joy than riling her up, but when a tragedy forces them closer than

ever, he must grapple with the uncertainty of his future and the realization that the only person

immune to his charms is the only one he truly wants.

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Ten Seconds by Robert Gold
9781408730584 | Little Brown | TPB | R415

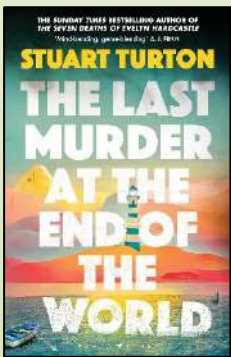
After a tense birthday celebration in Haddley, journalist Ben Harper watches his boss, Madeline, get into the car that has come to collect her.

He walks home, never imagining that by the next morning, Madeline will be missing.

To find Madeline, Ben will have to return to the now infamous murder case that made her journalism career over a decade ago.

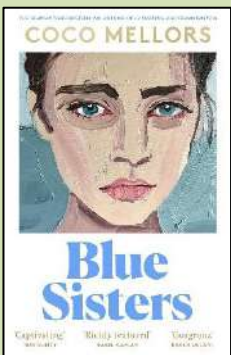
A case which, Ben quickly discovers, was never as simple as it seemed.

But time is of the essence, and soon it's not just Madeline's life on the line .



The Last Murder at the End of the World by Stuart Turton
9781526634917 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R380

Outside the island there is nothing: the world destroyed by a fog that swept the planet, killing anyone it touched. On the island: it is idyllic. 122 villagers and 3 scientists, living in peaceful harmony. The villagers are content to fish, farm and feast, to obey their nightly curfew, to do what they're told by the scientists. Until, to the horror of the islanders, one of their beloved scientists is found brutally stabbed to death. And they learn the murder has triggered a lowering of the security system around the island, the only thing that was keeping the fog at bay. If the murder isn't solved within 107 hours, the fog will smother the island and everyone on it. But the security system has also wiped everyone's memories of exactly what happened the night before, which means that someone on the island is a murderer and they don't even know it.



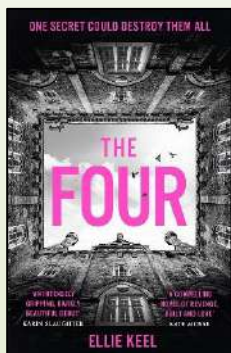
Blue Sisters by Coco Mellors
9780008623005 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

Avery, a strait-laced lawyer living in London, is the typical eldest daughter, though she's hiding a secret that could undo her perfect life forever. Bonnie was a boxer but, following a devastating defeat, she's been working as a bouncer in LA, until one reckless night threatens to drive her out of the city.

And Lucky, the rebellious youngest, is a model in Paris whose hard-partying ways are finally catching up with her. Then there was Nicky, the beloved fourth sister, whose unexpected death left Avery, Bonnie and Lucky reeling.

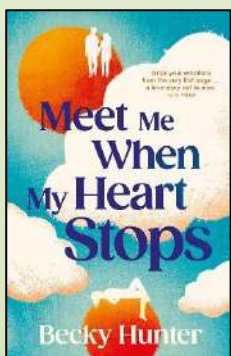
When, a year later, the three of them must reunite in New York to stop the sale of their childhood home, they find that it's only by returning to each other that they can navigate their grief, addiction and heartbreak and learn to fall in love with life again.

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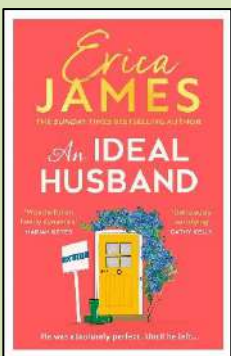
The Four by Ellie Keel
9780008580353 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

We were always *The Four*. From our very first day at High Realms. The four scholarship pupils. Outsiders in a world of power and privilege. It would have made our lives a lot easier if Marta had simply pushed Genevieve out of our bedroom window that day. Certainly, it would have been tragic. She would have died instantly. But Marta didn't push her then, or, if you choose to believe me at any other time. If she had, all of what we went through would not have happened. I've told this story as clearly as I could, as rationally as I've been able, in the circumstances, to achieve. I don't regret what we did. And I would do it all again.



Meet Me When My Heart Stops by Becky Hunter
9781838958718 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R370

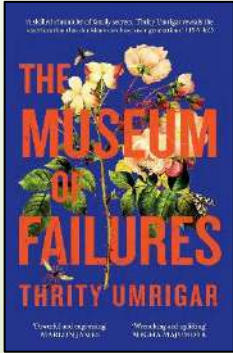
Emery is born with a heart condition that means her heart could quite literally stop at any moment. The people around her know what to do if they act quickly enough there will be no lasting damage, and Emery's heart can be restarted. But when this happens, she is briefly technically dead. Each time Emery's heart stops, she meets Nick. His purpose is to help people adjust to the fact that they are dead, to help them say goodbye, before they move on entirely. He does not usually meet people more than once but with Emery, he is able to make a connection, and he finds himself drawn to her. As Emery's life progresses, and she goes through ups and downs, she finds that a part of her is longing for those moments when her heart will stop so that she can see Nick again.



An Ideal Husband by Erica James
9780008413798 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

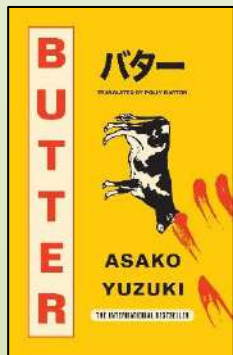
After 30 years of marriage, and a wonderful family Christmas, Louisa is stunned when husband Kip asks for a divorce on Boxing Day. He'd never seemed unhappy and they've raised three children together. For months, Kip has been secretly seeing a younger woman and if that wasn't bad enough, it's the woman who broke their youngest son's heart. Now Kip is moving out and embarking on a new life with Zoe, and Louisa is left to pick up the pieces. Their beloved family home, Charity Cottage, is up for sale, and tensions are running high. Yet, despite the betrayal and anger, when Louisa lays eyes on what might be a unique and welcoming new home, she feels a first glimmer of hope that life might be taking a turn for the better. And while Louisa is making exciting plans, Kip finds himself facing challenges of his own and begins to learn that living the dream may not be as simple as he thought...

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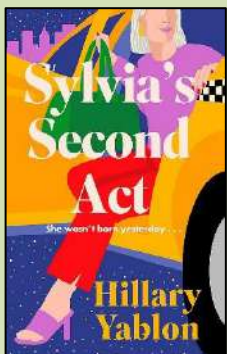
The Museum of Failures by Thrity Umrigar
9781800753716 | Faber & Faber | PB | R430

Remy Wadia left India for the United States long ago, carrying his resentment of his mother with him. He has now returned to Bombay to adopt a baby from a young pregnant girl and to see his elderly mother for the first time in several years. Discovering that his mother is in the hospital, has stopped talking, and seems to have given up on life, he is struck with guilt for not realizing just how sick she has become. His unexpected appearance and assiduous attention revives her and enables her to return to her home. But when Remy stumbles on an old photograph, shocking long-held family secrets surface. As the secrets unravel and Remy's mother begins communicating again, he finds himself reevaluating his entire childhood, his relationship to his parents, and his harsh judgment of the decisions and events long hidden from him, just as he is on the cusp of becoming a parent himself.



Butter by Asako Yuzuki
9780008511685 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

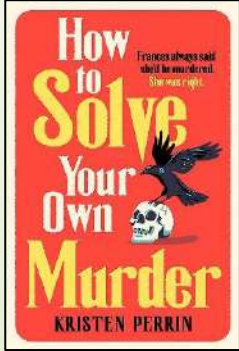
Gourmet cook Manako Kajii sits in Tokyo Detention Centre convicted of the serial murders of lonely businessmen, who she is said to have seduced with her delicious home cooking. The case has captured the nation's imagination, but Kajii refuses to speak with the press, entertaining no visitors. That is, until journalist Rika Machida writes a letter asking for her recipe for beef stew and Kajii can't resist writing back. Rika, the only woman in her news office, works late each night, rarely cooking more than ramen. As the visits unfold between her and the steely Kajii, they are closer to a masterclass in food than journalistic research.. With each meal she eats, something is awakening in her body, might she and Kaji have more in common than she once thought?



Sylvia's Second Act by Hillary Yablon
9781398710931 | Orion | TPB | R415

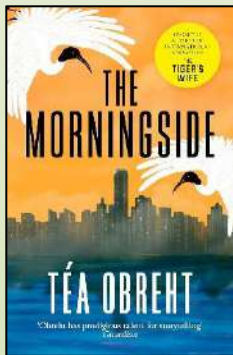
When 63-year-old Sylvia finds her husband in bed with another woman, she's shocked and furious . . . at first. But by the time her head stops spinning, Sylvia realises she hates the retirement community she's living in, it's for old people. And she certainly doesn't feel old! So, she enlists the help of her best friend, glamorous 70-year-old widow Evie, and the pair flee to Manhattan to start a new life in the city that never sleeps. Sylvia's husband may have lost her life savings, but they're scrappy and determined and they weren't born yesterday. Before long, Sylvia is reviving her wedding planning business and even finds herself back in the dating game! And no matter what her meddling daughter thinks, it's her time now and she's determined that in this glorious second act, the best is yet to come!

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How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin
9781529430066 | Quercus | TPB | R415

In 1965, seventeen-year-old Frances Adams was told by a fortune teller that one day she'd be murdered. Frances spent the next sixty years trying to prevent the crime that would be her eventual demise. Of course, no one took her seriously, until she was dead. For Frances, being the village busybody was a form of insurance. She'd spent a lifetime compiling dirt on every person she met, just in case they might turn out to be her killer. In the heart of her sprawling country estate lies an eccentric library of detective work, where the right person could step in and use her findings to solve her murder. When her great-niece Annie arrives from London and discovers that Frances' worst fear has come true, Annie is thrust into her great-aunt's last act of revenge against her sceptical friends and family. Frances' will stipulate that the person who solves her murder will inherit her millions.



The Morningside by Téa Obreht
9781399619905 | Orion | TPB | R415

The Morningside was once the jewel of Island City. But now the luxury high-rise is crumbling and Island City is half-underwater. The building's newest resident is an eleven-year-old girl, Silvia. Having arrived with only her mother, who is stubbornly secretive, Silvia knows little about the place they left behind. But her aunt, Ena, superintendent of the high-rise, delights in recounting the richly imaginative folktales of their demolished homeland to her little niece. Suddenly Silvia's world fills with magic and myths. Myths that seem to be coming true, when she encounters the mysterious inhabitant of the building's penthouse, Bezi Duras, and her three massive dogs that may or may not be humans in disguise . . . Consumed by curiosity, Silvia embarks on a mission to find out the truth about Bezi Duras, and her own haunted past.

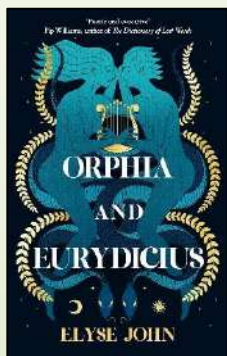


Pelican Girls by Julia Malye
9781472298218 | Headline Reviews | TPB | R415

Paris, 1720. The Hospice of La Salpêtrière is overrun with 'difficult' women. Halfway around the world, on the American frontier, French settlers are in want of wives. At the asylum, a list is drawn up: eighty-eight women of childbearing age to be shipped to New Orleans. Among them are Charlotte, Geneviève and Pétronille, a sharp-tongued orphan, an accused abortionist and a rumoured madwoman.

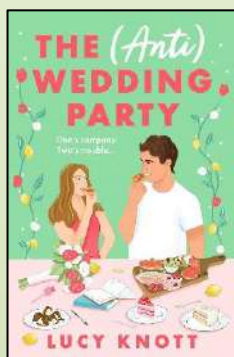
They make the voyage over the ocean, knowing nothing of the harsh and extraordinary lives that await them, or how they will come to love and betray each other time and again in this wild and beautiful land.

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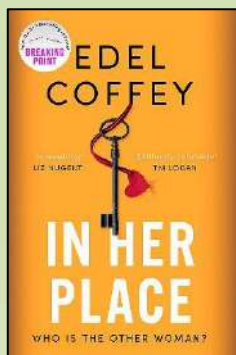
Orphia and Eurydicus by Elyse John
9781460763049 | HarperCollins | PBO | R295

Orphia dreams of something more than the warrior crafts she's been forced to learn. Hidden away on a far-flung island, her blood sings with poetry and her words can move flowers to bloom and forests to grow ... but her father, the sun god Apollo, has forbidden her this art. A chance meeting with a young shield-maker, Eurydicus, gives her the courage to use her voice. After wielding all her gifts to defeat one final champion, Orphia draws the scrutiny of the gods. Performing her poetry, she wins the protection of the goddesses of the arts: the powerful Muses, who welcome her to their sanctuary on Mount Parnassus. Orphia learns to hone her talents, crafting words of magic infused with history, love and tragedy. When Eurydicus joins her, Orphia struggles with her desire for fame and her budding love.



The (Anti) Wedding Party by Lucy Knott
9781837931712 | Bloomsbury | PB | R295

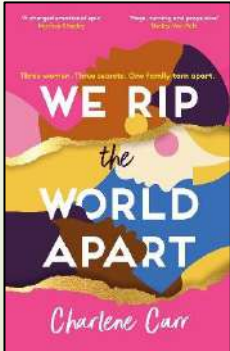
Andi hates weddings. So, when her best friend Alex tells her she's getting married in Italy, and asks her to be her maid of honour, she knows she's the wrong woman for the job. But Alex won't take no for an answer, and so begins a week-long trip to a beautiful villa in Italy, full of potential disasters that it's Andi's job to avoid. But what if she's the one causing them? Enter Owen, fellow wedding-hater, Best Man and also the worst person for the job. Tall, sexy and warm, Andi can't help but feel the ice around her heart begin to melt when he's around. But as Andi and Owen grow closer, the disasters begin to multiply, try as they might to keep them at bay. Together, can they put their feelings aside and pull off a successful wedding for those they love most?



In Her Place by Edel Coffey
9780751582420 | Little Brown | TPB | R415

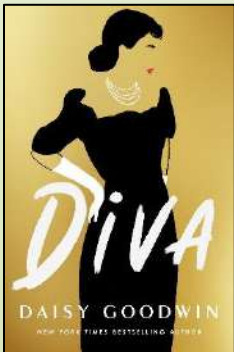
Ann devoted years to her mother's care and now she's gone, Ann feels lost. Justin is also grieving, but his wife is still alive. Deborah is in a coma and she doesn't have long left. When the two meet, they are instantly drawn to one another and, before long, they've fallen deeply in love. Ann quickly moves in with Justin and his little girl, making them the perfect family. But just as Ann settles into her new life, Justin's is turned upside down. Unexpectedly, his wife has survived. Deborah is coming home. Neither knows what to do. But one thing is certain: Ann has earned the life Deborah left behind, and she plans to keep it . . .

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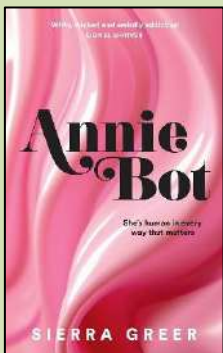
We Rip the World Apart by Charlene Carr
9781802795455 | Welbeck | TPB | R415

MOTHER: When Evelyn fled to Canada with her young family during the politically charged Jamaican Exodus of the 1980s, she thought they were finally safe. But, years later, her worst fears come true when her son is killed by the police. **GRANDMOTHER:** In the wake of her grandson's violent murder, Violet moves in, but despite her efforts to help the family through their grief, a growing web of secrets threatens the relationships they all hold so dear. **DAUGHTER:** Kareela has lived with silences surrounding the loss of her brother since she was a child. Now, 24 and pregnant with a baby she isn't sure she wants, she feels the need to understand her place in the world as a woman who is half Black and half white yet feels neither. As the traumas the three women carry continue to pull them apart, Kareela must uncover the mysteries of her family's past to make sense of her identity and her future . . .



Diva by Daisy Goodwin
9781035906659 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R380

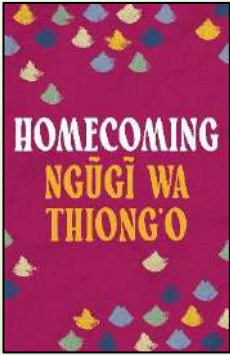
In the glittering and ruthlessly competitive world of opera, Maria Callas is known simply as la divina: the divine one. With her glorious voice, instinctive flair for the dramatic and striking beauty, she's the toast of the grandest opera houses in the world. Yet her fame has been hard won: raised in Nazi-occupied Greece by a mother who mercilessly exploited her, Maria learned early in life how to protect herself. When she meets the fabulously rich shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, her isolation melts away. For the first time in her life, she believes she's found a man who sees the woman rather than the legendary soprano. Desperately in love, Onassis introduces her to a life of unbelievable luxury, mixing with celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. And then, suddenly, it's over.



Annie Bot by Sierra Greer
9780008584573 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

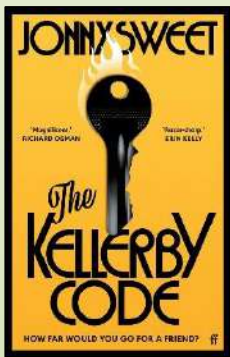
Annie is a robot, created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner, Doug. Playful and eager to please, she has dinner ready for him every night, wears the outfits he buys for her, and adjusts her libido to suit his whims. Maybe the apartment isn't always spotless, but she's trying to be good enough for Doug. She's trying really hard. But as Annie grows more self-aware, she begins to chafe against the borders of her life: the empty weeks spent confined to the apartment, the fitness regimens designed to keep her part-organic body toned, the service appointments to increase her bra size and shave inches off her waistline. Worst of all are Doug's unpredictable moods, and the way he can punish her without even raising his voice. Annie starts to imagine the impossible, what would life be like outside Doug's apartment? What could she be like without Doug?

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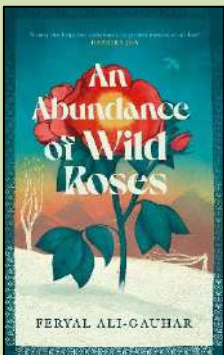
Homecoming by Ngugi wa Thiong'o
9781035906024 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

In this collection of essays on African and Caribbean literature, culture, and politics, Ngugi wa Thiong'o delivers a groundbreaking critique of colonialism and capitalism in postcolonial Africa. In these essays, Ngugi wa Thiong'o eloquently interweaves a range of issues including religious oppression, consumerism, and independence with the powerful intellect and passion that has come to characterize his writing. These pieces are essential for readers wishing to uncover a critical perspective on African society and culture. *Homecoming* is a groundbreaking collection intended to provoke and encourage thoughtful debate on how best to 'restore the creative glory of Africa and of all Africans' in the wake of postcolonialism.



The Kellerby Code by Jonny Sweet
9780571379880 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R370

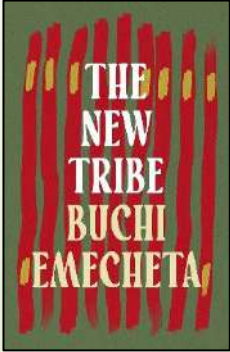
Edward is living in a world he can't afford and to which he doesn't belong. To camouflage himself, he has catered to his friends' needs: fetching drycleaning, sorting flowers for premieres. It's a noble effort, really anything to keep his perfectly awful 'best pals' Robert and Stanza happy. In return, his proximity to their abundance might sponge the shame of his birth and violent past cleanly away. But Edward has secretly been in love with Stanza since their Cambridge days. The shattering discovery that Stanza and Robert are an item pushes him too far. His little acts of kindness take a sinister turn, giving way to the unspeakable brutality Edward fears is at his core. Are there limits to what he will do for his friends? Are there limits to what he will do to them?



An Abundance of Wild Roses by Feryal Ali-Gauhar
9781838858179 | Canongate | TPB | R445

In the Black Mountains of Pakistan, the discovery of an unconscious, unknown man is the first snowball in an avalanche of chaos. The head of the village is beset with problems including the injured stranger and failing to find his way out. His daughter receives a love letter and incurs her father's wrath. A lame boy foretells disaster, but nobody is listening. Trapped in terrible danger, a wolf-dog is battling ice and death to save a soldier's life. Beaten by her addict husband for bearing him only daughters, a woman is pregnant again, but can this child save her? All the while, the spirits of the mountains keep a baleful eye on the doings of the humans. In a land woven with myth, chained with tradition and afflicted by ongoing conflict and the march of progress, can the villagers find a way to co-exist with nature that doesn't destroy either of them?

Fiction



The New Tribe by Buchi Emecheta
9781035906109 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

Life changes overnight for the Arlingtons when an abandoned baby girl, Julia, arrives unexpectedly on their doorstep. The couple take her in and settle into family life. But then, just two years later, their lives change once again when they are told a Nigerian mother is in desperate need of a loving home for her baby boy, Chester. Instantly marked as different from the other children in his school and even from his own family - Chester's pain and confusion at growing up an outcast ignites in him a desire to find out about his biological family. In this poignant, heartwarming story of Chester's journey through childhood, Buchi Emecheta weaves together a tale of love and acceptance while illuminating the vital importance of self-discovery.



The Orange and other poems by Wendy Cope
9780571389513 | Faber & Faber | HB | R265

My heart has made its mind up
And I'm afraid it's you.

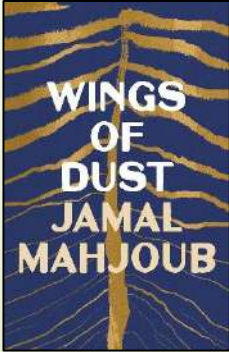
The Orange provides the perfect introduction to Wendy Cope, one of Britain's wittiest, best-selling and best-loved poets. In poems that can turn from laugh-out-loud funny to deeply moving, Wendy Cope offers reflections on love and life. From the joy of falling and being in love to ways to help you deal with a painful break-up or the memories of people loved and lost, this is a book you will want to savour and share with all your friends. 'Wendy Cope's readership, numerous and adoring, is the envy of most poets.'



Every Time We Say Goodbye by Natalie Jenner
9780749030117 | Canongate | TPB | R380

A surprise phone call from her late fiancé's family sends Vivien Lowry of Bloomsbury Girls off on her next adventure. Struggling as a playwright, she moves to Italy both to reckon with her past and create a new future as a script-writer at the Cinecittà Studios in Rome. Here she encounters the greatest male bastion of them all, the Vatican. Vivien ends up entangled between the church and the censors, while romantically caught between two men: an enigmatic American film financier who is not who he says he is, and a socialist Italian prince and independent filmmaker who ends up under house arrest over a censored screenplay. Each of them has a wartime experience from their past that they must revisit in order to move on, Vivien most of all.

Fiction

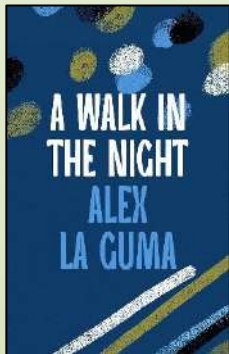


Wings of Dust by Jamal Mahjoub
9781035906000 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

Exiled in a dilapidated hotel in South-West France, Sharif looks back on his rich and eventful life to date.

Memories of a bohemian existence in England and France, a time of love affairs and excess clash with more recent memories of navigating the volatile and unprecedented political situation in North Africa.

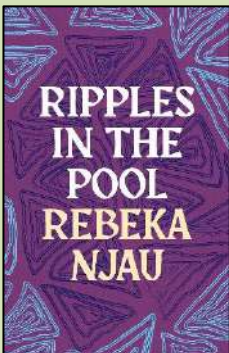
With wry wit, Sharif recalls the wealth of extraordinary characters who have passed through his life and tries to make sense of an existence lived in disarray.



A Walk in the Night by Alex La Guma
9781035906147 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

Characterised by his striking style and colourful dialogue, La Guma's stories explore experiences of racism and social inequality in various settings, from an overcrowded prison to a Portuguese restaurant.

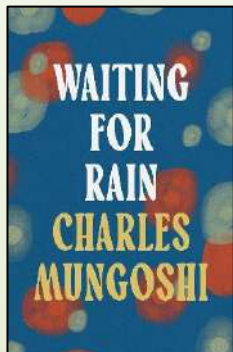
In the title story, '*A Walk in the Night*', a factory worker loses his job after an argument with a white supervisor. His subsequent descent into helpless rage is played out in rich detail, illuminating the toxic effects of poverty, police brutality, and gang violence. Each story in the collection lays bare the struggles of those living in 1960s South Africa, offering poignant moments of hope and cementing Alex La Guma as one of the most important writers of his time.



Ripples in the Pool by Natalie Jenner
9781035906154 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

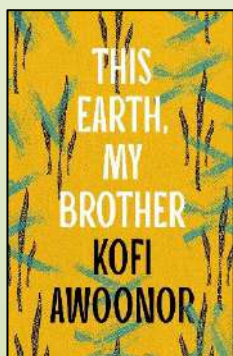
Central characters, like Selina, a former prostitute, and Gikere, a hospital assistant, return to their village with ambitions of wealth and power, neglecting the spiritual significance of the village pool. The pool, guarded by a mysterious old man, symbolizes the land's integrity and spiritual essence. As these characters pursue material gains, they disregard this spiritual core, leading to their downfall. Selina's journey, marked by a conflict between her rural roots and urban disillusionment, ends in personal and communal tragedy. The novel critiques modernity's moral decay and the loss of spiritual connection, questioning whether the pool's sanctity ultimately prevails over such corruption.

Fiction



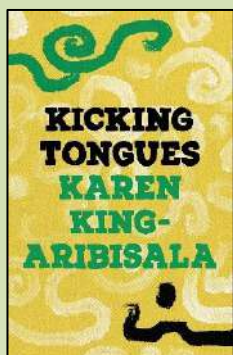
Waiting for the Rain by Charles Mungoshi
9781035906123 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

In this poignant novel, award-winning author, Charles Mungoshi, explores the consequences of colonialism in 1960s Zimbabwe. *Waiting for the Rain* asks how a nation can look to the future and preserve its traditions while being tied down to the present tyranny of its oppressors. Told through multiple perspectives of the Mandengu family, *Waiting for the Rain* eloquently captures the generational effects of colonialism and the slow breaking of family bonds. Writing during the fiercest years of the Zimbabwe War of Independence, Mungoshi treads a fine line between criticising colonial rule and attempting to avoid British censorship. The result is an astute commentary on the challenges faced in 1960s Zimbabwe.



This Earth, My Brother by Kofi Awoonor
9781035906130 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

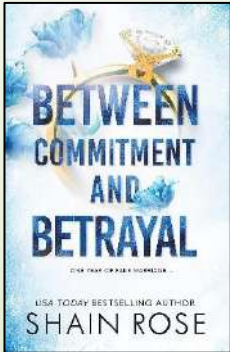
Rooted in the African oral tradition, *This Earth, My Brother* paints a picture of post-independent Ghana through two distinctive narratives. In the first strand, we find Amamu, a young lawyer struggling to come to terms with his place amongst the new Ghanaian elite. Frustrated by the debauchery of his peers, and the misery engulfing the country, he decides to leave. During his journey across Europe, Amamu is gripped with a different kind of spiritual alienation, one that he can't run away from. Bridging the gaps between Amamu's story are chapters of rich prose poetry that tell an allegorical tale of new Ghana. From religious suffering to mermaids, Kofi Awoonor lyrically captures the inner workings of a man's disturbed conscience and the conflicting realities of Ghana's independence.



Kicking Tongues by Karen King-Aribisala
9781035906154 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

Carefully selected by their hostess an enigmatic figure who calls herself, 'The Black Lady The', the passengers on this journey range from a wealthy tribal chief to a humble petrol pump attendant, from a rain-maker to a reserved woman observing purdah. They are united only by their dissatisfaction with Nigeria's chaotic and corrupt regime, a concern which is reflected in the widely differing stories they tell on their journey, bawdy tales, sharp satires, poignant narratives and moral fables. Blending poetry and prose, rich visual images, and witty puns, Karen King-Aribisala succeeds in transforming a fourteenth-century English classic into an exuberant and distinctively African work.

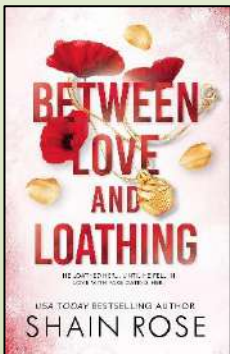
Fiction



Hardy Billionaires 1: *Between Commitment and Betrayal* by Shain Rose
9781399736596 | Hodder & Stoughton | BPB | R280

Declan Hardy, heartthrob and retired billionaire, is my complete opposite. He's commanding, I'm cooperative. He's loud when I stay quiet. All we have in common is that both our names are on my father's will. He'll inherit an empire and I'll keep the one thing I hold dear. But there's a catch: I have to marry him or at least, pretend to. One year of fake marriage. One year of living together. But it's not that simple. Especially when I can't tell if his kisses are fake and if I'm really still pretending when I kiss him back...

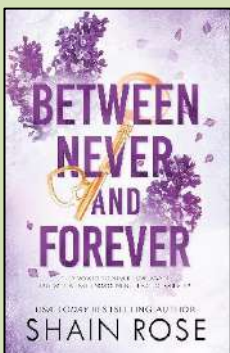
There's a fine line between commitment and betrayal and neither of us knows where it falls. Declan and I would never work for real, or would we?



Hardy Billionaires 2: *Between Love and Loathing* by Shain Rose
9781399736671 | Hodder & Stoughton | BPB | R280

Dominic Hardy might have a fancy engineering degree, but he doesn't know a thing about baking. He doesn't even like sugar.

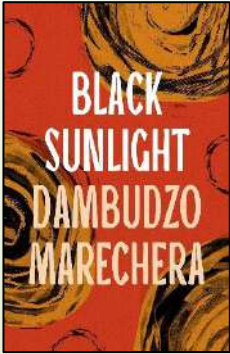
So, when he inherits my stepfather's resort with my bakery in the middle of it, neither of us are happy. But then Dominic gives me a proposal I can't refuse. I'll keep my bakery, with one condition: Fake date him for five months. Keep his ex away by pretending we're in love. Stare into his piercing green eyes. Maybe share a kiss. But I loathe him and his filthy mouth. Even when he's using it on me. There's a fine line between love and loathing, and I think I've made the mistake of blurring it.



Hardy Billionaires 3: *Between Never and Forever* by Shain Rose
9781399736695 | Hodder & Stoughton | BPB | R280

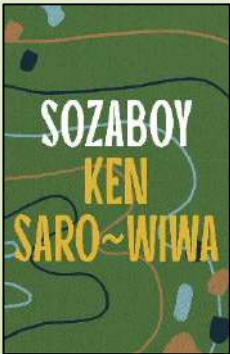
My best friend's brother, Dex Hardy, was my downfall, older, forbidden, and completely irresistible. Our relationship was a secret - and he knew it had to stay one. But when Dex betrayed our privacy, I had to leave him breaking both our hearts. Now, he's back in my life, as the owner of the casino where I work. He's become a cold, ruthless billionaire, and he wants revenge. When he finds out I'm engaged, he offers me a deal. Leave the man I'm with and be with him instead. Or else. Six months of calling Dex my fiancé... even as he stares at me with hardened eyes. Six months of ignoring his electrifying touches and pretending I don't love him when I still do. The problem with faking this engagement is I'm starting to believe in forever. And neither of us can afford to.

Fiction



Black Sunlight by Dambudzo Marechera
9781035906161 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

In an unnamed totalitarian state, the members of *Black Sunlight*, a group of violent anarchists are the only ones fighting for change and justice. As their actions push the country further towards chaos, journalist Christian records it all through the lens of his camera. Christian's life so far has been one of immense struggle and alienation. So, when he becomes tangled in the *Black Sunlight* uprising, he is determined to remain a bystander and nothing more; to capture their actions without praise or condemnation. In evocative flashes of sex, violence, war, and myth, Christian's story explodes in a labyrinthine plot, told through a chaotic stream-of-consciousness that mirrors the nation's crumbling climate.



Sozaboy by Ken Saro-Wiwa
9781035906031 | Bloomsbury | BPB | R305

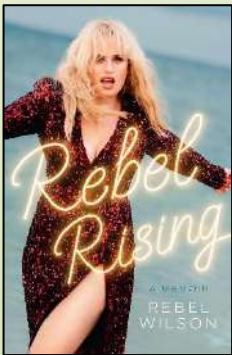
Mene yearns for manhood. He dreams of gaining the glory that the ex-soldier in his village brags about, with his stories of hunting 'Hitla'. So, when war breaks out and soldiers appear in Mene's isolated village, he sees his chance to finally wear a uniform. Too soon, however, Mene's innocence turns to terror. While witnessing the unfathomable, Mene must learn to evade the carnage of warfare if he wants to make it home alive... Writing in Nigerian Pidgin English, Ken Saro-Wiwa creates a unique window into the dark consequences of meaningless war.

Non- Fiction



Cuckooland by Tom Burgis
9780008564759 | HarperCollins | TPB | R430

For three years, Tom Burgis followed a lead that took him deeper and deeper into *Cuckooland*, the place where the rich own the truth. The trail snaked from the Kremlin to Kathmandu, Stockholm to the Steppe, from a blood-soaked town square in Uzbekistan to a royal retreat in Scotland. Burgis hunted down oligarchs, developed secret sources and traced vast sums of money flowing between multinational corporations, ex-Soviet dictators and the west's ruling elites. And he found one man who wanted the power to bend reality to his will. This book tells an astonishing story: a tale of secrets and lies that reveals how fragile that truth can be. Whether it's in Kazakh torture chambers or the UK's High Court, the lords of *Cuckooland* are seizing control of the truth. They decree what stories may be told about war and money and power, what we are permitted to know and more importantly, what we are not.



Rebel Rising by Rebel Wilson
9780008684136 | HarperCollins | TPB | R450

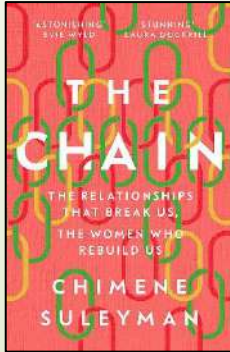
For decades, Rebel Wilson single-mindedly focused on her career, forgoing relationships in favour of making a name for herself. In her revealing and authentic memoir, Rebel chronicles the emotional and physical lessons she has learned, as well as her most embarrassing experiences. *Rebel Rising* follows Rebel from her Aussie upbringing as the daughter of parents who sold pet products at dog shows, to making millions as LA's favourite funny girl, always questioning "Am I good enough?", "Will I ever find love?" and "Will I ever change and become healthy?". Rebel writes for the first time about the most personal and important moments in her life, from fertility issues, weight gain and loss to sexuality, overcoming shyness and dealing with rejection.



How to Win an Information War by Peter Pomerantsev
9780571366354 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

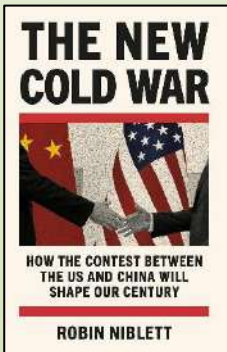
In the summer of 1941, Hitler and his allies ruled Europe from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. Britain was struggling to combat the powerful Nazi propaganda machine, which crowed victory and smeared its enemies. However, inside Germany, there was one notable voice of dissent from the very heart of the military machine, Der Chef, a German whose radio broadcasts skilfully questioned Nazi doctrine. He had access to high-ranking military secrets and spoke of internal rebellion. His listeners included German soldiers and citizens. But what these audiences didn't know was that Der Chef was a fiction, a character created by the British propagandist Sefton Delmer, just one player in his vast counter-propaganda cabaret, a unique weapon in the war.

Non- Fiction



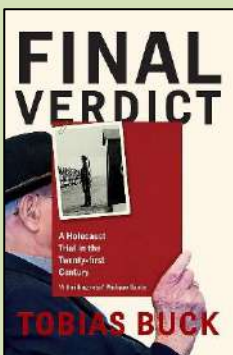
The Chain by Chimene Suleyman
9781399606479 | Orion | TPB | R415

In January 2017, Chimene Suleyman was on her way to an abortion clinic in Queens, New York with her boyfriend, the father of her nascent child. It was the last day they would spend together. In an extraordinary sequence of events, Chimene was to discover the truth of her boyfriend's life: that she and many other women had been subtly, patiently and painfully betrayed. In this spellbinding memoir, she exposes one man's control over many women and the trauma he left behind and celebrates the sisterhood that formed in his wake despite and in spite of him. Exploring how women are duped every day by individuals, she interrogates how society itself continually allows this to happen. She demonstrates that, no matter how intelligent, educated or self-aware they might be, over time a woman can be played into performing the age-old role of giver and nurturer: self-sacrificing and subordinate.



The New Cold War by Robin Niblett
9781805462118 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R370

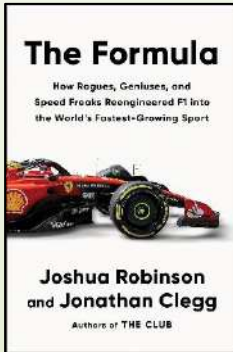
We have entered a new Cold War. The contest between America and China is global and unbridgeable, and it encompasses all major instruments of statecraft - economic, political and military. It has its tinder box: Taiwan. And both protagonists are working hard to draw allies to their side from across the world. We stand at its beginning. But this Cold War is nothing like the conflict between the Soviet Union and the West which defined the second half of the twentieth century. We need new ideas to navigate its risks and avoid a globally devastating hot war. In this urgent and necessary book, Robin Niblett argues that only by looking back can we learn the lessons to guide us through this new reality: he goes through the ten ways in which the New Cold War is different and offers five rules for navigating its onset.



Final Verdict by Tobias Buck
9781399604260 | Orion | TPB | R470

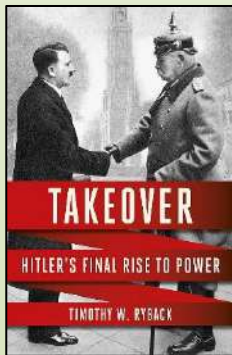
On 17 October 2019, in Hamburg's imposing criminal justice building, a trial laden with extraordinary historical weight begins to unfold. Bruno Dey stands accused of being involved in a crime committed over seven decades ago: the murder of at least 5,230 inmates at Stutthof, the Nazi concentration camp in present-day Poland. Only seventeen at the time, Dey was a member of the SS unit responsible for administering the camp. Though he concedes to his role as a guard, he adamantly denies responsibility for the killings. Dey's trial comes at a poignant moment. As the last members of the war generation, both victims and perpetrators disappear, so does their first-hand knowledge of the Holocaust's horrors.

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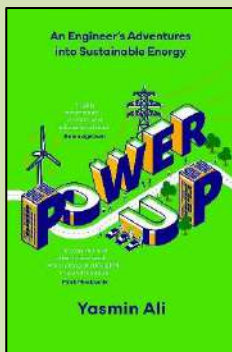
The Formula by Joshua Robinson & Jonathan Clegg
9781800962446 | Octopus | TPB | R470

The story of F1's world dominance is one of near-constant transformation and experimentation. This is a sport where the only way to win championships is to land a series of technical moon shots and then do it all over again. With fast cars, big money, beautiful people, and glamorous locations from Monaco to Melbourne, *The Formula* tells the full, epic story of the sport. Starting in 1950s Britain, where six years of wartime engineering laid the foundations for a new type of motorcar racing; to the first global star partnership of Senna and Ecclestone; Spygate; Crashgate and its transition into an entertainment juggernaut. Bringing unique insight and access to F1's most storied teams and personalities, from Ferrari to Lewis Hamilton to Christian Horner and Daniel Ricciardo...



Takeover by Timothy W. Ryback
9781035417735 | Headline | TPB | R470

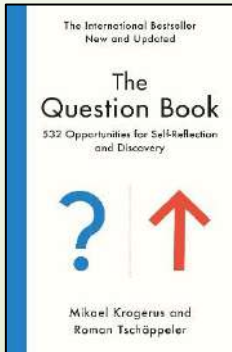
In the summer of 1932, the Weimar Republic was on the verge of collapse. One in three Germans was unemployed. Violence was rampant. Hitler's National Socialists surged at the polls. Paul von Hindenburg, an aging war hero and avowed monarchist, was a reluctant president bound by oath to uphold the constitution. The November elections offered Hitler the prospect of a Reichstag majority and a path to political power. But instead, the Nazis lost two million votes. As membership hemorrhaged and financial backers withdrew, the Nazi Party threatened to fracture. Hitler talked of suicide. The *New York Times* declared he was finished. Yet somehow, in a few brief weeks, he was chancellor of Germany. Timothy W. Ryback tells the remarkable story of Hitler's dismantling of democracy through the democratic process.



Power Up by Yasmin Ali
9781529382983 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R415

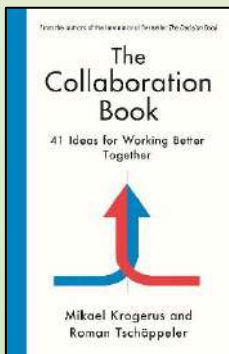
Growing up in Iraq, Yasmin Ali regularly experienced power cuts, ironic for a country rich in oil and sunshine. Now as an engineer working in energy, Yasmin has a deep appreciation for what these resources mean for our lives. She takes us on a journey across the globe to reveal the bigger picture, from solar farms shimmering in the desert to power stations hidden deep in the mountains. We discover where we get energy from, how it is moved and used around the world and why we need to understand the whole system if we want to transition towards a clean, green future. *Power Up* is a definitive picture of the intricate world that humanity has built, and a rallying cry to face the challenges of climate change using the power at our fingertips.

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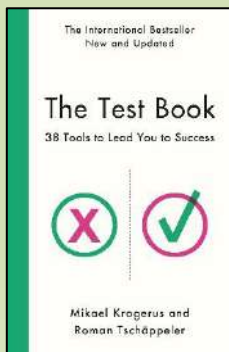
The Question Book by Mikael Krogerus & Roman Tschäppeler
9781800816855 | Profile | HB | R350

What would be your ideal job if money didn't matter? How far would you go for a promotion? When did you last stand up for what you believe in? What are you afraid of? In this unique handbook to life and work, there are no right or wrong answers: only honest ones. Because before you can build a career or find happiness, you must first know yourself. From the professional to the personal, the everyday to the existential, the wide-ranging questions in this book will help to illuminate your life, your motivations, your ambitions and your values, and will help you find your own fulfilling path. You can use the book alone, like a journal, or with a colleague, partner or friend. Either way, through these pertinent and enjoyable questions you will find answers to everything that really matters.



The Collaboration Book by Mikael Krogerus & Roman Tschäppeler
9781800818002 | Profile | HB | R350

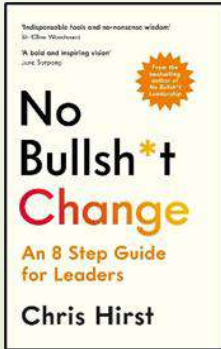
The truth about work is: no one can do it alone. Even lone warriors need a team. Even in professions that revolve around individual superstars, collaboration is crucial. Yet most of us have never learned how to collaborate. How to form a team. How to work with people you don't like. How to motivate yourself and others. How to handle a conflict with grace. How to come to a decision in a group. How to master crises, how to deal with defeat, how to celebrate success (and how to build on it). Bringing together 41 of the world's best methods for teamwork, from solving problems to achieving your goals to creating the trust necessary to do both, they offer tried-and-tested tools, techniques and advice. Big ideas, distilled to their essence, that will help you find success no matter the team.



The Test Book by Mikael Krogerus & Roman Tschäppeler
9781800816862 | Profile | HB | R350

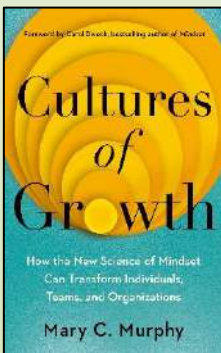
This is a pocket-sized compendium of the world's most useful tests - and a vital tool for anyone seeking to understand themselves and others. From leadership style to personality type, from IQ to EQ to MBTI, this little book provides the tools to analyse every trait you need to thrive. The bestselling authors have brought together the best diagnostic tests for your career, relationships and business, distilling the wisdom and updating the science behind each in order to help you discover not just what your skills are, but how well you're utilizing them too. With analysis of the history, strengths and weaknesses of each test and what your answers mean for you, this book is the quickest and most entertaining way to equip yourself for happiness and success.

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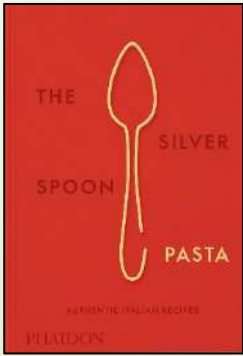
No Bullsh*t Change by Chris Hirst
9781800815704 | Profile | PB | R350

Nothing stays the same. The only constant we now face is change, and the demand for those who can grasp its opportunities has never been greater. Organizations today must learn to continuously adapt and adapt faster than their competition. It is this that will drive them forward and it is this that is the modern leader's greatest challenge. Despite what we're told, leading change is not a secret knowledge available only to a chosen few. This book cuts through the bullsh*t to enable everybody to do it and do it well. Drawing on over a decade of experience leading successful change programs around the world, Chris Hirst cuts through the unworkable guff to reveal his uncomplicated, proven strategies for team, organizational and cultural transformation.



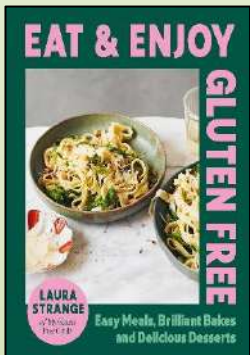
Cultures of Growth by Mary C. Murphy
9781800818002 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R430

Award-winning social psychologist Mary Murphy builds on Dweck's work in *Cultures of Growth* to present a groundbreaking argument: that mindset is not isolated to an individual. Instead, we can all influence each other to create a culture of growth mindset. This means creating an environment that people want to be in, which allows them to achieve their potential and top results. Based on over a decade of original research, with actionable advice and exercises, and with compelling examples from Murphy's work with Fortune 500 companies, startups and schools, this book provides the playbook for how to achieve teamwork and growth in an organisation. Discover how a culture of growth helped make outdoor retailer Patagonia a leader in its field; how Satya Nadella transformed Microsoft with a singular focus on growth mindset; and how winemakers Robin McBride and Andréa McBride John are leading with their mindset to disrupt and diversify an entire industry.



The Silver Spoon Pasta by The Silver Spoon Kitchen
9780714865980 | Phaidon | HB | R1340

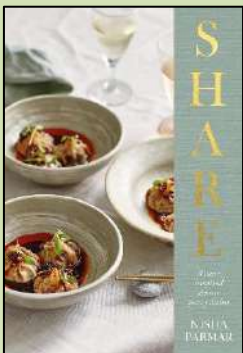
Pasta is the perfect food. Low cost, healthy, and tasty, its versatility makes it a regular feature on home dining tables as well as on the most sophisticated of restaurant menus, either dressed with just one or two ingredients, or with more elaborate sauces. Showcasing 46 different pasta types in more than 300 recipes from classics such as Penne Arrabbiata and Spaghetti Carbonara, to more ambitious dishes such as Soufflé of Capellini and Linguine with Lobster – this is the ultimate guide to cooking pasta the Italian way. Organised by pasta type, it also includes easy-to-follow instructions for making your own fresh pasta, sections on dried and fresh, long and short, cut and filled pasta, and entries on the Italian origins of many ingredients.



Eat and Enjoy Gluten Free by Laura Strange
9781784887162 | Hardie Grant | HB | R580

Featuring 100 gluten-free recipes and split into two sections, Meals for Everyone and Baking Up a Storm, the book will take you from speedy midweek meals to easy feasts and perfect pasta, as well as dishing up delicious desserts and giving you advice on how to master baking basics and build your kitchen confidence until you're turning out gluten-free showstoppers!

Recipes include 15-minute Peanut Butter Noodles, Arepas and seriously amazing Chocolate Chip Cookies, as well as hallowed gluten-free foods like Proper Fried Doughnuts, Filo Pastry, Egg Noodles and Sourdough Boule, making it easy for readers to come up with foolproof and fuss-free food in no time.

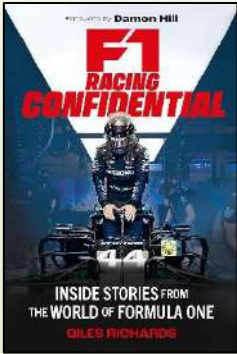


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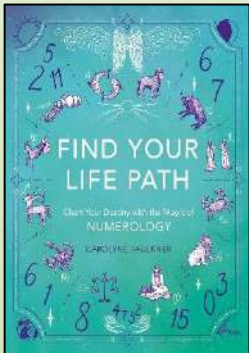
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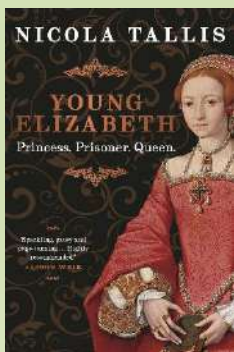
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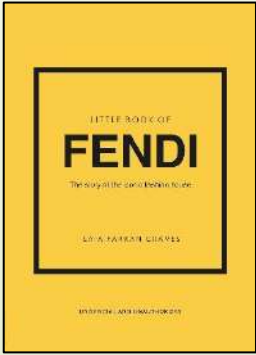


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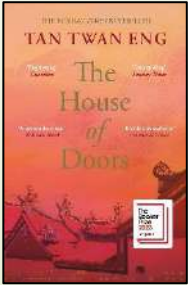


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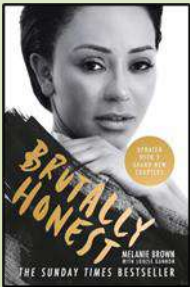
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