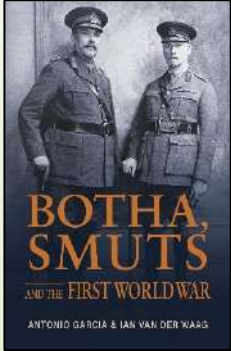


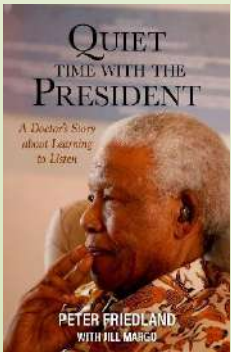
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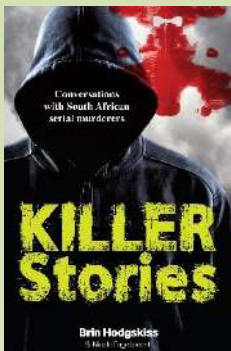
Botha, Smuts and the First World War by Antonio Garcia and Ian van der Waag
9781776194131 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R330

Facing internal rebellion and the threat posed by German troops on South Africa's borders, Prime Minister Louis Botha and his deputy, Jan Smuts, led the Union Defence Force during the First World War. This first-of-a-kind volume investigates the wartime roles of these two legendary yet divisive historical figures. Both men commanded in the field. The army they commanded gained resilience, experience and battle-hardiness, adapting to the conditions of the campaigns and the demands of the tasks. Behind Botha's charming façade and Smuts's stoic machine, were two very human, imperfect men. Together they provide a wonderful lens through which to examine the potent forces of the early 20th-century world and the country they hoped to forge.



Quiet Time With The President by Peter Friedland with Jill Margo
9781776193523 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R280

After many years of serving the country and doing his part to help rebuild South Africa, Dr Peter Friedland was given an opportunity to serve as a member of Nelson Mandela's medical team and helped to monitor his hearing. Over the years they built a rapport and their conversations regularly veered towards politics. Mandela often gave Peter perspective and would push him to examine his reasons for supporting specific causes and holding particular views. As an ENT specialist, Peter regularly treated victims of violent crime. He also lost colleagues and friends to hijackings and other crimes. But when his daughters were exposed to a robbery, he had to make a life-changing decision. This book examines the powerful forces that push people away from South Africa and those that pull them back in. It is never as simple as merely staying or going, it is an emotional tug of war that continues until something snaps.



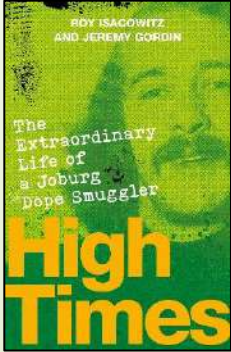
Killer Stories by Brin Hodgskiss & Nicole Engelbrecht
9781776193325 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

'If you made me angry, to me, for that anger to go away I have to get hold of you . . . For that anger to go away, I have to do something to you.' These are the words of one of South Africa's most terrifying serial killers as told to Brin Hodgskiss in the bowels of one of our most secure prisons. Hodgskiss got his doctorate in psychology for a study based on interviews with thirteen serial killers. The recordings sat gathering dust until recently, when top true-crime podcaster Nicole Engelbrecht found his paper online. The two connected and the concept for this book was born. In *Killer Stories*, Hodgskiss uses each of the interviews, combined with the tenets of narrative psychology, to take the reader into the minds of the killers. He lays out how the stories these men told themselves about their lives contributed to where they ended up and how they aren't that different from the stories we all tell ourselves.

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High Times by Roy Isacowitz & Jeremy Gordin
9781776192809 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R320

This is Michael's extraordinary story, as told to fellow South Africans Roy Isacowitz, author and journalist, and the late Jeremy Gordin, awards winning-journalist, editor and author. *High Times* is the true story of Michael Medjuck, whose taste for weed, women and the good life led him from late-1960s Johannesburg to notoriety as one of the biggest hash and weed smugglers in North America. From his base in Vancouver, Michael built up a smuggling network that supplied dealers in scores of cities across Canada and the United States. The proceeds of smuggling afforded this former King David High School pupil a lifestyle of hedonistic excess, the finest wines, the most glamorous hookers, the best weed in the world. In 1991, Michael was nabbed by US federal agents while smuggling an enormous shipload of Afghani hash into the West Coast of Canada. A chance remark to his lawyer led to his early release and return to Canada. After barely a year of freedom, Michael was again arrested.

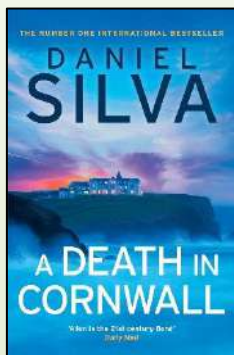


We Were Perfect Parents Until We Had Children by Vanessa Raphaely & Karin Schimke
9781776192625 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R330

Having kids is a baffling endeavour beset with sulk, meltdowns, anxiety and disappointment and that's just the parents! When you get that call to the principal's office? When the school acceptances don't come? When the bedroom door slams and you hear your child sobbing behind it? All awful but it's also a precious time, both hellishly challenging and full of joy. The trick? To find a way to enjoy our families, love our children and believe in them. And laugh . . .

In this book, Vanessa Raphaely and Karin Schimke have gathered together experiences and insights from The Village members. These are the gems and remedies from the real parenting experts, the parents to help you raise your family in your own perfectly imperfect way. If you've ever felt in need of an outstretched hand amid the stormy, messy, snotty, gritty, grotty, teary, rocky paths through adolescence, this is for you: 'We get it. We're here if you need us.'

Fiction



A Death in Cornwall by Daniel Silva
9780008710538 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

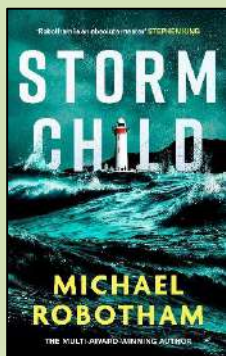
Art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon has slipped quietly into London to attend a reception at the Courtauld Gallery celebrating the return of a stolen self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh. But when an old friend from the Devon and Cornwall Police seeks his help with a baffling murder investigation, he finds himself pursuing a powerful and dangerous new adversary. The victim is Charlotte Blake, a celebrated professor of art history from Oxford who spends her weekends in the same seaside village where Gabriel once lived under an assumed identity. Her murder appears to be the work of a diabolical serial killer who has been terrorizing the Cornish countryside. But there are a number of telltale inconsistencies, including a missing mobile phone. And then there is the mysterious three-letter cypher she left behind on a notepad in her study.



Shadows in the Moonlight by Santa Montefiore
9781398720015 | Orion | TPB | R395

A FORBIDDEN LOVE.
AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE...

When Pixie Tate is summoned to the wild Cornish coast to unravel a curious mystery at the stately St Sidwell Manor, she knows that something quite extraordinary must be hiding in its shadows. Over one hundred years ago, in the dark of night, a child vanished from his bed never to be seen again and Pixie must now discover the truth of those final moonlit hours. As she loses herself in the past, secrets are revealed, love affairs exposed and, ultimately, Pixie will be forced to make a devastating choice that will change her life forever...



Storm Child by Michael Robotham
9781408727218 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

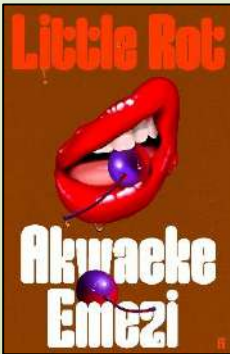
The most painful of Evie Cormac's memories have been locked away, ever since she was held prisoner as a child, a child whose rescue captured hearts and headlines. Forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven's mission is to guide her to something near normality. But today, on a Lincolnshire beach, seventeen bodies wash up in front of them. There is only one survivor, with two women still missing. And Evie's nightmares come roaring back... Whatever happened all those years ago lies at the core of this new tragedy. Because these deaths are no accident. The same dark forces are reaching out, dragging her back into the storm. Evie must now call upon Cyrus's unique skills, and her own, in their search for the missing pieces of this complex and haunting puzzle. But will that be enough to save them? And who will pay for the past?

Fiction



The Wrong Hands by Mark Billingham
9781408726365 | Little Brown | TPB | R425

Unconventional Detective Declan Miller has a problem. Still desperate to solve the murder of his wife, a young man has just appeared on his doorstep with a briefcase . . . containing a pair of severed hands. Miller knows this case is proof of a contract killing commissioned by local ne'er do well Wayne Cutler, a man he suspects might also be responsible for his wife's death. Now Miller has leverage, but unfortunately, he also has something that both Cutler and a villainous fast-food kingpin are desperate to get hold of. Chuck in a Midsomer Murders-obsessed hitman, a psychotic welder and a woman driven over the edge by a wayward Crème Egg, and Miller is in a mess that even he might not be able to dance his way out of.



Little Rot by Akwaeke Emezi
9780571382811 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

As Kalu drops Aima at the airport, it marks the end of their four-year relationship. Shattered and broken open, he thinks that's the last he will see of his ex-girlfriend. But, reeling from the breakup, both Aima and Kalu find themselves drawn back to Lagos: to separate nights of decadence. When Kalu visits an exclusive sex party hosted by his best friend, Ahmed, he makes a decision that will plunge them all into chaos. On the other side of town, Ola and Souraya, fresh off their first-class flight from Kuala Lumpur, are getting ready for their own nights of pleasure, unaware that everything is about to go awry. Pulled into a whirlwind descent through the city's corrupt and glittering underworld, they're all looking for a way out, fueled by a desperate need to escape the threat that looms over them.



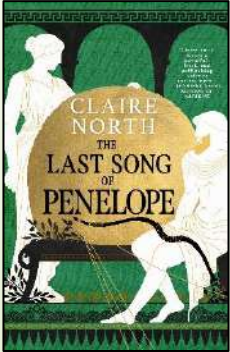
I Hope This Finds You Well by Natalie Sue
9780008604462 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

Would you want to know what your colleagues say behind your back? Jolene certainly doesn't.

She's riddled with anxiety, depressed, and hates her coworkers. The less she knows about them, the better. So when a catastrophic IT f*ck up grants her access to all of their emails and private messages, she's initially horrified. The last thing she wants is to be privy to their sad discussions about dying desk plants and marital troubles.

That's until, with job cuts looming, she realises the power this new-found knowledge gives her. But as she digs deeper and deeper into the private lives of her colleagues, Jolene uncovers a lot more than she bargained for... And the walls she'd so carefully built start crumbling down.

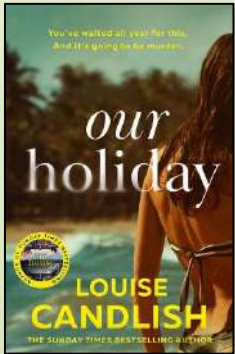
Fiction



The Last Song of Penelope by Claire North
9780356516127 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

Many years ago, Odysseus sailed to war and never returned. For twenty years his wife Penelope and the women of Ithaca have guarded the isle against suitors and rival kings. But peace cannot be kept forever, and the balance of power is about to break . . .

A beggar has arrived at the Palace. Salt-crusted and ocean-battered, he is scorned by the suitors but Penelope recognizes in him something terrible: her husband, Odysseus, returned at last. Yet this Odysseus is no hero. By returning to the island in disguise, he is not merely plotting his revenge against the suitors, vengeance that will spark a civil war, but he's testing the loyalty of his queen. Has she been faithful to him all these years? And how much blood is Odysseus willing to shed to be sure? The song of Penelope is ending, and the song of Odysseus must ring through Ithaca's halls.



Our Holiday by Louise Candlish
9780008614652 | HarperCollins | PBO | R295

Charlotte and Perry long for summers at Cliff View, their gorgeous holiday home overlooking the turquoise waters of Pine Ridge. And now that city friends Amy and Linus have bought a property nearby, they plan lazy weeks of sun, sea and sipping rosé on Charlotte's summerhouse veranda. But there's trouble in paradise...

A rising tide of resentment towards second-home owners is heading their way and small acts of criminal damage are escalating into something more menacing. By the end of the summer, families and friendships will be torn apart and Pine Ridge will be known for more than its sun-drenched beaches. It will be known for murder.



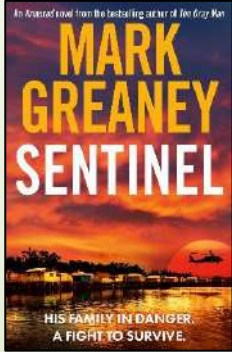
When the Moon Hatched by Sarah A. Parker
9780008710583 | HarperCollins | TPB | R430

As an assassin for the rebellion, Raeve's job is to complete orders and never get caught. When a rival bounty hunter shatters her world, Raeve finds herself captured by the Guild of Nobles – a group of powerful fae.

Crushed by the loss of his great love, dragon rider Kaan Vaegor took the head of a king and donned his melted crown. Now on a tireless quest to quell the never-ebbing ache in his chest, a clue lures him into the capital's high-security prison where he stumbles upon the imprisoned Raeve ...

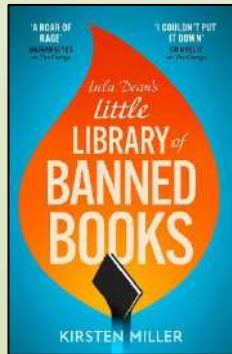
Together, they seek truths that threaten to unravel everything they knew about their world and each other.

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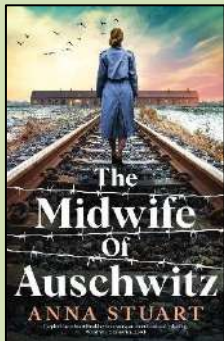
Sentinel by Mark Greaney
9780751583625 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Josh Duffy and his wife Nikki are both working for the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service providing protection for diplomats in the field. They've been sent to Ghana with a team of US embassy personnel who are there to highlight American commitment to the construction of a new dam. Since Ghana is a stable democracy, the Duffy children have come along for a short vacation. But stability proves to be fleeting when a Chinese plan to embarrass the US means the destruction of the dam. Now Josh and his protectees are on the run caught between a Chinese hit squad and a rebel army.



Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller
9780008654276 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

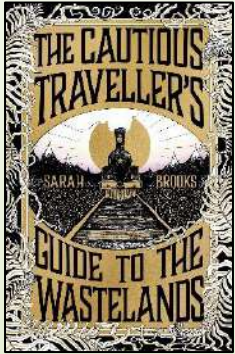
From the author of *The Change*, comes a novel about book banning and those brave enough to stand up against this censorship. In Troy, Georgia, Lula Dean has decided to cleanse the town's reading habits. All banned books have been removed from public spaces, and the townspeople are only allowed to read books Lula has deemed 'appropriate'. But a small group refuse to be told what they can and can't read. The revolution is coming ...



The Midwife of Auschwitz by Anna Stuart
9781408732434 | Little Brown | PBO | R270

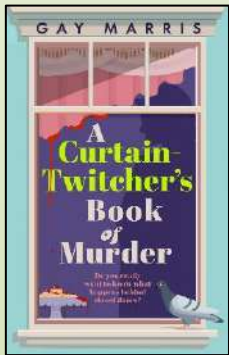
Ana Kaminski is pushed through the iron gates of Auschwitz beside her frightened young friend Ester Pasternak. As they reach the front of the line, Ana steps forward and quietly declares herself a midwife and Ester her assistant. Their arms are tattooed and they're ordered to the maternity hut. Holding an innocent new-born baby, Ana knows the fate of so many are in her hands, and vows to do everything she can to save them. When two guards in their chilling SS uniforms march in and snatch a blond-haired baby from its mother it's almost too much for Ana to bear. The guards are taking the healthiest babies and placing them with German families, so they will survive. And there are whispers the war is nearly over... Ana and Ester begin to secretly tattoo little ones with their mother's numbers, praying one day they might be reunited.

Fiction



The Cautious Traveller's Guide to The Wastelands by Sarah Brooks
9781399607544 | Orion | TPB | R395

It is said there is a price that every passenger must pay. A price beyond the cost of a ticket. It is the end of the nineteenth century and the world is awash with marvels. But there is nothing so marvellous as the Wastelands: a terrain of terrible miracles that lies between Beijing and Moscow. Nothing touches the Wastelands except the Great Trans-Siberian Express: an impenetrable train built to carry cargo across continents, but which now transports anyone who dares. Onto the platform steps a curious cast of characters: Marya, a grieving woman with a borrowed name; Weiwei, a famous child born on the train; and Henry Grey, a disgraced naturalist. But there are whispers that the train isn't safe. As secrets and stories begin to unravel, the passengers and crew must survive their journey together, even as something uncontrollable seems to be breaking in . . .



A Curtain Twitcher's Book of Murder by Gay Marris
9781835010419 | Bedford Square | TPB | R410

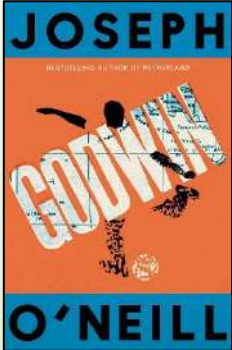
Set in London in 1968, this book follows the lives of the inhabitants of a suburban London street. But this is no ordinary road. "Ask anyone on Atbara Avenue how well they know their neighbours, and they'll answer 'well'. After all, they see each other across the vast distance afforded by close proximity, and that is probably for the best...". For the best, because Atbara Avenue is a street where, all too often, murder feels like the solution. With a delicious cast of characters, dazzling plotting, and an utterly unique voice, Gay Marris' first book is remarkably accomplished. If you've been longing for a fresh and compelling new voice in the world of crime fiction, your wait is over.



The Cuckoo by Camilla Läckberg
9780008283858 | HarperCollins | TPB | R420

As a heavy mist rolls into the Swedish coastal town of Fjällbacka, shocking violence shakes the small community to its core. Rolf Stenklö, a famous photographer, is found murdered in his gallery. Two days later, a brutal tragedy on a private island leaves the prestigious Bauer family devastated. With his boss acting strangely, Detective Patrik Hedström is left to lead the investigation. Tensions rise threatening cracks in the team of officers at Tanumshede police station and pressure mounts as the press demand answers. In pursuit of inspiration for her next true-crime book, Patrik's wife Erica Falck travels to Stockholm to research the unsolved decades-old murder of a figure from Rolf's past. As Erica searches for the truth, she realizes that her mystery is connected to Patrik's case. These threads from the past are woven into the present and old sins leave behind long shadows.

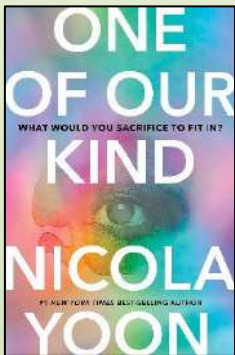
Fiction



Godwin by Joseph O'Neill
9780008284053 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

Mark Wolfe, a brilliant if self-thwarting technical writer, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sushila, and their toddler daughter. His half-brother Geoff, born and raised in the UK, is a desperate young football agent. He pulls Mark across the ocean into a scheme to track down an elusive prospect known only as “Godwin”, an African teenager Geoff believes could be the next Messi.

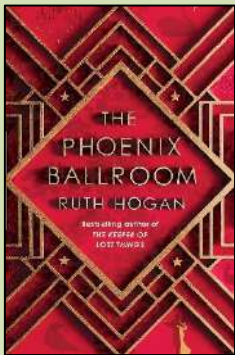
Narrated in turn by Mark and his work colleague Lakesha Williams, the novel is both a tale of family and migration, and an international adventure story that implicates the brothers in the beauty and ugliness of football, the perils and promises of international business, and the dark history of transatlantic money-making.



One of Our Kind by Nicola Yoon
9781398715400 | Orion | TPB | R395

When Jasmyn Williams and her husband King realise they're expecting their second child, they decide to move to the town of Liberty, California hoping to find a community of like-minded people, where their growing family can thrive in a majority-Black environment.

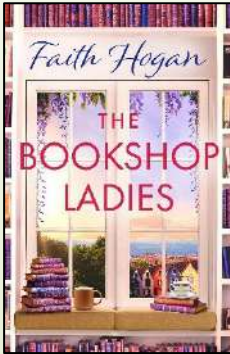
King settles in at once, embracing the Liberty ethos, including the luxe wellness centre at the top of the hill which proves to be the heart of the community. But Jasmyn struggles to find her place. She expected to find liberals and social justice activists striving for racial equality, but Liberty residents seem more focused on booking spa treatments and ignoring the world's troubles. Then, as Jasmyn gets further into her pregnancy, she discovers a terrible secret that turns her frustration to dread. A secret that could threaten the safety of not only her family, but everything she believes in...



The Phoenix Ballroom by Ruth Hogan
9781805460718 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R410

Recently widowed Venetia Hamilton Hargreaves is left with a huge house, a bank balance to match and an uneasy feeling that she's been sleepwalking through the last fifty years. Determined to live fully again, she embraces life with an enthusiasm and purpose she'd forgotten she could muster. Buying the dilapidated Phoenix Ballroom and with it a drop-in center and spiritualist church could be seen as reckless, but Venetia's generosity, courage and kindness provide a refuge for a touching cast of damaged and lonely people who find their chosen family. As their stories intertwine, long buried secrets are revealed, missed opportunities seized and lives are renewed as the Phoenix lives up to its name.

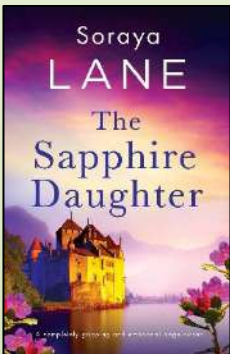
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The Bookshop Ladies by Faith Hogan
9781803282589 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R400

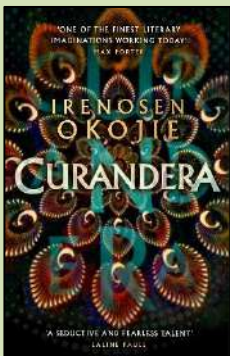
Joy Blackwood has no idea why her French art dealer husband has left a valuable painting to a woman called Robyn Tessier in Ballycove, a small town on the west coast of Ireland, but she is determined to find out. She arrives in Ballycove to find that Robyn runs a rather chaotic and unprofitable bookshop. She is shy, suffering from unrequited love for dashing Kian, and badly in need of advice on how to make the bookshop successful.

As Joy becomes entangled in the daily dramas of Ballycove, uncovering the secrets behind her husband's painting grows increasingly challenging. When she finally musters the courage to confront the truth, her revelation sends shockwaves through the tight-knit community she's grown to love.



The Sapphire Daughter by Soraya Lane
9781408729663 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

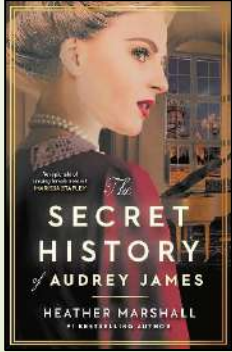
Georgia holds the rare pink sapphire in her hands, watching it glitter in the morning light. It was left for her at Hope's House, a home for unmarried mothers whose babies were adopted. But how is it connected to the secrets of her family's complicated history? Georgia tries to forget about the sapphire, her heart too bruised by past hurts. But when she discovers the gemstone was part of a priceless tiara owned by the Italian royal family, she is drawn in by the mystery surrounding it. Her only way of finding answers is to travel to Lake Geneva to meet with the man who inherited the stunning tiara from his grandfather. When she arrives at the breathtaking lakeside city, handsome Luca tells her he's been searching for the missing stone for years and is eager to piece together how it arrived at Hope's House. They uncover the passionate, forbidden love story of Delphine and Florian, whose tragic romance forced Delphine to make a heartbreaking decision with devastating consequences.



Curandera by Irenosen Okojie
9780349702575 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

In the mountainous town of Gethsemane, 17th-century Cape Verde, a mysterious woman's arrival sparks a series of strange events that will leave the town's inhabitants changed: men sporadically blind in the afternoons, children disappearing and reappearing without warning and infertile women pregnant with the memories of past births. In present-day London, a quartet are brought together by their fascination with ritual, miracles and a life beyond the mundane. Botanist Therese lives with Azacca, a soulful Haitian musician, Peruvian drifter Emilien, who is haunted by the past, and adventurous Finn, who is increasingly drawn to living life on the edge. With the past and present beginning to blur into one, *Curandera* is a story of rebirth and redemption, a mythic tale of recalibrations across time.

Fiction



The Secret History of Audrey James by Heather Marshall
9781529364156 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

Berlin, 1938

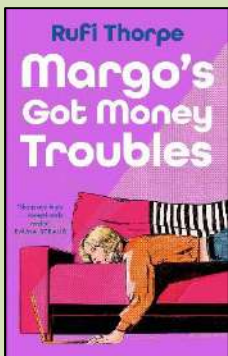
Against the backdrop of pre-WWII Berlin, British pianist Audrey James and her best friend Ilse face the imminent threat of Nazi oppression. When Ilse's family disappears and Nazi officers confiscate their home, Audrey becomes their housekeeper and Ilse is forced into hiding in the attic—a prisoner in her own home. As borders close and rumours of death camps swirl, Audrey makes the life-changing decision to join the covert resistance and risk everything to protect her loved ones. Alnwick, 2010

After a tragic accident, Kate Mercer packs her things and moves to work at a guest house near the Scottish border. Instead of finding solace, Kate becomes entangled in the secrets of her mysterious elderly proprietor...



The Memo by Lauren Mechling & Rachel Dodes
9780349703831 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

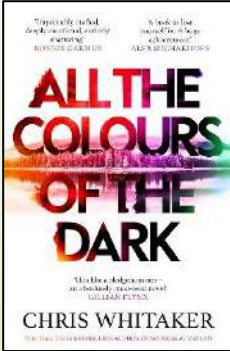
Jenny Green is dreading her Class of 2007 reunion. While her friends are killing it, Jenny's promising career as an artisanal baker went up in flames (literally) and her deadbeat, commitment-phobe boyfriend is cheating on her with their swishy-ponytailed neighbour. She feels like she didn't get the memo... As it turns out, she didn't. Begrudgingly back at university, she receives a text from an unlisted number: Jenny Green, please collect your memo. Hidden on her old campus is a secret female-led organisation providing memos to select students; blueprints for success. The first time around, Jenny didn't receive hers. Now she's being given a second chance, the opportunity to rewrite her past, undo her worst mistakes and fix her mess of a life. But at what price?



Margo's Got Money Troubles by Ruffi Thorpe
9781399732512 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

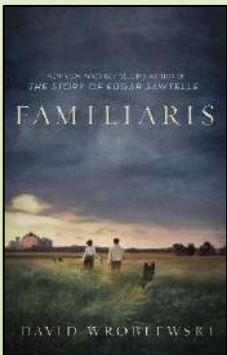
Margo Millet's got money troubles. As the child of a Hooter's waitress and an ex-Pro-Wrestler, she's always known she'd have to make it on her own. When she finds herself pregnant by her college professor, who is very keen not to be involved, she realizes she will need cash fast. At twenty, alone with a baby, what Margo lacks in options she makes up for in ingenuity, and soon she has a plan: she'll start an OnlyFans as an experiment, producing content and writing storylines unlike anything else out there. Help arrives in the form of her live-action role-playing flatmate Suzie, and her father, Jinx, a recovering addict and veteran of the wrestling world, who has experience of making an audience fall in love. Before she knows it, Margo is an online phenomenon. Could this be the answer to all of Margo's problems, or does internet fame come with too high a price?

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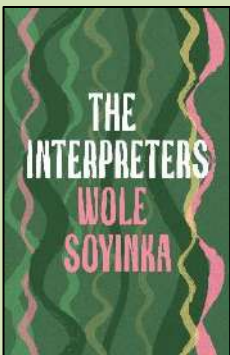
All the Colours of the Dark by Chris Whitaker
9781398707665 | Orion | TPB | R435

Late one summer, the town of Monta Clare is shattered by the abduction of local teenager Joseph 'Patch' Macauley. Nobody more so than Saint Brown, who is broken by her best friend's disappearance. Soon, she will eat, sleep, breathe, only to find him. But when she does: it will break her heart. Patch lies in a pitch-black room, all alone for days or maybe weeks. Until he feels a hand in his. Her name is Grace and, though they cannot see each other, she takes him from the darkness and paints their world with her words. In this hopeless place, they fall in love. But when he escapes: there is no sign she ever even existed. To find her again, Patch charts an epic search across the country. And, to set him free, Saint will shadow his journey: on a darker path to hunt down the man who took them. Even if finding the truth means losing each other forever...



Familiaris by David Wroblewski
9780349147079 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Spring 1919, and John Sawtelle's imagination has got him into trouble...again. Now John and his newlywed wife, Mary, along with their two best friends and their three dogs, are setting off for Wisconsin's north woods, where they hope to make a fresh start and to live a life of meaning, purpose, and adventure. But the place they are headed for is far stranger and more perilous than they realize, and it will take all their ingenuity, along with a few new friends, human, animal and otherworldly to realise their dreams. By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, mysterious and enchanting, *Familiaris* takes readers on an unforgettable journey from the halls of a small-town automobile factory, through an epic midwestern firestorm and an ambitious WWII dog training program, examining the dynamics of love and friendship.



The Interpreters by Wole Soyinka
9781035906048 | Bloomsbury | PB | R285

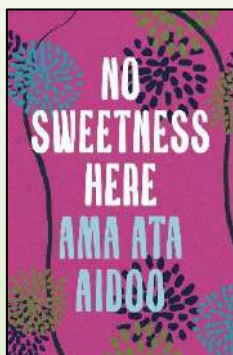
Friends since high school, Egbo, Bandele, Sagoe, Sekoni and Kola have returned to Lagos after studying abroad.

As they navigate wild parties, affairs of the heart, philosophical debates, and professional dilemmas, they struggle to reconcile the cultural traditions and Western influences that have shaped them and that still divide their country.

In *The Interpreters*, Soyinka deftly weaves memories of the past through scenes of the present as the friends move toward an uncertain future.

The result is a vividly realized fictional world rendered in prose that pivots easily from satire to tragedy.

Fiction

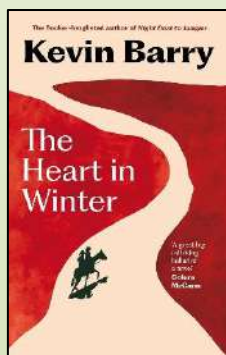


No Sweetness Here by Ama Ata Aidoo
9781035906055 | Bloomsbury | PB | R285

This collection of short stories sees Ama Ata Aidoo, one of Africa's leading feminist and postcolonial writers, exercise the powerful effect of oral storytelling in her moving tales of shifting identities and the paradoxes of womanhood.

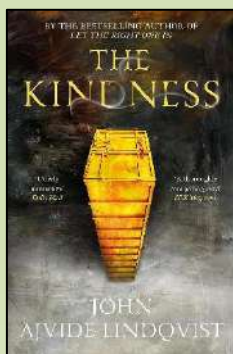
Written with vibrant candour and tenacity, *No Sweetness Here* tackles the challenges of postcolonial Ghana, with topics ranging from the politics of wigs to the fragile joy of motherhood.

In this collection, tradition struggles against modernisation, convention against liberation and all the while, Aidoo invites the reader to confront life's injustices with her characteristic humour and poise.



The Heart in Winter by Kevin Barry
9781805302117 | Canongate | HB | R480

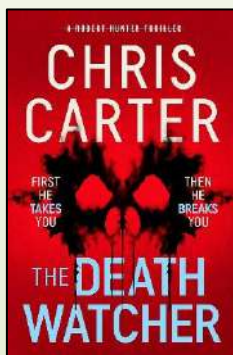
October, 1891. Butte, Montana. A hard winter approaches across the Rocky Mountains. The city is rich on copper mines and rampant with vice and debauchery among a hard-living crowd of immigrant Irish workers. Here we find Tom Rourke, a young poet and ballad maker, but also a dooper, a drinker and a fearsome degenerate. Just as he feels his life is heading nowhere fast, Polly Gillespie arrives in town as the new bride of the devout mine captain Long Anthony Harrington. A thunderbolt love affair takes spark between Tom and Polly and they strike out west on a stolen horse, moving through the badlands of Montana and Idaho. Briefly an idyll of wild romance perfects itself. But a posse of deranged Cornish gunmen are soon in hot pursuit of the lovers, and closing in fast . . .



The Kindness by John Ajvide Lindqvist
9781529419085 | Quercus | TPB | R395

A shipping container is mysteriously dumped in the Swedish port town of Norrtälje. Due to their ignorance of its ownership, it isn't until a week has passed that the authorities can have it forced open. There the remains of twenty-eight refugees are found, a situation of unrelenting horror. Not only that; a black sludge pours out which contaminates the river and is the cause of a new, sickening dread that affects Norrtälje's inhabitants, causing a lack of trust, aggression, violence. It seems like an end to *Kindness*. Six characters are at the center of this extraordinary novel, six people in search of love and connection, whose extraordinary qualities will confront the metaphysical illness consuming their town.

Fiction

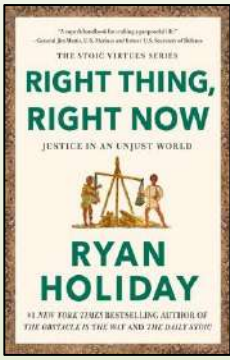


The Death Watcher by Chris Carter

9781471197628 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R390

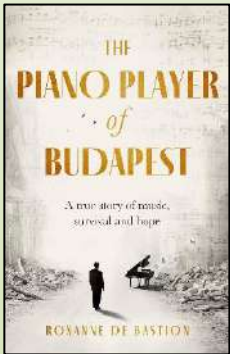
When a routine autopsy on what looked like a straightforward hit-and-run leads the LA Chief Medical Examiner, Dr Carolyn Hove, to discover some puzzling inconsistencies, she calls in Detective Robert Hunter of the LAPD Ultra Violent Crimes Unit. Not only did Dr Hove discover that the death wasn't caused by a hit-and-run, but she also found indications that the victim had been severely tortured prior to death. What no one realises is that what Dr Hove has stumbled upon is just the tip of the iceberg and it will lead Hunter and his partner, Carlos Garcia, on the trail of a twisted and clever killer who hides in plain sight. A serial killer no one even knew existed, a killer who has always operated under the radar, expertly disguising every gruesome murder as an accidental death. But with no leads as to why the victim was targeted, the investigation comes to a standstill, until another body is discovered with an alternative cause of death.

Non- Fiction



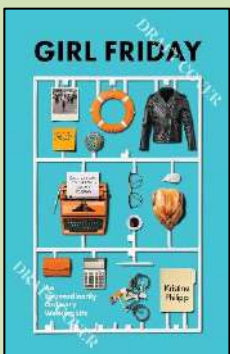
Right Thing, Right Now by Ryan Holiday
9781788166317 | Profile | HB | R450

If we do what is right, everything else will follow: happiness, success, meaning, reputation, love. This is central to Stoic wisdom. The path isn't always easy, but it is essential, and the alternative, taking the easy route, leads only to cowardice and folly. In the third book in his bestselling Stoic Virtues series, Ryan Holiday explores the crucial role that integrity plays in every good life. From pillars of upright living like Ulysses S. Grant and Marcus Aurelius, to the cautionary tales of Napoleon and F. Scott Fitzgerald, this book shows us the power of owning our convictions and acting in accordance with our beliefs and the perils of an ill-formed conscience. Our conscience, our sense of justice, is our first and our last strength: we can train it, hone it and fortify it, but above all, we must never lose it. This book shows us how.



The Piano Player of Budapest by Roxanne de Bastion
9781472147851 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

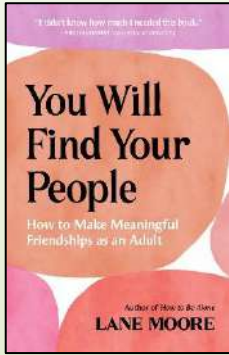
All future, freedom and success lay ahead of young pianist Stephen de Bastion in 1930s Hungary. Life whirled headily around cocktails, romance, applause and the buzz of Budapest late into the night. Then, 1939. Stephen's world disintegrates and this becomes a story of his brutal descent, of his time in labour camps, of Mauthausen and Gunskirchen and the unimaginable horrors he endured during the Holocaust as a man of Jewish descent. Yet, this is also a tale of extraordinary escape and the piano, waiting for him. The same piano that Roxanne de Bastion, his granddaughter, inherits when her father dies. It has been in the family over one hundred years but it is only when, deep in grief, she discovers a cassette recording of Stephen, that the astonishing history of the piano, the man and her family begins to unravel. Weaving together his original recordings, unpublished memoirs, letters and documents, Roxanne sings out her grandfather's story of music and hope, lost and found.



Girl Friday by Kristine Philipp
9781743799383 | Hardie Grant | PB | R440

Kristine was 15 when she lied to get a junior office job as a Girl Friday in 1975, she took the job because she thought she only had to go to work on Fridays. She went on to experience the full gamut of working life, from joblessness, self-employment, mind-numbing office roles, toxic workplaces and out-of-control workloads. Miraculously, Kristine clocked up forty years of admin work, and then in her fifties she became unemployable and ready to tell all. Wisecracking, frank and completely relatable, Kristine Philipp's *Girl Friday* offers stirring insights into the personal and political contexts of working women's lives, the lengths older women must go to keep a job, the trials of walking the poverty line in later life and the power of friendships and camaraderie in the workplace.

Non- Fiction



You Will Find Your People by Lane Moore
9781419775529 | Abrams | TPB | R400

Part memoir, part self-help, *You Will Find Your People* uncovers the complex, frightening, and often vulnerable process of building real, healthy friendships and finally creating your chosen family. Moore takes readers on a journey that examines and challenges the ideas of friendship we've seen in pop culture, answers every question you've ever had about friend breakups, and teaches us how to fearlessly ask for what we want in friendships once and for all. Full of Moore's hilarious personal anecdotes, advice on how to identify your attachment style, and real tools to create better communication and boundaries, this book is your personal guide on how to heal from your past friendships, improve your current ones, and finally have the friendships we know we deserve.



Kate by Mario Sorrenti
9781838668228 | Phaidon | HB | R1980

This gorgeously produced book features intimate portraits of a young and undiscovered Kate Moss, taken in the early 1990s by her then-boyfriend, Italian photographer Mario Sorrenti. Seen by Calvin Klein, the photographs gave life to the famous Obsession campaign, which launched Moss to international superstardom. Sumptuously reproduced in tritone, *Kate* is a stunning photographic portfolio of one of contemporary culture's most iconic figures. It includes an introductory essay by Sorrenti, which puts the work in its uniquely personal context. This book, which celebrates the dawn of two legendary careers, and the start of the highly influential aesthetic of 1990s fashion photography, is a must-have for Kate Moss's fans, for fashion devotees, and for lovers of traditional portraiture and fashion photography.

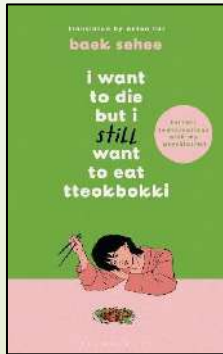


Something Blue by Alex Sarkis
9781761153761 | Hardie Grant | PB | R210

Twenty-six-year-old Nicole Najim is struggling to find herself after a painful breakup, just when she thought she was going to settle down. Working a dead-end job in the family car dealership and at a loose end, she picks up her camera and returns to the melting pot of Sydney's West to rediscover her roots. When she catches up with childhood friend, Danny, who makes his living in a shadowy underworld, their relationship intensifies just as the law starts to close in. Nicole must weigh her feelings against her deepest fears, all while chasing her own dreams and capturing the hidden truths around her.

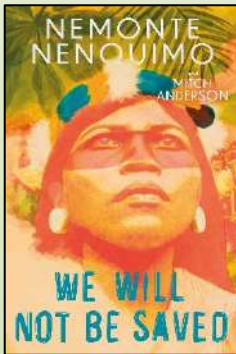
Something Blue is a novel about loving home and leaving home, but never escaping your roots. Or your footy colours.

Non- Fiction



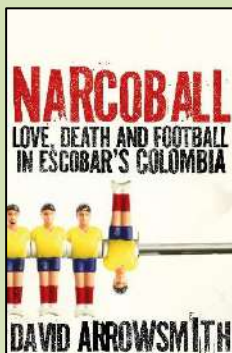
I Want to Die but I Still Want to Eat Tteokbokki by Baek Sehee
9781526667908 | Bloomsbury | HB | R495

When Baek Sehee started recording her sessions with her psychiatrist, her hope was to create a reference for herself. She never imagined she would reach so many people, especially young people, with her reflections. *I Want to Die but I Want to Eat Tteokbokki* became a runaway bestseller in South Korea, Indonesia, and the U.S., and reached a community of readers who appreciated depression and anxiety being discussed with such intimacy. Baek's struggle with dysthymia continues in *I Want to Die but I Still Want to Eat Tteokbokki*. And healing is a difficult process; the inner conflict she experiences in treatment becomes more complex, more challenging.



We Will Not Be Saved by Nemonte Nenquimo
9781472289254 | Headline | TPB | R395

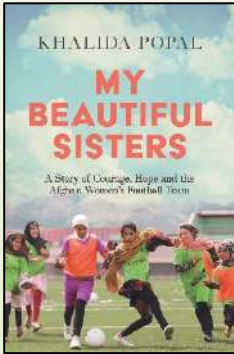
Born into the Waorani tribe of Ecuador's Amazon rainforest, Nemonte Nenquimo was taught about plant medicines, foraging, oral storytelling, and shamanism by her elders. Age 14, she left the forest for the first time to study with an evangelical missionary group in the city. Eventually, her ancestors began appearing in her dreams, pleading with her to return and embrace her own culture. She listened. Two decades later, Nemonte has emerged as one of the most forceful voices in climate-change activism. She has spearheaded the alliance of indigenous nations across the Upper Amazon and led her people to a landmark victory against Big Oil, protecting over a half million acres of primary rainforest. Her message is as sharp as the spears that her ancestors wielded - honed by her experiences battling loggers, miners, oil companies and missionaries.



Narcoball by David Arrowsmith
9781788405249 | Octopus | TPB | R450

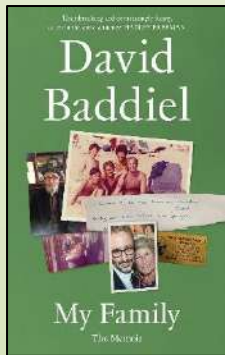
Narcoball uncovers the incredible story of Colombian football during the early 1990s, shaped by drug lords, rivalries, and ambition. It uncovers a football empire backed by cartels, where victory was a currency of its own and defeat, a matter of life and death. This is a different story of Pablo Escobar and his rivals. A tale of clandestine deals that reshaped Medellin's football clubs, where fortunes were won and lost. It unveils the extraordinary bonds that Escobar forged with football's luminaries and why his influence reached unprecedented heights, leading to the astonishing 5-0 victory over Argentina in Buenos Aires, the murder of referees, and the ruthless coercion of officials culminating in the killing of Andrés Escobar - the Colombian defender who paid the ultimate price for an own goal in the 1994 World Cup.

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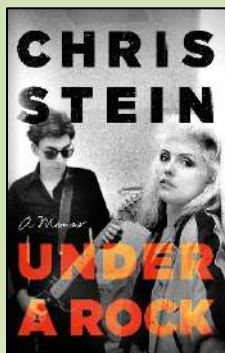
My Beautiful Sisters by Khalida Popal
9781399805735 | John Murray | TPB | R395

August 2021: Kabul falls to the Taliban. Overnight, life for women across Afghanistan changes. The national women's football team faces an imminent threat to their lives, just for playing sport. For Khalida Popal, the team's first captain and co-founder, this is not an unprecedented event. Born in Afghanistan, as a child she fled Taliban rule with her family and grew up in a refugee camp in Pakistan. On her return to Afghanistan, football gave her and her teammates power, comradeship and freedom. But advocating for women's rights in sport put Popal's life increasingly at risk, forcing her to flee the country, this time alone. As a refugee in Denmark, Popal worked to uncover widespread sexual abuse of players by the former president of the Afghanistan Football Federation, forcing FIFA and the government of Afghanistan to act. When Kabul falls Khalida is safe, but her teammates are left behind.



My Family by David Baddiel
9780008487614 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

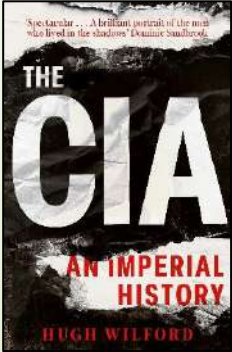
On the surface, David Baddiel's childhood was fairly standard: a lower-middle-class Jewish family living in Dollis Hill, north-west London. But David came to realise that his mother was in fact not ordinary at all. Having escaped extermination by fleeing Nazi Germany as a child, she was desperate to make her life count, which took the form of a passionate, decades-long affair with a golfing memorabilia salesman. David's detailing of the affair, including a hilarious focus on how his mother turned their household over to golf memorabilia, and an eye-popping cache of her erotic writings, leads to the inescapable conclusion that Sarah Baddiel was a cross between Jack Niklaus and Erica Jong. Meanwhile, as Baddiel investigates his family's past, his father's memories are fading; dementia is making him moodier and more disinhibited, with an even greater penchant for obscenity.



Under A Rock by Chris Stein
9781472157645 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

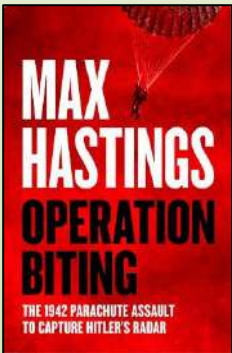
Musician, photographer, storyteller, and longtime partner to Debbie Harry, Chris Stein defined the sound of an era, catapulting the icon band Blondie to #1 and selling over 20 million copies of Parallel Lines. In this no-holds-barred autobiography, Stein reveals himself this time not in songwriting or photography, which he's previously been known for, but in words. From a Brooklyn boyhood, a move across the river to the gritty and fecund East Village in the late 1970s allowed Stein to tap the explosive creativity that defined the era in the city. It was a time when David Bowie and the Ramones were also making music, when Andy Warhol was still alive and promoting Jean-Michel Basquiat's work, when cool was defined not by where you came from but by what you could contribute to culture.

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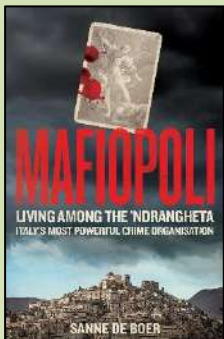
The CIA by Hugh Wilford
9781399816854 | John Murray | TPB | R450

As World War II ended, the United States stood as the dominant power on the world stage. In 1947, to support its new global status, it created *the CIA* to analyse foreign intelligence. But within a few years, the Agency was engaged in other operations: bolstering pro-American governments, overthrowing nationalist leaders, and surveilling anti-imperial dissenters in the US. The Cold War was an obvious reason for this transformation but not the only one. In *The CIA*, celebrated intelligence historian Hugh Wilford draws on decades of research to show the Agency as part of a larger picture, the history of Western empire. While young CIA officers imagined themselves as British imperial agents like T. E. Lawrence, successive US presidents used the covert powers of the Agency to hide overseas interventions from postcolonial foreigners and anti-imperial Americans alike. Even the CIA's post-9/11 global hunt for terrorists was haunted by the ghosts of empires past.



Operation Biting by Max Hastings
9780008642174 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

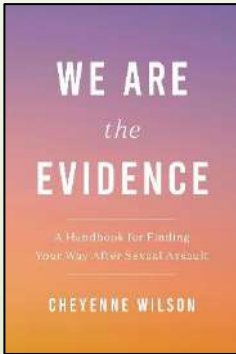
Operation Biting was one of the most thrilling British commando raids of World War II, and probably the most successful. In February 1942 RAF intelligence was baffled by a newly-identified radar network on the coast of Nazi-occupied Europe, codenamed Würzburg. The brilliant scientist Dr RV Jones proposed an assault to capture key components. A company of the newly-formed Airborne Forces was committed to the operation, which took place on the night of 27/28 February. Amid heavy snow 120 men landed, some of whom were misdropped almost two miles from their objective. They nonetheless launched the assault, dismantled the German radar, and after three nail-biting hours in France and a fierce battle with Wehrmacht defenders, escaped in the nick of time by landing-craft across stormy seas to Portsmouth.



Mafiopoli by Sanne de Boer
9781800962132 | Octopus | TPB | R435

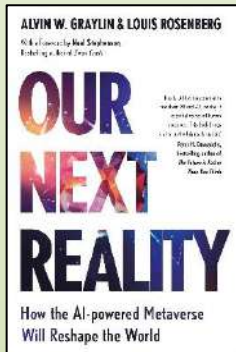
In 2006, Sanne, a journalist, moved from Amsterdam to a quiet coastal town in Calabria. She has only intended to live there for a few months but was won over by the beautiful surroundings and warm community and decided to stay. And then, one night, a car was set alight on her street in the dead of the night and soon after, two men were shot dead. Slowly, she begins to see glimpses of darker forces that control the small, idyllic Italian town. *Mafiopoli*, is an engrossing and dramatic insight into an incredibly destructive and ascendant criminal organisation. As Sanne starts to piece together the mysterious events and violence marring her new home, she dives deep into the story of the 'Ndrangheta: how they got power, how they're expanding it around the world and how all our lives are, in frightening and shocking ways, affected by their reign.

Non- Fiction



We Are the Evidence by Cheyenne Wilson
9781538743393 | Hachette | TPB | R450

We are the Evidence is the first comprehensive resource for survivors of sexual assault. Written with conviction and compassion by Cheyenne Wilson, a registered nurse and survivor of sexual assault, this handbook contains everything victims and advocates need to know to navigate the tumultuous times that follow an assault. Throughout, you'll find exercises, opportunities to rest, and invaluable guidance from experts like attorneys, detectives and therapists. Voices from other sexual assault survivors also lend their support. Meant to be easily accessible, everything is organized for you to go right to the topic you most need guidance for, no matter where you are on your healing journey. You deserve to be heard, believed, and supported.



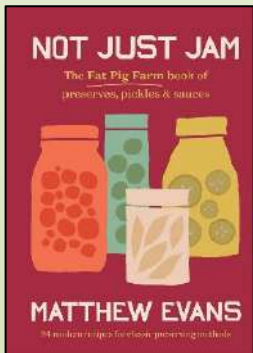
Our Next Reality by Alvin Wang Graylin
9781399812252 | John Murray | TPB | R480

We are entering a new technological age in which artificial intelligence and immersive media will transform society at all levels, mediating our lives by altering what we see, hear, and experience. Powered by immersive eyewear and driven by interactive AI agents, this new age of computing has the potential to make our world a magical place where the boundaries between the real and the virtual, the human and the artificial, rapidly fade away. If managed well, this could unleash a new age of abundance. If managed poorly, this technological revolution could easily go astray, deeply compromising our privacy, autonomy, agency, and even our humanity. *In Our Next Reality*, two industry veterans provide a data-driven debate on whether the new world we're creating will be a technological utopia or an AI-powered dystopia and give guidance on how to aim for the best future we can.



Thai Home Cooking by Orathay Souksisavanh
9781761500190 | Murdoch | HB | R565

Immerse yourself in Thai food and discover its exceptional flavours through 100 traditional recipes that take you to the heart of its cuisine. Including worldwide icons like Pad thai, Tom yum soup, Som tum (papaya salad), curries and larb salads, alongside local favourites like Pad kee mao (drunken noodles), Mok pla (steamed fish) and a range of other seafood, vegetable and meat dishes. Learn the Thai art of folding with step-by-step instructions for classic snacks like Po pia (fried rolls) and Kari pap (curry puffs), and enjoy a variety of regional drinks and desserts including the classic sticky rice with mango. In a fully photographed hardback featuring step-by-step photos, prizing the perfect harmony of sweet, sour, hot and salty flavours, this is the perfect book to learn how to cook your favourite Thai at home.



Not Just Jam by Matthew Evans
9781761500206 | Murdoch | HB | R515

Overwhelmed by ripe fruit, or mountains of rhubarb, we have found ways to preserve what we grow, and what grows near us. Not Just Jam is farmer Matthew Evans' collection of more than 90 modern recipes for old-fashioned preserving methods. It is for the forager, who scours the suburbs looking for fruit trees whose bounty is overlooked by others; for the cook, who wants their dishes to resonate with flavours borne from their own hands; and for anyone who is passionate about flavour. Discover the joys of pear and cardamom jam for next level morning toast, or beetroot relish to brighten meals year-round. Use this book as your launching pad, then adjust the combinations to suit the bounties of the place you call home. At its heart, it's all about harnessing the harvest, making real food from scratch and feeling great about what you feed those you love.

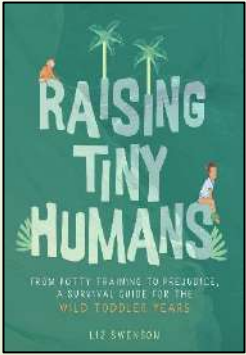


Gluten Free Air Fryer by Becky Excell
9781837832439 | Hardie Grant | HB | R510

Everything you need to know about this essential appliance, with a huge variety of practical, delicious gluten-free dishes, plus dairy-free, lactose-free, low FODMAP, veggie and vegan options. Enjoy Thin and Crispy Pizza that's ready to eat in just 15 minutes, Golden Zinger Burgers that you'd swear were deep-fried, Bakery-style Sausage Rolls or Veggies Bakes to serve up the ultimate lunch and Mini Doughnut Holes or Iced Buns for when you fancy something sweet. Sunday Times Bestselling author and 'Queen of Gluten Free' Becky Excell has spent years developing flavoursome gluten-free recipe, next she wants to show you just how to bring back all of the things you can't ordinarily enjoy on a gluten-free diet using your air fryer.

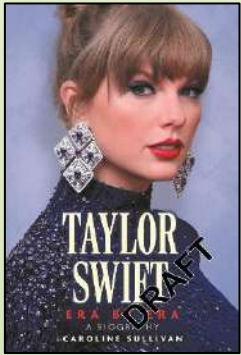
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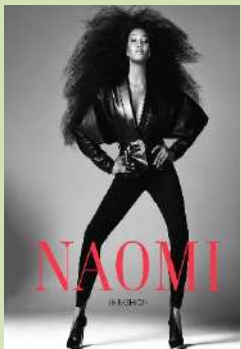
Raising Tiny Humans by Liz Swenson
9781641707558 | Abrams | HB | R365

It's a jungle out there in the wild world of parenting! Just when you think you've got it down, a new phase emerges to keep you on your toes. There are plenty of books about the first year and caring for an infant, but once you have a curious, tottering toddler who seems intent on finding danger, it's a whole different animal! With this full-color illustrated field guide as your constant companion, full of tips, tricks, and a healthy dose of humor, you'll feel confident embarking on the adventure of parenthood for kids ages one and beyond! With chapters on body and brain development, behavior, and the ever-pressing question of how to help your child become the best human they can be, *Raising Tiny Humans* is the compass every parent needs to guide them on their way.



Taylor Swift by Caroline Sullivan
9781789296860 | Michael O' Mara | HB | R425

Since her 2006 debut album she's sold more than 200 million records, sold out countless arenas and become one of the most influential artists of her generation. Her Eras Tour is on track to gross more than \$1 billion by the time it concludes in December 2024, and her most recent studio album hit No. 1 in more than 25 countries. In this revealing and entertaining biography, author and music journalist Caroline Sullivan charts Taylor's journey from budding country starlet to pop music phenomenon, encompassing her evolution as an artist, her high-profile relationships and the stories behind her songs. Each of Taylor's Eras is explored in depth, detailing her influences, her collaborators and the aesthetics that have become such a crucial part of her performance.

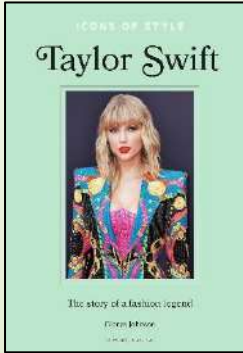


Naomi: In Fashion by Sonnet Stanfill, Murray Elisabeth & Edward Enninfu
9781838510473 | Abrams & Chronicle | HB | R1155

Naomi Campbell is a phenomenon. Still very much at the top of her game after nearly four decades in the fashion industry, news of her trailblazing work, both on and off the catwalk, continues to hit the front pages as she pushes the boundaries of the fashion world. Inspiring, creative, energetic and most definitely iconic, Campbell stands apart as a unique force. Opening with a specially commissioned interview by Tim Blanks, this book showcases more than 20 of the most eloquent ensembles from across her career, personally selected and discussed by Campbell herself. It also explores the different facets of her success - from her work as a model, a muse and brand builder, to life beyond the catwalk as a cultural leader with her unerring support of emerging designers.

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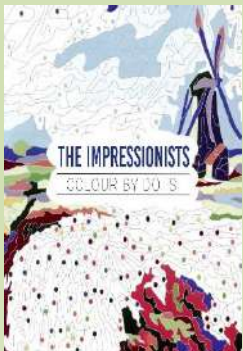
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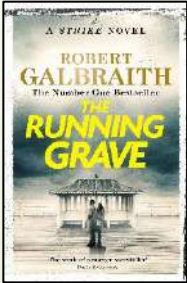
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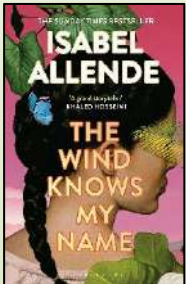
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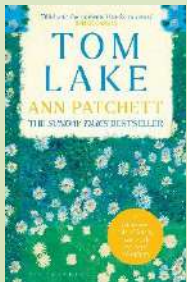
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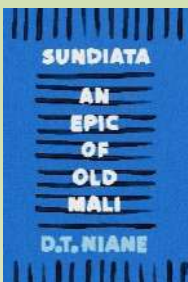
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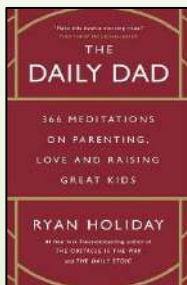
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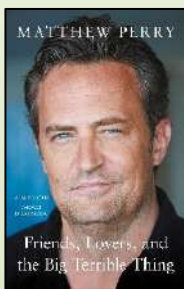
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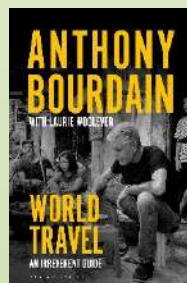
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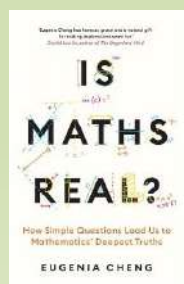
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