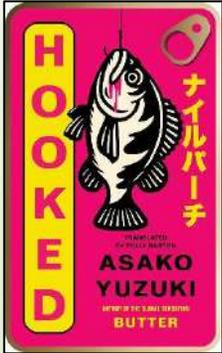


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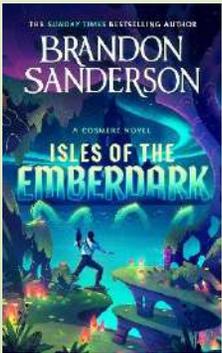
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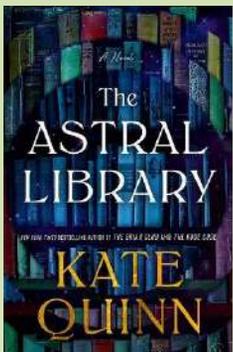
Hooked by Asako Yuzuki
9780008753832 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

Eriko's life appears perfect, devoted parents, spotless apartment and a job in the seafood division of one of Japan's largest trading companies. Her latest project, to reintroduce the controversial Nile perch fish into the Japanese market, is characteristically ambitious. But beneath her flawless surface she is wracked by loneliness. Eriko becomes fascinated with a popular blog written by a housewife, Shoko. Shoko's posts about eating convenience store food and her untidy home are the opposite of the typical Japanese housewife's manicured lifestyle. When Eriko tracks Shoko down at her favourite restaurant and befriends her, Shoko is at first charmed by her new companion. But as Eriko's obsession with Shoko deepens, her increasingly possessive behaviour starts to raise suspicion. As Eriko's carefully laid plans begin to unravel, how far will she go to hold on to the best friend that she's ever had?



Isles of the Emberdark by Brandon Sanderson
9781399634533 | Orion | TPB | R450

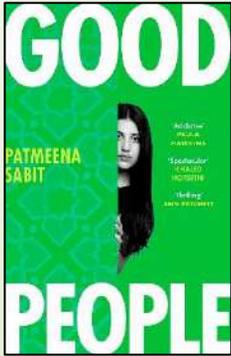
All his life, Sixth of the Dusk has been a traditional trapper of Aviar, the supernatural birds his people bond with on the deadly island of Patji. Then one fateful night he propels his people into a race to modernize before they can be conquered by the Ones Above, invaders from the stars who want to exploit the Aviar. But it's a race they're losing, and Dusk fears his people will lose themselves in the effort. When a chance comes to sail into the expanse of the emberdark beyond a mystical portal, Dusk sets off to find his people's salvation with only a canoe, his birds, and all the grit and canniness of a Patji trapper. Elsewhere in the emberdark is a young dragon chained in human form: Starling of the starship Dynamic. She and her ragtag crew of exiles are deep in debt and on the brink of losing their freedom. So, when she finds an ancient map to a hidden portal between the emberdark and the physical realm, she seizes the chance at a lucrative discovery.



The Astral Library by Kate Quinn
9780008806231 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

Welcome to *The Astral Library*, where books are doors to new worlds. Alix Watson knows one thing: unlike people, books will never let her down. Working dead-end jobs to make ends meet, she takes nightly refuge in the reading room at the Boston Public Library, dreaming of far-off lands. Until she stumbles through a hidden door and is transported to *The Astral Library*, a place where the lost find sanctuary within their beloved stories. But when a shadowy enemy threatens to destroy the library, Alix must flee from danger through the Regency drawing rooms of Jane Austen and the back alleys of Sherlock Holmes' London as danger closes in ...

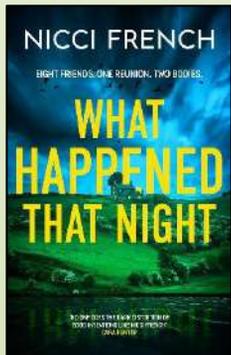
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Good People by Patmeena Sabit
9780349019444 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

The Sharaf family is the picture of success. They arrived in America as refugees with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. And now, after years of hard work, they live in the most exclusive neighbourhood, their growing family attending the most prestigious schools. Zorah, the eldest daughter, is the apple of her father's eye. But when Zorah dies in an unthinkable tragedy, everyone is left reeling and the family is thrust into the court of public opinion. There is talk that behind closed doors the Sharaf's happy household was anything but, and soon the veneer of the model immigrant family starts to crumble.

Those who knew her best and those who never met her, all have an opinion on who Zorah really was, and what really happened to her . . .



What Happened that Night by Nicci French
9781398524194 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R410

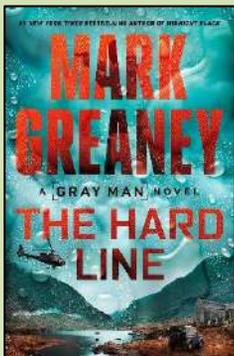
If he's killed once, he'd kill again. Wouldn't he?

After nearly thirty years in prison for fatally stabbing his university friend Leo Bauer, Tyler Green is finally free.

Meeting up with the group of friends who were there the night that Leo died, Tyler is looking to reconnect, but he's also looking for answers.

When another friend is found dead that night, all the evidence points to Tyler, putting his newfound freedom in jeopardy. Detective Maud O'Connor is called to investigate.

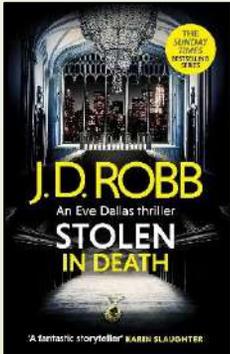
Can she discover the truth, or will Tyler Green never be free?



The Hard Line by Mark Greaney
9781408724354 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

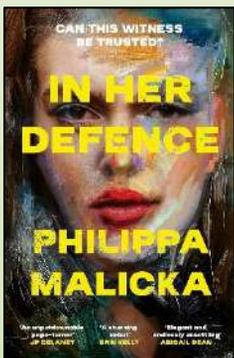
Family means different things to different people, but in the Gray Man's world, family is defined by blood, the blood you share with some and the blood you shed with others. Court Gentry's current family operates out of an office park in Norfolk, Virginia. The Ghost Town is an off-the-books direct action team run by Matt Hanley, former CIA Deputy Director. They take on the jobs the Agency needs handled "discretely," and those jobs are rolling in. Somewhere at the top of the US Intelligence apparatus, security experts and intelligence operations worldwide are threatened. It starts with a blown safe house in Tunis. Then Court himself barely escapes from an ambush in the jungles of Nicaragua. Now key members of the U.S. counterintelligence community are being assassinated in their own neighborhoods. With the feds compromised, it's up to Court and his team to stop the hit squads.

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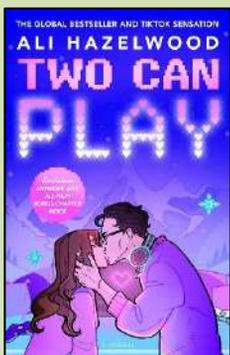
Stolen in Death by J. D. Robb
9780349446240 | Little Brown | TPB | R385

A violent death and a vault of stolen treasures has Eve Dallas struggling to solve crimes old and new in the latest thriller in the Sunday Times bestselling series. A blow to the head with a block of amethyst has left multimillionaire Nathan Barrister dead. Meanwhile a nearby vault, its door ajar, sits filled with priceless paintings, jewelry, and other treasures and yet only one item seems to be missing. Is this a simple case of a burglar caught in the act or does Eve have a much bigger, bloodier mystery to solve....?



In Her Defence by Philippa Malicka
9781399721738 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R425

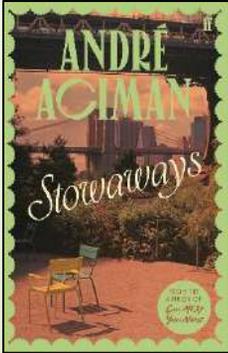
Wealthy and famous, Anna Finbow stands in court, accusing therapist Jean Guest of brainwashing her daughter Mary to gain access to her trust fund. Jean claims that the dark memories she's helped Mary uncover are real. That therapy has offered her a chance to finally heal from childhood trauma, and she would be better off away from her family's damaging influence. I'll tell you now . . . you shouldn't believe either of them. A fiercely intelligent psychological thriller of obsessive friendship, toxic families and the precarious nature of therapy, from an exceptional new talent.



Two Can Play by Ali Hazelwood
9781408737217 | Little Brown | BPB | R245

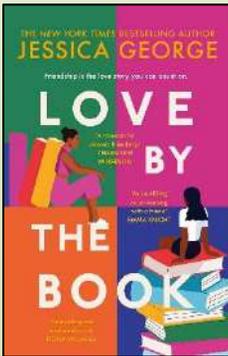
Viola Bowen has the chance of a lifetime: to design a video game based on her all-time favorite book series. The only problem? Her co-lead is Jesse f-ing Andrews, aka her archnemesis. Jesse has made it abundantly clear over the years that he wants nothing to do with her and Viola has no idea why. When their bosses insist a wintery retreat is the perfect team-building exercise, Viola can't think of anything worse. Being freezing cold in a remote mountain lodge knowing Jesse is right next door? No, thank you. But as the snow piles on, Viola discovers there's more to Jesse than she knew, and heat builds in more ways than one.

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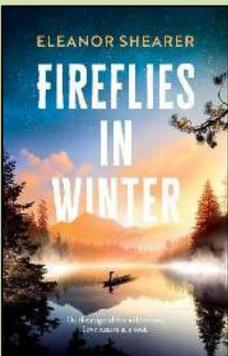
Stowaways by André Aciman
9780571399925 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R370

A summer's evening in Manhattan. Nothing, not cold drinks, not showers not a stroll through the chilly aisles of an all-night drugstore can undo the heat's hold on the city. Julian is half watching the evening news, his husband filling the dishwasher. That's when it arrives. An email with the subject line: 'From Paul Axel'. An email about a dead man from Carol, a woman Julian has never met. Paul has left a message he'd like her to relay. Emails are exchanged. Morning coffee at the Bryant Park Grill is agreed. Carol, fulfilling Paul's final request, wonders how she will tell Julian of a life and a love he has no idea existed. A life, encased in a flash drive, containing multitudes.



Love by the Book by Jessica George
9781529395631 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R425

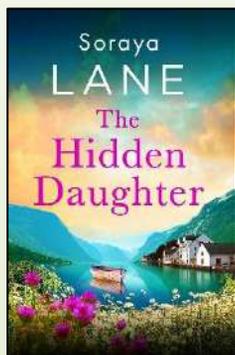
Remy is lucky. Her three best friends have always been there for her, until the day that they're not. One of them is moving to New York. One of them is pregnant. And one is busy with her (awful) boyfriend. Suddenly, their foursome is splitting and it feels like a break-up. Simone doesn't need friends. The only people she needs are her family, but when they cut her off, she realises how alone she is. When the pair meet in a bookshop, they don't immediately click. But as life keeps throwing them together, they realise that they might just have bumped into exactly what they need... if they can only be brave enough to let each other in.



Fireflies in Winter by Eleanor Shearer
9781472291479 | Headline | TPB | R395

Nova Scotia 1796. Cora, an orphan newly arrived from Jamaica, has never felt cold like this. In the depths of winter, everyone in her community huddles together in their homes to keep warm. So, when she sees a shadow slipping through the trees, Cora thinks her eyes are deceiving her. Until she creeps out into the moonlight and finds the tracks in the snow. Agnes is in hiding. On the run from her former life, she has learned what it takes to survive alone in the wilderness. But she can afford no mistakes. When she first spies the young woman in the woods, she is afraid. Yet Cora is fearless, and their paths are destined to cross. Deep among the cedars, Cora and Agnes find a fragile place of safety. But when Agnes's past closes in, they are confronted with the dangerous price of freedom and of love...

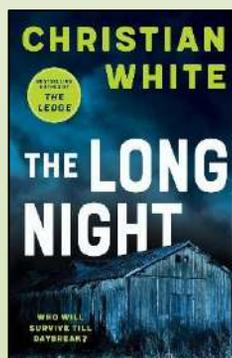
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The Hidden Daughter by Soraya Lane
9781408734490 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Norway, 1951: 'I need you to know how much I love you, Amalie. I never wanted us to be parted, and I will do whatever it takes to come back to you and our baby. Please wait for me.'

London, present day: Everything in Charlotte's life is about to change. As she clutches a small box in her palm containing a diamond ring and a Norwegian crest, she knows she must return home to be reunited with her beloved great-grandmother Amalie and her Norwegian family. Accepting her dream job as a head chef at Norway's most prestigious hotel, Charlotte is welcomed by the hotel's head designer, Harrison. But when Charlotte takes the box to Amalie, everything Charlotte thought she knew about her family changes in an instant. As Amalie clutches the ring that she thought had vanished forever, she reveals a tragic love story and a precious secret that stayed buried for years.



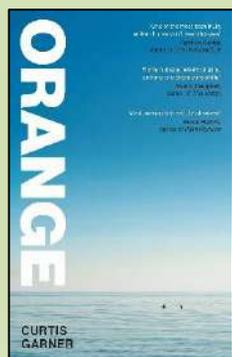
The Long Night by Christian White
9781923046795 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R385

Em has lived a quiet life with her complicated mother and is now looking for love and a potential escape from her small hometown. When a masked man kidnaps her in the dark of night, though, she is drawn into a terrifying world.

Jodie has been trying to forget a troubling time in her life, pouring her trauma into her work and out of her mind. Until one night her daughter is kidnapped and Jodie is dragged back into the violence.

As Em and Jodie race into the darkness, the agony of the past rushes up to meet them. It will take all their devotion and courage to escape this night alive.

Bold, vivid and heart-racingly intense, *The Long Night* is the darkest and most exhilarating novel yet from bestselling author Christian White.



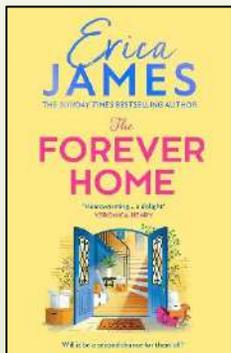
Orange by Curtis Garner
9780857309402 | Oldcastle | PBO | R305

A candid portrayal of first love and self-discovery, from the author of the 'instant queer classic', Isaac Cornwall, 2018. In the quiet fishing village of Portscatho, sixteen-year-old Daniel and seventeen-year-old Jago form an unexpected connection, something neither of them can name. What unfolds is transformative, particularly for Daniel, who for the first time feels truly seen.

East London, 2023. Daniel has rewritten himself: sharper, louder, queer in a way the city understands. But a visit from Jago stirs up a reckoning with his former life, forcing them both to question how much change their bond can withstand.

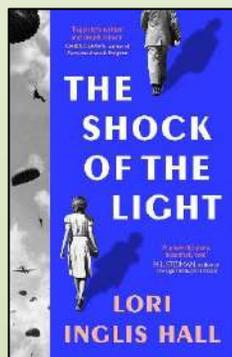
Reminiscent of Édouard Louis and Douglas Stuart's writing, *Orange* examines how we reconcile our past selves with the people we become, those we bring with us and those we leave behind.

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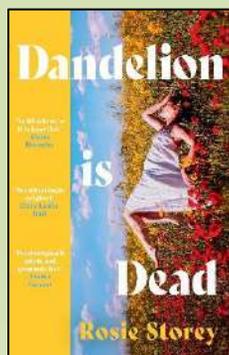
The Forever Home by Erica James
9780008703523 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

In the glorious Cambridgeshire countryside, Hope Hall was once a grand country house, but it's now been converted into beautiful luxury apartments and its new residents are moving in... Cassie is blissfully in love with her partner Ben and looking forward to life in their new home, but shadows from Cassie's first marriage loom large. Gallery owner Nina needs a fresh start since losing her husband two years ago, but moving on will mean confronting a painful decision that will shatter her mother-in-law's dreams. Into their lives comes Venetia, a lively seventy-nine-year-old with a penchant for secrets. As Venetia faces her own bittersweet history with Hope Hall, the lives of the three women become intricately connected, revealing the power of friendship and the courage to confront the past.



The Shock of the Light by Lori Inglis Hall
9780008701321 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

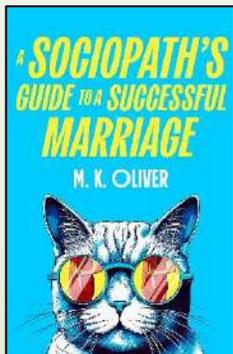
Cambridge, 1942
Twins Tessa and Theo had always shared everything, until the summer Tessa spent studying in France. She hasn't been the same since. But before Theo can find out why, he is recruited by the RAF and disappears into the skies. Determined to carve her own path, Tessa joins the clandestine Special Operations Executive, slipping into the shadows of occupied France. It will be dangerous work, but France is the home of her greatest love and her darkest secret. Tessa has many reasons for wanting to return. Two years later, only one of them comes home.



Dandelion is Dead by Rosie Storey
9780008738617 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

Seven months after Dandelion's death, Poppy resurrects her sister's phone and finds a message from a man on a dating app. Jake. Dandelion delighted in bad behaviour. She pushed Poppy to be daring. So, on what would have been her 40th birthday, Poppy decides to do something her sister would love, and – for one night only – she goes on a date as Dandelion. Only when Poppy meets Jake, they have unexpected chemistry. Thrillingly hot, confusing chemistry. They become tangled in deceit while discovering something shockingly real. What happens when you fall in love with a lie? As a precarious dare spirals somewhere altogether more unexpected, *Dandelion is Dead* becomes a love.

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A Sociopath's Guide to a Successful Marriage by M. K. Oliver
9780008741655 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

There's a dead body in my living room.

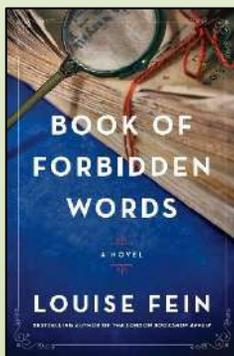
I've not called the police because it was I who stabbed him. Seven times in all. The truth is, it's surprisingly difficult to dispatch someone with a vegetable knife.

In case you're wondering, the dead man is not my husband. I do resent our pitiful sex life and his woeful lack of ambition, but I wouldn't murder him for it. Not yet anyway.

Right now, I have far more pressing concerns: scheming to get my daughter into the perfect school; buying my dream home in Hampstead; and disposing of a corpse.

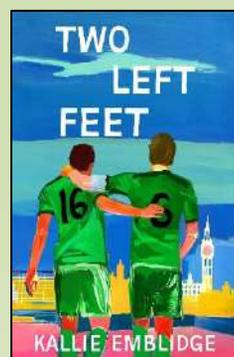
A woman's work is never done.

I've created the perfect life and I'll kill to keep it.



Book of Forbidden Words by Louise Fein
9780063411432 | HarperCollins | TPB | R385

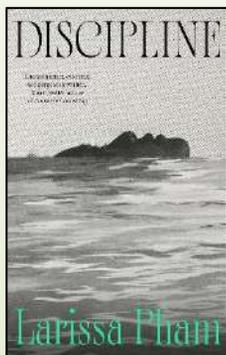
1552, PARIS: The printing press is quickly spreading new ideas across Europe, threatening the power of church and state and unleashing a wave of book burning and heretic hunting. When frightened ex-nun Lysbette Angiers arrives at Charlotte Guillard's famous printing shop with her manuscript, neither woman knows just how far the powerful elite will go to prevent the spread of Lysbette's audacious ideas. 1952, NEW YORK: Milly Bennett is a lonely housewife struggling to find her way in her new neighborhood amidst the paranoid clamors of McCarthy's America. She finds her life taking an unexpected turn when a relic from her past presents her with a 400-year-old manuscript to decipher, pulling her into a vortex of danger that threatens to shatter her world. From the risky backstreets of sixteenth-century Paris to the unpredictable suburbs of mid-twentieth century New York, the stakes couldn't be higher when, 400 years apart, Milly, Lysbette, and Charlotte each face a reality where the spread of ideas are feared and every effort is made to suppress them.



Two Left Feet by Kallie Emblidge
9781835013960 | Bedford Square | PB | R290

Oliver Harris is football royalty in London. The midfield star of the Camden Roses is usually calm, cool, and indispensable, until a new, demanding Dutch coach, club politics, and a mid-season injury threaten his place. When young recruit Leonardo Davis-Villanueva is called up to replace him, Oliver fears he's being edged out. Leo, a talented Spaniard chasing one last chance at his dream club, is confident, eager, and instantly irritating. Forced to mentor him, Oliver resists, until admiration softens into friendship, and then into something far more dangerous. Leo wants partnership on and off the pitch. Oliver can't risk love in a league where no one has ever come out. As the season heats up, everything is on the line.

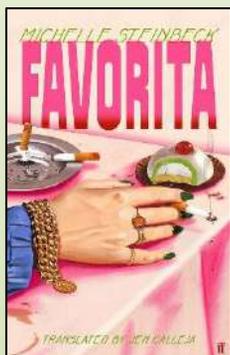
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Discipline by Larissa Pham
9781805226703 | Profile | HB | R380

Christine is a young writer touring her debut novel, a thinly disguised tale of the affair she had with her professor ten years earlier. He was magnetic, domineering, both the sponsor of her early promise and its destroyer. But he surely forgot her long ago, and the temptation to exorcise her past was overwhelming.

Then, between hotel rooms and bookstores, formal dinners and road-trip hook-ups, she receives a series of sly, unsettling emails and finally an invitation to visit the professor's isolated house on an island off the coast of Maine. Against her better judgement, Christine is drawn back into his orbit, risking forever losing control of the narrative she's worked so hard to create.



Favorita by Michelle Steinbeck
9780571391585 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

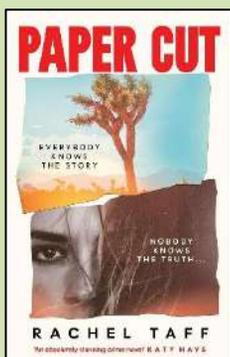
Brash and obnoxious, Fila's mother Magdalena caused chaos every time she appeared in her daughter's life.

But Fila hasn't seen her in years, not since she disgraced their family by advertising her brothel in the newspaper.

Until one day Fila picks up her grandmother's mortadella-coloured telephone to a voice telling her that her mother is dead.

And no matter what anyone says, the voice continues, she was murdered.

Fila collects her mother's ashes and sets out, urn in tow, to retrace the whirlwind life of the woman last known as *Favorita*.



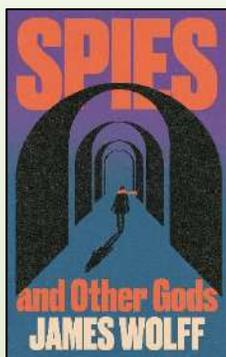
Paper Cut by Rachel Taff
9781805461975 | Atlantic | TPB | R430

Lucy Golden is a true crime icon, infamous for killing someone as a teenager while escaping a California cult led by her father. Twenty years later, still coasting on the original success of the memoir she wrote after her acquittal, Lucy knows that her story is always just one news cycle away from obscurity, even as online trolls ask questions that threaten to tear her life apart.

So, when a hot-shot documentary filmmaker decides to make her case his next subject, Lucy sees a chance to silence her doubters once and for all.

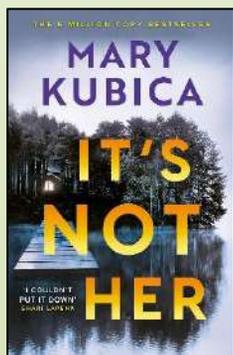
As filming begins, and she returns to face her own past trauma in the California desert, long-buried secrets collide with present-day threats. Just how far will Lucy go to protect the story she's been telling and selling all along?

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Spies and Other Gods by James Wolff
9781399826327 | John Murray | TPB | R450

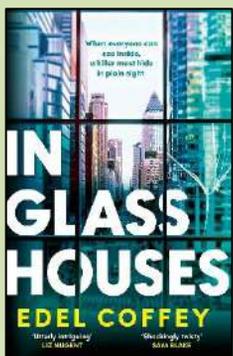
The Head of British Intelligence is having a bad day. Only six months off retirement and Sir William Rentoul is wondering if he'll make it that far, what with the sudden descent of a brain fog dense enough to turn every day into a series of small humiliations. To make matters worse, Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee, the body that oversees Sir William has received an anonymous complaint from one of his officers. Sir William dimly recalls accepting that there should be a channel for whistleblowers, but he never expected that they would pick his most sensitive case, one involving an Iranian assassin and a trail of dead bodies, or that the person who turned up to poke their nose into his files should be a lowly parliamentary researcher named Aphra McQueen, who displays smarts, tenacity and rebelliousness in unsettling measures. Aphra seems to know more about the operation than she is letting on. What will she uncover? What is she really up to?



It's Not Her by Mary Kubica
9781408736791 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

Courtney Gray's tranquil family vacation is shattered when she hears a blood-curdling scream from the lakeside cottage next door. There she finds the lifeless bodies of her brother and sister-in-law. Her teenage niece Reese is nowhere to be found, while her nephew Wyatt lies asleep upstairs, unharmed. As the police descend on the quiet resort town, disturbing secrets about Courtney's family start to emerge. When she learns that the town has secrets of its own, it makes her wonder if Reese is another victim in a brutal crime or if she's the killer.

As Courtney begins to unravel the terrible mystery, she realizes that everyone around her has something to hide. And the closer she gets to the truth, the harder it is to see . . .

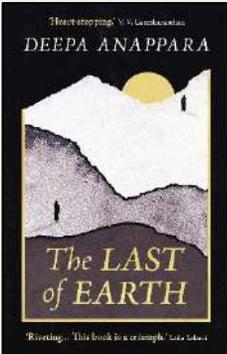


In Glass Houses by Edel Coffey
9781408722497 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Twenty years ago, Eddie's career as a journalist was destroyed by the Juliet Fox case. Juliet was young and beautiful, born into the privileged world of the Manhattan elite. Pulled into their orbit by her investigation, Eddie discovered how far the rich and powerful are prepared to go when their way of life is threatened . . .

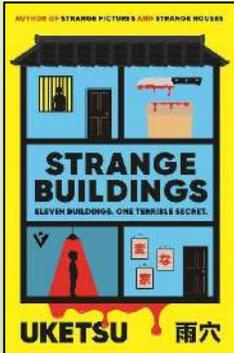
Eddie has always known that the wrong man was made the scapegoat for Juliet's murder. So, when a new luxury sky-rise is opened by Juliet's father, just metres from where her body was discovered two decades before, Eddie can't resist finding her way in, back into a world where dangerous people operate in the shadows, and anyone might kill to keep a secret safe.

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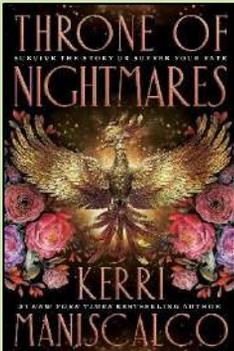
The Last of Earth by Deepa Anappara
9781836432401 | Oneworld | TPB | R375

In 1869, the mountainous territory of Tibet is closed to foreigners, an infuriating obstacle to Europeans racing to expand their empires. In response, Britain begins training Indians permitted to cross borders that white men may not, to undertake illicit, perilous expeditions within Tibet. Balram is one such surveyor-spy, recruited to guide an English captain on a foolhardy mission. His path will soon cross with that of another unlikely explorer, Katherine. Fleeing a life of frustrated ambition, belittled by her male peers, Katherine has a plan to secure her legacy as the first European woman to reach Lhasa and the legendary Potala Palace. As they battle to survive, Balram and Katherine face storms and bandits, snow leopards and soldiers, fevers and frostbite. But nothing is more dangerous than the secrets that snap at their heels.



Strange Buildings by Uketsu
9781805336297 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

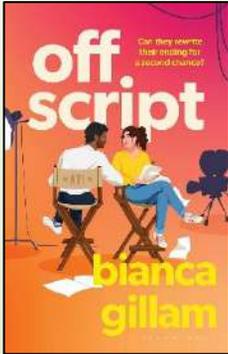
Eleven strange buildings.
One terrible secret.
A lonely hut in the woods.
A murder house.
A hidden chamber.
A mysterious shrine.
A home in flames. A nightmarish prison... Each of the buildings in this book tells a chilling story. Each one is part of a puzzle. Look closely... and you'll see that everything is connected. All leading to a revelation so horrifying you won't want to believe it.



Throne of Nightmares by Kerri Maniscalco
9781399715751 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

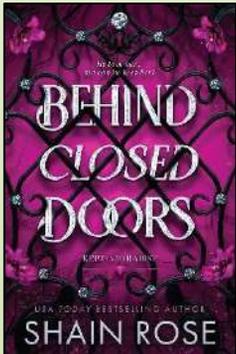
Prince Sloth hates leaving his enchanted library. But when a forgotten deity threatens the very fabric of the Underworld, he's thrust into a race against time. He must find the Book of Nightmares, an ancient artifact that has the power to break worlds before it unleashes a deadly game to free its master, the Goddess of Night. When a betrayal leaves him marked and desperate, his path collides with a young woman who possesses the legendary Phoenix Tear, a portal stone unlike any other. Lore Brimstone has always loved getting lost in a book but she never meant literally. Yet, after visiting a traveling caravan, she quickly finds herself transported to a terrifying but oddly familiar world, with a calculating prince at her side. Realizing they are living out her favourite novels one by one, they face off against an increasingly dark magic as they try to survive the story.

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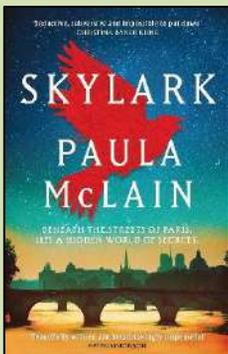
Off Script by Bianca Gillam
9781526676481 | Bloomsbury | PB | R300

Lara Francis has finally landed her big break. After years of bar jobs and awkward auditions, she's been cast in her dream role, the Hollywood adaptation of her favourite book. There's just one catch. her co-star. Avi Kumar is a global phenomenon. He's an action hero superstar and now he's taking the indie movie scene by storm too. But he also happens to be the man who broke Lara's heart. On set, Lara is determined to prove that she's moved on and won't let anything, or anyone, keep her from the role of a lifetime. But when this leads to the Director encouraging them to work on their chemistry, Lara's walls start to crumble. She'll do anything to make sure they don't fall. In front of the camera, they're investigating a murder. Behind the scenes, it's starting to look a lot more like a romance...



Behind Closed Doors by Shain Rose
9781399749770 | Hodder & Stoughton | BPB | R295

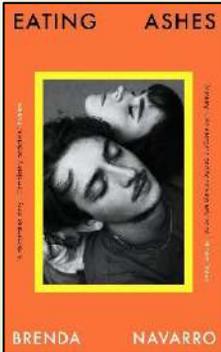
Jameson Knight arrives at precisely the same time every day to pick up. It's the only time I see him smile. I don't ask questions because it's not my place. I'm just his daughter's favorite teacher, nothing more. . . . Until the first bullet flies by us at recess. Suddenly, I'm risking my life to protect her. And then Jameson drags me back to his estate, claiming it's a matter of life-or-death. Now I'm in the most beautiful home I've ever seen, faced with an offer from a man who's just as gorgeous: Be the temporary live-in nanny until he can ensure my safety and find a more permanent solution. It'll be easy, he promises. Yet, the arrangement is anything but simple. Not when Jameson's hungry stare is all consuming and his touch pulse racing. And definitely not when I find that nothing in this neighborhood is as it seems, including Jameson.



Skylark by Paula McLain
9781836432296 | One World | BPB | R280

1664: Alouette Volland is the daughter of a master dyer at Paris' famed Gobelins Tapestry Works. With a gift for her craft and a drive to prove she is as good as the male dyers controlling the industry, Alouette dreams of creating her own masterpiece. But her boldness will put everyone she loves at risk. 1939: Kristof Larson is starting his medical residency in the same Parisian neighbourhood once dominated by the tapestry works. The shadows of his past have left him determined to improve conditions for the patients of the infamous Salpêtrière asylum. But as war breaks out across Europe and Nazi forces descend on Paris, he could lose his career and his life. Alouette and Kristof are both ambitious, idealistic and brave. But faced with authorities who will do anything to silence them, the secret web of tunnels lying beneath the shimmering streets of Paris might be their only hope of survival.

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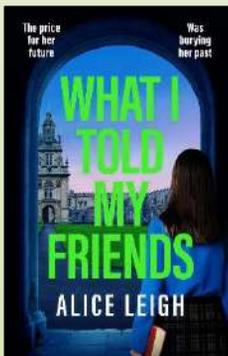
Eating Ashes by Brenda Navarro
9781836430193 | One World | BPB | R350

Returning to the Mexico of their childhood, Diego's sister is plagued with questions, beset with crippling grief and guilt.

As she struggles to get her head and her heart around her brother's death, she sees the life they shared anew. Here she tells their story: that of the poor, the exploited, the outsider far from home, with quiet power and vibrant prose.

As she does so, she asks herself how well she really knew the boy she tried so hard to raise. And what, in the end, makes a life worth living?

Rippled through with flashes of dark humour, *Eating Ashes* is a heartbreaking examination of home, of loneliness and belonging, separation and loss, from a critically acclaimed Latin American novelist.



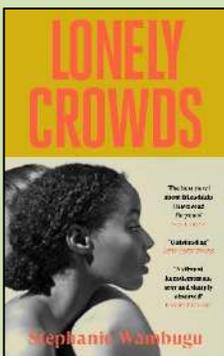
What I Told My Friends by Alice Leigh
9781835982556 | Canelo | PB | R310

The prestigious boarding school attracted the brightest students. But that was before the head girl Emily Asbourne was found dead on the ground below the belltower.

Chloe Carter joined in the final year. Things went badly wrong back in London, and she was desperate for a new start. She had her own reasons to hate Emily, but she wasn't the only one.

Two decades pass, and Chloe greets Mr Aides at the prison gates on the day of his release. She is ready to tell all. But sharing secrets is a dangerous business and comes with a high price.

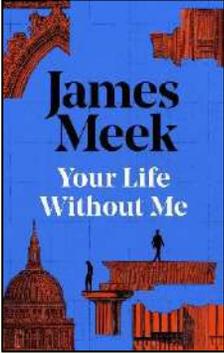
A dark academia thriller perfect for fans of *When We Were Silent*, *The Four*, *The Trial* and *My Dark Vanessa*.



Lonely Crowds by Stephanie Wambugu
9781837266432 | Canongate | TPB | R475

Ruth, an only child of recent immigrants to New England, lives in an emotionally cold home and attends the local Catholic girl's school on a scholarship. Maria, a beautiful orphan whose Panamanian mother dies by suicide and is taken care of by an ill, unloving aunt, is one of the only other students attending the school on a scholarship. Ruth is drawn forcefully into Maria's orbit, and they fall into an easy, yet intense, friendship. Her devotion to her charming and bright new friend opens up her previously sheltered world. While Maria, charismatic and aware of her ability to influence others, eases into her full self, embracing her sexuality and her desire to be an artist, Ruth is mostly content to follow her around. Maria finds early success in New York City as an artist, Ruth stumbles along the fringes of the art world, pulled toward a quieter life of work and marriage. As their lives converge and diverge, they meet in one final and fateful confrontation.

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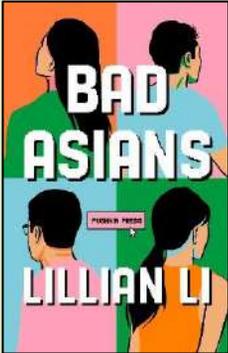


Your Life Without Me by James Meek
9781837262625 | Canongate | TPB | R475

Mr Burman is unmoored. Still reckoning with the death of his wife Ada, and struggling to understand his grown-up daughter Leila, he finds himself on a train to London, at the invitation of the police. He is to meet Raf, a young man suspected of trying to blow up St Paul's cathedral and a man once intimately connected with the Burman family.

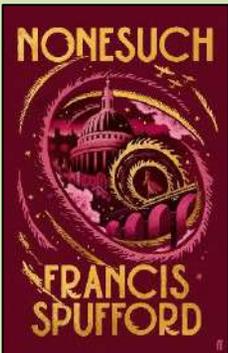
Have the police laid a trap?

Compelling and compassionate, this novel follows Mr Burman's journey towards the mystery of a radical act and into the true nature of his own family. It asks what a person leaves behind when they've gone, and how much of the past we can carry with us into the future.



Bad Asians by Lillian Li
9781805338147 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

Diana, Justin, Errol, and Vivian have been told their entire lives that success is guaranteed by following a simple checklist. They worked hard, got good grades, and attended a great university—only to graduate into the Great Recession of 2008. Despite their newly minted degrees, they're unemployed, stuck again under their parents' roofs in a hypercompetitive Chinese American community. So, when Grace—once the neighborhood golden child, now a Harvard Law School dropout—asks to make a documentary about the crew, they say yes. It's not like her little movie will ever see the light of day. But then the video, "*Bad Asians*," goes viral on an up-and-coming media platform (YouTube, anyone?). Suddenly, two million people know the members of the group as cruel caricatures, each full of pent-up frustrations with the others. And after a desperate attempt at spin control goes off the rails, they are flung even further off course from the lives they'd always imagined.



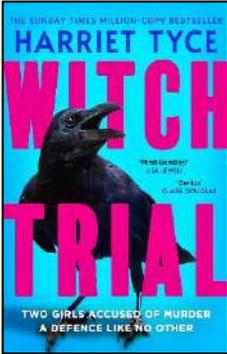
Nonesuch by Francis Spufford
9780571397174 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

It's the summer of 1939. London is on the brink of catastrophic war. Iris Hawkins, an ambitious young woman in the stuffy world of City finance, has a chance encounter with Geoff, a technical whizz at the BBC's nascent television unit.

What was supposed to be one night of abandon draws her instead into an adventure of otherworldly pursuit into a reality where time bends, spirits can be summoned, and history hangs by a thread. Soon there are Nazi planes overhead. But Iris has more to contend with than the terrors of the Blitz. Over the rooftops of burning London, in the twisted passages between past and present, a fascist fanatic is travelling with a gun in her hand.

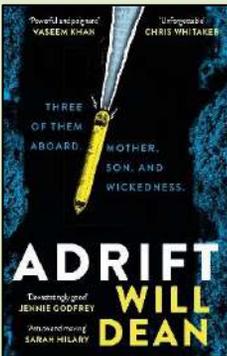
And only Iris can stop her from altering the course of history forever.

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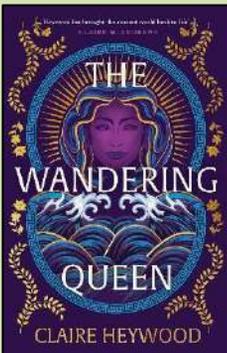
Witch Trial by Harriet Tyce
9781035411924 | Headline | TPB | R395

When 18-year-old Christian Shaw is found dead in an Edinburgh park, the city reels and the shock only deepens when police charge her best friends, Eliza Lawson and Isobel Smyth, with her murder. As social media explodes and headlines scream for justice, rumours of bullying spiral into something darker: whispers of rituals, obsession, and a teenage pact gone wrong. Matthew Phillips, a respected heart surgeon, is reluctantly called for jury duty. But as the trial unfolds and the girls reveal a chilling defense no one saw coming, he begins to question everything: the motives, the evidence, even his own judgement. Who's telling the truth? Who can be trusted? And what really happened to Christian Shaw?



Adrift by Will Dean
9781529382921 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R425

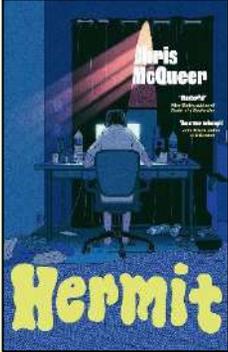
Three of them adrift on the narrowboat. Mother, son, and wickedness. Peggy Jenkins and her teenage son, Samson, live on a remote stretch of canal in the Midlands. She is a writer and he is a schoolboy. Together, they battle against the hardness and manipulation of the man they live with. To the outside world he is a husband and father. To them, he is a captor. Their lives are tightly controlled; if any perceived threat appears, their mooring is moved further down the canal, further away from civilisation. Until the day when the power suddenly shifts, and nothing can be the same again.



The Wandering Queen by Claire Heywood
9781399730266 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R425

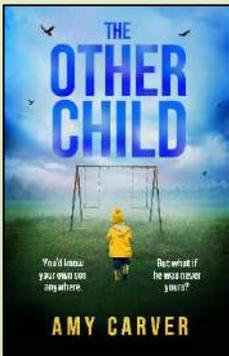
The King of Tyre is dead, his final words anointing his clever and strong-willed daughter, Elissa, as the new queen until his young son comes of age. But betrayal and danger soon haunt Elissa, and she is forced to flee the kingdom, exiled with a band of loyal followers and a broken heart. After an arduous search for a new home, Elissa and her people settle in North Africa, and she is crowned Queen Dido: the ferocious and devoted ruler of her newly established city of Carthage. Soon a powerful trading hub, Carthage thrives under Dido's governance. But when a band of Trojan survivors, led by the valiant Aeneas, washes up on a nearby shore, Queen Dido is reminded of a promise she made long ago, never to trust or to love another again.

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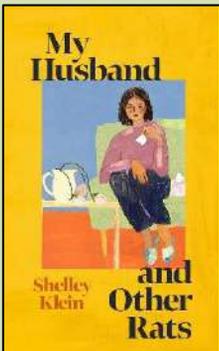
Hermit by Chris McQueer
9781035409846 | Headline | PBO | R305

Since dropping out of school three years ago with no qualifications, no pals and no ambition, Jamie Skelton spends most of his days asleep and most of his nights playing video games with his online friend, Lee, occasionally making the journey downstairs to the kitchen for a microwave burger. He hasn't left the house in months, and now he's not sure he can. Fiona, Jamie's maw, is trying her best, but since finding the courage to kick out her abusive husband, her confidence has never recovered. She knows their lives can't carry on like this, but the more Fiona tries to reach Jamie, the further away he seems to get. Lee tells Jamie he's realised there's a name for what they are, incels and that there's a guy on the forums they can go stay with in London, to get away from their nagging mams. When a chance arises for Jamie to escape to London and meet his new friends, Fiona must find a way to reconnect with her son before he is lost for ever.



The Other Child by Amy Carver
9781035420179 | Headline | PBO | R360

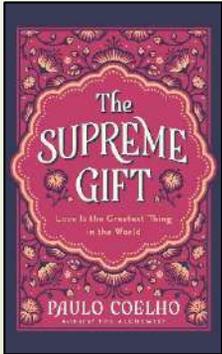
Louise has never felt the deep bond with her son, Alfie, that other mothers talk about. Now three, Alfie is volatile, difficult and Louise can't help but blame herself. Then he makes a new friend, Jacob, and everything changes. Alfie becomes calmer. Happier. Louise should be thrilled until she meets Jacob's mother and starts noticing strange coincidences: the same hospital, same birth date. . . and Jacob looks eerily like Louise's husband. As doubt spirals into obsession, Louise's suspicions deepen. With Jacob, she feels a bond she's never had with Alfie, an unsettling, impossible connection. And soon, she's forced to confront the unthinkable:
What if her child isn't really hers?



My Husband and Other Rats by Shelley Klein
9781399632003 | Orion | TPB | R395

When the full catalogue of miseries that can be visited on a middle-aged woman are happening all at once to Alison Solomon, everybody tells her she should talk to someone. But it's hard, really hard, to find the right therapist. Meanwhile, there is a ghostly woman hanging around outside her house and - is that a rat in the kitchen?
In *My Husband and Other Rats*, we follow Alison as she navigates a series of scrapes, crises and therapists, with the help of a hilarious cast of characters including an artisanal rat catcher . . .

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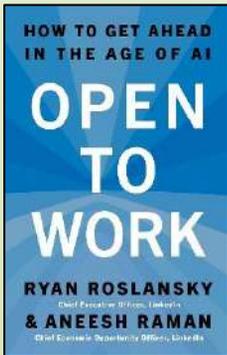
The Supreme Gift by Paulo Coelho
9780008791940 | HarperCollins | TPB | R389

The greatest treasure in the spiritual life is not faith, but love.

Love is humankind's supreme gift and the core of internationally beloved author, Paulo Coelho's, message.

In *The Supreme Gift* he adapts the classic wisdom of the 19th century biologist, Henry Drummond St Paul, offering a powerful message that will help us incorporate love into our daily lives to experience all its transformational power.

Henry Drummond defined love as the culmination of 9 elements: patience, kindness, generosity, humility, gentleness, dedication, tolerance, sincerity and innocence. Reflecting on this, Paulo Coelho brings us on his own journey of deepening his practice of love.

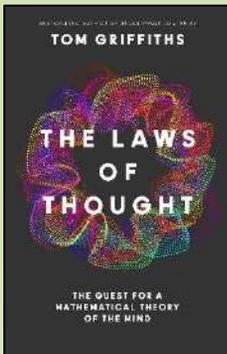


Open To Work by Ryan Roslansky and Aneesh Raman
9780008770662 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

Work is changing for everyone, everywhere. Standing still isn't an option. Ryan Roslansky and Aneesh Raman, CEO and Chief Economic Opportunity Officer at LinkedIn, show you how to take control of this moment with clarity and confidence.

The future of work is not a distant horizon. It is being built right now. While some of us are experimenting and adapting with AI, most of us are feeling anxious and uncertain, navigating rapid change with outdated playbooks. We're relying on old career advice that assumes the tasks you do at work are static, that the skills you learned in school last decades and that success comes from moving up a predictable ladder. That's the old world of work and it's on the way out.

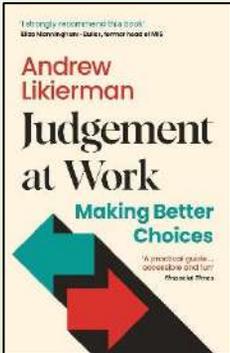
Open To Work offers a new path forward.



The Laws of Thought by Tom Griffiths
9780008711498 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

Everyone has a basic understanding of how the physical world works. We learn about physics and chemistry in school, letting us explain the world around us in terms of concepts like force, acceleration and gravity, the Laws of Nature. But we don't have the same fluency with concepts needed to understand the world inside us, *the Laws of Thought*. While the story of how mathematics has been used to reveal the mysteries of the universe is familiar, the story of how it has been used to study the mind is not. There is no one better to tell that story than Tom Griffiths, the head of Princeton's AI Lab and a renowned expert in the field of cognitive science. In this groundbreaking book, he explains the three major approaches to formalizing thought, rules and symbols, neural networks, and probability and statistics, introducing each idea through the stories of the people behind it.

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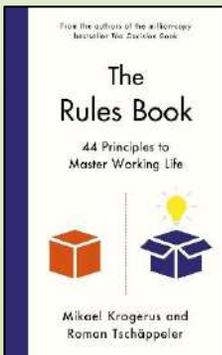
Judgement at Work by Andrew Likierman
9781805223542 | Profile | PB | R380

Good judgement is crucial to good management and leadership: it covers not only major choices like recruitment, strategy and big projects, but how organisations shape their culture.

Andrew Likierman, former dean of London Business School and director of the Bank of England - asks: what exactly is judgement?

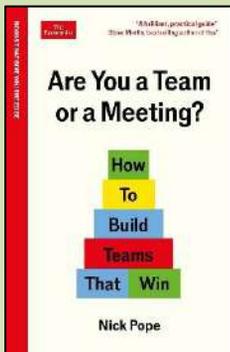
How do we separate this process from risk, decision-making or sheer luck?

With an original, radical six-part framework, Likierman explains how to develop sound judgement, how to improve it and how to identify it in others, revealing extraordinary opportunities for self-improvement on the way.



The Rules Book by Mikael Krogerus
9781805225492 | Profile | TPB | R355

Newton's law explains why ketchup drips from your burger, but it can't explain why it happens whenever you wear a white shirt. That would be Murphy's law: if something can go wrong, it will. Just as the laws of physics govern the natural world, our working lives are shaped by unwritten rules that won't appear in textbooks, but whose impact remains significant. Here, the bestselling authors bring together timeless principles and unwritten laws that determine success in today's workplace. Some are immediately intuitive, others are backed by long study. Some are world famous, others guarded secrets. But they all have one thing in common: they explain working life better than any MBA. From KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid) to the IKEA Effect (we're biased towards things we've had a part in making), these models will help you think more clearly, make smarter decisions and survive any amount of stupidity the world throws at you.



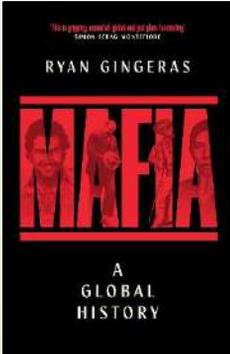
Are You a Team or a Meeting? by Nick Pope
9781800819092 | Profile | TPB | R380

True, we need to collaborate to make sense of today's challenges. But simply bringing people together is no guarantee of success. Too often, so-called teams are just groups of individuals, attending too many aimless meetings.

It doesn't have to be that way. Using the author's high-performing teams framework, *Are You a Team or a Meeting?* shows team leaders and members alike how to:

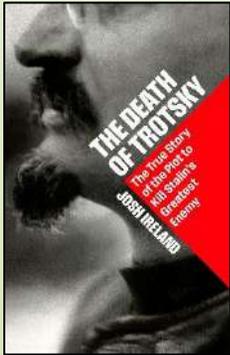
- * create teams of the right size and composition
- * focus on team purpose to help you prioritise
- * encourage healthy challenge and open communication
- * develop systems, habits and behaviours that help teams win

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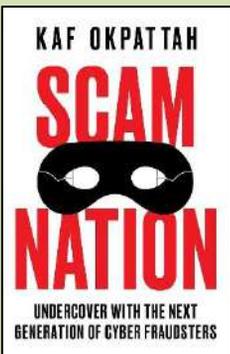
Mafia: A Global History by Ryan Gingeras
9781398531666 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R440

In *Mafia: A Global History*, Ryan Gingeras draws on more than a decade of research to uncover this suppressed underworld history. Crossing centuries and continents, he introduces legendary figures, Al Capone, Pablo Escobar, Du Yuesheng and explores the conditions, cultures and locales that gave birth to modern mafias: Sicily, Marseille, New York, Colombia, Tokyo. As he reconstructs the rise of a gang or the life of a gangster, he also charts the expanding power of states and the increasingly international reach of trade, crime and law enforcement. After all, governments define what is a crime and who is a criminal, and their agents create the strategies used to limit or defend against their threat. Beginning with bandits and ending with today's 'mafia states and the alarming blurring of lines between gangsters, corporations and political leaders, this sweeping narrative traces the evolution of organised crime in response to industrialisation, globalisation and technological change.



The Death of Trotsky by Josh Ireland
9781399827300 | John Murray | TPB | R495

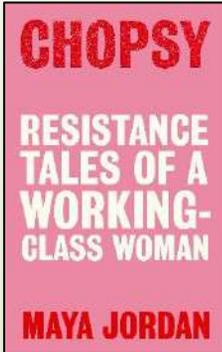
In August 1940, a man walked into Leon Trotsky's study in Mexico City and drove an ice pick into his skull. The killer? Ramón Mercader, an aristocratic Spaniard turned Soviet assassin. The mastermind? Joseph Stalin. But this was no simple hit. It was the climax of a decade-long global hunt: a story of seduction and betrayal, of fake identities and secret loyalties, of idealists and fanatics, lovers and spies. While Trotsky raged in exile, still clinging to his revolutionary dream, Stalin's agents closed in. At the heart of it all was Mercader: a man trained to lie, charm and ultimately to kill. Tracing a path from the cafés of Paris to the battlefields of Spain, from Stalin's Kremlin to a bloodied study in Mexico, *The Death of Trotsky* unfolds like a spy thriller, a story of obsession and betrayal, of dreams destroyed and loyalties twisted, culminating in one of the most shocking murders of the modern age.



Scam Nation by Kaf Okpattah
9780008603083 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

For decades, we have thought of scammers as rogue actors, offshore con artists or opportunistic criminals who target the elderly, the ill-informed and the vulnerable, looking to gain access to their money or their identities. But this is no longer the reality. As Kaf Okpattah, an investigative reporter and ITV journalist reveals, a new generation of fraudsters are harnessing tools like artificial intelligence, encrypted messaging and social media platforms to extend their advantage, committing increasingly audacious crimes with new levels of sophistication and unprecedented rewards. And they are coming for us all. In this new arms-race of deepfake calls, psychological manipulation and advanced money laundering techniques, these criminals, many of them still teenagers, stay constantly one step ahead of the authorities and are adept at exploiting our social and digital weaknesses.

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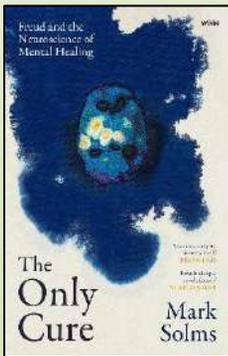


Chopsy: Resistance Tales of a Working-Class Woman by Maya Jordan
9780715656136 | Faber & Faber | PB | R325

A sharply funny, furious and rousing account of a life lived in triumphant opposition to the limitations and systemic inequalities of a working-class woman's life.

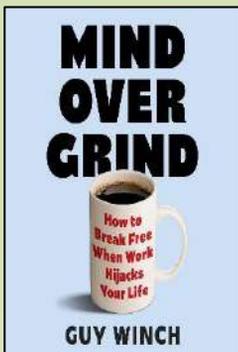
Underestimated and overlooked at each stage and age, Maya Jordan's ambition and resilience was born in the library and nourished by reading and the Open University through early motherhood, precarious housing, caring responsibilities and chronic disability, to a point where she finally seizes her right to write.

Funny and full of fight.



The Only Cure by Mark Solms
9781399623384 | Orion | TPB | R450

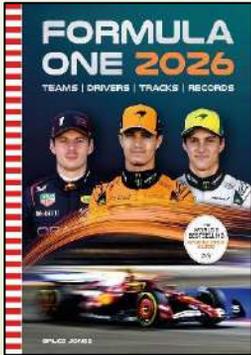
Once dismissed as unscientific, psychoanalytic therapy is proving to be among our most effective medical treatments of any kind, outperforming psychiatric drugs and rivalling vaccines in its power to prevent and heal. Why does it work so well? Perhaps because one of the most controversial figures in psychology was right all along. Neuroscience now confirms much of what Sigmund Freud conjectured over a century ago: our deepest struggles stem, not from chemical imbalances, but from buried memories and unconscious conflicts that no pill can touch. Using enthralling case studies and cutting-edge brain science, pioneering neuroscientist Mark Solms makes the case that psychoanalysis should resume its position as our master theory of the mind. Yet modern research also reveals where Freud got important things wrong. Could correcting these errors make therapy even more effective?



Mind Over Grind by Guy Winch
9781035424146 | Headline | TPB | R470

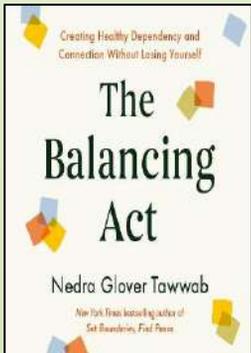
Whether we like it or not, work is central to our lives. Most of us define ourselves by our work; it gives us a purpose, it enables us to maintain our lives, our homes, our nourishment, our recreational pursuits and it puts us often among like-minded people who share and appreciate our skills and achievements. No wonder we feel it is so important! But work can intrude on our lives and unconsciously take over our thoughts, our priorities, and even our coping mechanisms. Especially in recent years, the separation between work and home is blurrier than ever, and we struggle to maintain healthy boundaries, to restore ourselves and recover our attention and energy, to give due focus to our loved ones, and to nourish other parts of our self in more than just a transactional way. We do more 'work' and emotional labour around work outside of the workday than we actually spend at the workplace.

Non- Fiction



Formula One 2026 by Bruce Jones
9781035432820 | Welbeck | TPB | R495

This is the definitive guide to *Formula 1 in 2026*, a complete examination of all the teams, drivers and tracks featured in the packed Grand Prix calendar. Also including a full review of the 2025 season and a breakdown of the new rules and regulations for 2026, this indispensable guidebook features a full breakdown of last season's drivers' and constructors' world championship results - as well as a fill-in chart for 2026, so each book becomes your own personalised guide to the year's action. Written by bestselling F1 author Bruce Jones and containing dozens of breathtaking photographs and detailed circuit illustrations plus a statistics section highlighting the major records in F1 history, this is the only guide you'll need for the racing action ahead.



The Balancing Act by Nedra Glover Tawwab
9780349441856 | Little Bown | TPB | R470

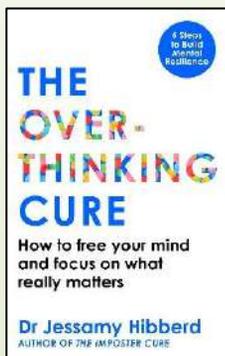
Every relationship in our lives, from love and close friendship to extended family and our wider social circle is a balancing act. If we give too much, we begin to lose ourselves. If we protect ourselves too much, we lose the closeness we all need. Getting the balance right is how we find more connection, authenticity, and joy. *The Balancing Act* is a roadmap for finding that balance. With her signature blend of clarity and compassion, therapist Nedra Glover Tawwab sheds light on healthy dependency, and how to achieve it. Along the way, she unpacks buzzwords and trending topics including codependency, attachment styles, inner family systems, and more, offering practical advice for recognizing our needs, navigating conflict, and finding more harmony with the important people in our lives.



365 Reasons You're the Perfect Mum by Michael Powell
9781841816531 | Octopus | HB | R295

What is motherhood? What is the nature of this unique bond that begins at birth and guides us throughout our lives? A mother needs patience, courage, tolerance, flexibility, firmness and a thousand other qualities that grow in the human soul. Above all, she is a true friend to her child. At times, when our lives seem beset with contradictions and betrayals, a mother's love is the constant that gives us the courage never to quit and keep on pursuing our goals, and the conviction that we can reach them. We don't always tell our loved ones how much they mean to us, but with *365 Reasons You're the Perfect Mum*, you can show them. Packed full of inspirational quotes to put into words the things we can't always say, or don't say enough, how much we love our mums.

Non- Fiction



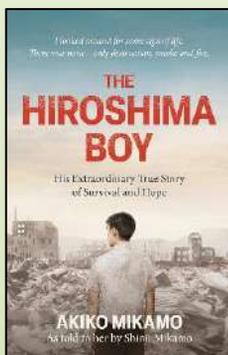
The Overthinking Cure by Dr Jessamy Hibberd
9781800963160 | Octopus | TPB | R470

In this life-changing book, trusted psychologist Dr Jessamy Hibberd shows how to break free from overthinking.

Through expert advice, and real-life examples from her clinic, you will become more aware of your overthinking habits and learn why we get stuck in unhelpful thinking patterns.

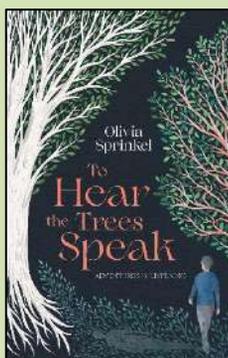
Dr Jessamy offers personalized prompts and practical tips to identify your doom spirals and help you find healthier coping strategies that redirect your thoughts. In this book, you will learn how to: Notice your thoughts.

Choose your response. Challenge your thinking. Accept the reality of how life is and Face your fears.



The Hiroshima Boy by Akiko Mikamo
9781800963696 | Octopus | PBO | R295

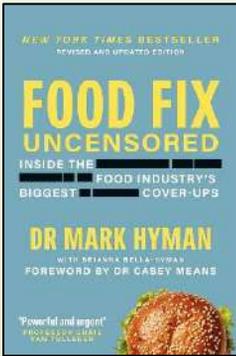
Shinji Mikamo, a teenager, is on the roof of his house, working with his father, when there is a blinding flash. When he regains consciousness, he is severely injured, burned all over his body, and buried in the rubble of a building. Somehow, his father manages to pull him out, and together they begin to search for help. They were only 1200 metres away from the centre of the explosion. *The Hiroshima Boy* tells the story of Shinji and his father's journey through Hiroshima as they come face to face with the utter destruction of the city and meet neighbours, friends and strangers enduring unimaginable agony. Running from an enormous fire engulfing their neighbourhood, they reach the banks of the Kyobashi River. But the water provides little comfort, and the scenes they find there are devastating. For the next four days, they roam, searching for food, water and refuge in excruciating pain. eventually, they reach a village outside Hiroshima City, where Shinji is able to be transferred to a hospital...



To Hear The Trees Speak by Olivia Sprinkel
9781835011560 | Bedford Square | PB | R320

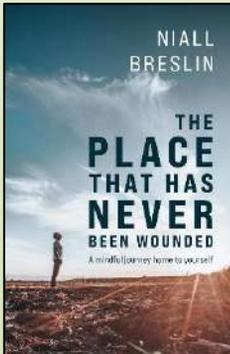
Imagine if you could hear the trees speak. How would it change your life? Your relationship to the world around you? This is the story of what happened when the trees whispered me to quit my job, leave my life in New York and go on a journey to listen. It is the story of what I learnt from ten trees on five continents and the lessons that the trees have for all of us on how to be in a rapidly changing world. Olivia Sprinkel was sitting in her office in New York, an experienced international sustainability strategy and communications consultant, and as a newly single woman, she decided she had to make a change in her life and undertake a journey. *To Hear the Trees Speak: Adventures in Listening* is the story of her travels to Europe, North and South America, Australia, and South Asia, to discover ten of our world's essential trees and their habitats.

Non- Fiction



Food Fix Uncensored by Dr Mark Hyman
9781399757669 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R470

Poor diet is now the single biggest killer on the planet. More than 60% of Americans are living with chronic disease, which causes 50 million deaths a year globally. One in two Americans and one in four teenagers have pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes, and 38% of children are overweight or obese and around the world our food is more processed, more toxic, and less nourishing than ever before. This is no accident, says #1 New York Times bestselling author Dr. Mark Hyman. It is the logical outcome of a food system engineered for power and profit rather than the health of individuals. In this fully updated and uncensored edition of his 2020 tour de force, Hyman exposes how the toxic triad of Big Food, Big Ag, and Big Pharma keep us trapped in a cycle of illness and addiction and how to fight back and reverse the epidemic of chronic disease.



The Place That Has Never Been Wounded: Meditations by Niall Breslin
9781399823685 | John Murray | TPB | R505

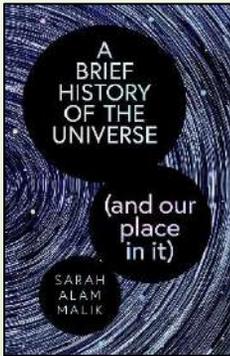
In a world often marked by chaos and uncertainty, it's easy to feel unmoored, as if the ground beneath you is always shifting. This book is here to serve as your compass: a steady reminder that even when the way forward seems unclear, a path always exists. Drawing on the principles of mindfulness and written with deep empathy and honesty, this book offers practical ways to reconnect with your inner stillness and meet life's challenges with patience and clarity. Accompanied by deeply beautiful meditations, this book will anchor you in turbulent times, guide you back when you drift, and help you make sense of life's heaviest moments. But it is not a book of rigid rules or quick fixes. Instead, it invites you to slow down, release what no longer serves you, and trust the quiet wisdom that's always been within.



Plastic Inc by Beth Gardiner
9781800962538 | Octopus | TPB | R470

Plastic is everywhere in our lives, yet the companies that make it often escape scrutiny. In *Plastic Inc*, award-winning journalist Beth Gardiner exposes the oil and petrochemical giants, ExxonMobil, INEOS, and others driving a vast industry flooding the world with plastic. Through vivid, character-driven reporting from Texas's Gulf Coast to Antwerp and Dubai, Gardiner reveals extraordinary profits, toxic pollution, and plastic's hidden role in worsening climate change. As demand for fossil fuels declines, Big Oil has turned plastic into its financial lifeline, investing billions to double and even triple production. Gardiner uncovers how corporations pushed plastic onto consumers, promoted recycling myths, funded litter campaigns to shift blame, and fought bans on single-use items. She also exposes a growing health crisis linked to everyday chemicals and the alarming risks posed by microplastics. *Plastic Inc* is an exposé of an industry driven by profit.

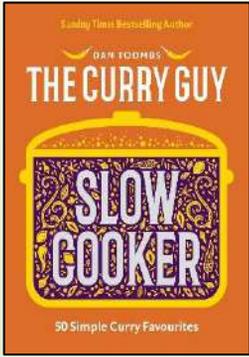
Non- Fiction



A Brief History of the Universe by Sarah Alam Malik
9781398539990 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R440

The desire to explore and understand what lies beyond us is at the heart of scientific discovery. Ever since the ancient Babylonians tracked celestial objects on clay tablets, the search for meaning in an infinitely vast universe has been a profoundly human pursuit. In this spellbinding book, Dr Sarah Alam Malik takes us on a journey through the discoveries that shaped our perception of the cosmos. From the Earth-centred worldview of Aristotle and the Copernican revolution to Isaac Newton unifying the terrestrial and celestial under the law of gravity. Each breakthrough is a testament to humanity's determination to peek behind the curtain of our world to examine what's underneath. Our ability to imagine and seek out a much grander and more mysterious reality drives us towards an incredible future. From the fiery deaths of faraway suns to the complexities of the subatomic, this is the story of what we've found and how they continue to change us.

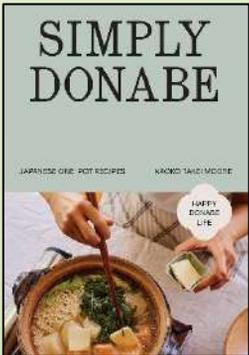
Cookery



The Curry Guy Slow Cooker by Dan Toombs
9781837834990 | Hardie Grant | HB | R415

Cooking in a slow cooker saves time, money and effort and curries are some of the most delicious dishes you can make in one. In *Curry Guy Slow Cooker*, Dan Toombs offers foolproof recipes for creating curryhouse classics at home, all with minimal fuss and washing-up.

Dan is a master of curryhouse cuisine and he has now applied his knowledge and cooking tips to slow cooker recipes, just start your delectable Chicken Tikka Masala, mouth-watering Lamb Rogan Josh, Spinach Daal or Saag Aloo ahead of time, and when you're ready to eat a curry feast will await you. With sumptuous colour photos throughout, plus tricks and advice for getting your curries to taste just like the curryhouse, treat your family to a fabulous curry feast with *Curry Guy Slow Cooker*.

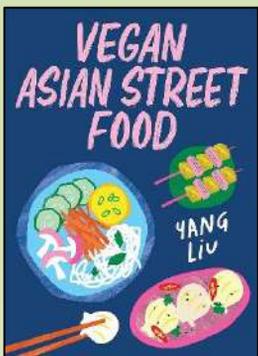


Simply Donabe: Japanese One-Pot Recipes by Naoko Takei Moore
9781837834464 | Hardie Grant | HB | R680

Donabe are the Japanese earthenware pots that have been used in Japan for centuries and continue to be loved for their efficiency and beauty.

In *Simply Donabe*, Naoko Takei Moore showcases how you can create Japanese one-pot dishes at home and guide you towards incorporating donabe into your daily life.

Donabe is not just cookware, but it's a way of life that brings joy and nourishment to everyday cooking. Recipes range from Sea Bream Shabu Shabu and Sweet and Sour Minced Pork Hotpot, to Egg Porridge and Miso-Simmered Ramen, as well as sides like Green Beans in Walnut Miso Cream and Quick-Pickled Napa Cabbage and sweet treats such as Sake-Kasu Pound Cake and Matcha Ice Cream.

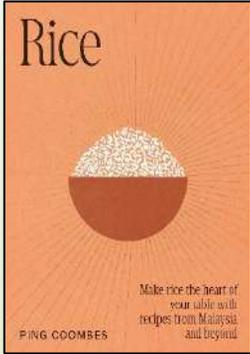


Vegan Asian Street Food by Yang Liu
9781761451768 | Hardie Grant | HB | R610

This enticing cookbook offers recipes from various regions across China, as well as other Southeast and East Asian countries that have captivated the authors during their travels. With dishes ranging from Thai iced tea and Vietnamese bánh mì to Indonesian nasi goreng and Japanese okonomiyaki, each recipe reflects the rich culinary traditions of Asia.

Whether you're a dedicated vegan or simply a lover of flavourful street food, this book provides a treasure trove of delightful recipes. Featuring everything from scallion pancakes and satay skewers to fresh summer rolls and hearty rice dishes, Yang and Kathi guide you in creating these beloved street foods from scratch or transforming traditional favourites using vegan ingredients.

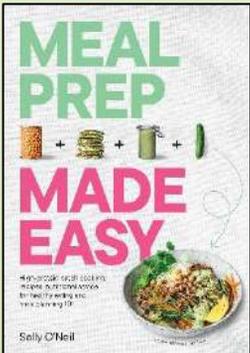
Cookery



Rice by Ping Coombes
9781761501111 | Murdoch | HB | R650

Rice is a symbol of life, prosperity and abundance in many Southeast Asian countries and a staple food all across the world. For Ping, growing up in Malaysia rice was always the sun around which all other dishes revolved. In this beautiful homage to rice, Ping offers advice and timeless recipes that will make this a book for every rice-loving cook to treasure. She explains whether to wash rice, the different ways to cook it perfectly, how to reheat it safely, why sticky rice isn't simply overcooked rice and how to elevate your rice-eating experience. The recipes include rice dishes, dishes to partner with rice, sweet rice, savoury rice, rice snacks, foods made from rice, whole chapters on fried rice and one-pot rice, pickles and condiments and so much more...

A stunning celebration of *rice* with over 100 recipes from Malaysia and her neighbours.



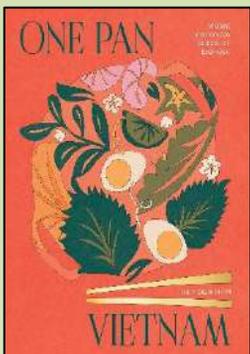
Meal Prep Made Easy by Sally O'Neil
9781761501456 | Murdoch | PB | R380

Meal Prep Made Easy is a three-step practical guide that gives you a fridge full of healthy, ready-to-eat meals and takes the 'what's for dinner' worry out of your busy days. Meal prepping will have you stressing less and eating better, spending less and living more.

STEP 1 is prepping your protein: think foolproof oven-baked salmon or chicken, falafel, fishcakes, Asian-style mince and satay tofu.

STEP 2 teaches you to batch and stash. Get the fridge, freezer and pantry packed with healthy staples to last the week: muesli, paleo bread, hummus, dressings, fritters and loads of great sweet treats.

STEP 3 puts it all together in over 75 different combos. This is fast-action meal assembly that will stop you ever getting bored: try poached chicken with buckwheat and miso broth; salmon gravlax with zucchini fritters and tzatziki dressing; or turkey meatballs with waffles and pesto.



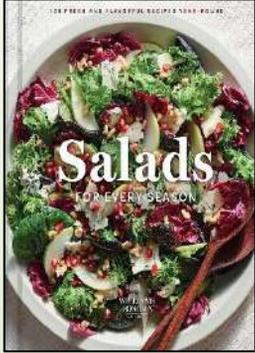
One Pan Vietnam by Thuy Diem Pham
9781837833290 | Hardie Grant | HB | R535

However, there are many dishes that, with the right ingredients and a little know-how, come together in no time and, even better, in just one pan! Discover just how easy it is to create Vietnamese flavours without the fuss in Thuy Diem Pham's latest book, *One Pan Vietnam*.

Packed with simple and mouth-watering Vietnamese-style recipes for everything from stir-fries and salads to broths and bún bowls, you'll find aromatic noodle soups, delicious salads bursting with fresh, zesty flavours, heart-warming soups and stews, and much more.

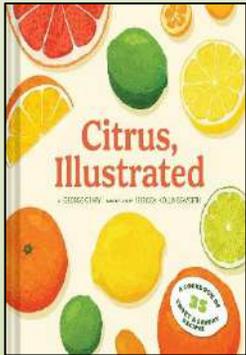
Using Thuy's tips and techniques, you can make fresh and wonderfully flavoursome Vietnamese-style, restaurant-quality meals at home, with remarkably minimal mess.

Cookery



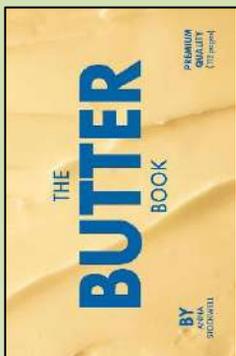
Williams Sonoma Salads for Every Season by Williams Sonoma
9798886742664 | Insight Editions | HB | R630

Unlock a world of fresh and flavorful possibilities with *Salads for Every Season*, your ultimate resource for creating vibrant and satisfying salads that cater to every occasion and dietary need. Explore a global tapestry of tastes, from the vibrant Mediterranean Mezze to the zesty Asian Slaws and the bold Southwest Bowls, expanding your culinary horizons without ever leaving your kitchen. This book goes beyond simple side dishes, offering a wealth of main-dish salad options that are satisfying enough for a complete meal. Whether you're catering to specific allergies or intolerances or simply seeking a hearty and nutritious lunch or dinner, you'll find a diverse range of choices to suit your needs. The enduring appeal of salads lies in their inherent freshness and adaptability.



Citrus, Illustrated: A Cookbook of 35 Sweet & Savory Recipes by George Geary
9781797235936 | Chronicle Books | HB | R460

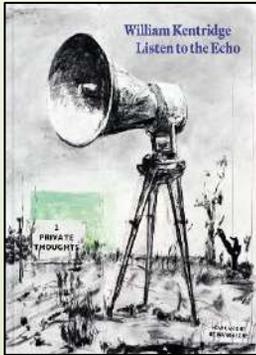
From the ubiquitous navel orange to the lesser-known Fukushu kumquat to the straight-up-funky Buddha's hand citron, citrus comes in many forms. Knowing exactly how and when to best harness their bright essences can be a challenge, until now. This handy little cookbook offers a fascinating exploration of over 25 citrus varieties and their many uses, from enriching simple dishes to the oils of the peel and juice of the fruit. Featuring 35 sweet and savory recipes that will help you use up a bumper crop or make the most of the brightest fruits of the season. Charming citrus-bright illustrations throughout make this resource guide, also packed with historical background on each fruit, attributes, nutritional and health benefits, availability, and more, an inspiring gift for home cooks and bakers, fruit lovers, and anyone interested in maximizing their use and enjoyment of luscious citrus fruits.



The Butter Book by Anna Stockwell
9781797238272 | Chronicle Books | HB | R460

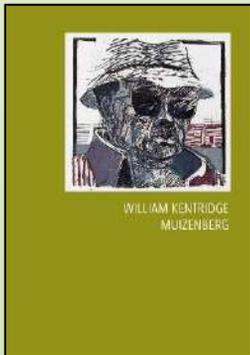
Butter is a perfect ingredient. In both cooking and baking, it can be foundational or a finishing touch. It's a flavor powerhouse, a sauce emulsifier, a taste enhancer, and above all else, a bringer of joy. In this charming kitchen companion, you'll discover: Butter's curious history. Tips for buying butter, fun ways to serve it, and its ability to transform the humblest foods, a pot of rice, a day-old muffin into something revelatory. How to make butter at home, then whip, clarify, or compound it to elevate your everyday cooking. Ten recipes that showcase butter's multitudes, from Butter-Basted Scallops with Beurre Blanc to Butterscotch Pudding, each one teaching easy yet essential techniques, including browning and emulsifying. Collectible butter accessories. And more!

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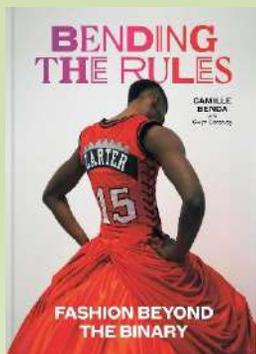
William Kentridge: Listen to the Echo by Museum Folkwang Essen
9783969994757 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R1200

On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden and the Museum Folkwang in Essen are dedicating a major double exhibition to William Kentridge, who works in an interdisciplinary manner. Works from four decades will be shown: early graphic series on apartheid and its end, but also drawings and films from the famous series "Drawings for Projection" (1989–2020), in which Kentridge addresses the history of his hometown of Johannesburg. The importance of the procession in his work is reflected in the monumental video installation "More Sweetly play the Dance" (2015) and the large-format woodcut series "Triumphs and Laments" (2016–2019). Particularly important in Kentridge's work is his artistic examination of colonialism, but also of social utopias and their failure using the example of Soviet socialism.



William Kentridge: Muizenberg by Warren Siebrits
9783969995198 | Thames & Hudson | TPB | R1030

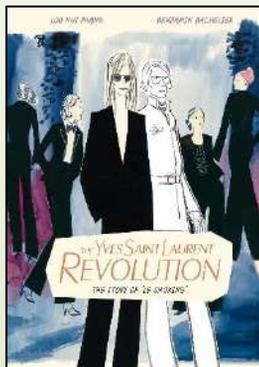
This book takes a focused look at another small but highly significant series of prints documented for the first time in Kentridge's Catalogue Raisonné Volume 1. Prints and Posters 1974–1990 (2022). In the summer of 1976, just months after the infamous Soweto Uprising in Johannesburg, Kentridge created images of the well-to-do of South Africa's Jewish community enjoying the summer sun on the "whites-only" Muizenberg beach in Cape Town. These are the proverbial frogs in the pot, seemingly oblivious to the devastating effects of the apartheid system. The book includes all twelve plates in the Muizenberg series as well as a revelatory sketchbook from Kentridge's archive, documenting his preparatory drawings for the prints. Each final plate state is accompanied by commentary from Kentridge, who shares his working methods as well as personal memories of the prints' subjects and creation. Also included is an interview between Kentridge and longtime friend Timothy James...



Bending the Rules: Fashion Beyond the Binary by Camille Benda & Gwyn Conaway
9781797227610 | Chronicle Books | HB | R690

Celebrated costume designer Camille Benda seamlessly weaves together the cutting-edge and the historical spanning high fashion, dress in film, trendsetting brands, art history, and more, showing that gender and fashion have always been intertwined. Brought to life with a dazzling array of more than 160 images, *Bending the Rules* combines short essays and interviews with creative professionals to offer snapshots of fashion and gender expression across cultures, places, and time. This unique portrait of fashion and identity explores how clothing can be serious and playful, limiting or liberating, express joy or longing, fear or fun, and much more.. For anyone fascinated by fashion or the sociology of clothing, identity, and gender, this book offers a one-of-a-kind immersive experience.

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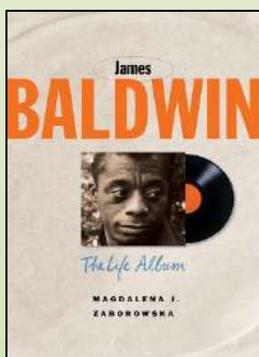


The Yves Saint Laurent Revolution by Loo Hui Phang
9780500030967 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R690

Paris, 1966. In the tranquility of his studio on Avenue Marceau, *Yves Saint Laurent* is conducting research for his next collection. From his drawings a female figure emerges... in a tuxedo! 'Le Smoking' is born.

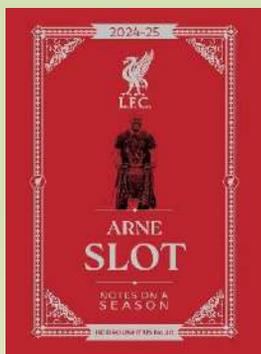
New York, 1967. Yves Saint Laurent steps out for lunch on the Upper East Side with his lifelong muse Betty Catroux. They are denied a table at every restaurant... because Betty is wearing Le Smoking. A woman in trousers? Unacceptable!

This chic graphic novel tells the story of Yves Saint Laurent and Betty Catroux's journey with Le Smoking. Through encounters with such timeless figures from fashion and art as Coco Chanel, Christian Dior and Andy Warhol, we discover the studio secrets of the making of Le Smoking and learn how this iconic piece anticipated and contributed to second-wave feminism in the late 1960s.



James Baldwin: The Life Album (Black Lives) by Magdalena J. Zaborowska
9780300288704 | Yale | PB | R460

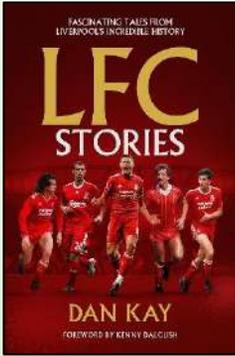
This book offers an intimate portrait of *James Baldwin*, revealing the private, vulnerable man behind the public prophet. While Baldwin (1924–1987) remains a towering literary and political figure, revered as a Black icon, writer, and activist whose work still resonates today. Magdalena J. Zaborowska shifts the focus to his lesser-known personal life and relationships. Drawing on Baldwin's archives, unpublished papers, books, and his home in France, Zaborowska uncovers the emotional complexities that shaped his art. Structured like a blues-inspired vinyl album, the biography traces key "tracks" from Baldwin's life, including his troubled childhood, struggles with sexuality and gender, and deeply intimate relationships. It also highlights the often-overlooked influence of women, Jews, and queer communities on his writing.



Arne Slot - Notes on a Season - Liverpool FC by Arne Slot & Liverpool FC
9781916811492 | Gemini | HB | R290

It was a season of dizzying success, masterminded by a new arrival in the dugout. After a stunning debut season in the Premier League, head coach Arne Slot confounded the pundits to help Liverpool win the title in dominant fashion. This is the comprehensive collection of the Dutch head coach's thoughts and opinions as the season unfolded, the foundation of which is his matchday programme notes from every Anfield occasion. Includes post-match reaction and stats from every game, home and away, as the Reds had the Premier League trophy secured by the end of April amid jubilation scenes following a dismantling of Tottenham at Anfield. A season built around stunning individual contributions from the likes of Premier League Player of the Season Mo Salah, this is the perfect record of a never-to-be-forgotten campaign.

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LFC Stories by Dan Kay
9781916811331 | Gemini | HB | R365

Dan Kay, the iconic journalist and campaigner, was a driving force in the fight for justice following the 1989 Hillsborough disaster, both in his personal life and during more than two decades with the Liverpool ECHO. Dan was central to the wide-ranging coverage relating to the campaign for justice leading to the inquests where a jury determined the 97 innocent men, women and children who lost their lives as a result of the tragedy were unlawfully killed.

Throughout his career, Dan penned precisely-crafted and thoroughly captivating player profiles of the biggest characters in Liverpool Football Club history. This book is a loving collection of those profiles capturing the good, the bad, the ugly and the legendary, as well as the inside story of The Transfer That Never Was, featuring Steven Gerrard, Jose Mourinho and John Terry.



Small Garden Envy by Folko Kullmann
9781837760596 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R690

Showcasing enviable small gardens, inspiration and advice for planning and planting. This desirable little book features 47 small gardens from all over the world that will make you green with envy. Alongside stunning photography of each garden, it also contains the practical advice you need to create your own covetable outdoor haven. Showcasing a variety of garden styles, like wildflower meadow, traditional cottage, grassy, drought-proof, sustainable, Mediterranean, minimalist, container and many more, the book is packed with ideas that you'll want to steal! Each garden has a sumptuous opening spread, followed by another that breaks down the layout and planting, including the plant names, and gives you tips and tricks to have a go yourself. A full plant list at the back of the book corresponds with climate zone maps, giving a handy tool for you to check if a particular species will thrive in your local area.



Yayoi Kusama by Emanuelle Coccia, Stefano Mancuso & Ralph McCarthy
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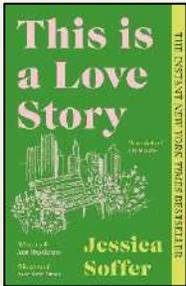
Recognized as one of contemporary art's most influential figures, Yayoi Kusama has gained cult status through her exploration of repetitive patterns and structures, especially her signature polka dots and mirror rooms, which immerse viewers in seemingly infinite worlds. This catalogue, accompanying Kusama's retrospective in Riehen/Basel, Cologne, and Amsterdam, showcases the broad spectrum of media she has engaged with over the years, spanning painting, sculpture, installations, drawing, collage, happenings, live performances, fashion, and literature. Organized in close collaboration with the artist and her studio, the exhibition provides a comprehensive overview of Kusama's more than seven-decade career.

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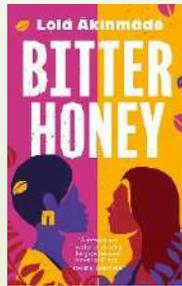
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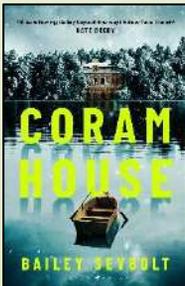
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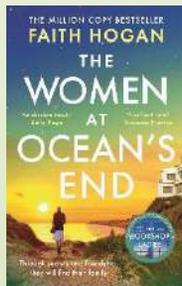
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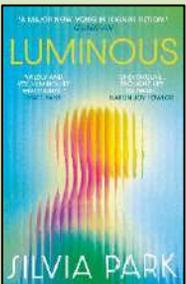
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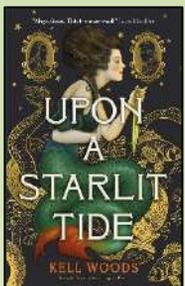
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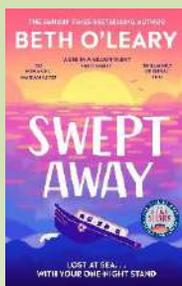
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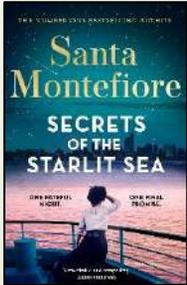
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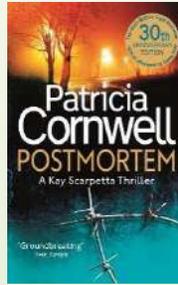
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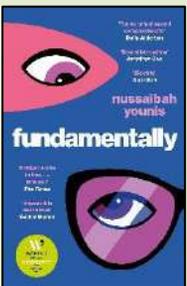
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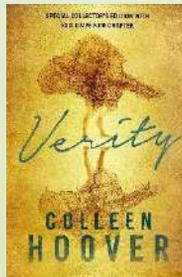
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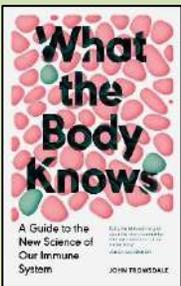
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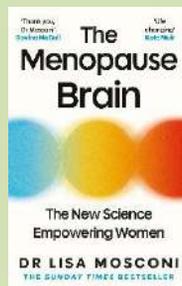
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