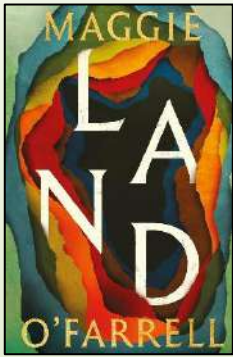


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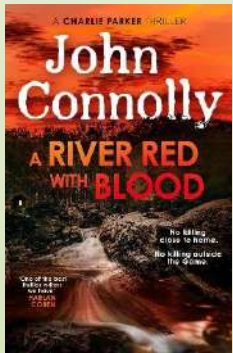


Land by Maggie O'Farrell

9781472289094 | Headline | TPB | R395

On a windswept peninsula stretching out into the Atlantic, Tomás and his reluctant son, Liam, are working for the great Ordnance Survey project to map the whole of Ireland. The year is 1865, and in a country not long since ravaged and emptied by the Great Hunger, the task is not an easy one. Tomás, however, is determined that his maps will be a record of the disaster.

The British soldiers in charge are due to arrive any day, expecting the work to be completed, but Tomás is sent off course by an unsettling encounter in a copse. His life, and those of his family, will never be the same again. Liam is terrified by the sudden change in his taciturn father. What was it that caused such cracks to open in Tomás and how is Liam, aged only ten, going to finish the mapping, and get them both home?



A River Red With Blood (Charlie Parker Thriller Book 22) by John Connolly

9781399758475 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

The players call it The Game. There are just two rules:

No killing close to home.

No killing outside the game.

But what happens when those rules get broken?

When the drowned body of a troubled teenager is recovered from a river in Maine's Kennebec Valley, and a young woman disappears from a small rural town, they draw the attention of the private investigator named Charlie Parker. Now Parker will be forced to confront a band of men without morality and without loyalty, not even to one another, in a place where the very darkness is alive. Because something has emerged from the shadows, something very bad. And it wants revenge.



Undercover Honeymoon by Jo Watson

9781035400461 | Headline | BPB | R305

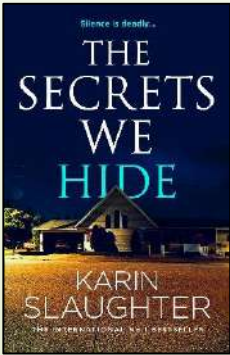
When Private Investigator Lizzy Brown is hired to follow a cheating spouse, the last person she expects to run into is Cameron Anderson: the man she dated for a grand total of 6 hours, and the real reason she left the Police Academy all those years ago. Something Lizzy definitely isn't still bitter about.

Cam, tasked with a money-laundering case, never thought he'd find himself once again squaring off with Lizzy and most certainly not in a romantic and glamorous Seychelles resort. But when their separate cover stories are put at risk, the pair are soon forced to masquerade as a honeymooning couple to cover their tracks. Faking a marriage with your ex is bad enough, but when Lizzy and Cam find themselves tangled in a criminal conspiracy bigger than their bitterness, they realise that their relationship lie might be the only thing keeping them alive. But as old feelings resurface, are they really just playing the part?

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The Secrets We Hide by Karin Slaughter
9780008771140 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

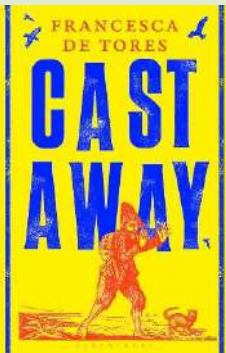
The house at 1601 Iris Drive looks like any other in the quiet, residential street. But rumours are rife about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors. Then one afternoon gunshots ring out.

Allison Vickery is found murdered in her own kitchen, her teenage daughter bleeding and left for dead. Everyone thinks they know what happened. But they're wrong.

The truth is more shocking than anyone could ever have imagined.

Secrets are everywhere in this small town.

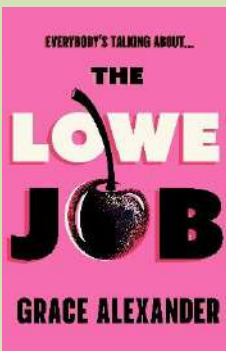
And it's up to Detective Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth...



Cast Away by Francesca de Tores
9781526661449 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R445

1704: Scottish sailor Alexander Selkirk has been abandoned by his own shipmates on a remote, uninhabited island. With little hope of rescue, and wild goats and cats as his only companions, he is forced to confront not only the urgent challenges of survival, but also the troubled, unsavoury past that has brought him here. What kind of man is deliberately stranded by his crew, to face near-certain death?

On the island, he must use his grit, tenacity and ingenuity to survive. As his isolation deepens, Selkirk's experience takes an extraordinary and often blackly comic turn, for the island's consolations prove as unexpected as its trials. The longer he is stranded, the more Selkirk wonders if he will ever escape the island, and in what ways he will be changed if he does



The Lowe Job by Grace Alexander
9781398726086 | Orion | TPB | R395

When Lili Lowe is caught in a compromising position with her boss, married politician Teddy Landen, she suddenly finds herself thrust into the centre of a media frenzy.

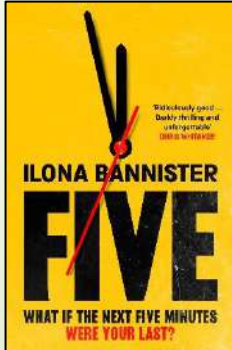
She turns, as most daughters would, to her mother.

Yet Lydia Lowe is a former talent agent, and it's not long before the whole world knows the name Lili Lowe.

As the spotlight brightens on Lili, and her three sisters Stevie, Iris and Katie, the women's lives are changed in ways they could never have predicted.

And it's soon clear that fame, and fortune, comes with a price...

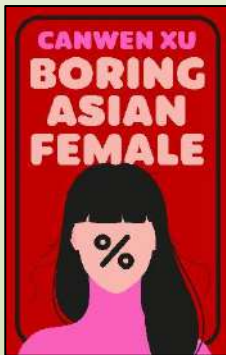
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Five by Ilona Bannister
9780008770570 | HarperCollins | TPB | R400

On a train platform, five strangers unknowingly face a chilling countdown: one of them will die in five minutes. In this gripping tale narrated with a sharp tongue, the five main characters, a child, a mother, a businessman, an old woman, and a gambler will draw you in with their stories of fate, sacrifice, and the relationships we build and those we break. As the clock ticks down, we look away from the demonic child Gideon. We judge his mother Emma who must surely be to blame. We are curiously compelled by the successful yet damaged businessman Liam. We pity the furious old Mrs Worth who grew up in a macabre household and failed at being a mother. And we fall in love with the beautiful Sonny who is on the verge of gambling his life away.

Five stories. *Five* minutes until a life ends. Unfolding in real time...



Boring Asian Female by Canwen Xu
9781835013205 | Bedford Square | TPB | R370

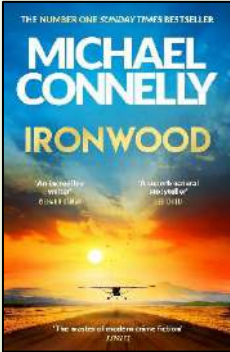
Elizabeth Zhang knows her place in the world. She knows she's in the tenth percentile for likability, the seventieth percentile for attractiveness, and the ninety-ninth percentile for academics. With a hard-working ethic instilled in her by immigrant parents, armed with impeccable grades, Elizabeth thinks she is set for Harvard Law School. Until she is rejected for being too ordinary, which she translates to mean she's just another boring Asian female. But when her classmate Laura Kim gets in, everything falls apart. Why was Laura accepted? What makes her so interesting? At first, she follows her because she's just curious. What Laura eats for lunch. Where Laura shops. The answer for Elizabeth's failure must lie somewhere in Laura's life. But still, Elizabeth just can't see it. The only thing she sees is that Laura has taken her spot at Harvard. A spot she knows she deserves. A spot that she'll simply have to take back.



The Rainshadow Orphans by Naomi Ishiguro
9781398545007 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R420

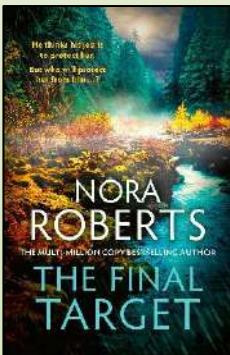
Life is hard for the inhabitants of Rainshadow City, a place where poverty and corruption are rife and where they are terrorized by an underground criminal organization known as the Lucky Crows. Toshiko, Jun and Mei Kawakami are a family, bonded through loyalty if not blood, who live outside the increasingly corrupt law and who are seeking revenge for the murder of their beloved "aunt" Reiko by the Lucky Crows. Haru is the son of the Emperor, destined to one day rule over the Archipelago and uphold his mother's ignoble legacy, but he is more interested in making friends with the magical Sun Spirits it seems only he can see. Theo, forced to leave his homeland, is a reluctant foot-soldier for the Lucky Crows. He doesn't want to be a gangster, but as an illegal immigrant to the city, his choices are severely limited.

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Ironwood by Michael Connelly
9781398726758 | Orion | TPB | R450

Detective Stilwell serves on Catalina Island, a place many see as peaceful and far removed from the dangers of Los Angeles. That calm is shattered when Stilwell and his deputies investigate a late-night drug drop at the island's remote Airport in the Sky. The operation quickly turns violent, shots are fired, and the suspects escape. An internal investigation sidelines Stilwell, but he refuses to let the case go unsolved. While confined to desk duty, he discovers an unclaimed backpack connected to a woman who disappeared on the island four years earlier. Curious about why the bag surfaced only recently, Stilwell begins digging into the mystery. His search leads him to the LAPD's Open-Unsolved Unit and Detective Renée Ballard. Together, Stilwell and Ballard uncover a dangerous criminal who enjoys manipulating law enforcement. As Stilwell pushes deeper into both investigations, he risks his career to expose a conspiracy far bigger and more deadly than he expected.



The Final Target by Nora Roberts
9780349446325 | Little Brown | TPB | R385

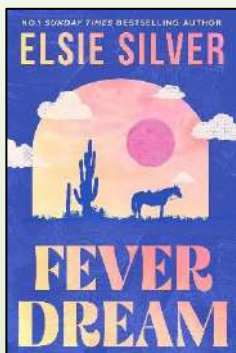
He showed up at Arden Bowie's debut author appearance with a copy of her novel and an eager smile. He showered her with compliments and got her autograph. Then he came to her next event. And the one after that. Dustin was just an aspiring writer who wanted advice, Arden reassured herself. But after giving in to one of his incessant invitations and chatting with him over coffee, she discovered that ignoring her inner alarm bell had been a terrible mistake... He thinks his job is to protect her. But who will protect her from him?



Playworld by Adam Ross
9781398559783 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R430

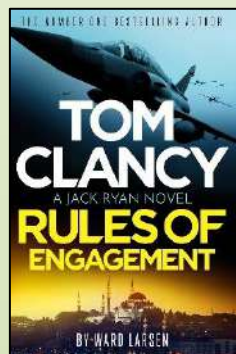
Griffin Hurt is in over his head. Between his role as Peter Proton on the hit TV show *The Nuclear Family* and the pressure of high school at New York's elite Boyd Prep, along with the increasingly compromising demands of his wrestling coach, he's teetering on the edge of collapse. Then comes Naomi Shah, twenty-two years Griffin's senior. Unwilling to lay his burdens on his shrink, whom he shares with his father, mother, and younger brother, Oren, Griffin soon finds himself in the back of Naomi's Mercedes sedan, again and again, confessing all to the one person who might do him the most harm. Less a bildungsroman than a story of miseducation, *Playworld* is a novel of epic proportions, bursting with laughter and heartache.

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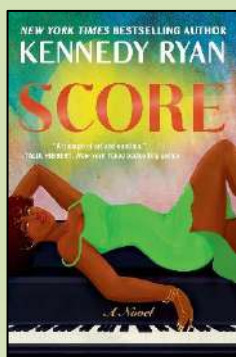
Fever Dream by Elsie Silver
9780349446028 | Little Brown | PBO | R305

Professional bull rider Emmett Bush is not looking for love, he's looking for a paycheck to save his family's farm from bankruptcy. So, when he agrees to be the leading man on a hot new reality dating show, *Romance Ranch*, he's already decided it's all one big performance. Until Julia Silva walks onto his property. Smart, snarky, beautiful, and off-limits in more ways than one. As the location consultant on set and the little sister of his most bitter professional rival, Theo, she's the last woman who should pique his interest. Julia has been warned about Emmett. She knows better than to fall for his cocky swagger, broad shoulders, and smoldering good looks. But when mutual distaste grows into an unexpected connection and then . . . something more, they find themselves searching for excuses to spend time together out of the cameras' reach.



Tom Clancy Rules of Engagement by Ward Larsen
9781408732922 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

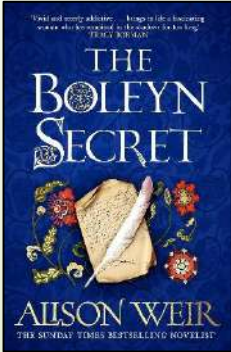
The White House is stunned when the Secretary of Commerce is killed in a plane crash in Turkey. President Jack Ryan isn't ready to write this off as a simple accident. Not only has he lost a good friend, but the Secretary was on an important mission: on the surface he was making an appearance at an economic conference, but the CIA was also using the flight as cover to extract an important asset from the Middle East. Soon, Lt. Commander Katie Ryan and her team are working with the investigators to find the cause of the tragedy, but one shocking revelation changes everything. There were supposed to be 16 people on the plane, but there are only 15 bodies. The quest for answers will lead the team deeper and deeper into a quagmire of lies and deception that will force President Ryan to face an unprincipled enemy with global ambitions.



Score by Kennedy Ryan
9780349444697 | Little Brown | PBO | R305

You never forget your first love. Isn't that what they say? Verity Hill knows this truth intimately. She didn't simply miss Wright "Monk" Bellamy when they parted ways in college. She's haunted by his touch. Every kiss, any lover since a shadow of what they had. Time heals all wounds. Isn't that what they say? Monk doesn't believe that for a second. He wasn't simply betrayed when he and Verity split. He was devastated, with parts of him left behind in the ruins of all that was destroyed. More than a decade after their disastrous break up, Verity and Monk must work together on the set of an epic Harlem Renaissance biopic. With Monk, now a world-class musician creating the score, and Verity, an award-winning screenwriter penning the script, there's Oscar buzz before shooting even begins. This once-in-a-lifetime project could catapult them both to new heights, but can they can put the past behind them for the sake of the film...for the sake of something more?

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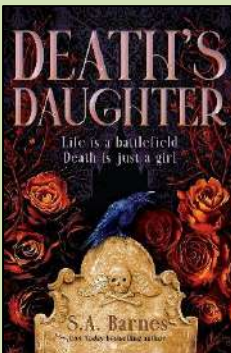
The Boleyn Secret by Alison Weir
9781035416257 | Headline | TPB | R450

At twelve years old, Kate Carey attends her aunt, Queen Anne Boleyn, to the scaffold. Horrified by what she witnesses, Kate is convinced that King Henry VIII has sent an innocent woman to a terrible death. As the Boleyns fall from favour, Kate serves her now motherless cousin, the young Lady Elizabeth. Bound by Boleyn blood, the two girls are like sisters, until Kate marries for love and leaves a jealous Elizabeth behind. At court, Kate cannot ignore the sly looks thrown her way, nor the whispers behind her back. Only when her mother, Mary, lies dying, does she learn the life-shattering truth that the Boleyns have been hiding for years. It is a secret that will haunt Kate throughout her life, as her family flee into exile, only returning home when Elizabeth becomes queen. But the bond between the Boleyn cousins will never be the same again...



One Leg on Earth by Pemi Aguda
9780349018287 | Little Brown | TPB | R470

Twenty-three-year-old Yosoye arrives in Lagos ready to start her life. Working for a slick architectural firm, she finds a city of adventure and opportunity. Her new world is one of fancy gallery openings, glamorous friends, and all the shiny potential of the future, encapsulated in projects like Omi City, the brand-new housing development her company is building. But Yosoye's idyllic vision of Lagos soon begins to seem naïve, and its darker, stranger layers trouble her. Something is not right about Omi City, but no-one will give her satisfactory answers. And then, after a chance encounter in her first weeks in Lagos, Yosoye realizes that she is pregnant... A vibrant and atmospheric evocation of modern Lagos, the promises of progress and the mysterious lure of the abyss, *One Leg on Earth* is a haunting and arresting story from an unmissable new voice in literature.

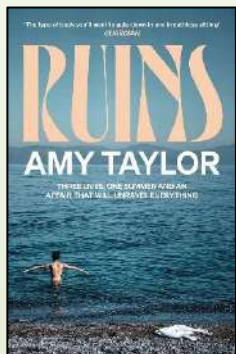


Death's Daughter by S.A. Barnes
9781035430741 | Headline | TPB | R395

Jocasta has carved out a normal life at Beecher University, well, as normal it can be when your name is Jocasta and you are the only child of Death. Jo has a good job, great friends, and is trying to get over a secret fling with an unbelievably attractive (and unbelievably unavailable) grad student. But she's also lonely. No one close to her knows the truth about who - or what - she is. Or that she must feed to survive, and she feeds on them - their disappointments, failures, and rejections. It's not a perfect system, but it works. Just.

Until a handsome stranger - and descendant of Lust - shows up on campus and announces that Death has formally named Jo as his successor. Now she's both a powerful ally and a massive threat, and everyone she loves is a target.

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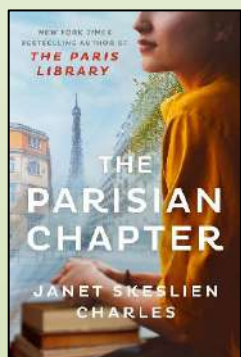


Ruins by Amy Taylor
9781035440269 | Headline | BPB | R360

At a crossroads in their relationship, Emma and Julian agree to house-sit for a friend in Athens over the course of an oppressive summer.

Their plans take an unexpected turn when they meet Lena, an enigmatic young Greek woman who presents an opportunity for them to explore their relationship in uncharted and thrillingly risky ways. But as the heat in the city grows stifling, Emma and Julian find themselves far more entangled in Lena's life than they'd bargained for.

What follows is a highly-charged three-way struggle for control, as Emma, Julian and Lena are suddenly faced with consequences far greater and far more dangerous than they could have predicted.



The Parisian Chapter by Janet Skeslien Charles
9781035441235 | Headline | TPB | R395

Paris, 1995. It's been five years since Lily Jacobsen and her best friend Mary Louise arrived in Paris from their small town in Montana. Determined to establish themselves as artists, they shared a tiny apartment. But when Mary Louise moves out, Lily feels alone in the city of light and needs a new way to support herself. She lands a job as a programs manager at the American Library in Paris, following in the footsteps of Odile, her beloved French neighbour in Montana who told her stories of heroic World War II librarians when Lily was growing up. At work, Lily meets an extraordinary cast of characters, including her favourite writer, struggling students, haughty trustees, and devoted volunteers, each with their own stories...and agendas. In the library's attic, Lily discovers a box of archives that may be a link to Odile's own Parisian chapter.

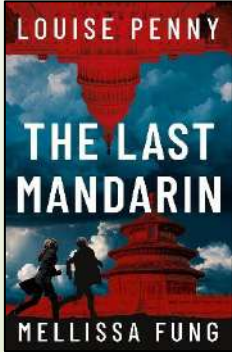


White Lights by Lauren Kate
9780008810139 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

When mysterious Rafe de la Cruz rolls into Desdemona's life to recruit her to the elite film school Acheron, Dez has no reason to trust him and no other option. A violent attack has just put her brother in the hospital...and Dez is the only suspect. Guilt-ridden and grieving, she finds herself running from the law to chase her longtime dream of making movies, at a school she's never heard of. Soon, she's dropped into Acheron's cutthroat world of seductive intrigue, power on an otherworldly scale, and deadly competition.

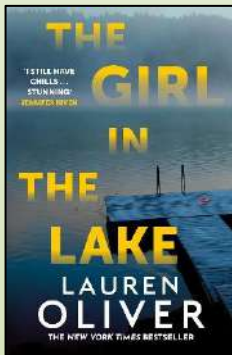
Acheron may seem like the ticket to a future Dez has always wanted, but as she delves deeper into the secret work being done there, she finds herself trapped in an existential conflict on a cosmic scale, with more than her heart on the line.

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The Last Mandarin by Louise Penny & Mellissa Fung
9781399753784 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | 425

Alice is a first-generation Chinese-American food blogger. A Chinese dissident who escaped China after Tiananmen Square, Vivien is now a globally recognized human rights activist and passionate advocate for a free and democratic China. While it makes some sense that the President would turn to Vivien, what isn't clear is why they'd want to talk to Alice. Caught up in the chaos, Vivien and Alice are uniquely placed to stop the next, cataclysmic attack. But there are forces deep within both the American and Chinese governments intent on stopping mother and daughter. The estranged pair, who excels at misunderstanding each other, must figure out how to work together. The increasingly frantic search for answers takes the women from the Oval Office to an office building in Akron, Ohio, from the noodle shops of Hong Kong to the necropolis of the first emperor.



The Girl in the Lake by Lauren Oliver
9781473672833 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

Kate Willis, a psychiatrist and researcher for unexplained extraordinary human experiences, is called to investigate the case of a six-year-old Massachusetts girl who claims to remember details of a past life.

As usual, Kate expects to find a simple explanation. Instead, she is shocked to discover that the child seems to know eerie details about Kate's childhood friend, Becca, who vanished one summer fifteen years ago.

Forced to confront her own memories of that fatal summer evening, Kate must piece together two mysteries that threaten to overcome her...



Mr & Mrs Dixon Hide A Body by Jennifer Holdich
9781399733502 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

Meet James and Daisy Dixon. They get along perfectly well, especially when on separate sides of their huge manor house, where Daisy can plot her husband's murder in peace. However, after accidentally killing a man on their way home from a lavish party, they're forced to work together to bury the evidence.

All is going surprisingly smoothly, until the day the rain washes up more than it's supposed to... and suddenly, the Dixons are suspects.

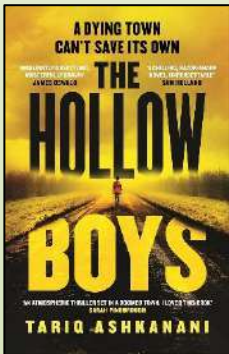
As husband and wife battle it out to be the not-guilty party, Daisy starts working on a plot of her own... after all, it wouldn't be the first time, would it?

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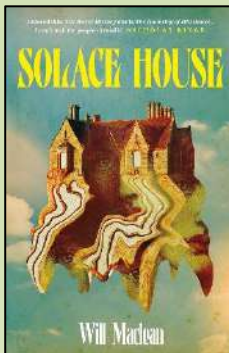
I Want You to Be Happy by Jem Calder
9780571387458 | Faber & Faber | PB | R435

Chuck and Joey meet in a bar. He's in his mid-thirties; she's twelve years younger. He's long abandoned his ambition of becoming a novelist and now works as a copywriter at a big ad agency. 'Lead copywriter,' he corrects himself. Joey lives paycheck to paycheck on her barista wages and privately dreams of making it as a poet. They go back to Chuck's luxury flat—a world away from Joey's cramped house-share, the crumbs in her bed. Soon, Joey's imagining a future between them, and Chuck's moving on from a mistake in his recent past. Amazing, how meeting a new person can make you feel so new.



The Hollow Boys by Stephanie Wambugu
9781805222323 | Profile | TPB | R480

The town of Aurora is waiting to die. A few miles away a deep seam of coal burns underground, the fire creeping closer ever year. Businesses close. Families leave. Hope dwindles. And then one day, nine-year-old Danny Yates comes back from the dead. He walks into town half-starved and silent, ten months after he and his best friend Will Keefe were presumed drowned. But when Danny does finally speak, he swears that he's not Danny anymore. He's Will. Danny's mother is convinced that her boy has come back wrong, and that the town itself is now at risk from whatever dark force returned her son. Chief of Police John Deacon is more interested in how the sinister disappearance of two boys could have been written off as a tragic accident, and who was responsible. What happened to Danny to make him take on his friend's name, his personality? And does Danny's return mean there's a chance that Will is still alive?



Solace House by Will Maclean
9781805464594 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R380

In The Summer Of 1993, broke student Alex Lane joins a team clearing out *Solace House*, a Victorian mansion bequeathed to the university by a reclusive hoarder called Flayne. The other students are a mixed bunch, but Alex quickly falls into a close friendship with the lively, redheaded Ella. When the crew begins sorting through piles of junk, they stumble upon Flayne's journals, in which he details his obsession with his missing mother, his discovery of a place called Bewise, and most mysteriously, his belief in another realm lying parallel to ours, along with coded instructions as to how it might be reached. As the students delve deeper into the house's secrets, one of them becomes obsessed with deciphering Flayne's strange opus and its promise of another world... and they may be willing to sacrifice everything, and everyone, to get there.

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Our Deadly Summer by Emer McLysagh & Sarah Breen
9781526692177 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R505

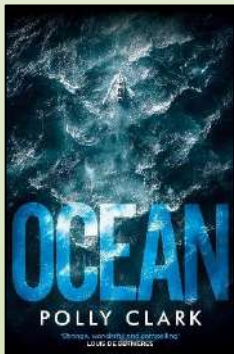
2001. It was supposed to be the best summer of their lives. A break from university, from parents, from wasting their time on Irish boys with farmer's tans.

They'd imagined flirting with Ryan Phillippe on a New York rooftop. Instead, with summer jobs waitressing at a country club on Long Island, pickings are slim.

Mikey is a bully. Marco is off limits. Jose is angry. Mr Haight is a sleaze. Josh is too keen. And Other Josh, he's something else entirely. It's a miracle only one of them ends up dead.

Dee is pretty sure she didn't mean to kill him. Laura, to her credit, never asked.

Not until she sends an email, out of the blue, more than twenty years later. It's finally time to mend the biggest heartbreak of that summer; Laura wants her best friend back.

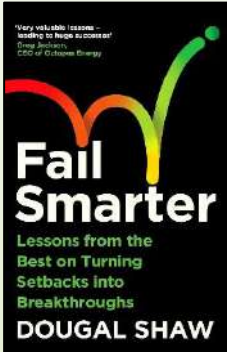


Ocean by Polly Clark
9781785634529 | Eye Books | PB | R305

Caught in a terrorist explosion on the London Underground, inner-city schoolteacher Helen is pregnant and lost until a stranger leads her to safety then vanishes. Obsessed with finding him, she begins to lose her grip on reality and her family. As their marriage fractures, her husband Frank proposes a daring plan: sell up and sail the Atlantic with their son Nicholas and troubled foster daughter Sindi on the Innisfree, the very boat where the couple first fell in love.

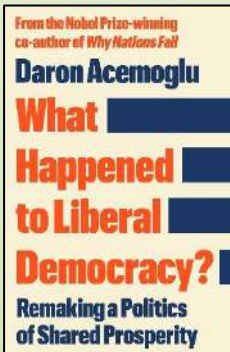
What begins as a daring bid for salvation turns into an epic journey. The ocean proves as wild and unpredictable as the heartbreak Helen is trying to outrun. Will the voyage meant to save them destroy them instead?

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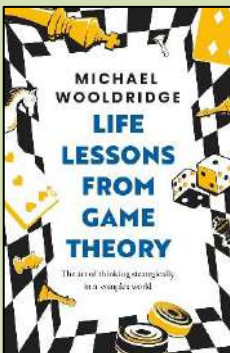
Fail Smarter by Dougal Shaw
9781805224617 | Profile | TPB | R480

This book reveals the methods that the world's most successful people use to embrace, overcome and learn from failure and turn it into the fuel of their successes. Drawing on hundreds of hours of conversations with millionaires, entrepreneurs and CEOs, Dougal Shaw tells the stories of their worst mistakes and lowest moments and outlines their key lessons. Discover how to harness play, apply creativity, integrate feedback and learn to let go, along with the cutting-edge research that explains why these methods work. Packed with practical insight and real-life stories, this book shows how anyone can turn failure into success and what that actually means.



What Happened to Liberal Democracy? by Daron Acemoglu
9781805228677 | Profile | TPB | R475

From its inception, liberalism offered a glittering promise of shared prosperity, equality, democratic values and the free pursuit of knowledge. At first, it flourished. And then it faltered. Once a tantalising beacon of hope, it began to erode and decay at the hands of elitism, intolerance and rising autocracy. One could say that liberalism is broken. So, what comes next? Nobel prize-winning co-author of *Why Nations Fail* Daron Acemoglu charts the rise and fall of liberal democracy and offers hope for a way forward: a new theory that lays the groundwork for how we can and must, remake liberalism before it's too late.



Life Lessons from Game Theory by Michael Wooldridge
9781035407415 | Headline | TPB | R470

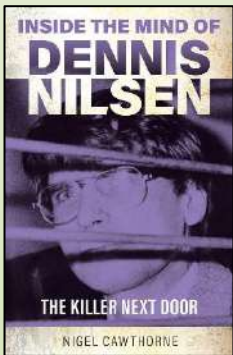
Most of us have some idea about game theory. Concepts like zero-sum games and the prisoner's dilemma crop up in films, novels and casual conversation, often as shorthand for cut-throat competition or inevitable betrayal. But game theory, the science behind these ideas, is widely misunderstood. All too often it's seen solely as the science of conflict and greed. In fact, this field has a lot to teach us about how to make a better world. It shows us just what it takes to enable cooperation and mutual benefit. This essential primer presents twenty-one 'life lessons from game theory', which illustrate the key ideas in the field, and which are packed with real world examples. This is a hopeful and practical book that highlights the value of game theory and provides a course correction for its integration into the real world.

Non- Fiction



A Natural History of the Studio by William Kentridge
9781804711255 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R580

For more than three decades, South African artist William Kentridge has created a vast body of work comprising drawings and multimedia installations that have been exhibited worldwide. Here he immerses us in the artistic, intellectual and production processes of his creations, providing philosophical, autobiographical, technical and practical commentary and giving intimate insight into the studios where he has created throughout his life. *A Natural History of the Studio* is not only a must-read for admirers of Kentridge's work, but also a vibrant personal and philosophical exploration of the creative process and a critical look at the world and the human condition.



Inside the Mind of Dennis Nilsen by Nigel Cawthorne
9781802473810 | Gemini Books | PB | R245

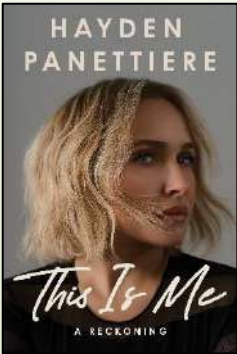
Dennis Nilsen seemed unremarkable, a quiet civil servant in North London. But behind the closed doors of his Muswell Hill flat, he harboured one of the darkest secrets in British criminal history. Over five years, he murdered at least 15 young men, driven not by rage, but by a desperate need for control and for company. *Inside the Mind of Dennis Nilsen* goes beyond the horror of Nilsen's crimes to uncover the complex psychological forces that shaped them. Through forensic analysis, behavioural profiling and insights from criminologists the book examines this killer's fractured psyche and reveals how loneliness, repression and identity struggles turned man into monster.



True Crime by Patricia Cornwell
9781408725054 | Little Brown | TPB | R425

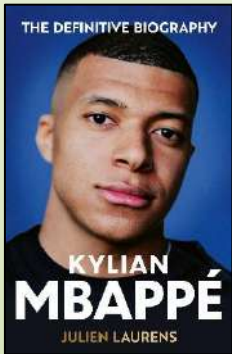
Every story comes from somewhere, and Scarpetta's began when Patricia Cornwell embedded herself in a morgue. In this achingly honest memoir, Cornwell excavates her own life, detailing her traumatic childhood being raised by neglectful parents, her father abandoning the young family on Christmas day, her mother being institutionalised twice, an abusive foster family, and developing a parental relationship with evangelist Billy Graham's wife Ruth. Cornwell depicts a harrowing hospitalisation and near-death car accident. She unflinchingly shares overcoming obstacles that later gave her the ambition to become an award-winning police reporter. From there it was research in a medical examiner's office that would turn into a full-time job. She would become a forensic expert and worldwide publishing phenomenon

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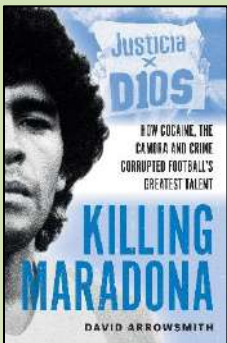
This Is Me by Hayden Panettiere
9781035427178 | Headline | TPB | R470

Hayden Panettiere's career in entertainment began before she was old enough to walk. From early commercials to film and television roles in hits like *Remember the Titans*, her career unfolded in the public eye resulting in tremendous success by her early teens. She had become a fixture of early-2000s pop culture, earning acclaim for performances in *Heroes*, *Nashville* (which earned her two Golden Globe nominations) and beyond-while quietly carrying the weight of expectations that came with being Hollywood's "It girl." Behind the image was a far more complicated reality. As Hayden entered adulthood, the industry that once felt playful grew unforgiving. In this memoir, Hayden shares a rare and intimate glimpse into her life behind closed doors opening up about postpartum depression, addiction and recovery, trauma, domestic abuse, and loss



Kylian Mbappé by Julien Laurens
9781399629577 | Orion | TPB | R470

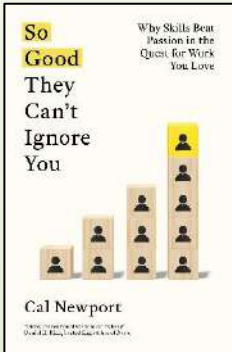
Julien Laurens, the world's leading French football journalist, paints a vivid portrait of Mbappé's meteoric rise to global stardom. After a decade covering Kylian's career, Julien has had unprecedented access to the player's friends, coaches and teammates past and present. Exploring Mbappé's humble upbringing, as well as his dream move to Real Madrid where his career has reached new heights, this extensive biography crafts an intimate account of Kylian's life. Julien takes us into the inner workings of Mbappé's psyche, as we witness how becoming a world superstar at just 19 affected the young Parisian. From the complex relationship he had with his boyhood club and its hierarchy to valiantly losing against Lionel Messi's Argentina in the 2022 World Cup Final, and becoming the new face of Real Madrid's galácticos, Julien shows us how the Mbappé that stars for club and country today is unrecognisable from the one who won the World Cup with France in 2018.



Killing Maradona by David Arrowsmith
9781788406161 | Octopus | TPB | R470

Maradona was football's ultimate genius, a magician on the pitch whose talent rivalled only Pelé. But off the field, the boy from the barrios of Buenos Aires became entangled in a dark web of criminal influence and personal demons. From the Cali Cartel's attempts to lure him into the drug trade, to the Camorra's grip on his life in Naples; from clashes with the Italian government to Pablo Escobar's sinister hospitality, Maradona's life was a battleground far beyond football. Battling addiction, betrayal, and exploitation, Maradona's story is one of genius corrupted, a man caught between adulation and self-destruction, whose medical neglect and FBI scrutiny culminated in a tragic end. Marking the 40th anniversary of Argentina's legendary 1986 World Cup victory, *Killing Maradona* is a searing investigation into the forces that destroyed football's first 'Golden Boy.'

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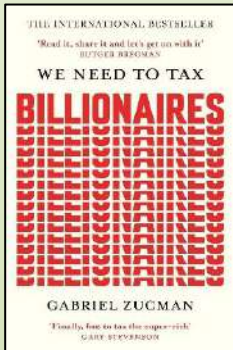


So Good They Can't Ignore You by Cal Newport
9780349415864 | Little Brown | TPB | R470

Cal Newport's clearly-written manifesto flies in the face of conventional wisdom by suggesting that it should be a person's talent and skill - and not necessarily their passion, that determines their career path.

Newport, who graduated from Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa) and earned a PhD. from MIT, contends that trying to find what drives us, instead of focusing on areas in which we naturally excel, is ultimately harmful and frustrating to job seekers.

The title is a direct quote from comedian Steve Martin who, when once asked why he was successful in his career, immediately replied: "Be so good they can't ignore you" and that's the main basis for Newport's book. Skill and ability trump passion.



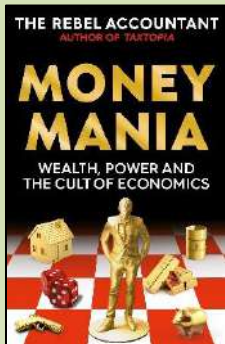
We Need to Tax Billionaires by Gabriel Zucman
9781399839600 | John Murray | BPB | R280

Billionaires often pay a lower income tax rate than nurses, teachers and almost everyone else - sometimes close to zero.

This isn't tax evasion, it's the system.

In this explosive manifesto, Gabriel Zucman, the economist revolutionising the study of inequality, reveals how the ultra-rich dodge billions using havens, loopholes and political influence, while public services are breaking.

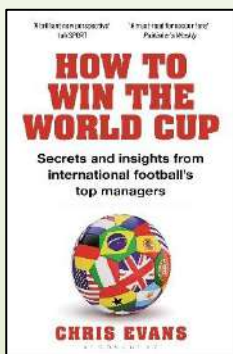
Until we understand the hidden rules that protect extreme wealth, inequality will keep rising and democracy will keep losing. This game-changing book finally shows us how making the ultra-rich pay their fair share is possible, and why now is the moment.



MONEYMANIA by The Rebel Accountant
9781800963092 | Octopus | TPB | R470

The anonymous author of TAXTOPIA takes us behind the scenes as he embarks on another part of his career, this time recruited as an economist into an industry that believes the world of money can be predicted with almost scientific accuracy. Instead, he discovers that economics has long been driven by vested interests, reckless predictions and a staggering lack of common sense. In *MONEYMANIA* we find out why mortgages cost more because of a casual remark made in New Zealand in the '80s, and ask whether the Age of Austerity was due to a simple spreadsheet error. We also learn that if America behaved more like Iceland, they would have put 32,000 bankers in prison.

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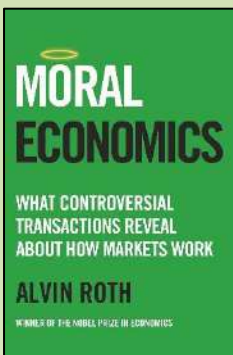
How to Win the World Cup by Chris Evans
9781472990747 | Bloomsbury | PB | R385

Only 20 managers have guided their team to World Cup glory, so what are their secrets? From revolutionary tactics to hare-brained schemes, this book searches for the keys to the most exclusive club in men's international football. They may silently plot on the bench or manically gesticulate from the sidelines, but what can coaches really do to influence their team's performance? Discover the tactical innovations and brilliant strategies as well as the bizarre superstitions, psychological masterclasses and bonkers team-building regimes that managers have employed in the quest for that iconic trophy. Charting the successes, failures, dramas and controversies of over 90 years of men's World Cup action through the insights of World Cup stars. This book reveals the lengths the men in the dugouts will go to in order to bring home the greatest prize.



FIFA World Cup 2026 by Keir Radnedge
9781035439225 | Welbeck | TPB | R395

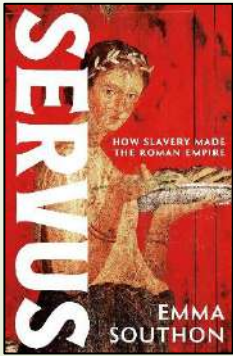
The Official Guide is the essential companion to the world's biggest sporting event. With 48 nations competing in 16 cities across the United States, Canada and Mexico, the 2026 tournament promises to be the most exciting, competitive and spectacular edition yet. Inside the Official Guide, you'll find everything you need to follow the *FIFA World Cup*, including: Guides to all 16 host cities, from Mexico City to Miami and Toronto to New York. Analysis of every team competing. Profiles of star players to watch. Reviews of the qualifiers across Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa and Oceania. A fill-in guide to track results as the tournament progresses. Packed full of facts and statistics, and illustrated with superb photography throughout, this is the only handbook you'll need to follow all the action at *FIFA World Cup 2026*.



Moral Economics by Alvin Roth
9781399816632 | John Murray | TPB | R495

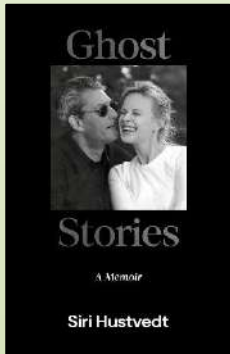
Some of the most intractable controversies in our divided society are, at bottom, about what actions and transactions should be banned. Should women and couples be able to purchase contraception, access in vitro fertilization, and end pregnancy by obtaining an abortion? Should people be able to buy marijuana? What about fentanyl? Can someone be paid to donate blood plasma, or a kidney? Disagreements are fierce because arguments on both sides are often made in uncompromising moral or religious terms. But in *Moral Economics*, Nobel Prize-winning economist Alvin E. Roth asserts that we can make progress on these and other difficult topics if we view them as markets-tools to help decide who gets what - and understand how those markets can be fine-tuned to be more functional.

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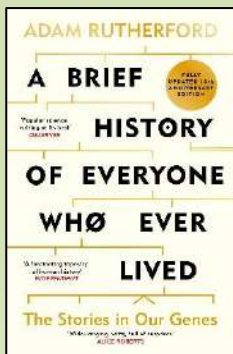
Servus by Emma Southon
9781399741262 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

We associate the Romans with majesty and greatness: we marvel at their straight roads and innovative underfloor heating, at the dominance of their army and navy, at the grandeur of their palaces and temples. But the Romans were also enslavers. They built an empire on the backs of millions of people snatched from their homes in the aftermath of war, kidnapped from the streets, sold into slavery as punishment or, simply, born enslaved. *Servus* takes us into the invisible spaces of the Roman world, where millions of enslaved lives were unwillingly dedicated to the perpetuation of the empire that owned them. From the fields of wheat required to give every Roman their daily bread, to the actors and gladiators who provided their circuses, and the miners who kept Rome a city of gold and marble, enslaved people were the bedrock of the Roman Empire. These enslaved people were ubiquitous, but silenced.



9781399753852 | Welbeck | TPB | R440

Ghost Stories is Siri Hustvedt's most personal work yet, a searing and intimate meditation on grief, memory and enduring love, written in the aftermath of the death of her husband, writer, poet and filmmaker Paul Auster. It is a patchwork-quilt book that stitches together memories from over forty years of love and life together: journal entries Siri wrote between November 2023 and 3 May 2024, the day of Paul's funeral; emails Siri sent to friends during his cancer treatment; notes Paul sent her over the course of their relationship; and three love letters Siri wrote to him in 1981, when he left her for a period of nine or ten days to return to his former life with his first wife and son. The book also contains Paul Auster's last ever piece of writing - the first thirty-five pages of what he hoped would be a small book of letters to Siri's and his grandson, Miles Auster Hustvedt Ostrander, born on 1 January 2024.



A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived by Adam Rutherford
9781399638982 | Orion | TPB | R360

This is a story about you. It is the history of who you are and how you came to be. It is unique to you, as it is to each of the 100 billion modern humans who have ever drawn breath. But it is also our collective story, because in every one of our genomes we each carry the history of our species: births, deaths, disease, war, famine, migration and a lot of sex. In this captivating journey through the expanding landscape of genetics, Adam Rutherford reveals what our genes now tell us about human history, and what history can now tell us about our genes. From Neanderthals to murder, from redheads to race, dead kings to plague, evolution to epigenetics, this is a demystifying and illuminating new portrait of who we are and how we came to be.

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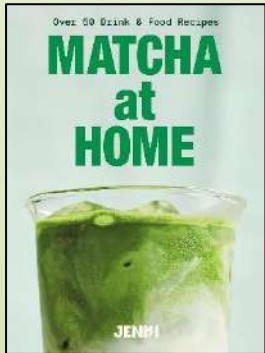
Same Time Next Week? by Joshua Fletcher
9781398713338 | Orion | TPB | R395

Millions now turn to AI for therapy before they turn to a human, often leaving them with more questions than answers. In this refreshingly honest book, therapist Joshua Fletcher shares the stories of four brave clients who choose to bring their whole selves to his therapy room and learn to make space for the messy feelings that won't quite fit into an AI prompt box. Alongside the stories of Miriam, Ruben, Liya Su and Magnus, Josh shares his experience of returning to practice after wrestling with his own mental health challenges. Through these hopeful stories, Josh offers invaluable insights on how to manage anxiety in our modern world and resist the overwhelming pressure to be perfect. This is not a book about fixing yourself because you are not a problem to be solved. In this book you'll learn how to better understand your anxiety and, by slowing down and building the right support, find a way to live a fulfilling life alongside it.



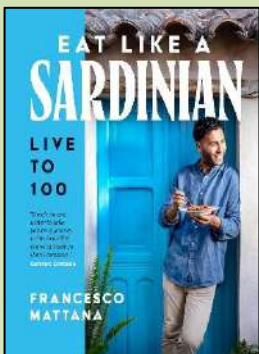
Feel Good Gluten Free by Becky Excell
9781837832477 | Hardie Grant | HB | R535

Bestselling author Becky Excell showcases her flexible approach to healthy eating. Using this collection of recipes inspired by what gluten-free eaters truly crave, you too can feel happier about what's on your plate. With an emphasis on using fewer processed ingredients to create simple, protein-rich meals made from whole foods and good sources of fibre, Becky makes healthier eating truly enjoyable and maintainable for everyone. This book celebrates recipes that fit into real-life routines, whether it's fewer ingredients, on-the-go wins or batch-cooked favourites all while providing dairy-free, lactose-free, low FODMAP, veggie and vegan options wherever possible. *Feel Good Gluten Free* offers a totally transparent take on healthy eating.



Matcha at Home by JENKI
9781837835133 | Hardie Grant | HB | R365

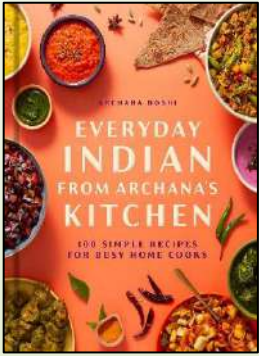
Matcha at Home is a collection of bold, nourishing and genuinely delicious recipes, from drinks to food, all designed to make matcha feel effortless. Master a perfect hot or iced latte with flavour ideas like Vanilla Sea Salt, Lavender, Mango or Brown Sugar Cinnamon. Then explore food recipes including Fluffy Matcha Pancakes, Orange & Almond Yoghurt Bark, Matcha Tiramisu and The Ultimate Matcha Cookie. With caffeine levels on par with coffee, but without the jitters or crash, matcha offers long-lasting, focused energy. This book is brought to you by JENKI, the award-winning matcha brand known for freshly whisked, expertly sourced matcha. Their mission is simple: to help more people experience better matcha.



Eat Like a Sardinian by Francesco Mattana
9781761501128 | Murdoch Books | HB | R645

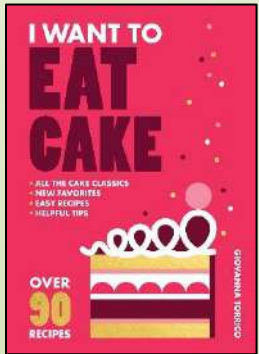
Chef Francesco Mattana aka @our_cookingjourney invites you to discover the rich food culture of Sardinia. He brings together his experiences learning to cook from the women around him and years of teaching experience, including as head teacher chef at Jamie Oliver's Cookery School to create over 90 delicious home-cooking recipes, with all the tips and tricks needed to get them right every time. Sardinia captures the true spirit of Mediterranean cooking. Here, you find a way of life filled with simple, fresh, seasonal ingredients, healthy fats and plenty of time spent cooking and eating with loved ones. That's why Sardinia is one of only five designated 'blue zones' in the world where people live longer than anywhere else.

Cookery



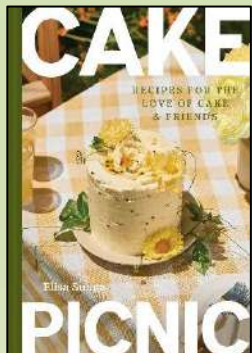
Everyday Indian from Archana's Kitchen by Archana Doshi
9798886742862 | Insight Edition | HB | R595

Archana Doshi brings the vibrant flavors of India into your home with *Easy Everyday Indian*. Cook your way through simple and delicious weeknight meals with 100 accessible recipes designed for busy home cooks. This cookbook offers a variety of dishes that are both easy to prepare and full of flavor. From quick weeknight curries to impressive weekend feasts, each recipe is crafted with readily available ingredients and clear, step-by-step instructions. Dive into authentic Indian recipes like the Crispy Onion Pakoras or Mixed Vegetable Kurma. Doshi's signature blend of traditional techniques and modern tips, honed through years of engaging millions of online followers, ensures cooks of all skill levels can create amazing, mouthwatering meals with international flair.



I Want to Eat Cake by Giovanna Torrico
9781964786360 | Hardie Grant | PB | R365

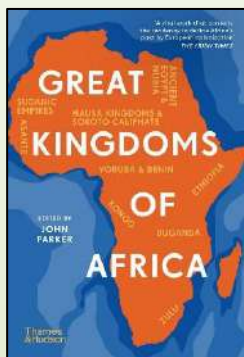
This compact book does not require a cabinet full of baking equipment, days of fussing in the kitchen, or years of experience, just a desire to eat cake! Cookbook author and cake enthusiast, Giovanna Torrico arms you with the skills you need to easily make really good cake tender, moist, surprising, and familiar, imparting the golden rules of baking, and expert tips along the way. Featuring decadent layer cakes like the Mixed Berry Chantilly Cake, a Coconut Cake Layered with Milk Chocolate Ganache, Chocolate Stripe Cake, Traditional Carrot Cake and more. When you're short on time, the Lemon and Poppy Seed Dark Salted Chocolate one-bowl cakes and Chocolate Raspberry Mug Cake are here to save the day! Not sure what to do with leftover cake? Try your hand at cake pops or French Toast Skewers.



Cake Picnic by Elisa Sunga
9781797238258 | Chronicle | HB | R695

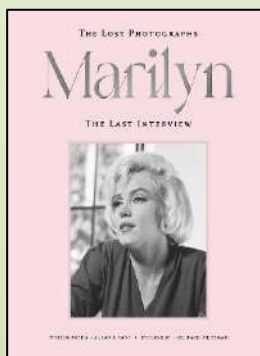
It all started with a dream: A few friends lounging in the park on a sunny day, eating cake. Elisa Sunga posted the invitation to that first-ever cake picnic and, to her surprise and delight, nearly 200 people showed up. And so, *Cake Picnic*, a joy-filled gathering where each attendee brings a whole cake to share with friends old and new, was born. Its immense, immediate popularity inspired Elisa to take her picnic series on the road, traveling from LA to New York and beyond. Part how-to guide, part recipe collection, *Cake Picnic* provides everything you need to host your own delightfully decadent cake picnic. Here is practical advice for planning, hosting, and attending: how to choose a theme, prepare your guests, set up the event, encourage connection, transport whole cakes, and more. But the icing on the you guessed it cake is the 50 recipes within.

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Great Kingdoms of Africa by John Parker
9780500298954 | Thames & Hudson | PB | R395

From the ancient Nile Valley to the savannas of medieval West Africa, the highlands of Ethiopia and on to the forests, lakes and grasslands to the south, African civilizations have given rise to some of the world's most impressive kingdoms. Yet Africa's history is often little known beyond the devastation wrought by the slave trade and European colonial rule. In this groundbreaking book, nine leading historians of Africa take a fresh look at these great kingdoms and empires over five thousand years of recorded history. How was kingship forged in Africa and how did it operate? Was dynastic power maintained by consent or by coercion? Did kings and queens display and project that power for all to see, or did they hide it away? In what ways have African peoples themselves recorded, celebrated and critiqued the deeds of their kings? *Great Kingdoms of Africa* explores some of the most important questions in the continent's deep past.



Marilyn by Richard Meryman, Marilyn Monroe & Allan Grant
9798886743777 | Insights | HB | R895

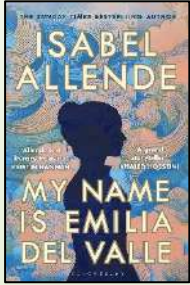
In July 1962, Marilyn Monroe was at a crossroads. At thirty-six years old and embroiled in legal battles with the studio of her current picture. She was struggling with fame, age, and a studio system in which she no longer fit. When she sat down to give Richard Meryman an interview, she had a lot to say. Originally intended to be an interview about fame, Marilyn talked about her entire life. Only a small portion of the interview was published in LIFE Magazine. When she died, just two days after the article was published, Meryman put the full transcript and the original tapes in his files, never to see the light of day. Documenting this landmark interview was iconic photojournalist Allan Grant. His images of Marilyn would be her last formal photo shoot. Grant captured every emotion of the interview in these exquisite images, only eight of which were published alongside the LIFE interview excerpt. Most of the remainder of the images were stored in Allan's safe, waiting to be rediscovered.



KAWS by Galansino Arturo
9791254633243 | PGW | HB | R1235

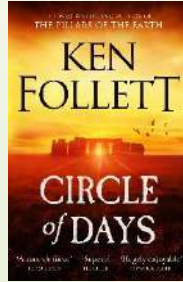
This special publication documents a site-specific installation created by American artist *KAWS* (born 1974) for the Renaissance courtyard of the Palazzo Strozzi, Florence. The installation stages a surprising and constructive dialogue between the contemporary giant, famed for his cartoon and graffiti-inspired sculptures, paintings and collectible toys and the Strozzi's concurrent exhibition on Italian Renaissance-era painter FraAngelico. Reworking the theme of the Annunciation, the subject of Fra Angelico's most celebrated painting, through a monumental installation, *KAWS* offers an unprecedented encounter between eras, forms and visions, bridging traditional iconography from Western visual culture with the immediacy and hyper-connection of contemporary life.

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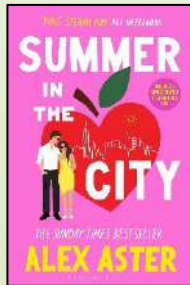
My Name is Emilia del Valle by Isabel Allende
9781526687647 | R300

A new masterclass in historical fiction.



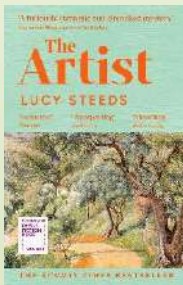
Circle of Days by Ken Follett
9781529442380 | R305

The epic new novel from the No. 1 bestselling author.



Summer in the City by Alex Aster
9781526680587 | R300

The instant Sunday Times bestseller and your newest enemies-to-lovers obsession for 2026.



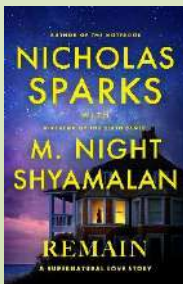
The Artist by Lucy Steeds
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Winner of the Waterstones Book of the Year 2025.



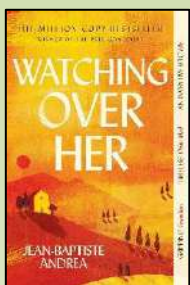
A New New Me by Helen Oyeyemi
9780571387540 | R290

The new novel from a literary star.



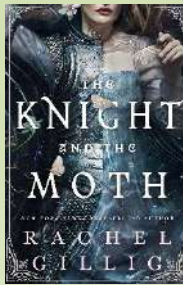
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A supernatural love story from the globally bestselling author.



Watching Over Her by Jean-Baptiste Andrea
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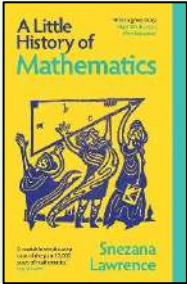
The prize-winning million-copy bestselling historical romance.



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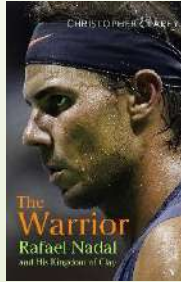
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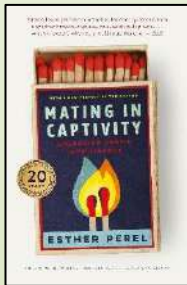
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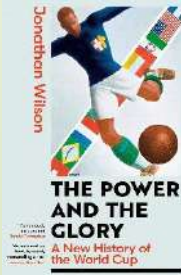
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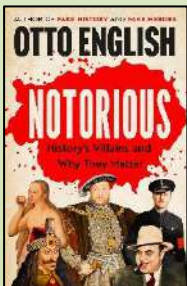
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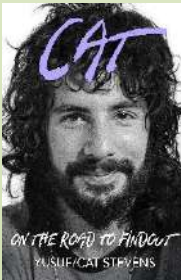
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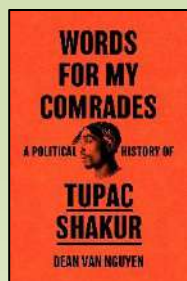
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