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Dear Booksellers,

Thanks so much for all your support for Pan Macmillan titles and authors over the past few months. We hope you’ve all been keeping well and are looking forward to summer. If you’re not already following us on Twitter and Instagram, our handle is @PanMacPinboard and we also have a regular email newsletter you can subscribe to by emailing pinboard@macmillan.com. We’ll have additional proof and POS offers for you there so do tune in if you’d like to hear more!

Our big highlights for the summer include some fantastic fiction, including historical novels The Square of Sevens by Laura Shepherd-Robinson and The Ghost Ship by Kate Mosse, both available in stunning signed indie exclusive editions, and the long-awaited final instalment of The Seven Sisters series, Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt, by Lucinda Riley and her son Harry Whitaker, available in a special edition with a stellar sprayed edge. And from Picador, we have the heartbreaking, wonderful Sparrow by James Hynes – as seen on this issue’s front cover – as well as Everything’s Fine by Cecilia Rabess, a book that is sure to get everyone talking, and a brand new Pinch of Nom: Budget cookbook too. For younger readers, we have some equally fantastic books. The wonder-filled Greenwild by Pari Thomson is an adventure set in a world of botanical magic reached through a doorway in Kew Gardens. Axel Scheffler reveals the secrets of How to Draw the Gruffalo and Friends for the very first time, and Julia Donaldson returns with the charming Book of Names. We also have indie editions of two beautifully illustrated children’s books – I am Oliver the Otter by Pam Ayres, and My Heart Was a Tree by Michael Morpurgo and Yuval Zommer.

Do also check out our page on our plans and promotions for IBW, including details of our free regional crime booklet, author events, and more.

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IE Indie Exclusive available

Prices and publication dates within are subject to change.
Summer POS Highlights

We can’t wait to share all our new summer POS material with you!

On these pages is a small selection of the items available, please do let us know if you’d like anything for your store. Titles with POS on offer are marked with a roundel throughout the issue. POS artwork shown here is not final.
What We Loved

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and beautiful displays. If you’d like to see your display featured in Pinboard, please do tweet us @PanMacPinboard or email us at pinboard@macmillan.com
INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP WEEK 2023

INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP WEEK
17TH-24TH JUNE

We’re looking forward to celebrating Independent Bookshop Week in June and we have a brilliant range of promotions, POS materials and Indie Exclusives to tell you about. For more information on any of the promos listed below, or a full list of titles included, please ask your local rep.

MACMILLAN COLLECTOR’S LIBRARY

Create eye-catching displays for the Macmillan Collector’s Library this summer with our brilliant range of materials, including a brand new Mini Collector’s Booklet to give away with purchases during IBW. We also have a FREE Macmillan Collector’s Library tote bag available to give away to customers who buy any two MCL books from participating bookshops. T&Cs apply.

Don’t forget that we also have our bespoke MCL Spinners, Counterpacks, Wrapping Paper packs, and new bookmarks for 2023! All POS is subject to availability, while stocks last.

EXCLUSIVE EDITIONS

We have a range of beautiful Indie Exclusives coming in June including:

- **My Heart was a Tree**
  Michael Morpurgo and Yuval Zommer (p.12)
  With signed bookplate and FREE print

- **The Square of Sevens**
  Laura Shepherd-Robinson (p.31)
  With sprayed edge and exclusive endpapers

- **Stone Blind**
  Natalie Haynes (p.37)
  With sprayed edge

- **The House of Fortune**
  Jessie Burton (p.37)
  With sprayed edge

INVESTIGATORS BOGOF OFFER

John Patrick Green’s laugh-out-loud comic-style series is perfect for kids to enjoy over the summer. Take part in this promotion and we can send you supporting BOGOF stickers and posters. T&Cs apply.

PLUS, we have InvestiGators FSDUs, shelf talkers and activity packs available!

PAN MAC FAVOURITES, EVENTS AND STOCK SIGNINGS

As always we are offering extra discount on a selection of favourite new and backlist titles, and we have Buy One Get One Half Price stickers available to support this promotion.

We also have a number of authors available for events during IBW and over the coming months, including Julia Donaldson and John Patrick Green. Plus, costumes for the Gruffalo and Acorn Wood’s Postman Bear are available to hire!

BEST OF REGIONAL CRIME SAMPLER

Exclusively for IBW we’re putting some regional crime favourites set across the UK into one handy FREE booklet. Readers will be able to discover Lin Anderson’s Rhona MacLeod series (Scotland), Ann Cleeves’ Two Rivers series (Devon), Peter James’ Roy Grace series (Sussex), Julia Chapman’s Dales Detective series (Yorkshire) and Fiona Cummins’ DS Saul Anguish series (Essex). We will be offering extra discount on all authors featured in the booklet.
Her back was pressed against a large tree, and she crouched down to make herself smaller. And then she saw it: a small door in the heart of the foliage. It was low and gleamed with silver light round its edges, and above it shone a coat of arms in finely worked glass: two crossed dandelions above an oak tree. The handle of the door was cool and silver, and it turned soundlessly, like something in a black-and-white film.

Napoleon leapt across the threshold, just as Craven drew closer once again. Daisy hesitated, then followed, shutting the door silently behind her.
80 quick, easy and delicious 20-minute meals from vegan Instagram and TikTok star, Calum Harris – the fan favourite from Jamie Oliver’s The Great Cookbook Challenge (Channel 4) with over 250k followers!

Calum Harris is here to show anyone how to make hearty, healthy and delicious vegan meals in under twenty minutes – including the time you spend chatting while you cook!

All made with familiar and easily sourced ingredients, these recipes are perfect for any occasion from quick weeknight dinners to entertaining family and friends. From simple peas on toast to luxurious creamy tomato tofu curry and salted almond butter millionaires, even die-hard meat eaters won’t be able to resist these tempting new takes on old favourites.

The 20-Minute Vegan is perfect for flexitarians, students, home cooks on a budget and anyone wanting to cook more meals that just happen to be plant-based. Check out some of Calum’s delicious recipes via this QR code!

Everything Nom fans love, for less!

‘By reinventing old favourites, trying classic flavours in new ways and making the most of our store cupboard, we’ve put together our most affordable collection of recipes yet. We hope that this book helps to make life a bit easier for you, with recipes that you look forward to eating every day.’

– Kate & Kay

Bringing the bestselling Nom formula to a brand new trade paperback format at a lower price point, Pinch of Nom: Budget is bursting with 75 slimming-friendly meals and desserts that bring all the flavour for a fraction of the cost.

From cheeky fakeaways and hearty one-pan meals to mouthwatering sweet treats, this food feels so indulgent that you’d never guess it’s also wallet friendly.

Thanks to delicious recipes, flexible cooking methods (including air fryers and slow cooker alternatives) and affordable ingredients, Pinch of Nom: Budget has mealtimes sorted!
YOU HAVE THE POWER

Leah Williamson

9781035023165
222 x 153mm PB | £9.99 | 30.03.23 | MCB

We’re incredibly excited to be publishing the first book by Leah Williamson, captain of the England Women’s Football team. Last year, Leah brilliantly led the England squad to a historic victory at the European Championships and this summer she and the Lionesses will tackle the hotly-anticipated Women’s World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

‘This empowering guide shares my passion in allowing young people, girls especially, to realise their own potential and believe they can achieve whatever they put their minds to’

Leah Williamson OBE

In You Have the Power, written with journalist Suzanne Wrack, Leah shows children how to harness their self-belief and follow their dreams.

This empowering guide encourages readers to get out of their comfort zone, teaches them how to build resilience and shows them how to be both a team member and a leader. Uniquely packed with stories from Leah’s own life, this book offers genuine advice for future generations in an accessible and relatable way.

You Have the Power is a must-have for any child who, like thousands of others, watched the Lionesses claim victory last year and thought, ‘I want to do that’.

Ps Look out for Leah’s debut fiction novel coming in August this year – a female-led inspirational adventure!

Pan Mac Team Pick
Kate Bullows
‘I’m so excited to share Leah’s first book with everyone this summer – it’s such a brilliant and helpful guide for young people’

You Have the Power
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SAMMY STRIKER AND THE FOOTBALL CUP
9781509896936 | PB | £7.99 | 08.06.23 | MCB
Keen for more football this summer? Look out for this inspiring picture book from Oscar’s Book Prize-shortlisted Catherine Emmett and illustrator Joe Berger.
ATLASS: THE STORY OF PA SALT
Lucinda Riley and Harry Whittaker
9781529043525 · HB · £22.00 · 11.05.23 · Macmillan

Co-authored by Lucinda Riley’s son, Harry Whittaker, Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt draws Lucinda’s globally bestselling Seven Sisters novels to an unforgettable conclusion. We have an Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition for you, with beautifully starry sprayed edges and special endpapers.

PAN MAC TEAM PICK · Gillian Mackay
‘This gorgeous indie exclusive edition is a suitably special way to mark the final book in this extraordinary series. Readers old and new will be enchanted’

Seven Sisters, One Story
Then, in her inbox is an email from Josh. The subject is JESS JOSH MONTHLY DINNER, and when she clicks on it there is no message, just a calendar invitation.

They haven’t spoken in more than a month. Jess grins madly and clicks accept.

They meet at a Thai restaurant where the booths are made of old car seats and the waiters wear Hawaiian shirts and on Sundays they serve crickets.

“It’s been wanting to try this place!” Jess says as soon as they are seated.

“It’s on my way to work,” he explains, “and whenever I walk by and look inside it makes me think of you.”

She leans across the table and is only a little surprised how flirtatious she sounds when she says, “What else makes you think of me?”

He raises an eyebrow. “Clowns,” he says, “puppet theatre, bad improv.”

Jess smiles. “It’s nice to see you.”

Josh smiles. “It’s nice to see you too.”

They eat sticky rice and coconut curry, and Josh tells Jess how some physicists at Yale have come up with a hybrid system for ultra-high coherence between strongly coupled magnons and microwave photons.

“It’s absolutely huge for quantum computing,” he says, as if he is talking about sex or chocolate.

And when Jess stares at him blankly, he draws a series of circles and lines on a napkin, and then repeats, verbatim, everything he has just said. “Does that make sense?”

“No.”

“Come on, Jess.” He pushes the napkin in front of her. “You get it.”

“There are only two types of people in the world: those who understand binary and those who don’t,” Jess says.

He leans back in his seat and folds his arms petulantly across his chest. He crumples the napkin and tosses it on the table. “Were you one of those girls who pretended to be dumb in high school so guys would like you?”

Josh messages her the next day.

A link to a pdf of a book called “Quantum Computing for Dummies,” underneath which he’s typed:

If your head starts to hurt, just look at the pictures.
**MY HEART WAS A TREE**

My Heart was a Tree is a stunningly beautiful illustrated gift collection of poetry and stories celebrating trees, and what they mean to the world around us. Written by bestselling author and national treasure Sir Michael Morpurgo and illustrated throughout by award-winning artist Yuval Zommer.

A celebration of trees, this beautiful book includes twenty two stories and poems about different species. This is an inspiring and joyful treasure trove to be read and enjoyed by all, and to dip into time and again. We have samplers available to request so do get in touch if you would like to receive one! This will also be available as a Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition, featuring a signed bookplate as well as a free print included in every copy.

**YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, TYRONE!**

You Can Do Anything, Tyrone! is a fantastically funny and inspiring new picture book from the groundbreaking and award-winning comedian and actor Sir Lenny Henry, brilliantly brought to life by illustrator Salomey Doku.

Tyrone is going to build a brilliant rocket ship out of building blocks and go on an adventure to the moon! There’s just one problem . . . the blocks won’t work, and Tyrone quickly loses his temper. Luckily, Grandad Cleveland is on hand to show him that with self belief, a bit of determination and a lot of imagination, there’s nothing Tyrone can’t do. In fact, why stop at the moon when there’s the rest of the world and a whole universe to explore!

Salomey Doku’s finished illustrations will take Lenny Henry’s story on an out of this world, fun-filled adventure that will motivate children to reach for the stars!
Come on down to the riverbank, and discover a wild and wonderful world . . .

The launch of a major new series about British wildlife from poet, Pam Ayres, I am Oliver the Otter is a wonderful, warm and gentle rhyming story that brings the natural world of Britain’s rivers and streams to life.

Beautifully illustrated throughout by award-winning illustrator Nicola O’Byrne, this is a charming gift for nature fans.

We have an Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition for you, featuring a signed bookplate and a fold-out Otter Facts poster with Nicola’s charming illustrations.

I am Oliver the Otter
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Pan Mac
Team Pick
Keren Western
‘I dare you not to fall in love with Oliver & Ottilie. This wonderful book features adorable illustrations of their family and environment.’

Otters sleep in cosy underground burrows called hols

Baby otters are known as pups or kits

Sea otters tangle themselves up in the seaweed and hold paws, to stop themselves floating away from each other while they sleep

Otters are found on every continent except Australia and Antarctica

There are fourteen types of otter – from small-clawed otters to giant otters
OPEN THROAT

RC  9781035007752 | HB | £14.99 | 27.07.23 | Picador

A mountain lion is on the brink of starvation in the urban landscape of Los Angeles. As it observes the city’s perilous beauty and confronts climate change, inequality and love, the animal asks itself: does it want to eat a human, or become one?

Inspired by the real life mountain lion of the Hollywood Hills, Open Throat is like nothing else publishing this year – we have proofs available that we would love to share with you, so just get in touch to get your hands on this extraordinary novel.

‘Open Throat is a blinding spotlight beam of a book’
Catherine Lacey, author of Pew

‘Original, fun and completely awakening’
Chris Kraus, author of I Love Dick

‘My favourite book of this century so far!’
Andrea Lawlor, author of Paul Takes The Form of a Mortal Girl

THE CENTRE

RC  9781529097825 | HB | £16.99 | 06.07.23 | Picador

‘A book that is not only thrilling but deeply thought provoking, a combination that is truly rare’
Gillian Flynn, author of Gone Girl

Anisa Ellahi moved to England from Pakistan in the hope of becoming a translator of great works of literature, but now spends her days listlessly subtitling Bollywood films. Then she meets Adam, who appears to have a savant-level aptitude for several languages. Through him, she learns of the Centre, an elite, invite-only language school that guarantees complete fluency in any language in ten days… but it comes at a price.

The Centre is a brilliant exploration of race, class and spirituality that travels between London, Karachi and New Delhi, interrogating the sticky politics of language, translation and appropriation with biting specificity, ultimately asking: what is success really worth?

If you enjoyed My Sister, the Serial Killer, Get Out and Sorry to Bother You, ask us for a proof!
I, Sparrow, son of no one

Raised in a brothel on the Spanish coast in the waning years of the Roman Empire, a boy of unknown origin creates his own identity. He is Sparrow, who sings without reason and can fly from trouble. Moving between the kitchen, the herb garden and the mysterious upstairs world of the prostitutes upstairs, Sparrow must face suffering, murder and the scattering of the little community that has been his whole world.

As devastating and moving as Shuggie Bain and Room, and as fascinating as The Song of Achilles and The Silence of the Girls, Sparrow by James Hynes masterfully brings the world of Carthago Nova to life and centres it around the life of a truly memorable young boy. We have a Signed Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition for you with sprayed edges, and will have foiled bookmarks as POS specially for indies. Keep reading for an extract from the book, and remember – proofs are available now, so request a copy before they’re all gone!
**Fans: A Journey into the Psychology of Obsession**

Fans: A Journey into the Psychology of Obsession is the brilliant and original exploration of the byways of human psychology by Michael Bond, author of Wayfinding.

Michael teaches us about the vast constellation of fandoms and the truths about the human condition, through the lens of social identity theory. At its heart, this book is a story of collectives, of what happens to us when we interact with people who share our passions.

**The Last Drop**

A gripping, thought-provoking read, *The Last Drop* is an ultimately optimistic investigation into the world’s next great climate crisis – the scarcity of water.

Author Tim Smedley meets experts, victims, activists and pioneers to find out how we can mend the water table that our survival depends upon. As well as making us aware of the environmental and human factors that have led us to this point, there are also practical ways to address the crisis before it’s too late and make a more positive impact.

**Warriors in Scarlet**

*Warriors in Scarlet* is an entertaining and authoritative new narrative on the history of Queen Victoria’s army.

The book includes detailed first-hand accounts that reveal what life was like for the last British redcoats and the seismic change that occurred between 1837 and 1860.

The accounts range from ordinary soldiers as well as officers to give an accurate portrayal of what daily life was like in the army, from the floggings and desertions to the comradeship.

**Into the Night**

Into the Night by Matt Lloyd-Rose is an eye-opening and reflective account of his year as a volunteer police officer in South London, examining the impact of policing on our communal life.

This fascinating book takes a look into the heart of our society’s most complex and controversial institution, from macho thrill-seeking and shocking misogyny to quiet moments of kindness and care. This is an urgent book for troubled times, exploring how we got here and where we might go next.

**The Last Action Heroes**

Nick de Semlyen, editor of Empire, returns with *The Last Action Heroes*, the much-awaited sequel to his acclaimed history of 80s comedy, *Wild and Crazy Guys*.

This is a definitive account of the glory days of 80s and 90s action cinema, taking the reader behind the scenes with exclusive interviews with stars from some of the most popular films ever made.

**Assad**

Con Coughlin’s *Assad* is the riveting account of how Bashir al-Assad and his tyrannical regime clung to power in Syria.

In this vivid and authoritative account, Coughlin reveals how a surgeon and his glamorous wife have come to preside over one of the most brutal regimes of modern times.

Once a young doctor and a poster child of philanthropy, Assad soon became one of the most feared rulers who would hold on to power by whatever means necessary.
THE QUEER PARENT

9781035001828 | HB | £20.00 | 11.05.23 | Bluebird

The path to parenthood is never easy, but for LGBTQ+ people, it can be even less straightforward. From IVF to surrogacy to adoption, there are more options than ever before for queer people to start families, but how do you work out the best option for you?

As hosts of the award-winning podcast Some Families, authors Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley have spoken to dozens of queer families, and The Queer Parent is the product of these conversations and the authors’ own experiences of becoming parents through IVF and adoption. This is the first ever mainstream LGBTQ+ parenting book published in the UK, and includes further interviews with diverse parents, providing advice and support from a wide range of sexual orientations, gender identities and backgrounds to help queer parents on their journey.

We have gorgeous proofs of The Queer Parent to share with you, so please request a copy if you’re interested!

‘A fresh take on parenting from two funny and empathetic modern writers . . . I learnt so much’
Lorraine Candy

THE SHIFT

9781035004621 | HB | £16.99 | 25.05.23 | Bluebird

Shift your mindset towards self-worth with this empowering guide to modern dating from TikTok’s big sister, Tinx.

The lifestyle creator, advice expert and host of the It’s Me, Tinx podcast shares her hilarious and (sometimes brutally) honest wisdom on how to shift your approach to life, step into your confidence, and enjoy the journey.

In The Shift, Tinx collects all her revolutionary theories and hilarious personal anecdotes in one place, presenting readers with a guide to simple mindset shifts that will completely change the way they approach decision making and relationships.

Through her own stories, from the good to the bad, Tinx will help anyone to understand how to step into their power and own their self-worth. Some say you cannot love another before you learn to love yourself: Tinx will teach you how to do both at the same time.

And she’ll do it while making you laugh out loud!
CRIMINALLY GOOD READS

THE WILD COAST
9781529084566 | HB | £18.99 | 03.08.23 | Macmillan
The seventeenth novel in Lin Anderson’s crime series. Readers are reunited with forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod and follow her investigation into a ruthless killer targeting campers on the west coast of Scotland.

BLACK THORN
9781035003884 | HB | £16.99 | 13.07.23 | Macmillan
An addictively thrilling standalone novel from Sarah Hilary, author of Fragile. One family thought they had found their forever home on the wild Cornish coast, until six of their neighbours are found dead one night.

THE VILLA
9781035001286 | PB | £8.99 | 22.06.23 | Pan
Ruth Kelly’s gripping debut thriller is set on an exclusive Spanish island which is hosting the ultimate reality TV show. Ten contestants join the show – but how far will they go, and would somebody really kill to win?

NANNY WANTED
9781529061024 | PB | £8.99 | 17.08.23 | Pan
The tense new novel from bestselling author Lizzy Barber follows a seemingly perfect couple in a remote Cornish mansion – but readers will quickly realise that deadly secrets are involved . . .

THE CAT WHO CAUGHT A KILLER
9781529098013 | PB | £8.99 | 22.06.23 | Pan
Discover the first title in L T Shearer’s new cosy crime series, set in West London. A classic whodunnit with a twist where we meet Conrad, a very special calico cat . . .

THE WOMAN INSIDE
9781529008173 | HB | £20.00 | 15.06.23 | Macmillan
A breathless page-turner from M. T. Edvardsson, international master of suspense – this is a story about dependency, justice and the sometimes fine line between right and wrong.

THE HOUSE HUNT
9781035010684 | HB | £18.99 | 31.08.23 | Macmillan
C.M. Ewan, author of The Interview, returns with a new heart-pounding thriller. When a homeowner shows a man around her house, she is unaware of the danger and secrets involved . . .

PICTURE YOU DEAD
9781529004380 | PB | £9.99 | 11.05.23 | Pan
The eighteenth Roy Grace novel from bestselling writer Peter James. Grace finds himself plunged into the unfamiliar and rarefied world of fine art, with darkness around every corner . . .
All Of Us Are Broken is the new novel from the award winning author of Rattle, Fiona Cummins. This is the thrilling sequel to Into the Dark featuring DC Saul Anguish, set mostly in a remote Scottish hotel on the side of a loch.

In this book, we meet a Bonnie and Clyde-like couple on the run following a killing spree. The story darkens when they cross paths with a single mother and her two kids on a getaway holiday and decide to hold them hostage in a hotel . . .

Enter DC Saul Anguish who, in a desperate attempt to save the family, must do all it takes to stop any further brutalities taking place.

There are proofs available for All Of Us Are Broken, so please do let us know if you would like to receive a copy!

Sometimes bad things happen to good people, so good people have to do bad things . . .

Alice Feeney, author of Daisy Darker, returns with another tale of pulse-pounding psychological suspense in Good, Bad Girl. Twenty years after a baby is stolen from her pushchair, a woman is murdered in a care home. The two crimes are somehow linked, and a good bad girl may be the key to discovering the truth.

Edith may have been tricked into a nursing home, but at eighty-years-young, she’s planning her escape. Patience works there, cleaning up mess and bonding with Edith, a kindred spirit. But Patience is lying to Edith about almost everything . . . Edith’s own daughter, Clio, won’t speak to her. And someone new is about to knock on Clio’s door and their intentions aren’t good.

With every reason to distrust each other, the women must solve a mystery with three suspects, two murders, and one victim. If they do, they might just find out what happened to the baby who disappeared, the mother who lost her, and the connections that bind them.

We will have proofs available for this title, so do get in touch if you would like a copy!

‘Clever, compelling, confounding and absolutely delicious’
Lisa Jewell on Daisy Darker
In 2023 we are celebrating an incredible milestone for Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler – the 30th anniversary of their publishing partnership, which began in 1993 with A Squash and a Squeeze.

This summer, to mark the anniversary, we are publishing a very special book indeed. How to Draw the Gruffalo and Friends is a fun-filled activity book with step-by-step guides that shows readers how to draw their favourite characters from Julia and Axel’s bestselling books.

In May, Axel Scheffler will be doing a drawalong that will be streamed via a link shared with bookshops and schools in May (date TBC). We are partnering with Staedtler to give bookshops the opportunity to host their own drawalong events throughout May and are offering special drawalong packs with STAEDTLER pencil sets and prizes for up to 75 shops! Please do contact your local sales representative for more details.

How to Draw The Gruffalo and Friends
9781035001491 • PB • £9.99 • 04.05.23 • MCB

1 pack of 144 Noris colouring pencils
1 pack of 150 Noris HB pencils
Colouring pencil sets to use as prizes!

Event posters, activity posters, and activity postcards

Also publishing this summer!

Brand new hardbacks of Julia and Axel’s classic picture books • 04 May 2023

Room on the Broom
HB • £12.99 • 9781509845309

Charlie Cook’s Favourite Book
HB • £12.99 • 9781509845316

The Gruffalo’s Child
HB • £12.99 • 9781509844530

A Squash and a Squeeze
HB • £12.99 • 9781509845323

The Smartest Giant in Town
HB • £12.99 • 9781509851584

The Snail and the Whale
HB • £12.99 • 9781035001514

The Snail and the Whale 20th Anniversary Edition
9781529077360 • PB • £7.99 • 22.06.23 • MCB

With sixty-four pages of activities to complete, plus over 1000 stickers, there’s enough to keep little paws busy for the holidays.

This summer, The Snail and the Whale turns twenty! Look out for the special foiled anniversary edition paperback and accompanying sticker book.
Julia Donaldson’s Book of Names

9781529076431 • 250x250mm HB • £12.99 • 15.06.23

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I’ve signed for boys called Romeo
and girls called Juliet,
I’ve signed for Roman, Saxan, Dane –
Though not for Norman yet.

Julia Donaldson celebrates her readers in this delightful and imaginative picture book inspired by the children she has met at hundreds of book signings over the years. Set in a magical transforming bookshop, Julia Donaldson’s Book of Names is a fun-filled love letter to the world of books, imagination and children – brilliantly and playfully illustrated by the award-winning Nila Aye.

Julia has seamlessly grouped together a charming selection of children’s names and woven them together in her unmistakable rhyming style. Readers will enjoy trying to find their own name, and even if it isn’t included, there is a special dedicated space for them to add it! We will have signed copies available exclusively for Independent Bookshops.

PAN MAC TEAM PICK

Richard Green

‘It’s wonderful to see the hundreds of (often quite unusual) names Julia has signed for over the years come to life in Nila Aye’s magical illustrations’

Who Lives Here?

9781509893966 • 250x250mm HB • £12.99 • 20.07.23 • MCB


One little boy is very excited when he receives an invitation to go and play at his friend Dan’s house. But there’s just one problem, he doesn’t know which house on South Street Dan lives in. Along the way he meets some amazing and exciting neighbours, including a cook, a pirate and ghost. But which door does Dan live behind? A wonderful game of dressing-up awaits. Will he ever be able to find the right house?
'Maybe you don’t believe me. Maybe you don’t believe in magic. I bet you will by the time you’ve heard what happened to us.'

Meet the Wonder Brothers, aka magicians Nathan and Middy, in this dazzling new novel set in Blackpool from the bestselling, multi-award-winning author of *Millions*, Frank Cottrell Boyce.

When the famous Blackpool Tower dramatically vanishes the night of the Grand Lights Switch-On, the Wonder Brothers reveal their plan to magic it back home... But little do they know, their plan will go awry and Nathan and Middy will end up lost in Las Vegas. This is an exceptionally funny magical adventure following two brothers on an epic adventure.

Ready for magic? *The Wonder Brothers* is available to read by special request on NetGalley! Just scan the QR code to the left.

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Join Rosa and Yara on a magical adventure in *Escape to the River Sea*. Beautiful and full of adventure, this is Emma Carroll’s compelling novel inspired by Eva Ibbotson’s bestselling, classic masterpiece, *Journey to the River Sea*.

This is a standalone story, with all the heart and charm of the original classic and featuring places and characters fans know and love.

‘What a joy it is to return to the River Sea! Full of glorious adventure, it’s a true delight’
Katherine Woodfine

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Discover the new magical story from bestselling, award-winning Welsh novelist and author of *Seed*, Caryl Lewis, with black and white illustrations throughout by George Emos.

After one disastrous magic show too many, Abby’s dad decides to give up showbiz. Abby’s mum was the dazzling magician. Now she’s gone, it doesn’t feel the same. When Abby discovers her mum’s old magic book, she and her dad begin a new adventure together.

The Magician’s Daughter is available to read by request on NetGalley! Just scan this QR code.

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Jess Redman’s *The Adventure is Now* is an exhilarating action adventure about a boy who learns the meaning of true friendship and living in the now, when he is forced to exchange playing his video game for a summer spent on a remote island. Can he become the brave naturalist he’s always wanted to be – and meet some fellow explorers?

An authentic adventure with race-against-time cryptic clues that will appeal to fans of *Jumanji* and readers of Tom Fletcher and Christopher Edge.
Keep Smiling is a celebration of how a simple smile can change someone’s day, created by Dame Floella Benjamin and award-winning illustrator Diane Ewen – the bestselling team behind Coming to England.

Vina’s Mum has always told her that a smile is the best gift you can give someone, and Vina loves smiling more than anything else. But on her first visit to her new school, Vina’s own smile gets a bit . . . lost. Then, a smile appears, in the most unexpected place!

Enjoy a family singalong with Baroness Floella Benjamin, including favourites such as ‘Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes’, ‘Incy Wincy Spider’ and ‘Round and Round the Garden’!

This stunning gift book features fifteen familiar action songs and rhymes to enjoy and has sturdy tabs, making it easy for little ones to find their favourite. Readers can also learn about Floella’s own childhood memories and traditions, and join in with her on every song.

Vibrantly illustrated by award-winning illustrator Lydia Monks, best known for the What the Ladybird Heard books, and with an accompanying CD of songs all sung by national treasure Floella herself, this is the perfect gift for young children.

A beautifully illustrated story with a gentle and encouraging message to help children deal with their worries – from the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal winner Catherine Rayner.

Victor the wolf has lots of worries. He worries that he isn’t brave enough, that he isn’t big enough and that he isn’t fierce enough. In fact, Victor feels anxious about almost everything. But when Victor shares his concerns with his best friend Pablo, he starts to feel a bit better. As the worries grow smaller, Victor feels a bit bigger, a bit braver, and bit fiercer inside!

It’s the summer of 1929 and Mhairi MacKinnon is in desperate need of a husband. On St Kilda, her options are limited, so Mhairi is chaperoned to the neighbouring island of Harris and loses her heart—but to the wrong man.

Come the end of the summer, when St Kilda is evacuated, Mhairi will be separated from her love, her family and her friends, and everything will change forever . . .

The Stolen Hours is the second title in the spellbinding historical Wild Isle series from the Sunday Times bestseller Karen Swan.

A coming-of-age comedy of errors, Locks is an electric debut novel about growing up, wising up and finding your place in a world of opposites.

Aeon, a mixed-up and mixed-race teenager from a leafy Liverpool suburb, is desperate to find his Black roots. But when he travels to Jamaica, he is mugged, stabbed, arrested and beaten unconscious for being the ‘White boy’. And then things really start to go wrong. Aeon’s journey of self-discovery has only just begun . . .

Discover the dark secrets behind a town that disappeared without a trace in this standalone thriller from the New York Times bestselling author of Dark Matter and Recursion, Blake Crouch.

On Christmas Day in 1893, every man, woman, and child in a remote mining town disappeared, belongings forsaken, meals left to freeze in vacant cabins, and not a single bone found. Now, explorers battle the elements and human foes alike—and discover that the town’s secrets still have the power to kill.

‘Abandon is terrific . . . A great storyteller hitting his stride’
Lee Child

Set during a scorching Italian summer, Ritual of Fire is an atmospheric historical thriller set in Renaissance Florence and is the sequel to City of Vengeance and The Darkest Sin.

‘D. V. Bishop transports you to an utterly convincing sixteenth-century Florence, where the best and worst of human nature constantly circle each other’
S. G. MacLean
Prize-winning author of the Seeker series

‘Aldo is a fascinating and charismatic character’
Antonia Hodgson
Adding to the already moving, richly told and gripping collection of historical fiction from Emma Donoghue, Learned By Heart is the breathtaking story of two young girls on the margins of life, forging a connection that will last a lifetime.

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PRAISE FOR EMMA DONOGHUE

‘Everything a novel should be’
Maggie O’Farrell, author of Hamnet on Haven

‘A visceral, harrowing, and revelatory vision of life, death, and love’
Emily St. John Mandel, author of The Glass Hotel on The Pull of the Stars
**PICADOR POETRY**

**BREAD AND CIRCUS**

9781035000821 | TPB | £10.99 | 08.06.23 | Picador

*Bread and Circus* is a virtuosic, adept memoir-in-verse from Airea D. Matthews, a former winner of the prestigious Yale Younger Poet’s Prize.

‘Accomplishes what I love most about poetry – especially hers – that it lives, is living’

Ocean Vuong

**WOUND IS THE ORIGIN OF WONDER**

9781035017386 | TPB | £10.99 | 08.06.23 | Picador

*Wound is the Origin of Wonder* introduces UK readers to the work of a rising star in American poetry, Maya C. Popa.

‘A very original voice . . . a joy of a book’

Ruth Padel

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**THE DAUGHTER OF TIME**

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Voted the top crime novel of all time by the UK Crime Writers’ Association, *The Daughter of Time* is Josephine Tey’s last and most successful book.

**THE FRANCHISE AFFAIR**

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Based on a true story, this is a classic thriller and a masterful exposé of the powerful connections between media, the establishment and what people choose to believe.

**GREEK MYTHS: HEROES AND HEROINES**

9781529093360 | Gift HB | £10.99 | 25.05.23 | MCL

Classicist and writer Jean Menzies brings together fifteen retellings of famous Greek myths from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Enlightening and lively.

**GREEK MYTHS: GODS AND GODDESSES**

9781529093346 | Gift HB | £10.99 | 25.05.23 | MCL

Drawing on a wide variety of retellings, and with an entertaining commentary to guide the reader, this is the perfect book for learning about the world of Greek deities.

**HAND IN HAND WITH LOVE**

9781529092660 | Gift HB | £10.99 | 25.05.23 | MCL

A celebration of queer voices throughout the ages, featuring an electrifying range of poems from Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Oscar Wilde, and many more.
IS THIS OK?
9781035000999
HB | £16.99 | 25.05.23 | Picador

‘A delight - very real and very entertaining’
Bob Mortimer

Music journalist, self-professed creep and former winner of the coveted ‘Fittest Girl in Year 11’ award, Harriet Gibbsone lives in fear of her internet searches being leaked.

Until a diagnosis of early onset menopause in her late twenties, Harriet spent much of her young life feeding neuroses and insecurities with compulsive googling of exes, prospective partners, and their exes, and indulging in whirlwind parasocial relationships with celebrities she has never met. Suddenly staring down years of IVF, HRT and other invasive medical treatments, her online addictions are thrown into sharp relief by the corporeal realities of illness and motherhood.

An outrageously funny, raw and painfully honest account of trying to find connection in the age of the internet, Is This Ok? is the launch of an exciting new comic voice.

RENTAL PERSON WHO DOES NOTHING: A MEMOIR
9781035012800
HB | £14.99 | 08.06.23 | Picador

Shoji Morimoto was constantly being told that he was a ‘do-nothing’ because he lacked initiative.

Dispirited and unemployed, it occurred to him that if he was so good at doing nothing, perhaps he could turn it into a business. And with one tweet, he began his business of renting himself out . . . to do nothing.

For 10,000 yen (roughly £60), Rental Person provides a fascinating service to the lonely and socially anxious. This book details some of his thousands of true life adventures: from sitting with a client undergoing surgery and accompanying a newly-divorced client to her favourite restaurant, to visiting the site of a client’s suicide attempt.

In Rental Person Who Does Nothing, Morimoto chronicles his extraordinary experiences in his unique line of work and reflects on how we consider relationships, jobs and family in our search for meaningful connection and purpose in life.

WARHOL AFTER WARHOL
9781529081497
HB | £18.99 | 03.08.23 | Picador

Many years ago, Richard Dorment was approached by Joe Simon, a wealthy American art collector, deeply unhappy that his Warhols had been pronounced fake by the mysterious Warhol Authentication Board.

Over the ensuing years, Richard found himself drawn into a complex story of intrigue and corruption, that raised fascinating issues about art, its value, the significance of attribution and how issues of aesthetics and financial worth interact and collide.

Written by the long-time art critic of The Daily Telegraph, Warhol After Warhol tells the David-and-Goliath story of collector Joe Simon and his struggles with the Warhol Authentication Board, a shocking journey into the secretive and closed world of modern art in the tradition of John Carreyrou’s Bad Blood and Patrick Radden Keefe’s Empire of Pain.
PICTURE BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Ten gorgeous dogs chase, hide and play with ten juicy sausages in this funny, original book about numbers by the multi-award-winning, bestselling Emily Gravett.

Bursting with energy and fun, young children will love to count the dogs and the sausages, as well as looking out for all the funny details on each page. The book explores numbers one going up to ten, and ten going down to zero, touching on several simple concepts like half, all, more and less along the way.

This is a brilliant companion to Emily’s picture book about colours, 10 Cats, also publishing in May in paperback.

10 DOGS
9781529028089 | HB | £12.99 | 11.05.23 | Two Hoots

Meet two very special friends in The Gardening Dog, a heartwarming and beautifully illustrated tale by Cindy Wume, author of The Bookshop Cat.

Watch as a boy and a dog who don’t quite fit in learn that a friendship, like a garden, takes time to grow – but that both are always worth the wait. This is an inspiring story about accepting who you are from rising talent Cindy Wume.

THE GARDENING DOG
9781529041293 | PB | £7.99
01.06.23 | MCB

WHOSE DOG IS THIS?
9781529037104 | PB | £7.99
06.07.23 | MCB

This is the action-packed, outrageously funny follow-up to Where Has all the Cake Gone? by Andrew Sanders and Aysha Awwad.

When Albert’s Dad opens the living room door to a scene of total chaos (think: mud-covered sofa, macaroni cheese on the walls), Albert blames it on the dog. The thing is . . . Albert doesn’t have a dog. But there’s definitely a dog in the living room. Will Albert be able to talk himself out of this very sticky situation?

THE DUCK WITH NO LUCK
9781035013128 | PB | £7.99
24.08.23 | MCB

From the award-winning Gemma Merino, author of the The Crocodile Who Didn’t Like Water, discover a funny and uplifting tale about how to appreciate all you have.

After a particularly unlucky moment, Duck has had enough! Heading off to consult Wise Owl, he comes across a lonely swan, a hungry fox and a bare tree, all looking for their own answers. Will Wise Owl’s advice help Duck to find his luck? Has he just been looking in the wrong place all along?

WHISPER, SHOUT: LET IT OUT!
9781529088700 | PB | £7.99
17.08.23 | Two Hoots

Whisper, Shout: Let It Out! is a joyous and silly book to share with any child, ideal for encouraging self-expression and nurturing a positive mindset. Debut author Madhvi Ramani has taken voice lessons for a number of years, teaching her how to be confident in her own voice. The bold and bright illustrations from Anuska Allepuz are paired with lots of ways for children to exercise their voice, building self-reliance and self-esteem.
Where is Little Kitten? and Where is Little Elephant? by Hannah Abbo are part of a brand new collectible series introducing toddlers to animals, featuring playful yet gently educational text. Each title has large shaped flaps, with peep-through clues, and a pop-up ending!

Babies Laugh at Everything by Dr Caspar Addyman is scientifically developed to help babies and their carers bond through reading and laughter. This is an exciting interactive format with lots of silly sounds and a shiny mirror, featuring beautiful illustrations by Ania Simeone. The fun doesn’t stop here because babies can also giggle along with Babies Laugh at Peekaboo! – out now!

Discover six amazing pop-up farm animals in this fun and interactive book from the creator of Dear Zoo, Rod Campbell. My Stand Up Farm Animals will feature a clever new format with easy-to-use, toddler-friendly pop-up animals that stand up on turning the page.

An entertaining chunky board book for babies from Axel Scheffler about animals in the safari. With soft flaps on every spread that are easy for babies to lift, helping them develop fine motor skills.

Discover two brand new adventures in Campbell’s Busy Books series, illustrated by Jana Curll. These novelty board books feature push, pull and turn mechanisms, allowing young children to try out tricks at the park on their scooter or join the postal workers as they sort the mail and deliver parcels.

The Best Me engages little ones with gentle learning and fun illustrations from Rochelle Falconer to empower them to stand tall and build their confidence, including tips for parents and carers so the whole family can be involved in helping their children become the best version of themselves.

Babies laugh . . . a lot! At funny mummies, happy daddies, silly siblings and giggly grannies.

The Best Me by Marvyn Harrison, founder of Dope Black Dads, is a book about self-care and building self-esteem for preschoolers.

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Mrs Porter Calling is the highly anticipated third novel in the wartime-set Emmy Lake Chronicles by AJ Pearce, following on from bestsellers Dear Mrs Bird and Yours Cheerfully.

Emmy returns as the Agony Aunt for popular magazine Woman’s Friend, and she is doing her best to help its readers as they face the challenge of life on the Home Front.

But when the glamorous new owner, Mrs Cressida Porter, arrives at the magazine, Emmy realises that Mrs Porter plans to destroy everything it stands for – and worst of all, force them to abandon the readers they’ve promised to stand up for. Emmy must do everything in her power, with best friends Bunty and Thelma by her side, to fight back before it’s too late.

Heartwarming and marvellously entertaining, this book is perfect for fans of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society and The Keeper of Lost Things.

Chetna Maroo’s Western Lane is a taut, enthralling debut about grief, sisterhood, and a young athlete’s struggle to transcend herself.

Eleven-year-old Gopi has been playing squash since she was old enough to hold a racket. When her mother dies, her father enlists her in a quietly brutal training regimen, and the game becomes her world. Slowly, she grows apart from her sisters. Her life is reduced to the sport, guided by its rhythms: the serve, the volley, the drive, the shot and its echo.

But on the court, she is not alone. She is with her pa. She is with Ged, a thirteen-year-old boy with his own formidable talent. She is with the players who have come before her. She is in awe.

An indelible coming-of-age story, Chetna Maroo’s first novel captures the ordinary and annihilates it with beauty. Western Lane is a valentine to innocence, to the closeness of sisterhood, to the strange ways we come to know ourselves and each other.

‘WOW. Western Lane is glorious. You’ll want to read it over and over again’
Aravind Adiga, author of The White Tiger
We are so excited to be publishing this stunning new novel from rising star Laura Shepherd Robinson.

November, 1730. Raised on the roads of Cornwall, a girl known only as Red travels from village to village with her fortune-telling father, paying their way with an ancient method of cartomancy known as the Square of Sevens. When their luck sours, Red’s father befriends a gentleman scholar, offering him an antique document containing the secret of the Square of Sevens in exchange for the scholar’s promise to take Red into his care.

From fortune-telling booths at Bartholomew Fair, to the salons of the feuding families at the centre of Georgian society, Red sets out on a mission to uncover the secrets of her past and to reclaim a future that’s rightfully hers.

We have a Signed Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition for you, with sprayed edges. Read on for a letter from Laura herself!

Dear Bookseller,

Cast your eyes down as I lay your fortune, seven rows of seven cards, a perfect square of mystery and harmony, in which resides the distilled essence of your soul. Your first card is the two of clubs, influenced by a diamond, meaning a service that one is glad of, bringing obligation with it. This card undoubtedly figures your extraordinary labours in hand-selling my earlier volumes, Blood & Sugar and Daughters Of Night, for which you will always have my heartfelt gratitude. And yet, we are here to speak of the future, not the past . . .

The method of fortune-telling I use is, of course, that same lost art of cartomancy to be found in my latest volume, The Square Of Sevens. Join me upon this new mystery and you will encounter the cunning-man, George the Tenth of Kernow, cartomancer by trade, who strides the hollow-ways of Cornwall in the year 1730, accompanied by his young daughter, Red. When George learns that he is dying, he offers a fellow traveller, a gentleman scholar, an ancient document containing the secret of the Square of Sevens, in return for his promise to take Red into his care after his death.

And so we come to your second card, the queen of diamonds, influenced by a club. She figures an audacious woman, restless and self depending. Raised as a lady amid the Georgian splendours of Bath, Red’s fortune-telling delights the London gentry in town for the season. Yet she cannot ignore the questions that gnaw at her own soul . . . How did she die? What really happened between her parents on the night of her birth? Others have their own motives for keeping these answers hidden, but Red is her father’s daughter, and knows how to cheat her way to the truth . . .

Laura Shepherd-Robinson

If you would like to find out more about the secrets of The Square Of Sevens, simply request a proof!

PAN MAC TEAM PICK
Tom Clancy
For my money, this is Laura’s best yet. As mysterious and moving and rip-roaring as historical novels get!
Love is the last thing on Tilly’s mind. Her best friend, Teddy? Sure. He wants a girlfriend. But not Tilly. Enter Katherine Cooper-Bunting: beautiful, charming, a budding actor, and just perfect for Teddy, who convinces Tilly to help him audition for a local theatre production to help woo his perfect match.

But things don’t go to plan, and soon Tilly finds herself looking for any excuse to join the play herself. Because she just can’t stop thinking about Katherine . . .

PRAISE FOR LOVE IS FOR LOSERS:
‘Heart, wit and a voice that’ll stay with me’
Bethany Rutter, author of No Big Deal

Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and readers of You’ve Reached Sam, Mason Deaver’s stunning debut will show readers how to heal from tragedy and celebrate life in the process.

When Ben De Backer comes out to their parents as nonbinary, they’re thrown out of their house and forced to move in with their estranged older sister, Hannah. Trying keep a low profile in a new school, Ben’s attempts to survive the last half of senior year unnoticed are thwarted when Nathan Allan, a funny and charismatic student, takes Ben under his wing . . .

Heartstopper meets Crazy Rich Asians in this heartfelt, joyful rom-com from debut author Sher Lee.

Dylan Tang wants to win a Mid-Autumn Festival mooncake-making competition in memory of his mom and to help the struggling family business. Enter Theo Somers: charming, wealthy, with a smile that makes Dylan’s stomach do backflips. AKA – a distraction. Their worlds are sun-and-moon apart, but when Theo convinces Dylan to be his fake date at a family wedding, can Dylan save his family’s business AND follow his heart – or fail at both?
In the sequel to Alexandra Potter’s bestselling sensation *Confessions of a Forty-Something F**k Up*, there are a lot more lessons to be learned, truths to be told, adventures to go on and joys to discover. And in case you missed it – book one has been adapted into a TV show, *Not Dead Yet*, starring Gina Rodriguez.

Nell Stevens had gone from rock-bottom to ticking all the boxes: a successful podcast and West End play, a new flat and boyfriend to boot. And with it all came the realisation that lots of people felt like a bit of F**k up, she wasn’t alone: she’d found her tribe. But Nell learns that while falling in love might be easy, staying in love can be hard. And revisiting LA with Cricket is an opportunity for her to take a look at the life, and people, she left behind . . .

Scan the QR code to the right for an audio clip of the first book, read by the brilliant Sally Phillips.

‘This novel is that rare piece of writing that needs no editing, haunts your sleep and leaves you wishing it was longer when you turn the last page’

Jodi Picoult on *The Roughest Draft*

‘Their romance was a bestseller. Too bad it was all fiction . . .

Three years ago, Katrina and Nathan were the brightest literary stars on the horizon, but they ended their partnership on bad terms – they haven’t spoken since, except they have one final book due on contract… While passion and prose push them together once again, Katrina and Nathan will learn that relationships, like writing, sometimes take a few rough drafts before they get it right . . . Escape with the most funny, charming and uplifting romantic comedy debut of the year, perfect for fans of Emily Henry.

The first three books in a seasonally-inspired quartet of cozy romances by B. K. Borison. This sweet and spicy quartet follows a group of friends finding love in the small town of Inglewild, with all the heart and warmth of *Gilmore Girls*, and the wit and romance of Tessa Bailey. We are releasing the first three books over summer 2023, with the fourth and final in the series releasing in summer 2024.
Ravensong is the second book in the Green Creek series by bestselling author TJ Klune, following on from Wolfsong, which is also publishing in paperback this July!

After his pack betrayed him, Gordo swore to never again deal with wolves. But some ties are hard to sever, and the return of an old flame will test his resolve.

Set in the dreamy backwoods of Oregon, this is a heartwarming coming-of-age tale, packed with werewolves, magic and an electric romance.

The First Bright Thing by J. R. Dawson is a spellbinding debut for fans of The Night Circus and The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue.

This thrilling historical fantasy novel is full of 1920s glamour, rival circuses, magic, romance and danger. After a select few people awake with unexplained magical abilities, they coin the name ‘Sparks’. Three of these magical women have created a safe haven for those who feel lost and alone – a fantastical circus . . .

Scarlet is the first book in a fast-paced new trilogy from Genevieve Cogman. In Revolutionary France, the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel rescue vampire aristocrats from the guillotine. Eleanor, an English maid, is key to their plot to save the royal family. But revolution’s a bloodthirsty business . . .

Fractal Noise is the thrilling prequel to the masterful To Sleep in a Sea of Stars, by internationally bestselling author of Eragon, Christopher Paolini.

A sweeping space adventure that will take readers to the very edge of the galaxy, this book is perfect for fans of Peter F. Hamilton, Stephen Baxter and Andy Weir.

The third book in the spellbinding Edinburgh Nights series by T. L. Huchu. Ghosttalker and magician-in-training Ropa Moyo is stoked to be attending an important magical convention. But her sleuthing skills will be put to the test when a magician is murdered. Suddenly, everyone is a suspect . . .

Spirits Abroad is Zen Cho’s Crawford Award-winning debut short story collection, featuring tales on Malaysian myth and folklore that weave between the lands of the living and the dead. This is an expanded collection with twelve additional stories, including Hugo Award winner ‘If At First You Don’t Succeed, Try, Try Again’.
MASTERS OF DEATH

Masters of Death is the latest gripping, page-turning fantasy by the number one international bestselling author of The Atlas Six, Olivie Blake.

This book is about an estate agent. Only she’s a vampire, the house on sale is haunted, and its ghost was murdered . . .

When Viola Marek hires Fox D’Mora to deal with her ghost-infested mansion, she expects a competent medium. But unbeknownst to Viola, Fox is a fraud – despite being the godson of Death. As the mystery unfolds, Viola and Fox are drawn into a quest that neither wants, nor expects. And they’ll need the help of a demonic personal trainer, a sharp-voiced angel and a love-stricken reaper. As it transpires, the difference between a mysterious lost love and a dead body isn’t nearly as distinct as you’d hope . . .

We know how much you have all supported Olivie Blake with The Atlas Six novels, and we’re sure you’re going to love this standalone just as much. This is the perfect read for fans of the Atlas series craving more Olivie Blake – and for readers of Our Violent Delights by Chloe Gong and Vicious by V.E. Schwab.

HE WHO DROWNED THE WORLD

He Who Drowned the World is the highly anticipated sequel to the number one New York Times bestseller, She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker-Chan. This is a brilliantly reimagined Chinese historical retelling inspired by the Hongwu Emperor, founding emperor of the Ming Dynasty in China in the late 14th Century.

In this book, we see Zhu Yuanzhang, also known as the Radiant King, reprise a central role – she is riding high after her victory that tore southern China from its Mongol masters. But now she burns with a new desire: to seize the throne and crown herself emperor. However, Zhu isn’t the only one with new ambitions and she has met a threatening counterpart: Madam Zhang, a courtesan in the south who wants the throne for her husband – and she could wipe Zhu off the map. To stay in the game, Zhu will have to gamble everything on a risky alliance with an old enemy: the talented but unstable eunuch general Ouyang. All the contenders are determined to do whatever it takes to win. But when desire is the size of the world, the price could be too much for even the most ruthless heart to bear . . .

We’re pleased to be able to share proofs with you, so do let us know if you’d like an early reading copy!
Ben Judah’s This is Europe is a portrait of Europe as you’ve never seen it before, told through twenty extraordinary stories of the people who live and breathe it, revealing what it really means to be European in our modern world.

This is the highly anticipated second book from Ben – his first book This Is London was shortlisted for the 2016 Baillie Gifford Prize.

This is a series of vivid, ambitious, sometimes darkly funny portraits of Europeans, that reveals a frenetic and vibrant continent transformed by supply chains, migration, Islam, the internet, climate change, Covid and War.

We have proofs available to request for This is Europe so please do get in touch if you would like a copy!

‘An important and impressive book’  
Sunday Telegraph on This Is London

‘An extraordinary portrait of a city’  
Literary Review on This Is London

The Way of the Hermit
Ken Smith
with Will Millard

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