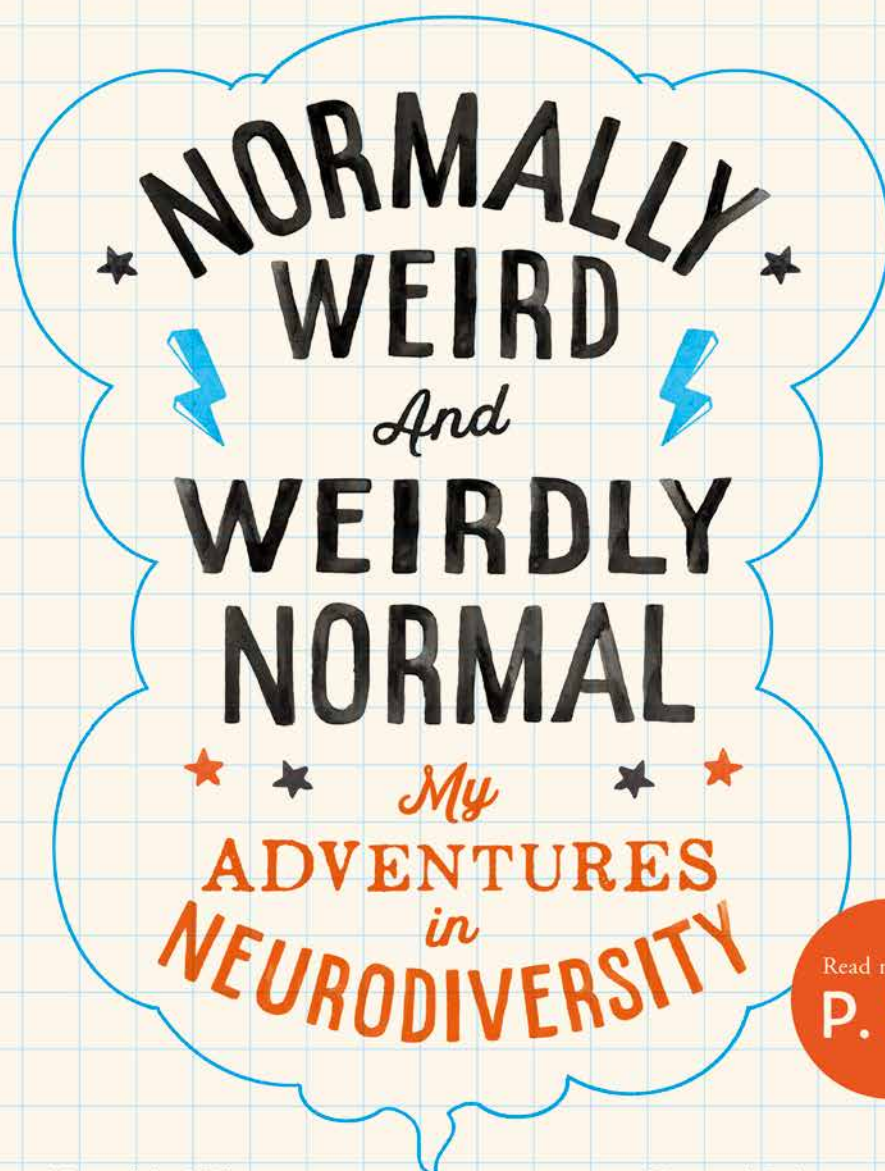


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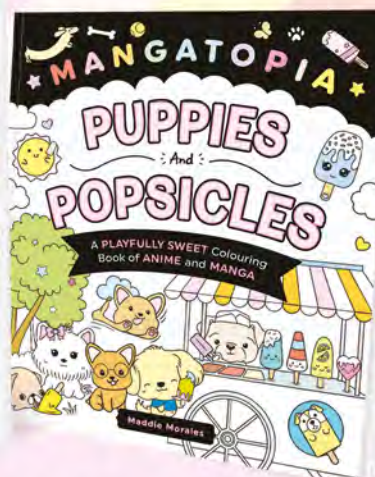
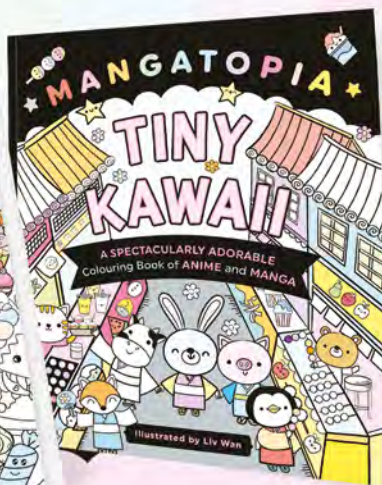
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More than 45 pages of colouring art  
bursting with cuteness in each book!



# Dear Booksellers,

Thanks so much for your fantastic support for Pan Macmillan titles and authors so far this year!

One of the best things about summer holidays is the chance to get away somewhere warm and sunny and catch up on your reading, and we have an awesome lineup of titles in the next few months for you and your customers to enjoy on the beach, by the pool, or in the garden.

Firstly, we have a brilliant array of signed Indie Exclusives to delight readers. Publishing in May with a gorgeous designed edge, *The Sunshine Man* is the new literary thriller from Emma Stonex, and is every bit as gripping as *The Lamplighters*. Also in May, *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal* is indie favourite Robin Ince's wonderful new book exploring his experiences with ADHD and the world of neurodivergence. Robin will be doing a huge national bookshop tour to support the book. Completing the May hat-trick is *The Blockbusters!* by Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce, with exclusive endpapers illustrated by Steven Lenton.

In July, we are thrilled to be publishing *Deadline*, the fabulous crime debut by Steph McGovern, and *The Art of a Lie*, the brand new novel from Laura Shepherd-Robinson. Both are available in beautiful signed sprayed edge Indie Exclusive editions.

Other fiction highlights for the season include the eagerly anticipated *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* by V. E. Schwab, and the first Logan McRae crime novel for five years from

Stuart MacBride. We also have some massive paperbacks, including *Long Island* by Colm Tóibín, *The Map of Bones* by Kate Mosse, *Our Evenings* by Alan Hollinghurst, and many more.

In non-fiction, we can learn how to have a healthier relationship with our phones in the groundbreaking *Smartphone Nation*, enjoy *Cooking with Vegetables* with Jesse Jenkins, and read the memoirs of two fascinating political figures, Jacinda Ardern and Nicola Sturgeon.

For younger readers, we have the hilarious new illustrated novel, *Dante N. Ferno is NOT a Loser*, the exciting conclusion to the Greenwild trilogy, and *The Great Green Island*, the stunning new picture book by the winner of the Macmillan Prize for Illustration.

Lastly, Independent Bookshop Week is one of the highlights of the bookselling calendar each year, and you can read about what we've got planned to help you celebrate on page 21.

If you're not already following us on 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. Please do get in touch for reading copies of anything that takes your fancy and any POS you would like for your bookshops. Happy Reading!

## The Team at Pan Macmillan

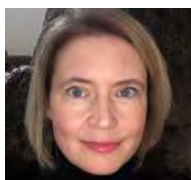
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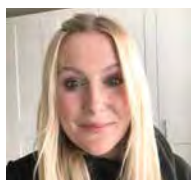
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# Summer POS Highlights

## Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil



Bookmarks with a special finish (detail TBC)

## One Yellow Eye



Stickers and bookmarks

## Deadline



Bookmarks

## Am I Having Fun Now?



Standee and bookmarks

## Is Dot in the Tree?



Standee, stickers, A5 parent/carers card

## Dante N. Ferno is NOT a Loser



Colour-in bookmarks, How to Draw Dante activity sheets, stickers

## Greenwild: The Forest in the Sky



Bookmarks, standee, map poster, artwork postcards

## Mirror Magic



Foil stickers

## The Blockbusters!



Standee and bookmarks

## Hamza's Wild World



Sticker sheets, activity sheets, quiz

## The Art of a Lie



Pineapple-shape diecut bookmarks

## Long Island



Posters and bookmarks

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 tag us @PanMacPinboard on Instagram or email us at [pinboard@macmillan.com](mailto:pinboard@macmillan.com)



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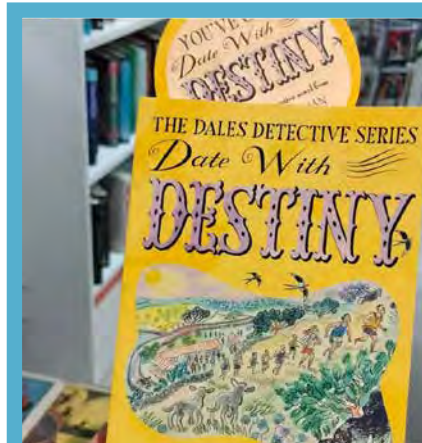
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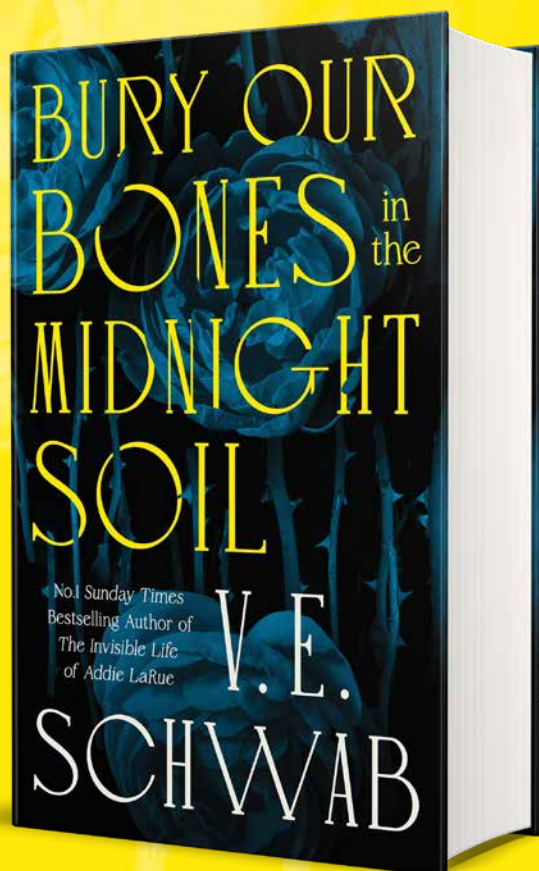
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Rossiter Books, Cheltenham



# BURY OUR BONES in the MIDNIGHT SOIL



SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA, 1532.  
LONDON, 1837. BOSTON, 2019.

Three young women, their bodies planted in the same soil,  
their stories tangling like roots.

One grows high, and one grows deep, and one grows wild.  
And all of them grow teeth.

We're thrilled to be publishing the new novel from V. E. Schwab, the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*. *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* is a dark, genre-defying and unforgettable novel to sink your teeth into.

We've included an exclusive extract below, and we've also got some exclusive merch and POS planned, so watch this space!

#ToxicLesbianVampires

'If *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* was a tale of immortality and hope, then *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* is a tale of immortality and hunger and rage'

— V. E. SCHWAB



PAN MAC TEAM PICK  
ANDREW  
BELSHAW

'Dark, brooding,  
erotically charged  
... this is a  
BLOODY  
great read!!'

## BURY OUR BONES in the MIDNIGHT SOIL

9781035064649 | HB | £22.00

**S** **POS** 10.06.25 | Tor

SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA, 1529

The viscount returns a fortnight later, a new kind of caravan in tow. Cart after cart fills the road behind his horse, each one steered by a well-dressed servant and each brimming with gifts – fine tapestries and casks of wine, candied fruit and cured meats. One cart rattles with chargers and cups, enough for every mouth in town, another arrives with hens packed so tight their feathers jut between the slats and fly away like dandelion fluff. An homage to the miracle that made

Santo Domingo famous, though hopefully none of these will rise up off their dinner plates.

In hours, the town's plaza is transformed. Tables dragged from the houses and hauled into the square, every oven commandeered to prepare the wedding feast.

The night before, María's mother brushed her hair a hundred times, until it shone as bright as the fire in the hearth. And as she did, she told her daughter what it meant to be a wife.

Gentle. Loving. Obedient.

Words that made María tense.

And, as if her mother could feel her stiffening, she leaned close and said, "You will learn, it is better to bend than to break."

María stared into the hearth.

"Why should I be the one who bends?"

Air hissed through her mother's

teeth. "I know you, daughter. I know you have always wanted more. And you have chosen a grand life. But it will not be an easy one. Men like the viscount, they take what they want."

*So do I*, thought María as the comb hissed through her hair like water on hot coals.

They marry on the steps of the cathedral, Andrés in his finery and María in a brand-new dress, the edges trimmed with gold. It is the finest thing she's ever worn, and during the Mass that follows, while the priest drones on, she runs her fingertips along the stitching, counting the pattern as if it were coins as she tells herself this is what she deserves.

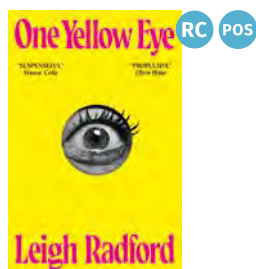
This is what she is worth.

Extract from *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* © V. E. Schwab 2025



# Calling all fantasy and horror fans . . .

Tor's highlights this summer cover everything from zombies to space opera – and baby dragons!



## One Yellow Eye

9781035048274 | HB | £22.00  
17.07.25 | Tor Nightfire

A zombie pandemic has taken over and scientist Kesta is hiding a secret. Her husband Tim may have been the last person to be bitten . . . but he's not quite dead yet.

Full of heartbreak, revulsion and black humour, this propulsive ticking time bomb of a novel is one for the fans of *Tender is the Flesh*, and *Bunny*.



## Hemlock & Silver

9781035052677 | HB | £22.00  
21.08.25 | Tor

*Hemlock & Silver* is a stunning, dark retelling of Snow White, full of dark magic, charming characters and sweet romance.

From the *New York Times* bestselling and Hugo Award-winning author of *Nettle & Bone* and *A Sorceress Comes to Call*, this wonderfully offbeat story ticks all the boxes for dark fantasy readers.



## The Sun Blessed Prince

9781035046904 | HB | £22.00  
01.05.25 | Tor

A richly-imagined, character-driven queer fantasy perfect for fans of *The Song of Achilles*, *She Who Became the Sun* and *Sistersong*!

On a hotly-contested battlefield, a prince whose touch creates life meets a soldier chosen by death. But can they forge a future together, from opposite sides of a great war?



## The Enchanted Greenhouse

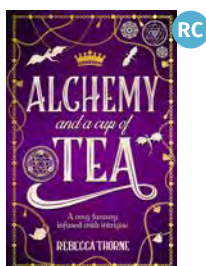
9781035042371 | HB | £22.00  
17.07.25 | Tor

### The Spellshop

9781035042340

PB | £9.99 | 05.06.25 | Tor

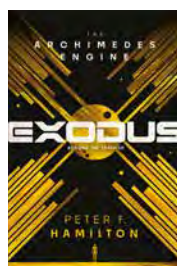
Return to the cosy world of flowers, honey cakes and honeyed love in Sarah Beth Durst's sequel to *The Spellshop*, which is out soon in paperback. Funny, kind and forgiving, *The Enchanted Greenhouse* follows Terlu's journey through the low-stakes market of illegal spell-selling and the high-risk business of starting over.



## Alchemy and a Cup of Tea

9781035031498 | HB | £22.00  
14.08.25 | Tor

The conclusion to the bestselling *Tomes & Tea* series, this is cosy fantasy at its best. Reyna and Kianthe have no trouble ruling the Queendom, battling evil alchemists and rescuing baby dragons, but can they save their town from the ravaging influx of . . . tourists?!



## Exodus: The Archimedes Engine

9781529073737 | PB | £12.99  
19.06.25 | Tor

The first book in a duology, this new science fiction action-adventure is set in the same universe as its namesake role-playing game from Archetype Entertainment. Humanity once fled a dying earth to a new home in a hostile galaxy, where they now must fight for survival and freedom.



## Brothersong

9781035002276 | PB | £9.99  
10.07.25 | Tor

The fourth book in the Green Creek series, *Brothersong* is a queer, paranormal romance that is the perfect recommendation for fans of *Under the Whispering Door*, *Moon Called* and *Shiver*. After discovering a life-changing truth, Carter hits the road in search of answers, finding a secret buried by his father – and its consequences . . .

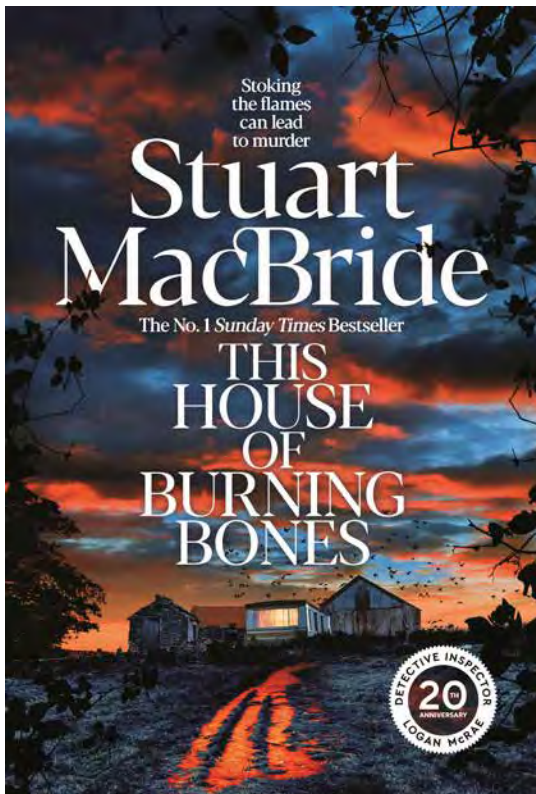


## Running Close to the Wind

978152909720 | PB | £9.99  
07.08.25 | Tor

In this witty, hilarious queer pirate adventure, a former spy must work with his ex and a crew of misfits to get away with treason on the high seas. Set in the same Ottoman Empire-inspired world as Alexandra Rowland's *A Taste of Gold and Iron*, this will-they-won't-they romantasy is great for fans of Freya Marske and TJ Klune!

We are thrilled to share two huge new thrillers with you for the summer. Macmillan are proud to welcome Stuart MacBride as he celebrates 20 years of Detective Inspector Logan McRae, and Fiona Cummins returns with the latest case for troubled detective Saul Anguish.



## This House of Burning Bones

RC S 9781035064854 | HB | £22.00 | 22.05.25 | Macmillan

Introducing the brand new Detective Inspector Logan McRae thriller from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Stuart MacBride.

It's been six years since the release of his previous McRae novel, and fans will be eager to be reunited with this beloved character. *This House of Burning Bones* is set during a blisteringly hot summer, and with temperatures and tensions rising, it's only a matter of time before things begin to burn . . .

Aberdeen's police are struggling: half the force is off sick, all leave has been cancelled, someone's firebombed a hotel full of migrants, and there's a massive protest march planned.

With officers dropping like flies, Detective Inspector Logan McRae is forced to juggle cases and run a major murder investigation with a skeleton staff of misfits, idiots and malingerers, while the owner of the local paper – a tabloid media tycoon – is hell-bent on blaming local police for everything.

But, as bad as everything seems, it's all about to get much, much worse . . .

**'The master at taking you to a place which you think cannot get any darker, and then turning the lights off'**

Peter James

## Some of Us Are Liars

RC 9781035013005 | HB | £18.99 | 19.06.25 | Macmillan

*Some of Us Are Liars* is the gripping new thriller from the bestselling author of *All of Us Are Broken*. A story of betrayal, secrets and deception following a family tragedy, Fiona's latest is a masterfully written page-turner with an emotional hook that will appeal to readers of Lisa Jewell and Jodi Picoult.

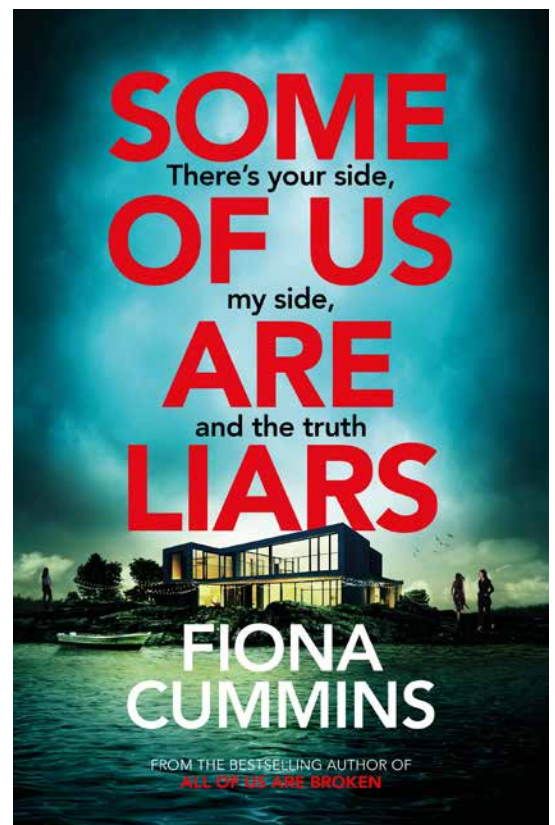
When Jen Miller entrusts her youngest child to the care of her beloved sisters, she has no idea of the devastating tragedy that is about to unfold.

To celebrate her sister's wedding, global superstar Winter Kellaway throws the party of the decade at her luxurious beachside estate. But one misstep has heartbreaking consequences for Jen, and with her life in pieces, how can she ever begin to forgive?

Saul Anguish, a brilliant but tormented young detective, is called in to investigate and uncovers a long-buried and shocking family secret. As the trail takes a dramatic turn, they must now all face the truth that you can never truly leave the past behind . . .

**'Can't remember the last time such a gripping crime narrative blended so seamlessly with an emotional, weepy family drama'**

Erin Kelly

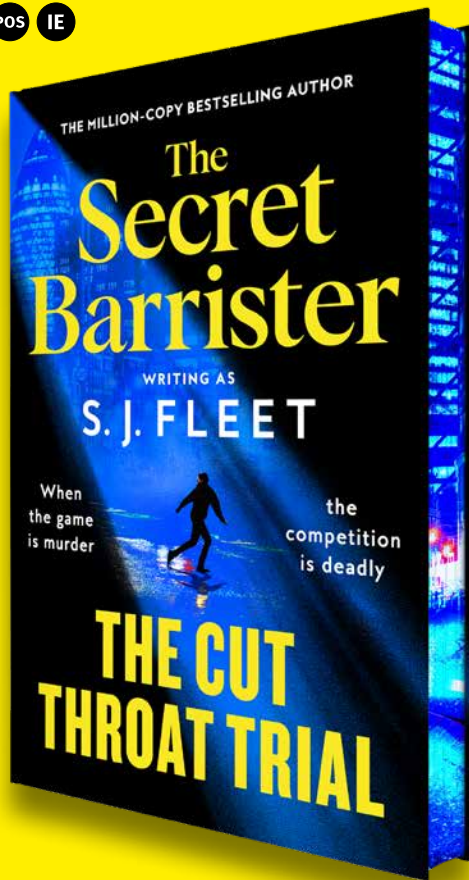




# THE CUT THROAT TRIAL

RC S 9781035046683 | HB | £20.00 | 28.08.25 | PICADOR

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**It is one of the biggest trials of the year. Three seventeen-year-old boys are accused of the brutal murder of an elderly teacher on New Year's Eve.**

**Each boy denies it. Each points the finger at the other two. But they can't all be innocent.**

**The three defence barristers have only one job: to persuade the jury that their client is not guilty. But they're up against a prosecutor who needs to win the case, no matter the cost.**

**Because when the game is murder, the competition is deadly.**



## Pan Mac Team Pick Tom Clancy

'I haven't read a courtroom drama this good in years. Proper nail-biting stuff from someone who could not be any better positioned to write this book'

***The Cut Throat Trial* is the first thrilling novel from the million-copy bestselling author *The Secret Barrister*, writing as S. J. Fleet. *The Secret Barrister* spent more than a year in the *Sunday Times* bestseller lists and sold over 100k in hardback and 400k in paperback through the UK TCM!**

**Launching a brilliant new voice in crime fiction, with an incomparable insider's knowledge, *The Cut Throat Trial* is a must-read this August. We have a Signed Indie Exclusive for you, with a designed edge and extra content! S. J. Fleet has written this brilliant letter to tell you a bit more about the book:**

Dear Bookseller,

I am a cliché. I am a barrister who grew up on a paleo diet of John Grisham novels, and who was inspired to become a criminal lawyer by the renegade heroics of Jake Brigance in *A Time To Kill*. This was, inevitably, my gateway drug leading to a lifelong addiction to crime and legal fiction, and the secret, vainglorious ambition of, one day, being able to tell stories of my own.

Something which has struck me is how much of the incredible writing in the genre centres around the police procedural – the investigation and apprehension of the bad guy – with less fanfare given to what, to me, is often the most dramatic part of the whole process: The Trial.

For me, a criminal jury trial has every element you could want in a thriller: a serious crime alleged and denied; apparently compelling witnesses crumbling under cross-examination; the hatchet job on the prosecution evidence by the defence, and the gradual emergence of an alternative story; all played out in real time in front of a live audience, and orchestrated by wild egotists dressed in seventeenth-century fancy dress.

When, for good measure, you throw in multiple defendants going 'cut-throat' – which means that each runs a different defence pointing the finger at his co-accused, and each seeks to twist the interpretation of the evidence to suit their own ends – you have one hell of a dramatic premise.

*The Cut Throat Trial* – my first novel – aims to bring those elements together, telling the story of a murder trial from the perspectives of the people involved: the defendants, the barristers and the judge.

Something which I have been anxious to reflect in the book is authenticity, not only in the sense of a pedantic obsession with legal accuracy (naturally), but in relation to the humanity that pulses throughout our system of justice, and those thrown into it. Everybody struggles in their own way. Nobody can live up to the stories they tell about themselves. How truth is supposed to emerge in a system so in thrall to human vulnerabilities is a question I am still unable to answer after two decades of working in it.

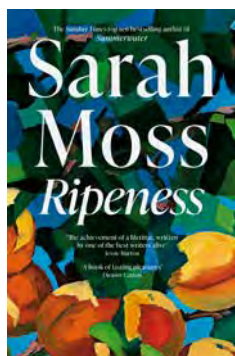
The process of writing this book has been exhausting but utterly thrilling. Like baking, the art of fiction writing is impossible to appreciate fully until you've attempted it and burned down the kitchen.

I cannot wait to share *The Cut Throat Trial* with you.

S. J. Fleet (aka The Secret Barrister)



From debut authors to literary legends, here are four must-reads for summer – we have reading copies available to request for every title on this page, so let us know if you'd like one!



**'The achievement of a lifetime, written by one of the best writers alive'**

Jessie Burton

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## Ripeness

9781529035490 | HB | £20.00  
22.05.25 | Picador

Moving from 1960s Italy to contemporary Ireland, *Ripeness* is a breathtaking story of love and the search for belonging from the bestselling author of *Summerwater*.

On the brink of adulthood and just out of school, Edith finds herself travelling to rural Italy. She has been sent by her mother to see her sister, ballet dancer Lydia, through the final weeks of her pregnancy, help at the birth and then make a phone call which will change all of their lives.

Decades later, Edith is living in contentment and comfort in Ireland until another phone call plunges her back into her own past and the story of the baby she once knew and loved.

We will have signed copies available!



**'Extraordinary . . . I absolutely loved this page-turning family mystery'**

Liane Moriarty

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## A Beautiful Family

9781035055739 | HB | £16.99  
19.06.25 | Mantle

A breathtaking debut novel of family secrets and searing atmosphere set over one long, hot summer on the New Zealand coast. A brilliant read for fans of *The Paper Palace*.

Ten-year-old Alix wants to spend every second on the beach, but with her parents unusually distracted and her older sister now more interested in boys, she finds herself alone. Then Alix meets Kahu. He's on holiday too, and he lets her in on a secret: a few years ago, a little girl went missing and was presumed drowned. But no one ever found her body.

Suddenly, the summer has a purpose. The two friends will find the missing girl and become local heroes. But as their investigation progresses, Alix risks uncovering dark secrets about the neighbourhood – and her own beautiful family . . .



**'One of those novels that you can't believe is a debut. O'Hare is a writer to watch out for in 2025 and beyond'**

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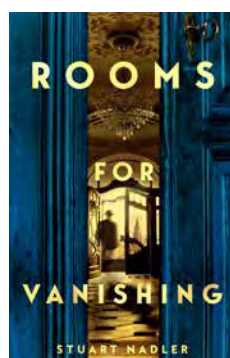
## Thirst Trap

9781035046195 | HB | £16.99  
12.06.25 | Picador

Set in modern Belfast, *Thirst Trap* is a blazing, bittersweet, biting funny, and painfully relatable debut about the friendships that endure through the very best and the very worst of times.

Maggie, Harley and Róise are friends on the brink: of triumph, catastrophe, or maybe just finally growing up. Their crumbling Belfast houseshare has been witness to their roaring twenties, filled with questionable one-night stands and ruthless hangovers. But now fault-lines are showing.

The three girls are still grieving the tragic death of their friend, Lydia, whose room remains untouched. Their last big fight hangs heavy over their heads, unspoken since the accident. And now they are all beginning to unravel.



**'Nadler is a genius. Rooms for Vanishing is the book of my dreams'**

Sabrina Orah Mark

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## Rooms for Vanishing

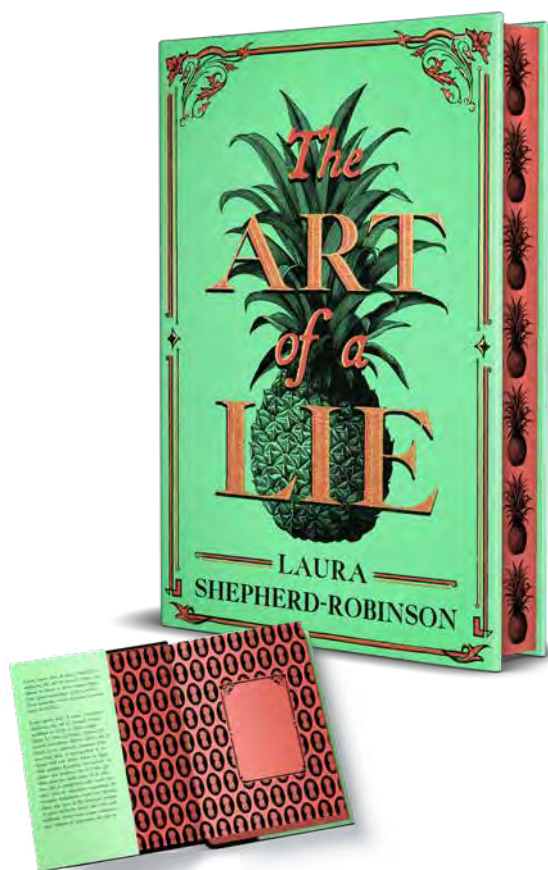
9781035060887 | HB | £18.99  
21.08.25 | Picador

A heart-stopping family epic of grief and hope, and one family blown apart – across the globe, across time, across parallel possibilities – by war.

From Sonja who was lifted onto a Kindertransport in 1938 to Arnold living out the last of his days in 2016 full of memories of his lost family, each character believes they are the only member of their family to survive the war. But what if that isn't the case . . . ? Moving between Vienna and Prague, London and Montreal, New York and Miami, Stuart Nadler's *Rooms for Vanishing* is a spellbinding exploration of what might happen when grief and hope collide.

A must-read for fans of *Trust* by Hernan Diaz and *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.





## The Art of a Lie

RC S POS IE 9781529053722 | HB | £18.99 | 10.07.25 | Mantle

The bestselling author of *The Square of Sevens* and *Blood & Sugar*, Laura Shepherd-Robinson is back with a brilliant new historical thriller involving murder, subterfuge and Georgian London's first ice-cream parlour . . .

Following the murder of her husband in what looks like a violent street robbery, Hannah Cole is struggling to keep her head above water. Her confectionery shop on Piccadilly is barely turning a profit, and Henry Fielding, the famous author and new magistrate, is threatening to confiscate the money in her husband's bank account, because he believes it might be illicitly acquired.

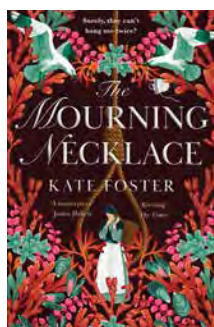
But when her friend William Devereux tells her about an Italian delicacy called iced cream, Hannah is convinced it will transform the fortunes of her shop – if only she can learn how to make it. But their friendship opens Hannah to speculation and gossip, and draws Henry Fielding's attention her way, locking her into a battle of wits more devastating than anything, even her husband's murder.

We have this available for you in an eye-catching Indie Exclusive Edition with pineapple print edges and signed endpapers.

**'A breathtaking, tension-filled, kaleidoscopic whirl . . .**

**This book has it all. Masterful'**

Abir Mukherjee, author of *Hunted*

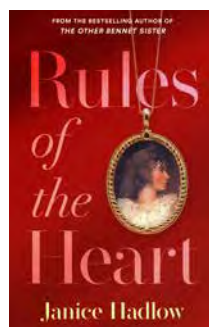


**The Mourning Necklace**  
9781035052059 | HB  
£16.99 | 29.05.25  
Mantle

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*They said I would swing for the crime and I did. I wear the rope-bruise like a mourning necklace. Surely, they can't hang me twice?*

Sentenced to hang for a terrible crime, Maggie Dickson somehow survives her own execution. Now she must race to prove her innocence before the hangman catches up with her. Inspired by a real-life case, this is the third novel from the Women's Prize-longlisted author of *The Maiden*, Kate Foster. Let us know if you'd like a proof!



**Rules of the Heart**  
9781509841974 | HB  
£18.99 | 21.08.25  
Mantle

The story of a woman who thinks she understands the rules of the game – but ends up breaking them all.

When Lady Henrietta Bessborough meets Lord Granville – handsome, rich – he appears the perfect candidate for an affair. Until she falls uncontrollably under his spell, and each anxious but besotted step she takes leads her further into scandal and ruin . . . From the bestselling author of *The Other Bennet Sister* and inspired by an eighteenth-century love affair.

To celebrate the centenary of Eva Ibbotson's birth in 2025, we are reissuing four of her classic historical romances with a fresh new cover look, introducing her to a new generation of readers.



**PB | £9.99 | Picador**  
**01.05.25**  
**The Secret Countess**  
9781035047062  
**The Morning Gift**  
9781035047086  
**10.07.25**  
**A Company of Swans**  
9781035047093  
**A Song for Summer**  
9781035047109

# PRIDE HIGHLIGHTS

We have a fantastic range of new titles to share with you so you can fill your bookshop shelves for Pride month in June, with recommendations for all ages!

At the bottom of the page you'll see a selection of some of our other favourite Pride titles, but for a full list please check out our collection on Edelweiss by scanning the QR code.



## We Are Your Children

9781529015362 | HB  
£25.00 | 22.05.25 | Two Hoots

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: 16+**

A fascinating illustrated history of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights in the UK, US and across the world by *New York Times* bestseller David Roberts, with an afterword by Juno Dawson. A wide-ranging and inclusive account of queer activism.



## The Pairing

9781035001910 | PB  
£9.99 | 08.05.25 | Pan

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: ADULTS**

Casey McQuiston, author of the global bestseller *Red, White and Royal Blue*, is back with this wildly anticipated sexy new romantic comedy. Two bisexual exes accidentally book the same European food and wine tour and challenge each other to a hookup competition to prove they're over each other – except they're definitely not.



## Outrage

9781035030606 | HB  
£20.00 | Out Now | Bluebird

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: ADULTS**

In this groundbreaking, compelling and highly readable book, writer and activist Ellen Jones exposes the discrimination queer people continue to face in all areas of life. Whether you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community, an ally, or simply care about human rights and equality, *Outrage* is essential and illuminating reading.

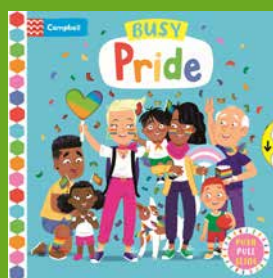


## Do Ask, Do Tell

9781035042074 | HB  
£20.00 | 29.05.25 | Bluebird

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: ADULTS**

A rollercoaster ride through queer life, love and culture with Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley, who are here to answer all the questions you're afraid to ask. From sticky dancefloors to pushing prams, from drag to dealing with hate, this book explores the diversity of the queer experience – because there is no right or wrong way to be LGBTQ+.

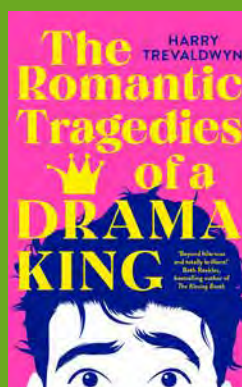


## Busy Pride

9781035055357 | BB  
£7.99 | 01.05.25 | MCB

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: CHILDREN**

Little ones can join in the Pride fun too, as they get dressed up, join the rainbow parade, sing along with the performers, then have a sunny garden party. With fun, rhyming text and bright, joyful illustrations by Tommy Doyle, young children can push, pull and slide the tabs to join in with the celebrations.



## The Romantic Tragedies of a Drama King

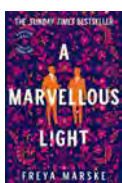
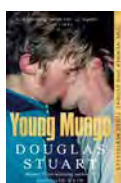
9781035049202 | PB  
£8.99 | Out Now | MCB

**AUDIENCE GUIDANCE: TEENS**

Armed with an alarming level of self-confidence, Patch has decided that this is the year he will get a boyfriend, so it's goodbye to his French pen-pal Jean-Pierre and hello to the world!

A heartfelt, laugh-out-loud comedy from rising star Harry Trevaldwyn.

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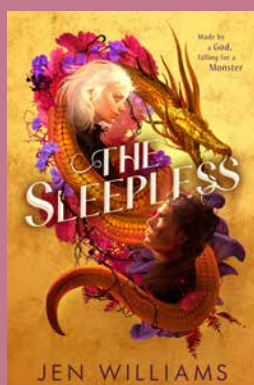


# FIRST INK

The home of books that celebrate coming of age for any age: first love, first experiences, first time finding your voice and your place in the world.

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### The Sleepless

9781035058044 | HB | £16.99 | 22.05.25

Get ready to fall in love with *The Sleepless*, the first epic slow-burn YA fantasy from British Fantasy Award-winning author Jen Williams.

Jen combines epic world-building with a thrilling love triangle. Meet Elver, who was saved by the Queen of the Serpents when she was just a child, and Artair, who spends his nights shut up in a tower because of the dangerous spirit that overtakes his body when he sleeps.

When Artair is sent on a mission to steal a monster cub that is under Elver's protection, he, and Lucian, the other spirit inhabiting his body, are set on a collision course with the monster girl that will challenge everything they think they know about their world.

This is an epic romantasy perfect for fans of *Godkiller*, *Powerless* and *Girl, Goddess, Queen*.

#### 'A must read!'

Emily Varga, bestselling author of *For She is Wrath*



### Wish You Were Her

9781035027873 | PB | £8.99 | 05.06.25

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*Book Lovers* meets *Notting Hill* with a slice of *You've Got Mail* in *Wish You Were Her*, the brand new rivals-to-lovers romance from bestselling, award-winning Elle McNicoll.

Eighteen-year-old Allegra Brooks skyrocketed to fame after starring in a hit television show, and she's the overnight success that everyone's talking about. They just don't know she's autistic. Now, all she wants is a normal teenage summer. Her escape is remote Lake Pristine and its annual Book Festival, organised by the dedicated but unfriendly senior bookseller, Jonah Thorne.

Misunderstandings arise in this small town, drawing both into high-profile hostility, overshadowing her quest for tranquility. Thank goodness for her saving grace: the increasingly personal emails she's been sharing with a charming and anonymous bookseller who is definitely not Jonah Thorne . . .



### Of Flame and Fury

9781035057412 | PB | £9.99 | 17.07.25

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*Fourth Wing* meets *The Fast and the Furious* in this explosive YA fantasy by debut author Mikayla Bridge.

With deadly phoenixes, edge-of-your-seat action and a smouldering enemies-to-lovers romance, readers won't want to miss the hottest YA fantasy of the summer.

On an ash-formed, fiery island, phoenix racing reigns as the most profitable yet deadly occupation. Kelyn Varra and her crew, the Crimson Howlers, know this too well. After their rider's brutal murder, Kel reluctantly teams up with hot-tempered Warren Coupers to tackle mounting debts and threats to her phoenix, Savita. As a tech mogul's interest peaks and an ominous disease looms, Kel must unravel a plot that will threaten everything she cares for.

Includes a gorgeous covetable map by Virginia Allyn, who created the maps in *A Tempest of Tea* and *When the Moon Hatched*. Request a proof now!



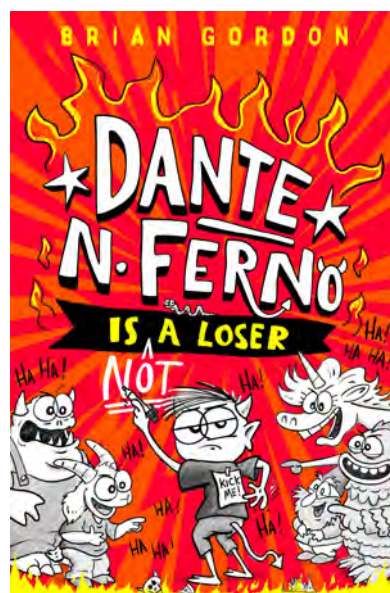
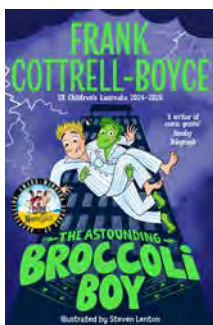
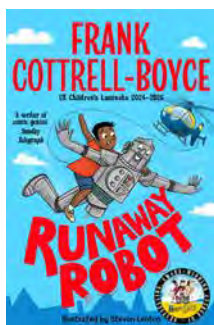
## The Blockbusters!

RC S POS IE 9781035033874 | HB | £12.99 | 15.05.25 | MCB

Buckle up for a fun-filled adventure in the latest from the UK Children's Laureate! Year 6 are off to Hollywood in *The Blockbusters!* – a hilarious and heartwarming new middle grade novel from award-winner Frank Cottrell-Boyce, fabulously illustrated in black and white throughout by Steven Lenton.

When Rafa and his friends accidentally stray onto the set of a Hollywood blockbuster, the last thing they expect is to become part of the action. Rafa's likeness to the famous movie star, BB, gives him VIP access to all areas, including the banquet of catering doughnuts! But Rafa isn't the only one having an adventure. His big brother, Cillian, is missing. He sent Rafa a clue to his location, but he can't really be in actual Hollywood, can he? It's up to Rafa to keep acting the part of a movie star, if he is to find his brother – and home.

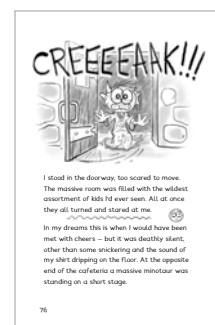
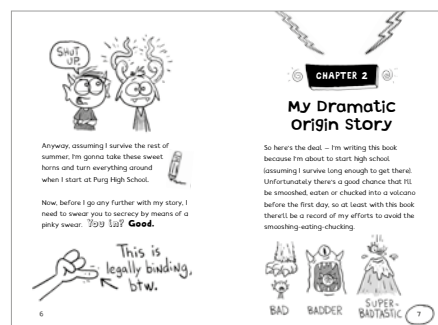
There's a Signed Indie Exclusive Edition available for this one, featuring a sprayed edge and exclusive endpapers illustrated by Steven Lenton. We have digital reading copies available to request and will have a range of POS materials available on publication to celebrate this fantastic new novel! Plus, three of Frank's backlist titles are being reissued alongside with bright new covers: *Runaway Robot*, *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* and *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*.



## Dante N. Ferno is NOT a Loser

RC POS 9781035063598 | PB | £7.99 | 03.07.25 | MCB

We're all super excited about this extremely silly, anarchic and all round feel-good debut for readers 7+ from Brian Gordon. *Dante N. Ferno is NOT a Loser* is fully-illustrated in black and white throughout and will appeal to fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and Louie Stowell's *Loki*.



Dante N. Ferno is winning . . . at being a LOSER.

Ever since his trousers fell down in front of the whole school, Dante has struggled to shake off his seriously uncool reputation. Luckily, he has a foolproof plan to become the most popular kid at his new school.

But unfortunately for Dante, Purg School is attended by infamous creatures from myths and legends and they're not going to let him shake off his loser status overnight! Dante is going to have his work cut out to beat the bullies and show the world that he is NOT a loser.

Proofs are in and available to request and we'll have POS available on publication.



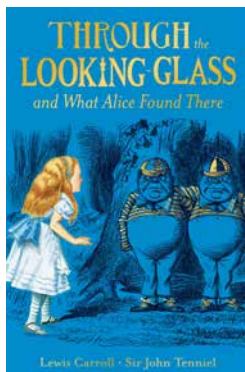
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# The Macmillan Alice: Celebrating 160 Years

2025 marks 160 years of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and to celebrate we have a special publishing programme lined up throughout the year! In June, we publish five titles bringing Alice in Wonderland to all ages and lining up everything you need for Alice Day on 4th July.

*Alice Pull-Out Prints* is a stunning new gift book with 22 prints from the celebrated illustrators of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* since its publication in 1865. This beautifully packaged collection is full of stunning artwork from Sir John Tenniel and a host of other classic illustrators who have interpreted Alice in their own unique ways, including Tove Jansson, Chris Riddell, Arthur Rackham and Júlia Sardà. Printed on sturdy, high-quality A4 card, each picture can be removed and framed, or the book can be read from start to finish to give an abridged version of the classic story. This is the perfect gift for both new and existing Alice fans.



We also have two beautiful new paperback editions of the classic stories with the iconic original illustrations, plus bonus material including a quiz, wordsearch and glossary.

There is a fresh new pack design for *The Macmillan Alice Pack of Cards*, with illustrations on the cards featuring the Queen of Hearts, the Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit, including a rule book with several classic games to play.

For younger children, our Campbell push, pull and slide board book is being reissued with a brand-new cover look as part of our First Stories series, introducing littlest readers to the curious world of Alice. With bright illustrations by Nadia Gunawan, this is a wonderful way to tumble down the rabbit hole.



**Alice Pull-Out Prints** | 9781035052844 | HB | £20.00 | MCB  
**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** | 9781529095890 | PB | £6.99 | MCB  
**Through the Looking-Glass** | 9781529095906 | PB | £6.99 | MCB  
**The Macmillan Alice Pack of Cards** | 9781035050505 | £7.99  
**Alice in Wonderland** | 9781035054299 | BB | £7.99 | Campbell

All publishing 12.06.25

We are celebrating a second anniversary in 2025 with the centenary of children's classic *Milly-Molly-Mandy*.

Joyce Lankester Brisley's gorgeous series has charmed generations of children since its first publication in 1925 and we are relaunching the original chapter books in a beautiful gift format with special finishes and the iconic black and white illustrations.

Join the little girl in the candy-striped dress as she goes blackberry picking, gets ready to throw a party for her friends and goes to her village fete.

Each book includes thirteen stories that are the perfect way to introduce younger readers to the enduringly popular heroine. These anniversary editions have brand-new introductions written by actor Sally Phillips.



**Milly-Molly-Mandy Stories** | 9781035048731  
**More of Milly-Molly-Mandy** | 9781035048748  
**Further Doings of Milly-Molly-Mandy** | 9781035048762  
**All PB | £7.99 | 15.05.25 | MCB**



## Not Just a Period

9781035049592  
HB | £18.99 | 22.05.25  
Bluebird

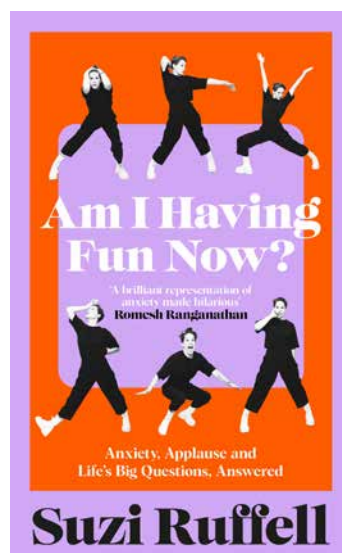
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1.9 billion people on this planet menstruate but less than 1 in 5 women feel they have enough information on menstrual wellbeing.

Dr Hazel Wallace seeks to put an end to this in *Not Just a Period*, a revelatory new approach to women's health through the lens of our hormones and menstrual cycle.

The book is full of pioneering research, community-driven surveys, case studies and research-backed lifestyle practices, to teach women how to navigate every phase of our menstrual cycles with greater ease and control and to deepen our understanding of how our bodies work. It also positions periods as the fifth vital sign, a way to understand the health of the rest of our bodies.

Dr Hazel Wallace is a multiple *Sunday Times* bestselling author for her books *The Food Medic* and *The Female Factor*. She also has a super-engaged online community of 961k on Instagram, and a hugely popular podcast now in its tenth series. If you would like to find out more about this title, we have proofs available to request.



## Am I Having Fun Now?

9781035036882  
HB | £18.99 | 05.06.25  
Bluebird

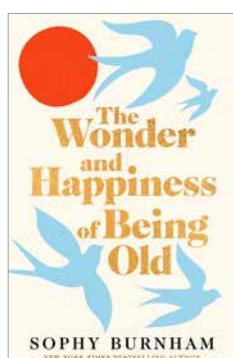
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How do you know if you're too anxious? Does peaking at high school ruin you for life? What is having it all and do I really want it?

Brutally honest, moving and at the same time very funny: award-winning comedian Suzi Ruffell tells the story of a life afflicted with anxiety, and asks the experts to answer some of life's big questions along the way.

She asks Dolly Alderton how to mend a broken heart, Elizabeth Day whether Miley Cyrus was right and is it all about the climb when it comes to your career, *Married at First Sight*'s Charlene Douglas what happens to your body and brain when you fall in love, Dr. Owen O'Kane whether living a lie can actually make you sick, and lots more.

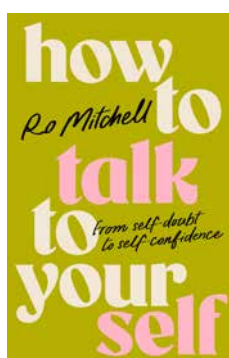
Suzi co-hosts the super-successful podcast *Like Minded Friends* with her best friend Tom Allen; as well as her own podcast, *Out*, in which she interviews prominent LGBTQ+ people from a range of industries. She has over 243k followers on TikTok and over 150k followers on Instagram.



## The Wonder and Happiness of Being Old

9781035062850  
HB | £15.99  
22.05.25  
Bluebird

A timeless introspection on age, love, memories, regret, reconciliation and forgiveness, and, underneath it all, the silent wisdom that derives from the perspective of years lived. The perfect companion piece readers can return to time and time again.



## How to Talk to Yourself

9781035060443  
TPB | £14.99  
19.06.25  
Bluebird

Influencer Ro Mitchell offers a comforting and empowering guiding hand to find self-acceptance, be kinder to ourselves, to forgive ourselves, and to approach discipline and success from a new, healthier angle



## Turning to Birds

9781035039999  
HB | £20.00  
08.05.25  
One Boat

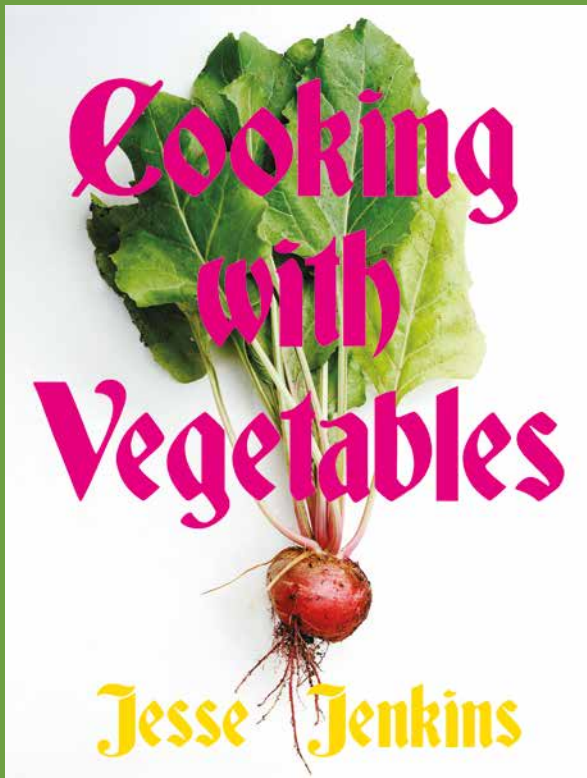
A lyrical and moving memoir-in-essays from award-winning actress Lili Taylor about birds and finding meaning in life. Lili is a prominent ambassador for birds as a board member of the National Audubon Society, the American Birding Association and the New York City Audubon.



# Cooking with Vegetables

The stunning debut cookbook from  
London-LA chef and pro-skater

**Jesse Jenkins**



9781035053339

**RC** • HB • £28.00 • 12.06.25 • Bluebird

Jesse Jenkins' flavour-forward, creative recipes and highly distinctive style take vegetable cooking to new heights with over 100 original dishes. He introduces dairy, meat and fish, but the starting point is always the humble vegetable. Organised by type such as leafy veg, brassicas, root veg, aubergine and mushrooms, and packed with Jesse's stunning photographs, *Cooking With Vegetables* redefines modern cooking.

This distinctive, original new cookbook will appeal to fans of Yotam Ottolenghi, Nigel Slater's *Tender*, Joshua Weismann's *An Unapologetic Cookbook* and Anna Jones' *One: Pot, Pan, Planet*.

Jesse Jenkins – aka Another Day in Paradise – is a chef and social media rising star based in London. His cinematic vegetable-focused cooking videos on Instagram reach up to 2.1 million views and he has 461k followers.

## miso-glazed courgette



**SERVES 2 AS A MAIN, 4 AS A SIDE**

**2 courgettes**

**neutral oil (I use rapeseed),  
for pan-frying**

**1 tbsp white miso paste  
(or to taste)**

**1 tbsp honey (or to taste)**

**white sesame seeds**

**squeeze of lemon juice**

**salt**

**spring onions, trimmed  
and chopped, to serve**

Halve the courgettes lengthways and score each half in a crisscross pattern – you want the flavour to be able to get in there, so cut about halfway through. Season them with salt, rubbing it into the cuts thoroughly, then place them cut side down on a paper towel for 30 minutes – this will extract excess water, helping them tenderise without falling apart when cooked.

Dry the courgettes thoroughly and heat a few tablespoons of oil in a frying pan over a high heat. Add the courgettes to the pan cut side down and fry for 5–10 minutes, until golden, then flip and baste them with the oil for a few more minutes, so they cook through evenly. Transfer to a wire rack or paper towel to drain, then place the courgettes cut side up on a baking tray.

Preheat the oven to 200°C fan.

Whisk the miso paste, honey and a splash of water in a bowl until smooth and spreadable. Taste for seasoning, adjusting to your preference based on the saltiness of the miso, then spread a thin layer of the miso glaze over the cut side of the courgettes and sprinkle some sesame seeds on top. Bake for 7–10 minutes, ensuring the sesame seeds don't burn, until the glaze has caramelised.

Mix a little lemon juice into the remaining miso glaze. Spread it on a plate, place the courgettes on top, and garnish with chopped spring onions. Enjoy!

**If this recipe caught your interest, samplers of *Cooking With Vegetables* are available to request now!**



**PAN MAC TEAM PICK**

**Gillian Mackay**

'Super to see vegetables take centre stage in such an inspiring and innovative way – I can't wait to try out the recipes!'



## Rewitched

9781035045471

PB | £9.99 | 03.07.25 | Pan

### When the leaves fall, magic rises . . .

When Belladonna Blackthorn's 30th birthday brings a summon from her coven, and a trial that tests her worthiness as a witch, she risks losing her magic forever. She will need all the help she can get to fix things – from the women in her life, an unlikely mentor figure, and an (infuriatingly handsome) watchman who's sworn to protect her . . .

Readers loved this book when it came out in hardback and we are so excited that *Rewitched* will be available in paperback this summer! This is the perfect read to recommend ahead of Lucy's next spellbinding read, *Uncharmed*, coming in September!



## Untamed Heart

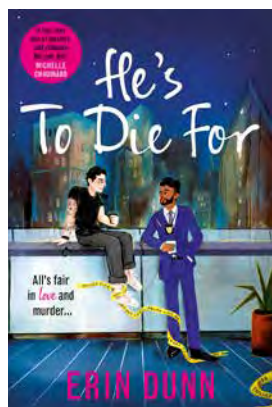
9781035076253

PB | £9.99 | 14.08.25 | Pan

### Escape to the Diamond Back Ranch . . .

When Lottie Wright is made redundant from her London law firm graduate job, and finds out that her banker boyfriend is cheating on her, she gets straight on a plane to Jackson Hole, Wyoming in the U.S.A. Her plan is to get back in the saddle at her cousin Lil's ranch, the Diamond Back.

Under the vast western starry skies and in the shadow of the wild Rocky Mountains, Lottie is torn between scrumptious cowboy Cole and bull-rider Beau. It's time for her to take the reins and figure out just who she wants to be and who will win her heart. . . A sweet and spicy cowboy romance for fans of Elsie Silver and Lyla Sage, from debut novelist Gemma Morr.



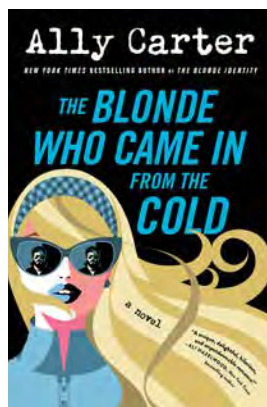
## He's To Die For

9781035071944

PB | £9.99 | 05.06.25 | Pan

*Brooklyn 99* meets *The Charm Offensive* when a detective finds himself falling for the lead suspect in a career-making case.

A stellar debut from Erin Dunn that combines famous rock bands with aristocracy and a queer relationship at the helm to form a sparkling romantic murder mystery.



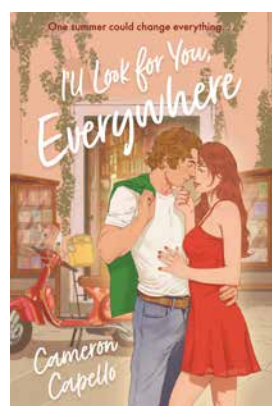
## The Blonde Who Came in from the Cold

9781035065714

PB | £9.99 | 07.08.25 | Pan

Two former CIA spies, once lovers and now enemies, awaken handcuffed together, launching them into a perilous mission, forcing them to work together to survive.

An action-packed, irresistible rom-com from *Sunday Times*-bestselling author Ally Carter.

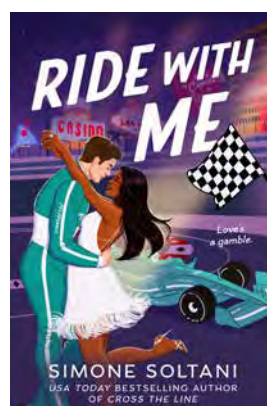


## I'll Look for You, Everywhere

9781035035915

PB | £9.99 | 03.07.25 | Pan

An intoxicating love story for the ages following Theo and Magdalen, childhood neighbours, as they are reunited for the first time in seven years to celebrate a family wedding in the sleepy Italian village they grew up in. An unmissable and intensely passionate debut romance that readers will love this summer!



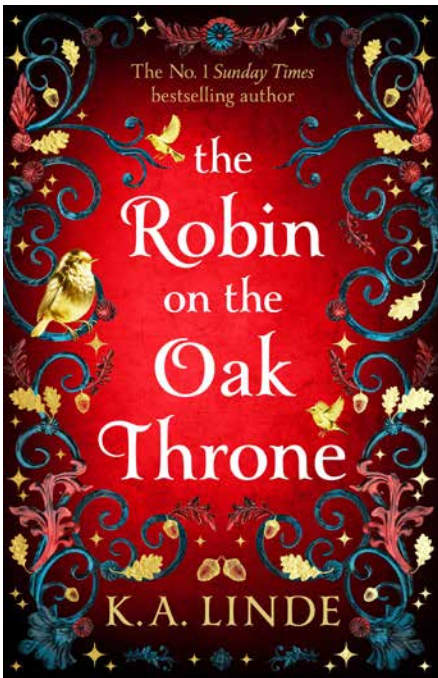
## Ride with Me

9781035045143

PB | £9.99 | 22.05.25 | Pan

After being left at the altar, Stella Baldwin's impulsive Vegas marriage two weeks later to F1 driver Thomas Maxwell-Brown seems like the solution to both of their problems, challenging them to reconsider the notion of what stays in Vegas . . . *Ride with Me* is the exciting second installment in the Lights Out series.





## The Robin on the Oak Throne

9781035045242  
HB | £22.00 | 19.06.25 | Tor Bramble

Kierse and Graves are back in this steamy sequel to the *Sunday Times* bestselling *The Wren in the Holly Library*, the second book in K. A. Linde's dark addictive romantasy series inspired by the classic fairytale *Beauty and the Beast*.

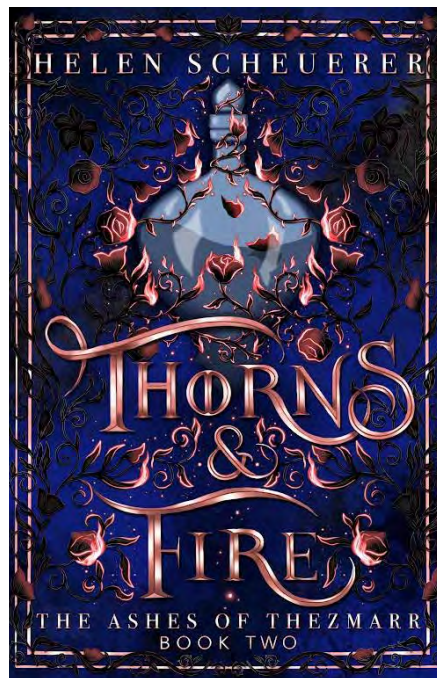
Set in an alternative America where monsters live among humankind, street thief Kierse has left New York and the enigmatic Graves behind her. But she is plagued with nightmares of a past she doesn't remember.

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**Love is a monstrous game . . .**

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Determined to learn about her parents and understand her new found identity Kierse puts her hopes in the temptation of the Goblin Market. But when everything goes sideways she ends up needing help from the one person she was determined to avoid – Graves.



## Thorns & Fire

9781035067312  
HB | £22.00 | 31.07.25 | Tor Bramble

From the author of the bestselling *Legends of Thezmarr* series, *Thorns & Fire* by Helen Scheuerer is the second book in *The Ashes of Thezmarr* trilogy following on from *Iron & Embers*.

Wren Embervale and Torj Elderbrock are bound by a tumultuous past as Thezmarr nears war. Amidst conflicted emotions and secrets, Torj pledges to protect Wren. As she balances alchemy studies with royal duties, Wren faces a choice between loyalty and freedom, legacy and love. Her powerful alchemy could fracture kingdoms, testing their bond and future together.

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**A golden thread joined them, a bond that went deeper than love – and it had nearly destroyed them.**

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Will she and Torj find their way back to each other, or will the ancient magic that binds them become their undoing?

Perfect for romantasy fans, this spellbinding sequel delivers heart-wrenching choices, a found family to root for and a love that defies the odds.



## The Fallen and the Kiss of Dusk

9781035051649  
HB | £22.00 | 05.08.25 | Tor Bramble

Carissa Broadbent truly shines as a leading talent in our Tor division, with the entire *Crowns of Nyaxia* series becoming *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

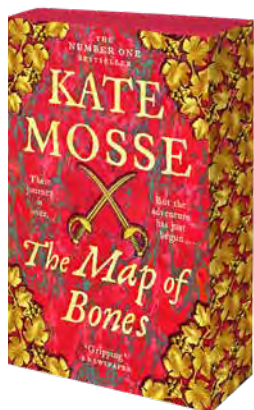
*The Fallen and the Kiss of Dusk* concludes *The Shadowborn Duet*, and also serves as the fourth book in the *Crowns of Nyaxia* series.

In this latest instalment, readers accompany beloved character Mische on her thrilling journey into the dark, dangerous, and sumptuous kingdom of the House of Shadow. We can't wait to this see added to Carissa Broadbent collections across the country!

*The Songbird and the Heart of Stone* will be published in paperback a month prior to the publication of *The Fallen and the Kiss of Dusk* – perfect timing for readers to familiarise themselves with Mische and the House of Shadow!



**The Songbird and the Heart of Stone**  
(*The Shadowborn Duet Book One*)  
9781035050734  
PB | £9.99 | 03.07.25 | Tor Bramble



## The Map of Bones

9781035042173  
PB | £9.99  
31.07.25 | Pan

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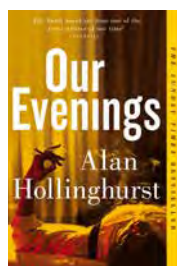
**'A fittingly terrific conclusion'**

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Epic and heartbreaking, *The Map of Bones* is the final novel in Kate Mosse's No. 1 bestselling Joubert Family Chronicles. We have an Indie Exclusive for you, with a designed sprayed edge.

*Olifantshoek, Southern Africa, 1688.* Suzanne Joubert, a Huguenot refugee, journeys to the Cape of Good Hope to find her missing cousin, Louise.

*Franschhoek, Southern Africa, 1862.* Isabelle Joubert Lepard follows in her footsteps, investigating her ancestors, but soon realises her own life is in danger.



## Our Evenings

9781447208242 | PB | £9.99  
28.08.25 | Picador

From the Booker Prize-winning author and one of England's finest novelists comes a novel of acute observation and linguistic brilliance.

*Our Evenings* is the natural companion to *The Line of Beauty*: a story of class, race and sexuality in modern Britain told through characters who live on long after the final page.



## From Scenes Like These

9781035073566 | PB | £10.99  
29.05.25 | Picador

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Set in 1950s Scotland; where town and country jostle each other, and violence, crime and poverty are never far away.

*From Scenes Like These* is a forgotten 20th century Scottish cult classic, shortlisted for the first ever Booker Prize, and perfect for fans of Douglas Stuart, Andrew O'Hagan, and Irvine Welsh.



## Long Island

9781035029464 | PB | £9.99  
05.06.25 | Picador

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A *Sunday Times* and *Irish Times* Best Book of Year in 2024, *Long Island* returns us to the world of Colm Tóibín's *Brooklyn*.

We are reunited with Eilis twenty years later when a stranger and his revelation see her turn again towards the town and the people she left behind. Picador's biggest paperback of 2025, this is a must-read this summer.



## Juice

9781035050826 | PB  
£9.99 | 24.07.25 | Picador

An epic adventure, a story of survival, passion and revenge from Tim Winton, one of the greatest writers in the English language.



## The Burial Plot

9781529090963 | PB  
£9.99 | 05.06.25 | Picador

From the author of *The Doll Factory*, a gothic thriller about murder, manipulation, and a young woman trying to wrestle power from a dangerous man.



## Wife

9781529052831 | PB  
£9.99 | 01.05.25 | Picador

*Wife* takes the reader from the end of a relationship to its start and back again, in a novel of queer identity, passionate love, and motherhood.

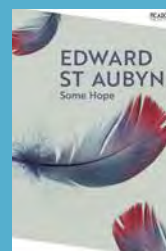


## Eighteen

9781035031290 | PB  
£10.99 | 05.06.25 | Pan

The *Sunday Times* bestseller: Alice Loxton explores Britain's history through eighteen inspiring figures at the age of eighteen.

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## Independent Bookshop Week Promotions • 14th – 21st June 2025

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 about any of these offers, please contact your local sales representative. Please note that all POS materials are subject to availability, while stocks last.

### InvestiGators Buy One Get One FREE offer

We're happy to say that John Patrick Green will be touring the UK this IBW! To celebrate, we're offering a BOGOF promotion across the InvestiGators and Agents of S.U.I.T. series, and we can send you supporting shelf talkers and BOGOF stickers. We also have FSDUs, badges and downloadable activity sheets available, with updated artwork for 2025. T&Cs apply.



### Priddy Books Buy One Get One FREE offer

Celebrate Priddy Books turning 25 with a BOGOF offer on Priddy Indie bestsellers. We have supporting BOGOF stickers and table talkers available as well as sticker sheets and downloadable activities to request.



### Favourites, Events and 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 – do check with your local sales representative for more info on available authors!



### Ann Cleeves Exclusive Short Story & Poster

Ann Cleeves has written a new short story that is available exclusively to Independent Bookshops this IBW and is **free to give away to your customers**. We also have posters available to advertise the Indie Exclusive edition of *The Killing Stones*, coming this autumn.

### Macmillan Collector's Library offer

Our much-loved promotion returns this IBW with a **FREE tote bag available to give away to customers who buy any two MCL books**. Plus, a brand new Mini Collector's Booklet to give away with purchases. T&Cs apply.

We also have wrapping paper packs available as well as a table talker to promote the offer in store.



### Independent Bookshop Exclusives and POS

Don't forget to read more about our three Indie Exclusives publishing in May – *The Sunshine Man* by Emma Stonex (p. 28), *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal* by Robin Ince (p. 33) and *The Blockbusters!* by Children's Laureate, Frank Cottrell-Boyce (p. 14). We also have fantastic POS available to order for some brilliant new titles, so check out p. 4 for more details.

# Camilla Reid

A joyful range of preschool books from BookTrust's latest 'Writer in Residence'



## Who's Funny?

9781035031818  
BB | £7.99  
22.05.25  
MCB

This cute dinosaur lift-the-flap book is perfect for sharing with a very funny little person.

Children will love lifting the irresistibly soft felt flaps to discover who is the funniest little person ever - will it be one of four favourite dinosaurs? They'll find the answer when they look in the mirror hiding under the final flap!



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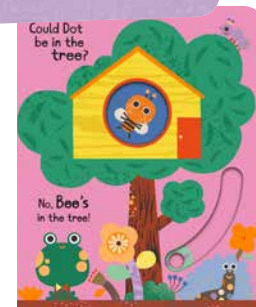
## Is Dot in the Tree?

9781035031726  
BB | £7.99  
12.06.25  
MCB

An interactive hide-and-seek book with tabs to push and pull, eye-catching neon details, a surprise mirror ending and an adorable animal character, Dot! With distinctive and stylish illustrations by Carly Gledhill, little ones will love sliding the easy-to-use tabs to discover where Dot is hiding, and then finding themselves in the mirror at the end.



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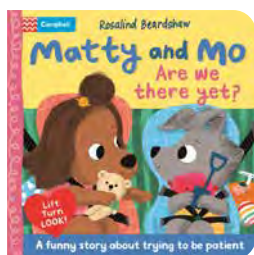
**'I'm in no doubt that early years books are the most important books a child will ever read. The fun, the joy, the wonder of reading – it all grows from that first experience of sharing a book in the lap of a much-loved adult.'**

**As an early years author I always invite the child to get involved in the book – to lift a flap, move a slider, or join in with a repeated refrain – because it gives them agency in the story, and that makes them feel great.'**

– Camilla Reid

# Matty and Mo

A funny new novelty series for toddlers by Rosalind Beardshaw



## Matty and Mo: Are We There Yet?

9781035053230  
BB | £7.99  
15.05.25  
MCB

Inspired by a relatable, real-life family experience, this funny board book story is all about learning how to be patient. Matty and Mo are going for a long drive to the beach. But five minutes in, mum hears a familiar question . . . ARE WE THERE YET? With flaps, a wheel, an adorable fold-out heart ending and an QR-linked audio recording, there's interactivity on every spread!



## Matty and Mo: The Lost Teddy

9781035053216  
BB | £7.99  
15.05.25  
MCB

Matty and Mo are puppy siblings and best friends too. Today it is rainy, so they are playing inside picnics, but first they need to work together to find the lost teddy. The only problem is, sometimes Mo can be a bit silly . . .

Featuring the same interactive elements as *Are We There Yet?*, learning how to get along has never been this fun!



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## Hello Sun!

9781035038305

## Hello Fish!

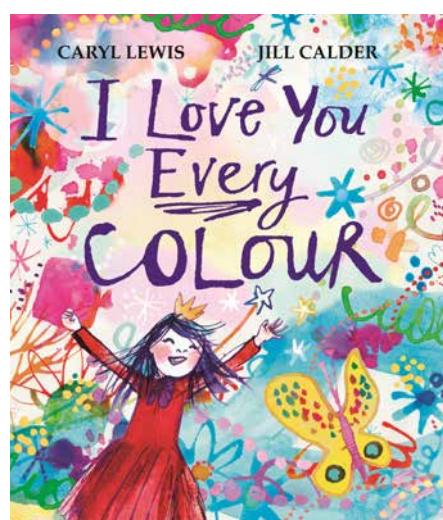
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POS BB | £8.99 | 31.07.25 | Two Hoots

A shiny gift for tiny hands, *Hello Sun!* and *Hello Fish!* are two gorgeous new books in the Mirror Magic series, from the award-winning Sharon King-Chai, illustrator of Julia Donaldson's *Animalphabet* and *Counting Creatures*.

Full of bold shapes, high contrast colours and new words to enjoy, *Hello Sun!* and *Hello Fish!* are perfect for catching the eye and keeping little ones engaged as they soar into a bright and beautiful sky or find treasures in the ocean.

Fully mirrored-throughout, with a surprise reflective ending and a free QR code audio download with a bonus spotting game, there's so much fun to be had!



### I Love You Every Colour

9781035010240 | HB | £12.99 | 10.07.25  
Two Hoots

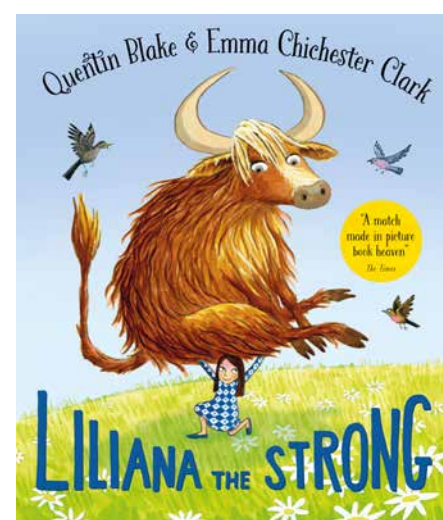
*I Love You Every Colour* shows love through the seasons and in every mood, from bright, blood-red sunrises to jewel-studded purples and lush, rich greens. The perfect gift, this special book celebrates love in all its forms, from personal and family relationships to the natural world and the planet as a whole in an explosion of colour and beauty.



### Robin Hood

9781529078329 | PB | £7.99 | 26.06.25  
Two Hoots

In the heart of the woods by the oldest oak tree, you might find a fierce little girl. Her name is Robin Hood . . .  
Bethan Woollvin, award-winning creator of *Little Red*, *Rapunzel*, and *Luna and the Sky Dragon*, has magically crafted a gender-flipped forest folktale for little rebels with big hearts, with a core message of standing up for what is right.



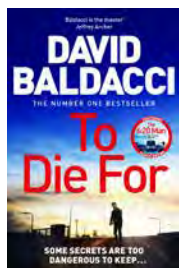
### Liliana the Strong

9781035020935 | HB | £12.99 | 15.05.25  
Two Hoots

Liliana uses her superpowers to help others, thinking nothing of singlehandedly rescuing a highland cow or stopping an out-of-control steam roller in its tracks. This fresh, funny and utterly joyful story from Britain's first Children's Laureate, Quentin Blake, has all the hallmarks of a future classic, and is the perfect gift for any child who needs a little reminder that everything will be okay.

# Looking for a thrilling time?

We've got a great selection of crime reads in hardback and paperback to suit all tastes.



## To Die For

9781035035359 | PB | £9.99  
03.07.25 | Pan

Two suspicious deaths. One young survivor. One man on the run...

The bodyguard becomes the hunted in the electric third Travis Devine thriller from international No. 1 bestselling author David Baldacci – the master of killer twists.

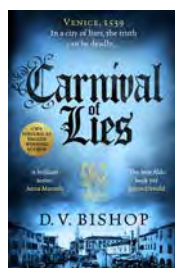


## Girl Falling

9781529080315 | HB | £18.99  
05.06.25 | Macmillan

In Australia's Blue Mountains, a climber has died in a tragic accident. *Girl Falling* is a psychological deep dive into the lives of those who knew her – and what they are hiding.

Fans of Jane Harper, Chris Whitaker and Chris Hammer will love this!

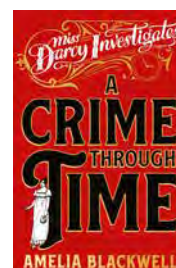


## Carnival of Lies

9781035041947 | HB | £18.99  
26.06.25 | Macmillan

*Renaissance Italy. Winter, 1539.* After learning of an assassination conspiracy, Cesare Aldo is forced towards the one place he's sworn to never return: Venice.

The fifth in the series, this is an explosive and atmospheric historical crime novel perfect for readers of C. J. Sansom and Andrew Taylor.



## A Crime Through Time

9781035054091 | HB | £18.99  
10.07.25 | Macmillan

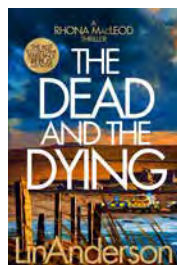
The first instalment in a time-travelling, cosy crime series featuring Georgiana Darcy from *Pride & Prejudice*. Mr Darcy's younger sister is transported to 1995, where she becomes the only witness to a terrible crime that, it soon becomes clear, Georgiana was meant to solve.



## The Spies of Hartlake Hall

9781035021956 | HB | £18.99  
21.08.25 | Macmillan

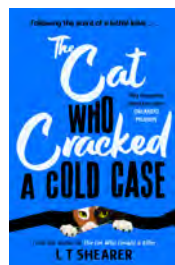
Cluedo meets Agatha Christie in this gripping novel set at the closing stages of World War One, from the author of *Death on the Lusitania*. While investigating a man's death, intelligence agent Patrick Gallagher invites those involved to his own family manor for questioning. Great for fans of Philip Kerr and Abir Mukherjee!



## The Dead and the Dying

9781035029259 | HB | £20.00  
14.08.25 | Macmillan

The nineteenth pulse-pounding instalment in the Rhona MacLeod series. In the heart of Orkney, a whale-rescue mission at Skail Bay uncovers a stone cist, sparking a gruesome mystery that spans centuries as well as the ominous question: how many more secrets does the sand conceal?



## The Cat Who Cracked a Cold Case

9781035043811 | PB | £9.99  
19.06.25 | Pan

A killer has returned, and retired detective Lulu Lewis and her talking cat, Conrad, must travel to Manchester on their canal boat to investigate the not-so-cold case. The third in the series, this is cosy crime fiction at its best. A great recommendation for Richard Osman fans!



## Strangers in the Car

9781035042975 | PB | £9.99  
22.05.25 | Pan

C. M. Ewan has a knack for writing everyday situations with deadly consequences. *Strangers in the Car* is a heart-pounding, claustrophobic thriller in which a young couple invites a stranded family into their car, with deadly consequences. An easy pick for Harlan Coben fans!



# DEADLINE

RC S POS IE 9781035035236 | HB | £20.00 | 03.07.25 | MACMILLAN

The debut crime thriller from award-winning broadcaster, Steph McGovern, that centres around a TV presenter whose earpiece gets hacked live on air.

Already getting rave reviews from some big hitting authors of crime fiction such as Ann Cleeves and Val McDermid, we can't wait for you to all read *Deadline*.

This will be a Signed Indie Exclusive Edition with a designed edge. Read on for a letter from Steph herself.



PAN MAC  
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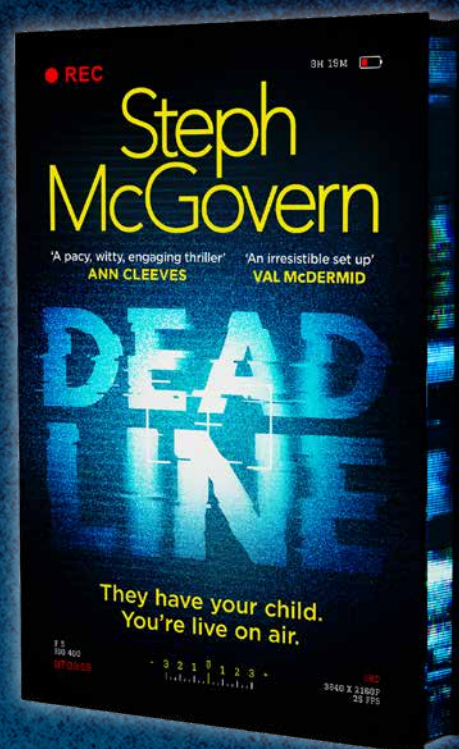
'Steph has written such a page-turner of a thriller, and I can't recommend it more highly - brilliant!'

'Fascinating and authentic. . .  
an irresistible set-up'

VAL MCDERMID

'Pacy, witty . . . I can't wait  
for you all to read it'

ANN CLEEVES



Dear Bookseller,

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy lives to let me take you through the workings of my brain, because that's what this book is.

It all started with a question I used to ask my colleagues whenever we were on location for a live broadcast. The first time was shortly after I heard the brilliant Harlan Coben, one of my fave crime writers, talk about getting the inspiration for his books by constantly asking 'what if'. So that's what I started doing. And I kept coming back to the same one; 'What if this broadcast got hijacked?'

My mates, who I was working with, would then discuss the different ways you could hijack a broadcast, as well as why someone might do it and what we'd all do if it happened. I regularly wrote notes and was fascinated by everyone's thoughts on it, because they were so varied. To begin with it was just a way to pass the time while we were waiting to go on air, often in a cold broadcast truck outside a factory. But then my crime writing mates convinced me to have a crack at making it into a book.

I'll be honest, I was too intimidated. I have always loved reading books and interviewing authors, but I never thought I could be one. Then Covid happened. I'd just had a baby and because of the lockdown rules I ended

up launching a TV show in my kitchen. Writing became my sanity. I never, ever, thought it would be anything more than a hobby. While everyone was making banana bread, I was killing people (on the page, not in real life). I never expected my writing to be read by anyone other than me and my mates. However, I am very lucky that one of my friends is the fabulous Ann Cleeves, the creator of Vera and Shetland. Before I tell you what she said, I need to explain that our Ann doesn't suffer fools gladly. She is brutally honest about everything. So, when she said 'you can write', I was blown away. Through Ann and some of her brilliant publishing mates, I was convinced to write the rest of the story.

This novel is not just a creative adventure for me, it's also a book which highlights the things I care about. As well as giving you a peek behind the scenes of telly, it's also a story that acknowledges and shines a light on the people who society often underestimates, with Northern humour at its core.

So, thank you once again for choosing this book and making this daft lass from Middlesbrough very bloody happy.

I hope you like it. Don't tell me if you don't though. My ego is too fragile.

Steph McGovern



## Greenwild: The Forest in the Sky

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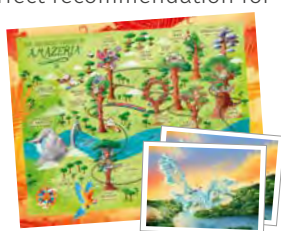
The battle for the magical world is only just beginning . . .

The much-anticipated third and final instalment in the award-winning Greenwild series is here!

The team are setting off to save a group of imprisoned botanists, but are sent spinning off course when Daisy and Max are separated and Max is shipwrecked on an impossible shore with no escape, all while the mysterious Great Reaper draws ever closer . . . This epic finale takes us to the Amazon rainforest, the most biodiverse place on earth. But it's impossible to know who to trust, and Daisy and her friends must draw on every ounce of courage they have to fight for everything they hold most dear.

The gentle environmental messaging of this series makes it a perfect pick for parents and teachers, while the fast-paced adventure and magical storytelling has captured the hearts of young readers. It's a perfect recommendation for fans of Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer* and A.F. Steadman's Skandar series!

Thank you for your support for the series so far. We will have POS material available to create eye-catching displays, including a new map poster and sky dragon postcards.

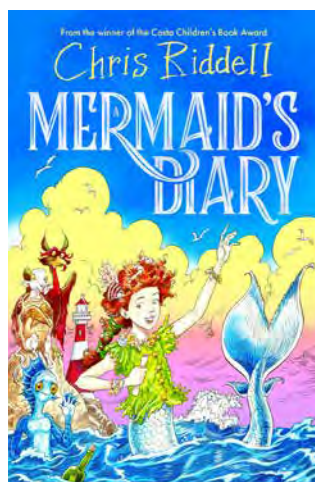


### Land of the Last Wildcat

**RC** **POS** 9781035040315  
PB | £7.99 | 01.05.25 | MCB

A mythical, magical wildcat is depending on Puffin Lau for its survival. Even with an ominous money-hungry scientist standing in her way, Puffin will stop at nothing to return the wildcat to its rightful home.

Lui Sit's debut is all about family, friendship and the importance of our natural world. This is the charming and magical read that fans of *The Last Firefox* are waiting for!

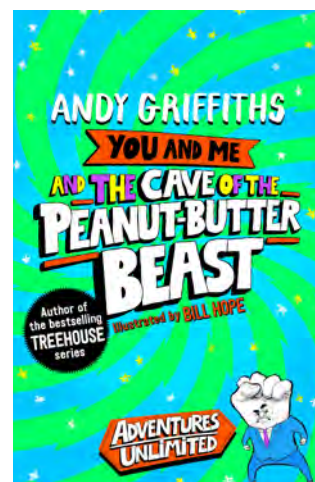


### A Mermaid's Diary

**S** 9781529009392  
HB | £12.99 | 01.05.25 | MCB

Shy mermaid Atalanta Scrimshaw lives in the quiet backwater of Sleepy Cove, and life is perfect. Until Atalanta learns of plans by developers to transform Sleepy Cove into a luxury, seaside golf resort!

With his trademark wit and beautiful illustrations, Costa Children's Book Award-winner Chris Riddell's latest is a perfect middle grade summer read to look forward to.



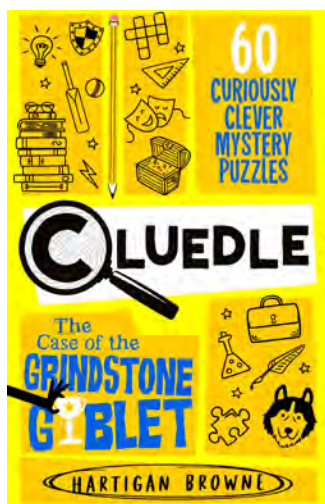
### You and Me and the Peanut-Butter Beast

**S** 9781035048229  
HB | £12.99 | 28.08.25 | MCB

From Andy Griffiths, author of the worldwide bestselling Treehouse series, comes the second book in the exciting You and Me series.

Showcasing a concept that invites readers into the adventure itself, with characters titled 'Me' and 'You', this is a hilarious, action-packed new offering that will have readers racing to the very end! Featuring black-and-white illustrations throughout by Bill Hope.



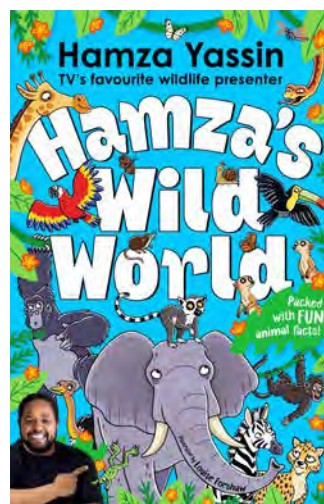
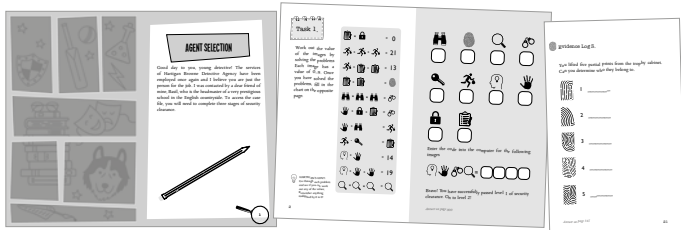


## Cluedle: The Case of the Grindstone Goblet

9781035073733  
PB | £9.99 | 19.06.25  
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The fifth title in Hartigan Browne's Cluedle series, *The Case of the Grindstone Goblet* is a great choice for puzzle-busting kids and skilful super sleuths!

Fans of the previous Cluedle books and the Murdle series will be ready to grab a pen and join P.I. Hartigan Browne to unravel clues, navigate maps and crack codes. It's the ideal activity book for summer holidays, car journeys and rainy days!



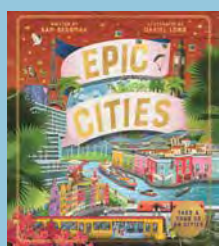
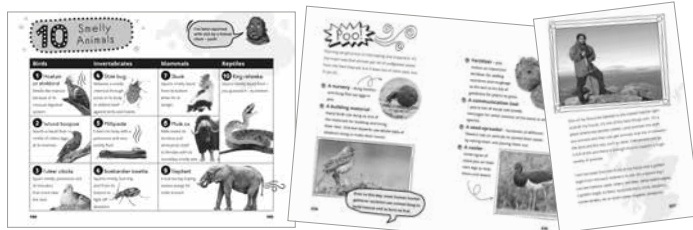
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## Hamza's Wild World

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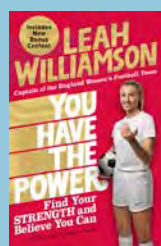
Now in paperback, *Hamza's Wild World* is here to teach kids everything they need to know about animals, from Britain's own wildlife cameraman, conservationist and CBeebies presenter, Ranger Hamza!

Packed with fantastic facts, infographics, pictures and photos and wrapped up in Hamza's own adventures, this is great for young nature fans and produced with dyslexic readers in mind.



**Epic Cities**  
9781035012572 | HB | £14.99  
01.05.25 | MCB

*Epic Cities* is a colourful, diverse and eye-opening celebration of human ingenuity. Readers will journey through 24 of the world's most impressive and complex cities, and the unique pieces of infrastructure that keep them running.



**You Have the Power**  
9781035071920 | PB | £9.99  
05.06.25 | MCB

Right on time for the Euros this summer, captain of the Euros-winning women's England team, Leah Williamson, shows kids that they can be a leader at any age in this updated edition of *You Have the Power*.



**Mysteries of  
the Human Body**  
9781916745100 | HB | £10.99  
12.06.25 | Neon Squid

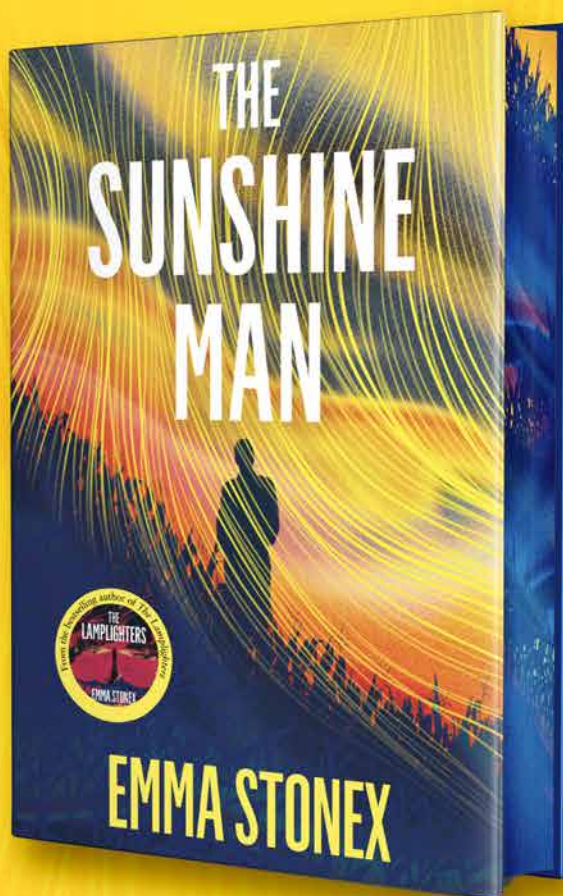
In this anatomy book with a fresh twist, internet personality Dr Azmain Chowdhur teaches children the weird and wonderful things our bodies can do with STEM-focused explanations and plenty of colourful illustrations!



**The Tree of Life**  
9781916745070 | BB | £14.99  
10.07.25 | Neon Squid

A beautifully illustrated lift-the-flap book showcasing how trees are relied upon by thousands of creatures, by pioneering tree scientist Nalini Nadkarni. Teeming with facts, kids will have a new-found appreciation for the role trees have in our world!





## THE SUNSHINE MAN

RC S POS IE 9781529047363 | HB | £18.99 | 01.05.25 | Picador

**'The week I shot a man clean through the head began like any other ...'**

From Emma Stonex, the bestselling author of *The Lamplighters*, comes a tangled mystery about a terrible crime and a revenge plotted over decades.

In January 1989, Birdie wakes to the news she's been waiting eighteen years to hear. Jimmy Maguire, the man who killed her sister, has been freed from jail. Birdie leaves for London with a gun and a plan: to find him and make him pay. But there's another side to the story, and she's about to enter a world of family lies, worn-out loyalties and long-buried betrayals. Did Jimmy kill Birdie's sister, or is he the only one she can really trust? And when the truth is finally revealed, will she choose forgiveness – or retribution?



A heart-stopping new novel of murky shared pasts and a fury-fueled present, *The Sunshine Man* is a thrilling cat and mouse chase set against the salt-drenched backdrop of England's south coast.

Here's a Q&A with Emma Stonex to tell you more, and we have a Signed Indie Exclusive Edition with a designed edge and endpapers.

**Four years after *The Lamplighters*, how does it feel to be publishing a new novel?**

It feels great. I had a tough writing time in between the books, so to release *The Sunshine Man* now is exciting, daunting, exhilarating – all the emotions! *The Lamplighters* came out during a Covid lockdown so it wasn't a typical publication by any stretch: I'm looking forward to getting out and about, visiting shops and talking to readers.

**How did you come up with the title *The Sunshine Man*?**

We had a different title originally but it didn't have nearly the same impact. My editor suggested this one: it's evocative and mysterious, with just the right level of unease.

I realised then that the Sunshine Man in the story underpins everything: his is the looming presence that watches over the characters from their childhood through to their dramatic journey's end.

***The Lamplighters* was partly inspired by true events. What inspired you this time around?**

My belief, or should I say hope, that people are better than the worst thing they've done. From the start, it was this question that hooked me: what, or who, makes a monster? I wanted to take that monster apart and try to reassemble him, so that the reader thinks twice, maybe three times, about who deserves their forgiveness.

***The Sunshine Man* has the most incredible opening line! Have you got a favourite opening line in literature?**

Dodie Smith's *I Capture the Castle*: 'I write this sitting in the kitchen sink.' It's perfect.

**If you had to be transported into one of your novels, which one would you choose?**

Two years ago, I'd have said put me on Arthur Black's Maiden Rock in *The Lamplighters*. Now, I think I'd like to

be living in Birdie and Jimmy's village when they're growing up, and intercept before things go wrong. The smallest twist can change the course of a life.

**Which writers have inspired you the most?**

Rose Tremain, Tana French, Sarah Waters. For *The Sunshine Man*, Brendan Behan's *Borstal Boy* set the tone and feeling I wanted to capture, as did Erwin James' *Redeemable*.

**Do you have any advice for booksellers that may be aspiring authors?**

Write! Sit down and push out that first draft – it doesn't matter what it's like, just get it down. From there, the real graft starts: editing, organising, showing it to others. Jump in and do it.



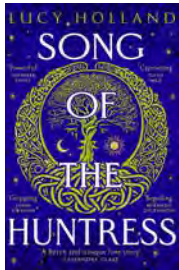
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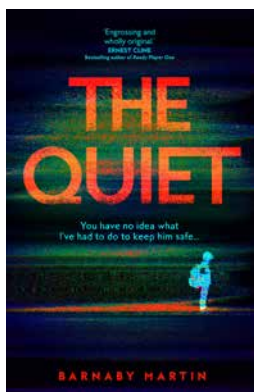
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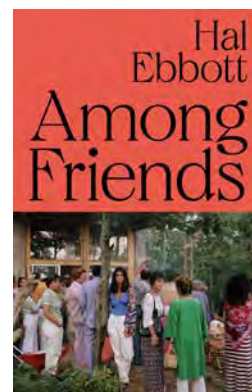
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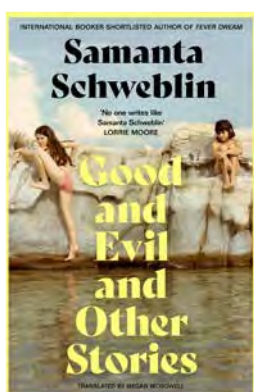
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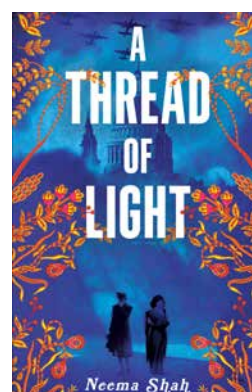
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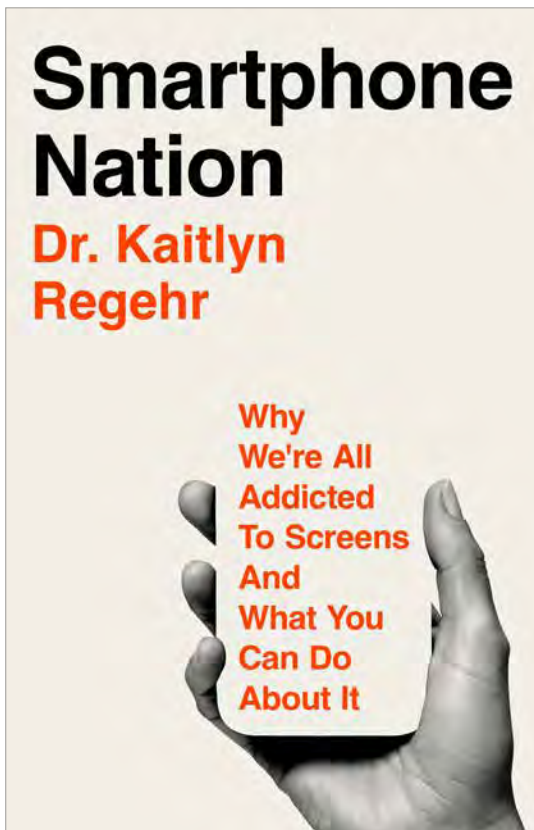
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## Smartphone Nation

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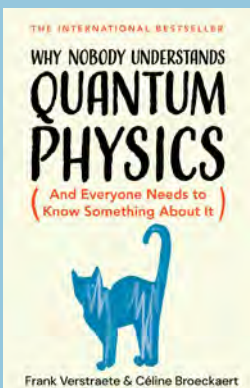
A groundbreaking and practical guide by one of the world's foremost experts on digital literacy, Dr Kaitlyn Regehr, that shows readers how to take easy steps to protect themselves from their devices.

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We see *Smartphone Nation* appealing to the same readers that loved *Ultra-Processed People* – exposing the reality and potential harm of something addictive that gives readers the knowledge and truth to be able to make informed decisions and take back control.

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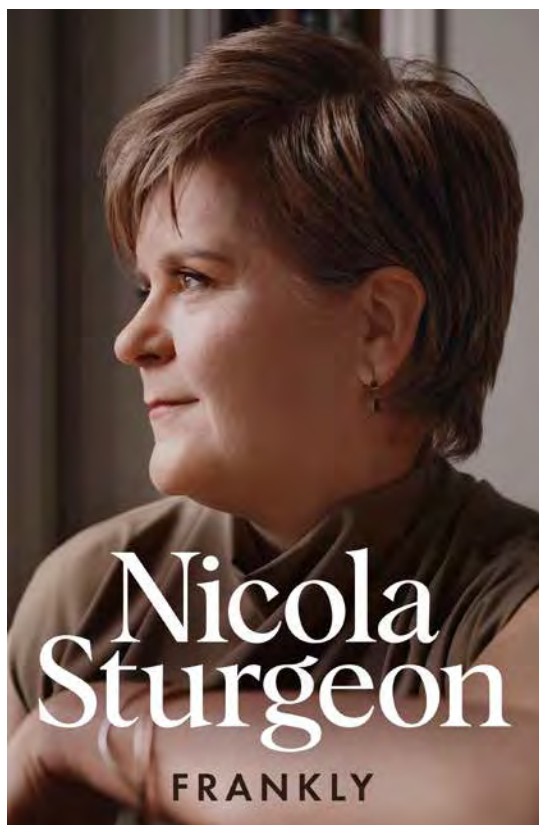
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From the former prime minister of New Zealand, then the world's youngest female head of government and just the second to give birth in office, comes a deeply personal memoir chronicling her extraordinary rise and offering inspiration to a new generation of leaders.

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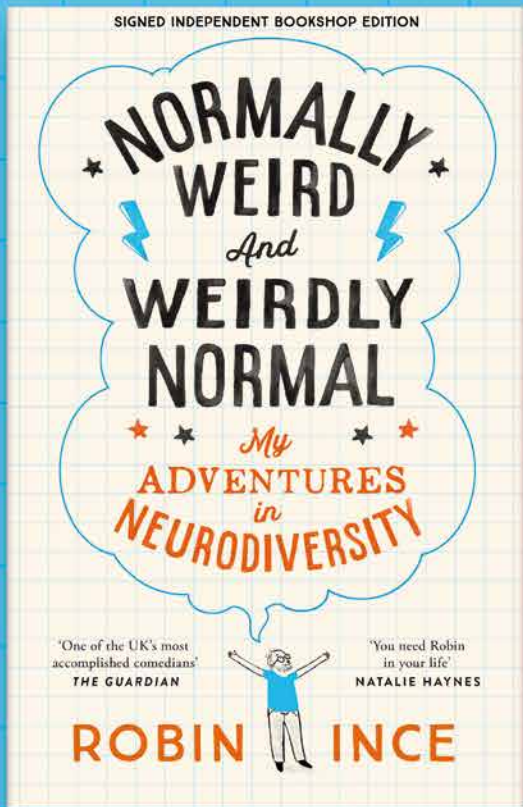
The much-anticipated memoir from Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's first female and longest serving First Minister, is an exclusive insider account of the critical negotiations and decisions that have shaped recent British history.

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# NORMALLY WEIRD And WEIRDLY NORMAL

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## HELLO THERE,

Thank you for getting as far as the introductory letter for my book *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal*.

I have a grand hope that those who read it will emerge happier to be themselves and with a little more chutzpah. Originally it was called *Anxiety for Everyone*, but just as I got to the 43,000th word, I found out something about my head that changed everything, and so I began again. Had it not been for an autistic stranger getting in contact with me three years ago – and suggesting I might have ADHD – my life would not now be considerably happier than it was for the first fifty years of living.

When I am performing, I try to be as open as possible and often find myself sat in bars talking to people who were in the audience. Increasingly I heard stories of battles and unhappiness in life and the sense that Thoreau was right in saying that most people lived lives of "quiet desperation".

That did not seem good enough.

So many people seemed to be hiding who they really were, worried about breaking the rigid rules of society, and so many of those rules did not seem to be necessary. I hope that some of these rules are successfully challenged in this book.

This is the first book I have written since both my parents have died and this has allowed me to be the most autobiographically free that I can be. I also spoke to hundreds of people for this book: autistic, ADHD, therapists, old school friends, people I met on the bus. Though not all of them appear in the text, they are all part of it. Until the last day of writing I was still learning and I still am now.

Writing this book at a time when oppressive and regressive politicians are gaining more and more power was also an inspiration. There are those who have monetised making the world smaller and the sky narrower – of reducing our understanding of others, of stoking bigotry, and making a world a duller and more binary place. That is not a world for me.

Now I am mainly free of my anxiety, now I am able to understand a little more of my mind's activity, I am ready to take on those who wish to shrink us. I hope you are too.

**ROBIN**



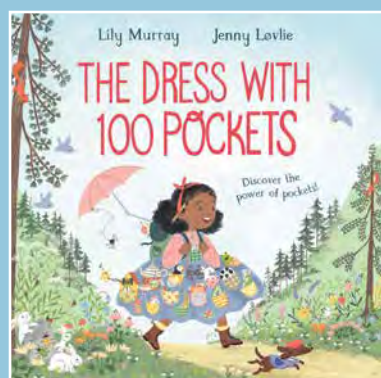
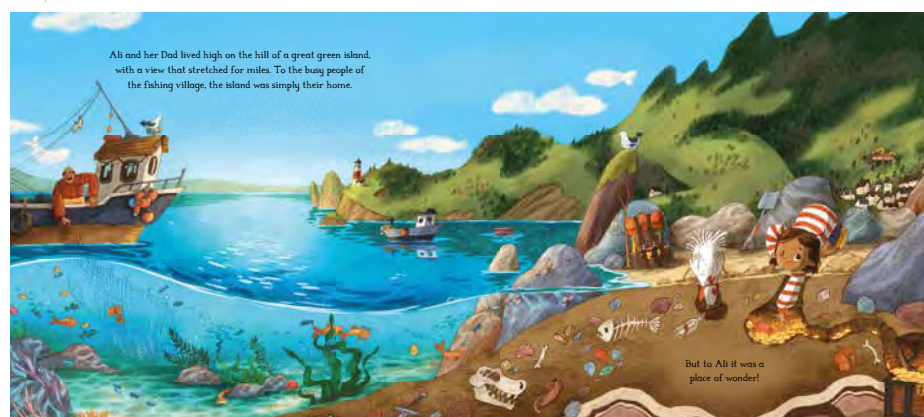
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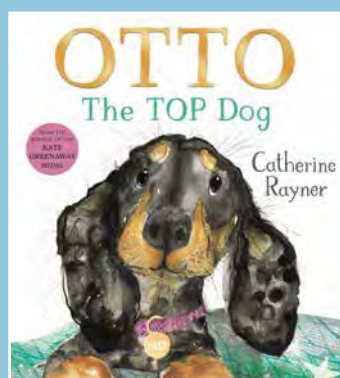
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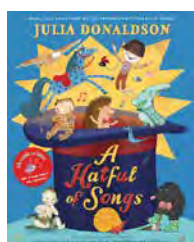
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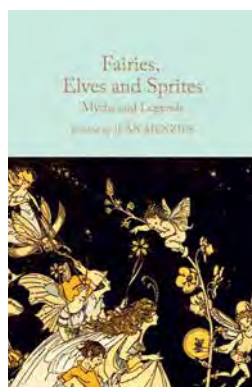
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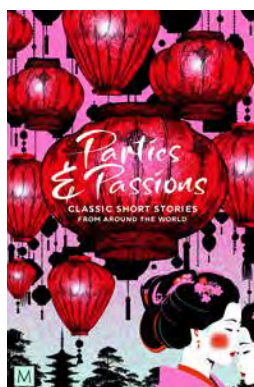
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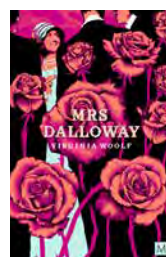


#### **Parties and Passions**

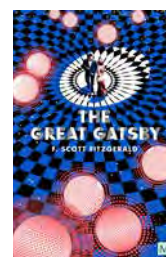
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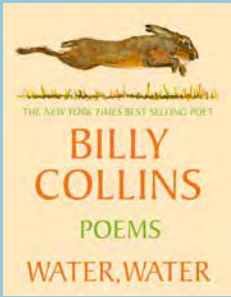
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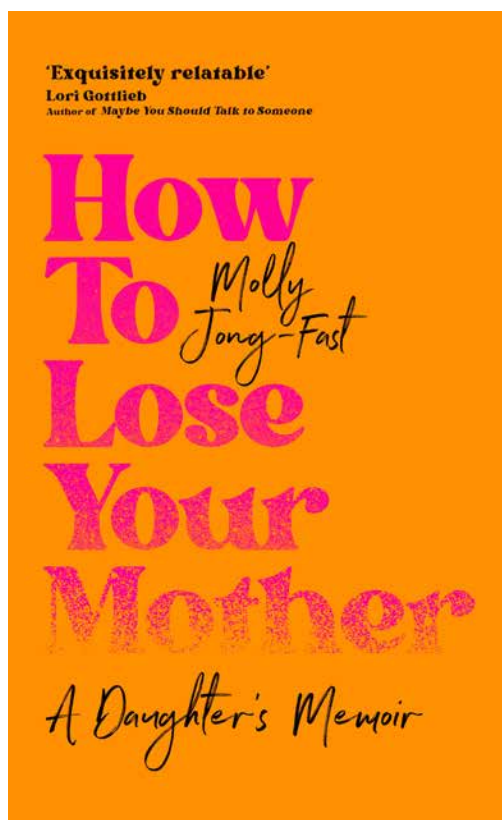
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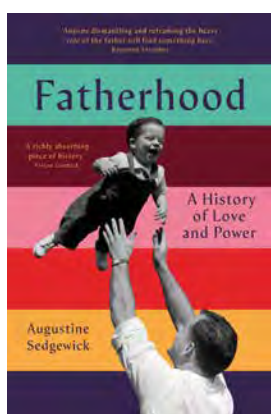
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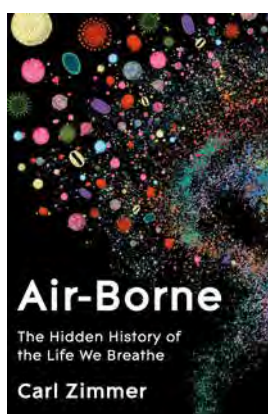


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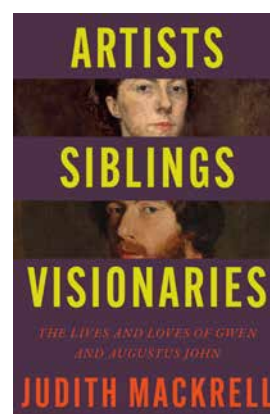


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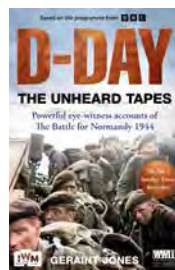
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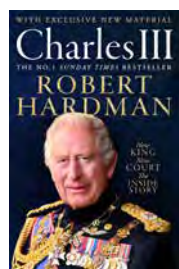
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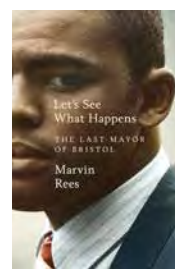
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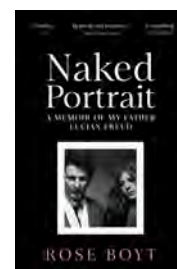


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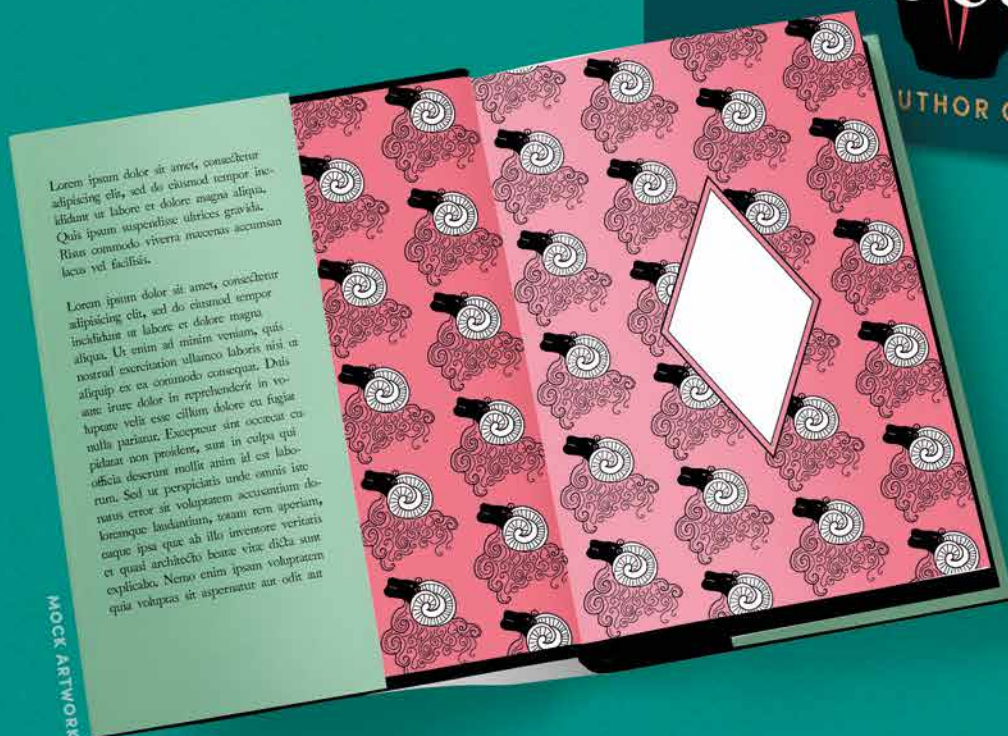
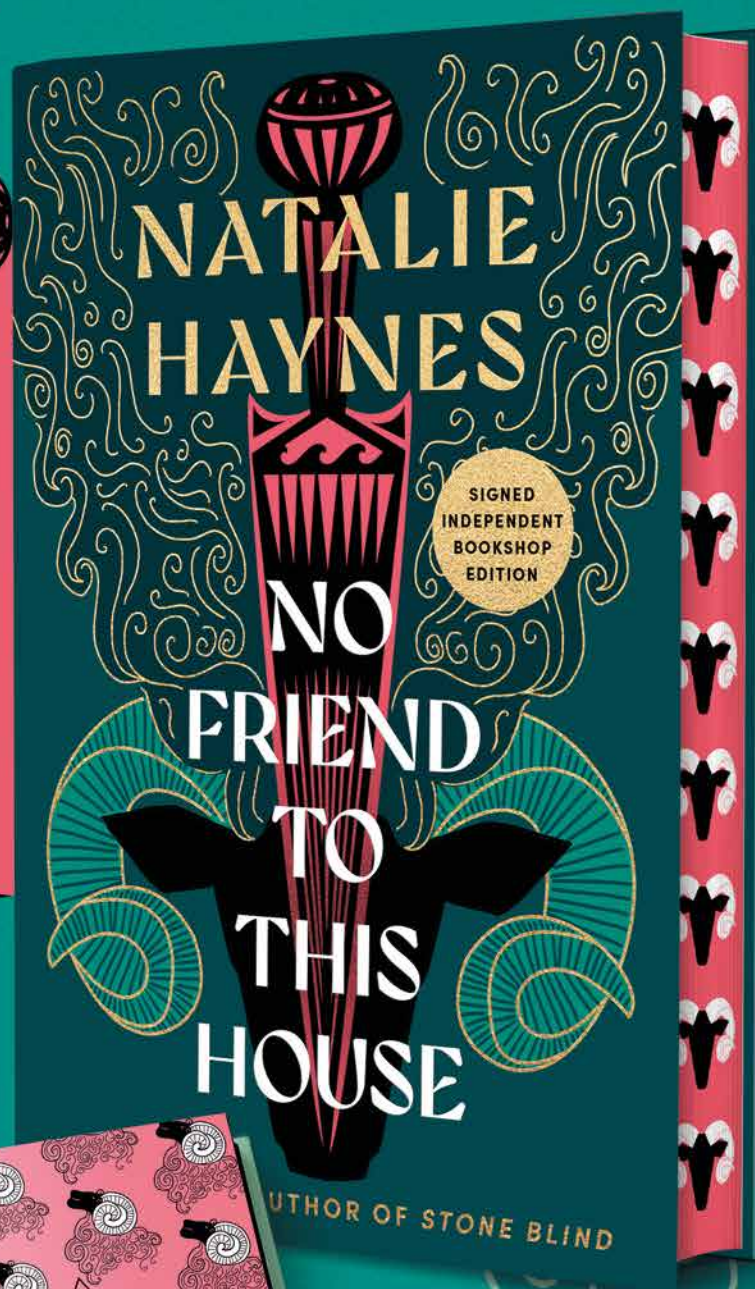
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