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Rob Burrow
Kevin Sinfield

With You Every Step
A Celebration of Friendship

COVER TO BE REVEALED
Dear Booksellers,

Thanks so much for all your support for Pan Macmillan titles and authors so far this year. We hope you’ve had a good summer and are looking forward to an exciting autumn. If you’re not already following us on Twitter and Instagram our handle is @PanMacPinboard and we also have a regular email newsletter you can subscribe to by emailing pinboard@macmillan.com. We’ll have additional proof and POS offers for you there so do tune in to hear more.

We have some fantastic non-fiction titles coming up. First up, Natalie Haynes returns with Divine Might. Featured on the front cover, this is an exploration of goddesses in Greek mythology, available in a signed independent bookshop edition. And we have memoirs aplenty: from Ade Edmondson’s Berserker! to Nina Stibbe’s Went to London, Took the Dog, not to mention books from Chris Kamara and Henry Winkler (aka the Fonzie!). And should the autumn begin to stress you out, we have just the thing: Ten Times Calmer by TikTok sensation Dr. Kirren Schnack.

Our big fiction highlights include the fourth title in Toshikazu Kawaguchi’s phenomenal Before the Coffee Gets Cold series. Ken Follett is back with The Armour of Light, latest in the hugely popular Kingsbridge series, also available as an Indie Exclusive, and we have incredible novels from Ann Cleeves, Cassandra Clare, Jennifer L. Armentrout, and so much more. We also proudly publish the final two paperbacks from the late, great, Cormac McCarthy: The Passenger and Stella Maris.

Our poetry offerings for the autumn are suitably festive, starting with And So This is Christmas by the ever-hilarious Brian Bilston. We also have Carol Ann Duffy’s Christmas Eve at The Moon Under Water and Allie Esiri’s 365 Poems for Life.

For younger readers, we are thrilled to be publishing a new Christmas story from the wonderful Alex T Smith: The Nutcracker and the Mouse King’s Christmas Shenanigans, and say goodbye to the laugh out loud Treehouse series with The 169-Storey Treehouse from Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

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!

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We can’t wait to share all our new autumn 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

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THE GRAND MASTER OF GRIPPING FICTION RETURNS

International number one bestseller Ken Follett is back with the fifth novel in the Kingsbridge series, an epic tale of revolution featuring a cast of unforgettable characters. Set in 1792 when England was on the brink of rampant industrial change and war with France was looming, The Armour of Light is master storyteller Ken Follett’s most ambitious novel to date.

An Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition will be available, featuring a special foil design on the boards, blue sprayed edges and exclusive endpapers. We will also have POS materials available to help your store support publication, so do get in touch for your set.

PAN MAC TEAM PICK • ANDREW HELSWORTH
‘Ken Follett takes us straight to the heart of history once again with this epic new installment in the Kingsbridge series.’

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THE EVENING AND THE MORNING • £25.00 • 26.09.23 • Macmillan
Hey there, booksellers!

If you’re looking for someone to blame for the prospect of another new book from me, barely a year after the last one, I’m afraid you will have to look in the mirror. Three years ago, after I’d finished Pandora’s Jar, I asked Picador if they’d like a sequel. They said, yes, definitely, well, let’s see how things go. What else could they have said when bookshops had been shut for months, when the printers and warehouses were only shakily coming back to life?

We published Pandora on Oct 1st 2020, and somehow, you guys did something miraculous. I still don’t know how. I thought I had written a fun, erudite, somewhat niche book about how you could read Greek myths a bit differently, reframing the stories by focussing on the women rather than the men. But somehow we forgot to tell you, and you sold it like every home should have a copy. There were more lockdowns to come, and it didn’t put the slightest dent in your efforts. You sold it online, you did takeaway copies, you offered home delivery.

You made it a bestseller for literally months. The enthusiasm you fostered among readers spread beyond borders: Pandora became a smash in one country after another. Readers found one another on TikTok, on Instagram, words tumbling out of them about how much they loved reappraising these monstrous, murderous women.

So of course I was able to write that promised sequel, and here it is. Divine Might examines the stories of goddesses in Greek myth: from Aphrodite to the Muses, from Hera to the Furies. I’m sure it will come as no surprise to you that I had a huge amount of fun taking characters who have been widely hated and feared (Hera, of course) and re-examining their behaviour. I wanted to see if there might be a different way of looking at Hera’s campaigns of persecution against the victims of her husband. If she was so unpopular, why did she have such huge temples, the ruins of which survive to us today?

When I came to the story of Demeter – the mother who never gives up on her kidnapped daughter, and uses every weapon in her arsenal to retrieve her – I wanted to strip the romantic over-reading from Hades’ trafficking and rape of Persephone. I was determined that we would look at this story with clear eyes and stop trying to make it something pretty.

As for my girl Athene – who came close to stealing every scene in Stone Blind – I have never wanted more to unpack a character full of contradictions and work out who she might really be. The same for Artemis – protector and sometimes killer of young girls – and Hestia, the forgotten Olympian goddess. I looked at ancient poetry, sculpture, frescoes, vase paintings and more in my quest to show you who these goddesses are. If you think I missed the opportunity to include Lizzo, Cardi B, Wonder Woman and Disney’s Hercules, then we obviously haven’t met.

Thank you so much for all your incredible work over the past few years: I can’t tell you how often it leaves me shaking my head in wonder. I hope you enjoy Divine Might, and I hope your customers love it too. Did I mention we have a sexy special edition for you? It’s currently thirty degrees in my flat, but I promise I’ll sign a tip-in sheet for every one of them.

Booksellers are for life, not just for Christmas.

Love, Natalie
On 11 June 2011, three days short of his sixty-ninth birthday, Jonathan Raban suffered a stroke which left him unable to use the right side of his body. Raban began to reflect not only on his own life but the extraordinary story of his parents’ early marriage while his father fought in the Second World War. 

*Father and Son*, the final work from the peerless man of letters, is a tremendous, continent-sweeping story of love and resilience in the face of immense loss.

When Fury Takes Over is the illuminating biography from John Fury, also known as the ‘Gypsy Warrior’, and the driving force behind boxing champion Tyson Fury. In this completely unfiltered account of his life, John Fury opens up about memories of growing up as a boxer, reflections on a life of depression, bare knuckle boxing, as well as lessons he learned from time in prison, and breaking away from traveller traditions. This is a must-read book for his fans.

Mozart in Italy is evocative, beautifully written and based on a profound understanding of Mozart and eighteenth-century classical music. Acclaimed conductor Jane Glover explores Mozart’s three childhood trips to Italy, and how these experiences changed his life – and his music – forever.
**Berserk:** out of control with anger or excitement; wild or frenzied.

**Berserkers:** an elite Norse fighting corp who, apparently off their tits on hallucinogenic drugs, fought with a particular fury and senseless abandon still present in many Scandinavian heavy metal groups.

**Berserker!:** a riotous, one-of-a-kind memoir from star of *The Young Ones* and one of Britain’s most beloved comedians, Adrian Edmondson.

Ade Edmondson smashed onto the comedy circuit in the 1980s, stormed The Comedy Store and, alongside Rik Mayall, brought anarchy to stage and screen. How did a child brought up in a strict Methodist household – and who spent his formative years incarcerated in repressive boarding schools – end up joining the revolution? Well, he is part Norse. Could it be his berserker heritage?

With wisdom, nostalgia and uniquely observed humour, Ade traces his journey through life and comedy: starting out on the alternative scene, getting arrested in Soho, creating his outrageously violent characters and learning more about his curious (possibly Scandinavian) heritage. With star-studded anecdotes and an intimate look at his relationship with Rik Mayall, your customers are going to love this one.

We will have signed copies and bookmarks available, as well as a Viking themed Aunt Sally board – we can’t wait to see your customers enjoying this, so please do share any photos with us!

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**Kammy**

9781035023844  
HB | £22.00 | 09.11.23 | Macmillan

Presenter, commentator, (sometimes masked) singer, footballer, manager and campaigner, Chris “Kammy” Kamara’s action-packed career has made him a bona fide British hero. But it hasn’t always been plain sailing.

Kammy had a tough upbringing, faced racism on the terraces during his playing career and has, in recent years, dealt with a rare brain condition – apraxia – that has affected his speech. Despite this, Kammy’s star has only risen as he’s met every challenge with courage, determination and his infectious smile.

Sharing entertaining stories of his playing career from Pompey to Leeds, his management at Bradford City and Stoke, his crazy travels around the world, of Soccer Saturday banter and of presenting *Ninja Warrior*, Kammy also writes honestly and movingly about the hardships he has faced and the incredible friendships that have got him through. He opens up about his battle with apraxia, his fight to keep broadcasting despite his condition and powerfully discusses male mental health, informed by his own experiences and his relationship with Gary Speed.

Chris Kamara’s memoir *Kammy* is an unforgettable revelatory ride from one of Britain’s best-loved broadcasters and we have signed copies available making this the perfect autobiography for Christmas gifting.
GIFT SELECTIONS

**WITH YOU EVERY STEP**
9781035040803 | A Format HB | £10.00 | 09.11.23 | Macmillan

From rugby legends, national heroes and true friends Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield, *With You Every Step; A Celebration of Friendship* is an uplifting illustrated gift book for all ages. Heartfelt words from Rob and Kevin are brought to life with artwork from leading UK illustrators, offering hope, positivity and reassurance.

**A TREASURY OF BALLET STORIES**
9781529074321 | HB | £14.99 | 19.10.23 | MCB

Step into the magical world of the ballet with this timeless collection of four stories, each one based on a beloved classical ballet, now beautifully reimagined by the award-winning Caryl Hart, with luminous illustrations throughout from Briony May Smith. A celebration of story, dance and theatre, suitable for readers aged 5 and up.

**THE MACMILLAN COLLECTION OF GREEK MYTHS**
9781035021901 | HB | £35.00 | 12.10.23 | MCB

A beautiful hardback treasury featuring an array of incredible stories and classic illustrations, this is the ultimate anthology of Greek Myths and the perfect present for mythology lovers of all ages. A foiled cut-through cover and foiled edges make this a very special book to share and treasure.

**A BRIEF ATLAS OF THE LIGHTHOUSES AT THE END OF THE WORLD**
9781529087147 | HB | £20.00 | 19.10.23 | Picador

An impeccably designed gift by González Macías – translated by Daniel Hahn – featuring colour maps and illustrations throughout, that tells the stories of lighthouses and their keepers in some of the world’s most extreme locations as well as closer to home. As full of wonder as the lighthouses themselves.

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Ten of the world’s most famous and cherished fairy stories published in a beautiful, cloth-bound demy hardback format gift edition together with gorgeous, classic illustrations in colour and black and white throughout.

**CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CRIME STORIES**
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A marriage of astrology and literature that connects both writers and fictional characters to the twelve different star signs and their particular traits, guided by Charlie Castelletti’s witty commentary.

**MY GOTHIC HEART**
9781035002610 | HB | £10.99 | 12.10.23 | MCL

Charlie Castelletti selects and introduces tantalising extracts from the famous names of gothic writing. *My Gothic Heart* captures the extravagance, the darkness and sheer enjoyment of gothic stories and verse.
ISLAND OF WHISPERS | FRANCES HARDININGE & EMILY GRAVETT

POS S IE 9781529088076
HB | £14.99 | 21.09.23 | Two Hoots

Take a trip to the misty island of Merlank in this richly gothic fairytale by Frances Hardinge, author of Unraveller. Illustrated by Emily Gravett, this is a striking first collaboration between two bestselling, multi-award-winning talents.

Unexpectedly thrust into the role of the Ferryman, young Milo is tasked with sailing the lingering Dead to the Island of the Broken Tower. On his perilous journeys, Milo must face swarms of sinister moths, strange headless birds and shrouded figures of death to fulfil his destiny.

The Indie Exclusive Edition features a signed bookplate and comes with a free art print. With colour illustrations throughout, this will be the perfect read to recommend to your customers for dark autumn evenings.

Frances has written a special piece for booksellers about inspirations and meanings for the book, so do read on below.

Pan Mac Team Pick
Kate Bullows
‘A ghostly tale of mystery & magic. Stunning!’

Island of Whispers is the story of a voyage of the dead.

The island of Merlank has a ghost problem. Unless the right steps are taken, the souls of the dead linger and wander, their presence threatening the living. So when someone dies, their shoes must be taken to the Ferryman, for the ghosts have no choice but to follow their shoes.

Then on the right sort of night, under the right kind of moon, the Ferryman sets sail, taking with him several pairs of shoes and a clutch of spectral passengers. He crosses strange seas to the Island of the Broken Tower, where the ghosts can pass on to their hereafter . . .

People have always been awed and fascinated by death, and the same worries have haunted them for centuries.

How can we send the souls of the dead safely on their way? What happens if we don’t bury them correctly, or give them what they need? Will they be trapped in this realm, and come back to haunt us? In Ancient Greece, it was believed that the deceased had to cross the swampy river Acheron before they could reach the land of the dead. If they could not pay the ferryman Charon for passage across the swampy Acheron, their unhappy ghosts would be left wandering the earthside shore of the river. For this reason, the dead were often buried with a single coin called an obol in their mouths, so that they could pay the ferryman. Charon sometimes looks like a demon with eyes of flame, sometimes a gaunt old man with a dirty beard, but even when he appears human he is really a supernatural being.

I began to imagine a ferryman of the dead who actually was human. He would be in terrible danger on every voyage, sailing in the company of the dead across uncanny seas to places not meant for the living.

So why are shoes so important in my story? Superstitions seem to cluster around footwear. According to some old sayings, it’s bad luck to put new shoes on a table. Others say that shoes shouldn’t be left under a bed. Or on a bed. Or pointing towards the door. Or placed above head height. Or left upside down, or across one another. (There are so many different superstitions, it’s hard to know what you can safely do with shoes.) But people have also always had a feeling that shoes are symbolically needed for journeying into the unknown. They used to be tied behind the car of newly-weds, to bring them good luck as they left for their new life together. You might even throw one after somebody if they were going on a long journey. Besides, there’s something very personal about footwear. When I see the shoes of some long-ago person in a museum, that person becomes real to me, even more than if I saw their portrait or signature. A human being walked around in those shoes, wearing the soles and creasing the leather with each step. I can even see the shape of their long-dead feet. It’s a little like catching a glimpse of a ghost.

– Frances Hardinge
What’s the one dish you’d do anything to taste just one more time?

Down a quiet backstreet in Kyoto exists a very special restaurant run by Koishi Kamogawa and her father Nagare. Customers who can find the hidden diner are treated to an extravagant meal, but it’s not the only reason to visit . . .

The duo have started advertising their services as ‘food detectives’, capable of recreating a dish from their customers’ pasts that may hold the key to forgotten memories and ongoing happiness. From the widower looking for a specific noodle dish that his wife used to cook to a first love’s beef stew, the restaurant of lost recipes provides a link to the past and a way to a more contented future.

Tender, heartwarming and deeply comforting, this is the start of a beautiful and uplifting series, for fans of Before the Coffee Gets Cold.

‘I’m not asking you to build something impossible. I’m asking you to build something that contains all the strangeness and confusion that you can muster’

An outstanding historical novel for fans of The Essex Serpent and Piranesi, Ray Celestin’s Palace of Shadows can lay claim to having at its centre the most Gothic House of them all . . .

When Samuel Etherstone, a penniless artist, is contacted by a mysterious heiress and asked to work on the house she is building on the desolate Smugglers’ Coast of North Yorkshire, he accepts the offer.

The villagers in the local pub try to warn Samuel away, telling chilling tales of the house and the fate of its original architect, Francisco Varano. As Samuel delves deeper into Varano’s disappearance and the mysteries that swirl about the house, the true nature of the project becomes terrifyingly clear . . .

From the internationally bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Interpreter of Maladies comes an exquisitely crafted work of fiction.

Jhumpa Lahiri sets her gaze on the eternally beautiful city, illuminating the frailties of the human condition and dissecting lives lived on the margins.

A man recalls a summer party that awakens an alternative version of himself. A couple haunted by a tragic loss return to seek consolation. An outsider family is pushed out of the block in which they hoped to settle. A set of steps in a Roman neighbourhood connects the daily lives of the city’s myriad inhabitants. This is an evocative fresco of Rome, the most alluring character of all: contradictory, in constant transformation and a home to those who know they can’t fully belong but choose it anyway.

Rich with Lahiri’s signature gifts, Roman Stories is a masterful work from one of the finest writers of our time.
Before we say goodbye

Toshikazu Kawaguchi
Bestselling author of Before the coffee gets cold

If you loved the Magical Cafe Funicul in the previous books, you won’t be disappointed as you travel back in time once more to witness crucial moments revisited.

Transporting readers back to the beloved Tokyo cafe from book one, Before We Say Goodbye asks readers the age-old question: what would you do if you could travel back in time?

Translated from Japanese by Geoffrey Trousselot, Kawaguchi’s first book Before the Coffee Gets Cold has now sold over 335k copies in the UK alone and the series has now sold over 1 million copies across all editions and formats combined.

To celebrate this huge milestone we are releasing a special gift hardback edition of Before the Coffee Gets Cold in October, featuring sprayed edges and special patterned endpapers. The first and second titles in the series are both available as B Format flapped paperbacks. The paperback edition of book three, Before Your Memory Fades, is out on 14th September.

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The fourth book in the bestselling Japanese series by Toshikazu Kawaguchi publishes this September and we have some purrfect POS to share with you, including sticker sheets and coasters!
Everyone’s favourite InvestiGators Mango and Brash are back for a seventh adventure in the laugh-out-loud full colour comic-style series.

When the captain of a cruise ship is found drifting at sea, the search begins for his missing ship and passengers! Did it sink? Was it boat-napped? Are supernatural forces at play?

Can the Mango and Brash unravel this maritime mystery before a second ship befalls a similarly unfathomable fate?

Perfect for emerging readers, John Patrick Green’s InvestiGators series keeps going from strength to strength and this new title is sure to be a nautical hit!

Join Andy and Terry as they add the thirteen new levels and build their biggest and most astonishing treehouse yet in The 169-Storey Treehouse, the final instalment in the worldwide bestselling series!

We have a magnetic word game exclusively for indie bookshops to give away as a pre-order / purchase incentive for The 169-Storey Treehouse. We’re also publishing the paperback of The 156-Storey Treehouse this Autumn, perfect for the festive period! Plus – for readers who just can’t get enough – Andy and Terry’s Guide to the Treehouse is a fully illustrated guide giving you the inside scoop.

Superstar author and illustrator Rob Biddulph dazzles in this third and final title in his hilarious adventure series.

Fully illustrated in two-colour throughout, Peanut Jones and the End of the Rainbow fizzes with magic, danger, friendship and art. This is the perfect end to the trilogy, proving some legends are born, and some are drawn.

Notorious villain Mr White will stop at nothing to wipe out colour and creativity. But he’s gone too far! He’s lured Peanut’s mum into terrible danger and only Peanut and her friends can save her. An action-packed mission to the heart of the magical Illustrated City tests friendships and leads to a final showdown that makes Peanut question everything she thought she knew . . .


The Boy With Wings is back! When Tunde’s parents take him to a top-secret testing facility called The Complex, he’s nervous about meeting others like him who have super powers. But trying to make new friends is the least of his worries. There’s something much scarier going on. And it’s going to take more than just the boy with wings to stop it . . .

We can’t wait for readers to get their hands on this second title in the brilliantly exciting, action-packed, middle-grade adventure series from award-winning comedian and actor Lenny Henry, following on from The Boy With Wings.
M. G. Leonard, the award-winning bestselling author of the Adventures on Trains series, dazzles in this modern fairytale adventure that is destined to be a future classic.

Inspired by The Snow Queen with a powerful message at its core, The Ice Children is gorgeously illustrated in black and white throughout by Penny Neville-Lee. Keep reading for a letter from the author to booksellers.

Dear Bookseller,

We measure out our lives in seasons, often drawing inspiration from them to express our moods and feelings. We anticipate them, memorialise, and celebrate them, writing stories, songs and poetry about them. But what will happen as temperatures rise and seasons change? What will it mean to describe someone as having a wintry heart, if winters are warm and wet?

The opening of The Ice Children formed like a crystal in my imagination in 2016 whilst I was busy writing about beetles. I was sitting in a friend’s car one day, as her children squabbled in the back, when she asked me what I’d like to write next. I described my vision of Bianca finding her little brother Finn frozen in the city park. ‘You have to write this,’ she said. ‘Look!’ And I realised her children had stopped quarrelling and were listening.

But I didn’t know what happened next. So, I revisited the works of Hans Christian Anderson’s The Snow Queen and Oscar Wilde’s The Selfish Giant finding winter to be punishing, frightening and heartless. I decided to challenge that notion, to flip it, because year by year, as the Earth gets warmer, winter is slipping away, as are the habitats and conditions that support the lives of many winter creatures like the reindeer. In The Ice Children I borrow familiar tropes from fairy tales to respond to children’s anxieties about climate change and global warming because, as well as being entertaining, they were stories about the dangers of the world and how to deal with them. I hope this story takes you on a magical journey into winter to become one of the Ice Children.

Yours, Maya

At the stroke of midnight on the dawn of December, five-year-old Finn is found frozen in the city park standing on a pedestal of ice. His big sister, Bianca, suspects that the beautiful sparkling book Finn got from the library has something to do with it – but the book has vanished...

Each day, more children are found frozen and Bianca realises she’s running out of time. Her quest to discover the truth and rescue her little brother hurls her into a fantastical winter wonderland, full of beauty and danger, where all is not as it seems.

With a holographic foiled cover, this gorgeous hardback edition will be perfect Christmas gifting for your customers. We also have a stunning Indie Exclusive Edition for you, with signed designed endpapers and an icy blue sprayed edge.

‘A whirlingly imaginative storyline full of wonder and hope as well as warning’

The Times

Pan Mac Team Pick
Katie Corcoran
‘M. G. Leonard has conjured a magical story that whirls you away on a flurry of snowflakes’
That’s Just What I Wanted, Thanks

He made a gift of his love
and placed it under the tree –
his heart wrapped in tissue
for her to set free.

She’d pinned her hopes
on a Moroccan spa day,
and did well to hide
her disappointment away.

A Pantomime Haiku

is still a haiku
even with just the two lines
oh no it isn’t

Silver Angel

She dresses in the grey light of Christmas morning,
woken early by the shrieks next door,
and pins the angel to her jumper. It’s real silver.
His gift from forty years before.

Downstairs, she arms herself to thwart the silence,
before it piles into a deep snowdrift –
radio, jigsaw, kettle, for lunch a tin of soup,
some cheese and crackers at half-past six –
then through the walls come screams and laughter
and some old song of which she’s fond,
which let in the absence of a son half a world away,
and a husband in the one beyond,
and she has to tell herself this day, too, will pass,
after all, they always have before.

It’s then she hears it – like a quickened heartbeat –
that hopeful knock upon her door.

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This autumn, bestselling poet Allie Esiri brings us her first compendium of comforting poems for adults to nourish the mind and soothe the soul.

Whether readers are looking to boost their wellbeing or searching for wisdom from the past, this easy-to-read and accessible collection is perfect for sharing with others or for reading privately in a quiet moment.

365 Poems for Life is split into 12 chapters, each covering a different month and theme for the time of year, for example: January | New Beginnings, February | Love, March | Humour & Hope and so on.

The anthology features poems from a wide range of writers, including Maya Angelou, Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, Ocean Vuong, Nikita Gill and many more. It is the perfect gift for poetry lovers and newbies alike, providing a moment of solace every day of the year.

Christmas Eve at the Moon Under Water is the twelfth pocket-sized Christmas poem from former Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. The collection will feature gorgeous illustrations from Margaux Carpentier and will be a perfect festive gift for poetry lovers.

Set on Christmas Eve, various animals enter The Moon Under Water pub with an owl as its landlord. Several animals enter throughout the night: a fiddle-playing Hare, a Hedgehog who plays the piano and a choir of blackbirds. So the landlord announces a festive prize for the best musical performance of the night – and each animal, eager for their chance at victory, must compete.

Christmas Eve at the Moon Under Water is festively charming and full of Carol Ann Duffy’s charismatic wit.

Susannah Dickey is one of the most abundantly talented writers of her generation, known for her offbeat wit, technical verve, and wordplay born of a copious vocabulary.

ISDAL – her much-anticipated poetry debut – presents serious questions with varying degrees of irreverence and sincerity. This is a timely interrogation of the true crime genre. In the first of three parts, we follow the flirty co-presenters of a podcast on the mystery of ‘Isdal Woman’, whose burnt remains were discovered in Norway in 1970 and who has never been identified.

At the centre of ISDAL is a philosophical enquiry into our perennial obsession with female victims, sexiness, and death, while a final suite of poems explores and enacts the ethical ambiguities of the genre.

Gods and Monsters includes poems from Neil Gaiman, W B Yeats, Kae Tempest, Sylvia Plath, Shakespeare, Benjamin Zephaniah, Joseph Coelho and many more – making this the perfect Christmas gift for readers to discover brand new favourites, as well as well-known classics.
Steeped in Jewish folklore, *The Scorpio Races* meets *Six of Crows* in this must-read YA fantasy novel by Kalyn Josephson. Kalyn’s debut, *The Storm Crow*, earned lots of buzz — and we know fans will love this new book just as much. In *This Dark Descent* the daughter of a famous horse breeder, a black-market enchanter, and an ambitious heir must work together to win a cutthroat enchanted horserace.

The Rusel family is famous throughout Enderlain as breeders of enchanted horses, but their prestige is no match for their rising debts. To save her family’s ranch, Mikira Rusel is left with only one option: enter the Illinir, a cut-throat, cross-country horse race known for its high death rate as much as its flashy prize money.

To have any chance of success, she’ll have to recruit Ari, an unlicensed enchanter who creates golems in place of enchanted animals, and Damien Adair, a lord in the midst of a succession battle. Both her accomplices have reasons of their own to help Mikira — and their own blood feuds to avenge. In a world as dangerous as this, will hidden agendas and conflicting desires butcher their chances of winning the Illinir . . . or will another rider’s dagger?

From Frances Hardinge, the overall Costa Award-winning author of *The Lie Tree*, comes her latest compelling adventure, *Unraveller*. Written in Frances’ trademark prose, this YA fantasy novel is a must-have for fans old and new.

In a world where anyone can create a life-destroying curse, only one person has the power to unravel them. Kellen does not fully understand his talent, but helps those transformed maliciously — including Nettle.

Recovered from entrapment in bird form, she is now his constant companion, and closest ally. But Kellen has also been cursed, and unless he and Nettle can remove his curse, Kellen is in danger of unravelling everything — and everyone — around him . . .

‘This multilayered, humane and brilliant YA fantasy is the Costa-winning Hardinge’s best yet.’
*The Guardian*

‘It’s gothic and twisty and witty and gripping . . . I loved it’
Katherine Rundell
THE INCREDIBLE FIRST ADULT FANTASY NOVEL BY
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CASSANDRA CLARE

We all know and love Cassandra Clare for her Shadowhunters world, but prepare yourselves, because we are thrilled to be sharing something new with you and your customers: Sword Catcher. This will be Cassie’s first book for adults, entirely separate to the Shadowhunter Chronicles and set in the new city of Castellane.

POS will also be available to support publication, so do let us know if you’re keen on materials for your store.

‘A story that kept me reading from the first page to the last . . . When’s the next one coming out?’
George R. R. Martin

‘This is Cassandra Clare at her cleverest, twistiest and most heart-stopping—a triumph of a book’
Holly Black

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‘Sword Catcher is a totally thrilling adventure, set in a brilliantly built world. Epic and intriguing’

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‘Castellane is a well-guarded city, surrounded by mountains and sea. It is not an easy city to enter, but luckily I hold the keys to the gates of the passage through the walls. The privilege of holding these keys at all is down to booksellers like you—those who work passionately to put books in the hands of those who will cherish them, those who have supported me and my work for so very many years, allowing me to write what I love.

Who else would I want to bring with me through these gates? Though I do not intend to guide you all the way. For once we have arrived in Castellane, I will hand over the keys to you. Booksellers are the openers of gates to new worlds, the keepers of the keys to a thousand imaginative lands. I entrust this world to you, and to those you will invite to follow after you. Castellane holds enough room for us all.’

~ Cassie
Everyone's favourite crime-busting ladybird returns this festive season as she saves the day with another cunning plan in the fifth story in the brilliantly funny, number one bestselling What the Ladybird Heard series.

In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But troublesome Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len are up to no good again. They have a devious plan to steal the children’s Christmas presents from their stockings! It’s a good thing that the clever little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting, and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don’t get away with it.

The What the Ladybird Heard series has been enjoyed by over four million children worldwide, and with fun rhyming text, a festive foiled cover and colourful illustrations, this new title will make the perfect Christmas gift for your customers.

Readers can count down to Christmas with this advent calendar collection of twenty-four mini books, based on the bestselling family-favourite picture books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

This fantastic festive collection includes colouring, activity and song books together in a beautiful hardback presentation case with tie ribbon. A wonderful gift for sharing together every day of advent.

From the creator of WOW! Said the Owl, everyone’s favourite little owl is back, and she’s ready to discover the wonders of winter weather. This relatable story is a perfect festive board book to share with preschoolers.

Everyone’s heard about the old lady who swallowed a fly, but now it’s time to meet a little reindeer who swallows a present on Christmas Eve. And he doesn’t stop there! Soon he’s gobbled down an elf, a bauble, a tree – what will he swallow next?

A hilarious Christmas cracker of a book from Kaye Baillie and Diane Ewen, with a fun cumulative rhyming story.
THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING’S CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS

Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without a new festive tale from the master of the genre, Alex T. Smith.

The Nutcracker and The Mouse King’s Christmas Shenanigans is a hilarious retelling of the classic fairytale full of irresistible colour illustrations, packed with gorgeous sweets, charming storytelling, a festively foiled cover and a chapter for children (and adults!) to enjoy each day from 1st December until Christmas Day.

The Mouse King (AKA the Great Gorgonzola) is up to some very sneaky shenanigans. The night before Christmas, he steals the key to the Kingdom of Sweets and sets out to cause as much festive mayhem as he can!

Clara and Fritz Strudel, and their new friend the Nutcracker, are the only ones who can stop him. But when a magical curse is put on Fritz, it’s a race against time to make it to the Kingdom of Sweets and find the Sugar Plum Fairy – the only one who can break the spell!

Alex T. Smith is the author and illustrator of bestsellers How Winston Delivered Christmas, How Winston Came Home for Christmas and The Grumpus.

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PAN MAC TEAM PICK

Gillian Mackay

‘Another Christmas cracker from the delightful Alex T. Smith. Prepare for a gorgeously illustrated, festive adventure that children will treasure’

WE WILL HAVE POS AVAILABLE FOR FESTIVE DECORATIONS, INCLUDING AN A3-HEIGHT STANDBEE AND SOME MARVELLOUS ECO-FRIENDLY PAPER & COTTON BUNTING

Scan the QR code to view a digital sampler!
Dormouse Has a Cold is a brand new story in the bestselling Tales from Acorn Wood lift-the-flap preschool series, by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, the creators of The Gruffalo.

Dormouse is sniffing and snuffling – being ill is hard! But with some help from Doctor Stoat and a visit from her friends as she snuggles up at home, she soon starts to feel better.

With sturdy flaps on every spread and rhyming stories that are a joy to read aloud, Dormouse Has a Cold joins the bestselling Tales from Acorn Wood series which have been delighting parents and children for over twenty years.

Dormouse Has a Cold © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2023 – Macmillan Children’s Books

A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.
A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.

Based on the bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler comes a fun new interactive story sound book with eight sound buttons to bring the tale to life!

This is an ideal gift for all Gruffalo fans and the perfect introduction to the Gruffalo brand for babies and toddlers that features the full original story.

Have You Seen the Gruffalo? is the perfect introduction for preschoolers to the world of The Gruffalo in a chunky board book format.

It includes a simple search-and-find counting activity woven throughout the book with peep-holes and flaps to lift on every page, plus a surprise fold-out ending!
First launched in Japan in 1985, Sylvanian Families is a collectible toy series of animal families living in the beautiful world of Sylvania. Sold worldwide, it is one of the bestselling and most beloved toy brands of all time.

We are thrilled to be sharing our new collaboration with Sylvanian Families – welcoming them to our list with the first books featuring these adorable characters in the UK for over 25 years.

The World of Sylvanian Families is the official guide to the wonderful world of Sylvanian Families. This stunning book is packed full of fun facts and beautiful images, and is in a special gift edition with cover finishes and a cut-through window to welcome the reader into this incredible world.

Get ready for Christmas in Sylvanian Families: Sticker Dress-Up Christmas, a festive sticker dress-up book, with over 300 stickers to bring the world of Sylvania to life.

We have not one but two exciting new collaborations launching this autumn from Sylvanian Families and Aardman Animations!

**THE WORLD OF SYLVANIAN FAMILIES**

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HB | £14.99 | 05.10.23 | MCB

**SYLVANIAN FAMILIES: STICKER DRESS-UP CHRISTMAS**

9781529093292

PB | £7.99 | 05.10.23 | MCB

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WENT TO LONDON, TOOK THE DOG: A DIARY

The greatest popular songs, whether it’s Aretha Franklin’s ‘Respect’ or Bob Dylan performing ‘Blind Willie McTell’, have a way of embedding themselves in our memories. You remember a time, a place and a feeling when you hear that song again.

In *Holding the Note*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and editor of the *New Yorker*, David Remnick, writes about the lives and work of some of the greatest musicians, songwriters, and performers of the past fifty years.

Discovering the lives of Leonard Cohen, Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples, Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Patti Smith, and more, Remnick explores their unique encounters with the passing of that essential element of music: time. These are intimate portraits of some of the greatest creative minds of our time written with a lifetime’s passionate attachment to music that has shaped us all.

For readers of *The Rest is Noise* by Alex Ross, this is a must-read illuminating collection for any music fan that walks into your shop. Proofs are available now so please let us know if you would like one!

PRAISE FOR DAVID REMNICK

‘Always up close and personal, always tenacious and informed by deep background, and always vivid and veracious’

*The Times*
TEN CALMING TIPS FOR BUSY BOOKSELLERS

1. Stay hydrated to keep brain fog away! Adding vitamin-C-boosting lemon to your water can help lower cortisol levels and promote calm.

2. Focus on your breath: inhale slowly through your nose, hold for a few seconds to slow down and activate your body’s relaxation response, then exhale slowly through your mouth.

3. Harness the calming benefits of lavender. Try an oil spray or roll-on, sachets or even a lavender plant.

4. Reset and refocus. Cognitive load is the mental effort needed for a job, extended periods can lead to fatigue. Breaks reduce your cognitive load and boost efficiency – even better if you’re outside!

5. Positive self-talk activates the reward centres in your brain, releasing dopamine and other feel-good chemicals, reducing stress, increasing confidence, self-esteem and optimism. Repeat your favourite phrase whenever you need it most.

6. Remind yourself of your skills and capabilities to activate the problem-solving prefrontal cortex. Positive affirmations release feel-good chemicals like dopamine, similar to receiving external validation.

7. Boost your mood with regular snacks. Nuts, whole grains and fruits increase serotonin levels in your brain, bringing a sense of calm – and an energy boost!

8. It’s okay to ask for help. It shows that you’re determined to succeed and willing to take on challenges. Amazing ideas and closer relationships come from working together.

9. If you have to deal with an angry customer, try to remember, their anger is not your fault, emotions are subjective experiences that come from within.

10. To calm a shouty customer, try saying: ‘I understand you’re upset and I want to help, but I can’t do that when you’re shouting.’ Ask for their desired outcome so you can explore the options.

Dr Kirren Schnack is an Oxford-trained clinical psychologist who has worked in mental health services for children and adults for almost 20 years. During the pandemic, Dr Kirren took to TikTok to share engaging videos on how to manage anxiety and her invaluable videos have now made her a fan favourite with over 550k followers.

Ten Times Calmer is Dr Kirren’s must-read book; a handbook of exercises, techniques and advice that is proven to take you from anxiety to calm. If you would like to learn more about how you can incorporate a little more calm in your life, we have proofs available! To the left, we have ten top tips from Dr Kirren especially for booksellers that we have also included as a fold-out poster for you to display in the break room.

Pan Mac Team Pick
Lara Morrison
’Split into ten digestible chapters, Ten Times Calmer has practical prompts and exercises which are easy to apply’
Learn how your diet can slow the ageing process from Dr Michael Greger, bestselling author of How Not to Die.

Dr Michael Greger has realised from his research that every single one of the most promising strategies for combating the effects of ageing involves regulation through diet. Now he’s here to share his wisdom. Breaking down the science of ageing, Michael explains how the right nutrition can help us to avoid the diseases we most commonly encounter through life.

With simple and accessible changes to your diet and lifestyle, Dr Greger teaches how you can preserve comprehensive body functions that will keep you feeling youthful – both physically and mentally. This really is a must have guide showing you how not to age.

Quick cook times. Minimal prep. Simple methods. Ideas for air fryers and slow cookers.

Everyone is looking for speedy and delicious recipes to cook and the record-breaking Pinch of Nom authors are here to deliver. This gorgeous, full-colour cookbook contains one hundred super fast, super easy recipes to fit around busy everyday life.

From fakeways to big one-dish roasts, whether you want recipes you can cook in the oven in 20 minutes, or you want your slow cooker or air fryer to do all the work, Kate and Kay Allinson really do give you options of every style and routine. There’s a reason they have over 3 million engaged members of their community across Facebook, Instagram and Pinch of Nom’s own website!

Bestselling author, lifelong gardener and winner of The Great British Bake Off, Nancy Birtwhistle is back sharing simple tips and innovative ideas for cleaning and maintaining your home that won’t cost the earth.

From everyday cleaning and laundry tips to zero-effort methods to clean your oven and guidance on removing tricky stains from clothing and furniture, these economical, practical methods are perfect for anyone looking to reduce their use of plastic and throwaway products.

With 101 hints and sustainable, natural cleaning tips and hacks, Nancy’s guide will help readers to take small steps that have a massive positive environmental impact and keep both their home and the planet clean and green for future generations.
Jay Blades, TV’s restoration star of *The Repair Shop*, has acquired many pearls of wisdom throughout his life.

From dealing with dyslexia and leaving school at fifteen with no qualifications, he came to teach himself how to read and through overcoming adversity found that difficult opportunities can give way to learning and growth.

Jay has learned how to adapt to overcome obstacles and in *Life Lessons* he shares helpful and positive ways on how to reframe our mindset to look at things more positively.

Jay’s book is split into ten themed sections which look at every aspect of our lives, from appreciating our loved ones to building mental strength and resilience to see us through the toughest times.

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**THE GREATEST MANIFESTATION BOOK**

*9781035030781*

**HB | £22.00 | 07.12.23 | Bluebird**

From husband and wife, Vex King and Kaushal, the powerhouse duo behind *The Greatest Self-Help Book (is the one written by you)*, comes their new book on helping you to manifest your dreams *The Greatest Manifestation Book (is the one written by you)*.

Vex and Kaushal both have a significant following on social media, they have a combined following of 2.2 million followers on Instagram. This book is a beautifully designed six-month daily journal to manifest your dreams, wishes and goals with six months’ worth of inspiring prompts to help readers manifest their dreams, making it the perfect gift for you or a loved one.

The journal will have luxurious finishes and feature mono illustrations throughout, with inspiring prompts to help readers manifest their goals.

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**HAPPY FAMILIES**

*9781035017454*

**HB | £18.99 | 31.08.23 | Bluebird**

Help your child break free from mental health worries and set them on the path to thriving with this practical, judgement-free handbook.

*Happy Families* is full of practical exercises and realistic advice based not only on Dr Beth’s experience as a clinical psychologist, but also of raising her own three children.

This is the go-to guide for supporting your child’s mental health from the ages of two to twenty from leading family therapist Dr Beth Mosley, who is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist with over 20 years of experience working in the NHS.

Beth’s contribution to children’s mental health during the pandemic was recognised in the 2022 New Year’s Honours List with an MBE.
From the author of *The Dry* comes *Exiles* – an outstanding novel, a brilliant mystery and a heart-pounding book by Jane Harper. Jane is a number one bestselling author with global sales of over 3 million copies. Her previous novel, *Force of Nature*, is currently in production to be adapted into a film, starring Eric Bana as Aaron Falk.

In *Exiles*, Aaron Falk returns to investigate what happened to a local mother who disappeared at a festival. With both returning and new characters from *The Dry* and *Force of Nature*, *Exiles* features a gripping twist . . .

Although the novel is set within the context of a police investigation, it also stresses the importance of relationships and the way people can pull together and drift apart during times of trouble. This is also the last novel featuring Aaron Falk – but don’t worry! Jane Harper does his character justice in this epic novel, with a storyline completely built for him.

‘Harper proves that she is peerless in creating an avalanche of suspense with intimate, character-driven set pieces that are as exquisitely engineered as the inner workings of a Steinway’
David Baldacci

‘The reigning queen of Aussie crime fiction’
Financial Times

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**The Passenger and Stella Maris** are a pair of extraordinary novels that tell one family’s story, written by the late Cormac McCarthy whose incredible backlist features the likes of *Blood Meridian*, *No Country for Old Men* and *The Road*.

We will be publishing this masterful duology in paperback this September, with bold new cover designs. At the time of their release in hardback last year, they received a wealth of rave reviews, leaving Cormac McCarthy’s publishing legacy as one of America’s greatest writers undeniably intact.

‘A gorgeous ruin in the shape of a hardboiled noir thriller . . .
What a glorious sunset song’
The Guardian on *The Passenger*

‘His sentences have the solidity of stones and the clarity of diamonds’
Financial Times on *Stella Maris*

‘The Passenger shows that McCarthy belongs in the company of Melville and Dostoevsky, writers the world will never cease to need’
New Statesman

‘Like Bach’s concertos, these triumphant novels depart the realm of art and encroach upon science, aimed at some Platonic point beyond our reckoning where all spheres converge’
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**The Passenger**
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**Stella Maris**
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Detective Matthew Venn returns in The Raging Storm, the third captivating novel in the Two Rivers series from Ann Cleeves, the number one bestselling author and creator of Vera and Shetland.

The first two titles in the Venn series, The Long Call and The Heron’s Cry, were both number one bestsellers – this is a series that continues to build and find readers, and we know fans will love this next instalment.

When Jem Rosco – sailor, adventurer and local legend – blows into town in the middle of an autumn gale, the residents of Greystone, Devon, are delighted to have a celebrity in their midst. The residents think nothing of it when Rosco disappears again; that’s the sort of man he is.

Until the lifeboat is launched to a hoax call-out during a raging storm and his body is found in a dinghy, anchored off Scully Cove, a place with legends of its own.

This is an uncomfortable case for DI Matthew Venn. He came to the remote village as a child, its community populated by the Barum Brethren that he parted ways with, so when superstition and rumour mix and another body is found in the cove, Matthew soon finds his judgement clouded.

As the stormy winds howl and the village is cut off, Venn and his team start their investigation, little realising their own lives might be in danger . . .

Every story needs a hero and a villain.

From Robert Dinsdale, the critically acclaimed author of The Toymakers, comes a spellbinding retelling of the legend of the Minotaur set in Victorian London; a tale of found family and friendship, loss and redemption.

London, 1861: Ten-year-old Nell belongs to a crew of mudlarks who work a stretch of the Thames along the Ratcliffe Highway. An orphan since her mother died, leaving Nell with only broken dreams and a pair of satin slippers in her possession, she spends her days dredging up coals, copper and pieces of iron spilled by the river barges – searching for treasure in the mud in order to appease her master, Benjamin Murdstone.

But one day, Nell discovers a body on the shore. It’s not the first corpse she’s encountered, but by far the strangest. Nearly seven feet tall, the creature has matted hair covering his legs, and on his head are the suggestion of horns. Nell’s fellow mudlarks urge her to steal his boots and rifle his pockets, but as she ventures closer the figure draws breath and Nell is forced to make a decision which will change her life forever . . .

‘A labyrinthine delight of a novel . . . Dickensian darkness is infused with ancient myth. Historical writing at its finest . . .’
Essie Fox, bestselling author of The Somnambulist and The Fascination

‘A dazzling and heartfelt book’
Luna McNamara, author of Psyche and Eros
WOLF AND BEAR
9781035019571
HB | £12.99 | 14.09.23 | Two Hoots

In Wolf and Bear, a playful young wolf tries to help her friend Bear out from under the lonely shadow of sadness which engulfs him.

With strikingly beautiful illustrations, this debut picture book from Kate Rolfe is a beautiful, warm and uplifting exploration of friendship, hope and resilience that will resonate with children and adults alike, and offers an authentic launch pad for important conversations around low mood.

Wolf and Bear was a runner up in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration 2022.

THE OGRE WHO WASN’T
9781035010264
HB | £12.99 | 05.10.23 | Two Hoots

Former Children’s Laureate Sir Michael Morpurgo and award-winning illustrator Emily Gravett unite again for their second picture book, following the bestselling A Song of Gladness.

Clara is a strong-willed princess who hates the stuffy palace she lives in, but loves the creatures she meets in the garden, climbing trees and jumping ditches. The Ogre Who Wasn’t is an exciting adventure which shows that being a princess and loving the great outdoors aren’t mutually exclusive!

WINNIE-THE-POOH AT THE PALACE
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A brand new Winnie-the-Pooh story written by bestselling author Jeanne Willis, this gentle tale is inspired by one of A. A. Milne’s classic poems and features charming illustrations by Mark Burgess, in the style of E. H. Shepard.

The second title in a series of gift books with beautiful foiled jackets. In Winnie-the-Pooh at the Palace, Winnie-the-Pooh, Christopher Robin and Piglet are off on an adventure in the snow! On a day out to Buckingham Palace, they play in the snowy gardens, have a thrilling ride on a sledge, and they are even invited to have tea with the King!
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Macmillan Children’s Books is pleased to announce that Priddy Books and Neon Squid sales will now be looked after by our in-house Sales Team.

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Tales of World War II
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It’s the Second World War as you’ve never seen it before – discover the hidden true tales of incredible human spirit during the world’s darkest hour.
Jordan Peele, the visionary writer and director of Get Out, Us, and Nope, and founder of Monkeypaw Productions, curates and introduces this groundbreaking anthology of brand new stories of Black Horror, exploring not only the terrors of the supernatural but the chilling reality of injustice that haunts our world.

Out There Screaming is a master class in horror, and – like Peele’s spine-chilling films – its stories prey on everything we think we know about our world, and redefine what it means to be afraid. Very afraid . . .

Dare to step into the worlds of Out There Screaming, featuring stories from all-star roster of beloved writers and new voices: Erin E. Adams, Violet Allen, Lesley Nneka Arimah, Maurice Broaddus, Chesya Burke, P. Djèlí Clark, Ezra Claytan Daniels, Tananarive Due, Nalo Hopkinson, N. K. Jemisin, Justin C. Key, L. D. Lewis, Nnedi Okorafor, Tochi Onyebuchi, Rebecca Roanhorse, Nicole D. Sconiers, Rion Amilcar Scott, Terence Taylor, and Cadwell Turnbull.

Alongside the standard hardback of Out There Screaming, we are also thrilled to share that a Collector’s Edition will be available. This edition will feature printed boards with an eye design, exclusive endpapers, sprayed edges, and the title page will be digitally signed by Jordan Peele and the contributors.
The house was her prison.
The movie inspired a cult.
The truth is better left buried.

The Blair Witch Project meets The Haunting of Hill House in this edge-of-your-seat YA horror-thriller by Katya de Becerra, perfect for fans of Kathryn Foxfield.

Determined to find her missing sister, Sophia must return to the very place where all her horrors began . . .

They say in hidden rooms, from shadows of the night, his steps come soundless, his eyes glow bright . . .

If Jordan Peele wrote a speculative YA, it would be The Changing Man: a smart, pacy thriller perfect for fans of the dark academia of Ace of Spades and the creeping horror of Good Girls Die First. Tomi Oyemakinde expertly brings together thriller tropes with a smart and frightening social commentary to create an unputdownable read.

Discover a swoony Regency romance by Rosalyn Eves about three young women, their big dreams and a London Season gone awry. The perfect next read for Bridgerton fans and new romance readers, as well as voracious genre-fiction readers and BookTokers looking for a steamy, addictive story!

After Remy and her best friend Cam drink a secret elixir, Cam has forgotten who Remy is. If she can’t help him remember her by midnight New Year’s Eve, they’ll both be cursed to forget each other. Julie Abe’s Our Cursed Love is a magical 50 First Dates meets Love and Gelato story set in Tokyo, Japan.
Would you rather have eight legs to scurry through the night? Or would you rather spread your wings and take a midnight flight?

Spider or bat? Skeleton or monster? Cute cat or wily werewolf? Get ready to play Would You Rather? Halloween! In this laugh-out-loud rhyming picture book, preschool readers are given a fun choice on each page, with bouncy read-aloud text, bright, colourful illustrations and loads to spot along the way. Would You Rather? Halloween is packed full of supersilly-spooky fun, plus an amazing fold-out game at the end and reading tips for grown-ups. It’s the perfect Halloween treat for little monsters everywhere!

Join a cast of wickedly funny witches as they count down to Halloween in this delightful board book from Campbell Books!

Little ones can pick their favourite witch from page to page until there’s just one witch left – all building up to a pop-up pumpkin surprise!

With a carry handle for small hands to hold, a bouncy rhyme and bright illustrations from Nia Gould, Pick-a-Witch is a great present for toddlers this autumn.

We have two fantastic new Room on the Broom titles publishing in time for Room on the Broom Day (otherwise known as Halloween!)

From the superb partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo, these books are must-haves for the spooky season.

Who’s that flying over the treetops? Whoosh! It’s the witch and her cat and a very tall hat.

Fly through the sky with the witch and her friends and bring the story to life with a specially-designed ‘whoosh’ sound! This board book has a chunky sound button, perfect for small hands. A fun and interactive introduction to Room on the Broom.

Celebrate Halloween with the witch and her friends in this special edition of the bestselling classic, with a stunning neon orange cover and lots of fun extras!

Room on the Broom: Halloween Edition is the ideal gift for small children, with the full classic story, tips for hosting your very own Room on the Broom Halloween party, plus spooky things to make and do.

Room on the Broom © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2001 – Macmillan Children’s Books


PICK-A-WITCH

Would You Rather? HALLOWEEN

WICKEDLY FUNNY WITCHES
THE WONDER TEAM AND THE FORGOTTEN FOOTBALLERS

Leah Williamson and Jordan Glover

9781035023134 | PB | £6.99 | 31.08.23 | MCB

A time-twisting adventure from Leah Williamson, captain of the Euros-winning women’s England team, written with debut author Jordan Glover, including illustrations by Robin Boyden.

When Leah unearths a mysterious time capsule in her local park with her two best friends Mimi and George, she opens up a whole new world of adventure. Transported a hundred years back in time, she finds a women’s football team in crisis. Can she and her friends lead them back to victory? The odds are against them, but time is on their side!

Loosely based on one of Leah Williamson’s big inspirations, the Dick Kerr Ladies and their brave protest against the ban on women’s football, this is a fun adventure that comes from the heart. We’ll have POS materials available to support publication, including a POS pack containing bookmarks, a poster, mini megaphone activity sheets and a standee. Do let us know if you’re keen for your store.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES: THE PHANTOM THIEF

Marcus Rashford and Alex Falase-Koya

9781035022670 | PB | £6.99 | 28.09.23 | MCB

Marcus and the Breakfast Club Investigators are back and better than ever, just in time for a brand new investigation!

A mysterious figure is stealing from clubs all over Rutherford High! The only clue is a strange calling card left at the scene of the crime . . .

When the thief strikes just as the Art Club is getting ready for a big show, everyone is worried the exhibition will be cancelled. As suspicion falls on one of the BCI, Marcus and his friends must race against time to find the stolen painting and unmask the true thief before it’s too late!

This is the third book in an exciting mystery series by England International footballer, child food-poverty campaigner and bestselling author Marcus Rashford MBE, inspired by Marcus’s own experiences growing up! Written with Alex Falase-Koya and packed with tons of illustrations by Marta Kissi, it is the perfect book for children aged 8-11.
**Macmillan Fiction Picks**

**Stop Them Dead**
9781529089967 | HB | £22.00 | 28.09.23 | Macmillan

When a young farmer confronts intruders in the middle of the night, he has no idea that just minutes later he will be left dying in a pool of blood. What’s more chilling is what the perpetrators were willing to kill for. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace soon realises this is no isolated robbery gone wrong, but part of a nationwide crime wave . . .

*Stop Them Dead* is the nineteenth book in Peter James’s award-winning number one bestselling Roy Grace books, now a major ITV series starring John Simm.

‘Peter James is one of the best British crime writers, and therefore one of the best in the world’
Lee Child

**The Edge**
9781529062076 | HB | £22.00 | 09.11.23 | Macmillan

Following *The 6:20 Man*, a number one bestseller, this is the second thrilling novel in a new series featuring Travis Devine from the international bestselling author David Baldacci.

When a high ranking CIA analyst is found dead on the rocks of the Maine coastline, undercover Homeland Security officer Travis Devine travels to investigate. But small towns can harbour big secrets, and not everyone wants to share them with outsiders. Not when there’s a killer on the loose . . .

‘A mile-a-minute read that proves once again why David Baldacci has readers the world over flocking for more’
Jane Harper on *The 6:20 Man*

**How (Not) to Have an Arranged Marriage**
9781035008223
HB | £16.99
07.09.23 | Macmillan

A timely, heartwarming debut novel from *Sunday Times* bestseller Dr Amir Khan, resident doctor for *ITV’s Lorraine* and *Good Morning Britain*, that explores all aspects of modern arranged marriages.

Young Muslim student doctor Yousef is the golden child to his strict Pakistani parents, overshadowing his younger sister, Rehanna.

Yousef’s life is all mapped out for him; become a doctor, marry a suitable girl of his parents’ choosing and make his family proud. Until he meets fellow medical Jess and finds himself torn between his traditional family and his heart.

**The Cat Who Solved Three Murders**
9781529098044
HB | £14.99
26.10.23 | Macmillan

Conrad and Lulu return in this second novel in L T Shearer’s charming cosy crime series, following *The Cat Who Caught a Killer*, which is perfect for fans of Richard Osman and S. J. Bennett.

Retired police detective Lulu Lewis’s life changed forever when she met a street cat named Conrad, who turned out to be no ordinary cat. Now, while travelling to Oxford on their canal boat to attend Lulu’s friend’s birthday party, their plans are shattered by a brutal murder and a daring art theft.

Once again, she and Conrad find themselves on the trail of a killer . . .
Long ago, the world was destroyed by gods. Only nine cities were spared, each now ruled by a guardian – royalty who feed on mortal pleasure. Calista knows her talent of failsafe intuition valuable to the power-hungry, so she lives hidden as a courtesan to a baron. When her skill leads her to save a prince in dire trouble, the voice inside her blazes with warning – and promise.

Fall of Ruin and Wrath is a spicy and heart-stopping romantasy from Jennifer L. Armentrout, the number one New York Times bestselling author behind the hit read From Blood and Ash.

Starling House by Alix E. Harrow is a sweeping, gothic fairytale with a dash of romance.

Nobody remembers when Starling House was built. But everybody agrees it’s best to let this mansion of ill omens – and Arthur, its last lonely heir – go to hell. Opal knows better than to mess with haunted houses, or brooding men, but working there means money to help her brother. The house is uncanny and full of secrets. Yet Opal isn’t the only one interested in what lies beneath it . . .

A Power Unbound is the spellbinding conclusion to The Last Binding trilogy by Freya Marske, a debut queer historical fantasy series set in an Edwardian England full of magic and an irresistible enemies to lovers trope.

A Restless Truth, in paperback this autumn.

We’re also releasing book two in the series, A Restless Truth, in paperback this autumn.

Discover the first book in the BookTok phenomenon and internationally bestselling Crowns of Nyaxia series by Carissa Broadbent.

The adopted human daughter of the Nightborn vampire king, Oraya’s only chance to become something more than prey is entering a legendary tournament held by the goddess of death herself. This heart-wrenching read is full of romance, dark magic and intrigue – perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout.
A BRIEF HISTORY OF BLACK HOLES
9781529086744
PB | £10.99 | 21.09.23 | Pan

Award-winning University of Oxford researcher and YouTube’s friendly neighbourhood astrophysicist Dr Becky Smethurst explains one of the universe’s strangest phenomena: black holes.

In this cosmic tale of discovery, Dr Becky Smethurst takes readers from the earliest observations of the universe and the collapse of massive stars, to the iconic first photographs of a black hole as well as her own published findings.

Told with humour and wisdom, and featuring black and white illustrations throughout, this really is a must-read for every stargazer, whether an enthusiastic novice or a full-fledged astrophysicist.

Dive into this accessible look at one of the most misunderstood marvels in our galaxy.

THE SHIP BENEATH THE ICE
9781035008421
PB | £10.99 | 28.09.23 | Pan

On 21 November 1915, Sir Ernest Shackleton’s ship, Endurance, finally succumbed to the crushing ice. Its crew watched in silence as the stern rose twenty feet in the air and then, it was gone.

The miraculous escape and survival of all twenty-eight men on board became legendary. And yet, the iconic ship that bore them to the brink of the Antarctic was considered forever lost.

A century later, maritime archaeologist Mensun Bound led an audacious expedition to find the Endurance. The Ship Beneath the Ice gives Bound’s own incredible account of the two epic expeditions that led to the ship being found in March 2022, making global headlines. Featuring Frank Hurley’s stunning photographs, this is the perfect tribute to Shackleton, his legendary ship, and its monumental discovery.

FINDING HILDASAY
9781035006823
PB | £10.99 | 12.10.23 | Pan

Ex-paratrooper Christian Lewis had hit rock bottom in 2017 when, suffering from severe depression and with only £10 and two day’s worth of food in his pocket, he decided to walk the length of Britain’s coastline.

Now, five years later, Christian and his dog Jet have navigated the West Coast, Northern Ireland, the hard-rock cliffs of Scotland and the perimeters of the Scottish Islands, and spent three months on the uninhabited island of Hildasay. In these most barren and remote places, he has found hope and happiness, and raised over £320k for charity.

This is the remarkable life-affirming story of Christian’s epic journey that helped him to rebuild his life.

THE MAKING OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST
9781509890934
PB | £10.99 | 14.09.23 | Picador

Jeremy Bowen, International Editor of the BBC, takes us on a journey across the Middle East, offering an invaluable insight to how it came to be and what its future might hold.

Meeting ordinary men and women on the front line and their leaders, whether brutal or benign, Bowen explores the power games that have so often wrecked devastation on civilian populations, as parties jostle for political, religious and economic control.

With Jeremy’s deep understanding of the differences between countries as diverse as Erdogan’s Turkey, Assad’s Syria and Netanyahu’s Israel, and his long experience of covering events in the region, this is a highly acclaimed account from an expert in his field.
On the night of what would have been her deceased daughter’s eighteenth birthday, Janet saves a young girl in a train crash – but is there more to her act of heroism than meets the eye?

Charlotte’s debut novel If I Can’t Have You went on to be a bestseller, and Charlotte was shortlisted for the Andrea Badenoch Award in the New Writers North Awards and the Mslexia Short Story Competition.

Meet Antonia Scott, the most compelling and original detective since Lisbeth Salander who has an IQ of 242 and a gifted forensic mind.

Red Queen is the first book in Juan Gómez-Jurado’s internationally bestselling serial killer thriller trilogy.

Discover two exciting releases from Percival Everett, an American novelist whose star keeps rising. The Trees is a page-turner that opens with a series of brutal murders in a rural Mississippi town. It was shortlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize, and won the 2022 Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize. Meanwhile, Dr. No is an ingenious, madcap novel about nothing, really. That’s not to say it isn’t about anything. In fact, it’s about villains. Bond villains. And that’s not nothing . . .
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