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Medusa’s Story

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Dear Booksellers,

We hope that you’ve all been surviving the heat, and are really looking forward to seeing you all at the Gardners Trade Show and BA Conference in September. We’ve got an awesome list for you to sell this coming autumn and Christmas season! If you’re not already following us on Twitter and Instagram, our handle is @PanMacPinboard and we have a regular newsletter you can subscribe to by emailing us pinboard@macmillan.com. We’ll have additional proof and POS offers for you so please sign up if you’d like to hear more!

This autumn we have some very exciting fiction titles coming up. In what is surely the literary event of the season, the legendary Cormac McCarthy makes a very welcome return with not one but two novels in a duology – The Passenger and Stella Maris. These books are available both individually and together in a handsome boxed set. Stone Blind is the brand new retelling of the story of Medusa by Natalie Haynes, and is available in a beautiful Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition with a specially designed sprayed edge. For crime fans, we have Picture You Dead by Peter James, the eighteenth Roy Grace novel, available for the first time as an Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition, and a new Vera novel from Ann Cleeves, The Rising Tide. For poetry lovers, Twitter’s unofficial Poet Laureate Brian Bilston is back with Days Like These, a brilliantly original collection of 366 thoughtful and funny poems, one for each day of the year. Carol Ann Duffy returns, too, with Advent Street, her first Christmas poem for three years – perfect for till points.

On the non-fiction front, DIY with Jay is packed with tips for doing up your house by the ebullient Jay Blades, and we are delighted to be publishing Warrior Queens & Quiet Revolutionaries by Kate Mosse, telling the story of amazing women through history who deserve to be better known, in a lovely signed Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition. We also have The Ship Beneath the Ice, Mensun Bound’s fascinating account of the hunt for Shackleton’s Endurance, and for sports fans, autobiographies from Martin O’Neill and Sky Sports’ Geoff Shreeves.

For children, we have a new book from Dara McAnulty, A Wild Child’s Book of Birds, with stunning illustrations by Barry Falls (available in a signed Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition with a free poster), and middle grade adventures from Lenny Henry in The Book of Legends, and Rod Biddulph in Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals. From Marcus Rashford, we have the You Are a Champion Action Planner, packed with exciting and fun activities. Finally for older readers, we are thrilled to be publishing Unraveller, the spell-binding new fantasy novel from Frances Hardinge, available in a signed Independent Bookshop Exclusive Edition.

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

What We Loved

It’s your turn to tell us what YOU loved – and you could be in with a chance of receiving a box of the book world’s favourite brownies!

Simply scan the QR code to the right and complete our survey on what works for you about Pinboard, and what we could change or improve so that you can get the most out of every issue. Be sure to let us know your thoughts by 31st October 2022 to be eligible for the draw!

*Prize offering is limited to three (3) winners per issue. Winners drawn at random. Closing date for completing survey to be eligible for brownie box is 31st October 2022.

WIN delicious Gower Cottage Brownies!
We truly couldn’t be more excited to bring you *Stone Blind*, in which Natalie Haynes – the Women’s Prize-shortlisted author of *A Thousand Ships* – brings the infamous Medusa to life as you have never seen her before.

Medusa is the sole mortal in a family of gods, and when the sea god Poseidon commits an unforgivable act in the temple of Athene, the goddess takes her revenge where she can – and Medusa is changed forever. Her new power cannot be controlled: Medusa can look at nothing without destroying it, and she is condemned to a life of shadows. Until Perseus embarks on a quest to fetch the head of a Gorgon . . .

This is the story of how a young woman became a monster. And how she was never really a monster at all.

We are thrilled to have a signed Indie Exclusive Edition for you, with a beautifully designed sprayed edge.

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We have stunning proofs with foiled covers available for you to request, so please get in touch for yours!

Here’s an exclusive extract from *Stone Blind* to get you started, and you can scan the QR code below to watch a video from Natalie herself explaining how she came to write the book.

**Panopeia**

As far towards the evening sun as it is possible to travel, there is a place where the sea winds inland in a narrow twist. You are where Ethiopia meets Oceanos: the furthest land and the furthest sea. If you could fly above it, see it as the birds see it, this channel (which is not a river because it flows the wrong way, but you may see this as part of its magic), coils like a viper. You have flown past the Graiai, although you may not have noticed, as they keep to their cave to avoid stumbling on their rocky cliffs and falling into the wild sea. Would they survive such a fall? Of course: they are immortal. But even a god doesn’t want to be battered between the waves and the rocks for all eternity.

You have also sped past the home of the Gorgons, who live not so very far from the Graiai, their sisters. I call them sisters, but they have never met. They are connected – though they do not know, or have long forgotten – by the air and the sea. And now, also by you.

You’ll need to travel to other places too: Mount Olympus, of course. Libya, as it will come to be called by the Egyptians and later, the Greeks. An island named Seriphos. Perhaps this seems too daunting a journey. But the place you have found yourself means you are already at the end of the earth, so you’ll need to find your way back. You’re not far from the home of the Hesperides, but they won’t help you, I’m afraid, even if you could find them (which you can’t). So that means the Gorgons. It means Medusa.

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Pan Mac Team Pick

Richard Baker

‘Equally entertaining in fiction or non-fiction, Natalie’s fourth novel will delight her increasingly large group of readers’

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We’ve got great POS display kits available to request for *Stone Blind*, that include an A2 poster and matching bookmarks – do let us know if you’d like a pack for your store!

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**STONE BLIND**

Natalie Haynes

9781529061475

HB | £18.99 | 15.09.22 | Mantle

‘So to mortal men, we are monsters. Because of our flight, our strength. They fear us, so they call us monsters’

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Extract from *Stone Blind* © Natalie Haynes 2022 – Mantle

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Scan the QR code to find out more about Natalie’s writing process

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6 SEEN SOMETHING YOU’D LIKE TO READ? EMAIL US ABOUT READING COPIES!
Autumn wouldn’t be quite the same without a new book from Ann Cleeves, and this year we have an extra special treat for Ann’s many fans, as Vera Stanhope returns in the tenth instalment in the Sunday Times bestselling series.

Fifty years ago, a group of teenagers spent a weekend on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, forging a bond that has lasted a lifetime. Now, they still return every five years to celebrate their friendship, and remember the friend they lost to the rising waters of the causeway at the first reunion. But when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in. With the tide rising, secrets long-hidden are finding their way to the surface, and Vera and the team may find themselves in more danger than they could have believed possible . . .

Filming for the twelfth season of the BBC’s beloved Vera series is already well underway and set to air in 2023. We are thrilled to say that we will have signed copies of The Rising Tide for you! There are also proofs available if you would like one, so do get in touch.

**THE RISING TIDE**  
Ann Cleeves

9781509889617 | HB | £20.00 | 01.09.22 | Macmillan

In 2021, we achieved Ann’s JOINT-HIGHEST EVER HB CHART POSITION with *The Heron’s Cry* charting at NO. 2 in the HB Fiction chart in its first three days

The Heron’s Cry also hit NO. 2 in the Sunday Times PB Fiction chart, spending a total of 8 weeks in the Top 10

Year to date, *The Heron’s Cry* paperback is the 6TH BESTSELLING Crime, Thriller and Adventure category title through the UK TCM

Pan Mac Team Pick
Kate Bullows
‘Huge congratulations to Ann who celebrates 30 years of publishing with Pan Macmillan! Everybody’s favourite Queen of Crime is back with her tenth Vera Stanhope novel, set in Northumberland!’
FACTION HIGHLIGHTS

**THE OTHER SIDE OF NIGHT**
9781529088137
HB | £18.99
15.09.22 | Macmillan

What would you do to have one more moment with the one you love?

Bestselling author Adam Hamdy returns with a story of soulmates torn apart by circumstance and three deaths that haunt the past, present and future.

Matt Haig meets Audrey Niffenegger in this genre-defying, spellbinding novel about love, sacrifice and endless possibilities.

‘A big-hearted, big-brain novel you’ll finish in three days and think about for the rest of the year. Wonderful’
Stuart Turton

**LONG SHADOWS**
9781529061895
HB | £22.00
10.11.22 | Macmillan

The seventh Amos Decker thriller from internationally bestselling author David Baldacci.

Memory man FBI agent Amos Decker returns in this action-packed thriller to investigate the mysterious and brutal murder of a federal judge and her bodyguard at her home in an exclusive, gated community in Florida.

As the investigation deepens, the body count rises, and Decker discovers a trail which leads back to a past presidential campaign and an unsolved crime surrounding those in power at the very highest level . . .

We will have signed copies available for Long Shadows.

**PICTURE YOU DEAD**
9781529004366
HB | £20.00
29.09.22 | Macmillan

Discover the darkness that lurks around every corner . . .

*Picture You Dead* is the eighteenth instalment of bestselling author Peter James’s award-winning Roy Grace detective series and the first hardback in the series to publish in an autumn slot. We’ve got a standout signed Indie Exclusive for you, with a letter and handcuff pattern sprayed edges.

*Picture You Dead* finds Roy Grace plunged into the unfamiliar and rarefied world of fine art . . . a world where greed, deception and violence walk hand-in-hand. Look out for John Simm reprising his role as the Detective Superintendent in the third series of ITV’s *Grace*, which is set to air in early 2023.

In the cold case of a missing electrician there is only one suspect: the man’s partner Ellen Bjarnebo. But Ellen is one of Sweden’s most notorious killers, having served eleven years in prison after killing her abusive first husband and dismembering his body with an axe. And when Barbarotti seeks to interview her in relation to the disappearance, she is nowhere to be found . . .

‘One of the best Nordic Noir writers’
Guardian
In this intriguing collection of 366 poems, Twitter’s official Poet Laureate Brian Bilston shakes off the temporal shackles of the Gregorian calendar by sharing a strange event that happened on each day of the year, across time and place. Some events are well known, others not so much: the January day in 1902 on which New York banned public flirting, or October’s ‘Apple Day’ when people gathered from across the land to celebrate the ubiquitous fruit. They’re all followed by a poem written in response. A brilliant, original way to celebrate every day of the year – and we’ve got signed copies for you too!

3rd September
It was on this day in 1752 that this day didn’t happen. Neither did the following day nor the nine after that, as Britain skipped a whole eleven days in order to change over from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian one, bringing the country in line with the rest of Europe. A popular myth has it that there was civil unrest following this realignment of the calendar with rioters demanding, ‘Give us our eleven days!’ on the grounds that they thought their lives would be shortened. It is thought unlikely that was the case, though; historians, as ever, ruining a good story with their dull insistence on ‘evidence’ and ‘facts’.

Making Up for Lost Time
oh, woe is me,
oh, alas and alack
that’s eleven days of my life,
i’ll never get back
still, nice to have a few days off
(if you pardon the pun)
it’s funny how time flies
when you’re having fun*

*damental changes made to the calendar in order to align it with the Gregorian system of time organisation

Extract from Days Like These
© Brian Bilston 2022 – Picador Poetry

After last year’s glorious compendium of Christmas poems, Carol Ann Duffy is back with a new (with signed bookplates!) miniature offering that’s perfect for till points and stockings.

Every window on Advent Street is a gift, with rooms hiding such festive treats as a ballerina poised to begin dancing, or a party round a piano, ready to sing a hymn or a carol. Beautifully illustrated by Yelena Bryksenkova, this charming little book captures all the warmth of Christmas.

Spreads from Advent Street
© Carol Ann Duffy 2022 – Picador Poetry
**Children of Memory** by Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author Adrian Tchaikovsky is a far-reaching space opera spanning generations, species and galaxies. This is the exciting follow up to *Children of Time* and *Children of Ruin*, where battle lines will be drawn, loyalties will be tested, and devastating decisions must be made, as the race to save humanity begins. We will also have signed stock for you.

**A Taste of Gold and Iron** by Alexandra Rowland is a page-turning fantasy of courtly politics and conspiracy with a magnetic, ‘will-they-won’t-they’ same-sex romance. Perfect for fans of *A Marvellous Light*, *The Goblin Emperor* and *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, this breathtaking book is not to be missed!

**Leech** by Hiron Ennes’ debut is an atmospheric gothic triumph set in an icebound castle where a parasite spreads in the dark . . .

In an isolated chateau, a doctor dies from a mysterious parasite, even though, technically, he was already possessed. Two enemies wage war within the battlefield of the human body – whoever wins, humanity will lose.

This is chilling and transporting sci-fi for readers of Jeff VanderMeer and Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

**Legends & Lattes** by Travis Baldree is a heartwarming slice-of-life fantasy debut about found families and fresh starts. Orc barbarian Viv is ready to hang up her sword and pursue a more peaceful passion – opening a coffee shop – but her past isn’t ready to leave her behind . . .

Previously self-published, this is quickly becoming a fan favourite on TikTok.

**Our Lady of Mysterious Ailments** is the second instalment in T. L. Huchu’s spellbinding Edinburgh Nights series, following on from *The Library of the Dead*. When Ropa Moyo discovered an occult underground library, she expected great things. But, some secrets are meant to stay buried . . .

‘Stupendously engaging’

Ben Aaronovitch

**Flock** is the first book in Kate Stewart’s Ravenhood Trilogy – a gritty and sexy modern-day take on Robin Hood that has become a TikTok phenomenon.
What sparked the idea for The Atlas Six?
I had originally written a portal fantasy with a similar magic system, where each of the characters had a specialty in an academic setting. But I knew that the manuscript wasn’t quite right – it needed a more dynamic cast, higher stakes, a more compelling problem. The book’s main twist hit me while I was driving up the 5 from L.A. to San Francisco. Which, for those who are familiar with that particular drive, is nothing but cows and hillsides.

Since launch, your novel has become a huge success on BookTok! Did that come about on its own? What was that like for you as an author?
I was in the hospital after giving birth to my son when I was told that the book had gone viral on BookTok. It was a huge surprise to me! It’s probably best that so much of this has happened while I’ve been very, very grounded by the lifestyle of existing naptime to naptime with a mercurial infant. I don’t think I would believe any of it if I had the time to stop and think about it!

You combined magical elements with science, creating different specialties and even making physics magical – can you elaborate on what sparked that idea?
I think for fantasy to feel real, we have to have some concept of understanding how difficult something is to perform. Physics, especially quantum gravity, is such a convenient place to start, because we understand those basic mechanics to some degree. Moving into the more theoretical concepts, there are so many questions we can’t answer . . . but magic can!

Which of these specialties do you think you’d be most likely to have or would you want to have?
Telepathy. I’m incredibly nosy. I’d spend all day interfering with people’s thoughts.

Is there anything you can tell us about The Atlas Paradox?
We’re completely spoilt for choice this autumn as we have yet another new title from Olivie Blake coming in November.

Alone With You in the Ether is an exploration into the nature of love, what it means to be unwell, and how to face the fractures of yourself and still love as if you’re not broken.

As Aldo and Charlotte meet and fall ever deeper into love, they’ll need to face their fears and the troubles they hold within. Previously self-published, we can’t wait to share this with Olivie’s fans.
WOLFSONG

'I dreamed of wolves and a blood red moon. They sang to me and I took their songs and made them my own'

Ox Matheson was twelve when his father taught him a lesson: Ox wasn’t worth anything and people would never understand him. Then he left. Ox was sixteen when the Bennett family moved in next door, and he found an ally in Joe, the youngest Bennett boy. Ox was twenty-three when murder came calling, tore a hole in his heart, and Joe left town. Three years later, the boy is back. Except now he’s a man – and Ox can no longer ignore the song that howls between them.

Publishing in the UK for the first time, Wolfsong is the first book in TJ Klune’s Green Creek quartet and we will have signed copies available for all of TJ’s readers. This is the start of an exciting new series packed with magic, from the bestselling author of The House in the Cerulean Sea and Under The Whispering Door. Wolfsong is a heartwarming coming-of-age tale that’s perfect for fans of Maggie Stiefvater’s Shiver. The next hardback in the series, Ravensong, is set to follow in 2023. Do let us know if you’re eager for a reading copy!

A RESTLESS TRUTH

Maud Blyth has always longed for adventure . . .

She’d hoped for plenty of it when she agreed to help her beloved older brother unravel a magical conspiracy. She then even volunteered to serve as an old lady’s companion on an ocean liner. But Maud didn’t expect the woman to turn up dead on the very first day of the voyage. Now she has to deal with a dead body, a disrespectful parrot, and the lovely, dangerously outrageous Violet Debenham. Surrounded by open sea and a ship full of suspects, Maud and Violet must learn to work together to locate a magical object worth killing for – and unmask a murderer. All without becoming dead in the water themselves.

A Restless Truth is the second book in the bestselling debut queer historical fantasy trilogy by Freya Marske, set in an Edwardian England full of magic, and we have signed copies! This is the exciting sequel to A Marvellous Light, with the third title in the series set to follow in 2023. Can’t wait until November to read A Restless Truth? Get in touch for a reading copy!

We’re also pleased to be publishing the paperback for A Marvellous Light this October!
If you must travel to the country of Raddith, then be prepared. Bring a mosquito net for the lowlands, and a warm coat for the hills or mountains. If you mean to visit the misty marsh-woods known as the Wilds, you will need stout, waterproof boots. (You will also need wits, courage and luck, but some things cannot be packed.)

When your ship arrives at the great Mizzleport harbour, remember to trade your gold currency for Raddith’s ugly steel coins. Don’t be offended when the customs folk peer at you through lenses set in hollow stones, or sweep you with iron-fibred brushes. There are reasons for caution where the land meets the sea.

Ignore the hustlers on the docks who will try to sell you anti-curse amulets. You have of course heard that some people in Raddith are able to curse their enemies. It sounded so picturesque when you were reading about it at home, like a fairytale. As you listen to the pedlars’ blood-curdling warnings, however, you may start to feel nervous. You shouldn’t really waste money on a so-called protective amulet, but you probably will.

The hustlers may also try to sell you and the other tourists bundled parchments that they claim are maps of the Wilds. (The Wilds cannot truly be mapped. Buy one anyway, just in case.) As you walk through Mizzleport, you will soon realize that none of the locals wear anti-curse amulets. Your landlord at the inn will gently mock you for buying one. If you ask him how you should protect yourself, however, he will shrug and offer no useful suggestions.

You can’t defend yourself from a curse, he will tell you. But don’t worry – cursers are rare! Only those consumed by hatred are able to curse. Just make sure nobody hates you while you’re here! The other locals at the inn will be happy to answer some of your questions. Do cursers really exist? (Yes.) Can curses really set someone on fire, steal their shadow or turn them into a swarm of bees? (Yes.) Is it true that the power to curse comes from spiders? (No, the Little Brothers are not spiders, however much they look like them.)

Perhaps you will decide that all the stories of the Wilds and the Raddith cursers were invented to entertain tourists. At night, when you see a many-legged shape scuttle across the ceiling of your bedchamber, you will tell yourself that it is a spider, and only a spider.

Extract from Unraveller © Frances Hardinge 2022

UNRAVELLER
Frances Hardinge
9781509836970
HB | £14.99 | 01.09.22 | MCB

From Frances Hardinge, the overall Costa Award-winning author of The Lie Tree, comes her most imaginative and thrilling novel yet, and what’s more – we have a beautiful signed and numbered Limited Edition available for you, with a sprayed edge, and exclusive endpapers.

In a world where anyone can create a life-destroying curse, only one person has the power to unravel them. Kellen is the wielder of this unique talent, but finds that he has also been cursed. Unless he can remove his curse, Kellen is in danger of unravelling everything – and everyone – around him . . .

Pan Mac Team Pick
Tom Clancy
‘Frances’s latest peculiar gothic treat is just as magical and original as you’ve all come to expect! Utterly unputdownable’

This beautiful, informative book is divided into four seasonal sections, and readers will be able to learn about birdsong and beaks, nests and eggs, and the science of flight and migration patterns.

We’re thrilled that Barry Falls has once again teamed up with Dara McAnulty to illustrate this gorgeous book – and we’re equally excited that you’ll have a signed bookplated Indie Exclusive Edition with a specially-created wall chart poster! We’ll also have bookmarks, standees and regional bird fact file postcards available on publication.

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**The Grumpus**

The Grumpus is a fantastically festive new adventure from beloved author-illustrator Alex T. Smith, creator of *How Winston Delivered Christmas*.

A modern day Grinch, this is a heartwarming, hilarious story that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas, accompanied by irresistible colour artwork throughout, making it the perfect story for all the family to enjoy together. Even better, this gorgeous hardback has a festively foiled cover, making it an ideal gift. We have signed stock and a Grumpus standee available, too!

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*Do you know about The Grumpus? And his Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan? And about the Awful Thing that happened at the North Pole on Christmas Eve?*

*Perhaps I should tell you about it...*
Join everyone's favourite crime-busting ladybird this festive season in the fifth story in the brilliantly funny number one bestselling series!

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 a cunning plan to make sure they don’t get away with it.

What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas is a fantastically lively rhyming adventure from the bestselling picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks. We will have criminally good Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len standees available for in-store displays as well as signed bookplate editions AND press-out card Christmas bauble decorations exclusively for indie bookshops!

What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas

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Pan Mac Team Pick
Keren Western

“it’s always a joy when the Ladybird foils one of Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh’s sneaky plans, and everyone’s favourite crime-busting Ladybird is sure to save Christmas!”
FROM DAME FLOELLA BENJAMIN TO THE GRUFFALO

plus LEGO®, Alice in Wonderland, and new-to-the-UK Nancy Tillman, our Christmas gifting offerings for children are sure to spread festive joy.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

9781529095500 | BB | £12.99 | 27.10.22 | Campbell

Join Foella Benjamin in some festive fun and learn about her own Christmas memories and traditions by singing along to songs in this gift book and CD, beautifully illustrated by Lydia Monks.

ROBIN ROBIN: PUSH, PULL AND SLIDE

9781035001187 | BB | £6.99 | 27.10.22 | MCB

Follow Robin on her Christmas adventure with the push, pull and slide mechanisms in this fun and interactive book based on the hit Netflix animation.

MR BADGER’S CHRISTMAS WISH

9781529048803 | PB | £6.99 | 29.09.22 | MCB

A heart-warming tale for preschoolers about a grumpy, Scrooge-like badger who hates Christmas and everything about it – until his woodland friends invite him for some Christmas Day fun!

LEGEND® CITY. MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Following LEGO® City. Fire Station and LEGO® City. Building Site comes a festive addition to the range of push, pull and slide books!

DEAR SANTA STICKER ACTIVITY BOOK

9781529074703 | PB | £6.99 | 13.10.22 | Two Hoots

A new sticker activity book based on Rod Campbell’s much-loved Dear Santa, packed full of festive games and activities as well as over 200 stickers.

THE GRUFFALO AND FRIENDS FESTIVE SUPER STICKER BOOK

9781035001538 | PB | £9.99 | 27.10.22 | MCB

A festive sticker book edition of the household classic featuring all your favourite Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler characters, with 64 pages of activities and over 1,000 stickers to use!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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THE GRUFFALO AND FRIENDS ADVENT CALENDAR BOOK COLLECTION

Count down the 24 days to Christmas with a new Gruffalo and friends-themed activity book for every day! With songs and rhymes to enjoy for the whole family.

ON THE NIGHT YOU WERE BORN

On the Night You Were Born is the New York Times bestselling board book from Nancy Tillman, with rhyming text and magical illustrations to celebrate the birth, and worth, of every child. Now available in the UK for the first time.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Indulge in the traditional joys of Christmas in this special and heartfelt book. With warm and captivating illustrations, The Spirit of Christmas from Nancy Tillman truly captures the magic of the season. An ideal gift choice.

GRACE AND THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL

The first book in the magical Guardian Angel series from Lucinda Riley and her son Harry Whittaker. A reassuring festive story of family, love, hope and the magic of Christmas.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The festive classic by Clement C. Moore has been stylishly illustrated by new talent Stacey Thomas in this stunning gift edition which also features an eye-catchingly festive, foiled cover.

THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS AND WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE

Celebrate Christmas in true Wonderland style with this unique limited edition, with a foiled festive cover and a Christmas letter-style foreword from Lewis Carroll.

THE OWL WHO CAME FOR CHRISTMAS

Based on a true story, this is the heartwarming tale of a little owl who gets lost, the first in an exciting new series inspired by the adventures of real animals from John Hay, illustrated by Garry Parsons.
What if all the stories were real?

We are so excited to be publishing another action-packed adventure from comedian and actor Lenny Henry, after the huge success of the much-loved The Boy With Wings, which was the No. 2 middle grade hardback debut of 2021.

Two children, one extraordinary adventure, and a bookshop where the stories told are real – with illustrations throughout from Keenon Ferrell, The Book of Legends is a joy of a book to hand sell. In a quest to find their mum, Bran and Fran must brave evil princes, mud monsters and Viking armies with the help of enchanted characters they meet along the way.

We have proofs as well as POS packs available for The Book of Legends, including posters and bookmarks. Just get in touch if you would like to request some for your shop.

We will also have signed stock available for this title!
THE SEASON OF GIVING IS ALMOST UPON US...

We have quite the offering for your gift tables this Christmas! James Herriot for Dad, Amanda Owen for Mum, and the new book in the bestselling Before the Coffee Gets Cold series for, well, everyone!

BEFORE YOUR MEMORY FADES
9781035004614
HB | £12.99
01.09.22 | Picador

The third novel in the international bestselling Before the Coffee Gets Cold series, following four new customers in a cafe where they can travel back in time . . .

With heart-warming characters and wistful storytelling, Before Your Memory Fades once again invites the reader to ask themselves: what would you change if you could travel back in time?

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND OTHER FESTIVE POEMS
9781529086423
HB | £9.99
13.10.22 | MCB

A stunning, highly illustrated gift book containing a festive flurry of classic and modern Christmas poems chosen and illustrated by Chris Riddell, this is the perfect stocking-filler for poetry lovers of all ages. From much-loved traditional poems like ‘The Night Before Christmas’, ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’, and ‘We Wish You a Merry Christmas’, through to brand new seasonal poems, it’s a total festive treat.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT
9781035008537 | HB | £22.00
27.10.22 | Macmillan

This paperback edition of the Sunday Times bestseller Celebrating the Seasons contains new material as well as funny and charming stories about Amanda’s life with her family and their many four-legged charges. A delight for anyone who has followed her adventures so far.

Q: What’s better than a quiz book at Christmas?
A: Absolutely nothing.

‘I find it impossible to believe you will not love this book,’ says Daniel Radcliffe, and he’s right – this is the gift book for quizheads and puzzlers from David Gentle, author of On the Tip of My Tongue.

CELEBRATING THE SEASONS
9781035005604 | PB | £8.99
29.09.22 | Pan

THE COMPLETE TOLKIEN COMPANION
9781035008575 | HB | £25.00
01.09.22 | Macmillan

With Amazon’s The Rings of Power coming to our screens in September, what better time could there be to return to Middle-earth with The Complete Tolkien Companion? Detailed explanations of writing systems, together with maps, charts and genealogical tables, bring the wonder of Tolkien’s world to life.

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THE RETURN OF
CORMAC McCARTHY

A GLOBAL LITERARY EVENT

One of America’s greatest living writers, now eighty-eight, returns with a masterpiece a decade in the making. The Passenger and Stella Maris are a pair of novels that tell a family story, a love story, a society’s story - the first, The Passenger, from the brother’s perspective, and the second, Stella Maris, from his dead sister’s.

A SUNKEN JET. NINE PASSENGERS.
A MISSING BODY.

1980, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI: It is three in the morning when Bobby Western zips the jacket of his wetsuit and plunges from the boat deck into darkness. His divelight illuminates the sunken jet, nine bodies still buckled in their seats, hair floating, eyes devoid of speculation. Missing from the crash site are the pilot’s flightbag, the plane’s black box, and the tenth passenger. But how? Bobby is shadowed in body and spirit – by men with badges; by the ghost of his father, inventor of the bomb that melted glass and flesh in Hiroshima; and by his sister, the love and ruin of his soul.

Traversing the American South, The Passenger is a breathtaking novel of morality and science, the legacy of sin, and the madness that is human consciousness.

1972, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN: Alicia Western, a twenty-year-old mathematician, admits herself to hospital with forty thousand dollars in a plastic bag and one request: she does not want to talk about her brother, Bobby. Instead, she contemplates the nature of madness, the human insistence on one common experience of the world; she recalls a childhood where, by the age of seven, her own grandmother feared for her; she surveys the intersection of physics and philosophy; and she introduces her cohorts, her chimeras, the hallucinations that only she can see. All the while, she grieves for Bobby, not quite dead, not quite hers.

Told entirely through the transcripts of Alicia’s psychiatric sessions, Stella Maris is an intimate portrait of grief and longing, as a young woman seeks to understand her own existence.
As our biggest titles of the autumn, we’ll have a full suite of POS available for *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris* including posters, bookmarks and window clings, so please let us know if you would like a pack for your shop.

A deluxe slipcase edition will follow the individual publication of both books. Each book in the boxed set will feature special endpapers, matching head and tail bands and a ribbon marker.
Black holes are one of the universe’s strangest and most misunderstood phenomena which, for most, makes learning about them difficult and hard to grasp. Luckily, YouTube’s friendly neighbourhood astrophysicist Dr Becky Smethurst is here to help!

With easy-to-grasp analogies and black and white illustrations throughout, *A Brief History of Black Holes* will help anyone and everyone unravel the mysteries of the universe.

Mehdi Hasan believes that anyone can win an argument. As a journalist, anchor and interviewer who has clashed with politicians, generals, spies and celebrities from across the world, Hasan will reveal his tricks of the trade: sixteen different ways to get the upper hand in a debate, from the Rule of 3 to Judo Moves.

‘A tour de force’
Owen Jones

Using the groundbreaking framework behind attachment theory, Marisa G. Franco’s *Platonic* teaches us to identify and understand our individual styles – secure, anxious or avoidant – and why exploring how we behave in relationships is the key to unlocking what we’re doing right (and what we could do better) in our friendships.

What’s your attachment style?
Take our quiz and find out – simply scan this QR code to get started!
**KURASHI AT HOME**

9781529085099 | HB | £25.00 | 15.11.22 | Bluebird

Bestselling tidiness guru Marie Kondo is back, with an inspiring full-colour, fully illustrated guide to curating your life and home, that introduces the concept of kurashi – meaning ‘way of life’ – which encourages readers to spend every day in the pursuit of joy.

Now the mother of three young children, Marie moves her focus from the physical act of tidying towards an even more holistic and personal approach to curating our environments. An ideal gift for Marie Kondo fans, *Kurashi at Home* gives us a personal glimpse of everything from favourite recipes to images of Marie with her family.

Check out a beautiful digital sampler by scanning the QR code below!

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**THE SHIP BENEATH THE ICE**

9781035008414 | HB | £25.00 | 27.10.22 | Macmillan

The truly extraordinary story of how the world’s most famous shipwreck was found, told by Mensun Bound, ‘The Indiana Jones of the Deep’ (*The Telegraph*), featuring an introduction from popular historian Dan Snow.

On 21 November 1915, the *Endurance*, Ernest Shackleton’s ship, finally succumbed to the immense pressures of the surrounding Antarctic ice. Its crew watched in silence as the stern rose twenty feet in the air and then, just like that, it was gone . . . But over a century later, an audacious plan to locate the ship was hatched, and would finally succeed in March 2022, to make headlines all over the world.

In *The Ship Beneath the Ice*, marine archaeologist Mensun Bound gives a blow-by-blow account of two dramatic expeditions to find the ship amid what Shackleton called ‘the most hostile sea on Earth’.

Complete with a selection of Frank Hurley’s photos from Shackleton’s original voyage in 1914–17, as well as from the expeditions in 2019 and 2022, this is the perfect tribute to this monumental discovery.
NEW ADULT (NA) FICTION

What happens when America’s First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales?

We’re pleased to be publishing a special hardback Collector’s Edition of Casey McQuiston’s beloved New York Times bestseller and TikTok sensation Red, White & Royal Blue. This edition will feature illustrated endpapers, blue sprayed edges, an all-new Henry-POV chapter, and more!

‘Outrageously fun . . . romantic, sexy, witty, and thrilling’
Taylor Jenkins Reid

Alex Claremont-Diaz is handsome, charismatic, a genius – pure marketing gold for the White House ever since his mother first became President of the United States. There’s only one problem. When the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an altercation between Alex and Prince Henry, U.S./British relations take a turn . . .


Rainbow Rowell has won fans all over the world by writing about love and life in a way that feels authentic. In her first ever short story collection, Rainbow gives us nine beautifully crafted love stories. It’s a feast of irresistible characters, hilarious dialogue, and masterful storytelling, featuring two-colour illustrations throughout from fan favourite Jim Tierney. In short, everything you’d expect from a Rainbow Rowell book. Plus, readers can expect a return to some of their favourite Rainbow characters . . .

‘Rowell’s genius is for creating imperfect characters with whom readers nonetheless fall in love’
The New York Times Book Review

‘Dazzles with adventure, breathing life into a bustling fantastical world’
Chloe Gong

An electric new Mexican-inspired fantasy from Aiden Thomas, the New York Times bestselling author of TikTok hit Cemetery Boys.

Welcome to the Sunbearer Trials, where teen demigods compete in a series of challenges with the highest of stakes. As each new decade begins, ten of the most gifted ‘semidioses’ compete in the trials. The winner carries light and life to all the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser has the greatest honour of all – they will be sacrificed, protecting the world for another ten years. But for the first time in over a century, the impossible happens. Sol chooses not one, but two competitors from within the same league. Now they must compete in trials against opponents who are more powerful and better trained . . .
DIY WITH JAY

POS S 9781529091281 HB | £20.00 | 15.09.22 | Bluebird

In DIY with Jay, the beloved star of the BBC’s hit show The Repair Shop is here to take you from DIY disasters to Changing Rooms. Readers will soon have both the niggling little repairs and bigger changes sorted with this straightforward, no-nonsense and fully illustrated guide. With years of experience of fixing up his own houses and restyling and repurposing furniture, Jay will help anyone to find their own style, make a plan and create a sanctuary out of any home.

To celebrate publication, TV’s favourite restorer is giving one lucky indie bookshop the chance to win one of his beautifully hand restored pieces of furniture to put pride of place in their shop!

For your chance to win, simply create an in-store DIY with Jay display showcasing the book – be it a window, shelf or table – and tag us on Twitter @PanMacPinboard before midnight on 31st October 2022.

Pan Mac Team Pick
Andrew Belshaw
‘Bringing you the loveliest man on TV and his guide to all things DIY’

JAY’S TOP TIPS: HOW TO HANG WALLPAPER

There are lots of different types of wallpaper but, essentially, they all involve a roll of paper that you need to stick to your wall in precisely placed vertical strips. Always read the instructions on the roll packaging for what type of adhesive to use. Prepare your walls in the same way as for painting, so they are clean, dry and smooth. Use a sharp blade for trimming wallpaper at the top and bottom, mind your fingers and retract the blade after use.

STEP 1
Start papering in the centre of the wall – or, if you have a feature such as a chimney breast, start in the middle of that. Use a plumb bob and string or a long spirit level to mark a perfectly vertical line down the wall. Careful! Easy does it!

STEP 2
Prepare your first length of wallpaper as per the instructions so it is ready to stick to the wall. Make sure you know which way is ‘up’, so the pattern is pointing the right way. Remember: you need to cut a slightly longer length than the wall, so the paper extends a few centimetres above and below the top and bottom, which will be trimmed later.

STEP 3
Carefully transfer the paper from the pasting table or working surface to the wall. Align it with your marked vertical line and press in place using a wallpaper hanging brush, working from the top downwards and outwards as you move towards the bottom of the strip.

STEP 4
Smooth the paper out and encourage any air bubbles out to the side.
Use a craft or utility knife to trim the excess paper at the ceiling and skirting board.

STEP 5
Your second drop needs to butt up to the vertical edge of the first and match the pattern perfectly. Hold up a piece, and once you’re confident about this, cut the paper for the second drop and repeat the fixing process.

STEP 6
If you have obstacles to paper ‘around’, such as light switches, cut an opening in the paper in an ‘x’ shape from the centre of the obstacle to each corner, folding the resultant flaps outwards so you can paste the paper flat around the object. Trim the flaps off with a sharp craft or utility knife or scissors once it’s pasted in place.
Vex King is starting a revolution of self-love, and we couldn’t be more excited that he’s come to Bluebird to bring you the key to unlocking your potential, and help you take the first step of a life-changing journey.

As the Sunday Times number one bestselling author of Good Vibes, Good Life, Vex has spent over 100 weeks on the bestseller lists, so he should be a familiar face to you all already. But for this book he’s teamed up with his wife, beauty influencer Kaushal Modha (she has 2.4 million YouTube followers in her own right!), to create The Greatest Self-Help Book (is the one written by you), a fully interactive compendium of six months’ worth of activities, prompts and guidance to help readers find their voices and cultivate self-love.

As Vex and Kaushal say, there’s no greater self-help book than the one you write about yourself! Here are a couple of activities from the journal to get you started . . .
LASKARINA BOBOULINA (1771-1825)
One of the most extraordinary naval military commanders in history. She built up her own fleet of ships, including an eighteen-canon warship called Agamemnon, and was the heroine of the Greek War of Independence of 1821 when she began the naval blockade that defeated the Turkish fleet. She was, it seems, the first woman to attain the rank of admiral.

DOROTHY HODGKIN CROWFOOT (1910-1994)
The first British woman to win a Nobel Prize in Chemistry and still the only British woman to have won it for science. She was awarded the prize in 1964 for discovering, using X-rays, the structures of various biochemical substances including penicillin and vitamin B12.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM (1924-2005)
An American politician, educator, and author. In 1968, she was the first Black woman to be elected to Congress. In 1972, she became the first Black candidate to run for a major party nomination, and was the first woman to run for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination. A key figure in the Equal Rights Amendment campaign, she was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.
YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR BEAUTIFUL EDITIONS OF CLASSICS.
This autumn, we’re welcoming five new titles from one of the American greats, Don DeLillo, to the Picador Collection, plus six exciting new titles to the Macmillan Collector’s Library.

MACMILLAN COLLECTOR’S LIBRARY

Feast your eyes on these new additions to the Macmillan Collector’s Library. Don’t forget, we have plenty of POS including spinners, wrapping paper and posters.

**WOMEN OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE**
9781529069228
HB | £10.99
15.09.22 | MCL

An anthology of poems and stories that celebrates the women of colour at the heart of the Harlem Renaissance.

**BLACK VOICES ON BRITAIN**
9781529075786
HB | £10.99
13.10.22 | MCL

A powerful anthology of writing by men and women of colour in Britain from the eighteenth to the twentieth century.

**GOBLIN MARKET & OTHER POEMS**
9781529065381
HB | £10.99
13.10.22 | MCL

A spellbinding fairytale of female desire brought to life in a lavishly descriptive narrative poem by Christina Rossetti.

**OUR PLACE IN NATURE**
9781529075809
HB | £10.99
13.10.22 | MCL

An exploration of a topical issue of our day; our appreciation of nature and recognition of our place in it.

**NO PLACE LIKE HOME**
9781529075786
HB | £10.99
13.10.22 | MCL

What makes a home? Some of our wisest writers answer fundamental questions that are important to us all.

**ON YOUR MARKS**
9781529075816
HB | £10.99
13.10.22 | MCL

Daniel Defoe on horse racing, Jane Austen on archery and Lewis Carroll on croquet: a few of the treats in this tome.

PICADOR COLLECTION

Don DeLillo enters the Picador Collection. A Netflix adaptation of *Underworld* is in production, plus Noah Baumbach’s adaptation of *White Noise*, starring Chloë Sevigny and Adam Driver, is due for release in late 2022.

**GREAT JONES STREET**
9781529094039
PB | £9.99 | 24.11.22
Picador Collection

**END ZONE**
9781529092080
PB | £9.99 | 24.11.22
Picador Collection

**THE NAMES**
9781529092103
PB | £9.99 | 24.11.22
Picador Collection

**UNDERWORLD**
9781529092097
PB | £10.99 | 24.11.22
Picador Collection

**MAO II**
9781529092110
PB | £9.99 | 24.11.22
Picador Collection

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NOTHING SAYS AUTUMN LIKE COSYING UP WITH A GOOD MYSTERY, AND WE’VE GOT WHODUNNITS FOR DAYS!

THE CHRISTIE AFFAIR
9781529054194 | PB | £8.99 | 29.09.22 | Pan

REESE WITHERSPOON BOOK CLUB PICK
INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Agatha Christie’s world is one of glamorous society parties, country house weekends, and growing literary fame. Nan O’Dea’s world is something very different. Her attempts to escape a tough London upbringing during the Great War led to a life in Ireland marred by a hidden tragedy. After fighting her way back to England, she’s set her sights on Agatha. Because Agatha Christie has something Nan wants. And it’s not just her husband . . .

‘A novel that literally out-Christies Agatha. An exciting, moving and delightful read’
Janice Hallett

THE CAT WHO CAUGHT A KILLER
9781529097993 | HB | £14.99 | 27.10.22 | Macmillan

Meet Conrad. You’ve never met a cat like him before.

Neither has Lulu Lewis when he walks into her life one summer’s day. Mourning the recent death of her husband, the former police detective had expected a gentle retirement, quietly enjoying life on her new canal boat, and visiting her mother-in-law Emily in a nearby care home. But when Emily dies suddenly in suspicious circumstances, Lulu senses foul play and resolves to find out what really happened. And a remarkable cat named Conrad will be with her every step of the way . . .

‘Charming and original. This book is the cat’s whiskers’
Anthony Horowitz

THE DALES DETECTIVE SERIES

Meet Samson and Delilah, the Dales Detectives, in these reissues of the first three novels in Julia Chapman’s cosy crime series.
Perfect for fans of Alexander McCall Smith, Robert Galbraith and Midsomer Murders.

DATE WITH DEATH
9781035002368 | PB | £8.99 | 01.09.22 | Pan

DATE WITH MALICE
9781035002382 | PB | £8.99 | 13.10.22 | Pan

DATE WITH MYSTERY
9781035002465 | PB | £8.99 | 10.11.22 | Pan
Tiggy Thistle and the Lost Guardians is the second title in the Cloud Horse Chronicles duology, the exciting magical adventure from the Costa Award-winning creator of Goth Girl and 2015–2017 UK Children’s Laureate Chris Riddell.

With gorgeous two-colour illustrations throughout, this beautiful jacketed hardback is a perfect gift for middle grade readers everywhere.

‘A thrilling and hugely entertaining adventure story’
David Walliams on The Highland Falcon Thief

Pádraig Kenny’s The Shadows of Rookhaven is a story about family and forgiveness, and the sequel to The Monsters of Rookhaven. Like the first title, it is full of stunning black and white gothic illustrations by Edward Bettison, and includes details like illustrated chapter heads, a family tree and a map.

Shadows are gathering . . . It is the time of the Great Configuration, a once-in-a-century event, and family and monsters descend on Rookhaven from all over the country to take part. But amid the guests there is an interloper, who is disguised and has an eye on their destruction . . .
New for Autumn 2022

The Marcus Rashford
You Are a Champion Action Planner

Packed with positive activities, brilliant advice and inspiring challenges, the You Are a Champion Action Planner will help kids to reach their full potential!

“One of the best things you can do for yourself is imagine a world where you can be happy. The more you picture that, the easier it becomes to make that dream happen”

Marcus has once again teamed up with performance psychologist Katie Warriner and journalist Carl Anka, his award-winning You Are a Champion team, to help kids achieve their dreams.

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Marcus Rashford

With Carl Anka

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Over 25k copies sold in 6 weeks
WILD CITY
9781529062328 | PB | £9.99 | 15.09.22 | MCB

The second title in an exciting new series based on the popular nursery rhyme ‘This Little Piggy’. With bright, engaging illustrations from Alberta Torres, follow 10 little monsters as they dress up, explore and more in this fun preschool counting book with a scream-tastic gatefold ending.

AN ARCTIC STORY
9780753448069 | HB | £12.99 | 13.10.22 | MCB

A gorgeous, lyrical non-fiction picture book exploring the Arctic winter. An Arctic Story brings together facts about the Arctic through a poetic, evocative narrative by Jane Burnard, and breath-taking illustrations by Kendra Binney.

THERE WAS A YOUNG ZOMBIE WHO SWALLOWED A WORM
9781529068566 | PB | £6.99 | 15.09.22 | MCB

A hilarious Halloween story by Kaye Baillie with illustrations by Diane Ewen, inspired by the well-known classic rhyme ‘There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly’. Packed with spooky creatures, from witches and ghosts to toads and bats – and zombies, of course!

THIS LITTLE MONSTER
9781529092929 | PB | £6.99 | 01.09.22 | MCB

Take an unforgettable tour around the world to meet the creatures that share our city spaces – from bears to bats, penguins to opossums – and learn about how they have adapted and thrived in this gorgeously illustrated gift book written by award-winning natural history journalist Ben Hoare.
The most joyful place I know is the beautiful Caribbean island of Dominica, that is, the Commonwealth of Dominica. Dominica is a small, mountainous Caribbean island between Guadeloupe and Martinique. It was originally called Wai’tu kubuli which means How Tall is Her Body, because they say the shape of the island looks like a tall woman.

Everything about the place makes me SMILE! The warmth of the people, the French creole language, the tasty food, the comforting sunshine, the soothing sea, the sweet music, the crazy dancing! Yes, especially the crazy dancing.

My parents were born there and left in 1957 to come to England, where I was born.

I first went to Dominica when I was 21 years old. I went with my dad, who hadn’t been back for nearly thirty years. We had a wonderful time together, eating and drinking and taking in the sunshine, swimming and dancing and sharing moments. I have lovely memories of meeting some of my family for the first time there, too.

Dominica isn’t the only place I have roots. Though some records were lost in a fire, I am told that my paternal grandmother’s mother is from Sierra Leone. After a recent ancestry DNA test I discovered I may also have roots in Ghana and Nigeria too. Wow! So many places in my DNA!

I was inspired to write this poem when I started to think about what brings me joy and Dominica’s lush green landscape came to mind.

Trish Cooke

JOYFUL, JOYFUL
Curated by Dapo Adeola
9781529071504 | HB | £20.00 | 29.09.22 | Two Hoots

A collection of stories and poems edited by the illustrator of Look Up! and Clean Up!, Dapo Adeola, Joyful, Joyful is a book that celebrates joy, and showcases 40 talented Black writers and artists from across the world. Full of heartfelt pieces by writers such as Malorie Blackman, Kelechi Okafor and Dorothy Koomson alongside beautiful artwork from Ken Wilson-Max, Odera Igbokwe, and Dapo himself, the book will also include a foreword by Patrice Lawrence, author of Orangeboy and Eight Pieces of Silva.

COLOURS, COLOURS EVERYWHERE
Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai
9781529078527 | HB | £14.99 | 13.10.22 | Two Hoots

From Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai, the award-winning duo behind Animalphabet, comes a stunning new book which follows a little girl as she decides to start painting her own adventure with her bright blue tree frog companion. With rhyming text and bold colours on every page, readers can follow the little girl’s story as she discovers birds with yellow wings, flying in a big red balloon and flamingoes crowding in a lake with a pink milkshake! Like Animalphabet, Colours, Colours Everywhere is beautifully designed and features flaps to lift and holes to peep through, making teaching and reading with little ones a fun and interactive experience.
THE GRUFFALO: A READ AND PLAY STORY
9781529077896 | BB | £14.99 | 27.10.22 | MCB

What happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake . . . and a hungry Gruffalo?
Find out by lifting and pulling the tabs in this wonderful gift edition with a pop-up surprise.

IT’S THE GRUFFALO! A FINGER PUPPET BOOK
9781529083354 | BB | £8.99 | 10.11.22 | MCB

Based on the bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler comes a fun new finger puppet board book! Use the integrated Mouse puppet to wiggle and duck as he takes a walk in the deep dark woods.

ROOM ON THE BROOM: TOUCH AND FEEL BOOK
9781529083347 | BB | £7.99 | 15.09.22 | MCB

This chunky touch and feel book based on the bestselling picture book Room on the Broom is perfect for little hands to explore! Little ones can feel the velvety witch’s cape, stroke the dog’s soft fur and touch the dragon’s rough scales as they immerse themselves in a new adventure.

ROCK-A-BYE RUMPUS
9781529027952 | HB | £14.99 | 29.09.22 | MCB

A gorgeous gift collection of action poems and rhymes for the very young, specially chosen by bestselling author, Julia Donaldson, and charmingly illustrated by Sébastien Braun.

MY FIRST BOOK OF EVERYTHING
9781529094671 | HB | £12.99 | 27.10.22 | MCB

A stylish twist on a First Words book that introduces big concepts to small people, with illustrations by bestselling author-illustrator Ben Newman. From the solar system to the tiny mantis shrimp, everything in our universe is amazing!

BUSY FOOTBALL
9781529097559 | BB | £6.99 | 27.10.22 | MCB

Meet twelve famous football heroes in this first novelty board book about football with push, pull and slide mechanisms. Pull the tab to block the ball from entering the net and score the winning goal by sliding the ball!
‘The man who asks the questions now gives the answers’
Henry Winter, Chief Football Writer for The Times

‘No one handles the big moments better’
Jordan Henderson

Cheers, Geoff! is an entertaining look into the life of one of the most respected reporters in football.

Geoff Shreeves has been at the epicentre of Premier League action for the last thirty years, and in his autobiography he shares fascinating anecdotes from life on the sidelines. Packed full of hilarious stories on and off the pitch – including trying to teach Sir Michael Caine how to act, a frightening encounter with Mike Tyson, and getting a lift home from the World Cup with Mick Jagger.

A natural storyteller, Geoff brings an astonishing catalogue of tales to life with his unique brand of experience, insight and humour.

Martin O’Neill has lived and breathed football for most of his life and is now one of the most admired players and managers in the sport.

His career has taken him from playing for Lisburn Distillery in Northern Ireland to being a key part of the indomitable Brian Clough’s hugely successful Nottingham Forest team that won two European Cups in the 70s. As a player O’Neill represented Northern Ireland over sixty times, playing alongside George Best and captaining the side at the 1982 World Cup.

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