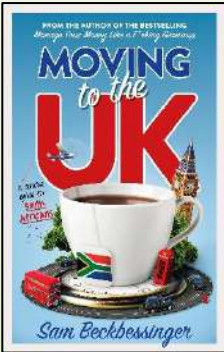


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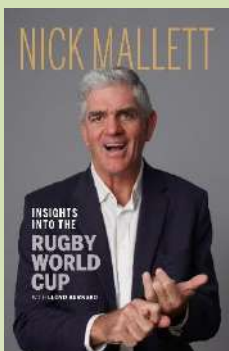
**Moving to the UK** by Sam Beckbessinger  
9781776192823 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R290

Thinking of moving to the UK but don't know where to start? Overwhelmed by the information coming at you after a Google search? Baffled by visa requirements? Worried about how your kids and your beloved pet iguana would handle it? Fear not! Written by a seasoned mover who's been there, done that and even brought back the tea towel, Sam Beckbessinger will hold your hand in this end-to-end guide to moving from South Africa to the land of tabloids, tweed and terrible weather. Inside, you'll find helpful tips, funny anecdotes and thorough to-do lists to keep you on track. This guide covers everything from the practicalities of finding a job and a place to live, equipping you with everything you need to know about fitting in on this weird, adorable island.



**ONKANT!** deur Hendrik Hancke  
9781776192649 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R290

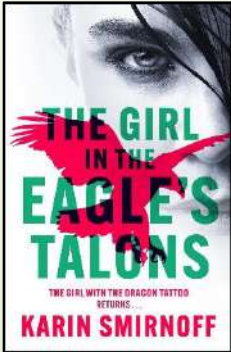
Rugby is een van my passies, een van my liefdes. – Gcobani Bobo, oud-Springbok.  
Het jy al ooit gewonder hoe dit moet voel om vir die Springbokke gekies te word of hoe 50 000 ekstatiese ondersteuners op die pawiljoen klink?  
Met die Rugbywêreldbeker om die draai, het Hendrik Hancke die land deurkruis om met oud-Springbokke en ander rolspelers, insluitend breiers en 'n skeidsregter, te gesels oor hul liefde vir rugby. Hulle deel oomblikke in die kleedkamer, persoonlike oorwinnings en voorheen ongepubliseerde stories oor wat van die veld af en op toer gebeur. As jy Saterdagmiddae kliphard vir die televisie skree of op die sypaadjie sal slaap vir 'n kaartjie na 'n groot wedstryd, dan is dié boek vir jou!



**Insights Into The Rugby World Cup** by Nick Mallett with Lloyd Burnard  
9781776192977 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R280

The Rugby World Cup is the pinnacle tournament for players, coaches, and fans alike. Former Springbok coach Nick Mallett has analysed and debated rugby for over 30 years. Known for his brilliant and often forthright commentary, gathered here is a collection of his ideas and opinions and anecdotes for the coming world cup: The Magic of the World Cup; The Springbok Machine; The Springboks in 2023; Playing in France; The Rassie Factor; Matches that will decide the RWC; Key Players; The Referees; The Coaches and Captains; and Nick's predictions.

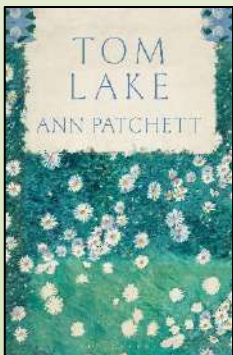
## Fiction



***The Girl in the Eagle's Talons*** by Karin Smirnov  
9781529427059 | Quercus | TPB | R395

Lisbeth Salander returns, in a trailblazing new installment to the bestselling Millennium series.

The untapped natural resources of Sweden's far north are sparking a gold rush, with the criminal underworld leading the charge. But it's not the prospect of riches that brings Lisbeth Salander to the small town of Gasskas. Her niece's mother is the latest woman in the region to have vanished without trace. Two things soon become clear: Svala is a remarkably gifted teenager -and she's being watched. Journalist Mikael Blomkvist is also heading north. He has seen better days. Millennium magazine is in its final print issue, and relations with his daughter are strained. Worse still, there are troubling rumours surrounding the man she's about to marry. When the truth behind the whispers explodes into violence, Salander emerges as Blomkvist's last hope.

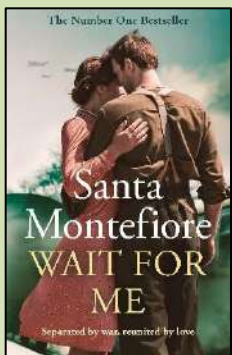


***Tom Lake*** by Ann Patchett  
9781526664280 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R380

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theatre company called Tom Lake.

As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

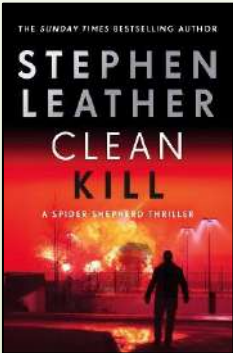
*Tom Lake* is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



***Wait for Me*** by Santa Montefiore  
9781398513969 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R345

Cornwall, 1944. When Rupert Dash is declared missing, his wife, Florence, is devastated. She can't accept that he is gone, so when she finds a poem called 'Wait for Me' in an old book, she believes it's a sign from her husband. London, 1988. Max has always suffered from a recurring nightmare. Surrounded by war, he has a mission he knows he must complete. But the dream always ends with him awaking in terror. To understand why he is haunted by these visions; Max embarks on a journey that leads him to Cornwall and a man named Rupert Dash. Melbourne, 1995. Florence receives a letter from someone she has never met. This stranger says he remembers a life that belonged to another before him. Could this be the one person Florence has waited fifty-one years to meet again?

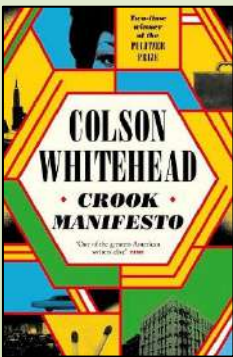
## Fiction



**Clean Kill** by Stephen Leather

9781529367423 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R390

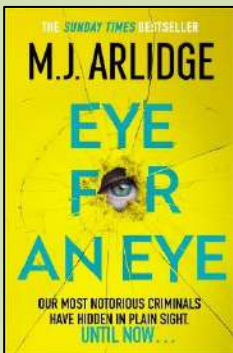
Terrorists have shot down a British helicopter in West Africa and taken the crew hostage. Their lives are on the line and the British government is refusing to negotiate. The pilot is Liam Shepherd, and only his father, Dan 'Spider' Shepherd of MI5 can help. Shepherd and an SAS team fly out to the Badlands of Mali to rescue the kidnapped Brits. But the mission takes Shepherd away from an investigation in a high security prison that is about to explode into violence. Hundreds of lives are at risk, and Shepherd is running out of time...



**Crook Manifesto** by Colson Whitehead

9780349727653 | Little Brown | TPB | R390

1971: Trash is piled on the streets, crime is at a record high, and the city is careening towards bankruptcy. A shooting war has broken out between the NYPD and the Black Liberation Army. Ray Carney, furniture-store owner, and ex fence is trying to keep his head down, his business up, and his life on the straight and narrow. His only immediate need is Jackson 5 tickets for his daughter May, so what harm could it do to hit up Munson, his old police contact and fixer extraordinaire? And suddenly, staying out of the game becomes more complicated and deadly. When one of Ray's tenants is badly injured in a fire, he enlists the enduringly violent Pepper to investigate how it started, leading the duo to battle their way through a crumbling metropolis run by the shady, the violent and the utterly corrupt.



**Eye for An Eye** by M. J. Arlidge

9781398708198 | Orion | TPB | R365

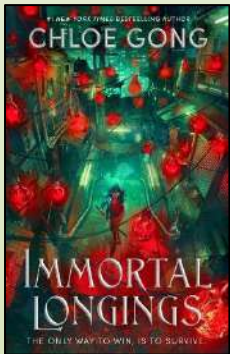
They are among only nine criminals in the UK who have been granted lifelong anonymity, for their own safety, because of their terrible crimes. But what if someone exposed their true identities to the families of their victims, who are desperate for revenge? Probation officer Olivia Campbell is caught in the crossfire of this unprecedented crisis -and as the hunt for the mole behind it all intensifies, so too does the search for the vigilante killers let loose by the leaks...

## Fiction



**Nightbloom** by Peace Adzo Medie  
9780861546602 | One World | TPB | R365

When Selasi and Akorfa were young girls, they were more than just cousins: they were an inseparable duo. There was no such thing as a 'secret' between the two girls, who lived their entire childhoods side by side. Then Selasi begins to change. She becomes withdrawn and hostile, losing interest even in the schoolwork that used to be so important to her. Selasi constructs a wall around herself designed to keep everyone out, even Akorfa. It will be years before Akorfa learns what happened. But is there still time to save their friendship? When a terrible crisis brings them back together as young women, they must confront the secrets that Selasi has worked so hard to bury, and challenge those who would prefer her to remain silent.



**Immortal Longings** by Chloe Gong  
9781399700436 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R390

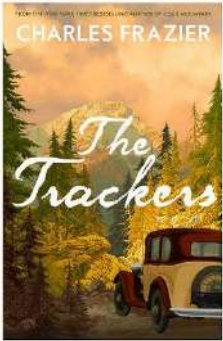
Every year, thousands flock to San-Er, the capital twin cities of the kingdom of Talin, where the palace hosts a set of deadly games for the chance to win unimaginable riches. Princess Calla Tuoleimi has been in hiding for five years after murdering her parents to free the people of Talin from her tyrannical family. Only one person stands in her way, her uncle King Kasa. She knows he always greets the victor of the games, so if she wins, she can kill him. Enter Anton Makusa, whose childhood love has lain in a coma since they were both ousted from the palace. He's in debt trying to keep her alive, so his last chance at saving her is winning the games. When Anton proposes an alliance with Calla, they find their partnership spiralling into something all-consuming.



**Kill For Me Kill For You** by Steve Cavanagh  
9781035408160 | Headline | TPB | R390

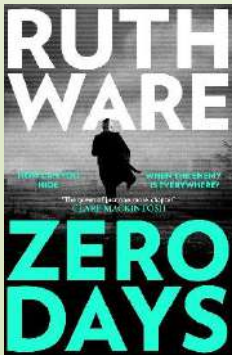
One dark evening in New York City, two strangers meet by chance. Over drinks, Amanda and Wendy realise they have so much in common. They both feel alone. They both drink alone. And they both desperately want revenge against the two men who destroyed their families. Together, they have the perfect plan. If you kill for me, I'll kill for you...

## Fiction



***The Trackers*** by Charles Frazier  
9780008636609 | HarperCollins | TPB | R370

Hurling past the downtrodden communities of Depression-era America, painter Val Welch travels to the rural town of Dawes, Wyoming. Through a stroke of luck, he's landed a New Deal assignment to create a mural representing the region for their new Post Office. An art lover named John Long, and his wife Eve have agreed to host Val at their ranch. Rumors and intrigue surround the couple: Eve left behind a life riding the rails and singing in a western swing band. Long holds shady political aspirations but was once a WWI snipe and his right hand is a mysterious cowboy, a vestige of the violent old west. Val quickly finds himself entranced by their lives. One day, Eve flees home with a valuable painting in tow, and Long recruits Val to hit the road with a mission of tracking her down.

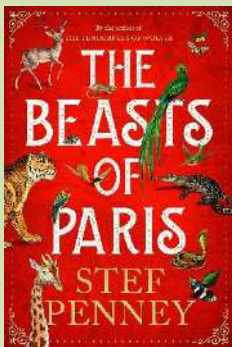


***Zero Days*** by Ruth Ware  
9781398508408 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R355

Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband Gabe are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead.

It soon becomes clear that the police have only one suspect in mind, her.

Jack must go on the run to try and clear her name and to find her husband's real killer. But who can she trust when everyone she knows could be a suspect? And with the police and the killer after her, can Jack get to the truth before her time runs out?



***The Beasts of Paris*** by Stef Penney  
9781529421569 | Quercus | TPB | R390

Anne is a former patient from a women's asylum trying to carve out a new life for herself in a world that doesn't understand her. Newcomer Lawrence is desperate to develop his talent as a photographer and escape the restrictions of his puritanical upbringing. Ellis, an army surgeon, has lived through the trauma of one civil war and will do anything to avoid another bloodbath. Each keeps company with the restless beasts of Paris' Menagerie, where they meet, fight their demons, lose their hearts, and rebel in a city under siege. A dazzling historical epic of love and survival, Stef Penney carries the reader captivated through war-torn Paris.

## Fiction



### **The Summer Girl** by Jenny Blackhurst

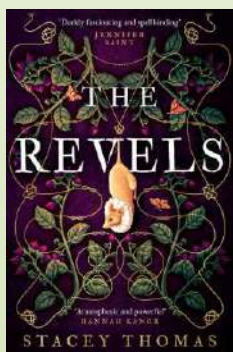
9781804365052 | Canelo | PBO | R305

Claire's little sister Holly has been working on the millionaire's playground of Martha's Vineyard for the summer, all barefoot beach parties and flirting with the local rich kids. But now she's missing and none of the locals seem to care, including the police. They think a message Claire received is proof she's safe. But Claire knows for a fact that's impossible.

What will she have to risk to find out the truth? Who are the locals protecting?

And what does it have to do with another girl who went missing five years ago?

It's going to be a summer she'll never forget.



### **The Revels** by Stacey Thomas

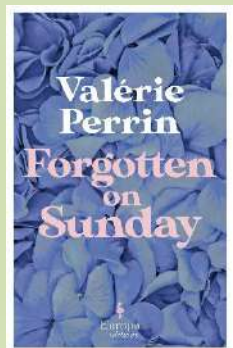
9780008566661 | HarperCollins | TPB | R355

#### **England, 1645.**

After his half-brother dies, aspiring playwright Nicholas Pearce is apprenticed to Judge William Percival, an infamous former witch-hunter who is under pressure to resume his old profession.

In a country torn apart by civil war, with escalating tensions between Catholics and Protestants, Royalists and Roundheads, and rumours of witchcraft, Nicholas hides a secret: the dead sing.

He hears their secrets, but will he find the courage to speak up to save innocent lives, even if it means putting himself in great danger?

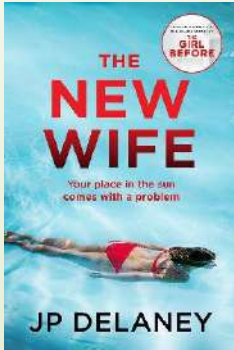


### **Forgotten on Sunday** by Valérie Perrin

9781787704770 | Faber & Faber | PB | R440

Justine is 21 years old and has lived with her grandparents and cousin Jules since the death of her parents. She works as a carer at a retirement home and spends her days listening to her residents' stories. After bonding with H el ene, an almost 100-year-old resident, the two women slowly reveal their stories to one another. Whilst Justine helps H el ene to relive her memories of love and war, H el ene encourages Justine to confront the secrets of her own past, and the loss she has buried deep within. One day, trouble arrives in the form of a mysterious phone call that shakes the retirement home to its core and uncovers a shocking revelation

## Fiction



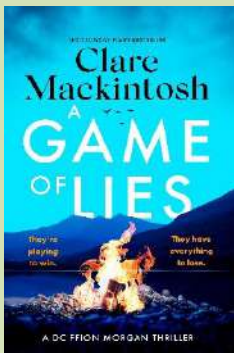
***The New Wife*** by JP Delaney  
9781529430400 | Quercus | TPB | R390

When Finn Hensen gets a call from his sister to say their father has died, neither is heartbroken. Their parents divorced long ago, and their father, Jimmy, continued to live a bohemian lifestyle in Mallorca, while his family returned to the UK. His home, a dilapidated farmhouse in the mountains, passes to Finn and his sister. The only problem is that Jimmy remarried for the third time, and his new wife, Ruensa, still lives there. The pair agree that Finn must go to Mallorca and take possession of their inheritance. When he arrives, Finn finds that Finca Siquia has been transformed into a chic Mediterranean bolthole by Ruensa, along with her daughter, Roze. The Spanish police, meanwhile, are asking awkward questions about Jimmy's death...



***Counting Lost Stars*** by Kim van Alkemade  
9780063289918 | HarperCollins | TPB | R350

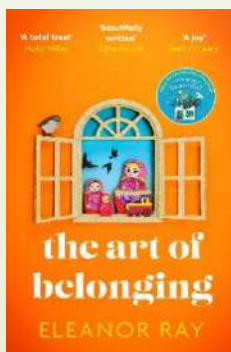
1960, New York City: College student Rita Klein is a pioneering woman in the new field of computer programming, until she unexpectedly becomes pregnant. She is struggling to get on with her life when she meets Jacob Nassy, a charming yet troubled man from the Netherlands who was separated from his mother during the Holocaust. When Rita learns that Hitler's Final Solution was organized using Hollerith punch-card computers, she sets out to find the answers that will help Jacob heal. 1941, The Hague: Cornelia Vogel is working as a punch-card operator at the Ministry of Information where she meets Leah. When Cornelia learns the census is being used to persecute Holland's Jews, she risks everything to help Leah escape. After Rita uncovers a connection between Cornelia Vogel and Jacob's mother, long-buried secrets come to light.



***A Game of Lies*** by Clare Mackintosh  
9781408725979 | Little Brown | TPB | R390

Stranded in the Welsh mountains, seven reality show contestants have no idea what they've signed up for. Each of these strangers has a secret. If another player can guess the truth, they won't just be eliminated, they'll be exposed live on air. The stakes are higher than they'd ever imagined, and they're trapped. The disappearance of a contestant wasn't supposed to be part of the drama. Detective Ffion Morgan has to put aside what she's watched on screen and find out who these people really are knowing she can't trust any of them. And when a murderer strikes, Ffion knows every one of her suspects has an alibi and a secret worth killing for.

## Fiction



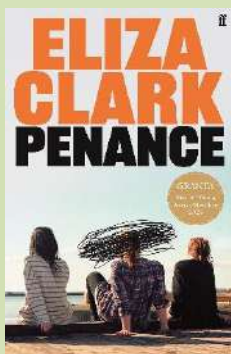
***The Art of Belonging*** by Eleanor Ray  
9780349427454 | Little Brown | TPB | R390

Grace's life is perfectly fine, thank you very much. A widow of seventy-two, she lives quietly, and although hearing more from her daughter and granddaughter would be nice, she has her health, her friends, her octogenarian yoga and her weekly club where she creates miniature train sets. However, when her estranged daughter rings her in shock, about to lose her home, Grace invites Amelia and her daughter Charlotte to live with her. With them, they bring all the complicated feelings from the past, and the more Grace gets to know her granddaughter Charlotte, the more she adores her. As Charlotte enlists her help to solve a mystery at school, the small family begin to find each other again. Grace is about to discover that although opening her heart again may be painful, in the end it's the only thing that makes life worth living.



***Tiger Work*** by Ben Okri  
9781804545430 Head of Zeus | HB | R400

If we continue to live as we do now, Ben Okri argues in this evocative collection, there will be no world left for us to fix. He imagines messages, sent to us from beyond the end, from those who saw it coming from Africa, Europe, the Americas and the rest of the world, exhorting us to change now. This is a collection comprising two poems and six prose pieces, three short stories, an essay, a letter, and an interview. It has Ben's classic blend of storytelling, fantasy and magic.

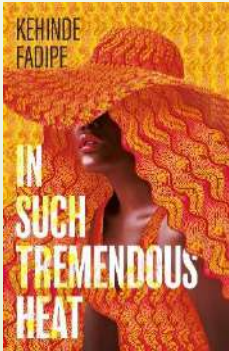


***Penance*** by Eliza Clark  
9780571371778 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R375

It's been years since the murder of sixteen-year-old Joan Wilson rocked Crow-on-Sea, and the events of that night are now being published for the first time. That story is *Penance*, a dizzying feat of masterful storytelling, where Eliza Clark manoeuvres us through accounts from the inhabitants of this small seaside town. Placing us in the capable hands of journalist Alec. Z. Carelli, Clark allows him to construct what he claims is the 'definitive account' of the murder and what led up to it. Built on hours of interviews with witnesses and family members, painstaking historical research, and most notably, correspondence with the killers themselves, the result is a riveting snapshot of lives rocked by tragedy, and a town left in turmoil. The only question is: how much of it is true?



## Fiction



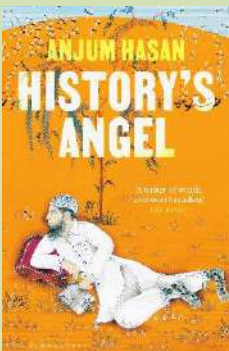
***In Such Tremendous Heat*** by Kehinde Fadipe  
9780349703206 | Little Brown | TPB | R390

Dara, a workaholic lawyer, is on the brink of partnership at her firm when Lani, a new hire from Geneva, is assigned to work on what should have been her career-making case. Amaka, a sharp-tongued banker, is in the midst of a painful family breakdown. An instant attraction to Lani, despite her lovely boyfriend, jeopardizes her last shred of stability. Lillian, a piano-prodigy-turned-housewife, is desperately trying to remain in Singapore after her marriage comes to a messy end. A chance encounter with Lani—a man who is inexplicably, impossibly, the spitting image of her late father—triggers a grief she's spent a lifetime suppressing. Forced to confront the ghosts of their pasts, Dara, Amaka, and Lillian soon learn that unfinished history can follow you anywhere, even to Singapore.



***Lioness*** by Emily Perkins  
9781526660671 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R420

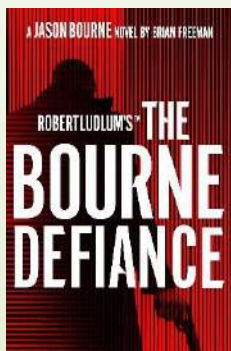
From humble beginnings, Therese has grown used to a life of luxury after marrying into an empire-building family. After rumours of corruption gather around her husband, the social opprobrium is shocking, and Therese begins to look at her privileged world with new eyes. In the flat below Therese, something else is brewing. Her neighbour Claire believes she's discovered the secret to living with freedom and authenticity, freeing herself from the mundanity of domesticity. Therese finds herself enchanted by the permissive zone Claire creates in her apartment—a place of ecstatic release. All too quickly, Therese is forced to confront herself and her choices, just how did she become this person? And what exactly should she do about it?



***History's Angel*** by Anjum Hasan  
9781526656049 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R420

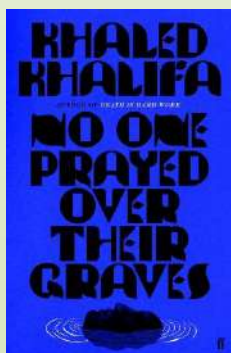
Alif is a middle-aged history teacher living in Delhi, at a time in India's history when Muslims are seen either as hapless victims or live threats. Though his passion is the history he teaches, it's the present that presses down on him: his wife is set on a bigger house and a better car while trying to ace her MBA exams; his teenage son wants to quit school to get rich; and his supercilious colleagues are suspicious of a Muslim teaching India's history. While Alif is leading a school trip, a Hindu student goads him about being Muslim, enraged, Alif twists his ear. Fired from his job, Alif's life descends into chaos. Meanwhile, his home city darkens under the spreading shadow of violence.

## Fiction



**Robert Ludlum's *The Bourne Defiance*** by Brian Freeman  
9781803285924 | Head of Zeus | TPB | R510

Around the world, Treadstone agents are being hunted down and murdered... and Jason Bourne may be next on the list. Someone high up in the U.S. government is erasing all evidence of a shocking mission from Bourne's past, known as Defiance and that evidence includes Bourne himself. Staying one step ahead of a team of killers, Bourne follows a global trail that leads him to one of the government's darkest secrets. But exposing the truth about the Defiance mission will also bring Bourne face to face with his arch-enemy, the assassin known as Lennon, for a final deadly confrontation.



***No One Prayed Over Their Graves*** by Khaled Khalifa  
9780571364640 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R440

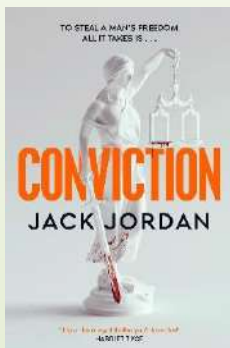
December, 1907: one morning after a night of drunken carousing in the city, Hanna and his friend Zakariya return home to their village near Aleppo—only to discover a scene of tragedy. A devastating flood has levelled their homes, shops and places of worship, and their neighbours, families and children are nearly all dead. Their lives will never be the same. Tracing Hanna's life before and after the flood—when he embarks on a search for the meaning of life—No One Prayed Over Their Graves is a portrait of a wider society on the verge of great change; from the provincial village to the burgeoning modernity of the city, where Christians, Muslims, and Jews live and work together, united in their love for Aleppo and their dreams for the future.



***The List*** by Yomi Adegoke  
9780008544508 | HarperCollins | TPB | R370

Ola Olajide, a high-profile journalist at Womxxxn magazine, is marrying the love of her life in one month's time. Young, beautiful, successful – she and her fiancé Michael are the 'couple goals' of their social networks and seem to have it all. That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: 'Oh my god, have you seen The List?' It began as a crowdsourced collection of names and somehow morphed into an anonymous account posting allegations on social media. Ola would usually be the first to support such a list—she'd retweet it, call for the men to be fired, write article after article. Except this time, Michael's name is on it

## Fiction



### **Conviction** by Jack Jordan

9781398505728 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R355

Wade Darling stands accused of killing his wife and teenage children as they slept before burning the family home to the ground. When the case lands on barrister Neve Harper's desk, she knows it could be the case she's been waiting for. But only if she can prove Wade's innocence. A matter of days before the case, as Neve is travelling home for the night, she is approached by a man. He tells her she must lose this case or the secret about her own husband's disappearance will be revealed. Failing that, he will kill everyone she cares about until she follows orders. Neve must make a choice, betray every principle she has ever had by putting a potentially innocent man in prison, or risk putting those she loves in mortal danger.



### **Promise** by Rachel Eliza Griffiths

9781399809825 | John Murray | TPB | R390

Ezra and Cinthy Kindred, grew up with an abundance of love. Love from their parents, and neighbours. The Junketts, the only other Black family in town, their home is filled with spice-rubbed ribs and ground-shaking hugs.. But as the girls hit adolescence, their white neighbours, including Ezra's best friend, Ruby, start to see their maturing bodies and minds in a different way. And as the news from distant parts of the country fills with calls for freedom, equality, and justice for Black Americans, the white villagers of Salt Point begin to view the Kindreds and the Junketts as a threat to their way of life. Amidst escalating violence, prejudice, and fear, bold Ezra and watchful Cinthy must reach deep inside the wells of love they've built to commit great acts of heroism and grace on the path to survival.

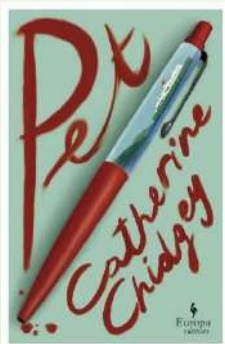


### **Ghosts** by Mark Dawson

9781787397651 | Welbeck | TPB | R365

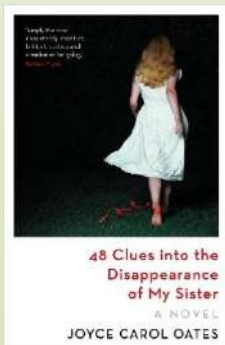
John Milton is a ghost. He was Number One. The most dangerous assassin in Group Fifteen, the black-ops organisation that solves problems when diplomacy has failed. Now Milton is Her Majesty's most wanted fugitive, an anonymous loner with a deadly set of skills. When he is arrested following a brawl in a Texas bar, the last person he expected to bail him out was a glamorous operative from the Russian Secret Service. Milton is blackmailed into finding his predecessor as Number One. But she's a ghost, too, and just as dangerous as him. He finds himself in deep trouble, playing the Russians against the British in a desperate attempt to save the life of his oldest friend. Some ghosts are better left alone. But these two have been disturbed and now there's going to be hell to pay.

## Fiction



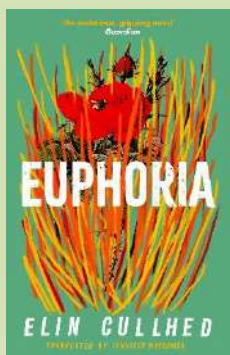
**Pet** by Catherine Chidgey  
9781787704732 | Faber & Faber | PB | R440

Like every other girl in her class, twelve-year-old Justine is drawn to her glamorous, charismatic new teacher and longs to be her pet. However, when a thief begins to target the school, Justine's sense that something isn't quite right grows ever stronger. With each twist of the plot, this gripping story of deception and the corrosive power of guilt takes a yet darker turn. Young as she is, Justine must decide where her loyalties lie.



**48 Clues into the Disappearance of My Sister** by Joyce Carol Oates  
9781837932788 | Head of Zeus | HB | R400

Beautiful sculptor Marguerite has disappeared from her small town in upstate New York. But was foul play involved? Did she merely get away for some fun? Or did she finally make the decision to leave behind her claustrophobic life of limited opportunities? Younger sister Gigi wonders if the flimsy silk Dior dress, so casually abandoned on the floor, is a clue to Marguerite's vanishing. The police puzzle over the footprints made by her Ferragamo boots, which end abruptly close to her home. Bit by bit, revelations about both women are uncovered, as Gigi, not so pretty as her sister, reveals her true feelings about the much-loved Marguerite. The fate of the missing beauty slowly and subtly comes to light in this suspenseful story about the complex relationship between two sisters.



**Euphoria** by Elin Cullhed  
9781838855994 | Canongate | BPB | R305

A woman's life, erupting with brilliance and promise, is fissured by betrayal and the pressures of duty. What had once seemed a pastoral family idyll has become a trap, and she struggles between being the wife and mother she is bound to be and yearning for so much more. The woman in question is Sylvia Plath in the final year of her life. As Plath's marriage to Ted Hughes unravels, Sylvia turns increasingly to writing to express her pain and loss, yet also her resilience and power. She has decided to die, but the art she creates in her final weeks will set her name, and the world, ablaze.

## Fiction



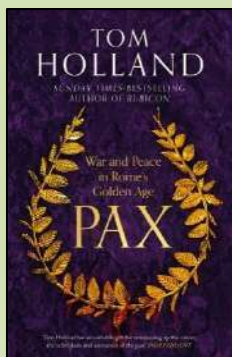
***Lady Tan's Circle of Women*** by Lisa See  
9781398526068 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R355

In 15th century China two women are born under the same sign, the Metal Snake. But life will take the friends on very different paths. According to Confucius, 'an educated woman is a worthless woman', but Tan Yunxian, born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separation and loneliness, is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. She begins her training in medicine with her grandmother and, as she navigates the male world of medicine, requiring tact and diplomacy, she struggles against the confining world of her class. How might a woman like Yunxian break free of tradition, go on to treat women and girls from every level of society, and lead a life of such importance? How might the power of friendship support or complicate these efforts?



***Happiness For Beginners*** by Katherine Center  
9781398717534 | Orion | BPB | R255

Helen Carpenter has always lived her life as far from the edge as possible. Finding herself newly divorced and a little lost, Helen decides she needs a reset. So, when her annoying younger brother convinces her to sign up for a hardcore wilderness survival course, she hopes the adventure will be exactly what she needs. Instead, it's a disaster. It's nothing like she expected. She doesn't expect the surprise summer blizzard, for example-or the blisters, or the mean pack of sorority girls. And she especially doesn't expect that her annoying brother's even-more-annoying best friend, Jake, would show up for the exact same course-and distract her, derail her, and... kiss her. But it turns out sometimes disaster can teach you exactly the things you need to learn.



***Pax*** by Tom Holland  
9781408707005 | Little Brown | TPB | R435

*Pax* is the third in a trilogy of books narrating the history of the Roman Empire. The series that began with *Rubicon*, and continued with *Dynasty*, now arrives at the period which marks the apogée of the *Pax Romana*. It provides a portrait of the ancient world's ultimate superpower at war and at peace; from the gilded capital to the barbarous realms beyond the frontier; from emperors to slaves. The narrative features many of the most celebrated episodes in Roman history: the destruction of Jerusalem and Pompeii; the building of the Colosseum and Hadrian's Wall. *Pax* gives a portrait of Rome, the great white shark of the ancient world, at the very pinnacle of her greatness.

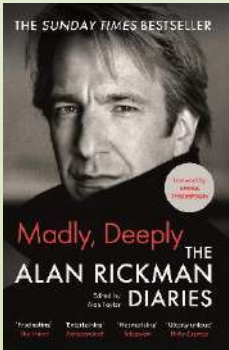
## Non- Fiction



***Tik Tok Boom*** by Chris Stokel-Walker  
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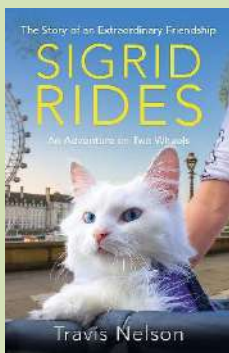
A whole generation is hooked on TikTok. In just a few years, it's raced ahead of WhatsApp and Instagram to become the biggest app in the world. But how did it burst into life and overtake its rivals? Delving deep into its origins.

*TikTok Boom* charts the rapid rise of China's video app. It yields new insights into its culture, algorithm, and influencer ecosystem. And it reveals the influence its owners in Beijing are having on hundreds of millions worldwide using little-known content guidelines. TikTok is the emerging battleground for a geopolitical tussle between East and West for control of social media. *TikTok Boom* is a rollercoaster business story bristling with ambition and drama.



***Madly, Deeply*** by Alan Rickman  
9781838854805 | Canongate | BPB | R395

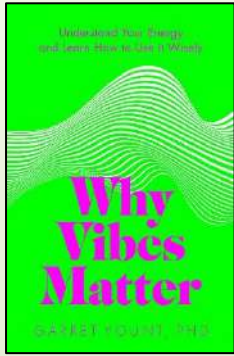
Alan Rickman remains one of the most beloved actors of all time across almost every genre, from his breakout role as Die Hard's villainous Hans Gruber to his heart-wrenching run as Professor Severus Snape, and beyond. His air of dignity, his sonorous voice, and the knowing wit he brought to each role continue to captivate new audiences today. But Rickman's artistry wasn't confined to just his performances. Rickman's writing details the extraordinary and the ordinary in a way that is anecdotal, indiscreet, witty, gossipy, and utterly candid. He takes us behind the scenes on films and plays ranging from *Sense & Sensibility*, the Harry Potter series, *Private Lives*, *My Name Is Rachel Corrie* and many more.



***Sigrid Rides*** by Travis Nelson  
9781804191156 | Octopus | TPB | R415

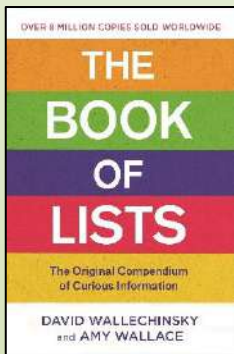
When Travis Nelson arrived in London, he expected to embark on a new life and a new job. Coming from California, he'd uprooted his wife and his cat, Sigrid, and planned to be here for the long haul. Then Covid-19 struck. Travis's new job vanished as the company cut staff. For two years, and through successive lockdowns, he was stuck in limbo in an unfamiliar city, trying to find his way. To keep himself occupied, Travis set out to discover his adoptive home. He bought a bike and began cycling through London's streets and parks with his unusual travelling companion, Sigrid, his deaf, Norwegian Forest cat who came along for the ride. But what started as a way of injecting routine and purpose into Travis's life in stressful times, created an internet sensation.

## Non- Fiction



**Why Vibes Matter** by Garret Yount  
9781801292740 | Welbeck | PB | R285

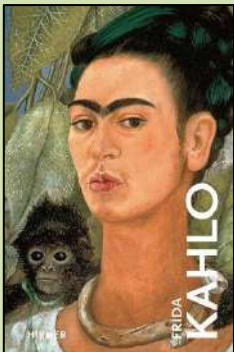
We've all had 'that' feeling, we've felt our mood shift (good or bad) or sensed an 'atmosphere' when we've walked into a room or noticed positivity radiating from someone. There is a distinct quality that connects all of these experiences, a sensory and energy shift that's often called 'vibes'. Vibes have the power to change the way we feel and the way we behave. But what exactly are they, why do we experience them and how can we use them? Garret Yount, Ph.D., has been researching the science of vibes for over 20 years. In *Why Vibes Matter* he explains what physical processes can lead us to experience a 'vibe' or shift in energy and how we can use certain techniques to harness their power to help us to heal and grow.



**The Book of Lists** by David Wallechinsky & Amy Wallace  
9781838858063 | Canongate | BPB | R395

The first and best compendium of facts weirder than fiction, of intriguing information and must-talk-about trivia has spawned many imitators but none as addictive or successful. For nearly three decades the editors researched curious facts, unusual statistics and the incredible stories behind them.

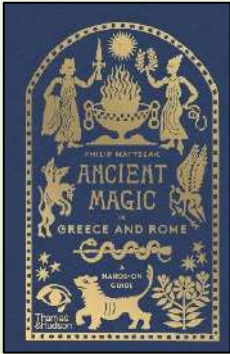
The most entertaining and informative of these have been brought together in this edition.



**Frida Kahlo: The Great Masters of Art** by Teresa Grenzmann  
9783777441382 | Thames and Hudson | HB | R345

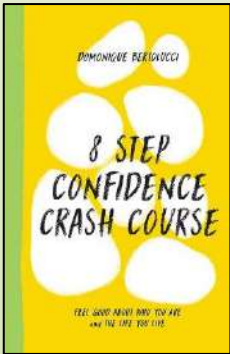
Frida Kahlo has become an icon of art with her powerfully expressive work. Her pictures not only reflect a view of herself, her fears, the biography of her illness, her passions and her joie de vivre; they also take up subjects which were regarded by society as taboo. As a pioneer of the feminist movement, this Mexican artist serves women the world over as a figure of identification. Pride and strength, vulnerability and bitterness all lie close to each other in Frida Kahlo's art. Her self-portraits, which make up the principal part of her work, not infrequently show a charismatic woman dressed in traditional Tehuana costume, which the artist wore as a visible sign of her culture and her Mexican roots, but also to hide her wounds

## Non- Fiction



***Ancient Magic in Greece and Rome*** by Philip Matyszak  
9780500026410 | Thames and Hudson | HB | R5155

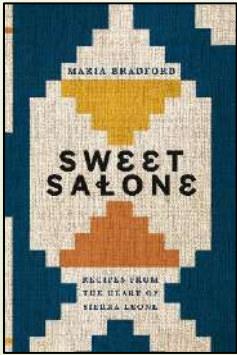
Magic was everywhere in the ancient world. The supernatural abounded, turning flowers into fruit and caterpillars into butterflies. Magic packed a cloud of water vapour with energy enough to destroy a house with one well-aimed thunderbolt. It was everyday magic, but it was still magical. Philip Matyszak takes readers into that world. He shows us how to make a love potion or cast a curse, how to talk to the dead and how to identify and protect oneself from evil spirits. He takes us to a world where gods, like humans, were creatures of space and time; where people could not just talk to spirits and deities but could even themselves become divine; and where divine beings could fall from or be promoted to full godhood.



***8 Step Confidence Crash Course*** by Domonique Bertolucci  
9781743798683 | Hardie Grant | HB | R365

Build your self-confidence with the 8 Step Confidence Course and feel good about who you are and the life you live. There is something more important than achieving your goals, it is feeling good about yourself regardless. Happiness expert Domonique Bertolucci shows you exactly what you need to do to feel good about who you are, and the life you live. Your confidence shouldn't be dependent on the goals you have achieved, the feedback you get from others, your waistline or the amount in your bank account. Self-confidence isn't based on what you've got or what you've done. But how do you build and maintain self-confidence? This eight-step course has been designed to inspire you to achieving ongoing self-confidence and feeling good about who you are.





**Sweet Salone** by Maria Bradford  
9781787137967 | Hardie Grant | HB | R695

Maria Bradford's recipes, inspired by her grandmother's cooking, seek to recreate the traditional meals of Maria's childhood, introducing delicious Afro-fusion dishes and flavours. Characterised by key ingredients including tamarind, beans, sesame seeds, mango, chilli and pineapple, in Maria's hands these ingredients become something truly special. Moreover, she tells the story of the cuisine and the people, shedding light on everyday life through exclusive location photography. Through her evocative writing and innovative dishes that draw on tradition while melding contemporary influences, Maria's *Sweet Salone* is a stunning culinary dive into recipes and a culture unmatched anywhere in the world.

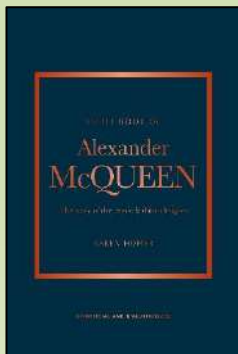
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**Make It Yours with Mimi G** by Mimi G. Ford  
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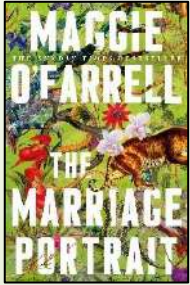
The ultimate collection of basic patterns that can be sewn, modified, and styled to yield more than 100 unique looks. *Make It Yours with Mimi G* is all about creating a fully functional wardrobe to love. Starting with six base patterns, Mimi G then hacks each pattern to create 26 new designs that will be styled both together and separately for a total of more than 100 looks. But this book isn't just about hacking patterns to give you a complete wardrobe; it's also about showing you how to style each garment and make your DIY wardrobe work for you. Fashion and style are an integral part of making your own clothing, and this book offers a complete guide to making the perfect wardrobe for each individual.



**Little Book of Alexander McQueen** by Karen Homer  
9781847961006 | Welbeck | HB | R365

Ever since its creation in 1992, The House of Alexander McQueen has been synonymous with drama, risk-taking and cutting-edge innovation. From iconic collaborations, like with Lady Gaga for her 'Bad Romance' music video, to shockingly controversial runway shows like *The Horn of Plenty*, Alexander McQueen was beloved for his fantastical silhouettes and blurring of gender lines. This exquisitely illustrated volume explores the story behind the brand, from McQueen's own early days to the current leadership of Sarah Burton. Through a carefully curated collection of finished designs, close-up details and personal sketches, this book pulls back the veil on the wonderful world of McQueen.

## Paperback Fiction



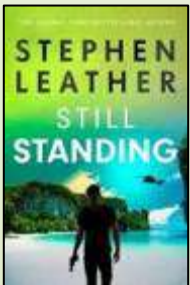
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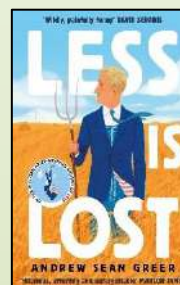
**Without Remorse** by Tom Clancy  
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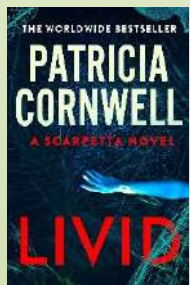
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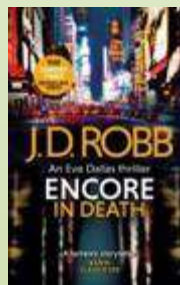
**Less is Lost** by Andrew Sean Greer  
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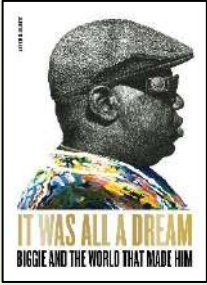
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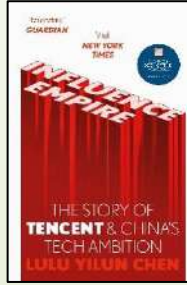
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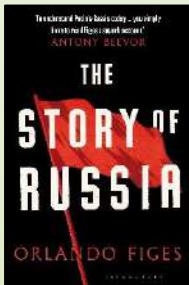
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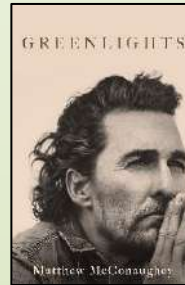
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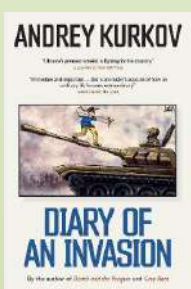
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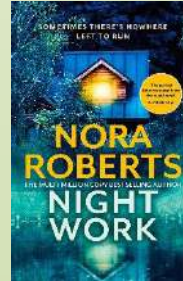
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