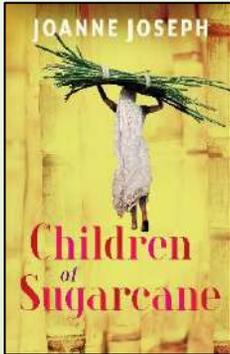


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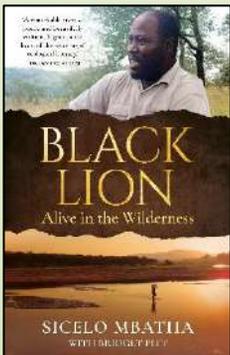
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**Children Of Sugarcane** by Joanne Joseph  
9781776191710 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R300

Vividly set against the backdrop of 19th century India and the British-owned sugarcane plantations of Natal, this book paints an intimate and wrenching picture of indenture told from a woman's perspective. Shanti, a bright teenager stifled by life in rural India and facing an arranged marriage, dreams that South Africa is an opportunity to start afresh. The Colony of Natal is where Shanti believes she can escape the poverty, caste, and troubling fate of young girls in her village. Months later, after a harrowing sea voyage, she arrives in Natal only to discover the profound hardship and slave labour that await her. Spanning four decades and two continents, *Children of Sugarcane* demonstrates the lifegiving power of love, heartache, and the indestructible bonds between family and friends.



**Black Lion: Alive In The Wilderness** by Sicelo Mbatha with Bridget Pitt  
9781776191284 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R275

*Black Lion* begins in rural South Africa where a deeply traumatic childhood experience, (he witnessed his cousin being dragged away by a crocodile), should have turned Sicelo against the surrounding wilderness. Instead, he was irresistibly drawn to it. As a volunteer at Imfolozi Nature Reserve, close encounters with buffalo, lion, elephant and other animals taught him to 'see' with his heart and thus began a spiritual awakening. Drawing from his Zulu culture and his own yearning to better understand human's relationship to nature, Sicelo has forged a new path, disrupting the conventional approach to nature with an immersive, respectful and transformative way of being in the wilderness. Both memoir and philosophical reflection, co-written with environmentalist Bridget Pitt, is his brilliant and profound account of life as a wilderness spiritual guide.



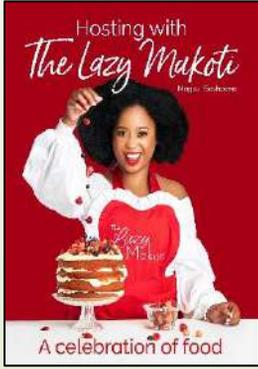
**Thrilling Sporting Moments: Road to Glory (9)** by Jeremy Daniel  
9781868429516 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | PB | R150

In an exciting departure from the Road to Glory script, Jeremy Daniel captures a single thrilling sporting moment in each of the lives of 20 South African sports stars. Lungi Ngidi (Cricket); Quinton de Kock (Cricket); Akani Simbine (Sprinting); Faf de Klerk (Rugby); Ernst van Dyk (Wheelchair racing); Luvo Manyonga (Long jump); Kevin Anderson (Tennis); Cheslin Kolbe (Rugby); Chad le Clos (Swimming); Percy Tau (Soccer); Louis Oosthuizen (Golf); Lucas Radebe (Soccer); Josia Thugwane (Long-distance runner); Bongiwé Msomi (Netball); Caster Semanya (Athletics); Janine van Wyk (Women's soccer); Sunette Viljoen (Cricketer turned javelin thrower); Tatjana Schoenmaker (Swimming).

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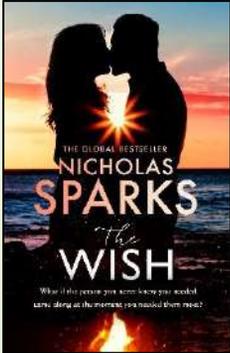


**Hosting With The Lazy Makoti** by Mogau Seshoene  
9781928363156 | Sunbird | TPB | R350

The highly anticipated new cookbook from South Africa's award-winning and bestselling cookbook author and chef.

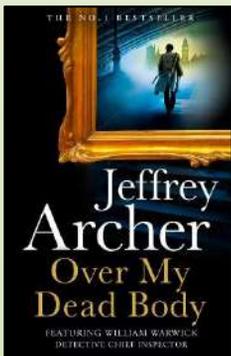
"I am back with a brand-new collection of over 100 delicious, easy-to-follow recipes! In my highly anticipated new cookbook, *Hosting with the Lazy Makoti*, I will show you how to host any occasion with stylish and tasty food, from soul-warming one-pot dinners, irresistible easy bakes, and hearty plant-based dishes to Mzansi favourites, flavourful seven-colour meals, decadent desserts, vibrant African cuisine, and much more."

## Fiction



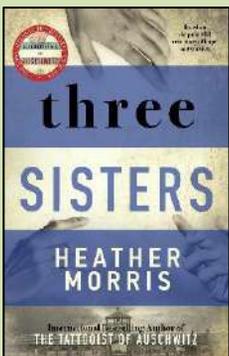
***The Wish*** by Nicholas Sparks  
9780751567854 | Little Brown | TPB | R335

Maggie hasn't told this story in years. More than two decades ago, she fell in love. She was sixteen and far from home, waiting to give her baby up for adoption. Bryce showed Maggie how to take photographs and he didn't judge her for the way her belly swelled under her jumper. They had the perfect first kiss. Theirs was a once-in-a-lifetime kind of love. Now, as Maggie sits by the Christmas tree in her gallery telling her story, surrounded by the photographs that made her famous, the photographs Bryce never saw, her new gallery assistant asks her a question. If she had one wish, what would she wish for this Christmas? She can say 'I'd go back to that winter with Bryce', but she wants to find her baby.



***Over My Dead Body*** by Jeffrey Archer  
9780008474270 | HarperCollins | HB | R340

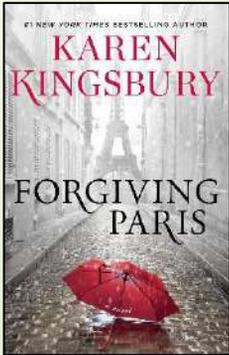
In London, the Metropolitan Police set up a new Unsolved Murders Unit, a cold case squad to catch the criminals nobody else can. In Geneva, millionaire art collector Miles Faulkner, convicted of forgery and theft was pronounced dead two months ago. So why is his unscrupulous lawyer still representing a dead client? On a luxury liner en-route to New York, the battle for power within a wealthy dynasty is about to turn to murder. And at the heart of all three investigations are Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick, rising star of the Met, and ex-undercover operative Ross Hogan, brought in from the cold. But can they catch the killers before it's too late?



***Three Sisters*** by Heather Morris  
9781838775506 | Bonnier | TPB | R320

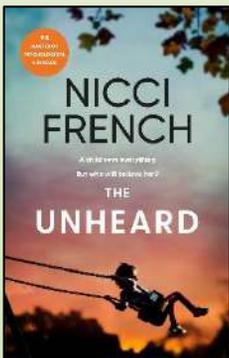
When they are little girls, Cibi, Magda and Livia make a promise to their father, that they will stay together, no matter what. Years later, at just 15, Livia is ordered to Auschwitz by the Nazis. Cibi, only 19 herself, remembers their promise and follows Livia, determined to protect her sister, or die with her. Together, they fight to survive through unimaginable cruelty and hardship. Magda, only 17, stays with her mother and grandfather, hiding out in a neighbour's attic or in the forest when the Nazi militia come to round up friends, neighbours and family. She eventually too is captured and transported to the death camp. In Auschwitz-Birkenau the three sisters are reunited and, remembering their father, they make a new promise, this time to each other: That they will survive.

## Fiction



***Forgiving Paris*** by Karen Kingsbury  
9781982104412 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R295

In Indiana, Ashley Baxter Blake and her husband are about to take an anniversary trip to Paris, where a French gallery will show her paintings. But Ashley is hesitant. More than two decades ago, she made her most grievous mistake in Paris. She has never forgiven herself for what happened there, and she still harbours secrets that she's afraid will come to light. Just before the trip, Ashley gets a call from her niece. Jessie explains that her boyfriend's mother remembers working at a bakery with an American named Ashley. "Could that be you?" When Alice and Ashley meet, a flood of memories comes for both women, taking Ashley back to a reckless affair and an unexpected pregnancy and Alice to the night she nearly ended it all. Can this reunion bring healing and closure?

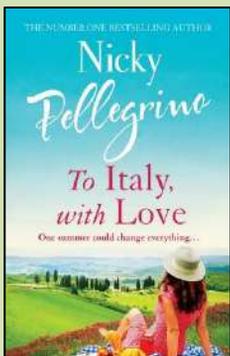


***The Unheard*** by Nicci French  
9781471179327 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R330

Tess's number one priority has always been her three-year-old daughter Poppy. But splitting up with Poppy's father Jason means that she cannot always be there to keep her daughter safe. When she finds a disturbing drawing, dark and menacing, among her daughter's brightly coloured paintings, Tess is convinced that Poppy has witnessed something terrible. Something that her young mind is struggling to put into words.

But no one will listen. It's only a child's drawing, isn't it?

Tess will protect Poppy, whatever the price. But when she doesn't know what, or who, she is protecting her from, how can she possibly know who to trust . . . ?



***To Italy, With Love*** by Nicky Pellegrino  
9781398701014 | Orion | TPB | R355

Love happens when you least expect it...

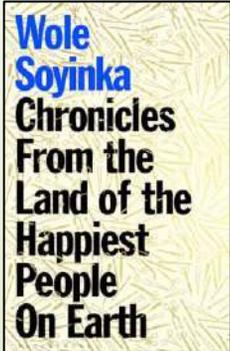
Assunta has given up on love. She might run her little trattoria in the most romantic mountain town in Italy but love just seems to have passed her by.

Sarah-Jane is finished with love. She's hiring an old convertible and driving around Italy this summer, it's the perfect way to forget all about her hot celebrity ex-boyfriend!

But when Sarah-Jane's van breaks down in Montenello, she has to stay longer than she intended!

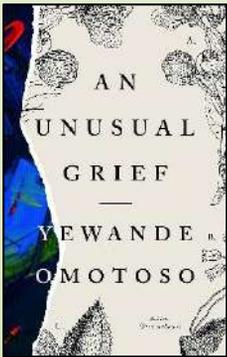
And the trouble is, love is everywhere...

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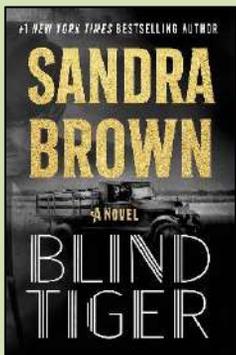
***Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth*** by Wole Soyinka  
9781526638236 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R335

Much to Doctor Menka's horror, some cunning entrepreneur has decided to sell body parts from his hospital for use in ritualistic practices. Already at the end of his tether from the horrors he routinely sees in surgery, he shares this latest development with his oldest college friend, bon viveur, star engineer and Yoruba royal, Duyole Pitan-Payne, who has never met a puzzle he couldn't solve. Neither realise how close the enemy is, nor how powerful. *Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth* is at once a savagely witty whodunit, a scathing indictment of Nigeria's political elite, and a provocative call to arms from one of the country's most relentless political activists and an international literary giant.



***An Unusual Grief*** by Yewande Omotoso  
9781913175139 | PGW | PB | R340

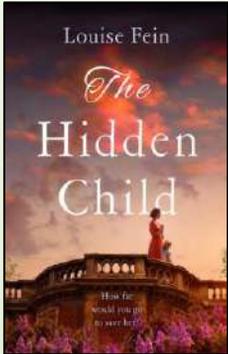
How do you get to know your daughter when she is dead? This is the question which takes a mother on a journey of self-discovery. When her daughter Yinka dies, Mojisola is finally forced to stop running away from the difficulties in their relationship, and also come to terms with Yinka the woman. Mojisola's grief leads her on a journey of self-discovery, as she moves into her daughter's apartment and begins to unearth the life Yinka had built for herself there, away from her family. Through stepping into Yinka's shoes, Mojisola comes to a better understanding not only of her estranged daughter, but also herself, as she learns to carve a place for herself in the world beyond the labels of wife and mother.



***Blind Tiger*** by Sandra Brown  
9781529341737 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R355

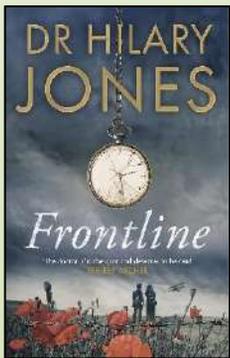
Soldier Thatcher Hutton returns to a country unlike the one he left behind where Prohibition is the new law of the land. When he is caught up in a crime on his journey home, he must gain the sheriff's trust to clear his name. Laurel Plummer has suffered enough tragedies for a lifetime, and she vows never to be beholden to a man again. Since honourable sources of income are scarce, she must rely on her knowledge of peddling illegal whiskey to make ends meet. But her success comes at a cost when her cutthroat competitors resort to violence. Now deputy sheriff, Thatcher is powerless to defend Laurel as they find themselves on opposite sides of the moonshine war, where blood flows as freely as whiskey...

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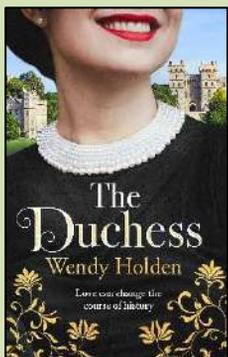
***The Hidden Child*** by Louise Fein  
9781789545371 | Head of Zeus | TPB | R325

London, 1929. Eleanor Hamilton is a dutiful mother, a caring sister and an adoring wife to a celebrated war hero. Her husband, Edward, is a pioneer in the eugenics movement. The Hamiltons are on the social rise, and it looks as though their future is bright. When Mabel, their young daughter, begins to develop debilitating seizures, they have to face an uncomfortable truth, Mabel has epilepsy, one of the 'undesirable' conditions that Edward campaigns against. Forced to hide their daughter away to not jeopardise Edward's life's work, the couple must confront the truth of their past and the secrets that have been buried. Will Eleanor and Edward be able to fight for their family? Or will the truth destroy them?



***Frontline*** by Hilary Jones  
9781787397538 | Welbeck | TPB | R290

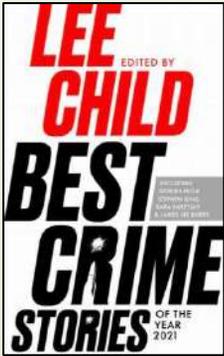
*Frontline* is the first book in a series charting the rise of a prominent British medical family in the twentieth century. From wars to a pandemic, the discovery of penicillin to the birth of the NHS, successive generations of the Burnett family are at the vanguard of life-saving developments in medicine. *Frontline* is the story of an aristocrat's daughter who joins the war effort as a nurse. In a field hospital in rural France she meets Will, a dockworker's son serving as a stretcher-bearer. As rumours of an armistice begin to circulate, so too does a mysterious respiratory illness that soldiers are referring to as the 'Spanish flu'.



***The Duchess*** by Wendy Holden  
9781787396258 | Welbeck | TPB | R290

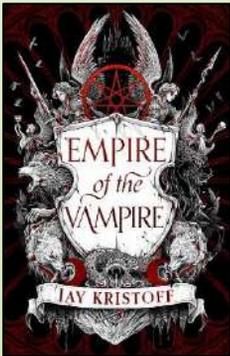
1928. A middle-aged foreigner comes to London with average looks, no money and no connections. Wallis's first months in the city are lonely, dull and depressing. With no friends of her own she follows the glamorous set-in magazines and goes to watch society weddings. Her stuffy husband Ernest's idea of fun, meanwhile, is touring historic monuments. When an unexpected encounter leads to a house party with the Prince of Wales. For the prince she is a breath of fresh air. As her friendship with him grows, their relationship deepens into love. Wallis is plunged into a world of unimaginable luxury and privilege, enjoying weekends together at his private palace on the grounds of Windsor Castle. Wallis knows the fun and excitement can't last.

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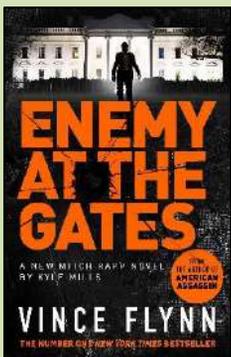
***Best Crime Stories of the Year*** by Lee Child  
9781801105743 | Head of Zeus | TPB | R375

There is no finer form for a crime than the short story. Within a few pages, a clue can be discovered, divulged and its significance determined, all else is mere embellishment. The classic mystery tale will be familiar to aficionados and casual readers alike: it was invented by Edgar Allen Poe, popularised by Arthur Conan Doyle, and perfected by Agatha Christie. But mystery fiction has changed a great deal over the years, as have all things and the writers within these pages present far more than a simple case of crime and resolution. Far from predictable, these stories provide fertile grounds of aberrant circumstances and the poor choices they lead to. You will find tales of the extremes of human psychology caused by despair, hate, greed, fear, envy, insanity or love.



***Empire of the Vampire*** by Jay Kristoff  
9780008350444 | HarperCollins | TPB | R360

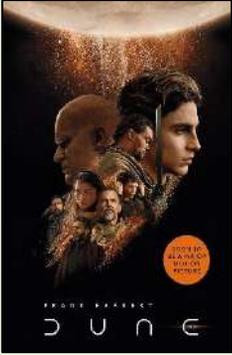
For nearly three decades, vampires have waged war against humanity; building their eternal empire even as they tear down our own. Now, only a few tiny sparks of light endure in a sea of darkness. Gabriel de León, half man, half monster and last remaining silver saint, a sworn brother of the holy Silver Order dedicated to defending the realm from the creatures of the night is all that stands between the world and its end. Now imprisoned by the very monsters he vowed to destroy, the last silver saint is forced to tell his story. A story of legendary battles and forbidden love, of faith lost and friendships won, of the Wars of the Blood and the Forever King and the quest for humanity's last remaining hope: The Holy Grail.



***Enemy at the Gates*** by Vince Flynn  
9781398500440 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R330

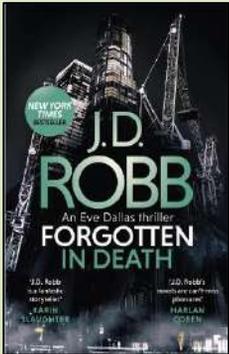
After a blackout swept the nation, America is resuming life as normal with a new president, one unlike any Mitch Rapp has worked with in the past. As Rapp backs away, the new president, in turn, questions his loyalty. Rapp decides to take a much-needed break. But when it's discovered that a mole in the CIA has been digging into their systems for information on Nicholas Ward, the world's first trillionaire and the man personally overseeing cutting-edge medical research in Uganda, he is pulled back onto the job. Protecting Ward, Rapp is completely cut off from the agency as he works to identify and expose the mole. But the situation is complex. And the threat is one he could never have imagined...

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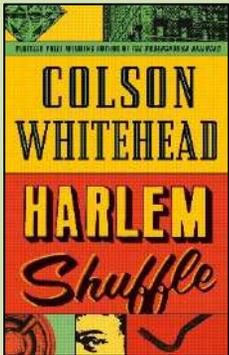
***Dune FTI*** by Frank Herbert  
9781529347852 | Hodder & Stoughton | BPB | R240

Before *The Matrix*, before *Star Wars*, before *Ender's Game* and *Neuromancer*, there was *Dune*, one of the greatest science fiction novels ever written. Melange, or 'spice', is the most valuable and rarest element in the universe. And it can only be found on a single planet: the inhospitable desert world Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice. And whoever controls the spice controls the universe. When stewardship of Arrakis is transferred to his house, Paul Atreides must travel to the planet's dangerous surface to ensure the future of his family and his people. But as malevolent forces explode into conflict around him, Paul is thrust into a great destiny beyond his understanding. And in this game of power, only those who can conquer their fear will survive.



***Forgotten In Death*** by J. D. Robb  
9780349426334 | Little Brown | TPB | R325

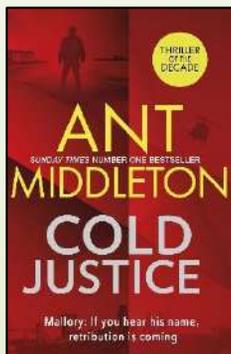
Lt. Eve Dallas hasn't even arrived at work when her first call of the day comes in. Alva Quirk a forty-six years old, sidewalk sleeper was beaten to death with a crowbar. Eve has barely had time to examine the crime scene when her second victim of the morning is discovered just a block away. Make that second and third. Jane Doe, a well-dressed young mother and her baby shot and buried over 40 years ago. Two very different victims in the same location with no-one to claim them. Coincidence or does the history of the site hold the answer? To uncover the truth Eve must delve into a world of family businesses, Russian mobsters and shady dealings.



***Harlem Shuffle*** by Colson Whitehead  
9780708899465 | Little Brown | TPB | R310

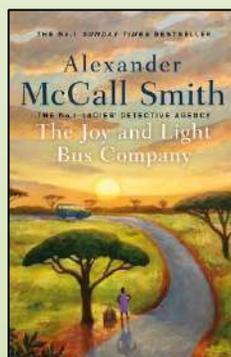
To his customers and neighbours, Carney is an upstanding salesman of reasonably-priced furniture, making a life for himself and his family. He and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their second child, and if her parents don't approve of him. Few people know he descends from a line of uptown hoods and crooks, and that his façade of normalcy has more than a few cracks in it. Cracks that are getting bigger and bigger all the time. His cousin Freddie drops off the odd ring or necklace at the furniture store. Ray doesn't see the need to ask where it comes from. He knows a discreet jeweller downtown who also doesn't ask questions. Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa, the 'Waldorf of Harlem' and volunteers Ray's services as the fence.

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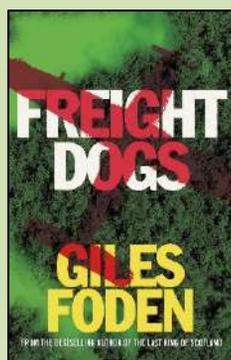
***Cold Justice*** by Ant Middleton  
9780751580426 | Little Brown | TPB | R305

Mallory, he was the best of the best, a Special Forces leader and a hero. But then he made a fatal decision, gambling with the lives of his men with terrible consequences: two dead, and his young friend Donno left in a coma. Back on the streets, with nothing to lose, Mallory has a darkness growing inside him, a dangerous need to seek out trouble. Then Donno's mother asks him for help, her other son, Scott, has gone missing in South Africa, and she wants Mallory to find him. Perhaps it's redemption, perhaps he's looking for revenge on the world, but suddenly Mallory has a purpose, and nothing and no one is going to stand in his way.



***The Joy and Light Bus Company*** by Alexander McCall Smith  
9781408714430 | Little Brown | TPB | R335

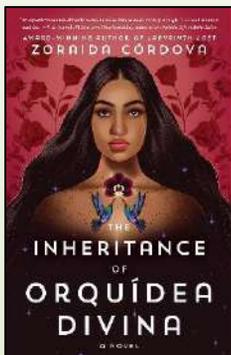
Mma Ramotswe knows she is very lucky indeed. She has a loving family, good friends and a thriving business doing what she enjoys most, helping people. But the latest mystery she is called upon to solve is distinctly trickier than it initially appears, and, of course, there's plenty to handle in her personal life between Charlie and his new bride and Mma Makutsi and her talking shoes. In the end, Mma Ramotswe's patience and common-sense will win out, and, without a doubt, all will be the better for it.



***Freight Dogs*** by Giles Foden  
9780297609100 | Orion | TPB | R355

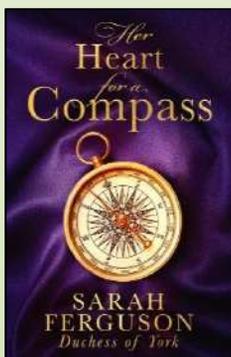
1996: in a Ugandan dive bar, the 'freight dogs' gather. An anarchic group of mercenary pilots from Texas, Russia, Kenya and Belgium who transport weapons between warring African nations, without allegiance. And tonight, they have a new recruit, Manu, a 19-year-old cowherd fleeing Congo's bloody war. Taken in by this band of unlikely brothers, he's soon seeing his vast country from above and falling in love with flying. But no matter how fast he flies, trouble follows closely behind. And when the past erupts back into this new life, Manu is forced to leave behind African skies for the chilly embrace of northern Europe. Will Manu be able to reinvent himself yet again? And is Belgian volcanologist Anke Desseaux the answer to his problems, or simply another one of them?

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***The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*** by Zoraida Córdova  
9781982188023 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R290

The Montoyas are used to a life without explanations. But when Orquídea Divina invites them to her funeral and to collect their inheritance, they hope to learn the secrets that she has held onto so tightly their whole lives. Instead, Orquídea is transformed, leaving them with more questions than answers. Seven years later, her gifts have manifested in different ways for Marimar, Rey, and Tatinelly's daughter, Rhiannon, granting them unexpected blessings. But soon, a hidden figure begins to tear through their family tree, picking them off one by one as it seeks to destroy Orquídea's line. Determined to save what's left of their family and uncover the truth behind their inheritance, the four descendants travel to Ecuador to the place where Orquídea buried her secrets and broken promises and never looked back.



***Her Heart for a Compass*** by Sarah Ferguson Duchess of York  
9780008383619 | HarperCollins | TPB | R330

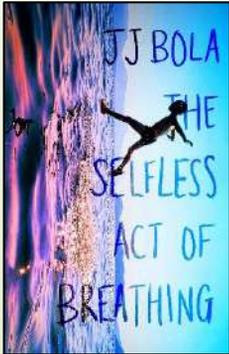
Queen Victoria's close friend, Lady Margaret Montagu Scott is an impulsive and outspoken girl in a repressive society where women are, quite literally, caged in corsets and required to conform. When Lady Margaret's parents arrange a society marriage for her, she tries to reconcile herself to the match. But shortly before her betrothal is announced, Margaret flees, leaving her parents to explain her sudden absence to an opulent ballroom stuffed with two hundred distinguished guests. Banished from polite society, Margaret throws herself into charitable work and finds strength in a circle of female friends like herself, women intent on breaking the mold, including Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Louise. Margaret resolves to follow her heart, a journey of self-discovery, where she finds the life, she was always meant to lead.



***An Assassin's Creed: The Ming Storm*** by Yan Leisheng  
9781839080883 | Simon & Schuster | PBO | R230

China, 16th century. The Assassins are gone. Zhang Yong, the relentless leader of the Eight Tigers, took advantage of the emperor's death to eliminate all his opponents, and now the Templars hold all the power. Shao Jun, the last representative of her clan, barely escapes death and has no choice but to flee her homeland. Vowing to avenge her former brothers in arms, she travels to Europe to train with the legendary Ezio Auditore. When she returns to the Middle Kingdom, her saber and her determination alone will not be enough to eliminate Zhang Yong: she will have to surround herself with allies and walk in the shadows to defeat the Eight Tigers.

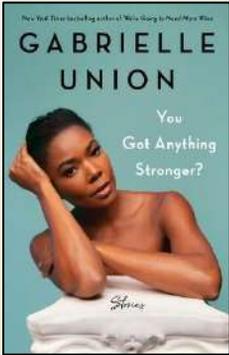
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***The Selfless Act of Breathing*** by JJ Bola  
9780349702087 | Little Brown | TPB | R335

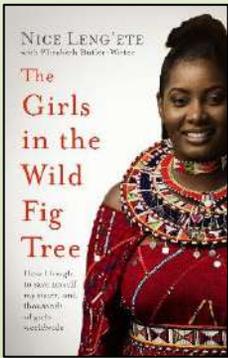
Michael decides to flee to America and end his life once all his savings run out. JJ Bola's second novel is a story of millennial existential angst told through the eyes of a young Londoner who seems to have it all, a promising future, a solid career, strong friendships, a blossoming love story but it's the unbearable weight of life that leads him to decide to take his own. As he grapples with issues bigger than him, political conflict, environmental desecration, police brutality Michael seeks to find his place within a world that is complicated and unwelcoming. Although he finds solace in the people that surround him, he alone must decide if his life is worth living.

## Non- Fiction



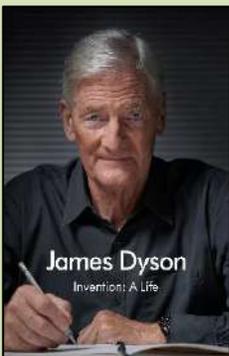
***You Got Anything Stronger?*** by Gabrielle Union  
9780062979933 | HarperCollins | HB | R320

A lot has changed in four years, I became a mom and I'm raising two amazing girls. My husband retired. My career has expanded so that I have the opportunity to lift up other voices that need to be heard. But the world has also shown us that we have a lot we still have to fight for as women, as black women, as mothers, as aging women, as human beings, as friends. I will take you on a girl's night at Chateau Marmont, and I also talk to Isis, my character from Bring It On. For the first time, I truly open up about my surrogacy journey, the birth, and take on racist institutions and practices in the entertainment industry, asking for equality and real accountability.



***The Girls in the Wild Fig Tree*** by Nice Leng'ete  
9781472275813 | Headline | TPB | R355

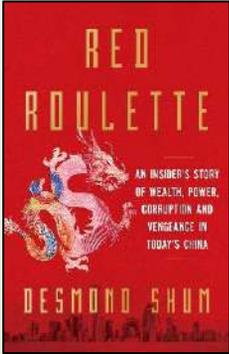
Born in a remote village in Kenya, Nice Leng'ete saw the young girls she grew up with receive the cut, the rite of passage into female adulthood in Masai culture. Every girl got the cut, and once you did, you'd be married off to a man triple your age. You might be his second or third wife. You'd have children in your teens. This is exactly what happened to Nice's sister. To resist the cut meant becoming an outcast in Masai culture. Yet Nice managed to avoid it and stay in school. She was shunned. At the age of 21, Nice moved to Nairobi to work for Amref Health Africa, an organization spearheading the campaign against Female Genital Mutilation. Nice Leng'ete developed a platform for convincing women across Africa to forego the cut.



***Invention: A Life*** by James Dyson  
9781471198755 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R380

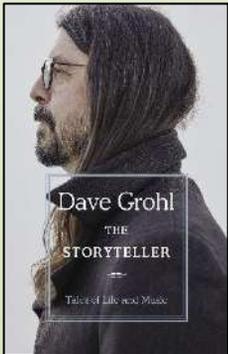
Famously, over a four-year period, James Dyson made 5,127 prototypes of the cyclonic vacuum cleaner that would transform the way houses are cleaned around the world. In devoting all his resources to iteratively developing the technology, he risked it all, but out of many failures and setbacks came hard-fought success. His products, including vacuum cleaners, hair dryers and hair stylers, and fans and purifiers are not only revolutionary technologies, but design classics. This was a legacy of his time studying at the Royal College of Art in the 1960s, when he was inspired by some of the most famous artists. Dyson reveals how he came to set up his own company and led it to become one of the most inventive technology companies in the world.

## Non- Fiction



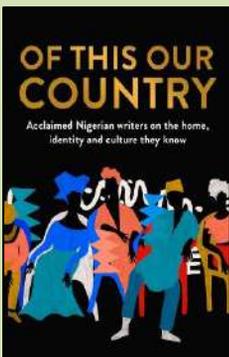
**Red Roulette** by Desmond Shum  
9781398510371 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R380

After the Communist Revolution, Desmond Shum's grandfather, a lawyer, had one chance to leave China, and instead chose to stay. The government shut down his law firm and seized his house. Officials marked his family as belonging to a 'black category' that included former landlords and rich peasants, meaning the Shum's would be stigmatised and impoverished. As Desmond was growing up, he vowed his life would be different. Through hard work and sheer tenacity Shum went to college in America and returned to China to make his name in business. There, he met his future wife. They formed an effective team and, powered by a set of relationships they formed with top members of the Red Aristocracy, vaulted into China's billionaire class. But in 2017, their fates diverged irrevocably...



**The Storyteller** by Dave Grohl  
9781398503700 | Simon & Schuster | HB | R390

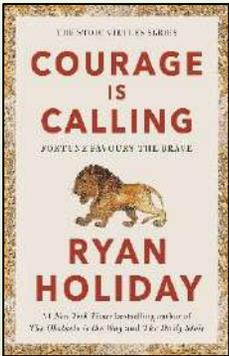
Having entertained the idea for years, and even offered a few questionable opportunities, I have decided to write these stories just as I have always done, in my own hand. The joy that I have felt from chronicling these tales is not unlike listening back to a song that I've recorded and can't wait to share with the world or reading a primitive journal entry from a stained notebook, or even hearing my voice bounce between the Kiss posters on my wall as a child. This certainly doesn't mean that I'm quitting my day job, but it does give me a place to shed a little light on what it's like to be a kid from Springfield, Virginia, walking through life while living out the crazy dreams I had as young musician.



**Of This Our Country** by Various  
9780008469276 | HarperCollins | TPB | R330

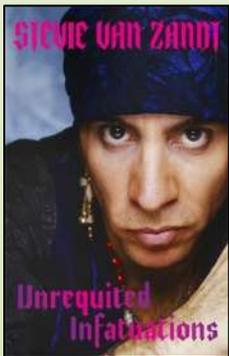
To define Nigeria is to tell a half-truth. Many have tried, but most have concluded that it is impossible to capture the true scope and significance of Africa's most populous nation through words or images. And yet here, through personal essays from 24 of its writers, a more accurate picture comes into view: one that details the realities and contradictions of patriotism, examines the role of class and privilege in Nigerian society, juxtaposes inherited tradition with the diasporic experience and explores the power of storytelling and its intrinsic link to Nigeria's history. Within these pages, acclaimed and award-winning writers share memories and experiences of Nigeria that can be found nowhere else, bringing to the fore a country whose influence can be found everywhere.

## Non- Fiction



***Courage Is Calling*** by Ryan Holiday  
9781788166270 | Profile | HB | R305

Fortune favours the bold. All great leaders of history have known this and were successful because of the risks they dared to take. But today so many of us are paralysed by fear. Drawing on ancient Stoic wisdom and examples across history and around the world, Ryan Holiday shows why courage is so important, and how to cultivate it in our own lives. Courage is not simply physical bravery but also doing the right thing and standing up for what you believe; it's creativity, generosity and perseverance. And it is the only way to live an extraordinary, fulfilled and effective life. Everything in life begins with courage. This book will equip you with the bravery to begin.



***Unrequited Infatuations: A Memoir*** by Stevie Van Zandt  
9781474622141 | Orion | TPB | R355

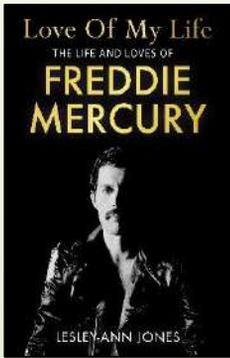
What story begins in a bedroom in suburban New Jersey in the early '60s, unfolds on some of the country's largest stages, and then ranges across the globe, demonstrating over and over again how Rock and Roll has the power to change the world for the better? *UNREQUITED INFATUATIONS* chronicles the twists and turns of Stevie Van Zandt's always surprising life. It is more than just the testimony of a globe-trotting nomad, more than the story of a ground-breaking activist, more than the odyssey of a spiritual seeker, and more than a master class in rock and roll (not to mention a dozen other crafts). It's the best book of its kind because it's the only book of its kind.



***Miss Dior: A Story of Courage and Couture*** by Justine Picardie  
9780571356522 | Faber & Faber | HB | R470

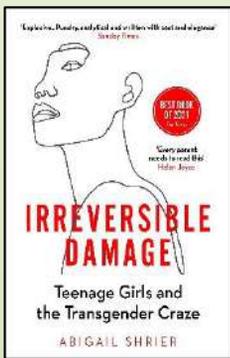
It paints a portrait of the enigmatic woman behind the designer Christian Dior, his beloved younger sister Catherine, who inspired his most famous perfume and shaped his vision of femininity. Justine Picardie's journey takes her to Occupied Paris, where Christian honed his couture skills while Catherine dedicated herself to the French Resistance, until she was captured by the Gestapo and deported to the German concentration camp of Ravensbrück. With unparalleled access to the Dior family homes and archives, Picardie's research into Catherine's courageous life shines a new light on Christian Dior's legendary work, and reveals how his enchanting 'New Look' emerged out of the shadows of his sister's suffering. Tracing the wartime paths of the Dior siblings leads Picardie deep into other hidden histories, and different forms of resistance and sisterhood.

## Non- Fiction



**Love of My Life** by Lesley-Ann Jones  
9781529362336 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R355

Respected biographer and music journalist, Lesley-Ann Jones explores Freddie's romantic Encounters, from his boarding school years in Panchgani, India to his final days spent bed-ridden at his sumptuous Kensington home. Here the author reveals why not a single one of his lovers ever really perfected the art of being his life partner. Freddie's many obsessions from Mary Austin, Barbara Valentin and final live-in lover Jim Hutton. From a string of male love interests to his chaste passion for Spanish soprano Montserrat Caballé; from fellow rock stars Dave Clark, Elton John and his own co-band members in Queen, to 'cats and curios': his fascination for felines, relentless extravagant shopping and lavish homes, to the 'food of love' his music, and his voracious addiction to sex.



**Irreversible Damage** by Abigail Shrier  
9781800750364 | Faber & Faber | PB | R250

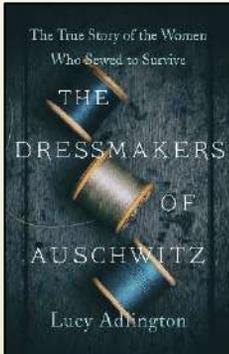
Groups of female friends in schools across the world are coming out as 'transgender'. Most are girls who have never expressed any discomfort in their biological sex until they hear a coming out story from a speaker at a school assembly or discover the internet community of trans influencers. 'Gender-affirming' therapists now recommend medical interventions for them. Abigail Shrier, a writer for the Wall Street Journal, investigates this phenomenon. Shrier has talked to the girls, their agonised parents, and the therapists and doctors who enable gender transitions, as well as 'detransitioners', young women who regret what they have done to themselves. Shrier concludes that far too much of the discourse around being female is negative and offers a series of steps parents can take to enhance their daughters' well-being.



**The Contrarian** by Max Chafkin  
9781526619563 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R345

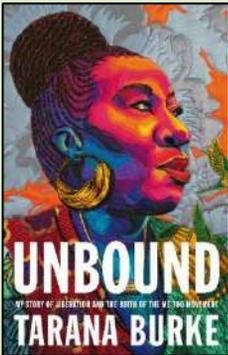
Since the days of the dot-com bubble in the late 1990s, no industry has made a greater global impact than Silicon Valley. And few individuals have done more to shape Silicon Valley than billionaire venture capitalist and entrepreneur Peter Thiel. From the technologies we use every day to the delicate power balance between Silicon Valley, Wall Street and Washington, Thiel has been a behind-the-scenes operator influencing countless aspects of contemporary life. But despite his power and the ubiquity of his projects, no public figure is quite so mysterious. In the first major biography of Thiel, Max Chafkin traces the trajectory of the innovator's singular life and worldview.

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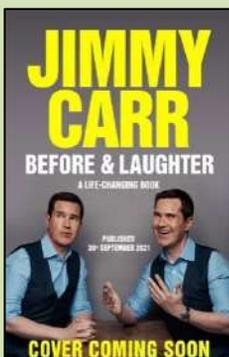
***The Dressmakers of Auschwitz*** by Lucy Adlington  
9781529311976 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R355

At the height of the Holocaust twenty-five young inmates of the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, mainly Jewish women and girls were selected to design, cut, and sew beautiful fashions for elite Nazi women in a dedicated salon. It was work that they hoped would spare them from the gas chambers. This fashion workshop, called the Upper Tailoring Studio was established by Hedwig Höss, the camp commandant's wife, and patronized by the wives of SS guards and officers. Here, the dressmakers produced high-quality garments for SS social functions in Auschwitz, and for ladies from Nazi Berlin's upper crust. Drawing on diverse sources including interviews with the last surviving seamstress, *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz* follows the fates of these brave women.



***Unbound*** by Tarana Burke  
9781472292322 | Headline | TPB | R355

Tarana didn't always have the courage to say, me too. As a child, she reeled from her sexual assault, believing she was responsible. Unable to confess what she thought of as her own sins for fear of shattering her family, her soul split in two. One side was the bright, intellectually curious third generation Bronxite steeped in Black literature and power, and the other was the bad, shame ridden girl who thought of herself as a vile rule breaker, not of a victim. She tucked one away, hidden behind a wall of pain and anger, which seemed to work... until it didn't. Tarana fought to reunite her fractured soul, through organizing, pursuing justice, and finding community. In her debut memoir she shares her extensive work supporting and empowering Black and brown girls.



***Before & Laughter*** by Jimmy Carr  
9781529413083 | Quercus | TPB | R355

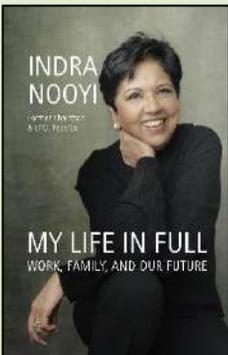
In his mid-twenties, Jimmy was bored, boring, unfulfilled and underachieving. He wasn't exactly depressed, but he was very sad. This book tells the story of how Jimmy turned it around and got happy, through the redemptive power of dick jokes. Written to take advantage of the brief window between the end of lockdown and Jimmy getting cancelled for saying something unforgivable to Lorraine Kelly, this book is as timely as it is unnecessary. Because you might be interested in Jimmy's life but he's damn sure you're a lot more interested in your own. It tells the story of Jimmy's life, the transformation from white-collar corporate drone to fake-toothed donkey-laugh plastic-haired comedy mannequin, while also explaining how to turn your own life around and become the you you've always dreamt of being.

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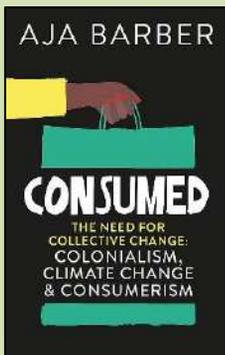
***This Much is True*** by Miriam Margolyes  
9781529379891 | John Murray | TPB | R405

BAFTA-winning actor, voice of everything from Monkey to the Cadbury's Caramel Rabbit, creator of a myriad of unforgettable characters from Lady Whiteadder to Professor Sprout, Miriam Margolyes, OBE, is the nation's favourite (and naughtiest) treasure. Now, at the age of 80, she has finally decided to tell her extraordinary life story and it's well worth the wait. Find out how being conceived in an air-raid gave her curly hair, what pranks led to her being known as the naughtiest girl Oxford High School ever had, how she ended up posing nude for Augustus John as a teenager, from declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this book is packed with brilliant, hilarious stories.



***My Life in Full*** by Indra Nooyi  
9780349426136 | Little Brown | TPB | R355

For more than a dozen years as one of the world's most admired CEOs, Indra Nooyi redefined what it means to be an exceptional leader. The first woman, person of colour, and immigrant to run a Fortune 50 company and one of the foremost strategic thinkers of our time. In her book, Nooyi shares the events that shaped her from her childhood in 1960s India, to the Yale School of Management, to her rise as a consultant and corporate strategist who soon ascended into the most senior executive ranks. The book offers an intimate look inside PepsiCo, detailing how she steered the iconic American company toward healthier products and reinvented its environmental profile. At the same time, Nooyi built a home with her husband, two daughters, and members of her extended family.

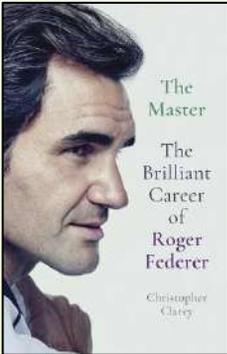


***Consumed*** by Aja Barber  
9781914240089 | Octopus | TPB | R310

In the 'learning' first half of the book, she will expose you to the endemic injustices in our consumer industries and the uncomfortable history of the textile industry; one which brokered slavery, racism and today's wealth inequality. She will also reveal how we spend our money and whose pockets it goes into and whose it doesn't and will tell her story of how she came to learn the truth.

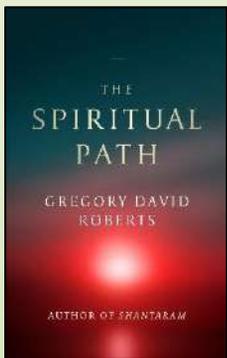
In the second 'unlearning' half of the book, she will help you to understand the uncomfortable truth behind why you consume the way you do. And she makes you challenge this power disparity and take back ownership of it. The less you buy into the consumer culture the more power you have.

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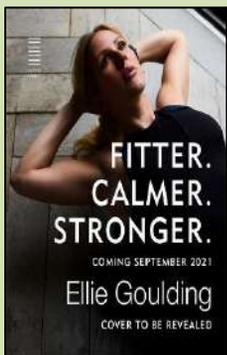
***The Master*** by Christopher Clarey  
9781529342062 | John Murray | TPB | R355

Widely regarded as one of the greatest ever sportspeople, Roger Federer is a beloved as a phenomenon, a symbol of enduring greatness and yet is intensely private. But his path from temperamental, bleach-blond teenager with dubious style sense to one of the greatest, most self-possessed and elegant of competitors has been a long-running act of will, not destiny. Based on 20 years of one-on-one interviews with Federer and with wide access to Federer's inner circle, including his coaches and key rivals, legendary sports reporter Christopher Clarey's account will be a must-read retrospective for the loyal sports fan, and anyone interested in the inner workings of unflinching excellence. *The Master* tells the story of Federer's life and career on both an intimate and grand scale.



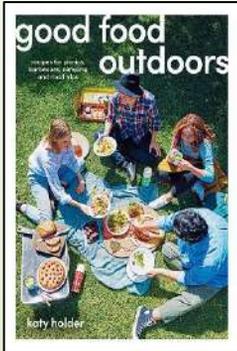
***The Spiritual Path*** by Gregory David Roberts  
9780349144672 | Little Brown | BPB | R240

The author takes us on a gripping personal journey of wonder and insight into science, belief, faith and devotion. Drawing on sacred traditions, rigorous logic and the six-year instruction of his spiritual teacher, Roberts describes the step-by-step process he followed in search of spiritual connection, a process that anyone, of any belief or none, can benefit from in their own lives. This gripping personal account is a compellingly fresh addition to such enduring, spiritually inspiring works as *Zen and The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, *The Road Less Travelled* and *The Celestine Prophecy*. As Roberts writes, '*The Spiritual Path* is a book on spiritual matters that my younger self wanted desperately: one that offers more answers than questions and helps to reset the spiritual compass.'



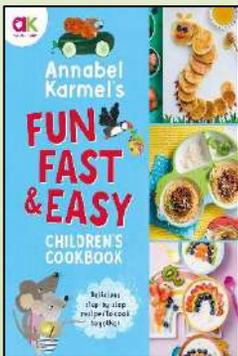
***Fitter. Calmer. Stronger.*** by Ellie Goulding  
9781841885063 | Orion | TPB | R345

Forget prescriptive 28-day plans and fad diets that are sooner or later abandoned. The truth is they don't work - and they don't make you happy. Pop powerhouse Ellie Goulding's much sought-after fitness and health philosophy is based around becoming the brightest, strongest version of yourself. This means prioritising self-care and flexibility and approaching wellness from a perspective that is sustainable, one that doesn't leave you feeling like you've failed and, most importantly, allows room for fun and creativity. Combining a mindful approach to exercise with delicious, nutritious recipes, this book will help you kickstart healthy habits, develop a positive mindset and establish clear and achievable goals. Going far beyond diet and exercise, Ellie shares a holistic approach to feeling and being your best.



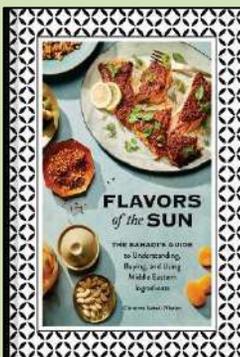
**Good Food Outdoors** by Katy Holder  
9781741177688 | Hardie Grant | PB | R210

Showcasing 50 recipes that can either be made on the barbecue, the campfire or at home and then brought with you. Bringing together the best of food writer and stylist Katy Holder's recipes from *A Moveable Feast* and *Hungry Campers Cookbook*, Katy's recipes are accessible, interesting and contemporary. There are mini morsels such as sesame-crusting tuna squares that are perfect for parties, salads and filled baguettes that are ideal for picnics, and foil-wrapped fish done over the campfire that would be a hit on any camping trip. There's also a chapter for kids' cooking and desserts to finish. The pandemic has seen the rise of al fresco dining, and with these delicious recipes, it's a good opportunity to slow down and enjoy good food with friends and family and all in the fresh air.



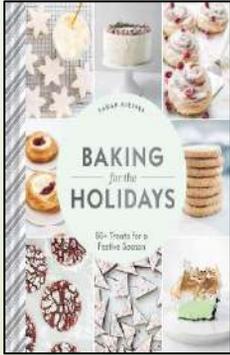
**Annabel Karmel's Fun, Fast and Easy Children's Cookbook** by Annabel Karmel  
9781787398160 | Welbeck | HB | R335

This practical cookbook is filled with fun, tasty recipes that will help parents inspire young children with a love of cooking, food and healthy eating. Inside, you'll find everything from Hidden Vegetable Bolognese to Teddy Bear Burgers, as well as nutritionally balanced snacks and sweets like oat and raisin cookies and fruity ice lollies. Recipes include child-friendly versions of food from around the world, such as stir-fries, paella and kebabs. The recipes cater to all dietary requirements, featuring swaps for gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian and vegan versions. Adults will appreciate the emphasis on nutrition and straightforward, step-by-step instructions. And thanks to the engaging illustrations, children will love discovering more about the food they eat, as well as helping to create meals they'll love.



**Flavors of the Sun** by Christine Sahadi Whelan  
9781452182452 | Chronicle | HB | R610

Sumac. Urfa pepper. Halvah. Pomegranate molasses. Preserved lemons. The seasonings, staples, and spice blends used throughout the Middle East offer deliciously simple ways to transform food—once you know how to use them. In this book, the people behind the iconic Brooklyn market, Sahadi's showcase the versatility of these ingredients in over 120 everyday dishes, including starters, salads, soups, family-friendly meals, and desserts. With sections devoted to recipes boasting Bright, Savoury, Spiced, Nutty, and Sweet accents, it offers inspiration, techniques, and intensely flavourful ways to use everything from Aleppo pepper to za'atar with confidence. Throughout, "no-recipe recipes" help build up your flavour intuition so you can effortlessly incorporate any of the featured spices, condiments, and preserves into your daily repertoire.

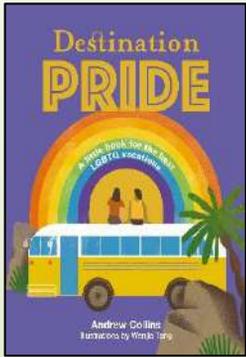


***Baking for the Holidays*** by Sarah Kieffer  
9781452180755 | Chronicle | HB | R430

Delight family and friends with edible gifts and whip up some delicious baked goods to treat yourself through the long winter months after the holidays have ended. Recipes include, Triple Chocolate Peppermint Bark, Meyer Lemon-White Chocolate Scones, Pear-Almond Danish Bread, Hot Chocolate Cake, and Pumpkin Pie with Candied Pepita Streusel. With cozy holiday imagery, a lovely, clean aesthetic, and easy yet innovative recipes, this is a go-to cookbook for baking enthusiasts, anyone who loves the holiday season, and, of course, fans of Sarah Kieffer and her hugely popular cookie book, *100 Cookies*. With happy, festive photography and anyone-can-do-it recipes. It's sure to please anyone in your life who loves to while away the winter months in their warm and cozy kitchen.

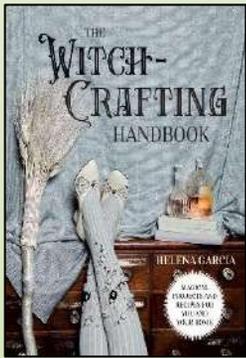
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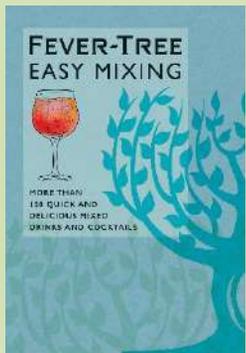
**Destination Pride** by Andrew Collins  
9781741176971 | Hardie Grant | HB | R210

Over the past few decades, the LGBTQ travel landscape has undergone a sea change. From Cape Town to Copenhagen, and Taipei to Tel Aviv, destinations in just about every corner of the globe have become vibrant and inclusive gay meccas. From attending a queer film festival in Mumbai to watching a procession of Amsterdam canal boats during the world's only floating Pride Parade, award-winning LGBTQ author Andrew Collins recommends hundreds of both quirky and quintessential travel experiences. Find out about the swankiest hotel suites in Provincetown and London, the most fascinating queer history museums in Berlin and Fort Lauderdale, and the steamiest gay beaches in Mexico, Hawaii, Thailand and Australia. Featuring illustrations, epic road trips, romance vacations, foodie adventures.



**The Witch-Crafting Handbook** by Helena Garcia  
9781787137837 | Hardie Grant | HB | R310

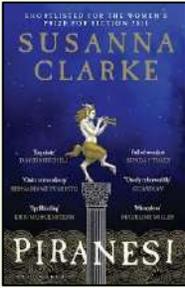
Wicked Baker, Helena Garcia, is back with a new book to help you witchcraft your way to a more magical life, with creative projects for you and your home. Inspired by ancient folklore and all things mystical, Helena offers remedies for your apothecary using foraged ingredients and age-old formulae; fashion accessories for your witch's wardrobe; enchanting homewares and decorations; devilishly delicious recipes both sweet and savoury; and tipsy tonics. With Helena's creepy ideas, you'll learn how to make playful projects like an evil eye choker, peppermint foot spray, a Christmas spider wreath, and piranha fish pie, among many others. All you need are simple materials and ingredients, a little imagination, and a sprinkling of sorcery.



**Fever-Tree Easy Mixing** by FeverTree Limited  
9781784727833 | Octopus | HB | R380

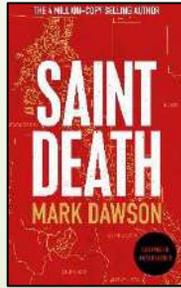
From the world's leading premium mixer brand, *Fever-Tree Easy Mixing: More than 150 Quick and Delicious Mixed Drinks and Cocktails*, is Fever-Tree's follow up to the bestselling *Art of Mixing*. With clever variations on the classic gin and tonic to a selection of spritzes, mules and mojitos, to some nifty no-and-low alcohol alternatives and a handful of pitchers for when the party really gets started, *Fever-Tree Easy Mixing* celebrates how easy it is for anyone to enjoy quick and delicious drinks at home.

## Paperback Fiction



**Piranesi** by Susanna Clarke  
9781526622433 | R235

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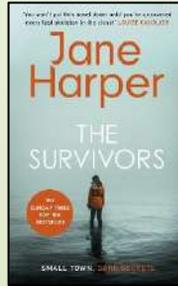
**Saint Death (John Milton, 2)** by Mark Dawson  
9781787394780 | R200

MI6 created him. Now they want him dead.



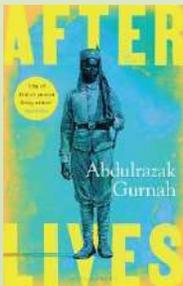
**The Last Good Man** by Thomas McMullan  
9781526609274 | R235

A taut, mud-spattered debut about violence, shame and redemption.



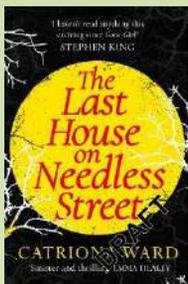
**The Survivors** by Jane Harper  
9780349143743 | R215

International bestselling author returns with a gripping read set in remote Tasmania.



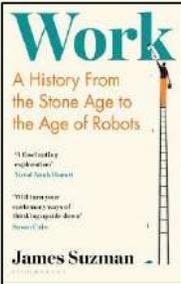
**Afterlives** by Abdulrazak Gurnah  
9781526615893 | R235

A shattering powerful novel about a forgotten piece of Africa colonial history.



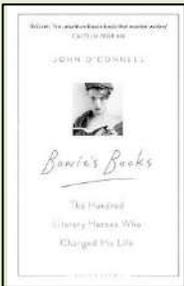
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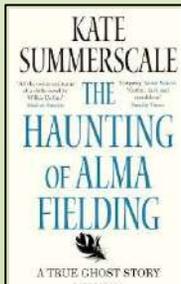
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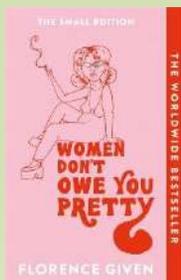
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