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24 BOOKS TAKING OUR FANCY THIS APRIL!



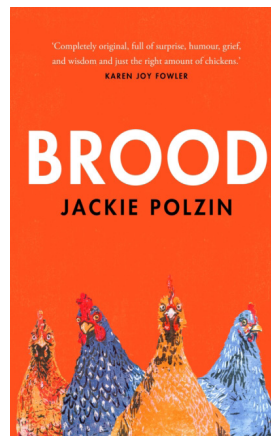
Thirteen buns might be enough for a baker, but no self-respecting bookseller can narrow down a month of reading temptations that far. No, our booksellers need at least a double-dozen of books to devour, and they've picked out and reviewed them for you...



CIVILISATIONS BY LAURENT BINET FICTION

Vintage £16.99

Laurent Binet has had great fun imagining how world events may have played out if some Viking warriors had simply turned their boats southward in 1000AD and preceded Columbus' discovery of the Americas by 492 years. An entertaining counterfactual story about the modern world.



BROOD BY JACKIE POLZIN FICTION

Pan Macmillan £14.99

This novel follows a woman endeavouring to keep four chickens alive for a year in a middle-of-nowhere Minnesotan town. With sharply observed character sketches and the absurdity of raising chickens, Polzin's understated tale slowly unfolds to reveal an insightful meditation on care, motherhood and grief.

TRAP FOR CINDERELLA BY SÉBASTIEN JAPRISOT FICTION

Gallic £8.99

The latest Japrisot to be re-issued by Gallic books is a cauldron of psychological tension. Two women are trapped in a house fire that might have been started deliberately. Only one of them survives...but which one?



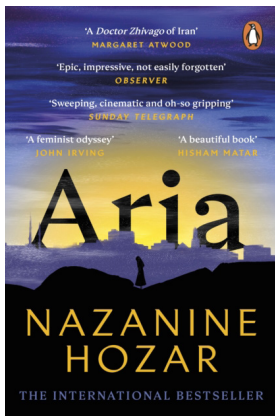
SISTERSONG BY LUCY HOLLAND FICTION

Pan Macmillan £16.99

In ancient Britain, three siblings find themselves struggling against entwined fates. As old magic and new Christianity come head-to-head, a stranger breaks into their sheltered lives, changing everything. This queer, feminist retelling of an ancient Celtic murder ballad is dark, twisty and delicious.



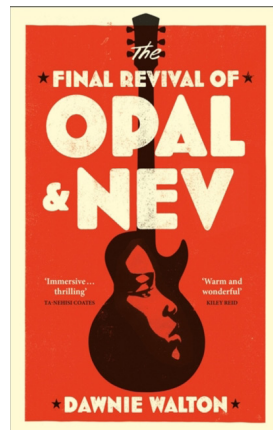
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ARIA BY NAZANINE HOZAR FICTION

Penguin £8.99

A sweeping character epic set in Iran during the build-up to the 1979 revolution and the overthrow of the Shah. Adopted Aria is wilful and spirited, witnessing cruelty and kindness and questioning everything - a dangerous mindset in an unstable society.



THE FINAL REVIVAL OF OPAL & NEV BY DAWNIE WALTON FICTION

Quercus £14.99

Opal is a budding Afro-punk musician and Nev is an aspiring songwriter; this is their story. With a provocatively rendered 1970s NYC, and a keen grasp on the oral history format, Walton may as well be giving us the scoop on a real rock-duo.

THE HIGH HOUSE BY JESSIE GREENGRASS FICTION

Swift Press £14.99

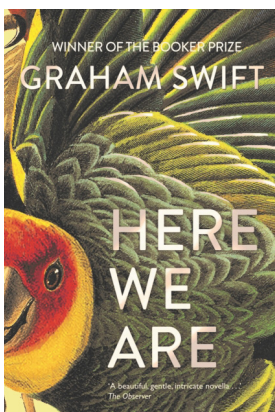
A taut and emotive novel, 'The High House' follows an environmental scientist as she and her loved ones make preparations for an imminent natural disaster. Reflective of our own times, this novel highlights just how quickly we can adapt to a life which once seemed inconceivable.



HAMNET BY MAGGIE O'FARRELL FICTION

Headline £8.99

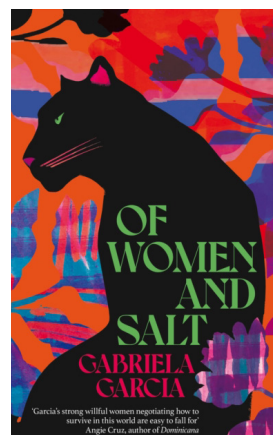
O'Farrell's richly detailed and lyrical prose illuminates the daily lives of a seemingly ordinary sixteenth-century family, turning the spotlight onto the wife and children of one of England's most famous writers with a striking beauty and emotional intensity.



HERE WE ARE BY GRAHAM SWIFT FICTION

Simon & Schuster £8.99

An atmospheric and claustrophobic novella centred on the world of 1950's seaside entertainment. A complex emotional web between a compe, a magician and his assistant is revealed as cunningly as a sleight-of-hand, with shifts in narrator and time proving no-one ever knows the whole story.



OF WOMEN AND SALT BY GABRIELA GARCIA FICTION

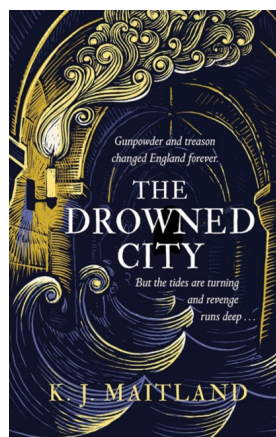
Pan Macmillan £14.99

From 19th century cigar factories in Cuba, to present day US detention centres, we follow five generations of fierce Latina women all interlinked by blood and circumstance. We watch as each of them come to terms with their differing sense of identity, and what ultimately unifies them all.

THE DROWNED CITY BY K.J. MAITLAND FICTION

Headline £16.99

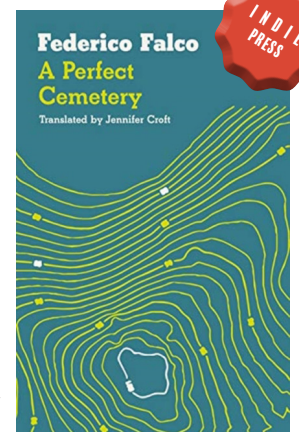
It's 1606 and Bristol is recovering from the tsunami that has devastated the now filthy and perilous city. Our hero is searching the ruins as a reluctant agent of King James trying to uncover either a Papist plot or a coven of witches, preferably both.



A PERFECT CEMETERY BY FEDERICO FALCO FICTION

Charco Press £9.99

From the golden meadows of the feral hare king, to the wild interiority of a daughter withdrawing from a shared faith, these richly rendered stories are bound by themes of wilderness, retreat, and pursuit. Keep an eye on our channels for an upcoming interview with the author and translator.



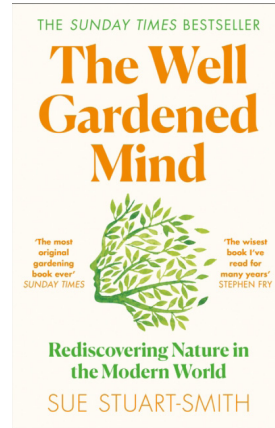
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THE RATLINE BY PHILIPPE SANDS HISTORY

Orion £9.99

From the author of 'East West Street' comes the story of the Senior Nazi Otto von Wächter as he attempts to escape trial after WWII, via the infamous Ratline. Sands lays bare the day-to-day life of Wächter in an intimate and complex portrait of a man.



THE WELL GARDENED MIND BY SUE STUART SMITH NATURE

HarperCollins £9.99

Sue Stuart-Smith's part memoir, part self-help, and part gardening guide, draws on her life's work as a psychotherapist and psychiatrist. This is a gentle and thoughtful guide to creating a beautiful headspace, a beautiful garden, and the surprisingly intuitive ways that the two are linked.

OUR FINAL WARNING BY MARK LYNAS ENVIRONMENT

HarperCollins £9.99

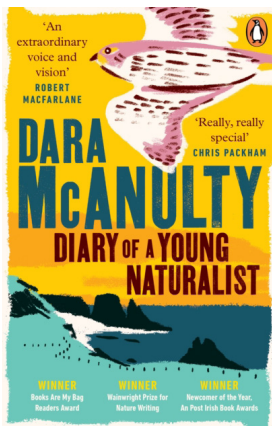
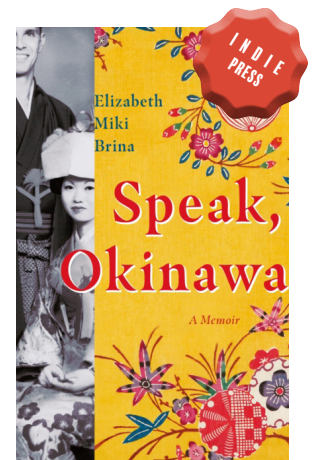
An essential account of the systematic brutalisation of the natural world and a last warning of what will happen if we don't change our ways. Lynas takes no prisoners in laying down the facts with a 7-part list of outcomes based on incremental temperature rise.



SPEAK, OKINAWA BY ELIZABETH MIKI BRINA BIOGRAPHY

Granta £12.99

The daughter of an American serviceman and the Japanese wife he met whilst stationed in Okinawa in the 1970s, Brina explores her complex and diverse family history and the prejudice she encountered growing up in New York state.



DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST BY DARA McANULTY NATURE

Ebury £14.99

A book like a mycelium network, both rooted and rooting. 'Diary of a Young Naturalist' is a warm and moving portrait of the natural world and the turning of the year from the perspective of an autistic teenager juggling exams, friendships and environmental activism.



REVOLUTIONS BY HANNAH ROSS SPORT

Orion £16.99

Wonderous women? Check! Tenacious Travellers? Check! Awe-inspiring activists? Check! From Simone de Beauvoir to Annie 'Londonderry' Kopchovsky, 'Revolutions' tells the history of women's cycling. This book is a glorious celebration of the trail-blazing women who dared to live life on two wheels.

HIKE BY PETE OSWALD PICTURE BOOK 1+

Walker Books £7.99

Father and child leave the city behind and embrace the outdoors in this beautifully understated wilderness trek. This perfect day out is exclusively illustrated, no words needed.



LUNA LOVES ART BY JOSEPH COELHO PICTURE BOOK 3+

Andersen Press £7.99

It's time for a school trip to the art museum and Luna loves the colours, the shapes, the whimsy in every room. As she learns about famous artists and their work, she also makes a new friend.



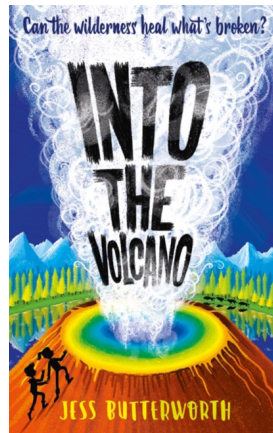
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STARBOARD
BY NICOLA SKINNER
CHILDREN'S 9+

HarperCollins £12.99

The author of Bloom and Storm sweeps us out to sea in this inspiring new middle grade adventure! Join eleven-year-old YouTube star Kirsten who is claimed by the SS Great Britain as it escapes from its dry dock.



INTO THE VOLCANO
BY JESS BUTTERWORTH
CHILDREN'S 8+

Hachette £6.99

Vivi and Seb are best friends, despite living across the world from each other. But one day, when a tragic accident affects both their lives, the two are brought together. Convinced that the rainbow pool in Yellowstone National Park can help them heal, the two set off on an adventure...

THE DARK LADY
BY AKALA
TEEN/YA

Hachette £12.99

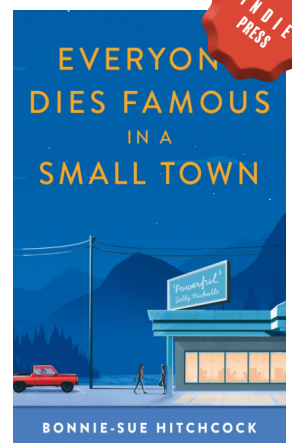
The Dark Lady is Akala's first, and eagerly awaited novel. This visionary story follows Henry; fifteen, thief, just trying to get by in Elizabethan London. Plagued by visions of a dark lady, it's Henry's mysterious magic that could save him, or spell his end.



EVERYONE DIES FAMOUS IN A SMALL TOWN
BY BONNIE-SUE HITCHCOCK
TEEN/YA

Faber & Faber £7.99

In this intricate and beautiful short story collection, we follow the lives of teenagers living in small towns. Filled with secrets, rage, and love, this book is an ode to the rural American west and the complex lives its people live.



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