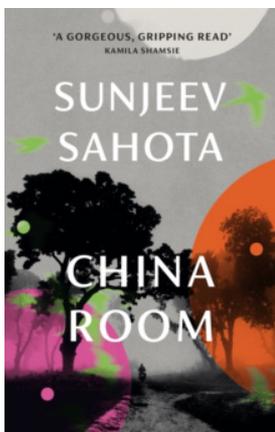


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24 BOOKS PUTTING A SPRING IN OUR STEP THIS MAY!



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...



CHINA ROOM BY SUNJEEV SAHOTA FICTION

Vintage £16.99

Love and trauma whisper through generations in 'China Room', inspired by the story of Sahota's grandmother. A sequestered bride in pre-independence Punjab and an addict escaping small-town England each quest for freedom and connection in this conversation between disparate worlds.



THE BEAUTIFUL ONES BY SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA FICTION

Quercus £16.99

Telekinetically gifted, and socially ostracised as a result, Nina is sent to enter the world of wealthy socialites, 'The Beautiful Ones', with the hopes of blending in and finding love. But when she meets charming and confident telekinetic performer Hector, all her plans go awry.

THE GHOST OF FREDERIC CHOPIN BY ERIC FAYE FICTION

Pushkin £9.99

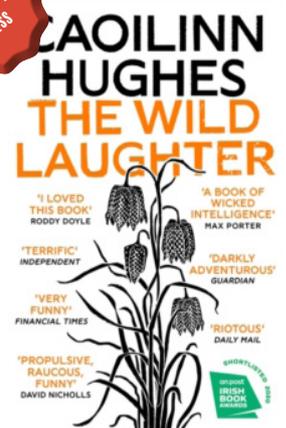
Conspiracy and fake news abound in this subtle, noir-ish page turner. Czech journalist Ludvik Slany investigates a woman claiming her music has been composed by the ghost of Frederic Chopin – and against his expectations, he struggles to find evidence of fraud.



THE WILD LAUGHTER BY CAOILINN HUGHES FICTION

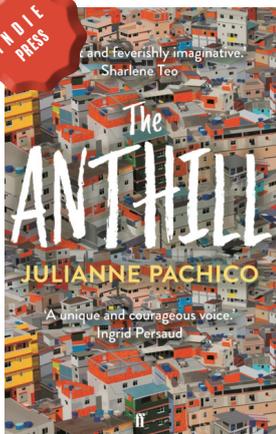
Oneworld £8.99

A savage Faulknerian tragicomedy about the shattering of one Irish family's rural idyll. Religion, warring brothers, a bitter matriarch, a fallen patriarch, crime and punishment - all set in a tight-knit farming community beset by economic problems. A dark and funny work of genius.



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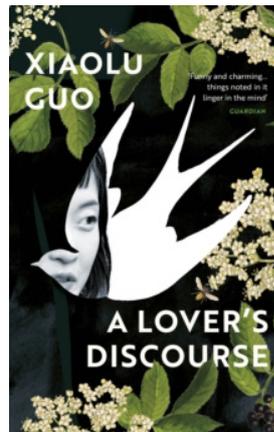
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THE ANTHILL BY JULIANNE PACHICO FICTION

Faber & Faber £12.99

An intimate, surprising, sometimes horrifying exploration of homecoming which turns nostalgia on its head. As Carolina returns to Colombia after twenty years to volunteer in a community centre, she's confronted with her own privilege during the country's most violent years.



A LOVER'S DISCOURSE BY XIAOLU GUO FICTION

Vintage £8.99

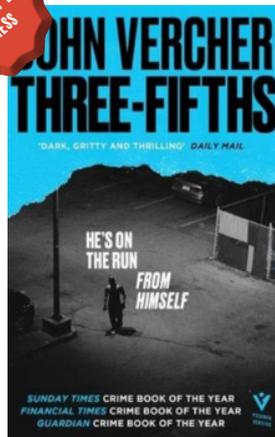
Guo maps the trajectory of a modern relationship through distilled fragments of encounters and conversations. With playful style and language, 'A Lover's Discourse' explores with skewering honesty and humour what it means to belong to multiple cultures, and to find a home somewhere between them.

THREE-FIFTHS BY JOHN VERCHER FICTION

Pushkin £8.99

Set against the backdrop of the OJ Simpson trial, this is a powerful, gritty and heart-breaking tale of two old friends, a shocking act of violence and a reckoning with race and identity in 90s Pittsburgh.

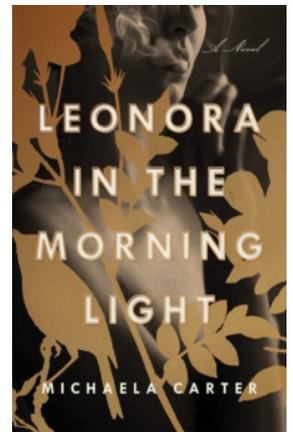
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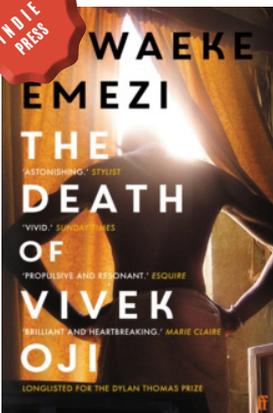
LENORA IN THE MORNING LIGHT BY MICHAELA CARTER FICTION

Simon & Schuster £20

Carter explores the anxiety, disassociation, luminosity, brilliance, and cataclysmic energy of the Second World War through the eyes of surrealist artist Leonorra Carrington. A sensual, artistic rendering of 1940s Europe for fans of 'All The Light We Cannot See'.



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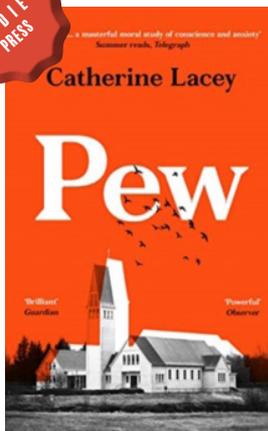


THE DEATH OF VIVEK OJI BY AKWAEKE EMEZI FICTION

Faber & Faber £8.99

A subtly powerful and beautifully rendered mystery, which begins with a tragic death and unfolds to reveal a tale of shifting sexual and gender identity, enormous courage and redemptive friendship. This poignant novel is driven by Emezi's unforgettable characters and sharp dialogue.

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PEW BY CATHERINE LACEY FICTION

Granta £8.99

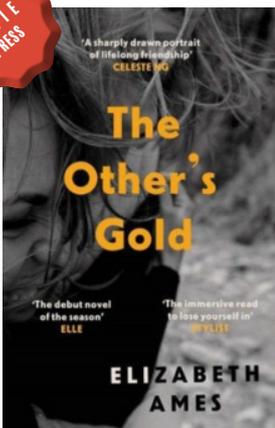
In a small American town, a person devoid of name, past, or gender is found asleep in a church. The town residents quickly make a confessional martyr of the figure they call 'Pew'. An unsettling portrait of compassion, religion, and modern identity building.

THE OTHER'S GOLD BY ELIZABETH AMES FICTION

Pushkin £8.99

When four women are assigned the same dorm suite at college, the stage is set for lifelong friendship. 'The Other's Gold' splits itself into four sections, each exploring an unforgettable mistake made by these women, shaping their relationship and their lives.

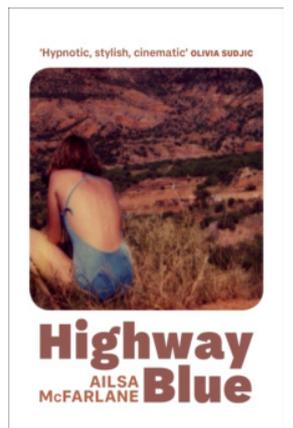
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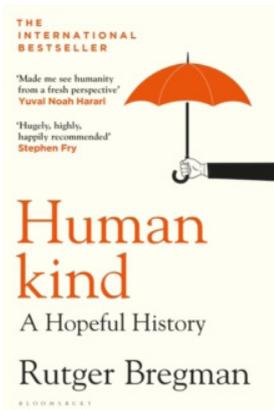
HIGHWAY BLUE BY AILSA MCFARLANE FICTION

Vintage £12.99

Anne-Marie's husband Cal walked out on her on their one year anniversary. Two years later, he's back and obviously in trouble. A late-night altercation sends them fleeing across an imagined America with a beat up car and a broken past. A truly cinematic debut.



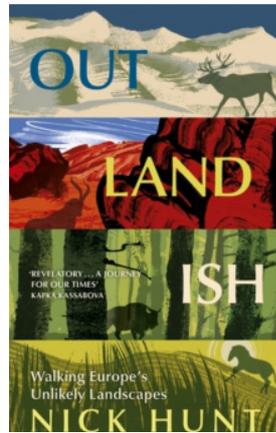
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HUMAN KIND BY RUTGER BREGMAN PSYCHOLOGY/HISTORY

Bloomsbury £9.99

Fascinating and thoughtful, yet easy reading, 'Humankind' covers everything - anthropology, sociology, history, criminology and even literature - whilst remaining unshakably optimistic about human nature. After this last year, Bregman's well-argued philosophy is a much-needed tonic.



OUTLANDISH BY NICK HUNT NATURE

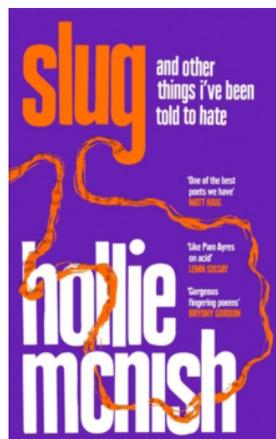
John Murray £16.99

The champion of unique travel projects returns. Hunt seeks out marvellous landscapes close to hand, taking us from tundra to desert, from primeval forests to grassland steppes, without ever leaving Europe. A unique, abundant brew of travel writing and history.

SLUG BY HOLLIE MCNISH POETRY

Little, Brown £14.99

Ted Hughes Prize winner Hollie McNish is back with this wonderfully funny and moving collection of prose, poetry, and memoir. From her grandmother's death last year, to Finnish Saunas, breakfast cereal and her school days, McNish's trademark wit and zest shines throughout.



THE PINK LINE BY MARK GEVISSER EQUALITY & INCLUSIVITY

Profile £10.99

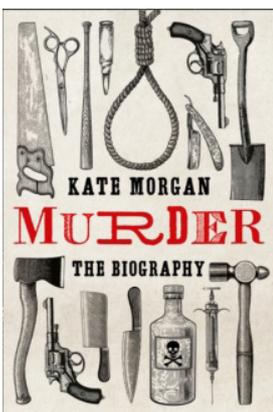
This eye-opening book explores 'The Pink Line' - the frontiers of the worldwide LGBT+ movement. From Nairobi to Moscow, Gevisser follows his subjects over five years through their triumphs and tragedies, showcasing the incredible strength of the LGBT+ community despite great adversity.



The Pink Line

The World's Queer Frontiers

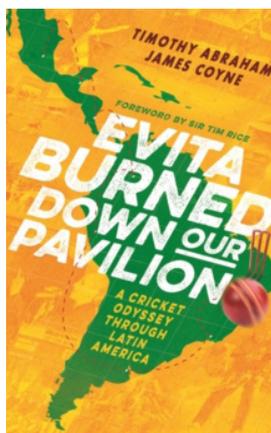
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MURDER: THE BIOGRAPHY BY KATE MORGAN HISTORY

HarperCollins £16.99

Grizzly, gripping, and unendingly fascinating, 'Murder: The Biography' is a triumphant account of the last thousand years of the act of murder. Generously peppered with cases across history, Morgan examines everything from murder ballads to legal processes, with plenty of disturbing insights in between.



EVITA BURNED DOWN OUR PAVILION BY TIMOTHY ABRAHAM & JAMES COYNE SPORT

Little, Brown £20

A decade before the inaugural Ashes Test match, international cricket was already well under way in Latin America. From this beginning, Coyne and Abraham bring us a social history of grit, industry, and nation-building in the world's most colourful continent.

FRED GETS DRESSED BY PETER BROWN PICTURE BOOK 3+

Templar Publishing £6.99

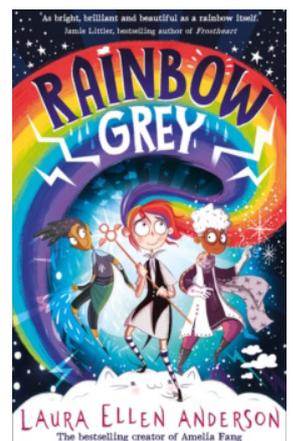
An exuberant picture book about trying new things, the endless possibilities of wardrobes and freestyle make-up application, toddler style. We follow proud and joyous Fred as he deviates from his preferred naked state to try out some bold new looks.



RAINBOW GREY BY LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON CHILDREN'S 8+

HarperCollins £6.99

From the peerless imagination that gave us 'Evil Emperor Penguin' and 'Amelia Fang', comes Rainbow Grey (and her exploding cloud cat sidekick), a hitherto powerless resident of the Weatherlands who now has a new magical skill to refine and a dastardly enemy to defeat.



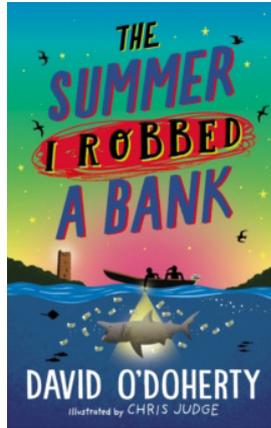
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BY ASH, OAK AND THORN
BY MELISSA HARRISON
CHILDREN'S 9+

Chicken House £7.99

Inspired by the 1942 classic 'The Little Grey Men', this timely and magical tale follows three hidden folk in their efforts to survive in an ever-changing world. With the addition of a handy nature almanac, Harrison does novel-cum-nature writing in the best way.



THE SUMMER I ROBBED A BANK
BY DAVID O'DOHERTY
CHILDREN'S 9+

Puffin £6.99

For Rex, this summer doesn't have its usual promise. Rather than sunshine and freedom, there's the rainy loneliness of his uncle's Irish farm and the impending doom of big school. Fortunately, his uncle is planning a bank heist that may yet liven up the holidays!

THE WEIGHT OF OUR SKY
BY HANNA ALKAF
TEEN/YA

Simon & Schuster £7.99

Set against the backdrop of the race riots between Malay and Chinese populations in 1960's Kuala Lumpur, this pacy drama follows Melati as she seeks her mum amongst the chaos – hampered by her OCD and driven by the Beatles soundtrack that governs her life.



WICKED THINGS
BY JOHN ALLISON
TEEN/YA GRAPHIC NOVELS

Boom Studios £12.99

Returning to the world of Giant Days, 'Wicked Things' stars feisty teen detective Charlotte Groat. Charlotte's shining career of world class detective is going great, until she's framed for murder. Facing a lifetime in prison, Charlotte begins her hardest case yet – proving her innocence.



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