### 24 HOTLY ANTICIPATED NEW READS FOR AUGUST!





With summer's long-drawn evenings, staycations on the beach, and post-barbeque dazes, we've all got a little more time for a spot of reading! If you're hunting around for the next great book to dive into, look no further...



## THE ISLAND OF MISSING TREESBY ELIF SHAFAK FICTION

#### Penguin £14.99

This Romeo and Juliet story, transposed to 1970s Cyprus, has repercussions for the next generation. Loaded with history, folklore and myth, Elif Shafak presents another beautiful lesson in the banality of evil, the importance of the human spirit and the solace of trees.



### LAST SUMMER IN THE CITY BY GIANFRANCO CALLIGARICH FICTION

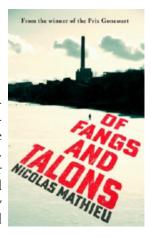
#### Pan Macmillan £14.99

Gorgeous visions of 1970s Rome form the backdrop to this sumptuous rediscovered classic, which follows a young man whose lazy summer is upended by a messy love affair. Perfect for fans of 'The Great Gatsby' and 'The Sun Also Rises'.

## OF FANGS AND TALONS BY NICOLAS MATHIEU FICTION

#### Hodder & Stoughton £16.99

Following the closure of the largest factory in town, the disenfranchised workers are forced to make increasingly desperate life choices. After steroid addicted bodybuilder Bruce and trade union rep Martel bungle a kidnap in Strasbourg they begin to fall afoul of the criminal underworld.

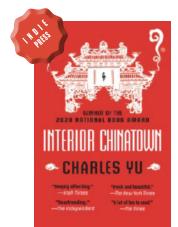


### THE COUNTRY OF OTHERS BY LEÏLA SLIMANI FICTION

#### Faber & Faber £14.99

Frenchwoman Mathilde dreams of an exotic adventure when she falls for the Moroccan soldier Amine, stationed in Alsace during WWII – life on her husband's struggling farm is anything but. This tumultuous family saga is set against the backdrop of the move towards Moroccan independence.

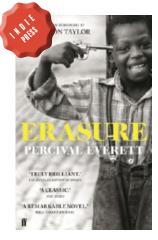




## INTERIOR CHINATOWN BY CHARLES YU FICTION

#### Europa £8.99

Willis Wu plays 'Generic Asian Man' on a crummy cop tv show. He dreams, like all of Chinatown, of one day becoming 'Kung Fu Guy'. Blending narrative and film script, this is a fast-paced, savagely funny dissection of the Asian-American experience.



### ERASURE BY PERCIVAL EVERETT FICTION

#### Faber & Faber £8.99

This comic novel articulates the life of an aging professor coming to terms with the brittle reality of legacy, and the culture within which his work is published. This reissue continues Everett's well overdue exposure as one of the great living satirists and novelists.

## MRS CALIBAN BY RACHEL INGALLS FICTION

#### Faber & Faber £8.99

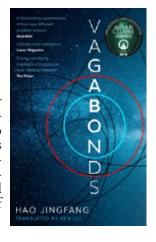
Dorothy - a neglected housewife dealing with the loss of her son - has her life changed forever when a humanoid monster turns up in her kitchen. Exploring themes of female agency, sexuality and humanity, this bonkers classic is Angela Carter meets David Lynch.



### VAGABONDS By hao Jingfang Fiction

#### Head of Zeus £8.99

A century after the Martian war of independence, a group of student delegates from Mars travel to Earth to learn from its inhabitants in an act of reconciliation. A timely speculative sci-fi novel about individualism, hyper-capitalism and imagined utopias - one which Jeff Bezos should certainly read.





### THE LONG, LONG AFTERNOON BY INGA VESPER

#### Bonnier Zaffre £8.99

It's summer in Sunnylakes, Santa Monica and the strange disappearance of housewife Joyce Haney sparks talk within the community. Ruby, the Haney's 'help', immediately gets wrapped up in the complex mystery. A simmering, uneasy story exploring domesticity, sexism and racism in 1950s suburbia.



### WHAT STRANGE PARADISE BY OMAR EL AKKAD FICTION

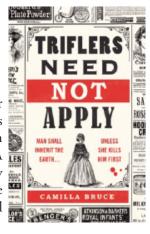
#### Pan Macmillan £14.99

Bodies wash up on the small island more frequently these days - bodies of people escaping conflict, poverty and extreme weather. When one survivor, nine year old Amir reaches its shores, he is taken in by teenage nomad Vanna. We watch their past and future unfurl.

### TRIFLERS NEED NOT APPLY BY CAMILLA BRUCE FICTION

#### Penguin £14.99

After a traumatic event in her home town in Norway, Belle hopes to change her life and fortune in Chicago with her sister, Nellie. A disturbing, tense and completely gripping novel based on the life and murderous rampage of serial killer Belle Gunness in the 1900s.

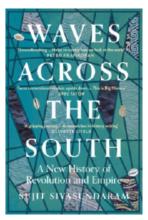


### SHOOTING MARTHA BY DAVID THEWLIS FICTION

#### Orion £14.99

Director Jack Drake can't focus on his latest film without his dead wife Martha by his side. When he spots her lookalike in an indie stage play, he immediately casts her in his film. A darkly funny novel from a much-loved British actor.

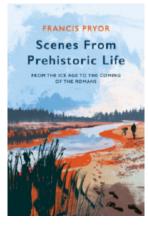




### WAVES ACROSS THE SOUTH BY SUJIT SIVASUNDARAM HISTORY

#### HarperCollins £10.99

An enthralling new world history which turns the tables on European-centric narratives. From Pacific Island ports to the coasts of Mauritius, this book is as unique as the cultures it represents and as brutal as the imperial powers that brutalised them.



## SCENES FROM PREHISTORIC LIFE BY FRANCIS PRYOR HISTORY

#### Head of Zeus £25

Archaeologist Francis Pryor takes us through Britain's Prehistoric landscapes in fifteen 'scenes'. From the Old Stone Age to the arrival of the Romans, Pryor uses excavation reports and surveys to reveal the lives of our ancestors. A fascinating journey for those who love a good dig.

### SCOFF By Pen Vogler Food/ History

#### Atlantic £9.99

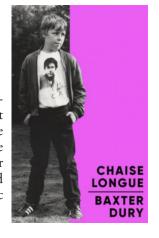
From white vs. brown bread, to our love for a proper brew, this charming book is peppered with blasts from Vogler's culinary past and fascinating deep-dives into food and class history. Drizzled throughout with sumptuous recipes, this delicious slice of foodie history is not to be missed.

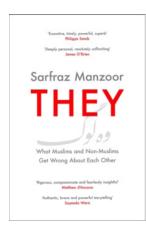


## CHAISE LONGUE BY BAXTER DURY PERFORMING ARTS

#### Little, Brown £16.99

Whilst his rock star father was playing director in the '80s, Dury spent his teenage years in the care of Pete Rush, or The Sulfate Strangler, as he preferred to be called. This Hunter S. Thompson-esque, drug fuelled memoir documents Dury's comic and often perilous misadventures.

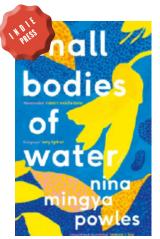




## THEY BY SARFRAZ MANZOOR EQUALITY/ RELIGION

#### Headline £20

Manzoor demystifies 'the other' by applying a critical and empathic eye, laying the groundwork for a more cohesive and inclusive society in which Muslims and non-Muslims both feel safe. A remarkable achievement, 'They' is an ambitious, illuminating road map toward a more hopeful future.



## SMALL BODIES OF WATER BY NINA MINGYA POWLES CREATIVE NON-FICTION

#### Canongate £14.99

In this beautiful collection of essays, Mingya Powles explores her deep love of water. From learning to swim in Borneo, to journeys across the sea, this collection examines everything from migration and belonging to freshwater fishing, in rolling, lyrical prose.

### LEILONG THE LIBRARY BUS By Julia Liu & Bei Lynn Picture Book 2+

#### Gecko £11.99

Brontosaurus Lei loves story time at the library, but he's too big to fit in the building, not to mention he doesn't have a library card! A super sweet tale of the joys of sharing a good story, with expressive, busy illustrations to boot.



## THE BUG CLUB BY ELISE GRAVEL CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION 8+

#### Drawn & Quarterly £13.99

This nifty book is the perfect companion to help identify creepy crawlies that may be hidden under leaves in your garden, or behind the stack of stones by the local pond. Crammed full of activities and tips on how to identify those garden curiosities.





### LIGHTNING FALLS BY AMY WILSON CHILDREN'S 9+

#### Pan Macmillan £7.99

Valerie works at the Ghost House - where guests come to be haunted - which she calls home. When a strange boy shows Valerie that she might have a real home elsewhere, on a whole other planet that needs saving, a wacky adventure of epic proportions quickly unfolds.



## LONG DISTANCE BY WHITNEY GARDNER CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVEL 10+

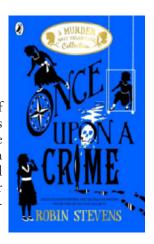
#### Simon & Schuster £9.99

When Vega finds out that her parents are moving the family from Portland to Seattle, and that she'll be going to summer camp, her vacation plans are ruined. Another wonderful graphic novel from the author of 'Fake Blood' about long distance friendships and leaving home.

### ONCE UPON A CRIME BY ROBIN STEVENS CHILDREN'S 8+

#### Puffin £6.99

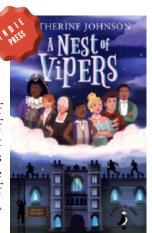
A Most Unladylike collection of never before read short stories about the lovely characters we know and love! This collection brings together Daisy Wells, Hazel Wong and their friends Alexander and George, as well as Hazel's sisters, Rose and May Wong.



## A NEST OF VIPERS BY CATHERINE JOHNSON CHILDREN'S 9+

#### Puffin £7.99

In the criminal underworld of 18th century London, a family of con-artists plan to pull off one last trick as their grandmother grows too old and weary to carry on the trade. A wicked combination of 'The Unadoptables' meets the 'YA Six of Crows'



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