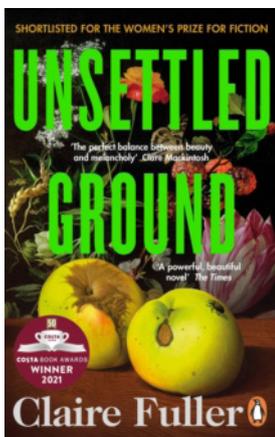


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## NEW YEAR, NEW BOOKS!

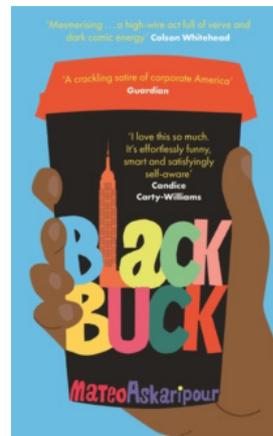


2022 is upon us, and we're looking forward to an incredible year of new books! If the last year has proven anything, it's that lockdowns prove quite productive for most authors, and the tantalising fruits of their labour are hitting our shelves now. Enjoy!



**UNSETTLED GROUND**  
BY CLAIRE FULLER  
FICTION - 6TH JAN

**Penguin £8.99**  
Winner of the Costa Novel Award, this story follows twins Jeanie and Julius who, now in their 50s, still live in isolation and poverty in the English countryside. An emotionally powerful tale of life on the fringes of society.



**BLACK BUCK**  
BY MATEO ASKARIPOUR  
FICTION - 6TH JAN

**John Murray £8.99**  
A Starbucks supervisor from NYC is plucked from obscurity and starts work at a wildly successful tech start-up...where he's the only black guy. A sharp, hilarious satire of corporate white America, perfect for fans of 'The Sellout'.

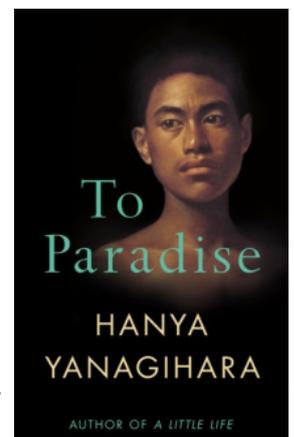
**A TERRIBLE KINDNESS**  
BY JO BROWNING WROE  
FICTION - 20TH JAN

**Faber & Faber £14.99**  
William, aged 19, is celebrating qualifying as an embalmer when the news breaks of the Aberfan diaster. William volunteers. This is a heartbreaking but ultimately uplifting tale of family, loss, and how the hardest of times can remind us of what we live for.

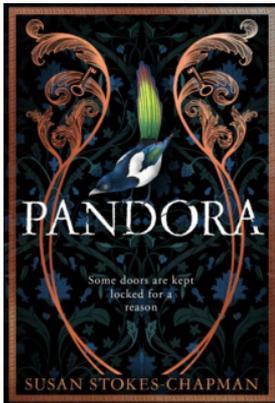


**TO PARADISE**  
BY HANYA YANAGIHARA  
FICTION - 11TH JAN

**Pan Macmillan £20**  
A mind-bending, multi-layered epic from the author of 'A Little Life', spanning the centuries from an alternative 1890s New York to a futuristic 2090s dystopia. Expect the same exceptional character writing, and a tender portrayal of the passions, vulnerabilities and flaws that make us human.



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**PANDORA**  
BY SUSAN STOKES-CHAPMAN  
FICTION - 27TH JAN

**Vintage £14.99**  
Georgian London is richly imagined in this atmospheric tale of Dora, an aspiring jewellery designer, who discovers a mystifying ancient Greek vase in her Uncle's antiques shop. What follows is a dazzling, twisting tale of intrigue and romance.

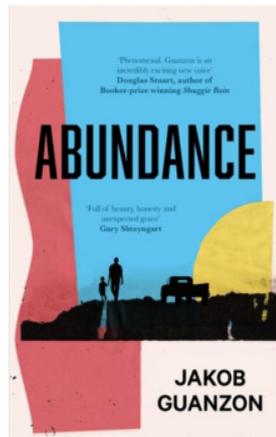


**DETRANSITION, BABY**  
BY TORREY PETERS  
FICTION - 6TH JAN

**Profile £8.99**  
Trans woman Reese has always longed to be a parent, and now she's finally getting the chance – if she's happy to share the baby with her ex-partner and his new girlfriend, that is. Can this unusual menage-à-trois make parenting work, in this smart, funny debut?

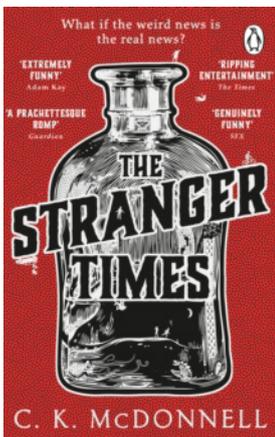
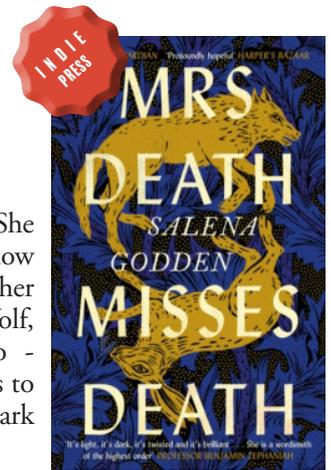
**ABUNDANCE**  
BY JAKOB GUANZON  
FICTION - 20TH JAN

**Little, Brown £14.99**  
Ex-con Henry and his son Junior are evicted from their trailer on New Year's Eve...and things soon go from bad to worse. Tender and beautifully written, this National Book Award-longlisted debut is perfect for fans of 'Shuggie Bain' and Willy Vlautin.



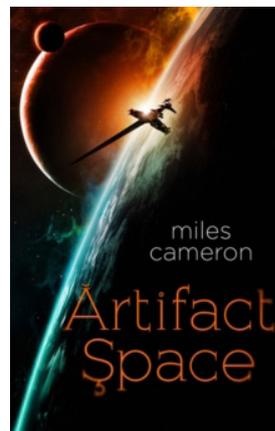
**MRS DEATH MISSES DEATH**  
BY SALENA GODDEN  
FICTION - 20TH JAN

**Canongate £8.99**  
Mrs Death has had enough. She is exhausted by her job and now seeks someone to unburden her conscience to. She meets Wolf, a troubled young writer, who - enthralled by her stories - begins to write Mrs Death's memoirs. A dark and playful debut.



**THE STRANGER TIMES**  
BY C. K. McDONNELL  
FICTION - 6TH JAN  
**Transworld £8.99**

Hannah Willis' job is to reject the stories too ridiculous even for her news agency, dedicated as it is to the weird and wonderful... But what if some of these crazy tales were terrifyingly true? A hilariously dark novel for fans of Terry Pratchett and Jasper Fforde.

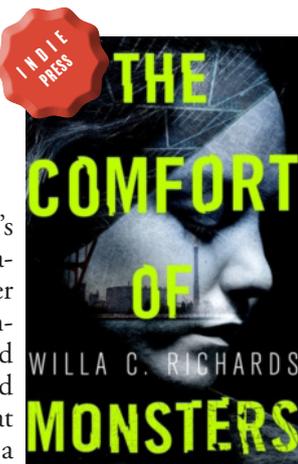


**ARTIFACT SPACE**  
BY MILES CAMERON  
FICTION - 20TH JAN  
**Orion £9.99**

It was always Marca's dream to travel in space – now she has joined one of the Greatships, pushing the boundaries of the know universe. But something in the darkness is targeting them. A wildly entertaining space opera for fans of Adrian Tchaikovsky.

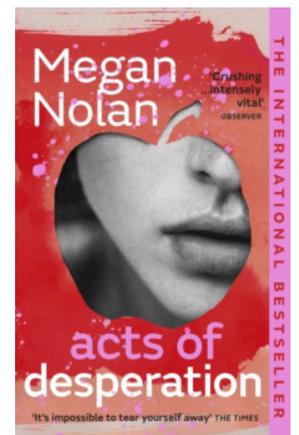
**THE COMFORT OF MONSTERS**  
BY WILLA C. RICHARDS  
FICTION - 13TH JAN

**Oneworld £8.99**  
The story of one Milwaukee girl's disappearance during the infamous 'Dahmer Summer' and her sister's thirty year battle with painful memories and unanswered questions. A page-turning and emotionally gripping novel that shines a light on the victims of a heinous serial killer.

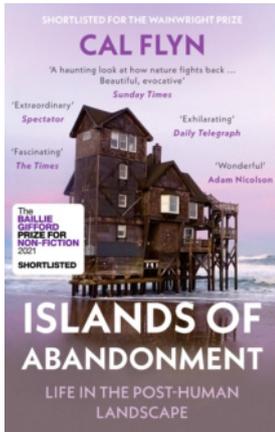


**ACTS OF DESPERATION**  
BY MEGAN NOLAN  
FICTION - 6TH JAN

**Vintage £8.99**  
A young woman meets a beautiful man at a Dublin art gallery: so begins an obsession that will drive her to the edge. Uncomfortable, brutally honest and gorgeously written, this is the perfect next read for Sally Rooney fans.



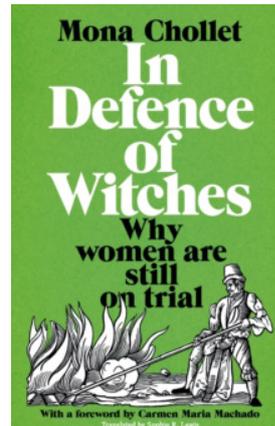
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## ISLANDS OF ABANDONMENT BY CAL FLYN NATURE - 23RD DEC

HarperCollins £9.99

These are the places you can't go on holiday – parts of the world humans have left for dead. Disaster zones, feral landscapes, derelict cities. But amongst the wreckage spring ecological hope. This is a thrilling and hopeful read for our troubled times.



## IN DEFENCE OF WITCHES BY MONA CHOLLET EQUALITY/HISTORY - 14TH JAN

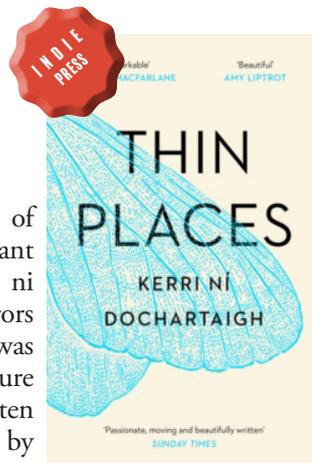
Pan Macmillan £14.99

Acclaimed French feminist Chollet takes us from the trials and pyres of the great European witch hunting craze of the 16th and 17th centuries to the continued limits imposed on the lives of modern women today in this blazingly original polemic.

## THIN PLACES BY KERRI NÍ DOCHARTAIGH MEMOIR/NATURE - 20TH JAN

Canongate £9.99

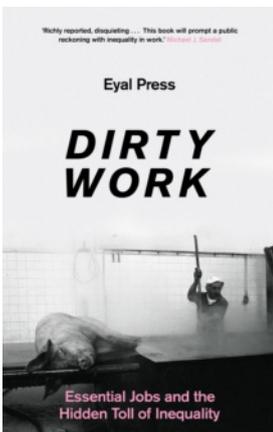
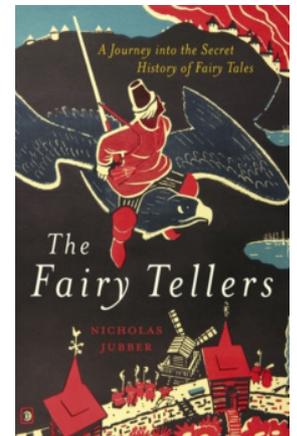
Born in Derry at the height of the troubles with one Protestant and one Catholic parent, ni Dochartaigh witnessed the horrors first hand. Her only solace was nature. Part-memoir, part-nature writing, this is a beautifully written account of one-woman's rescue by the landscape around her.



## THE FAIRY TELLERS BY NICHOLAS JUBBER HISTORY/FOLKLORE - 20TH JAN

John Murray £20

Let Nicholas Jubber take you on a tour through time and place with the inventors, thieves, rebels and forgotten geniuses who brought us the world's great fairy tales. A glorious, uplifting ode to myth, history, storytelling.



## DIRTY WORK BY EYAL PRESS SOCIAL JUSTICE - 20TH JAN

Head of Zeus £20

The people who man slaughterhouse kill floors. Drone operators killing people thousands of miles away. Drillers on offshore oil rigs. These are the dirty, essential jobs none of us wants to think about, brought to life grim life in this nuanced and fascinating book.



## A SIMPLER LIFE BY THE SCHOOL OF LIFE PSYCHOLOGY - 6TH JAN

The School of Life Press £15

From Zen Buddhism to modern architecture, this book delves into the ways in which we can make our lives truly simple. More than just instructions on de-cluttering our homes or slimming down our diary, this book looks at the psychology of simplicity, and how it can benefit us all.

## THE MUSEUM OF MARVEL- LOUS THINGS BY KRISTINA STEPHENSON PICTURE BOOK 3+ - 20TH JAN

Hachette Children's £6.99

Normal serious Norman knows most everything...except when it comes to magic. And magic is exactly what The Museum of Marvellous Things needs to survive! Can Norman abandon reason to tap into his magical imagination and save the museum?



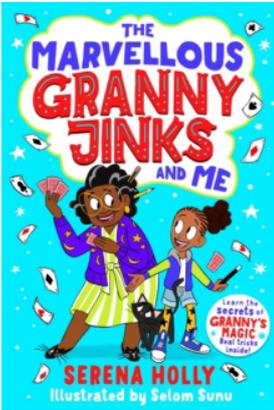
## BARB THE BRAVE BY DAN ABDO CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVEL 6+ - 20TH JAN

Simon & Schuster £8.99

An epic quest of a graphic novel, 'Barb the Brave' is hilarious, adventurous, and full of fantastic new characters to journey with. 'Barb the Brave' is perfect for fans of 'Dogman' and 'Bunny vs. Monkey'.



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**THE MARVELLOUS GRANNY JINKS AND ME**  
BY SERENA HOLLY  
CHILDREN'S 6+ - 6TH JAN

**Simon & Schuster £6.99**  
When Jada discovers her Granny's dream is to become a magician, she will do anything to help her achieve this, even if it means defying her father, who hates magic. Based on a true story, this is an exciting new series for young readers!



**JUMMY AT THE RIVER SCHOOL** BY SABINE ADEYINKA  
CHILDREN'S 9+ - 6TH JAN

**Chicken House £6.99**  
'Jummy at the River School' shares the story of a young girl attending a Nigerian private school in the 1990s without her best friend, who shows up at the boarding school to work, not study - a tale of friendship, history, and culture!

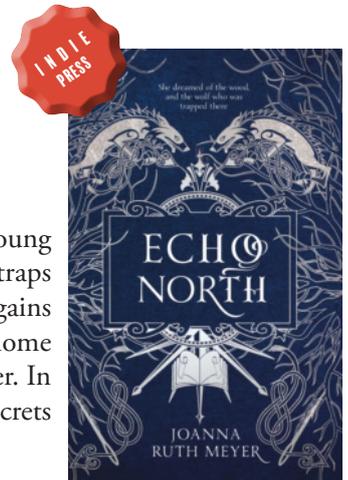
**WIN LOSE KILL DIE**  
BY CYNTHIA MURPHY  
TEEN/YA - 6TH JAN

**Scholastic £7.99**  
Private school for geniuses that has a long, creepy cultish history with a 90s slasher vibe? What more could you want from the newest YA thriller hitting the shelves! You won't be able to put this page turning murder mystery down for even one second.



**ECHO NORTH**  
BY JOANNA RUTH MEYER  
CHILDREN'S/TEEN - 6TH JAN

**Pushkin Children's £8.99**  
An atmospheric tale of a young girl and a magical wolf who traps Echo's father in ice and bargains with Echo: if she stays in his home for a year, he will free her father. In this year, she discovers dark secrets that threaten them all.



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