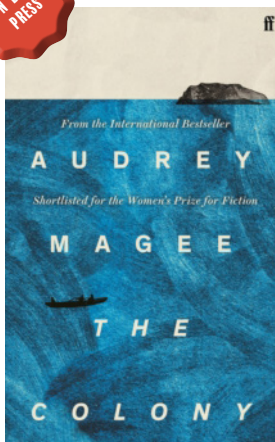


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24 FANTASTIC FEBRUARY READS!



If you're anything like us, you'll have already blitzed through your Christmas reads, and will be hunting for new books! Luckily, our team have pulled together a list of some of our favourite books appearing this month, to make it easier for you!



THE COLONY
BY AUDREY MAGEE
FICTION - 3RD FEB

Faber & Faber £14.99

Two men arrive on an Irish island - a painter and a linguist both hoping to capture the essence of the place and its people. But before summer is out, there will be a reckoning. A spare and beautifully observed novel set against the backdrop of The Troubles.



THE COLD MILLIONS
BY JESS WALTER
FICTION - 10TH FEB

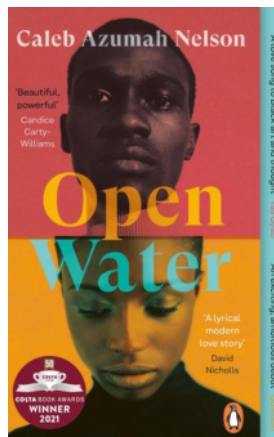
Penguin £8.99

Two brothers, both itinerant workers, are holed up in Spokane, Washington in 1909, just as labour agitators are whipping up the local workforce. A rip-roaring, tragicomic novel with shades of westerns, adventure, family saga and satire, perfect for fans of *The Sisters Brothers*.

OPEN WATER
BY CALEB AZUMAH NELSON
FICTION - 3RD FEB

Penguin £8.99

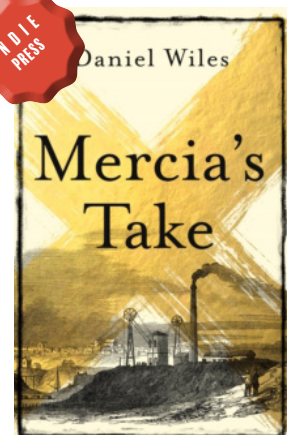
A lyrical, gorgeously written debut exploring art, identity, and Black masculinity, for fans of Sally Rooney and Bryan Washington. A photographer meets and falls for a dancer, while struggling with what it means to be a Black man in modern London.



MERCIA'S TAKE
BY DANIEL WILES
FICTION - 3RD FEB

Swift £12.99

The Black Country, 1870. Michael works two brutal mining jobs, hopeful of a better future for his son. Everything seems to be slipping away...until he strikes gold. A spare and beautiful debut novel, perfect for fans of Benjamin Myers and Claire Keegan.

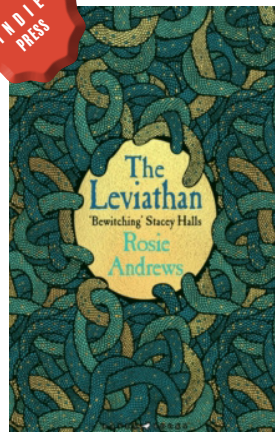


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THE LAST THING TO BURN
BY WILL DEAN
 FICTION - 3RD FEB

Hodder & Stoughton £7.99
Room meets *Misery* in this taut tale of a woman held captive in a British farmhouse. When she finds herself pregnant, she vows to escape, no matter the cost. An achingly tense thriller from one of the rising stars of UK crime fiction.

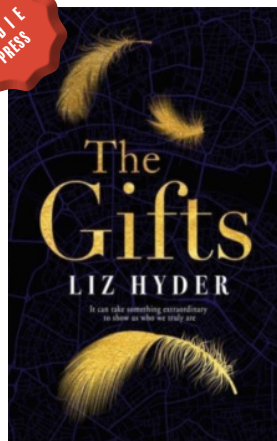


THE LEVIATHAN
BY ROSIE ANDREWS
 FICTION - 3RD FEB

Bloomsbury £14.99
 Norfolk, 1643: Thomas Treadwater has been summoned home from the civil war to attend to a family mystery. But what he uncovers is something dark and ancient, linked to a shipwreck years before. A gorgeously written tale of myth and murder set at a time of religious and political upheaval.

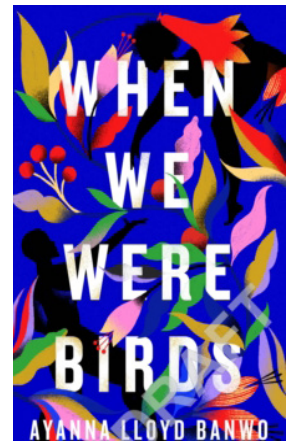
THE GIFTS
BY LIZ HYDER
 FICTION - 17TH FEB

Bonnier £14.99
 A dark, twisty, gothic tale of women growing wings, and a doctor's descent into madness at the obsession of discovery, of fame, of his gift from God. In her true fashion, Hyder has crafted a multi-layered, atmospheric novel which fans of Laura Purcell will love!



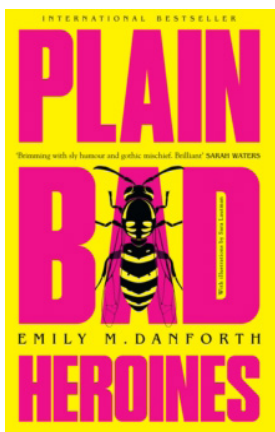
WHEN WE WERE BIRDS
BY AYANNA LLOYD BANWO
 FICTION - 10TH FEB

Penguin £14.99
 Young, beautiful, and lost, Darwin is a gravedigger newly arrived on Trinidad to seek his fortune. Meanwhile, in an old house on the hill, Yejide's mother is dying – but not before she passes her the ability to speak to the dead.



THEY
BY KAY DICK
 FICTION - 3RD FEB
Faber & Faber £8.99

THEY sweep across Britain. THEY destroy books and art. THEY round up writers, intellectuals, even the childless. This hypnotic and chilling rediscovered dystopian classic is a stark warning against censorship and reminder of the value of art and individuality.



PLAIN BAD HEROINES
BY EMILY M. DANFORTH
 FICTION - 17TH FEB
HarperCollins £9.99

A dark obsession and forbidden love at a girls' school ends in a horrific deadly wasp attack... A century later, the past blurs into the present as the cursed school becomes the set of a Hollywood drama, in this slyly funny Gothic horror.

UNDER THE BLUE
BY OANA ARISTIDE
 FICTION - 3RD FEB

Profile Books £8.99
 A post-pandemic road trip, through an ever-warming Europe, where the population has disappeared long ago. From London to Devon, then on to the continent, always ahead of an unknowable and invisible threat, our characters come to terms with what was, and what may become.

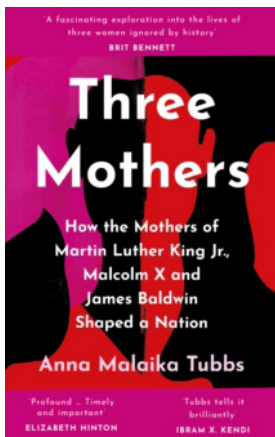


DANCE MOVE
BY WENDY ERSKINE
 SHORT STORIES - 17TH FEB
Pan Macmillan £14.99

A woman scours Belfast for posters of her dead son. A young man recalls a trip to a Christian rock festival. A bride sits in a tanning salon on her wedding day, dreaming of a teenage sexual encounter. Warm, funny, and devastating tales from one of our finest short story writers.

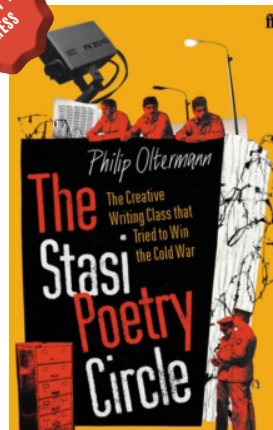


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THREE MOTHERS BY ANNA MALAIKA TUBBS BIOGRAPHY - 3RD FEB

HarperCollins £9.99
Berdis, Alberta, and Louise: three mothers who buried their sons. This celebration of black motherhood focuses on the women who shaped the lives of three men who defined the civil rights movement – Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X and James Baldwin.

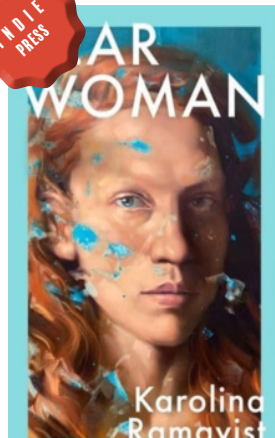


THE STASI POETRY CIRCLE BY PHILIP OLTERMANN EUROPEAN HISTORY - 17TH FEB

Faber & Faber £14.99
East Berlin, 1982. Morale is at an all-time low as nuclear war looms. To combat capitalism, the Stasi has a unique idea – not bombs, not tanks... poetry. A group of spies meet weekly to write and devour poetry in the world's most bizarre book club.

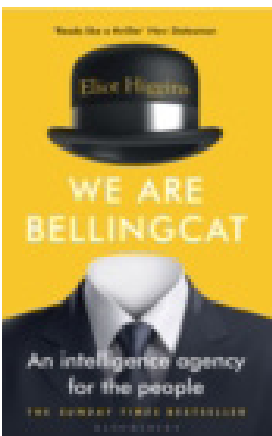
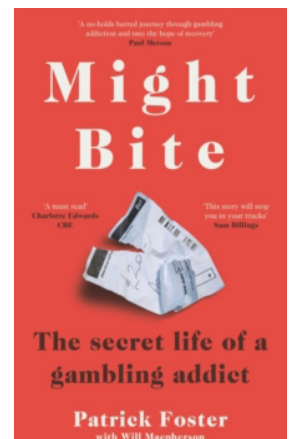
BEAR WOMAN BY KAROLINA RAMQVIST MEMOIR/HISTORY - 3RD FEB

Bonnier Books £16.99
A 16th century French noblewoman is abandoned in Nova Scotia, with gunpowder and a crossbow. She may be pregnant. Centuries later, as Karolina is mothering her young children and writing a screenplay about a woman surviving the wild, she begins to doubt her ability to tell this woman's story.



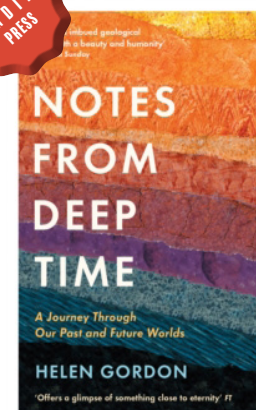
MIGHT BITE BY PATRICK FOSTER MEMOIR - 3RD FEB

Bloomsbury £14.99
Patrick Foster was a professional cricketer, a teacher, and the life and soul of the party. But behind this façade he hid a secret – a devastating gambling addiction that pushed him literally to the edge. An astonishingly brave memoir of sport, gambling, and recovery.



WE ARE BELLINGCAT BY ELIOT HIGGINS TRUE CRIME - 17TH FEB

Bloomsbury £9.99
Run from home computers, 'Bellingcat' - the home-grown detective unit - solve the crimes which the professionals miss. *We Are Bellingcat* follows some of their most successful investigations, showing how cutting-edge technology and a little amateur spirit has solved some of the greatest mysteries of our modern age.



NOTES FROM DEEP TIME BY HELEN GORDON NATURAL HISTORY - 3RD FEB

Profile Books £9.99
Gordon sets out on an epic geological adventure in search of the Earth's hidden history. From the ancient rocks of the Highlands to volcanic Naples and earthquake-ridden Californian hills, surprising layers of our planet's past and future are revealed.

FRANK AND BERT BY CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS PICTURE BOOK 3+ - 3RD FEB

Nosy Crow £11.99
A delightful interactive picture book about friendship, and about how sometimes it's better to make others happy than be right all the time - especially when you're better at hide-and-seek than your best friend (who's a giant bear)!

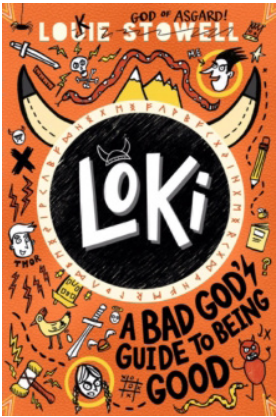


BAD FOOD: GAME OF SCONES BY ERIC LUPER CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVEL 6+ - 3RD FEB

Scholastic US £6.99
An imaginative new graphic novel series with delightful schoolroom dramas - told from the perspective of food and inanimate objects! But the coolest bit? The illustrator is a 12 year old kid, Joe Whale, aka 'Doodle Boy'.

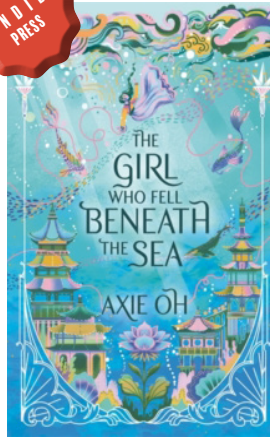


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LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO BEING GOOD
BY LOUIE STOWELL
CHILDREN'S 7+ - 3RD FEB

Walker Books £6.99
Join your favourite loveable villain Loki as he is banished to Earth as a normal boy to rectify his moral standing. This diary-style new read is full of Loki's jokes, tricks, and doodles - a perfect read for the mythology (or Marvel!) loving kid!



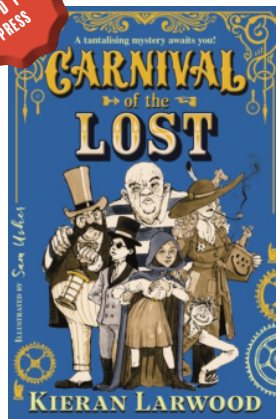
THE GIRL BENEATH THE SEA
BY AXIE OH
TEEN/ YA - 22ND FEB

Hodder & Stoughton £14.99
This magical feminist retelling of a classic Korean legend is perfect for fans of *Uprooted* and Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*. A world deep down under the sea, a motley crew of demons and spirits, and a young girl willing to do anything to save her brother - a recipe for a great new fantasy!

CARNIVAL OF THE LOST
BY KIERAN LARWOOD
CHILDREN'S 8+ - 3RD FEB

Faber & Faber £7.99

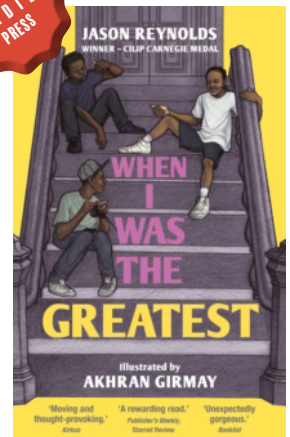
A new gothic Victorian series from the author of *Podkin One-Ear*, *Carnival of the Lost* follows Sheba, a young wolf girl who has finally found real friends amongst an unusual troupe of performers. And then children start disappearing into the Thames, and the story gets sticky...



WHEN I WAS THE GREATEST
BY JASON REYNOLDS
TEEN/ YA - 3RD FEB

Faber & Faber £7.99

A new novel from an author we adore, Reynolds has created a funny, heart-warming story of friendship, coming of age, and of respecting different circumstances. This novel is truthful and poignant, all while being entertaining - one you won't soon forget.



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