

THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

THE DARLING BOOKS OF MAY!



There's a wonderful wide-ranging smorgasbord of books being released into the world this May, and narrowing down our 24 titles this month was even trickier than usual, but we somehow managed it... we hope you enjoy getting stuck in to this book buffet!



GREAT CIRCLE BY MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD FICTION - 26TH MAY

Transworld £8.99

A sweeping epic novel weaving together the adventures of fiercely independent female pilot Marian Graves, in her bid to become the first person to circumnavigate the globe pole-to-pole, and the Hollywood actress determined to uncover the mystery of Marian's fatal final flight.



YOU MADE A FOOL OF DEATH WITY YOUR BEAUTY BY AKWAEKE EMEZI FICTION - 26TH MAY

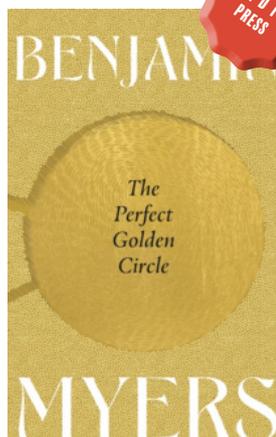
Faber & Faber £14.99

Five years after losing the love of her life, Feyi is finally ready for a fresh start. The tropical holiday of a lifetime is the ideal chance – until she falls for the only man she can't have, in this summery, seductive romance of second chances.

THE PERFECT GOLDEN CIRCLE BY BENJAMIN MYERS FICTION - 12TH MAY

Bloomsbury £16.99

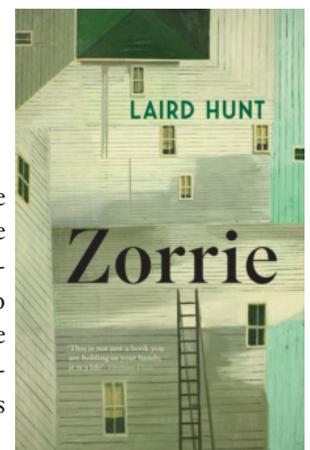
Just as wonderfully written as Mr B's favourite *The Offing*, to say we're excited for Myers's latest novel is an understatement! In the 1989 Wiltshire countryside, an army veteran and a hippie form an unlikely friendship creating crop circles in the dead of night.



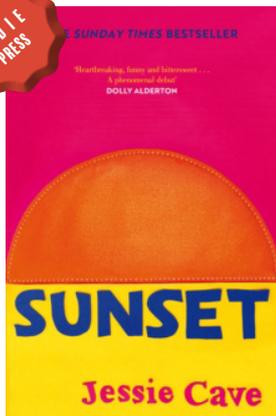
ZORRIE BY LAIRD HUNT FICTION - 19TH MAY

Quercus £8.99

A beautifully written tale of one ordinary woman's life in the American Midwest, from the Depression-era radium factories to finding love and friendship in the close-knit communities of Indiana's farm country. Perfect for fans of Anne Tyler and Kent Haruf.



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SUNSET
BY JESSIE CAVE
FICTION - 26TH MAY

Welbeck £8.99
Sisters Ruth and Hannah are like chalk and cheese, but their annual holidays together are a chance for them to laugh, bicker and catch up. Until this year, when something bad happens – something which will change their relationship forever...



HERE GOES NOTHING
BY STEVE TOLTZ
FICTION - 3RD MAY

Sceptre £18.99
Angus Mooney is pretty peeved – not only has he been murdered, but from the afterlife, he's now watching his beloved wife Gracie getting uncomfortably close to his killer... Another witty, poignant novel from the author of *A Fraction of the Whole*.

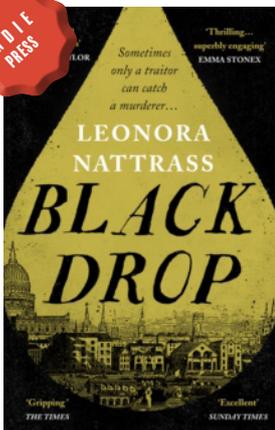
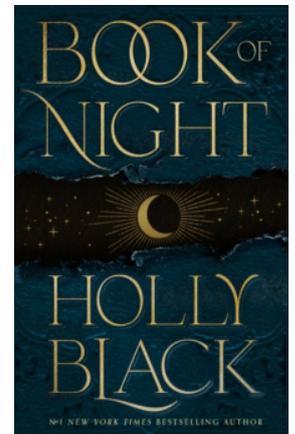
MY NAME IS YIP
BY PADDY CREWE
FICTION - 5TH MAY

Transworld £14.99
Born in Georgia in 1815, Yip grows up a mute outcast, until the discovery of gold in his hometown leads him to commit a shocking crime. Forced on the run, a rip-roaring Western adventure ensues, thrusting Yip into a world of violence, lust and revenge.



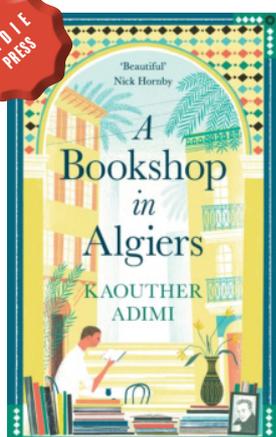
BOOK OF NIGHT
BY HOLLY BLACK
FICTION - 3RD MAY

Cornerstone £16.99
The tantalizing, all-encompassing fantasy you've been waiting for from a master of storytelling, Holly Black. *The Book of Night* is everything the title promises it to be, dark, gritty, magical, and twisty. Follow Charlie, your new favourite character in fantasy, and her story of family, betrayal and magic.



BLACK DROP
BY LEONORA NATRASS
FICTION - 12TH MAY

Viper £8.99
A thrilling historical murder mystery set in 1790s London. Laurence Jago, government clerk and spy, discovers the body of a colleague in a supposed suicide – but Jago is certain this is murder. Can he uncover the truth, while protecting his own secrets?

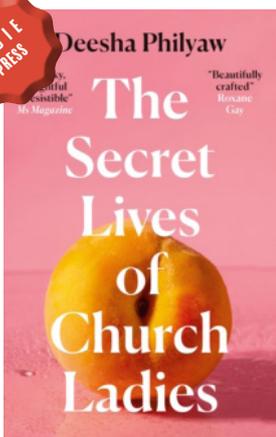


A BOOKSHOP IN ALGIERS
BY KAOUTHER ADIMI
FICTION - 26TH MAY

Profile £8.99
Dive into the cultural and political heart of twentieth-century Algiers through the world of a modest bookshop, in this charming novel that champions the power of the written word, complete with cameos from Albert Camus and the Free French resistance.

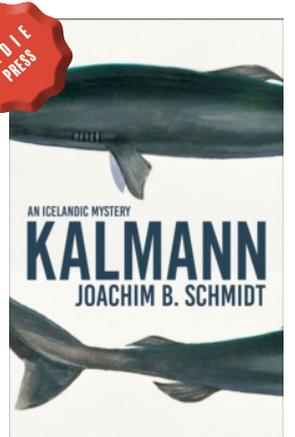
THE SECRET LIVES OF CHURCH LADIES
BY DEESHA PHILYAW
FICTION - 5TH MAY

Pushkin £14.99
This is a raw, tender collection of stories about black girls and women in southern Christian communities, navigating their lives, their worries and their dreams. Each one is brutally honest and open, told in voices you won't soon forget.



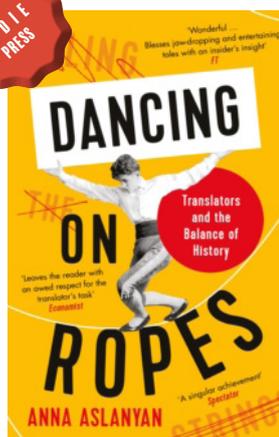
KALMANN
BY JOACHIM B. SCHMIDT
FICTION - 19TH MAY

Bitter Lemon £9.99
Sheriff of a lonely Icelandic small town, Kalmann passes his time hunting Arctic foxes and preparing the local delicacy, fermented shark. He has everything under control. Until the day he discovers a pool of human blood in the snow... Still, everything's under control... right?



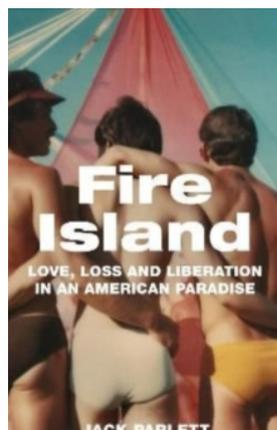
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DANCING ON ROPES
BY ANNA ASLANYAN
LANGUAGE/HISTORY - 5TH MAY

Profile £10.99
A fascinating behind-the-scenes peek at the hidden figures of world diplomacy: the translators and interpreters whose choice of words proved crucial to key moments in history. From Hiroshima to the Cold War to Brexit, one word, or one misunderstanding, can change everything...



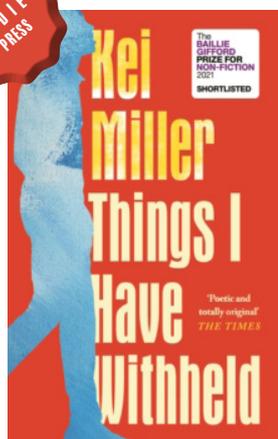
FIRE ISLAND
BY JACK PARLETT
MEMOIR/HISTORY - 7TH APRIL

Vintage £14.99
From the parties of the Stonewall era to the AIDS epidemic, Jack Parlett creates a fascinating portrait of this unique, beguiling strip of an island off the coast of New York, and its rich, iconic history as a place of gay liberation.

THINGS I HAVE WITHHELD
BY KEI MILLER
ESSAYS - 5TH MAY

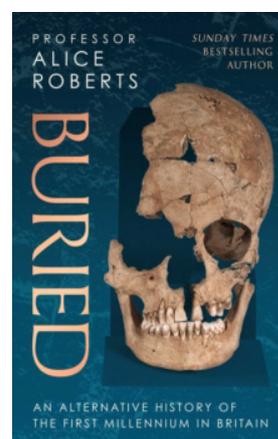
Canongate £9.99
In this wide-ranging collection of essays, Kei Miller shines a light on the everyday acts of discrimination and prejudice that are so often covered up by silence, interrogating what seems unsayable and why, in lyrical and razor-sharp prose.

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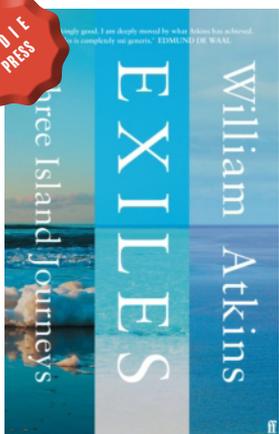


BURIED
BY ALICE ROBERTS
HISTORY - 26TH MAY

Simon & Schuster £20
From Roman graveside feasts to the earliest Christian cemeteries, Alice Roberts uncovers how the Britons of the first millennium lived, through the stories of their deaths. As huge fans of *Ancestors*, we're incredibly excited for this next archaeological deep dive into ancient burial rites!

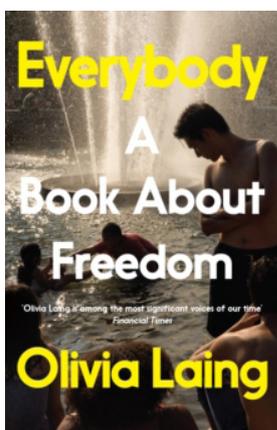


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EXILE
BY WILLIAM ATKINS
TRAVEL/GEOGRAPHY - 5TH MAY

Faber & Faber £20
This is the story of three different nineteenth-century political dissidents, Louise Michel, Lev Shternberg and Dinuzulu kaCetshwayo, all exiled to remote islands around the globe. Atkins reveals deeply human truths about displacement, colonialism and what it means to have and to lose a home.

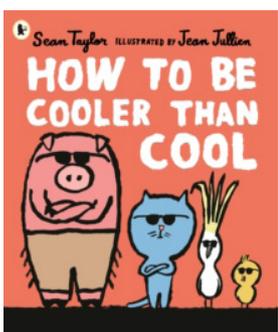


EVERYBODY: A BOOK ABOUT FREEDOM
BY OLIVIA LAING
ESSAYS - 26TH MAY

Pan Macmillan £10.99
Olivia Laing conducts an ambitious investigation into the body and its discontents, using the life of renegade psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich to chart a daring course through the long struggle for bodily freedom, from gay rights and sexual liberation to feminism and the civil rights movement.

HOW TO BE COOLER THAN COOL
BY SEAN TAYLOR
PICTURE BOOK 3+ - 5TH MAY

Walker £7.99
The funniest picture book you'll read all year... and read and read and then re-read! Sean Taylor is a shop favourite author, who always brings humour and bright illustrations into family story hours. Teach kids friendship and how to be proud of who they are, no matter how goofy!



LUCY AND THE PAPER PIRATES
BY PAT HUTCHINS
CHILDREN'S 7+ - 26TH MAY

Hachette Children's £7.99
A swashbuckling new adventure for young readers about a diverse cast of characters who have all been cut out of their stories! Together with reader Lucy, they have to figure out how to untangle their stories and get them back into their worlds!



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LIGHTFALL: SHADOW OF THE BIRD BY TIM PROBERT
CHILDREN'S 9+ - 12TH MAY

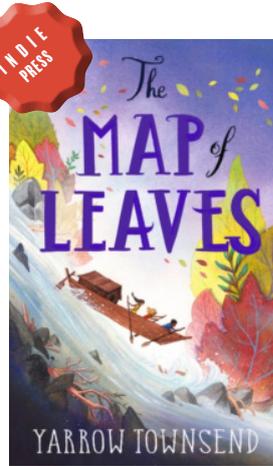
HarperCollins £9.99

The graphic novel follow-up to Lightfall that we have all been greatly anticipating, and it's just as wonderful as expected! From the very beginning, we're thrown right back into Cad and Bea's journey to save their world and find Grandfather pig. With new characters and a looming threat, they don't have much time!

REBEL SKIES
BY ANN SEI LIN
TEEN/YA - 5TH MAY

Walker £7.99

A wildly imaginative fantasy/sci-fi adventure inspired by Asian culture and mythology, Rebel Skies is a fast paced, page turning story for fans of Studio Ghibli, sci-fi, fantasy and paper folding!



THE MAP OF LEAVES
BY YARROW TOWNSEND
CHILDREN'S 9+ - 5TH MAY

Chicken House £7.99

A beautifully dark middle grade story celebrating natural magic and bravery. Orla has always been on her own and survived well enough, but now it's up to her to save the world from an illness that plants are being blamed for.

THE AGATHAS BY KATHLEEN GLASGOW & LIZ LAWSON
TEEN/ YA - 5TH MAY

Oneworld £8.99

For the modern Agatha Christie fan, this is the YA book for you! When the most popular girl in school is found dead, Alice Ogilvie and Iris Adams must team up to put together the clues and pieces the police are leaving behind, while also staying out of trouble and discovering all the hidden secrets in the town!



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