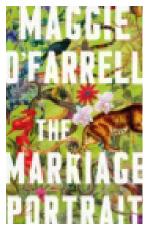
#### **AUGUST'S HOTTEST NEW READS!**





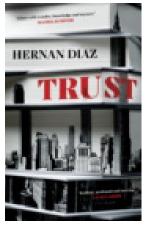
As we roll into another blistering heatwave, the Mr B's team have been simmering with excitement about August's glut of new releases. What could beat losing yourself in one of these great books on a long summer evening?



#### THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT BY MAGGIE O'FARRELL FICTION - 30TH AUGUST

#### Headline £25

Lucrezia de Medici - daughter of the Italian renaissance - is wedded to the Duke of Ferrara at sixteen. Within a year of marriage, she is certain her new husband wants her dead. In this taught, rich depiction of Lucrezia's young life, we see a master writer at her best.



## TRUST BY HERNAN DIAZ FICTION - 4TH AUGUST

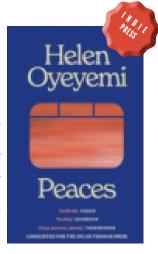
#### Pan Macmillan £16.99

A hugely clever, multi-layered puzzle of a novel, plunging the reader into the mysterious world of New York's wealthiest financier, who some say engineered the Wall Street crash. Amid swirling rumours, who's to say what is truth or fiction in the story of a life?

### PEACES BY HELEN OYEYEMI FICTION - 4TH AUGUST

#### Faber & Faber £8.99

Follow Otto and Xavier Shin and their armadillo aboard a train on which every carriage is more extradordinary than the last; a library, a post office, a greenhouse. Like reading a book from a parallel world, 'Peaces' is inexplicable, beautiful, surreal and yet profound.

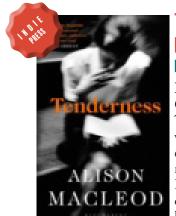


#### THE PACHINKO PARLOUR By Elisa Shua Dusapin Fiction - 18th August

#### Daunt Books £9.99

Claire is spending the summer with her grandparents in Tokyo, tutoring in French and daydreaming about a family trip back to her family's native Korea. Playing on the theme of identity through language, this is a tightly-written slice of life.

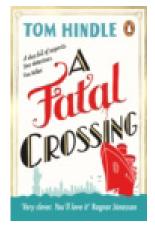




## TENDERNESS BY ALISON MACLEOD FICTION - 4TH AUGUST

#### Bloomsbury £9.99

Can one book change society? Through a series of dazzling interwoven narratives, this novel unravels the creation of DH Lawrence's revolutionary 'Lady Chatterley's Lover', and the ground-breaking court case against the novel's publisher more than three decades after its publication.



#### A FATAL CROSSING By Tom Hindle Fiction - 4th August

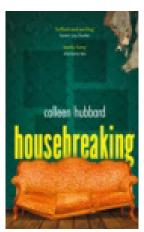
#### Cornerstone £8.99

The Endeavour sets sail for New York with 2,000 passengers, 2 detectives, and a murderer on board. When a gentleman is found dead at the bottom of a staircase it looks like an accident, but it's a strange coincidence that he's the only man on board who knew about the theft of a priceless painting...

## HOUSEBREAKING BY COLLEEN HUBBARD FICTION - 11TH AUGUST

#### Little, Brown £16.99

Following a bitter family feud, Del decides to dismantle the house she inherits and move it, piece by piece, across a frozen New England pond in the depths of winter. A wry, darkly humorous debut about family wounds, and what it takes to heal them.

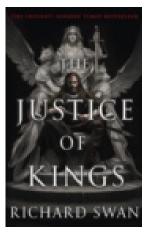


#### THE DEVIL TAKES YOU HOME BY GABINO IGLESIAS FICTION - 2ND AUGUST

#### Headline £20

This book should come with a health warning! Three men trying to rip off a drug cartel are faced with unimaginable horrors... and not just of this world. 'Narcos'-meets-'The Walking Dead' – this is the darkest book you'll read this year.

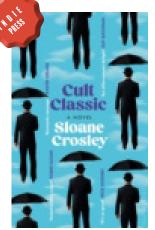




#### THE JUSTICE OF KINGS By Richard Swan Fiction - 25th August

#### Little, Brown £8.99

In a world run amuck with heretics and rebels, join Justice Konrad Vonvalt and his protégé Helena as they investigate the murder of an aristocrat, and uncover a conspiracy which has carved itself into the foundations of their society. Gritty and sophisticated, this is sure to be an iconic new fantasy series.



## CULT CLASSIC BY SLOANE CROSLEY FICTION - 9TH JUNE

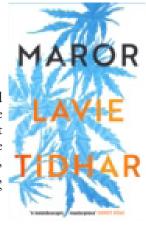
#### Bloomsbury £16.99

Lola bumps into an ex-boyfriend outside a Chinatown restuarant. Not too unusual, right? Until the same thing happens again the next night... and the next. A wittily-observed comedy of modern dating when you've accidentally joined a wacky cult.



#### Head of Zeus £20

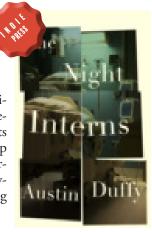
Israel was built on sacrifice, and Cohen knows where the bodies are buried. He was there from the start and he put more than a few in the ground himself. Sweeping, violent, ambitious and deeply compelling, Tidhar has delivered a 'Godfather' for the 21st century.



## THE NIGHT INTERNS BY AUSTIN DUFFY FICTION - 4TH AUGUST

#### Granta £12.99

Three surgical interns – inexperienced and lacking confidence – negotiate a few weeks of night shifts at a Dublin hospital, trying to keep patients alive until the day shift arrives. A masterful, spare and powerful novel depicting life for young doctors.





## THE NERVES AND THEIR ENDINGS BY JESSICA GAITÁN JOHANNESSON ESSAY - 11TH AUGUST

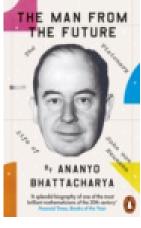
#### Scribe £9.99

How do we deal with the crises we face as individuals and a species? How are these responses connected? Former Mr B's bookseller Jess draws on her experiences as an activist, writer and migrant to deliver this urgent essay collection that swings from personal to political.

#### THE MAN FROM THE FUTURE BY ANANYO BHATTACHARYA BIOG/SCIENCE - 25TH AIGUST

#### Penguin £10.99

In this dizzying portrayal of genius, Bhattacharya paints the life of John von Neumann, the brain behind so many of the scientific discoveries which have shaped the last century. From nuclear weaponry to nanotechnology, Neumann's intellectual fingerprints are left across our society.



## THIS DARK COUNTRY BY REBECCA BIRRELL ART HISTORY - 18TH AUGUST

#### Bloomsbury £10.99

Birrell carries the torch of all writers excavating queer female voices from history which have long since been buried. For fans of Alice Roberts and Francesca Wade, the beautiful prose will stun you as much as its discoveries will enrich your appreciation of artists and their work.

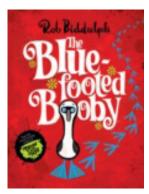
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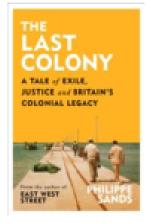
#### THE BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY BY ROB BIDDULPH

#### YOUNG READERS 3+ - 18TH AUGUST

#### HarperCollins £12.99

A perfectly silly rhyming picture book from internet sensation Rob Biddulph. Of course we all know that Red-footed Boobies are the best bakers. But when one of their frangipane tarts goes missing, the Blue-footed Booby is the first suspect!





### THE LAST COLONY BY PHILIPPE SANDS HISTORY - 25TH AUGUST

#### Orion £16.99

Sands returns with another stunning and thoroughly researched account of the last British colony in Africa, the Chagos Islands. Only brought to the World Court in 2018, Sands chronicles how this disturbing piece of history is still a benchmark of international law today.

#### DIRTBAG, MASSACHUSETTS BY ISAAC FITZGERALD MEMOIR - 18TH AUGUST

#### Bloomsbury USA £16.99

From growing up in a Boston homeless shelter, through bartending in San Francisco, to smuggling medical supplies in Burma and a reckoning with is own body and masculinity, this is a spectacular memoir full of grit, heart and love.



## FRANCIS PRYOR SCENES = FROM = PREHISTORIC LIFE = FROM = FR

#### SCENES FROM A PREHISTORIC Life by Francis Pryor Archaeology - 4th August

#### Head of Zeus £10.99

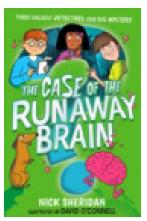
Both relatable and fascinating, Pryor transports us one million years in to the past to reframe the most ubiquitous archaeological finds from the Old Stone Age to the Roman Conquest. Enmeshed with his own rural ubringing, this book strikes a surprisingly personal and optimistic chord.

#### ALEX NEPTUNE: DRAGON THIEF BY DAVID OWEN CHILDREN'S 9+ - 4TH AUGUST

#### Usborne £7.99

A wacky, wild, watery adventure perfect for fans looking to fill the Percy Jackson gap in their lives. The ocean has always tried to kill Alex, but when the ocean's creatures come calling, he has no choice but to help an imprisoned mythical creature and save the day!

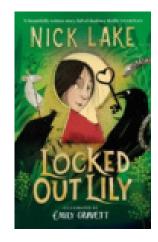




#### THE CASE OF THE RUNAWAY Brain by Nick Sheridan Children's 7+ - 18th August

#### Simon & Schuster £6.99

A new 'Scooby-Doo'-esque series for intermediate readers - a mystery filled with good friendships, a strange academy, and a brain washing machine that will have the whole family starting their own investigative notebooks.



#### LOCKED OUT LILY By Nick Lake Children's 9+ - 4th August

#### Simon & Schuster £7.99

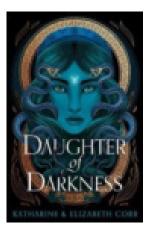
A beautifully illustrated middle grade story of friendship and family. When Lily returns to her family home to find it full of Replacements, she must break down her beloved home and destroy this fake family for everything to return to normal.

#### DAUGHTER OF DARKNESS BY KATHARINE & ELIZABETH CORR

#### TEEN/YA - 4TH AUGUST

#### Hot Key Books £8.99

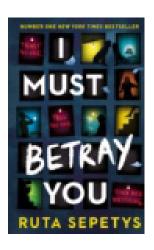
A YA reimagining of the Orpheus and Eurydice myth. When the challenge arises to save Eurydice and win freedom, a young girl serving Hades will do anything and work with anyone to get that freedom - including people she would never trust.



#### I MUST BETRAY YOU BY RUTA SEPETYS TEEN/YA - 4TH AUGUST

#### Hachette £7.99

From the queen of YA historical fiction comes a new thriller to keep you on the edge of your seat. Based on the events of the 1989 Romanian Revolution, Cristian's story of trust, defiance, and family will keep you turning the pages well into the night.



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