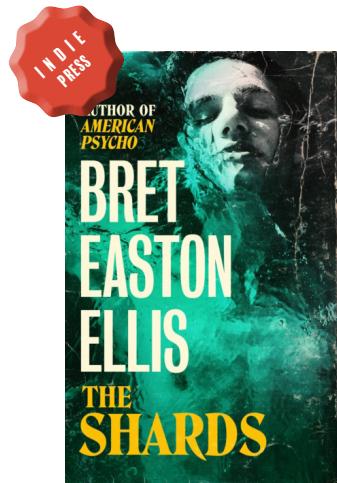


# THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

## HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR OF BOOKS!



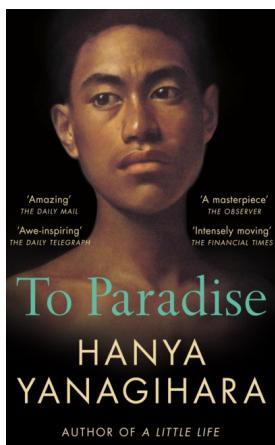
It's the first Bookseller's Dozen of 2023, and if you're anything like the Mr B's team you've spent your festive break with your nose in a book (and your hands in a biscuit tin!). Here are some of the books we've been desperate to jump into this January...



**THE SHARDS**  
BY BRET EASTON ELLIS  
FICTION - 17TH JAN

Swift Press £25

Ellis is back with the kind of novel only he can write... It's L.A., 1981, and a young Bret negotiates sex, drugs and identity at the exclusive Buckley Prep School. All the while, a serial killer stalks the suburbs, drawing ever nearer his closely-knit group of friends.



**TO PARADISE**  
BY HANYA YANAGIHARA  
FICTION - 5TH JAN

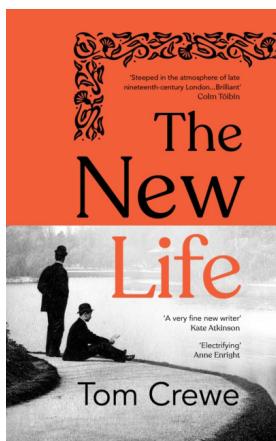
Pan Macmillan £9.99

An alternate 1893. Manhattan during the AIDS epidemic in 1993. A 2093 riven by plagues and pandemics. One of the great contemporary storytellers weaves a spectacular tale of family, friends, life and death that gets to the root of what makes us human.

**THE NEW LIFE**  
BY TOM CREWE  
FICTION - 12TH JAN

Vintage £16.99

London, 1894. John Addington, a married academic, falls for working class printer Frank. Fellow academic Henry Ellis's wife Edith has fallen in love with another woman. Then John and Henry write a book together advocating homosexuality... A sensual and daring novel of 19th century sexual politics.



**WE ALL WANT IMPOSSIBLE THINGS** BY CATHERINE NEWMAN  
FICTION - 12TH JAN

Doubleday £14.99

Edi and Ash have been best friends forever but now they must face the ultimate test together - because Edi is dying. What follows is a profoundly funny and moving story of love and friendship as they negotiate the inevitability of Edi's illness.



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## NOW SHE IS WITCH BY KIRSTY LOGAN FICTION - 12TH JAN

Harvill Secker £16.99

When Else finds her, Lux has lost everything. Her family. Her lover. Her Home. But Lux knows about the world. She knows about poisons. And Else needs her help to exact revenge on the man who has wronged her. A spooky, feminist witch story like no other.



## SCARY MONSTERS BY MICHELLE DE KRETSER FICTION - 5TH JAN

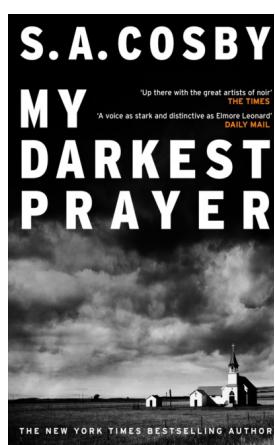
Atlantic Books £9.99

Lyle, an Asian migrant, works for a sinister company in near-future Australia. Lili's family emigrated to Australia when she was a teenager – now she finds herself working in 1980s France. Two stories collide in this mesmerising, unique reversible novel.

## MY DARKEST PRAYER BY S.A. COSBY FICTION - 5TH JAN

**Headline £9.99**

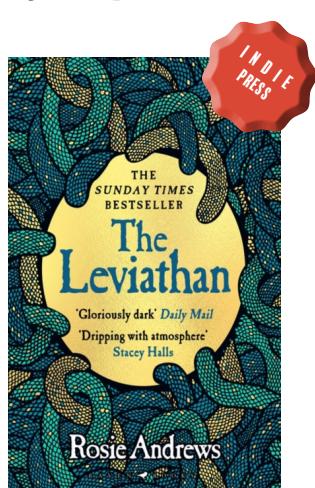
Ex-Marine, bouncer, undertaker... Nathan Waymaker is who you go to in this southern town when all other options have been exhausted. When a local minister is found dead, Nathan must use all his wit and skills to unravel a web of corruption and lies to get to the truth.



## THE LEVIATHAN BY ROSIE ANDREWS FICTION - 5TH JAN

Raven Books £8.99

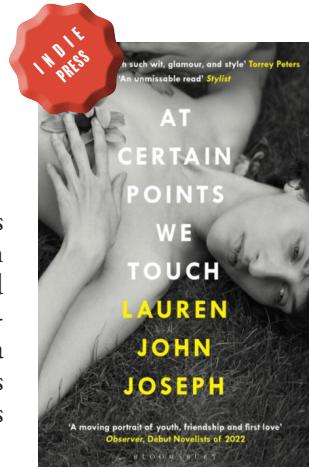
As England's civil war wages, reluctant soldier Thomas Treadwater is summoned home by his sister. What he finds there is his father on his deathbed and their servant on trial for witchcraft. But something else is lurking, a curse has been awoken... and it will not rest.



## KICK THE LATCH BY KATHRYN SCANLAN FICTION - 19TH JAN

**Daunt Books £9.99**

Sonia is an Iowa girl who dreams of becoming a racehorse trainer in this exquisite whole life story told in miniature. Like *Train Dreams* meets *Olive Kitteridge*, this is a stone-cold masterpiece that is already a favourite of the Mr B's team.



## AT CERTAIN POINTS WE TOUCH BY LAUREN JOHN JOSEPH FICTION - 5TH JAN

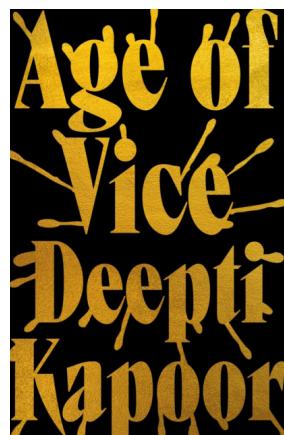
Bloomsbury £9.99

Our narrator recounts their relationship with Thomas James, a doomed tryst of animalistic desire, violence and a power play that will culminate in terrible betrayal. A glorious novel, made up of memory, art and letters, that will leave you breathless.

## AGE OF VICE BY DEEPTI KAPOOR FICTION - 3RD JAN

**Little, Brown £20**

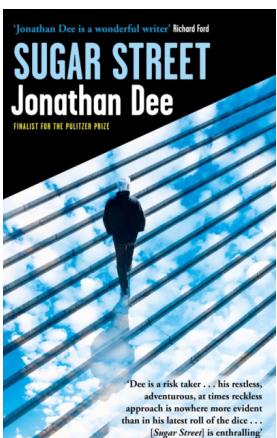
Sunny Wadia is the darling of Delhi. Wealth, culture, property, girls – he's got it all. But his existence relies on the webs of greed and corruption on which the city lies. An epic family crime drama for the ages, perfect for fans of Don Winslow and *The Godfather*.



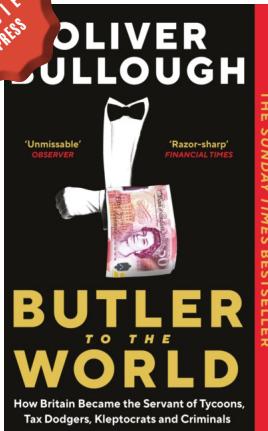
## SUGAR STREET BY JONATHAN DEE FICTION - 5TH JAN

**Corsair £16.99**

A man hits the road shorn of all his possessions – save a huge bag of cash. Running from the crimes of his own life – and those of all white, western men – he explores whether it's truly possible to disappear in an age of mass surveillance.



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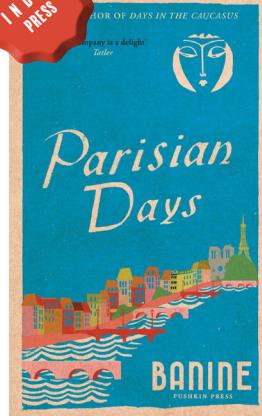


## BUTLER TO THE WORLD BY OLIVER BULLOUGH

POLITICS/ECONOMICS - 19TH JAN

Profile £10.99

Russian oligarchs, shady tax havens, kleptocrats, gangsters and dirty money... this is the story of how Britain became Jeeves to the worst people in the world. Oliver Bullough takes no prisoners in this savage dissection of our corrupt cronies.



## PARISIAN DAYS

BY BANINE

MEMOIR - 19TH JAN

Pushkin Press £16.99

Banine – author of Mr B's favourite *Days In The Caucasus* – has fled her ruined homeland for the dazzling lights of 1920s Paris. Now she spends her days in the city, flanked by bohemians, artists and Russian emigres.

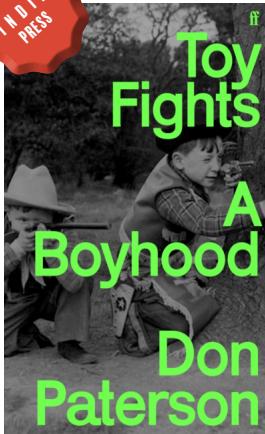
## TOY FIGHTS: A BOYHOOD

BY DON PATERSON

BIOGRAPHY - 19TH JAN

Faber & Faber £16.99

Family, money and music but also about schizophrenia, hell, narcissists, debt and the working class, anger, swearing, drugs, books, football, love, and origami... One of the great poets of his generation tells the story of his life in this exceptionally humane and funny memoir.



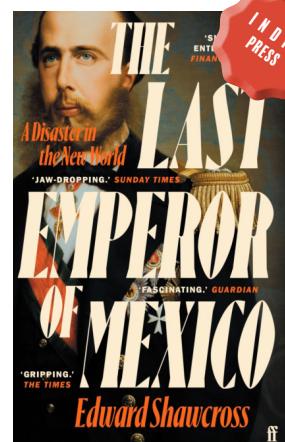
## THE LAST EMPEROR OF MEXICO

BY EDWARD SHAWCROSS

HISTORY - 5TH JAN

Faber & Faber £12.99

In 1864, a young Austrian archduke headed across the Atlantic to assume the Mexican throne, expecting a hero's welcome and an easy life. What he got was a bloody guerrilla war. A riveting slice of history filled with betrayal, idiocy and revenge.



## THE YEAR OF THE CAT

BY RHIANNON LUCY COSSLETT

BIOGRAPHY - 19TH JAN

Tinder Press £18.99

When Cosslett fell in love with and married her flatmate, she imagined they might move on. But this is generation rent. And she has suffered in other ways too. Then in walked a kitten called Mackerel, who taught her to face her fears and appreciate who she was.



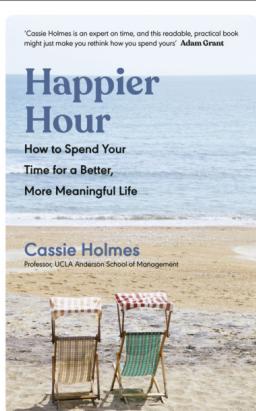
## HAPPIER HOUR

BY CASSIE HOLMES

PSYCHOLOGY - 12TH JAN

Penguin £14.99

In a culture where we are always made to feel like there isn't enough time, how can we be happy? Cassie Holmes, a professor at UCLA, shows how we can immediately improve our lives by changing how we think about the time we have.



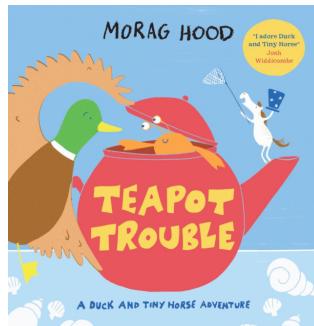
## TEAPOT TROUBLE

BY MORAG HOOD

PICTURE BOOK - 26TH JAN

Two Hoots £7.99

Something or someone is living inside Duck's teapot! Who are they? What do they want? How will we get them out? Never fear, for Tiny Horse is here! A wonderfully warm, silly and hilarious picture book.



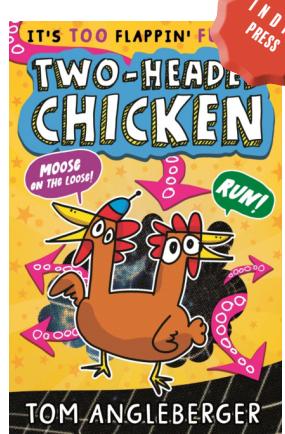
## TWO-HEADED CHICKEN

BY TOM ANGLEBERGER

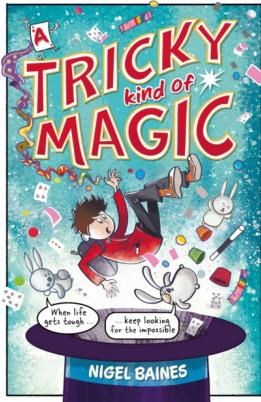
CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVELS - 5TH JAN

Walker £8.99

A two-headed chicken plunders its way across the multiverse to escape a chicken-hungry moose in this madcap, hilarious, madcap, science fiction graphic novel. The perfect next read for fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny Vs Monkey*.



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## A TRICKY KIND OF MAGIC BY NIGEL BAINES

CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVEL - 5TH JAN

Hodder £7.99

This cute graphic novel stars Cooper, a kid who's great at magic tricks – he learned them from his dad, The Great Eduardo, before he passed away. Now a rabbit has popped out of his dad's hat with quite the story to tell.



## SAVING NEVERLAND BY ABI ELPHINSTONE

CHILDREN'S 9+ - 5TH JAN

Puffin £14.99

When Martha and Scruff Pennydrop find a drawer in their house filled with mysterious gold dust, the adventure of a lifetime begins. Peter Pan has returned... and he needs their help! A magical novel that will delight children and adults alike.

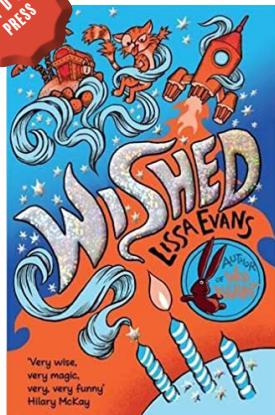
## WISHED BY LISSA EVANS

CHILDREN'S 8+ - 5TH JAN

David Fickling £7.99

Ed and Roo are in the midst of the most boring half-term holiday in history – five days with their elderly neighbour and a smelly cat. But when they find a set of magical candles in Miss Filey's cupboard, suddenly they aren't so bored anymore...

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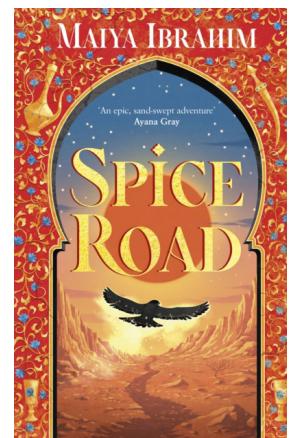
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## SPICE ROAD BY MAIYA IBRAHIM

TEEN/YA - 24TH JAN

Hodder & Stoughton £16.99

Whoever controls the spice, controls the kingdom. In the hidden city of Qalia, secret spice magic is everything. Imani's brother is gone, presumed dead, after stealing the nation's coveted spice. But now she hears he is alive; she must head out to find him.

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