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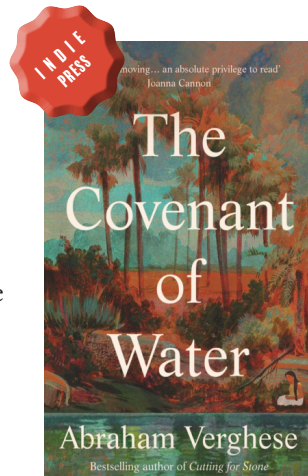


The sun is starting to peek through the clouds here in Bath, and with it comes an explosion of incredible new books on our shelves! These are just a few we've been sticking our noses into this month...



YELLOWFACE
BY REBECCA F. KUANG
FICTION - 25TH MAY

HarperCollins £16.99
When Athena Liu, darling of the publishing industry, dies in a freak accident, her colleague June steals her manuscript and publishes it under a pseudonym... with hideous consequences. A razor-sharp, biting satirical first literary novel from one of the giants of fantasy.



THE COVENANT OF WATER
BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE
FICTION - 18TH MAY

Atlantic Books £20
An epic and sweeping multi-generational family drama as only Verghese can write. This, his first novel for 14 years, follows one Indian family – each generation of which has suffered a death by drowning – through the course of the 20th century.

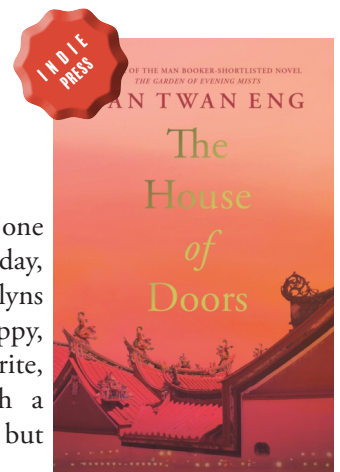
SMALL WORLDS
BY CALEB AZUMAH NELSON
FICTION - 11TH MAY

Penguin £14.99
One young man, whose life is defined by music and dancing, comes of age in this expansive novel set over three summers. Moving between Ghana and London and filled with quiet beauty, Nelson delivers a stunning follow-up to the Costa Prize-winning *Open Water*.



THE HOUSE OF DOORS
BY TAN TWAN ENG
FICTION - 18TH MAY

Canongate £20
Willie Somerset Maugham, one of the great writers of the day, arrives at the home of the Hamlyns in Penang in 1921. Unhappy, unwell and struggling to write, his presence will bring forth a reckoning not only for himself, but for his hosts as well.



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TAKE MY HAND
BY DOLEN PERKINS-VALDEZ
FICTION - 11TH MAY

Orion £8.99

Civil Townsend is a young Black nurse trying to make a difference in her first job at a family planning clinic in 1970s Alabama. But she is about to unearth a scandal that will rock the nation. A beautiful, heartfelt tale of family, love and community.



GRIMMISH
BY MICHAEL WINKLER
FICTION - 4TH MAY

Peninsula Press £10.99

Joe Grim was a boxing cult hero, famed for his ability to withstand the most savage beatings – even the great Jack Johnson couldn't knock him out. Winkler combines fiction, 'fact' and memoir in this utterly bonkers and truly original non-fiction novel.

RUTH & PEN
BY EMILIE PINE
FICTION - 4TH MAY

Penguin £9.99

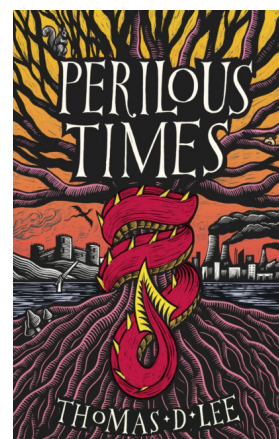
A woman whose marriage is in crisis. A teenage girl on the verge of finding herself. On one Dublin day, two lives will set course for the future. A poignant and absorbing debut novel from the acclaimed Irish essayist.



PERILOUS TIMES
BY THOMAS D LEE
FICTION - 25TH MAY

Little, Brown £16.99

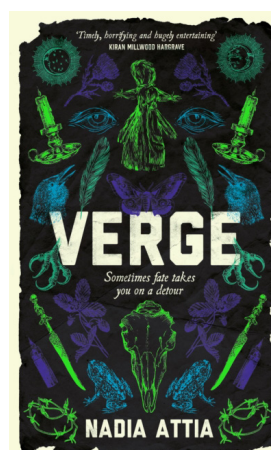
Sir Kay and his band of knights have awoken from their slumber every time the crown has needed them. Hastings, Agincourt, the Somme: they've seen it all. But even they are unprepared for the chaos they find when they wake in the world we have created...



SIDLE CREEK
BY JOLENE MCILWAIN
FICTION - 18TH APRIL

Melville House £14.99

In the lush but battered hills of Appalachia, small town lives roll on and on. Farming, diners, bars, mining: this is the beating heart of rural America. Sidle Creek is a gorgeous collection of stories, perfect for fans of Annie Proulx and Louise Erdrich.



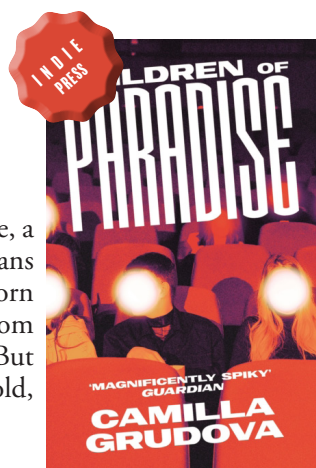
VERGE
BY NADIA ATTIA
FICTION - 11TH MAY
Profile £14.99

On the day Rowena was born, hundreds of starlings fell from the sky. Death has followed her around ever since: her boyfriend, her father... others. Attia's blistering debut novel is a strange and treacherous road trip through dystopian Britain.

CHILDREN OF PARADISE
BY CAMILLA GRUDOVA
FICTION - 4TH APRIL

Atlantic £8.99

Holly lands a job at The Paradise, a legendary cinema, where she cleans toilets, clears up spilled popcorn and longs for acceptance from her tight-knit new colleagues. But when she is finally let into the fold, things turn suddenly nasty...



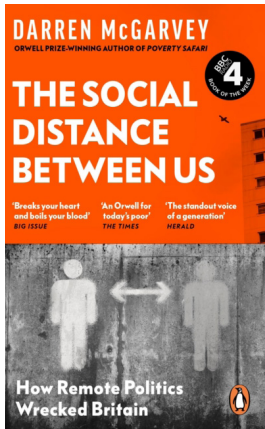
VENOMOUS LUMPSUCKER
BY NED BEAUMAN
FICTION - 4TH MAY

Hodder & Stoughton £9.99

The venomous lumpsucker, most intelligent fish on the planet, might have just gone extinct and nobody cares... except a mining executive and a biologist who must put their differences aside as they confront an international conspiracy in the near-future Europe.



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THE SOCIAL DISTANCE BETWEEN US BY DARREN McGARVEY POLITICS - 4TH MAY

Ebury £10.99

McGarvey - Commentator, rapper, 'latter-day Orwell' – delivers a savage takedown of inequality in Britain, and the yawning distance between the thinking of rich and poor. A punchy, frank and brilliantly argued book filled with uncomfortable truths.



COME TO THIS COURT AND CRY BY LINDA KINSTLER HISTORY/MEMOIR - 11TH MAY

Bloomsbury £10.99

After discovering a long-dead Nazi (from the same kill squad as her grandfather) could be pardoned for his crimes in Latvia, Kinstler began asking questions about when this diabolical chapter of history can finally be declared closed, and the victims left alone. A hard-hitting debut of history and reckoning.

MONSTERS BY CLAIRE DEDERER PERFORMING ARTS - 11TH MAY

Hodder & Stoughton £20

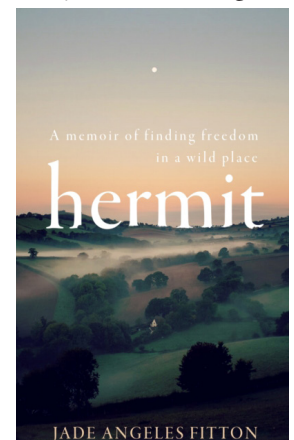
Michael Jackson, Roman Polanski, Pablo Picasso... how do we separate the magnificent work of great artists from their monstrous crimes? And should we? Is it even possible? A sharp and essential critique of fandom and its peculiar moral centre.



HERMIT BY JADE ANGELES FITTON HISTORY - 18TH MAY

Cornerstone £18.99

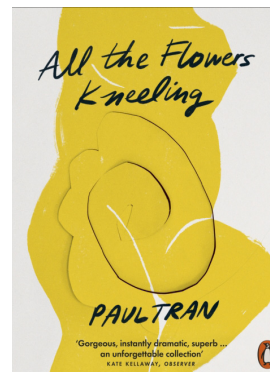
After years of enduring a destructive relationship, Fitton suddenly finds herself living in pure solitude on the Devon cliffs. Including interviews with other hermits around the world, this is a tender study of nature, recovery and living alone.



THIS IS NOT MIAMI BY FERNANDA MELCHOR TRUE CRIME - 10TH MAY

Fitzcarraldo £12.99

Welcome to Veracruz... well, Melchor's Veracruz, anyway. A city plagued by murderers and misfits, the apparently evil. But should we really look to sympathize with these monsters? Earth-shattering reportage from a one-of-a-kind genius.



ALL THE FLOWERS KNEELING BY PAUL TRAN POETRY - 4TH MAY

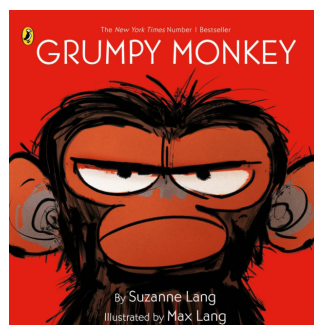
Penguin £10.99

Paul Tran's shimmering debut poetry collection is full of texture and originality. He reflects on everything from the legacy of colonial violence to the remarkable human qualities of endurance, love, and resilience.

GRUMPY MONKEY BY SUZANNE LANG PICTURE BOOK - 4TH MAY

Penguin £7.99

Jim Panzee is in a pretty foul mood, but he doesn't know why. His friends can't understand it – cheer up Jim, the sun is shining! They must work together to help cheer this grumpy little monkey up. A hilarious, sweet picture book about bad feelings.



MAX & CHAFFY BY JAMIE SMART YOUNG READERS - 4TH MAY

David Fickling £6.99

Max has moved to Animal Island, where dad is the new lighthouse keeper and mum is conserving wildlife. Among Max's new friends is Chaffy, a cute creature who keeps going missing! An utterly adorable graphic novel from the legend behind *Bunny vs Monkey*.



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**MY NAME IS SUNSHINE
SIMPSON BY G.M. LINTON**
CHILDREN'S 8+ - 11TH MAY

Usborne £7.99

Sunshine Simpson's grandad is always telling her to get out and have some adventures – but bad luck always seems to thwart her plans. Heart-warming, emotional and funny, this is a delightful new series with an inspiring heroine at its heart.



**THE MIDNIGHTERS
BY HANA TOOKE**
CHILDREN'S 9+ - 11TH MAY

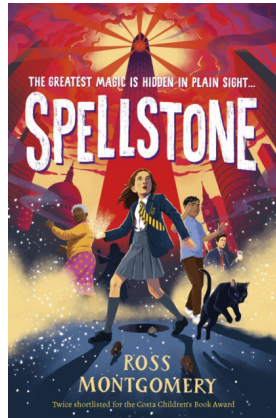
Penguin £7.99

From Mr B's favourite Hanna Tooke comes the magical story of Ema, a young girl from a family of scientists, who possesses an extraordinary gift. When her friend Sylvie goes missing, Ema must scour the streets of Prague to find her.

**SPELLSTONE
BY ROSS MONTGOMERY**
CHILDREN'S 9+ - 4TH MAY

Walker Books £7.99

Evie has gotten used to not being noticed. But when she finds herself at the heart of an ancient magic battle, she finds that being invisible might be just the skill she needs. A powerful fantasy adventure from the brilliant Ross Montgomery.



**GWEN & ART ARE NOT IN LOVE
BY LEX CROUCHER**
TEEN/YA - 11TH APRIL

Bloomsbury £8.99

This is a romantic tale of knights and princesses, but not as you know it. Sharp-witted Princess Gwen and soon-to-be Lord Art have been betrothed since birth, but they're anything but in love. Both have their eyes set on others... but will love succeed? A modern historical romp perfect for fans of Alice Osman.



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