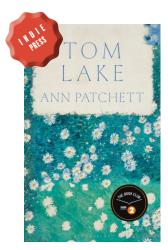
AUGUST'S BOOK LIST IS HOTTING UP!





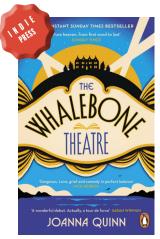
School may be out for summer, but here at Mr B's that just means more time to read! And with a glut of incredible new books to accompany your picnic (al fresco or indoors), who could resist taking a few hours to devour them..?



TOM LAKE BY ANN PATCHETT FICTION - 1ST AUGUST

Bloomsbury £18.99

With Lara's three daughters home for the summer to help pick cherries, she tells them the one story she has always kept to herself – that of a love affair with a famous actor. A beautiful meditation on young love from a modern master.



THE WHALEBONE THEATRE BY JOANNA QUINN FICTION - 3RD AUGUST

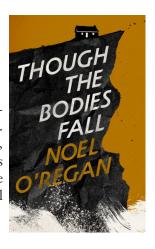
Penguin £9.99

This immersive coming-of-age tale takes us through the whirlwind of the Twentieth Century with Cristabel and her family as our guides. Expansive and beautiful, this dazzling novel fills the gap left behind by Sarah Winman's *Still Life*.

THOUGH THE BODIES FALL By NOEL O'REGAN FICTION - 3RD AUGUST

Granta £12.99

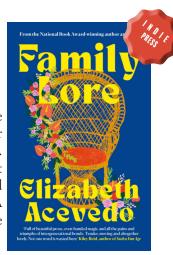
Michael lives alone at a picturesque clifftop spot in rural Ireland. But this is also a suicide hotspot, a place where Michael continues his mother's mission to save these lost souls. A rich and powerful novel by aa remarkable new voice.

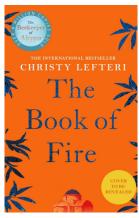


FAMILY LORE BY ELIZABETH ACEVEDO FICTION - 10TH AUGUST

Canongate £16.99

The many generations of Marte women have gathered after Flor calls them to her 'living wake'. It is here that the secrets of past and present will be revealed, and nobody will leave unchanged. A spectacular adult debut from the YA superstar.





THE BOOK OF FIRE By Christy Lefteri Fiction - 17th August

Bonnier Books £16.99

An arresting tale of destruction and redemption, this intimate novel follows the community of a small Greek island in the aftermath of a devastating, deliberately started fire. Intimate and epic, sweeping and delicate, *The Book of Fire* is a gripping exploration of hope and human error.



THE SKELETON KEY By Erin Kelly

FICTION - 31ST AUGUST

Hodder & Stoughton £9.99

Fifty years ago, Nell's father wrote a book that became a sensation, inspiring hoardes of treasure hunters and ruining a few lives in the process. Now it is being reissued and Nell must face up to the carnage the book has caused.

RIVER SING ME HOME By Eleanor Shearer Fiction - 3rd august

Headline £8.99

1834, The Caribbean. Rachel begins the search for her children, the five sold to different plantations across the region. It is a journey of hope and of pain, one she must take if she is ever to rest. A searing, deeply moving debut.

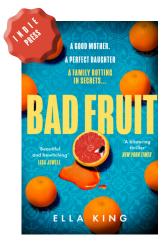


A LADY'S GUIDE TO FORTUNE-HUNTING BY SOPHIE IRWIN FICTION - 31ST AUGUST

HarperCollins £8.99

Kitty Talbot has just twelve weeks to climb London high society and find herself a rich husband, in order to save herself and her sisters. But she can't fool everyone... A swoonworthy, hugely fun debut, perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*.



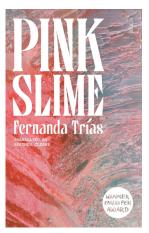


BAD FRUIT By Ella King

FICTION - 3RD AUGUST

HarperCollins £9.99

Seventeen-year-old Lily has a loving, normal family. So why does it suddenly feel like Mama is keeping secrets? As a storm of memories builds over one humid summer, Lily must change her understanding of everything. What if her house isn't a home, but a prison?



PINK SLIME By Fernanda Trías Fiction - 10th August

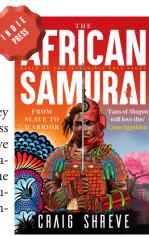
Scribe £12.99

The unnamed narrator of *Pink Slime* is one of the few who have stayed to make a life in a Uruguayan city plagued by toxic rivers and a strange red wind that blows through the streets. A reflective and haunting, multiaward winning novel.



Canelo £9.99

After an extraordinary journey featuring epic wars and endless discovery, one young African slave falls under the tutelage of a Japanese warlord. Based on the true story of Yasuke, the famous samurai, this is a gripping tale of adventure and discovery.

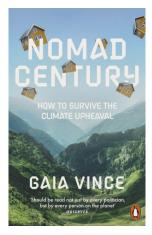


BRIDGE BY LAUREN BEUKES FICTION - 17TH AUGUST

Penguin £18.99

Bridge begins picking through her mother's things after she dies, stumbling across the dreamworm, a portal to other worlds and other lives. Desperate to see her mother again, Bridge enters the dreamworm, in this exhilarating and mind-bending novel.

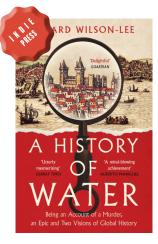




NOMAD CENTURY BY GAIA VINCE CLIMATE/POLITICS - 31ST AUGUST

Penguin £10.99

Drought, heat, wildfires and flooding are the reality of the future for humanity as climate change tightens its grip. But how - and where - do we live as the emergency becomes reality? A vital look at the migrations of the



A HISTORY OF WATER BY EDWARD WILSON-LEE HISTORY - 17TH AUGUST

HarperCollins £10.99

This thrilling true detective story set in sixteenth-century Portugal follows the interconnected lives of two men across the Renaissance globe. Chuck in a grisly murder, and you've got a cocktail that's part true-crime, part-history, wholly entertaining.

SOLITO BY JAVIER ZAMORA **MEMOIR - 10TH AUGUST**

Oneworld £10.99

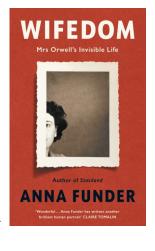
At nine years old, Zamora embarked on the perilous journey from El Salvador to reunite with his parents in the US. This earth-shattering memoir of family, love, migration, and one boy's journey, will open your eyes and break your heart.

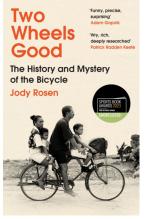


WIFEDOM BY ANNA FUNDER **BIOGRAPHY - 17TH AUGUST**

Penguin £20

Eileen O'Shaughnessy's literary brilliance shaped Orwell's work, and her practicality saved his life. So why is she written out of his story? Using newly discovered letters, Funder offers an intimate portrait of one of the most important literary marriages of the 20th century, and speaks to the unsung work of women everywhere.

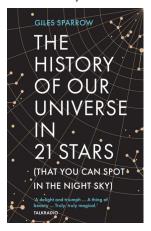




TWO WHEELS GOOD BY JODY ROSEN **HISTORY/SPORT - 17TH AUGUST**

Vintage £10.99

A toy, a tool, a liberator, or a complete nuisance? Combining history, travelogue and memoir, Jody Rosen reshapes our understanding of the bicycle from its invention in 1817 to its present-day renaissance as a 'green machine'.



THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIVERSE IN 21 STARS

BY GILES SPARROW **SCIENCE - 3RD AUGUST**

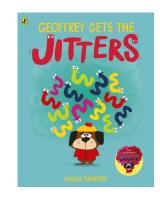
Welbeck £9.99

Each star has a story of its own, and Giles Sparrow takes us on a history of twenty-one of them, looking at what each individual light can tell us about the birth, life and death of our universe, helping us unravel the mysteries of the cosmos.

GEOFFREY GETS THE JITTERS BY NADIA SHIREEN PICTURE BOOK - 3RD AUGUST

Penguin Children's £7.99

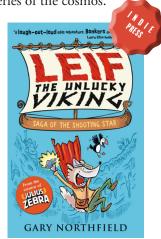
Geoffrey started thinking about school and he got a wiggly feeling in his tummy: Geoffrey's got the jitters! Mr B's favourite Shireen delivers a funny story with a loveable protagonist, which is also great for helping children with anxiety.



LEIF THE UNLUCKY VIKING BY GARY NORTHFIELD CHILDREN'S 7+ - 3RD AUGUST

Walker £7.99

The creator of the brilliant Julius Zebra returns with a wildly hilarious new series starring Leif, a clumsy, unlucky Viking. Alongside an annoying duck, a nincompoop puffin and a smelly muskox, he must prove himself the warrior he wants to be.





THE DOUBLE TROUBLE SOCIETY BY CARRIE HOPE FLETCHER CHILDREN'S 9+ - 3RD AUGUST

Penguin Children's £7.99

Ivy and Maggie were born at the exact same minute on Friday 13th – and everyone knows that makes you immune to evil spirits, right? But when children start disappearing from town in peculiar circumstances, the girls head out to solve the mystery.



INDI RAYE IS TOTALLY FAKING IT BY LAUREN LAYFIELD CHILDREN'S 9+ - 31ST AUGUST

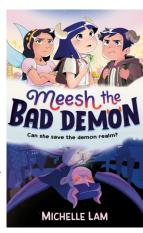
Hachette Children's £7.99

Indi is new in town and new at school, and she has precisely zero friends. Except Gary. But he's a gecko, so that doesn't count. If she's ever going to make some real friends, she's going to have to fake it. Great fun, perfect for fans of *Geek Girl*.

MEESH THE BAD DEMON BY MICHELLE LAM KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL - 3RD AUGUST

Faber & Faber £9.99

A young demon must team up with her fellow outcasts to save themselves – and perhaps all demon-kind – after their world is threatened. A stunning graphic novel adventure, perfect for fans of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* and *Amulet*.



THE DROWNED WOODS BY EMILY LLOYD-JONES TEEN/YA - 16TH AUGUST

Hodder & Stoughton £9.99

Mer has been on the run ever since she was forced to kill thousands with her water magic years ago. Now her old handler has offered her the chance to make things right... A dark fairy tale based on ancient Welsh myths.



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