

THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

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Welcome to the Mr B's Bookseller's Dozen!

These are the books Team B is most excited about this month. And because we can't possibly stop at only 12, our dozen consists of 24 books! With fiction, non-fiction, teen and children's books, there is something for everyone.

Just click on the book covers to find out more and buy. Or [click here](#) to see the full list on the Mr B's website.



JAMES
by PERCIVAL EVERETT
FICTION - 11TH APRIL
Pan Macmillan £20

The Trees author returns with a masterpiece that is both an original retelling of Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and a surprising, soulful, funny, and moving adventure novel. *James* is Everett's magnum opus and one of the great novels of our time.



FUNNY STORY
by EMILY HENRY
FICTION - 25TH APRIL
Viking £18.99

Daphne's fiance has just left her for another woman. Even worse? Her new roommate is said woman's ex... Witty, unexpected, and oh-so-romantic, *Funny Story* shows why Emily Henry is the reigning romcom queen. Nora Ephron for a new generation!

MANNY AND THE BABY
by VARAIDZO
FICTION - 11TH APRIL
Scribe £16.99

This stunning debut is the intertwined story of two sisters among the Jazz clubs of 1930s Soho, and two young Black men trying to make lives for themselves in 2012 Bath. A thrilling exploration of Black British life from a prodigious talent.



THE FAMILIAR
by LEIGH BARDUGO
FICTION - 11TH APRIL
Viking £20

A young serving girl's talent for little miracles sees her swept up into the dangers and delights of court life, in this standalone fantasy set in Inquisition-era Spain. Dark, evocative, and deeply romantic, this is Leigh Bardugo at her bewitching best.



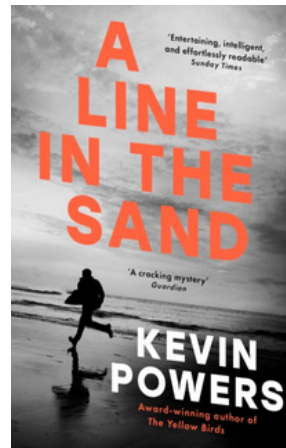
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THE SHADOW KEY by SUSAN STOKES-CHAPMAN

Fiction - 18th APRIL
Harvill Secker £16.99

The Shadow Key follows Dr Henry Talbot, a prestigious surgeon forced to give up his practice in London and take a remote rural position in Wales. Complete with hostile villagers and supernatural goings on, this is a chilling tale of suspense and folklore.



A LINE IN THE SAND by KEVIN POWERS

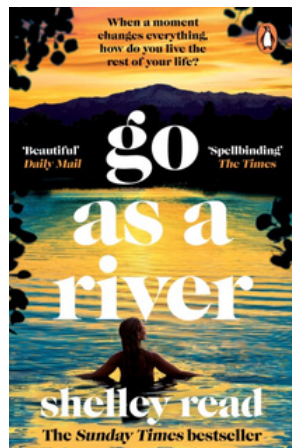
FICTION - 18TH APRIL
Sceptre £9.99

An Iraqi interpreter – relocated to the US to hush him up after he saw too much – is dragged back into his painful past when he finds a body on the beach. A classy international thriller and a scathing critique of US foreign policy from the Pulitzer Prize winner.

GO AS A RIVER by SHELLEY READ

FICTION - 25th APRIL
Transworld £9.99

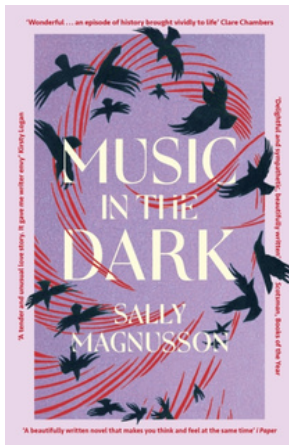
In 1940s Colorado, 17-year-old Victoria Nash meets the beautiful Wilson Moon and her whole life changes in an instant. A profound tale of resilience and loss in a country dogged by racism and war, perfect for fans of *Where the Crawdads Sing*.



THE AXEMAN'S CARNIVAL by CATHERINE CHIDGEY

FICTION - 4TH APRIL
Europa Editions £14.99

With a magpie as the surprising narrator this poignant drama is stunning. Hand-reared by Marnie, Tama becomes a shrewd observer of her marriage to failing sheep-farmer, Rob. Preparing for this year's annual woodcutting contest, his frustration turns to rage.



MUSIC IN THE DARK by SALLY MAGNUSSON

FICTION - 25TH APRIL
John Murray £9.99

The legacy of the highland clearances is heartbreakingly captured in this story of Jamesina Ross. She is revived though the meeting of her new lodger in Glasgow tenements, years after the violence that tore her childhood community apart.



THE BORROWED HILLS by SCOTT PRESTON

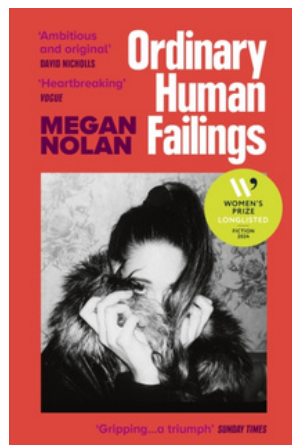
FICTION - 11TH APRIL
John Murray £16.99

An un-flinching neo-Western set in Cumbria. As two hill-farmers attempt to reverse their declining fortunes by sheep-rustling in the "soft south", events go horribly wrong. Leavened with a bleak wit and gritty as the landscape. Think McCarthy meets Tarantino!

ORDINARY HUMAN FAILINGS by MEGAN NOLAN

FICTION - 4TH APRIL
Vintage £9.99

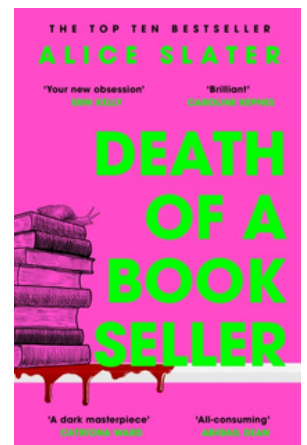
An Irish family in 1990s London finds themselves at the heart of a scandal after the death of a girl on their estate. As the tabloid wolves circle, young Carmel must confront the legacy of lies that plagues her family. A triumphant sophomore novel from the brilliant Nolan.



DEATH OF A BOOKSELLER by ALICE SLATER

FICTION - 11TH APRIL
Hodder £9.99

True crime obsessed bookseller Roach is desperate to befriend her new coworker, Laura. She's charismatic, bubbly, and clearly has something to hide. But Laura seems just as desperate to avoid Roach, and the two women begin a darkly funny game of cat and mouse.



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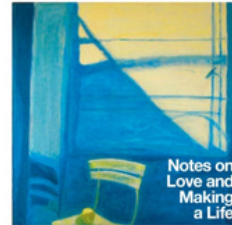


KNIFE
by **SALMAN RUSHDIE**
MEMOIR - 16TH APRIL
Jonathan Cape £20

In August 2022, Salman Rushdie was on stage at a literary event in New York, when a black-clad man approached the stage with a knife. This is his moving account of the shocking act of violence that followed, and its aftermath.

ARRANGEMENTS IN BLUE

'Liberating' *Olivia Laing* 'I love Amy Key' *Lauren Lovace* 'Beautiful' *Sarah Perry*
'Gorgeous' *Sunday Times* 'Unique' *Guardian* 'Fearless' *New Statesman*



AMY KEY 'The book I have been waiting for my entire life' *Daily Alberton*

ARRANGEMENTS IN BLUE
by **AMY KEY**

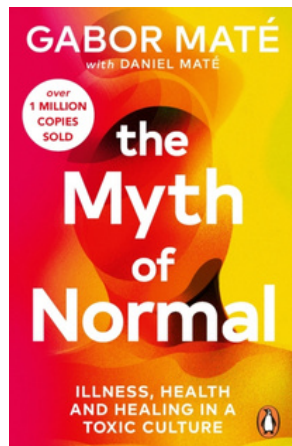
MEMOIR - 4TH APRIL
Vintage £10.99

Growing up, Amy used Joni Mitchell's *Blue* album as a guide to love and romance. Now single in her forties, Amy returns to Blue in this vulnerable memoir that explores the many forms of connection and intimacy sidelined by our obsession with 'the one'.

THE MYTH OF NORMAL
by **GABOR MATÉ**

SCIENCE - 4TH APRIL
Vermilion £10.99

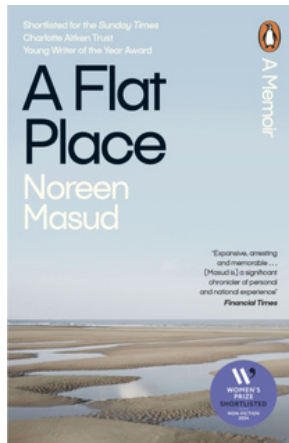
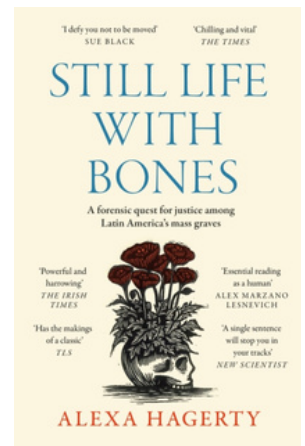
Trauma, mental illness and chronic disease have become an unstoppable force in western society – they have been completely normalised. Legendary physician Dr Maté shows how we got here, and how we can find a path to healing.



STILL LIFE WITH BONES
by **ALEXA HEGARTY**

HISTORY - 11TH APRIL
Wildfire £12.99

Hegarty is an anthropologist seeking justice for victims of genocide in Latin America. Working with forensic anthropologists in Guatemala and Argentina, she recovers the bodies of victims so that they can be returned to their surviving relatives, and gathers evidence of hidden crimes.



A FLAT PLACE
by **NOREEN MASUD**

MEMOIR - 4TH APRIL
Penguin £10.99

This is a beautiful exploration of belonging, complex PTSD and connection to landscape. Noreen left Pakistan as a young girl, carrying her childhood trauma. As a woman, she explores the flat landscapes in Britain that offer her a calm reflection.



HOW BIG THINGS GET DONE
by **BENT FLYVBJERG & DAN GARDNER**

BUSINESS - 4TH APRIL
Macmillan £11.99

How come the iPod was a roaring success in less than a year? Why was London's Crossrail such a disaster? Flyvbjerg and Gardner explore these projects and many more – large and small – to work out how some succeed, and why some fail.

EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THAT SONG
by **JENNA VORIS**

TEEN - 4TH APRIL
Penguin £8.99

Do you love Dolly Parton? Do you love a road trip romance? Then this book needs to be added to your summer TBR. *Every Time You Hear That Song* is giving a bit of music, mystery, and a lot of country!



TO GAZE UPON WICKED GODS
by **MOLLY X. CHANG**

TEEN - 18TH APRIL
Penguin £14.99

These Violent Delights meets *Iron Widow* in this stunner of a YA fantasy debut! When the enemy prince discovers Ruying's powers, she has to decide between saving her family or betraying her country. An epic anticolonial fantasy that you will devour!



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TWICE UPON A TIME
by **MICHELLE HARRISON**
CHILDRENS - 11TH APRIL

Pan Macmillan £16.99

From the author of *A Pinch of Magic* comes a new timeslip mystery! Merry and Spike Morrow arrive at Fox House to a missing woman, a baby on the doorstep, a locked study . . . a mystery only they can solve.



BETTY STEADY & THE TOAD WITCH

by **NICKY SMITH-DALE**
CHILDRENS - 11TH APRIL
Simon & Schuster £12.99

Tall and triumphant, Betty Steady stands proudly as Guardian of Wobbly Rock... until the toad witch literally cuts her down to size and her evil army attacks the town! A wildly hilarious adventure, filled with madcap characters, perfect for fans of *Grimwood*.

THE LITTLE WOODEN ROBOT & THE LOG PRINCESS
by **TOM GAULD**

CHILDRENS - 11TH APRIL
Templar £7.99

The little wooden robot must face goblins, magic puddings, a mushroom queen and more, as he embarks on an epic adventure to find his missing sister, the log princess. A beautiful large-format graphic fairy tale from the acclaimed cartoonist.



HEAVY METAL BADGER
by **DUNCAN BEEDIE**

CHILDRENS - 11TH APRIL
Little Tiger £7.99

Badger has tried the choir. He's tried the marching band. But nothing seems quite right – because Badger wants to rock out! Will he ever find his musical tribe? A brilliant new picture book from Mr B's fave Beedie, filled with rock references!



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