

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.



LONG ISLAND
by COLM TÓIBÍN

FICTION - 23RD MAY
Picador £20

Eilis and Tony have spent 20 years on Long Island, building a family and a home together. But when a man with an Irish accent knocks on the door, their quiet existence is rocked. An exquisite masterpiece, this is the long-awaited sequel to the bestselling Brooklyn.



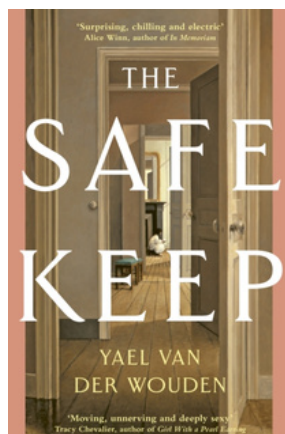
CINEMA LOVE
by JIAMING TANG

FICTION - 9TH MAY
John Murray £16.99

In rural China, there was a cinema where war films played on a loop and illicit love found dark corners to bloom. It was a safe haven for Old Second and so many other gay men before its brutal demolishing. What's left are scraps of affection and surprising friendships in modern day NYC.

THE SAFEKEEP
by YAEL VAN DER WOUDE
FICTION - 30TH MAY
Viking £16.99

In the aftermath of World War II, Isabel is very attached to her family home in the Dutch countryside. Life changes when Eva arrives to stay. This is a tale of desire and an almost obsessive relationship between two women, and ultimately, a beloved house.



WOODWORM
by LAYLA MARTÍNEZ
FICTION - 2ND MAY
Harvill Secker £14.99

A small-time hustler built this house, a building visited by ghosts, angels and worse, to control his wife. Years later, his daughter and grand-daughter are trapped here too, and the disappearance of a young boy has attracted unwanted attention. An eerie, haunting literary horror, for fans of Mariana Enriquez.



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THE MINISTRY OF TIME by KALIANE BRADLEY

FICTION - 16TH MAY
Sceptre £16.99

A secret government experiment has sent several historical figures hurtling into the present. We follow one minder who must help Commander Gore – who should have died aboard the Erebus – adapt to modern life. A funny, romantic and very original debut.



THE HORSE by WILLY VLAUTIN

FICTION - 2ND MAY
Faber £16.99

Al Ward, a songwriter, musician, and aging and depressed alcoholic, finds an injured horse outside the isolated shack he's been living in for years. Miles from anywhere, he must work out how to save this horse, as the memories of his own chequered life flood back.

THE GUEST by EMMA CLINE

FICTION - 30TH MAY
Vintage £9.99

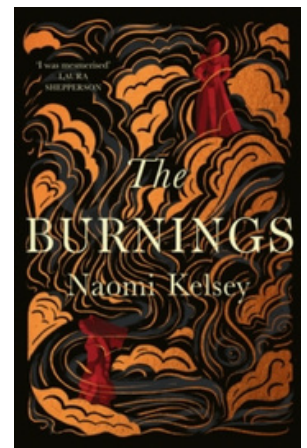
Bret Easton Ellis meets The Bling Ring in this addictive thriller. Alone and adrift on Long Island, Alex cons her way into the circles of the sickeningly wealthy, leaving a trail of destruction in her wake... A slick, dark, and deliciously seedy summer read.



THE BURNINGS by NAOMI KELSEY

FICTION - 9TH MAY
HarperNorth £9.99

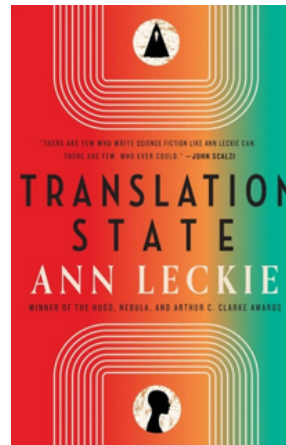
Geillis and Margareta live within different spheres of society in sixteenth century Scotland. However, neither of them are safe from the suspicion and violence of the witch trials and political conspiracies that are tearing apart both court and families.



THE BEE STING by PAUL MURRAY

FICTION - 2ND MAY
Penguin £9.99

A multi-faceted, tragicomic Irish-family -saga. A kaleidoscope of past events races towards its heart-stopping conclusion. Written with pace and narrated by different family members, this sensitive portrayal of a troubled marriage will appeal to fans of Anne Tyler.



TRANSLATION STATE by ANN LECKIE

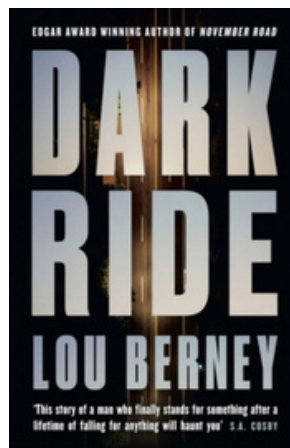
FICTION - 9TH MAY
Orbit £9.99

We follow three characters who are each trying to find where they belong. Between deciding the fate of the universe, and the joyous moments of watching Pirate Exiles of the Death Moons in a blanket fort, this is a book that expertly balances the epic and the everyday.

DARK RIDE by LOU BERNEY

FICTION - 9TH MAY
Hemlock Press £9.99

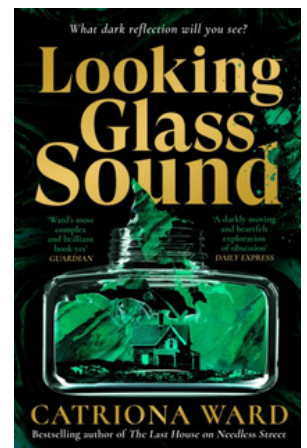
When Hardy, an actor at an amusement park, notices injuries on some of the young guests, he informs the Child Protection Service. But when they fail to act, he takes matters into his own hands... A dark and gritty new thriller from the November Road author.



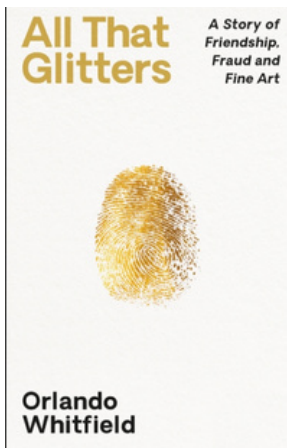
LOOKING GLASS SOUND by CATRIONA WARD

FICTION - 23RD MAY
Viper £9.99

As a teenager, Wilder Harlow's idyllic summer at Whistler Bay came to a tragic end in the wake of a serial killer. When his account of these traumatic events is stolen and published by his college roommate, Wilder is out for revenge. A gripping metafictional thriller full of twists and turns.



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ALL THAT GLITTERS
by **ORLANDO WHITFIELD**
TRUE CRIME- 2ND MAY
Profile Books £20

Orlando met Inigo Philbrick while both were students with dreams of becoming successful art dealers. By 2022, Philbrick was in jail after being convicted of an eye-watering level of art fraud. A gripping and intoxicating true crime story of privilege, arrogance and greed.



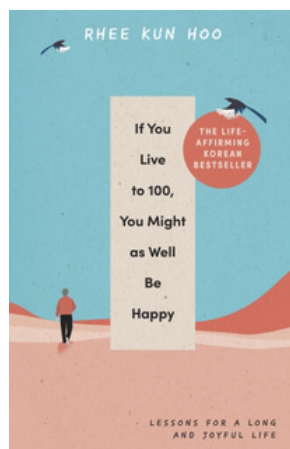
HANDS OF TIME
by **REBECCA STRUTHERS**
HISTORY - 2ND MAY
Hodder £10.99

Timekeeping plots our daily lives, and clocks have been an integral part of our existence for centuries. Here we find historian and watchmaker Struthers on a riveting exploration of the philosophy, science and craftsmanship of time and the timepieces that have shaped our lives.

IF YOU LIVE TO 100
by **RHEE KUN HOO**

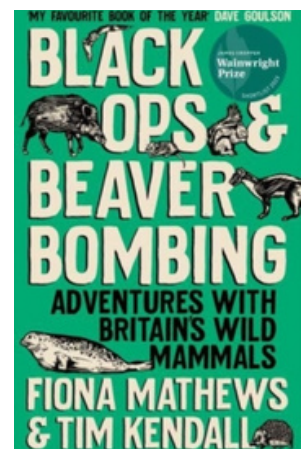
PSYCHOLOGY-16TH MAY
Rider & Co £16.99

Rhee Kun Hoo, a retired psychiatrist now approaching 90 years old, shares his lessons for a life well lived. Touching on forgiveness, perseverance and the joys of the everyday, he shares his wisdom in this tender, life-affirming read.



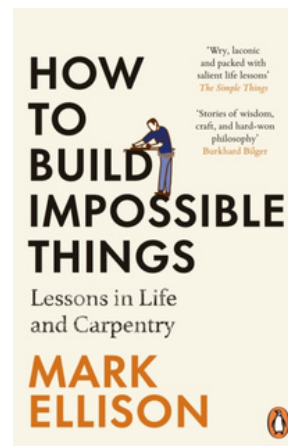
BLACK OPS & BEAVER BOMBING
by **FIONA MATHEWS**
NATURE - 2ND MAY
Oneworld £10.99

Prepare for a unique safari on our own shores! Husband-and-wife team Kendall and Mathews travel the length and breadth of the British Isles to find all kind of wild and wonderful creatures. An informative, amusing treasury for nature lovers.



CODE OF CONDUCT
by **CHRIS BRYANT**
POLITICS- 23RD MAY
Bloomsbury £9.99

Rhonda MP Bryant has been at the coalface of British politics for more than two decades. Here he shares the dark side of life in Westminster – the cronyism, corruption, lies and misconduct – and gives a blueprint for how things might change going forward.



HOW TO BUILD IMPOSSIBLE THINGS
by **MARK ELLISON**
Crafts- 30TH MAY

Cornerstone £10.99
Decades after being written off as a dropout with no prospects, Mark Ellison is now considered a master carpenter. This is his extraordinary story, telling of the immense satisfaction he has found in design and craftsmanship, as well as the life lessons he has learned along the way.

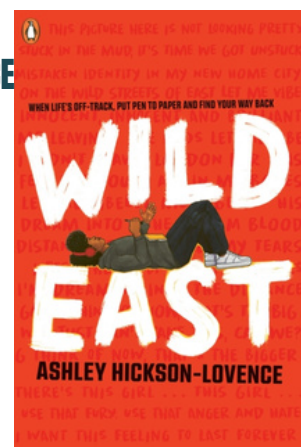
SILVER IN THE BONE
by **ALEXANDRA BRACKEN**
TEEN - 9TH MAY
Quercus £9.99

A heart pounding Arthurian fantasy from a Mr B's favourite, Alex Bracken! Tamsin needs a magical ring to save her cursed brother. She'll have to step into Avalon to do so, but it's not the Avalon she's expecting to find.

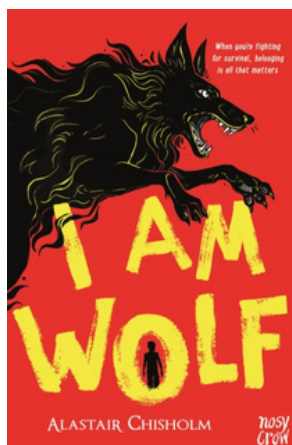


WILD EAST
by **ASHLEY HICKSON-LOVENCE**
TEEN - 23RD MAY
Penguin £8.99

Ronny is 14 when tragedy touches his life, and his mother moves them out of London. Being Black in an almost all-white new school has its problems, and Ronny escapes into his dreams of being a rapper. A brilliant verse novel for fans of Jason Reynolds.



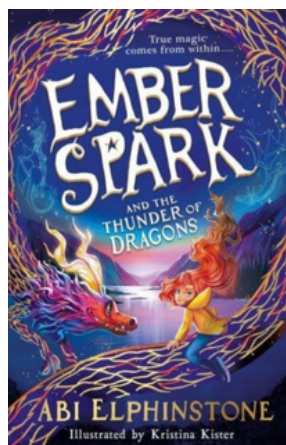
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I AM WOLF
by ALASTAIR CHISHOLM
CHILDREN'S - 9TH MAY

Nosy Crow £7.99

In this epic sci-fi dystopic world for kids, Coll lives on big metallic animal construct. When he is thrown from Wolf in a battle with a new construct, he must learn to survive on the ground and challenge everything he knows.



EMBER SPARK & THE THUNDER DRAGONS
by ABI ELPHINSTONE
CHILDREN'S - 9TH MAY
Simon & Schuster £7.99

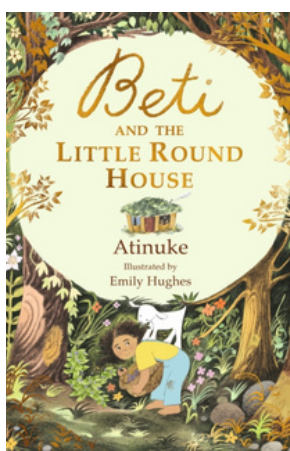
When Ember Sparks rescues an innocent hamster in sea, she has no idea the adventure that awaits her. With a huge dollop of magical beasts, hidden caves, and a flying bathtub to boot, Ember's usual mundane day transforms into something extraordinary.

BETI & THE LITTLE ROUND HOUSE
by ATINUKE

YOUNG READER-2ND MAY

Walker Books £12.99

A lovely collection of stories for up and coming independent readers centers around Beti, a strong-willed little girl who loves having adventures in the woods with her family - told with gorgeous rhythmic writing and brought to life with enchanting illustrations!



HOLEY MOLEY
by BETHAN CLARKE

PICTURE BOOKS-9TH MAY

Little Tiger £7.99

Gus the Goat loves a good rhyme. When he meets Mavis Mole, he can't wait to see where she lives... a hole, surely? A bowl? A sausage roll? An anarchically funny and immensely silly picture book filled with cute characters and awesome illustrations.



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