

THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

FEBRUARY '25



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.



THE OTHER VALLEY
by SCOTT ALEXANDER HOWARD

FICTION - 27TH FEBRUARY

Atlantic Books £9.99

Odile lives in a town surrounded by its past and future: to the east the same town twenty years ahead, and to the west twenty years behind. When visitors from the east hint at an imminent tragedy, Odile must come to terms with a future she cannot change.



PERSPECTIVES
by LAURENT BINET

FICTION - 20TH FEBRUARY

Harvill Secker £18.99

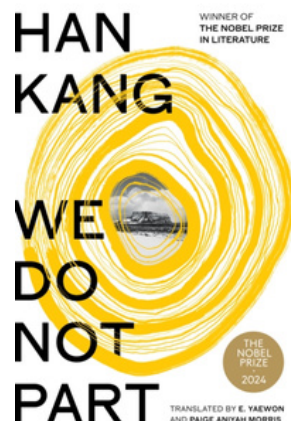
Florence, 1557. The great Pontormo lies dead beneath a fresco, his own chisel through his heart. In a city of schemers, and in a climate where the pope has banned books and declared art immoral, who struck the fatal blow? A typically playful and mischievous epistolary novel from the French master.

WE DO NOT PART
by HAN KANG

FICTION - 6TH FEBRUARY

Hamish Hamilton £18.99

Kyungha heads to the far reaches of snow-covered Jeju Island to look after the pet birds of her hospitalised friend. But, in a place where the horrors of the past are never far from the surface, reality and dreams begin to blur... A stupendous new masterpiece from the 2024 Nobel Laureate.

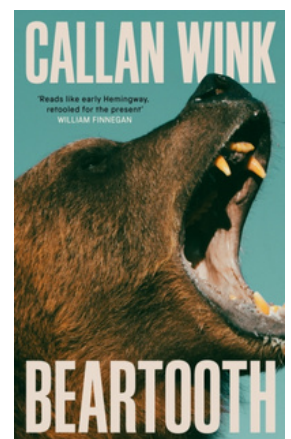


BEARTOOTH
by CALLAN WINK

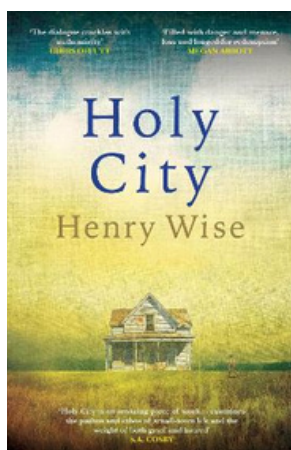
FICTION - 13TH FEBRUARY

Granta £14.99

After the death of their father, brothers Thad and Hazen are drowning in debt. In a desperate bid to stay afloat, they accept a risky job from a shady out-of-towner: an illegal heist of natural resources from Yellowstone National Park.



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HOLY CITY by HENRY WISE

FICTION - 27TH FEBRUARY

No Exit Press £9.99

Will returns to his crime-ridden hometown in Southern Virginia to take a job as deputy sheriff. When an old friend turns up brutally murdered and the department wants to hush it up, Will must confront the dark history of this town in search for the truth. Perfect for fans of S. A. Cosby and Chris Offutt.



THE GARDEN by NICK NEWMAN

FICTION - 1st FEBRUARY

Doubleday £16.99

Two sisters live in a walled garden, completely separated from the outside world. Each day, they tend to their home, following the guide left behind by their mother. But when a nameless boy appears in their haven, their carefully secluded life suddenly shatters.

THE ALTERNATIVES by CAOILINN HUGHES

FICTION - 6TH FEBRUARY

Oneworld £9.99

Professor Olwen Flattery finishes her day's lecture, has dinner with her husband, then cycles off into the night, leaving her whole life behind. As her semi-estranged sisters descend on County Leitrim to search for her, their reunion unearths the bones of their shared past.

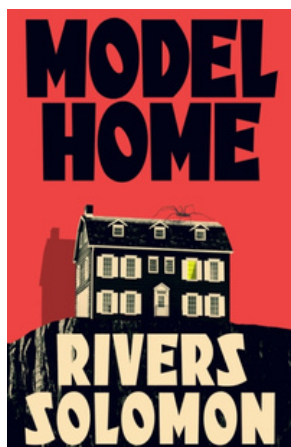


THE TAINTED CUP by ROBERT JACKSON BENNETT

FICTION - 6TH FEBRUARY

Hodderscape £12.99

A strange contagion is infecting Imperial officers, causing trees to erupt from their bodies and killing them instantly. Eccentric investigator Ana Dolabra and her assistant Din are called in to solve the case before the Empire's walls (and only defence against the Leviathans) are destroyed by these sudden growths.

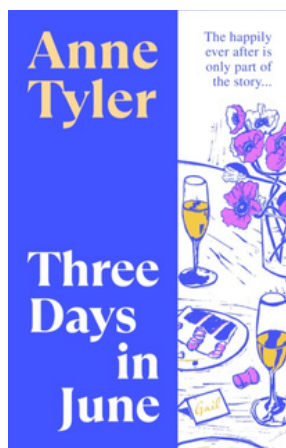


MODEL HOME by RIVERS SOLOMON

FICTION - 20TH FEBRUARY

Merky Books £18.99

After the sudden death of their parents, three siblings reluctantly return to their childhood home. But their uneasy memories of growing up as the only Black family in the neighbourhood are overshadowed by an inexplicable and malevolent presence still lingering in their house...



THREE DAYS IN JUNE by ANNE TYLER

FICTION - 13TH FEBRUARY

Chatto & Windus £14.99

Gail Barnes is preparing for her daughter Debbie's wedding when the past arrives in the form of her ex-husband, Max. When Debbie's husband-to-be reveals he's been keeping a secret, Gail and Max must plot a way forward for their daughter - and themselves. Another classic from the great storyteller.

THE WOMEN by KRISTIN HANNAH

FICTION - 13TH FEBRUARY

Pan Books £9.99

Nursing student Frankie finds her life changing overnight when, after her brother ships out to Vietnam to fight in the war, she impulsively signs up to the Army Nurses Corps and follows him. An epic story of family, friendship and love, set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War.



THE PAINTER'S DAUGHTERS by EMILY HOWES

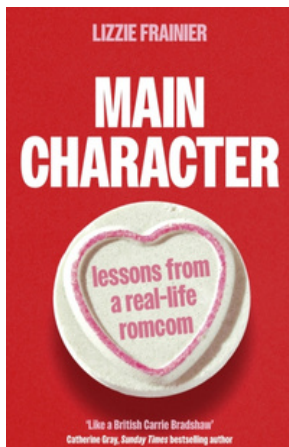
FICTION - 6TH FEBRUARY

Phoenix £9.99

Sisters Molly and Peggy Gainsborough - the best of friends - find themselves thrust into the polite society of 18th century Bath, after their father Thomas finds fame as a portrait artist. But a betrayal threatens the sisters' bond among the elites of this new city. A vividly imagined debut.



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MAIN CHARACTER
by **LIZZIE FRAINER**
MEMOIR - 6TH FEBRUARY
Piatkus Books £20

Journalist Frainier grew up on a diet of movie romcoms – but do these depictions of love prepare us for the world of dating? When she is offered the chance to take part in a The Holiday-style house swap for an article, she couldn't resist... A funny, open-hearted look at modern love.



MAURICE AND MARALYN
by **SOPHIE ELMHIRST**
BIOGRAPHY - 16TH JANUARY
Vintage £10.99

When Elmhist was researching alternative lifestyles, she stumbled across the astonishing story of Maurice and Maralyn. A couple from Derbyshire who, in the 1970s, upped sticks, bought a boat and sailed for New Zealand. What they encountered needs to be read to be believed!

IT'S A GAS
by **MARK MIODOWNIK**
SCIENCE - 27TH FEBRUARY
Penguin £10.99

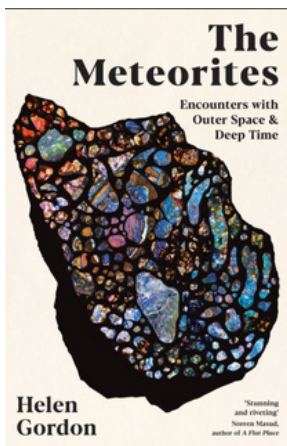
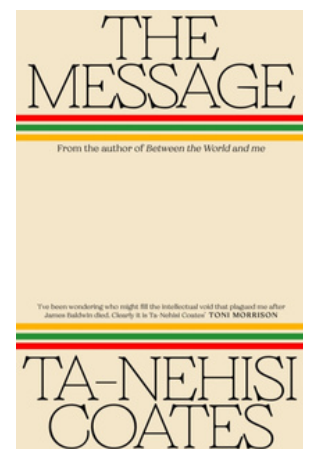
Miodownik brings his uniquely accessible scientific storytelling to the invisible world as he takes us into 17th century laughing gas parties, shows how musical instrument air valves led to bicycles, and how mastery of gases gave us access to the skies and seas.



It's a Gas Mark Miodownik

THE MESSAGE
by **TA-NEHISI COATES**
ESSAYS - 6TH FEBRUARY
Hamish Hamilton £18.99

National Book Award winning journalist Coates returns with a collection of three searing essays tackling belonging, racism, colonialism and the power of storytelling. Travelling to Senegal, the Deep South, and finally Palestine, Coates delivers a series of thoughtful and beautifully rendered arguments.



THE METEORITES
by **HELEN GORDON**
SCIENCE - 6TH FEBRUARY
Profile £20

Meteorites are our only tangible connection to the distant planets and stars; they may even be the source of life on earth. Here we are treated to the stories of fallen meteorites and the lives they have touched here on earth, from collectors and farmers to scientists and gem dealers.



WHO'S AFRAID OF GENDER?
by **JUDITH BUTLER**
POLITICS - 20TH FEBRUARY
Penguin £10.99

In this call for freedom and solidarity, one of the most influential and revolutionary thinkers of our time dismantles recent right-wing anti-gender ideology and counters attempts to strip trans people of their rights. Impassioned and enlightening, this is essential reading.

HOW LONG IS THAT DOG?
by **JOHN BOND**
PICTUREBOOK - 27TH FEBRUARY
Harper Collins £7.99

When a little girl spots a cute dog in the pet shop window, she instantly wants to take it home... but first she has to guess it's correct size. A delightfully funny and warm picture book, perfect for all the little dog lovers out there!

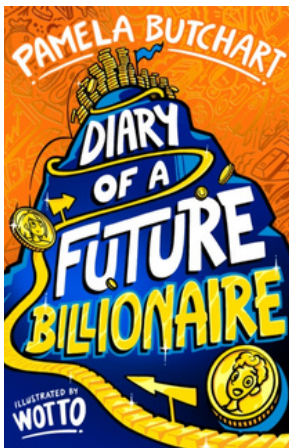


MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM
by **HANNAH TUNNICLIFFE**
YOUNG READERS - 6TH FEBRUARY
Flying Eye £9.99

Detective Stanley is just sitting down for breakfast pancakes when news comes through that the Art Museum has been raided. Stan is called to investigate but there is confusion all around when it emerges nothing has been stolen... A beautifully illustrated mystery for young readers.



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**DIARY OF A
FUTURE BILLIONAIRE**
by PAMELA BUTCHART
CHILDREN'S - 13TH FEBRUARY
Scholastic £7.99

What does it take to become the richest 10-year-old in the world? Find out in this diary of one kid who always knew he'd become a billionaire. A wildly hilarious new series from the award-winning Butchart, perfect for fans of Tom Gates and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.



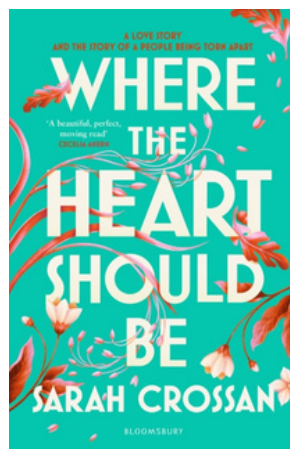
MY DOG
by OLIVIA WAKEFORD
CHILDREN'S - 27TH FEBRUARY
Harper Collins £7.99

Rhys is a dog lover, so he's delighted when he finds Worthington, a lost black labrador, and is determined to show he can be a good owner. But when Rhys has to move to London with his dog-hating dad, he must keep Worthington a secret. A deeply moving and life-affirming debut novel.

**WHERE THE HEART
SHOULD BE**
by SARAH CROSSAN

TEEN - 13TH FEBRUARY
Bloomsbury £8.99

Ireland in 1846 is in the grip of famine during The Great Hunger. Nell has left behind books and school for life as a scullery maid for a rich landowner – but hope presents itself in unexpected form. A gorgeous verse novel of family and love from a shining star of teen fiction.

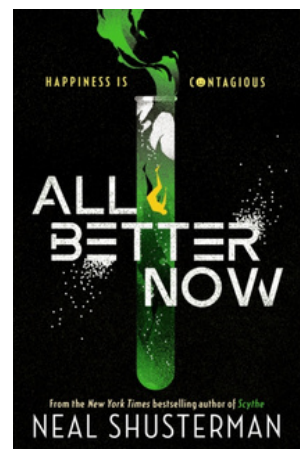


ALL BETTER NOW
by NEAL SHUSTERMAN

TEEN - 6TH FEBRUARY

Walker Books £8.99

A deadly and unprecedented virus is spreading – and the cure might be just as dangerous. But survive it, and all your problems disappear... Into this gilt-edged world come three teens whose lives are about to collide. A spectacular dystopian thriller from the author of *Scythe*.



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