

# 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.



**THE MODERN FAIRIES**  
by CLARE POLLARD  
FICTION - 3RD APRIL

**Penguin Books £9.99**

Versailles, 1682 - a decadent city ripe with intrigue and gossip, under the reign of King Louis XIV. A group of intellectuals gather to debate, flirt and perform fairy tales that challenge the status quo. But who is the wolf lurking in the shadows? Outrageous and hilarious - perfect for fans of Sarah Perry and A. K. Blakemore.



**VANISHING WORLD**  
by SAYAKA MURATA  
FICTION - 24TH APRIL

**Granta Books £16.99**

In a future Japan where children are exclusively conceived artificially and sex is seen as taboo, Amane is unusual - she was born out of her parent's copulation, and hopes to fall in love and reproduce as well. But, in a world where opinions have shifted far from her ideals, can she find a way to live... and to love?

**THE EIGHTS**  
BY JOANNA MILLER  
FICTION - 3RD APRIL

**Penguin Books £16.99**

Oxford, 1920: Dora, Marianne, Otto, and Beatrice are part of the first class of women allowed to earn a degree at the prestigious Oxford University. At a time when everything is changing, these women find friendship, love, and learning in this beautiful coming-of-age tale of sisterhood.



**AUCTION**  
by KATIE KITAMURA  
FICTION - 17TH APRIL

**Vintage £18.99**

Two people meet for lunch in a Manhattan restaurant. She's an accomplished actress, and he's troubled and young - young enough to be her son. Why are they meeting, and what is the nature of their relationship? An incredibly compelling and daringly playful novel of two halves.



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## IDLE GROUNDS by KRYPELLE BAMFORD

FICTION - 17TH APRIL

Cornerstone £16.99

On a bright summer's day in 1980s New England, three-year-old Abi vanishes from a family birthday party. Her cousins embark on a quest to find her, but as they are drawn deeper into the surrounding forest, something sinister lurks. A stunningly fresh new voice, and a fever dream of a novel.



## WHALE FALL by ELIZABETH O'CONNOR

FICTION - 3RD APRIL

Pan Macmillan £9.99

Set on a fictional island in 1938, *Whale Fall* tells the story of Manod, a dedicated islander who dreams of a different life. When a beached whale washes ashore, it draws attention to her isolated community... but are the outsiders all they appear to be? A quiet story that depicts a remote community on the cusp of huge change.

## MOUTHING by ORLA MACKEY

FICTION - 17TH APRIL

Penguin Books £9.99

Ballygowan is a place built on stories – the girl who found herself 'in trouble' and was sent away to recover, the siblings who both went mad, the priests and the adulterers and the neighbours and the children. A delicious novel of rural Irish life for fans of Elizabeth Strout and Donal Ryan.



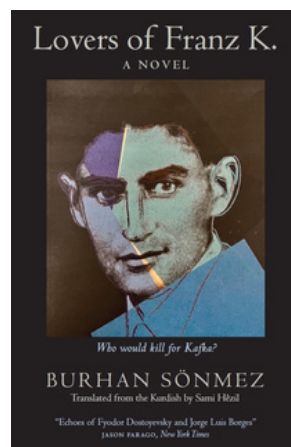
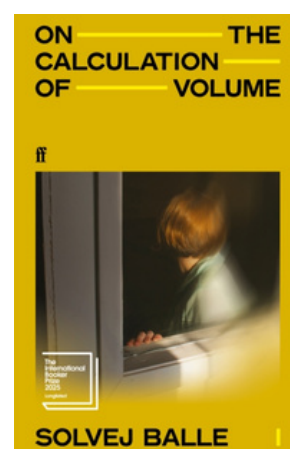
## ON THE CALCULATION OF VOLUME I

by SOLVEJ BALLE

FICTION - 10TH APRIL

Faber & Faber £12.99

Tara Selter has slipped through the cracks of time: each morning she wakes to the 18th of November in an apartment in grey Paris. Nobody else understands, nobody can remember all the November 18ths she's lived through. Is there any escape? The first in a multi-volume Danish masterpiece, longlisted for the International Booker Prize.



## LOVERS OF FRANZ K. by BURHAN SONMEZ

FICTION - 10TH APRIL

Orenda Books £12.99

Berlin, 1968. A student is gunned down at a bus stop and an old man injured. The suspect sits in jail, where he is interrogated by detectives. But, as they humour the killer's literary musings, the strange truth begins to reveal itself... An intriguing mix of prose and playscript, Cold War thriller and literary joust.



## BACK IN THE DAY by OLIVER LOVRENSKI

FICTION - 17TH APRIL

Penguin Books £14.99

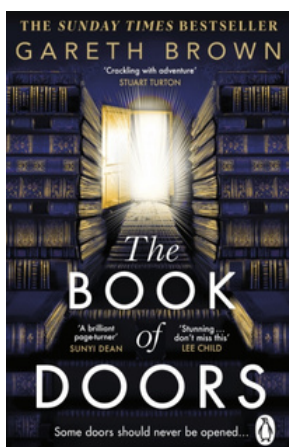
Authentic, uncompromising, funny and tragic, this hit Norwegian debut tells the story of a group of teenage drug dealers in Oslo who terrorise the local community while looking for some kind of foothold in life. A superb, gritty novel, perfect for fans of *Who They Was* and *An Olive Grove in Ends*.

## THE BOOK OF DOORS by GARETH BROWN

FICTION - 17TH APRIL

Transworld £9.99

When bookseller Cassie finds her favourite customer has died at her NY bookstore, she's devastated. But he has left her a memento – a book with powers so incredible, people will kill to get their hands on it... Prepare to tear through the most entertaining fantasy-thriller of the year.



## EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS by OISIN MCKENNA

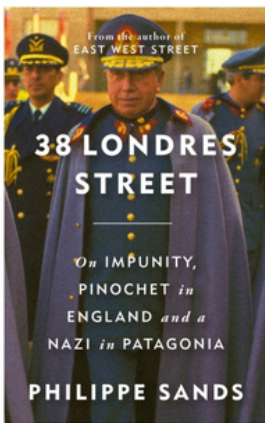
FICTION - 24TH APRIL

HarperCollins £9.99

Set across one sweltering weekend in London in 2019, this polyphonic novel follows a diverse cast of characters negotiating family, love, and life in the Capital. Sexy, beautifully written, and deeply moving, this debut is a perfect read for Sally Rooney fans.

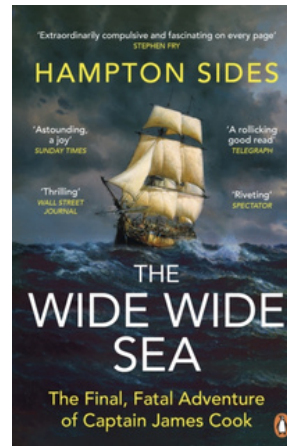


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**38 LONDRES STREET**  
by **PHILIPPE SANDS**  
**HISTORY - 3RD APRIL**  
**Orion Publishing £25**

When Chilean dictator Agustin Pinochet was arrested in London in 1998, Sands was a young lawyer asked to represent him. But when he told his wife the news, he could never imagine the family connections he had to the despot's crimes against humanity. More brilliant narrative non-fiction from the *East West Street* author.



**THE WIDE WIDE SEA**  
by **HAMPTON SIDES**  
**BIOGRAPHY - 17TH APRIL**  
**Penguin Books £10.99**

The incredible story of Captain Cook's third voyage. While Cook's stated mission was to return Mai, a Tahitian man, to his home, his secret orders would prove fatal. As compulsive as a Patrick O'Brian maritime thriller, with illuminating insight on the consequences of the Age of Exploration.

**THE GHOST LAKE**  
by **WENDY PRATT**  
**MEMOIR - 24TH APRIL**  
**HarperCollins £10.99**

Wendy explores the topography of her Yorkshire home-landscape, recognising the layers of history that she belongs to. Working class, northern, neurodivergent and grieving as a childless mother, Wendy looks at her own sense of "otherness" and the importance of connection to place.



**CATLAND**  
by **KATHRYN HUGHES**  
**HISTORY - 24TH APRIL**  
**HarperCollins £10.99**

From 1870 to the eve of WW2, cats transformed from predatory pests to anthropomorphised darlings. In the company of cat lovers like Charles Dickens and Florence Nightingale, we meet cat burglars, kitten taxidermists, cats playing croquet and transforming animation. Welcome to Catland.



**EVERYTHING MUST GO**  
by **DORIAN LYNKEY**  
**LITERATURE - 10TH APRIL**  
**Pan Macmillan £12.99**

Meteors! Nuclear war! Zombies! Pandemics! Why are we so obsessed with the end of the world? In this hilarious and riveting read, Lynskey takes us on a tour of the apocalypse through the literature and movies of the past 200 years. The end of the world has never been so much fun!



**WE WILL NOT BE SAVED**  
by **NEMONTE NENQUIMO**  
**MEMOIR - 10TH APRIL**  
**Headline £12.99**

An unique memoir of a childhood spent in the Amazon rainforest, and the battle to save it from oil companies. Born in Ecuador's Amazon, Nemonte Nenquimo learned about plant medicines, oral storytelling, and shamanism; as an adult, she led her people in an historic victory that set a precedent for Indigenous rights.

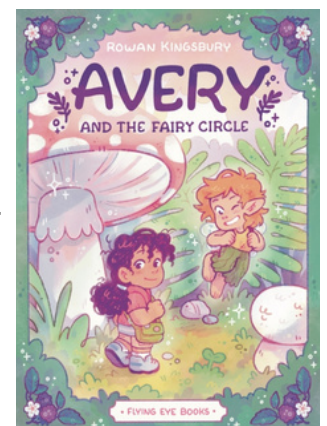
**A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP**  
by **EMMA CHICHESTER CLARK**  
**PICTUREBOOK - 10TH APRIL**  
**HarperCollins £7.99**

A delightful new picture book about a little girl who just wants a good night's sleep. But when she gets to her house in the woods, she has a load of unexpected visitors doing their best to keep her awake! A joy to read aloud as a family at bed time supported by lovely illustrations.

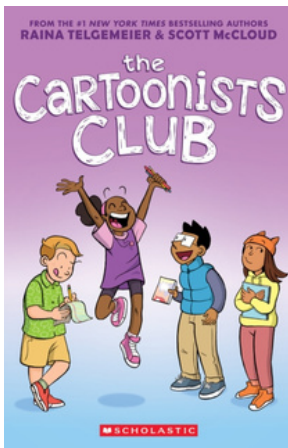


**AVERY AND THE FAIRY CIRCLE**  
by **ROWAN KINGSBURY**  
**YOUNG READERS - 3RD APRIL**  
**Flying Eye £9.99**

An absolutely delightful early readers graphic novel full of imagination, adventure and fairy magic! When Avery steps into a fairy circle in her new home, she's shrunk down like Alice in Wonderland and meets a new friend who takes her on an adventure to her home of fairies.



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**THE CARTOONISTS CLUB**  
by RAINA TELGEMEIER  
GRAPHIC NOVEL - 10TH APRIL  
Scholastic £12.99

From the beloved author of *Smile* and *Sisters* comes a new graphic novel all about loving graphic novels! When four friends who struggle to make graphic novels on their own join together to make a club, they're joint story is sure to be a winner! Part how-to, party story, and a lot of love for comics, your graphic novel fanatics will love this new story!



**FERRIS**  
by KATE DICAMILLO  
CHILDREN'S - 3RD APRIL  
Walker Books £7.99

The summer of Ferris's 10th year is a chaos - her sister has decided to be an outlaw, her uncle is living in the basement, and her grandmother is seeing a friendly ghost! Whatever next? This tale of funny family, growing up, a love of words, and a friendly ghost is one you don't want to miss!

**A SEQUENCE OF COSMIC ACCIDENTS**  
by S.A. REYHANI  
CHILDREN'S - 3RD APRIL  
Oneworld £7.99

For fans of Christopher Edge, this inter-galactic adventure from a debut author is about to blow your socks off! Arian never wanted a foster sister, especially one who might be an alien! When Madlock accidentally opens a portal to another dimension, she and Arian are sent on a cosmic adventure they never could have predicted.



**THE END CROWNS ALL**  
by BEA FITZGERALD  
TEEN - 17TH APRIL  
Penguin Books £9.99

Fierce, feminist, and absolutely fantastic - another stunner from the author of *Girl, Goddess Queen*. When Helen escapes Sparta in search of love, she's thrown into the confusing politics of Trojan court life. Cassandra's gift of prophecy shows her a girl who may be starting a war... if only anyone would believe her.



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