

# THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

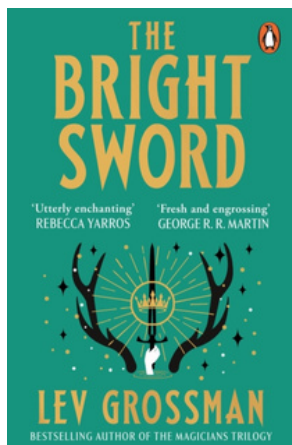
JUNE '25



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 BRIGHT SWORD**  
by **LEV GROSSMAN**  
FICTION - 26TH JUNE

**Penguin £12.99**

Collum arrives at Camelot ready to fight for a place alongside the great knights of the round table. What he finds is a bunch of jokers, fools and oddballs. Together this group of misfits must battle to restore the honor of Camelot and reclaim Excalibur. A phenomenally enjoyable new Arthurian fantasy epic.



**TIANANMEN SQUARE**  
by **LAI WEN**  
FICTION - 5TH JUNE

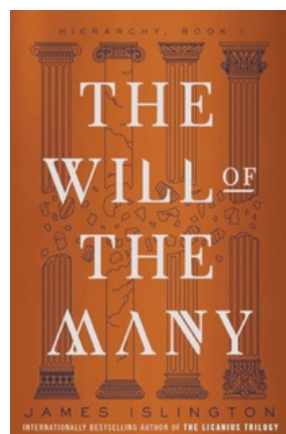
**Swift Press £9.99**

A young woman comes of age in 70 and 80s China, a place of brutality and state control, finding books and ideas that prove dangerous as the country heads towards the protests at Tiananmen Square. A stunning historical epic for fans of *Pachinko* and *The Mountains Sing*.

**THE WILL OF THE MANY**  
by **JAMES ISLINGTON**  
FICTION - 19TH JUNE

**Simon & Schuster £10.99**

Vis, an orphan with a shrouded past, is adopted by a powerful senator within the Hierarchy. He is sent to the famed Catenan Academy, where he must uncover a suspected hidden agenda. But to excel in the Academy, Vis will have to become proficient in the use of Will, a power he has opposed his entire life.



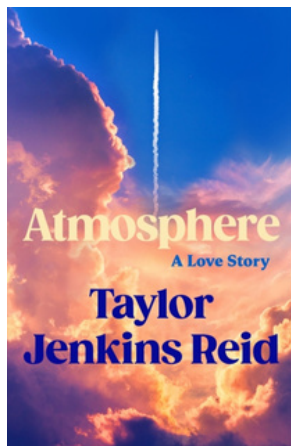
**DOWN IN THE VALLEY**  
by **PAOLO COGNETTI**  
FICTION - 12TH JUNE

**Vintage £14.99**

Brothers Alfredo and Luigi grew up in the Italian Alps, but life has seen them drift apart. Now, after their father's death, they are reunited high up in the mountains, where these two men with only heavy drinking in common, must find a way to re-establish their relationship.



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## ATMOSPHERE by TAYLOR JENKINS REID

FICTION - 3RD JUNE

**Cornerstone £20**

NASA, 1980. Jane Goodwin is among the first female astronauts to be accepted into NASA's space shuttle program. There, she finds companionship, camaraderie, and even love. Four years later, she is in mission control when a shuttle is damaged mid-flight, and suddenly her radio becomes what might be Jane's last connection to her crew and the one she loves.

## MY FRIENDS by FREDRIK BACKMAN

FICTION - 19TH JUNE

**Simon & Schuster £20**

The beloved author of international bestseller *A Man Called Ove* is back with a beautiful, funny and moving new novel. *My Friends* throws us into the lives of a group of teenagers bound to each other by their joint quest for love, adventure and meaning.



## KING OF ASHES by S.A. COSBY

FICTION - 10TH JUNE

**Headline £20**

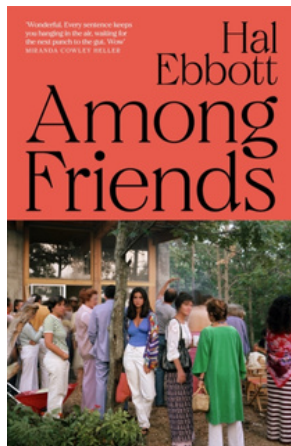
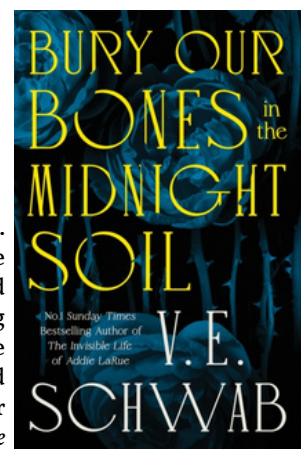
Roman returns home to Virginia to find his father in hospital after a car crash that might not be an accident, and his brother in dire debt to the drug gang that holds their hometown in its grip. He must descend into the underbelly of this place if he is to save his family's cemetery business – and maybe their lives.

## BURY YOUR BONES IN THE MIDNIGHT SOIL by V.E. SCHWAB

FICTION - 10TH JUNE

**Pan Macmillan £22**

Santo Domingo de la Calzada, 1532. London, 1837. Boston, 2019. Three young women, their bodies planted in the same soil, their stories tangling like roots. One grows high, and one grows deep, and one grows wild. And all of them grow teeth... A spectacular new novel from the author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*.



## AMONG FRIENDS by HAL EBBOTT

FICTION - 26TH JUNE

**Pan Macmillan £18.99**

Amos and Everett, friends for more than 30 years who share an unbreakable bond, are the epitome of New York wealth. But as their families gather at Everett's country pile for his birthday, the buried resentments of the past simmer to the surface and, in a moment, everything is obliterated...



## BITTER HONEY by CARYL LEWIS

FICTION - 19TH JUNE

**Transworld £16.99**

After half a century of blissful married life at her family's orchard in Wales, Hannah's husband has died. But he has left her 11 letters from beyond the grave that shine a new light on all she thought she knew. A beautiful new novel from the author of Mr B's favourite, *Drift*.

## THE SAFEKEEP by Yael van der Wouden

FICTION - 12TH JUNE

**Penguin £9.99**

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.



## THE UNWILTING by MARINA KEMP

FICTION - 19TH JUNE

**Harper Collins £9.99**

When budding writer Zoe is invited to the Sicilian summer home of famous novelist Don Travers, she is fascinated by his unusual family. But when the holiday comes to an abrupt end, Zoe discovers a long history of family secrets that will take decades to fully unravel.





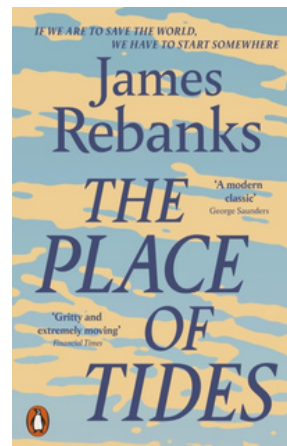
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## THE STRANGERS by EKOW ESHUN

BIOGRAPHY - 26TH JUNE  
Penguin £10.99

Frantz Fanon. Malcolm X. Justin Fashanu. Ira Aldridge. Matthew Henson. Five extraordinary Black men, all of whom excelled in their chosen field, and yet suffered for their Blackness. Eshun lyrically explores their lives and asks what is needed to survive for men such as these.



## THE PLACE OF TIDES by JAMES REBANKS

MEMOIR - 30TH JUNE  
Penguin £10.99

Long ago, farmer and writer Rebanks spent a short time on a remote Norwegian island with a woman upholding the tradition of caring for Eider ducks. Years later he returned to find her still carving out this arcane and isolated life, despite the near-impossible challenges.

## CHALLENGER by ADAM HIGGINBOTHAM

HISTORY - 5TH JUNE  
Penguin £10.99

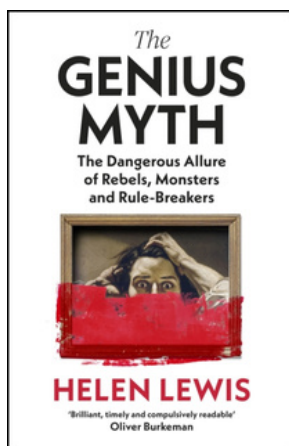
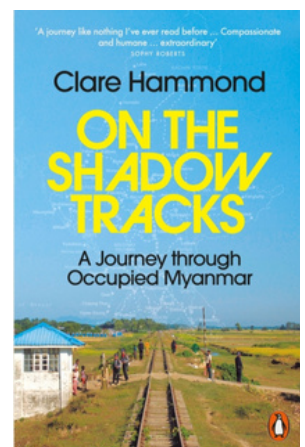
On January 28th, 1986, the world watched on in horror as the Challenger space shuttle broke up over the Atlantic Ocean, killing everyone on board. Following the astronauts on board and the team on the ground, this riveting non-fiction thriller is narrative storytelling at its finest.



## ON THE SHADOW TRACKS by CLARE HAMMOND

HISTORY - 5TH JUNE  
Penguin £12.99

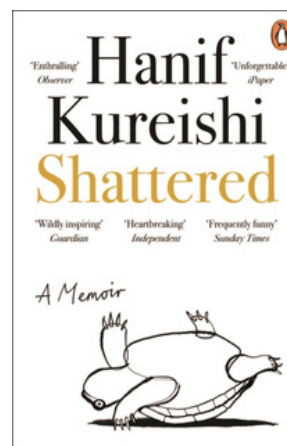
When working in Myanmar in 2016, Hammond came across details of a network of secret railways not shown on any official maps. She spent months travelling them, and the next five years probing their origins. Both an eye-opening travelogue and an uncomfortable historical investigation.



## THE GENIUS MYTH by HELEN LEWIS

PSYCHOLOGY - 19TH JUNE  
Vintage £22

Journalist and broadcaster Lewis considers how we define and promote geniuses, from tortured artists of the 16th century to the tech innovators of today. What can we learn from how a society declares and treats genius? A fascinating mix of history, psychology and sociology.



## SHATTERED by HANIF KUREISHI

MEMOIR - 5TH JUNE  
Penguin £10.99

On Boxing Day 2022, celebrated novelist Kureishi was out for coffee in Rome when he fell, sustaining injuries that left him paralysed from the neck down. In this moving, funny and typically mischievous memoir he confronts his injury, his future, and a life of reading and writing books.

## LADY'S KNIGHT by AMIE KAUFMAN & MEAGAN SPOONER

TEEN - 5TH JUNE  
HarperCollins £9.99

Perfect for fans of *Gwen & Art Are Not In Love* and *My Lady Jane*, a hilariously cute medieval tale of a hidden female knight who wants to be more than she is and a wily lady who wants out of her engagement... will they be able to help each other, or will everything go up in dragon flames?



## THE SCREAM OF THE WHISTLE by EMILY RANDALL-JONES

CHILDREN'S - 5TH JUNE  
Chicken House £7.99

From the author of *Witchstone Ghosts* comes a new and spooky adventure! Ruby is miserable after her parents split up and is being moved to a creepy new town. She decides to take herself home on a haunted trainline, where a spine-chilling journey awaits!



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## **A BOX FULL OF MURDERS** by JANICE HALLET

CHILDREN'S - 5TH JUNE

Puffin £7.99

Janice Hallett's step into children's mystery takes us all by storm! When Ava and Luke find a mysterious box of letters in their attic, they discover clues from a decades old cold case murder. Only the case might not be so cold and the murderer might still be alive! Will you be able to solve the case before them? Perfect for fans of Robin Stevens.



## **THE UNLIKELY DIARY OF PRINCE KAL THE ALIEN** by ROSS WELFORD

CHILDREN'S - 5TH JUNE

HarperCollins £7.99

For fans of the *Loki* series, this is a new diary-style series for comedy lovers! Prince Kal made the mistake of going through the magical Anywhere Cabinet, that dropped him off on stinking planet earth. Now, the cabinet is out of battery, and he has no way to get home...oh, and he's lost his beloved pet!

## **ROBIN HOOD** by BETHAN WOOLLVIN

PICTURE BOOK - 26TH JUNE

Pan Macmillan £7.99

Another classic fairy tale retelling from award-winning author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin. In this version of *Robin Hood*, Robin is a little girl with a big heart, ready to protect her village from the thieving sheriff! This is a picture book full of adventure for up-and-coming book worms.

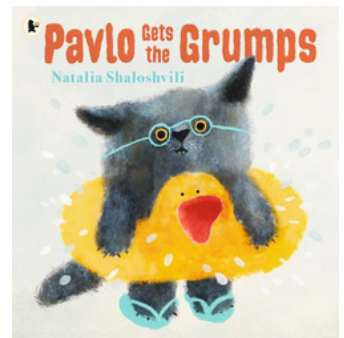


## **PAVLO GETS THE GRUMPS** by NATALIA SHALOSHVILI

PICTURE BOOK - 5TH JUNE

Walker Books £7.99

Everyone has bad days, even cute, fluffy Pavlo! And this precious little kitten is here to help guide kids through bad days and big emotions, showing them that the Grumps don't stick around forever. Told through cosy illustrations that feel like a hug, this is an essential addition to a child's emotional library!



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