

# THE MR B'S BOOKSELLER'S DOZEN

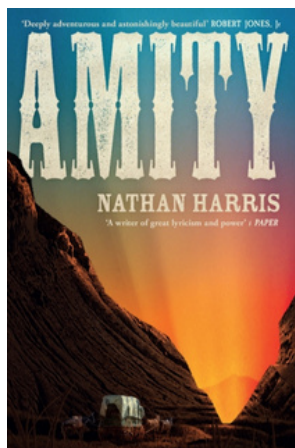
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Welcome to the Mr B's Bookseller's Dozen!

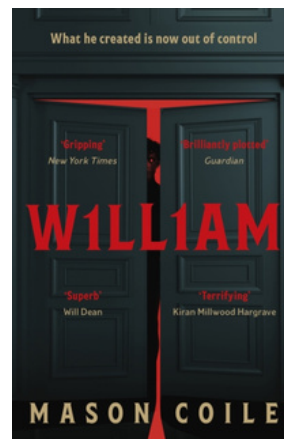
These are the books Team B is most excited about this month. And because we can't possibly stop at only 12, our dozen consists of 24 books! With fiction, non-fiction, teen and children's books, there is something for everyone.

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.



**AMITY**  
by **NATHAN HARRIS**  
**FICTION - 2ND SEPTEMBER**  
**Headline £20.00**

The Civil War may be over, but former slaves Coleman and June have not got the freedom they were promised. When their former master takes June to Mexico, Coleman wonders if he will ever see her again... until one day a letter arrives. A deeply resonant and stunningly written adventure.

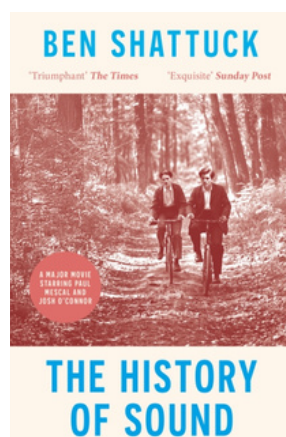


**WILLIAM**  
by **MASON COILE**  
**FICTION - 25TH SEPTEMBER**  
**John Murray £9.99**

Artificial intelligence William exists in a half-finished robot body in the attic of a smart home. He is fully cognisant and bitter he will never be human. When his engineer decides to show him off to his wife and colleagues, William decides to show them exactly what a non-human is capable of...

**THE HISTORY OF SOUND**  
by **BEN SHATTUCK**  
**FICTION - 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Swift Press £9.99**

From a massacre in 1700s Nantucket, to two men collecting folk songs in the shadow of WWI, and a sighting of the great auk and the contemporary woods of New Hampshire, these interconnected stories explore the many ways the past can be misunderstood. Soon to be a major movie, starring Paul Mescal!



**THE CITY AND ITS UNCERTAIN WALLS**  
by **HARUKI MURAKAMI**  
**FICTION - 9TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Vintage £10.99**

A young man, reeling from a lost love, takes refuge in a walled city: a place of gatekeepers, clocks with no hands, strange beasts that run through the streets, and a library of old dreams. A late-career gem of magical whimsy from the Japanese master.

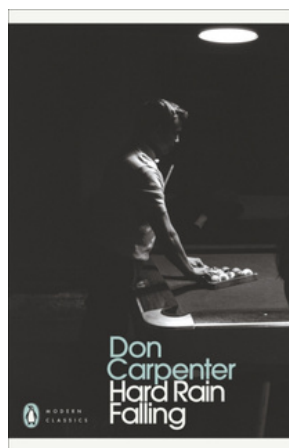


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**MONA'S EYES**  
by **THOMAS SCHLESSER**  
**FICTION - 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Europa £20.00**

Ten-year-old Mona has a year left before she loses her sight forever. Over the course of 52 weeks in Paris, her grandfather will show her the great works of art at the Louvre and Musee D'Orsay... and maybe the key to life as well. A beautifully written masterpiece of art and family.

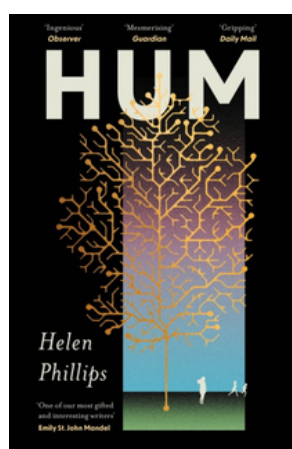


**HARD RAIN FALLING**  
by **DON CARPENTER**  
**FICTION - 4TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Penguin £10.99**

Jack Leavitt, a teenage tearaway and petty criminal, befriends Billy Lancing, a young Black pool shark, in 40s Portland. Years later the pair are reunited in the brutal confines of San Quentin State Prison, an unforgiving place from which only one of them will emerge. A tough-as-nails cult noir now available as a Penguin Modern Classic.

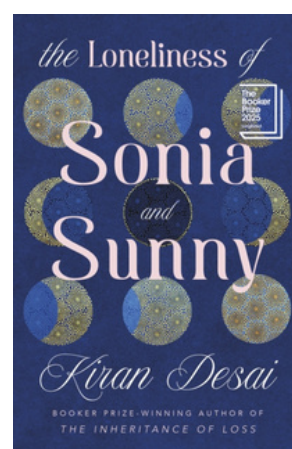
**HUM**  
by **HELEN PHILLIPS**  
**FICTION - 4TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Atlantic £9.99**

In the near future a mother loses her job to AI and has her face subtly altered in an experiment to avoid surveillance cameras. Using the payout to take her family away on a retreat to the luxurious Botanical Gardens, the repercussions of her decision begin to unfold in nightmarish ways.



**THE LONELINESS OF SONIA AND SUNNY**  
by **KIRAN DESAI**  
**FICTION - 25TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Penguin £25.00**

Sunny and Sonia study in America whilst back home their grandparents plot an arranged marriage to settle old scores. But this is the 21st century and the pair want to leave their roots behind, each finding lovers of their own. Full of rich detail, humour and characters. For fans of Rohinton Mistry.



**THE MAIDEN AND HER MONSTER**  
by **MADDIE MARTINEZ**  
**FICTION - 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Pan Macmillan £22.00**

When her mother is accused of murder, Malka must venture into the blood-soaked forest that curses her village. But the monster she discovers there is not the one she has been taught to fear... A dark, sapphic fantasy bathed in folklore, perfect for fans of Ava Reid and Naomi Novik.



**AUTOMATIC NOODLE**  
by **ANNALEE NEWITZ**  
**FICTION - 4TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Tor £14.99**

In a newly independent California, a crew of abandoned food service bots open their very own restaurant. Robophobic malcontents bombard the internet with one-star reviews and the robots must find a way to reclaim their ratings... A charming, cosy sci-fi for fans of Becky Chambers and TJ Klune.

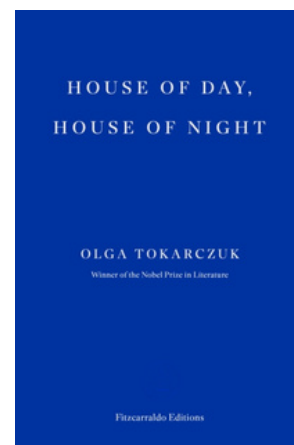
**WHAT WE CAN KNOW**  
by **IAN MCEWAN**  
**FICTION - 18TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Vintage £22.00**

It is 2119 and the lowlands of Great Britain have succumbed to the rising tides. A university lecturer still trying to thrive on one of the UK's remaining archipelagos stumbles across the mystery of a lost poem from better times: one that may reveal a hidden crime. A hopeful story of our future from the beloved author of Atonement.



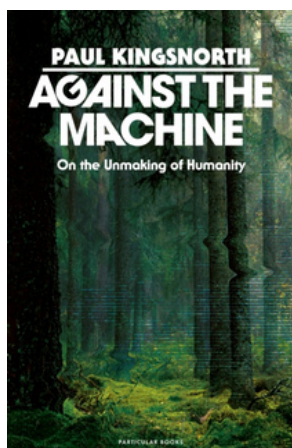
**HOUSE OF DAY, HOUSE OF NIGHT**  
by **OLGA TOKARCZUK**  
**FICTION - 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Fitzcarraldo £14.99**

A woman settles in a Polish village that used to be occupied by German forces. This is a place of stories, where the living and dead both have their say, where the village drunk shares his body with a bird, and dreams come from other planets. A strange and darkly humorous early novel from the Nobel Laureate.





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**AGAINST THE MACHINE**  
by PAUL KINGSNORTH  
POLITICS - 23RD SEPTEMBER  
Penguin £25.00

How does one remain human in the age of the Machine? From the beginnings of the First Industrial Revolution to the ever-increasing use of AI, Paul Kingsnorth reveals how the rise of techno-capitalism has led to the slow destruction of the planet and the reshaping of humanity itself.

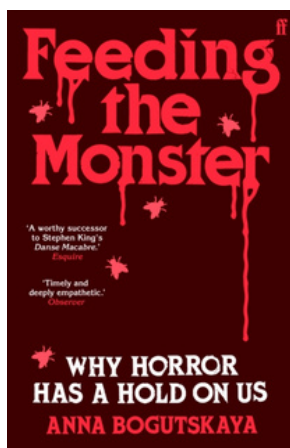


**THE CHRONICLES OF DOOM**  
by S.H. FERNANDO JR.  
BIOGRAPHY - 11TH SEPTEMBER  
Faber & Faber £16.99

The definitive biography of one of the most enigmatic icons of hip-hop. Journalist S.H. Fernando Jr. charts the course of MF DOOM's career and untimely demise against the history of east-coast hip-hop, exploring the countless projects, collaborations, and lyrics that led to his legendary status.

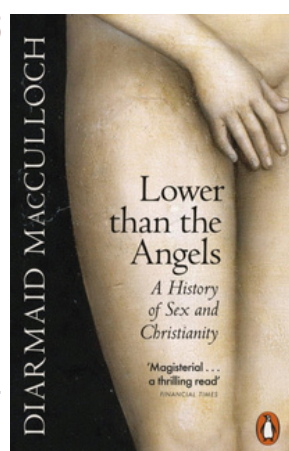
**FEEDING THE MONSTER**  
by ANNA BOGUTSKAYA  
ESSAYS - 25TH SEPTEMBER  
Faber & Faber £10.99

How does the horror genre fascinate as well as terrify? Why were films such as *The Babadook*, *Hereditary*, and *Get Out* such critical and commercial hits? In this collection of essays, critic and author Anna Bogutskaya delves into how and why horror media has become a staple of popular culture.



**LOWER THAN THE ANGELS**  
by DIARMAID MACCULLOCH  
HISTORY - 18TH SEPTEMBER  
Penguin £18.99

In the last century, there has been a massive shift in attitudes towards sex and sexuality in historically Christian societies, sparking both public interest and outrage. Seeking to calm fears and encourage understanding, professor Diarmaid MacCulloch outlines the history of Christianity and sexuality and the complexities and contradictions therein.



**A THOUSAND FEASTS**  
by NIGEL SLATER  
MEMOIR - 25TH SEPTEMBER  
HarperCollins £12.99

A stunning collection of the small moments of joy that we often overlook. From eating a mango in the monsoon rain, to inhaling the scent of books in a second-hand bookstore, Nigel Slater draws on his years of travel to pick out the tiny pleasures he has experienced around the world.

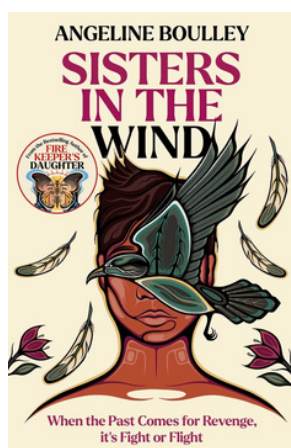


**FLY, WILD SWANS**  
by JUNG CHANG  
MEMOIR - 16TH SEPTEMBER  
HarperCollins £25.00

In this long-awaited follow up to *Wild Swans*, Jung Chang recounts the decades following her move from Communist China to the West. Tracing her personal history alongside the rise of China as a global power, Chang explores how the Cultural Revolution has shaped and continues to shape both her life and her homeland.

**SISTERS IN THE WIND**  
by ANGELINE BOULLEY  
TEEN - 4TH SEPTEMBER  
Oneworld £8.99

A thriller of family, belonging and identity, this story will take your breath away. Lucy Smith is on the run, out of foster care, away from her troubles. But when a kind case worker tracks her down to tell her the truth of her family, Lucy discovers a secret... she's being followed. And now she doesn't know who to trust. From the author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*.



**SMALL WONDER**  
by ROSS MONTGOMERY  
CHILDREN'S - 1ST SEPTEMBER  
Walker £7.99

An absolutely epic, out of this world adventure from the author of *I Am Rebel*. When an enemy hunter appears outside Tick and Leaf's cottage, Tick knows exactly what to do—run! The enemy army is coming, and they must reach King's Keep on their trusty steed before the gates close on them. A perfect Robin Hood-esque adventure for 9+ readers.

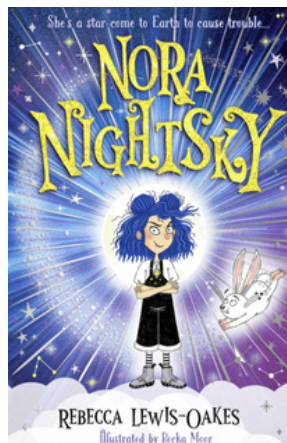


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**SCARLET MORNING**  
by **N.D. STEVENSON**  
**CHILDREN'S - 25TH SEPTEMBER**  
**HarperCollins £14.99**

From the infamous creator of *Nimona* comes an enchanting, illustrated novel full of adventure. When two orphans are given the opportunity of a lifetime to travel the world of Caveat with Captain Cadence Chase, they don't hesitate to jump aboard and search the high seas for the parents they know are out there.

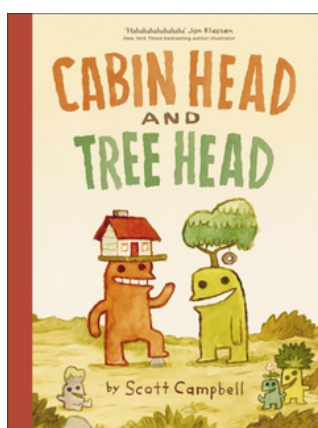


**NORA NIGHTSKY**  
by **REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES**  
**CHILDREN'S - 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Scholastic £6.99**

Perfect for fans of *Amelia Fang*, this is a story about a young star who helps her family of stars make the Little Bear Constellation shine bright. When a young girl from earth wishes on Nora for a pet, she sneaks down to earth with her hare best friend to see if she can make this wish come true. For ages 6 to 8.

**CABIN HEAD AND TREE HEAD**  
by **SCOTT CAMPBELL**  
**GRAPHIC NOVEL - 4TH SEPTEMBER**  
**DK £12.99**

This outrageously funny, outrageously odd graphic novel for young readers is a perfect step into reading. Cabin Head and Tree Head live in a world where everyone has something on their head, and these two do everything together. Follow them through six stories and laugh your pants off!



**OAK, THE LITTLEST LEAF GIRL**  
by **LUCY FLEMMING**  
**PICTURE BOOK - 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
**Walker £7.99**

Oak is a little leaf girl with some big emotions. She loves exploring and playing with creature friends! But as the season shifts, Oak realizes that a big change is coming and she might not be ready for it. A perfectly adorable story to help little ones voice big emotions and embrace change.



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