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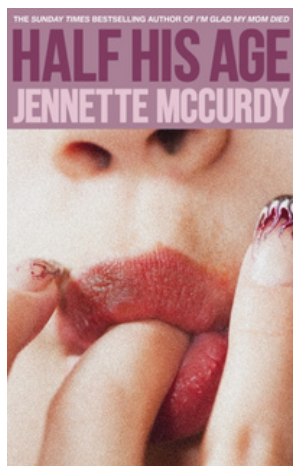
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Welcome to the Mr B's Bookseller's Dozen!

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.



HALF HIS AGE
by JENNETTE MCCURDY
FICTION - 20TH JAN
Fourth Estate £16.99

From the bestselling author of *I'm Glad My Mom Died* comes the story of a seventeen-year-old who longs for her teacher. Waldo doesn't fully understand why she wants Mr Korgy, her married, middle-aged creative writing teacher. Is it his wisdom, his passion? Or does she just want somebody who really *sees* her? This is an exploration of sex, rampant consumerism, class and desire.

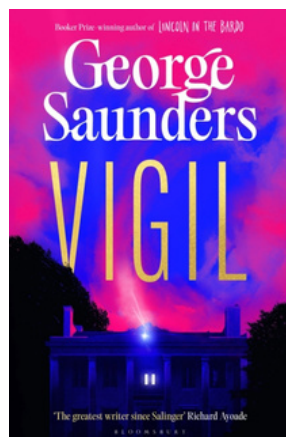


THIS IS WHERE THE SERPENT LIVES
by DANIALYAL MUEENUDDIN
FICTION - 13TH JAN
Bloomsbury £18.99

Set in contemporary Pakistan, an unforgettable cast of characters are intertwined by love, resilience, ambition and tragedy. Desperate to rise from poverty and find love by any means necessary, in spite of the inherent inequality of the caste system, four people ponder the value of morality versus survival.

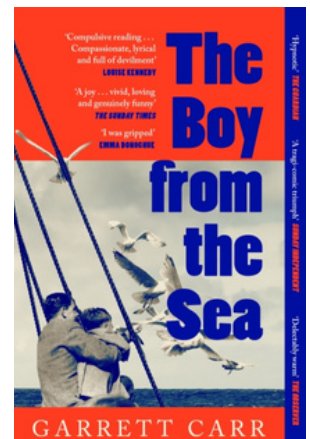
VIGIL
BY GEORGE SAUNDERS
FICTION - 27TH JAN
Bloomsbury £18.99

In this imaginative new novel from the author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*, we follow oil tycoon KJ Boone as he crosses from this life into the next, confident that he has made the world a better place. But when he is plagued by visions of all the people and animals he has wronged throughout his life, KJ must grapple with the idea that perhaps the life he led was not a good one.

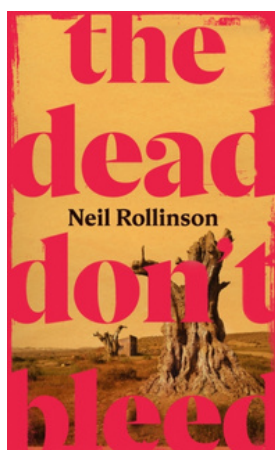


THE BOY FROM THE SEA
by GARRETT CARR
FICTION - 29TH JAN
Picador £9.99

On the west coast of Ireland a baby is found abandoned on the beach. While the community ponders his origins, local fisherman Ambrose takes the baby home and adopts him, to the consternation of his son Declan. A warm and beautiful read, perfect for new year book clubs!



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THE DEAD DON'T BLEED
by NEIL ROLLINSON
FICTION - 8TH JAN

Vintage £16.99

Fleeing the violent clutches of their ganster father in Northumberland, brothers Frank and Gordon each find their way to Spain. When Frank hears news that their father has died, he feels dutybound to find Gordon and tell him. But will the brothers' reunion be one of relief, or will it dredge up the darkness of their shared past?



BAT EATER
by KYLIE LEE BAKER
FICTION - 8TH JAN

Hodder & Stoughton £10.99

Bat eater. Cora Zeng will never forget the hate-filled words of the masked man who pushed her sister in front of a train. But when she begins to see a tall, impossibly thin figure in every shadow, Cora realises she is begin haunted by more than just her trauma... A visceral and gripping blend of social and supernatural horror.

GOOD GIRL
by ARIA ABER
FICTION - 1ST JAN

Bloomsbury £9.99

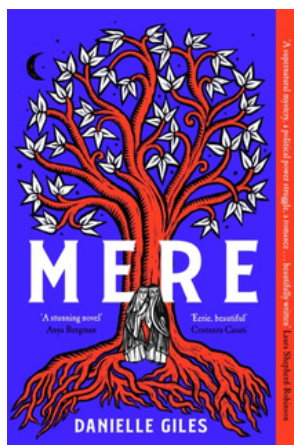
Aber's gripping debut into the world of fiction, this powerful coming-of-age story follows Nila, a nineteen-year-old aspiring artist and daughter of Afghan refugees. Amongst the buzzing nightlife of smoky Berlin, Nila navigates newfound friendships, tempestuous teenage romance and a quest for self-discovery.



THIS, MY SECOND LIFE
by PATRICK CHARNLEY
FICTION - 8th JAN

Cornerstone £16.99

After a life-altering brain injury, Jago Trevano moves to Cornwall to live on his uncle's coastal farm, where the pace of life is set by the seasons and the care of animals. But when a local man takes an unusual interest in the old mineshaft on his uncle's farm, Jago's idyllic life becomes more complicated. A beautifully written novel, full of hope and resilience.



MERE
by DANIELLE GILES
FICTION - 22ND JAN

Pan Macmillan £9.99

Norfolk, 990 AD. Deep in the Fens, isolated by a vast and treacherous mere, an order of holy sisters make their home in a place that holds secrets darker and more unholy than they could ever imagine. A claustrophobic read steeped in folklore and mystery.



MURDER AT MT. FUJI
by SHIZUKO NATSUKI
FICTION - 1ST JAN

Cornerstone £9.99

A rediscovered classic of Japanese cosy crime. When American student Jane is invited to spend the holidays with her classmate Chiyo Wada and her wealthy family, the last thing she expects is a murder. Especially when Chiyo herself claims to be the perpetrator... But is the case as open and shut as it seems, or is there more to the Wada family than meets the eye?

LAZARUS MAN
by RICHARD PRICE
FICTION - 8TH JAN

Corsair £10.99

Harlem, 2008. A six-storey building collapses to rubble leaving six dead and dozens more missing. In the aftermath, the community descends into chaos. A powerful and masterful novel from the legendary author of *Clockers* and writer on *The Wire*.



A GUARDIAN AND A THIEF
by MEGHA MAJUMDAR
FICTION - 29TH JAN

Scribner UK £16.99

In a near future Kolkata, two families struggle for survival amidst environmental disasters. When Ma's immigration documents are stolen, her plan to escape with her family to America crumbles. But for Boomba, stealing is only a fraction of what he is willing to do to protect his own family... A powerful story about the simultaneous selfishness and selflessness of parenthood.



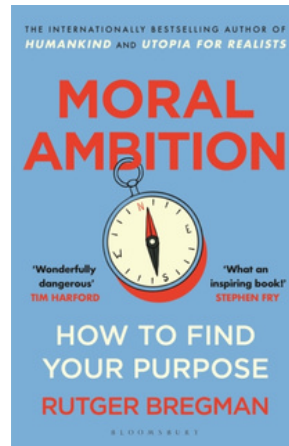
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TWO WOMEN LIVING TOGETHER by KIM HANA & HWANG SUNWOO AUTOBIOGRAPHY - 22ND JAN

Doubleday £16.99

Refusing to choose between a romantic partner or isolation, two Korean women bought a house together and cohabit - not as lovers, not as roommates, but as a chosen family. In this warm and heartfelt memoir, Kim Hana and Hwang Sunwoo recount the joy and connection of a life lived beyond cultural and societal expectations.



MORAL AMBITION by RUTGER BREGMAN PHILOSOPHY - 15TH JAN

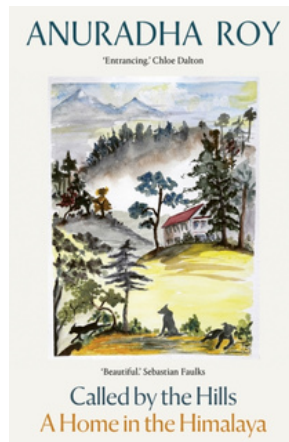
Bloomsbury £10.99

The average worker spends 80,000 hours at their job... Are you truly happy at yours? One of the most revolutionary modern thinkers turns his gaze on the world of work in this perfect book for those looking for more meaning from their lives in 2026.

CALLED BY THE HILLS by ANURADHA ROY MEMOIR - 15TH JAN

Daunt Books £12.99

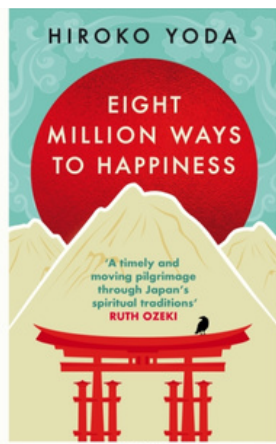
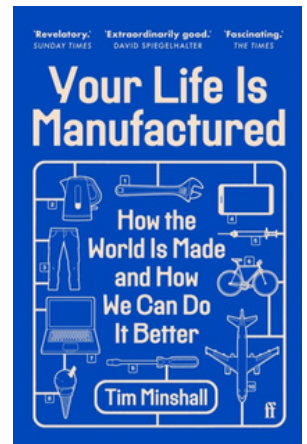
When Roy and her husband stumbled upon a derelict cottage in the wild of the Himalayas, they dropped their responsibilities in Delhi and committed to a new way of life. This is the story of 25 years lived at a gentle pace among the beauty and harshness of the mountains.



YOUR LIFE IS MANUFACTURED by TIM MINSHALL SCIENCE - 15TH JAN

Faber & Faber £10.99

How often do we stop and think: where does everything around us come from? Charting the fascinating and revealing journeys taken by the products that usher our daily-to-day, Minshall reveals the staggering impact of manufacturing on our everyday lives.



EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO HAPPINESS by HIROKO YODO SPIRITUALITY - 1ST JAN

Bloomsbury £16.99

Japanese cultural historian Hiroko Yodo recounts her ten year exploration of the spiritual and religious practices that permeate modern life in Japan. Taking lessons and rituals from Buddhism, to Shinto, to Shugendo, Yodo creates a gentle guide to happiness, and reminds us that every journey to find joy is unique.



THE NAZI MIND by LAURENCE REES HISTORY - 29TH JAN

Penguin Books £10.99

How did the Nazis commit their evil acts? And how did ordinary Germans tolerate it as it happened? Rees uses the latest psychological techniques to help answer perplexing questions about the Holocaust - and give an insight into the despots ruling the world today.

WE GREW A DRAGON by EMMA CHINNERY PICTUREBOOK - 15TH JAN

Bloomsbury £7.99

Tom has an amazing secret - hidden under his bed is an egg. An egg that's cracking, ready to hatch. An egg that contains a dragon. Beautifully illustrated and a sweet story of magic and family, a stunning new picture book.



FINN'S EPIC FAILS by PHIL EARLE MIDDLE GRADE - 29TH JAN

Simon & Schuster £7.99

Finn is a bit of a failure. He just wants to survive Year 7, but his life is destined to be a series of epic fails with his laugh out loud diary entries. Perfect for fans of Diary of Wimpy Kid and Lottie Brooks!



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QUILL AND THE LAST GENERATION
by **C. M. LEWIS**
MIDDLE GRADE - 29TH JAN

Pan Macmillan £7.99

No babies have been born for twelve years and no one knows why. Then we meet Quill, a shy unheroic boy who life is changed when a mysterious young shapeshifting raven, opens his eyes to a world bursting with urgent magic and breath-taking danger.



THE NIGHT I BORROWED TIME
by **IQBAL HUSSAIN**
MIDDLE GRADE - 1ST JAN

Puffin £8.99

Zubair's granny brings him a mysterious amulet and a family secret: he can time travel. With his dad a shadow of his former self after a car accident, he is determined to fix his family but realises some moments aren't meant to be changed.

ARCANA: THE LOST HEIRS
by **SAM PRENTICE-JONES**
TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL - 14TH JAN

Hot Key Books £14.99

Eli, James, Daphne, Koko, and Sunny live in Arcana, a coven dedicated to safeguarding the magical realm. As a decades-old curse threatens everything they hold dear, they must act fast. To break the curse, they'll have to confront the past and risk everything.



BREATH OF THE DRAGON
by **SHANNON LEE & FONDA LEE**
TEEN - 15TH JAN

Hodderscape £10.99

Jun dreams of proving his worth as a warrior in the elite Guardian's Tournament, held every six years. But as he is not breathmarked - born with a patch of dragon scales and blessed with special abilities like his twin - can he prove his worth?



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