

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.



DEATH AND THE GARDENER
by **GEORGI GOSPODINOV**
FICTION - 26TH FEB
Orion £10.99

A son sits at his father's bedside during the final days of his life. Born in Bulgaria at the end of WWII, the father has lived a life full of loss. But from it, he has created a garden full of colour, life sprung from barren ground. And when he dies, he will leave behind this garden and all its flowers to live on in his memory. A moving tale of grief and resilience in the face of great hardship.



THE ARK
by **HARUO YUKI**
FICTION - 12TH FEB
Pushkin £14.99

Ten hikers are trapped in an abandoned bunker by a sudden rockslide. Then, it starts to flood. There might be a way out, but it would involve leaving one of their number behind. As the question of who will be sacrificed echoes in everyone's mind, one of the ten is found dead and the others come to the horrific realisation that there is a murderer among them...

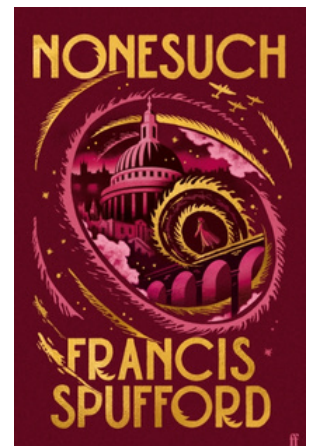
CLOUDLESS
by **RUPERT DASTUR**
FICTION - 19TH FEB
Penguin £9.99

On a sheep farm in the hills of Llandudno, Catrin and John anxiously await the return of their eldest son, Harri, who has gone off to fight in Iraq. As the worry for Harri's safety and the financial burden of running the farm weigh on them, the family begins to drift apart, seeking solace in their own ways. A powerful and exquisitely written novel of family ties and human connection.



NONESUCH
by **FRANCIS SPUFFORD**
FICTION - 26TH FEB
Faber & Faber £20

London, 1939. As the threat of impending war hangs heavy in the air, young secretary Iris Hawkins seeks escape through a night of passion with engineer Geoff. But instead of soothing her troubles, Iris is introduced to a world of dangerous spirits, powerful occultists, and time travel.



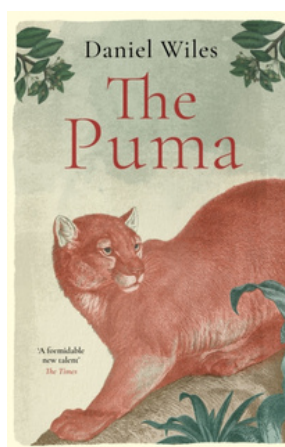
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FLASHLIGHT
by **SUSAN CHOI**
FICTION - 26TH FEB

Vintage £10.99

A sweeping family drama stretching from post-war Japan to Korea to Western suburbia. As a child, Louisa is found on a beach in Japan - the miracle survivor of an incident that claimed her father. As she grows up her relationship with her mother, Anne, is fraught with misunderstanding, but what they share is a common stubbornness to thrive under any circumstance.



THE PUMA
by **DANIEL WILES**
FICTION - 12TH FEB

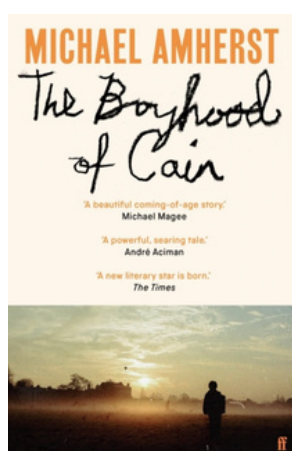
Swift Press £14.99

Daniel Wiles, author of Mr B's favourite, *Mercia's Take*, returns with another breathtaking and tense novel. A father and son return to the father's childhood home in the remote and unforgiving wilderness of Patagonia. As they struggle for survival, an encounter with a puma marks the beginning of an all-consuming obsession for the father.

THE BOYHOOD OF CAIN
by **MICHAEL AMHERST**
FICTION - 12TH FEB

Faber & Faber £9.99

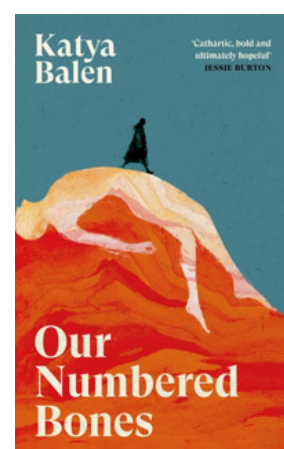
A tender, intimate coming-of-age story set in a small English village. When his father loses his job and his mother refuses to leave her room, Daniel finds solace only in his desperate fascination with new schoolmate Philip and the attention of his charismatic new art teacher.



OUR NUMBERED BONES
by **KATYA BALEN**
FICTION - 12TH FEB

Canongate £16.99

Feeling stifled by pressure and grief, struggling writer Anna retreats to the marshes of rural England, hoping to find the inspiration to write her new novel. Instead, Anna stumbles across the centuries-old body of a young woman preserved in the bog, and slowly descends into obsession. A poetic and visceral adult debut from a beloved children's author.



HE'S THE DEVIL
by **TOBI COVENTRY**
FICTION - 12TH FEB

HarperCollins £16.99

Simon has always done his best to do right by those around him. But when his new flatmate Massimo moves in, he brings with him the smell of earth and meat, strange sounds echoing from his room, and the beginnings of a wild awakening within Simon. A modern horror novel for anyone who's had a flatmate they'd rather forget.



A BEAST SLINKS TOWARDS BEIJING
by **ALICE EVELYN YANG**
FICTION - 19TH FEB

Dead Ink Books £11.99

When her father returns to her childhood home, Quianze barely recognises the fragile, haunted man before her. But when he begins to speak of his past, of their family's dark history, Quianze falls under a spell woven with mythology and a looming curse. A magical realist family saga spanning decades of trauma and colonial legacy.

EVERY ONE STILL HERE
by **LIADAN NÍ CHUINN**
FICTION - 12TH FEB

Granta £9.99

From a brand new voice in Irish literature comes six short stories, intimate and political in their scope. A young man struggles with his anatomy class. A little girl spends her days on a bus. A bride prays to the bones of St Valentine. Snapshots of the everyday are rendered with great compassion and tied to the history of the Troubles in this visceral collection.



CODE NOIR
by **CANISIA LUBRIN**
FICTION - 5TH FEB

Oneworld £14.99

Based on the fifty-nine articles of the Code Noir—a decree passed by King Louis XIV on the treatment of French colonial slaves in the Caribbean—Lubrin presents fifty-nine interconnected short fictions exploring the reality of Black experience, both past and present. An electrifying and audacious response to an artifact of colonial injustice.



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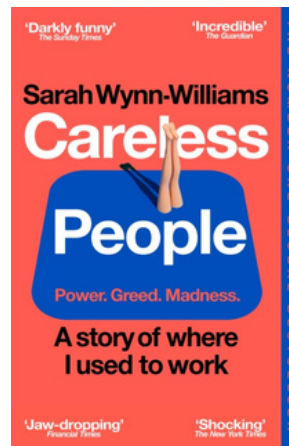


LOOKING AT WOMEN, LOOKING AT WAR

by **VICTORIA AMELINA**
AUTOBIOGRAPHY - 12TH FEB

HarperCollins £10.99

In 2023, Ukrainian poet and novelist Victoria Amelina was killed by a Russian missile in Donetsk. Prior to her death, Amelina had been chronicling war crimes and the work of extraordinary women resisting the Russian invasion. A breathtaking posthumous account of the horrors of war and the bravery of resistance.



CARELESS PEOPLE

by **SARAH WYNN-WILLIAMS**

MEMOIR - 26TH FEB

Pan Macmillan £10.99

When Sarah Wynn-Williams joined Facebook, she believed the company would change the world for the better. But what followed was seven years of discovering the power, greed, and politics corrupting the largest social media platform in the world.

LEAVING HOME

by **MARK HADDON**

MEMOIR - 5TH FEB

Vintage £25

A richly illustrated and unflinching window into the life of writer and artist Mark Haddon, author of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. From a childhood spent with parents who didn't seem equipped for children to creating a place that finally felt like home, we follow Haddon's struggles and triumphs with mental health, creativity, and belonging.



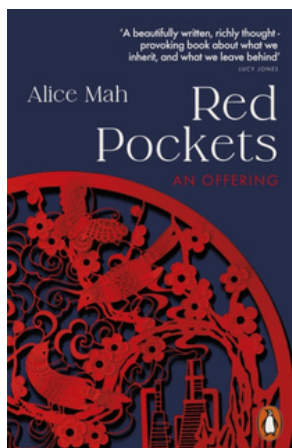
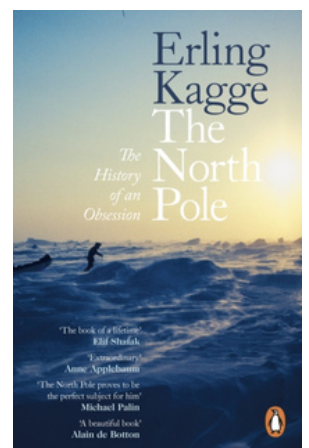
THE NORTH POLE

by **ERLING KAGGE**

TRAVEL - 5TH FEB

Penguin £11.99

From Herodotus pondering the extremities of our planet, to the legendary expeditions of polar explorers, Erling Kagge recounts the history of humanity's obsession with the North Pole. Interspersed with stories of his own Arctic voyage in 1990, Kagge discusses the allure of a journey that pushes the limits of human capability.



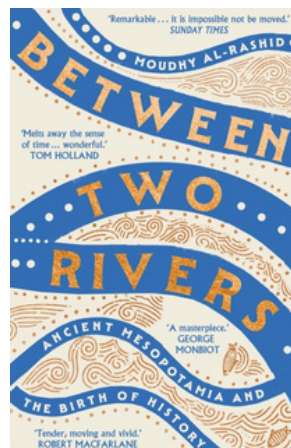
RED POCKETS

by **ALICE MAH**

MEMOIR - 5TH FEB

Penguin £12.99

Alice Mah returned to her home village in southern China during the Qingming Festival, when it is tradition to sweep the tombs of ancestors. But, like many overseas Chinese people, Mah's ancestors' tombs had been left untended for years due to political and environmental circumstances. A poignant memoir about what we owe our cultural heritage.



BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

by **MOUDHY AL-RASHID**

HISTORY - 12TH FEB

Hodder & Stoughton £12.99

Using artefacts from the ancient city of Ur, historian Moudhy Al-Rashid paints a vivid picture of life in Mesopotamia. Focusing on records of everyday life—a dog's pawprints in clay, transcribed lullabies and exorcisms, the writing practice of preschoolers—she connects us to the lives of humans from thousands of years ago.

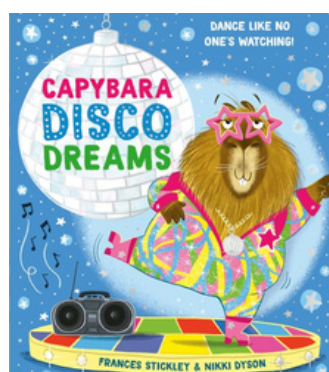
CAPYBARA DISCO DREAMS

by **FRANCES STICKLEY & NIKKI DYSON**

PICTUREBOOK - 12TH FEB

Simon & Schuster £7.99

Capybara loves to dance like nobody's watching! He moves, he grooves, he rumbas, he Zumbas, and most of all, he has fun. The other animals at the disco are too embarrassed to join him. Can Capybara show them the joys of the dancefloor?



TINY HERCULES

by **JON LOCK & NICH ANGELL**

GRAPHIC NOVEL - 5TH FEB

Pan Macmillan £9.99

Tiny Hercules has been banished to Earth as a punishment for ruining Tiny Zeus's bodacious party. To get home he must complete twelve legendary tasks, but it isn't going to be easy—even for a demigod. Laugh-out-loud fun, perfect for fans of *Bunny vs Monkey* and *Dogman*.



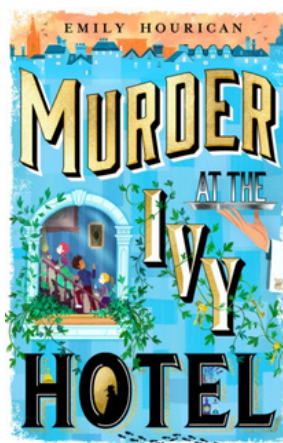
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THE GALAXY WORLD CUP
by ALAN JOYCE
MIDDLE GRADE - 12TH FEB

Chicken House £7.99

When aliens mistake them for the best football team in the world, Nick and his friends are forced to join an intergalactic football tournament across the Milky Way. The only problem? They might just be the worst team on Earth. But if they ever want to go back home, they have no choice but to try and score a goal. A hilarious and action-packed novel for young football fans.



MURDER AT THE IVY HOTEL
by EMILY HOURIGAN
MIDDLE GRADE - 12TH FEB

Scholastic £7.99

Meredith and Macy love living at the Ivy Hotel, where their mum is the general manager. But when a guest dies under mysterious circumstances, Meredith and Macy must solve the mystery of his murder before their mum loses her job and they all lose their home.

THE LAST WOLF
by ROB BIDDULPH
MIDDLE GRADE - 5TH FEB

Pan Macmillan £12.99

Jax, Jovi, Esau, and Fourth love adventuring around Moonhaven after dark, breaking curfew and dodging the patrolling Nighthawks. But when a werewolf attack is reported for the first time in decades, the four friends become the Nighthawks' prime suspects. Can they clear their names and find out what's really going on in Moonhaven?



OUR INFINITE FATES
by LAURA STEVEN
TEEN - 1ST FEB

Penguin £9.99

Imagine love enduring through the darkest of times, bound by a terrible fate. Evelyn and Arden are destined to find each other before turning eighteen, only to kill each other. Across many lifetimes and eras, their souls collide in new ways, and each reunion feels inevitable... until someone decides to change their fate.



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