

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 THINGS WE NEVER SAY
by ELIZABETH STROUT
FICTION - 7TH MAY
Penguin £18.99

Artie is the model teacher: adored by students, respected by colleagues, loved by friends and family. But inside, Artie is falling apart, plagued by loneliness and existential dread. Elizabeth Strout expands her universe in this deeply felt and beautifully rendered novel of one man's wrestles with the meaning of life. A first rate new work by one of the world's greatest living writers.



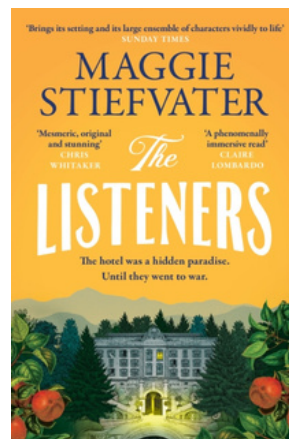
PRESTIGE DRAMA
by SÉAMAS O'REILLY
FICTION - 7TH MAY
Little, Brown £18.99

When famous American actor Monica Logue disappears during her visit to Derry, all signs point to script-writer Diarmuid, who was the last to see Monica alive. Told through the eyes of Derry's residents, the city is abuzz with gossip, speculation, and self-reflection as everyone tries to be a part of this sensational disappearance. A dazzling tragicomic fiction debut from the author of *Did Ya Hear Mammy Died?*

THE LISTENERS
by MAGGIE STIEFVATER
FICTION - 7TH MAY

Headline £10.99

West Virginia, 1942. June is the general manager at the Avallon Hotel & Spa: a luxury retreat boasting healing mountain sweetwater. But when the owners agree to house captured Axis diplomats, June must convince her staff to provide their luxury services to Nazis. As tensions rise within the hotel and the war rages on outside, June must figure out where her loyalty truly lies.



AMERICAN FANTASY
by EMMA STRAUB
FICTION - 14TH MAY
Penguin £18.99

When the recently divorced Annie boards the American Fantasy cruise ship, she's mostly there for a laugh. A four-day cruise with her favourite 90s boyband may have been a dream come true as a teenager, but she's matured beyond that now. Yet when the band begins to sing, Annie is transported to the nostalgic joy of her youth and begins a friendship that could lead to so much more.

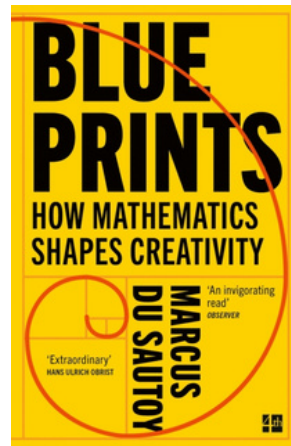


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TREE
by **AYA KŌDA**
NATURE - 14TH MAY
Penguin £11.99

Ezo spruce, hinoki, cherry blossoms. Persimmon, maple, cypress. These are the iconic trees of Japan. But as a young girl Aya Kōda recognized them not only as things of beauty, but as living, feeling beings. In this handsomely published, lyrical paean to trees of all forms, one of Japan's most striking 20th century writers celebrates the stories of each individual tree.

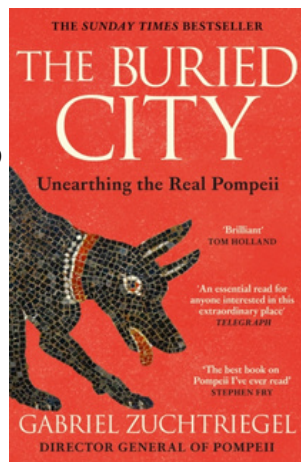


BLUE PRINTS
by **MARCUS DU SAUTOY**
SCIENCE - 7TH MAY
HarperCollins £10.99

Mathematician Marcus du Sautoy studies the often misunderstood relationship between maths and creativity. Whether it be ancient stone circles, Shakespeare's writings, or the music of Radiohead, du Sautoy explores how mathematical concepts inform creativity, and how creativity is vital for the discovery of new mathematical concepts.

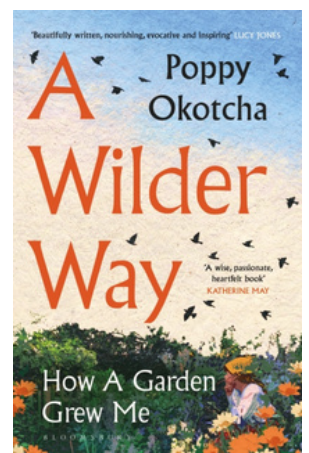
THE BURIED CITY
by **GABRIEL ZUCHTRIEGEL**
HISTORY - 21ST MAY

Hodder & Stoughton £10.99
A world frozen in stasis. The everyday: unmade beds, abandoned tools, final terrified embraces trapped in time. The extraordinary: sculptures, great frescos, immaculate mosaics. The tragedy of Pompeii has fascinated scholars, historians and the public for centuries. In this revolutionary work of history, Zuchtriegel reconstructs the horrors of that fateful day in 79 CE.



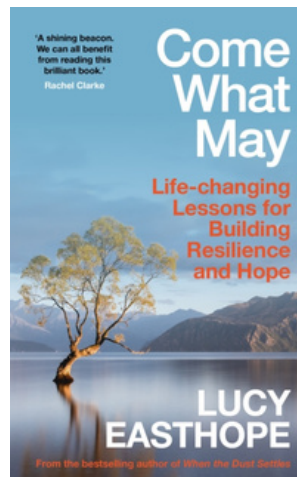
A WILDER WAY
by **POPPY OKOTCHA**
NATURE - 7TH MAY
Bloomsbury £9.99

An intimate memoir of one woman and her garden in Devon. Poppy Okotcha takes us through one year of tending to her small patch of land and how it has changed her. From the tiny magical moments to the big seasonal changes, Okotcha reveals how gardening improved her physical and emotional wellbeing, and taught her how to live a more sustainable life.



EN ROUTE
by **PETER FIENNES**
TRAVEL - 7TH MAY
Oneworld £18.99

Peter Fiennes takes us on a literary tour of France, following in the footsteps of great writers. From the bars frequented by Sartre and de Beauvoir in Rouen and Le Havre, to the southern beaches explored by Katherine Mansfield, Fiennes delivers a pacy, witty travelogue celebrating the culture, history, and landscapes that have shaped the lives so many literary icons.

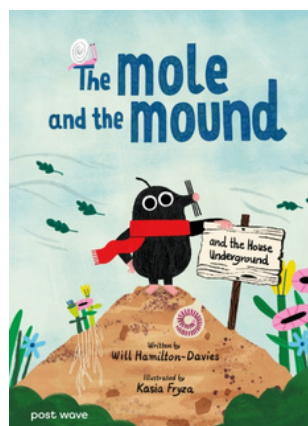


COME WHAT MAY
by **LUCY EASTHOPE**
PSYCHOLOGY - 14TH MAY
Hodder & Stoughton £10.99

Emergency planner Lucy Easthope has supported countless people in rebuilding their lives after major disasters. In this uplifting and eye-opening guide, Easthope reveals the planning and the pitfalls, the joys and slumps, and the necessity for resilience that we encounter when faced with such adversity.

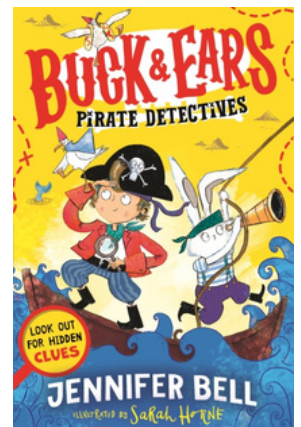
THE MOLE AND THE MOUND
by **WILL HAMILTON-DAVIES**
PICTUREBOOK - 7TH MAY
Post Wave £7.99

Mole wants to build an underground shelter for all his friends. But Bird, Beaver, and Bee don't want to stay in a muddy mound when they could be in Bird's nest, Beaver's lodge, or Bee's hive. But when a storm hits their homes, Mole's friends learn that there's more to the mound than meets the eye.

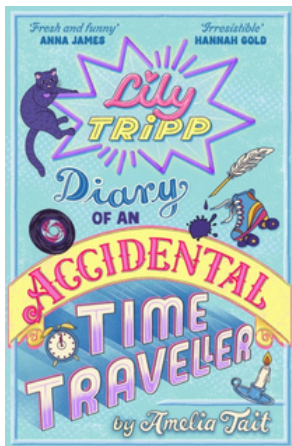


BUCK & EARS: PIRATE DETECTIVES
by **JENNIFER BELL**
YOUNG READERS - 7TH MAY
Walker £7.99

It's all hands on deck in this pirate puzzle adventure! Join Buck and his rabbit, Ears as they set sail across the Seventy Seas. They're not the best pirates (in fact, they might be the worst) so it's up to you to help them find Captain Bloodfang's missing chef... before she turns them into pirate stew!



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LILY TRIPP: DIARY OF AN ACCIDENTAL TIME TRAVELLER
by AMELIA TAIT
MIDDLE GRADE - 28TH MAY
Hachette £8.99

Lily Tripp has a secret: every New Year's Eve at midnight, she'll travel back in time to a completely different century. How is she supposed to survive as a servant in the 1600s? And more importantly, why haven't chicken nuggets been invented yet? A hilarious, time-travelling adventure, perfect for fans of Lottie Brooks.



HOLOMONSTERS
by LEE NEWBERY
MIDDLE GRADE - 7TH MAY
Penguin £8.99

Newt is an ace at a new game called Holomonsters, where hologram tech brings rivals together for fun battles. But, when Newt wins a local competition and is invited to train at Holomonsters HQ, he quickly realises the monsters are being morphed into reality for dangerous means. Perfect for fans of Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh!

CROW: THIEF OF MAGIC
by FIONA DIXON
MIDDLE GRADE - 7TH MAY
HarperCollins £7.99

When a heist goes wrong, twelve-year-old Crow goes from thief to sorcerer's apprentice and begins to study the ancient art of dream magic. But when a strain of nightmare magic threatens the whole city of Starsgard, Crow's newfound abilities are put to the test. A magical fantasy debut for fans of *Greenwild* and *Nevermoor*.



LIKE A BROTHER
by NATHANAEL LESSORE
TEEN - 7TH MAY
Hot Key £8.99

Owais is popular, funny, and laid-back—what more could he want? Then his chaotic cousin Abass comes to visit and suddenly, Owais's life is turned upside down. Abass is loud, unpredictable, and a certified trouble-maker. But as the two boys get to know one another, Owais begins to realize that there may be more to life than just trying to keep the peace.



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