

# 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.



**BAIT**  
by **EUGENIA LADRA**  
FICTION - 18TH JUNE

**Daunt Books £10.99**  
Young Marga is entranced by the stranger bearing an unsettling mark who has arrived in her remote and swampy Uruguayan village. But as tensions simmer in this humid place, the twisted dynamics of its inhabitants threaten to boil over. A stunning fever dream for fans of Gabriel García Márquez and Selva Almada.



**PEOPLE IN LOVE**  
by **CLAIRE DAVERLEY**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

**Penguin £16.99**  
On the night of her engagement party, Nora's estranged best friend Bren turns up on her doorstep. As a spark reignites between the two, Nora is forced to face past tragedy and confront just what it means to be in love with two people. A tender look at 'the one that got away', Daverley's writing is spare but charged with emotion - for fans of Lily King, Sophie Mackintosh, and Cecile Pin.

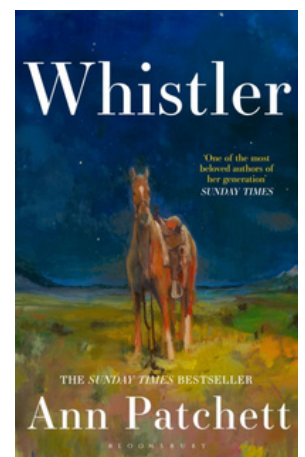
**ISABELLA NAGG AND THE POT OF BASIL**  
by **OLIVER DARKSHIRE**  
FICTION - 18TH JUNE

**Hodder & Stoughton £10.99**  
In the miserable village of East Grasby, Isabella Nagg divides her time between her lazy lout of a husband and her wandering donkey. When Mr Nagg brings home a stolen book from the local wizard, Isabella wonders what harm a little magic could do? Perfect for Terry Pratchett fans!

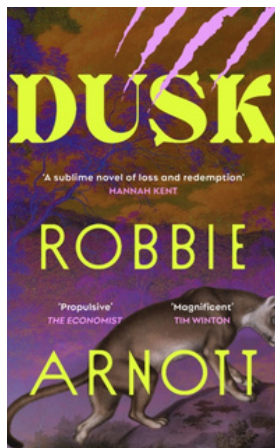


**WHISTLER**  
by **ANN PATCHETT**  
FICTION - 2ND JUNE  
**Bloomsbury £20**

After 40 years, Daphne bumps into her stepfather, Eddie, in New York. The chapters alternate between the present and a fateful night many decades ago, when the two were involved in a car crash that altered the course of their lives. A warm, moving tale—undoubtedly Ann Patchett at her best! For fans of Elizabeth Strout, Maggie O'Farrell, and Meg Mason.



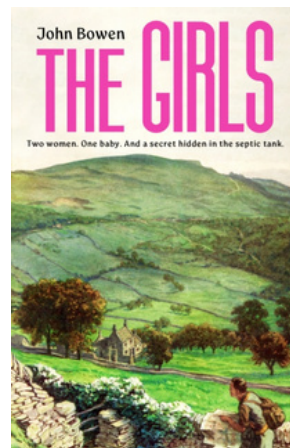
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**DUSK**  
by **ROBBIE ARNOTT**  
FICTION - 11TH JUNE

**Vintage £9.99**

A wild puma roams around a distorted version of the Tasmanian highlands. Twins Iris and Floyd are on its trail, lured by the bounty on its head and hindered by the reckless greed of other trackers. Arnott weaves a stunning tale of loyalty, betrayal, and desperation, leading up to a breathtaking finale.



**THE GIRLS**  
by **JOHN BOWEN**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

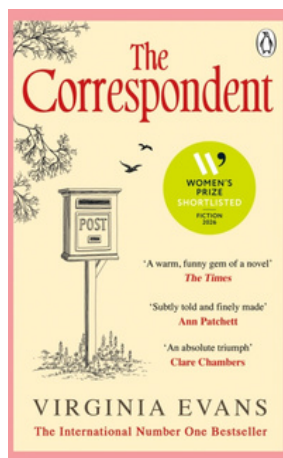
**Vintage £9.99**

A rediscovered classic—part-dark comedy of manners, part-thriller, and part-romance. Janet and Susan run a giftshop in a small, picturesque Cotswolds village. Partners in business and in love, they lead a seemingly idyllic life. Except, of course, for the small matter of murder... A brilliant blend of Barbara Pym and Shirley Jackson.

**THE CORRESPONDENT**  
by **VIRGINIA EVANS**  
FICTION - 11TH JUNE

**Penguin £9.99**

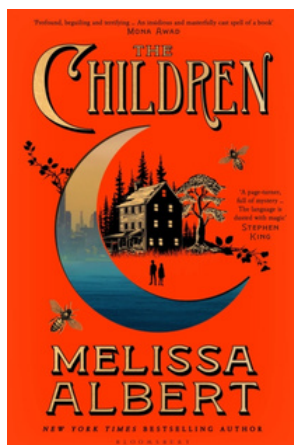
Sybill spends her days penning letters: to friends, to family, to authors to tell them what she thinks of their work. But, at 73, Sybill has spent three decades keeping people at arm's length. All that is about to change... One of the hit novels of 2025 now available in paperback—perfect for book groups!



**WE PRETTY PIECES OF FLESH**  
by **COLWILL BROWN**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

**Vintage £9.99**

Rach, Shaz, and Kel are childhood bezzies and Donny lasses through and through. Together they've braved nightclub bouncers and trips to the Family Planning Clinic. But as they grow up, cracks appear in their friendship and a long-held secret may break them apart. A raw and electrifying story of girlhood, for fans of Eliza Clark and Dizz Tate.



**THE CHILDREN**  
by **MELISSA ALBERT**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

**Bloomsbury £18.99**

A grim novel of fairy-tales and their aftermath. Guinevere Sharpe had two childhoods: one a neglected reality, the other an idyllic fantasy preserved in her mother Edith's bestselling series, the Ninth Cycle. Now an adult, Guin coasts on her mother's fame and claims a third version of childhood—blissful and bohemian. But her estranged brother's new art installation threatens to ruin the façade she has so carefully created...



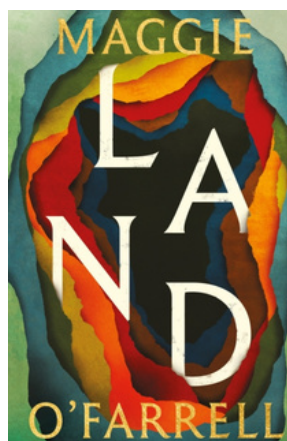
**A VIOLENT MASTERPIECE**  
by **JORDAN HARPER**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

**Faber & Faber £9.99**

The lives of a public defender, a live streamer, and a fixer for a private concierge company, collide as a string of grisly murders haunt the LA that is their playground. *The Shards* meets *Nightcrawler* in this cynical, gory noir thriller for those who like it darker.

**LAND**  
by **MAGGIE O'FARRELL**  
FICTION - 2ND JUNE  
**Headline £25**

It is 1865 and, in an Ireland still reeling from the Great Hunger, Tomás and his son Liam are mapping the country for the British. When Tomás has an unsettling encounter in a copse, everything changes. A stunning return from the bestselling author of *Hamnet*.



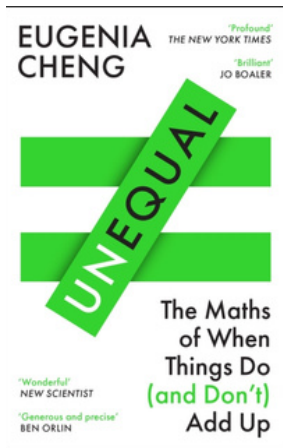
**THE EXPANSION PROJECT**  
by **BEN PESTER**  
FICTION - 4TH JUNE

**Granta £9.99**

A haunting, nightmare of a novel that captures the disquieting absurdity of modern working life. A man takes his daughter to work and loses her. A man is having a breakdown and thinks his daughter is lost at work, even though she was never there in the first place. Witty yet menacing, this novel sits firmly in the discomfort zone of strange, philosophical, and uncanny.



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## UNEQUAL by EUGENIA CHENG MATHEMATICS - 4TH JUNE

**Profile £12.99**  
When we see an equals sign we know one thing: problem and solution. But in real life, things are not always so clear cut, as Cheng demonstrates in this riveting exploration of when things don't add up. A clever and fun popular maths book that might change how you see the world.

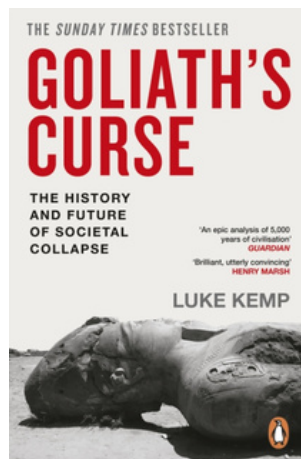


## MOTHER MARY COMES TO ME by ARUNDHATI ROY MEMOIR - 11TH JUNE

**Penguin £12.99**  
The first memoir of the Booker-winning author of *The God of Small Things*. Shattered by the death of the mother she ran away from at eighteen, Roy reflects on the history that shaped her into the person she is today—and in particular, the complex relationship she had with the woman who raised her.

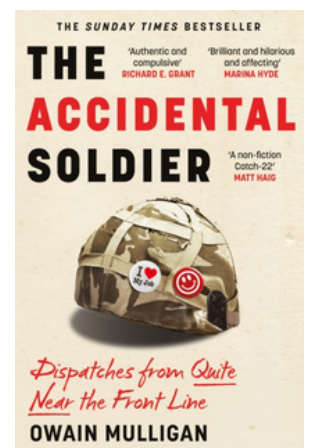
## GOLIATH'S CURSE by LUKE KEMP HISTORY - 4TH JUNE

**Penguin £12.99**  
From the dawn of humanity to the present day, Kemp traces the history of powerful hierarchies and their downfalls. Whether it was the ancient city of Cahokia, or the vast empires of Rome and China, Kemp argues that the hoarding of resources and power (much like the many growth-obsessed institutions in today's world) hollows out a society and leaves it susceptible to collapse.



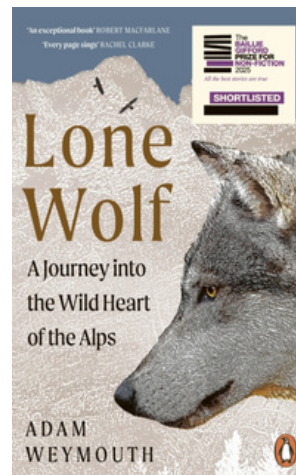
## THE ACCIDENTAL SOLDIER by OWAIN MULLIGAN MILITARY - 4TH JUNE

**Hodder & Stoughton £10.99**  
Owain Mulligan had been combining teaching with the Territorial Army for years. After one bad day at school, he came home and signed up for a tour of Iraq. This hilarious (and very swearsy) memoir charts his progress through training in Germany to getting sort-of near the frontline action.



## THE REVERSE CENTAUR'S GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER AI by CORY DOCTOROW TECHNOLOGY - 23RD JUNE

**Verso £14.99**  
AI is coming for all of our jobs! It'll be worth trillions! Or so the AI boosters would have you believe... But what happens when the bubble bursts, and it turns out we were sold a lie? Doctorow brings his years of campaigning experience and inimitable wit to this essential read.



## LONE WOLF by ADAM WEYMOUTH NATURE - 25TH JUNE

**Cornerstone £11.99**  
In 2011, a young wolf named Slavc was tracked by GPS as he walked more than 1,000 miles through the Alps. In this stunning combination of travel, nature writing and politics, Adam Weymouth walks the same path as Slavc, to examine a changing landscape.

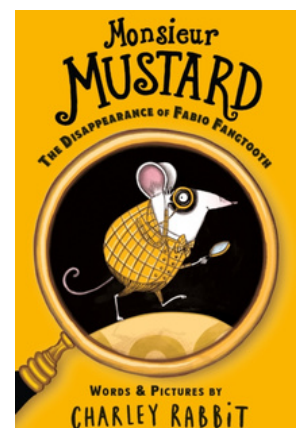
## WEE PUFLING by MEG MCLAREN PICTUREBOOK - 4TH JUNE

**Hachette £7.99**  
Wee Puffling loves Puffin Island too much to leave, so he hides while the others fly south. But lonely adventures soon lead him across land and sea in search of his flock. This charming, heartwarming tale is full of whimsy, friendship, and the true meaning of home.



## THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FABIO FANGTOOTH by CHARLEY RABBIT YOUNG READERS - 4TH JUNE

**Andersen Press £9.99**  
Beloved Bath restaurant owner Fabio Fangtooth disappears halfway through his alphabet soup, and the police are stumped! Enter the world's best dressed and (possibly) smallest detective: Monsieur Mustard. Join him as he uncovers a dastardly plot unfolding in our very own city!



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**DEATH BEFORE DETENTION**  
by ALISON WEATHERBY  
MIDDLE GRADE - 25TH JUNE

**Pan Macmillan £7.99**

Mae Flynn's delightfully chaotic Irish Catholic boarding school is turned upside down when she discovers a dead body in the kitchen. With endless suspects and danger closing in, Mae and her Common Criminals' Club dive into a twisty, witty murder mystery bursting with charm, suspense, and mischief, perfect for fans of Robin Stevens.



**THE THING ABOUT GIANTS**  
by CHRISTOPHER GALVIN  
MIDDLE GRADE - 4TH JUNE

**Walker £12.99**

Jacq has always been told giants are violent, mindless beasts but when she's lost and injured in the wilderness, she comes face to face with one who challenges everything she knows. As mistrust turns to understanding, Jacq discovers that even the biggest stories can be wrong.

**SIX WEEKS**  
by MATT GOODFELLOW  
MIDDLE GRADE - 4TH JUNE

**Hachette £8.99**

Alfie Piper has six weeks of summer—and nothing left to lose. Since his mum's death, his world has unravelled, and the silence with his stepdad grows louder. So Alfie grabs his bike and rides. Beautifully written and deeply moving, this unforgettable story from the sensational author of *The Final Year* explores love, loss, family, and hope.



**THE LEAGUE OF DANGEROUS YOUNG LADIES**  
by J.A. MORGENSTEIN  
TEEN - 2ND JUNE

**Sourcebooks £8.99**

It's 1909, and monster-hunter Rose Moriarty, daughter of Sherlock Holmes's greatest enemy, is drawn into a deadly mystery of monstrous creatures and dark magic. Packed with supernatural thrills, high-stakes heists, and unexpected romance, this adventure is impossible to put down.



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