

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.



SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER
by VINCENT YU
FICTION - 6TH AUGUST

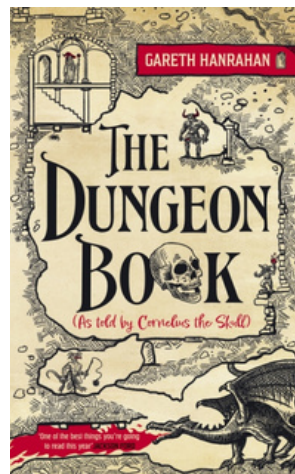
Duckworth £10.99

Residents of the small town of Beckett, Massachusetts are thrown into disarray when they receive an urgent alert warning them that a missile will hit. Ten minutes later, a second message comes: false alarm. Yu's series of short stories look at how a cast of Asian-American characters react during what they think might be their last ten minutes on earth, exploring human behaviour at its most primal.

GHOST MONTH
by SIMON WROE
FICTION - 27TH AUGUST

Faber & Faber £16.99

Every September, the spirits of the dead return to the mortal world for four weeks, lingering near their loved ones. Silent and intangible, they cannot touch you physically, but this year, four strangers will feel the weight of their pasts and be changed in ways they never expected. An eerie, poignant, and original exploration of loss and its lasting impact.



THE DUNGEON BOOK
by GARETH HANRAHAN
FICTION - 11TH AUGUST

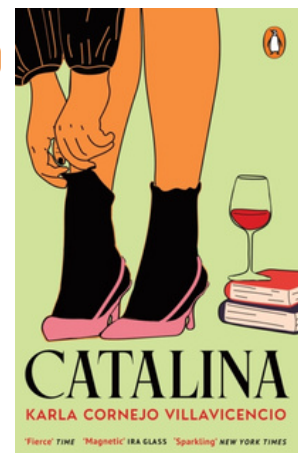
Little, Brown £22

Snatched from her cradle by a dragon and left with goblins who (miraculously) decided not to eat her, Bait has never known life outside the dungeon. To her, it is home, and the denizens of the dark her family. But to treasure hunters, the dungeon means a chance at untold fortunes... A hilarious and heartfelt fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of *Dungeons & Dragons*.

CATALINA
by KARLA CORNEJO VILLAVICENCIO
FICTION - 6TH AUGUST

Cornerstone £9.99

After a difficult childhood, Catalina feels it must be destiny when she is admitted into Harvard. But as she approaches graduation, and entrance into a world that prosecutes the undocumented, Catalina's complicated curiosities and desires lead her down a path of elite subcultures, posh parties, and secret societies that threaten to unravel her life.



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LIFE OF M
by **RACHEL CUSK**
FICTION - 27TH AUGUST

Faber & Faber £18.99

M is an actress whose face is known worldwide. She goes through life without any constraints or rules, universally watched but rarely observed. That is, until an author decides to write a novel about M, trying to understand who she really is. In her latest novel, Cusk blurs the line between who we are and who we are supposed to be.



CHILDREN OF THE WILD
by **KEVIN POWERS**
FICTION - 6TH AUGUST

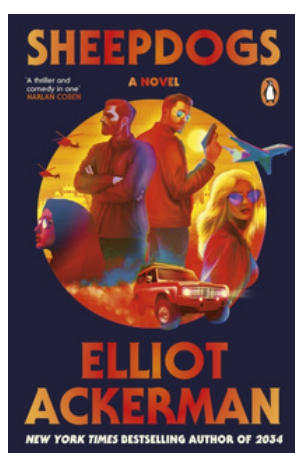
Atlantic £14.99

A haunting love story set between the Virginia mountains and the battlefields of WWI France. Samantha and Roy have been best friends since childhood, and the town expects them to marry. But the arrival of Ennis, who is found living in the wild, disrupts everything, and within a year the lives of all three will be dramatically transformed.

SHEEPDOGS
by **ELLIOT ACKERMAN**
FICTION - 20TH AUGUST

Penguin £9.99

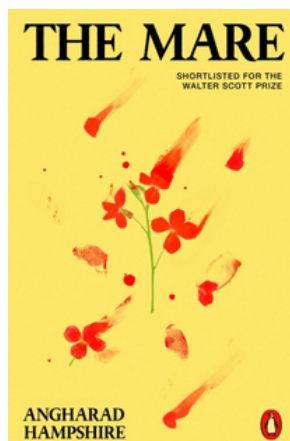
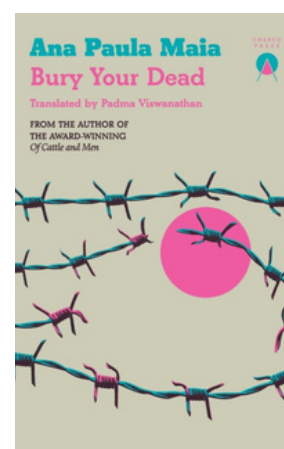
Two down-on-their-luck former CIA agents are recruited into a mysterious underground network and tasked with repossessing a private jet in Uganda. But when their contact vanishes and they begin to question their handler's motives, things go south – fast. A spy thriller packed with action and humour, perfect for fans of Mick Herron and Carl Hiaasen.



BURY YOUR DEAD
by **ANA PAULA MAIA**
FICTION - 11TH AUGUST

Charco Press £11.99

Former slaughterhouse stunner Edgar Wilson now collects roadkill for a living, transporting it to a facility that turns makes fertiliser. When he comes across the body of a hanged woman, Edgar knows he isn't meant to gather human remains. But neither the police nor the healthcare system seem to what to do either. The boundaries between human and animal, and good and evil are blurred in this stark and gripping novella.



THE MARE
by **ANGHARAD HAMPSHIRE**
FICTION - 27TH AUGUST

Penguin £9.99

Based on the true story of Hermine Braunsteiner, *The Mare* follows a former female concentration camp guard. Dubbed 'the Mare' because she kicked people to death, Hermine goes into hiding when the camps are liberated. Eventually, she ends up in New York, hiding her past from her husband and neighbours... until a New York Times journalist knocks on her door with questions about her previous life.



WHERE ARE THE KINGS
by **DONAL RYAN**
FICTION - 13TH AUGUST

Transworld £16.99

Twelve-year-old Jack is cycling down a hill when he sees something that will change his life. In the aftermath, he is sent to live with his eccentric grandparents and two uncles. Surrounded by family secrets, Jack grows from a boy into a man in rural Ireland in this stunning new novel by Donal Ryan. Perfect for both newcomers and fans of Ryan's previous work!

MEDEA SANG ME A CORRIDO
by **DAHLIA DE LA CERDA**
FICTION - 13TH AUGUST

Scribe £10.99

Medea, a mythic mother of the Chihuahuan desert, is reimagined as a punk anti-angel of birth and death in this set of interwoven short stories. An immortal *barrio* woman, Medea protects five chosen mortals as they navigate cartel-run streets, a corrupt government, an oppressive military and home abortions.

Medea Sang Me a Corrido
by **Dahlia de la Cerdá**

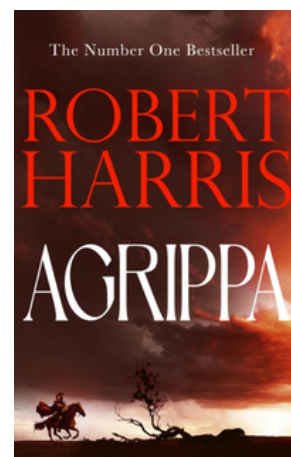
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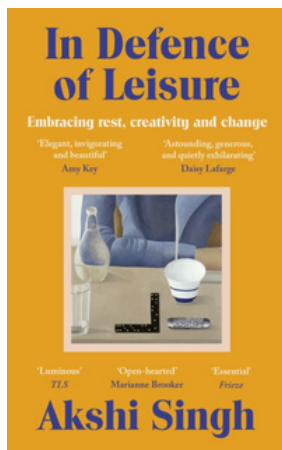
AGRIPPA
by **ROBERT HARRIS**
FICTION - 27TH AUGUST

Cornerstone £22

Agrippa is a plebian whose fate is changed when he defends a bullied young boy, Octavius: Julius Caesar's nephew, and heir to the throne. Now fifty and alone, Agrippa recounts their friendship and rise to power in his memoirs. But revisiting the past brings up an unwelcome question: how much does he really know about the one person who dominated his life?



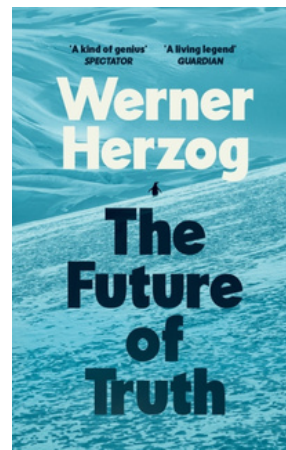
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IN DEFENCE OF LEISURE by AKSHI SINGH MEMOIR - 27TH AUGUST

Vintage £12.99

Following the teachings and methods of psychoanalyst Marion Milner, Akshi Singh explores the importance of creativity, rest, and play in cultivating a fulfilling life. Beginning with the simple question "How do I want to spend my free time?", Singh follows Milner's method for discovering your true likes and dislikes and what you desire out of life.



THE FUTURE OF TRUTH by WERNER HERZOG PHILOSOPHY - 6TH AUGUST

Vintage £11.99

Werner Herzog explores the concept of 'ecstatic truth' – truth that can be gleaned through the aesthetic experience of art, literature, and cinema, despite a lack of 'reality'. From deep-fakes and AI to the propaganda of ancient Egypt and Rome, Herzog investigates how fact and fiction complement as well as contradict one another.

NEVER SAY WAR by ÅSNE SEIERSTAD JOURNALISM - 20TH AUGUST Little, Brown £30

War correspondent and journalist Åsne Seierstad paints an epic portrait of modern-day Russia. Braving a government that silences foreign journalists, Seierstad travels all over Russia speaking to pro-Putin youth groups, dissident journalists, war widows, young soldiers, and banned writers alike to reveal how they navigate life under an increasingly authoritarian regime.



HIROSHIMA, 8:15 by KIYOSHI TANIMOTO HISTORY - 6TH AUGUST Ebury £16.99

A powerful first-hand account of the Hiroshima bombing from one of its survivors. Kiyoshi Tanimoto was on the outskirts of Hiroshima when the sky lit up and vaporised thousands. In this eye-opening memoir, Tanimoto recounts the days, weeks, and months that followed – the injuries, burns, broken bones, and radiation, and the efforts he and others dedicated to helping the city and those in need.



PEACEMAKER by THANT MYINT-U BIOGRAPHY - 6TH AUGUST Atlantic £12.99

Historian Thant Myint-U recounts the peace-making efforts of his grandfather: the former secretary-general of the United Nations. Though his contributions have often been overlooked, Myint-U reveals the part U Thant played in aid of some of the twentieth century's most pressing crises – whether economic, environmental, or conflict-related.



THE EGO TRIP by KIMON DE GREEF TRUE CRIME - 6TH AUGUST Orion £23

Journalist Kimon de Greef delves into the world of psychedelic toad smoking in this investigation into the 2012 cult surrounding 'the God molecule' – a potent psychedelic secretion from the Sonoran Desert toad. But as the fame of the drug and the physician who popularised it rose, so did the reports of extreme dosing, abuse, and death surrounding them.

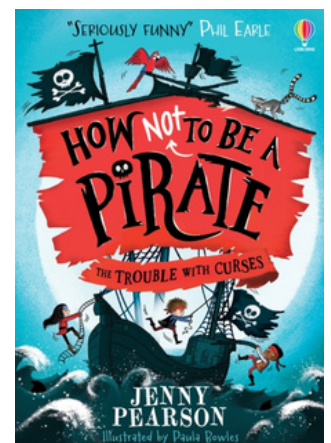
PRINCES DON'T PRACTISE by KATHRYN SIMMONDS PICTUREBOOK - 13TH AUGUST Pan Macmillan £7.99

Prince Lupin is convinced he can master anything without trying, but every new challenge ends in disaster. After an embarrassing failure and a dramatic flight into the forest, he meets a retired witch whose love of pottery, patience, and perseverance teach him that even the greatest magic comes with practice.



HOW NOT TO BE A PIRATE: THE TROUBLE WITH CURSES by JENNY PEARSON MIDDLE GRADE - 13TH AUGUST Usborne £8.99

Wilbur hates heights, gets seasick and is terrified of cannons. Yet he and his friends Ellie and Gilbert must pass their Level One Pirate Grading by racing to find a legendary Jewel of the Sea. With cursed treasure, rival crews, battles and booby-trapped islands, can Wilbur conquer his fears and become the pirate he's meant to be?



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HENRY TUDOR
by **DANNY WALLACE**
MIDDLE GRADE - 27TH AUGUST
Simon & Schuster £7.99

Horrible Histories meets *Horrid Henry* in the laugh-out-loud diary adventures of a royally awful young Henry VIII. Eight-and-a-half-year-old Prince Henry is the BEST at everything: jousting, sword fighting, archery, wrestling, and stealing pies. But when a mysterious stranger challenges him, can Henry prove he's really the best?



WILOMINA
by **JOHN CHALMERS & SANDRA MARRS**
GRAPHIC NOVEL - 13TH AUGUST
Scholastic £9.99

Wilomina jumps aboard a mysterious train and enters Nocturna: a world being taken over by nightmares. With a talking cat by her side and a terrifying curse spreading within her, she must save her family before darkness consumes everything. A magical adventure full of spooky thrills!

RUSTHEAD
by **ROSS MACKENZIE**
MIDDLE GRADE - 13TH AUGUST
Andersen Press £8.99

Kol and Sully are Rustheads, treasure hunters scavenging the scrap fields of the planet Rust. Everything changes when they uncover a long-forgotten spaceship buried beneath the junk. Catapulted into deep space, they quickly realise they are not alone. A mysterious girl is waiting aboard with a mission: to free the galaxy from the ruthless Reaper Empire.



TRAITORS' NEST
by **FRANCES HARDINGE**
TEEN - 27TH AUGUST

Pan Macmillan £16.99

In a kingdom where castles move like chess pieces and villagers are pawns, fifteen-year-old Burr refuses to accept his fate. When his home is swept into a deadly game, he must uncover the secrets of the mysterious Magpie Maiden before the ruthless contest claims them. A thrilling fantasy packed with mystery and adventure.



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