

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.

DAD HAD A BAD DAY

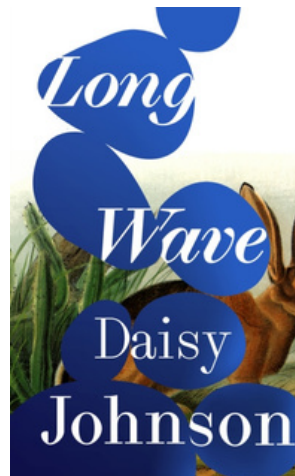


'Deranged and also a really good time' Kevin Nguyen
ASHTON POLITANOFF

DAD HAD A BAD DAY
by **ASHTON POLITANOFF**
FICTION - 2ND JULY

Daunt £10.99

Ned has lost his job and sits at home bored by domesticity and looking after his 6-year-old son. Then he reignites his passion for tennis, and suddenly he feels alive again. But as he chases the unrealised dreams of his youth, so he begins to lose his mind. Hilarious and unhinged, perfect for Bret Easton Ellis fans.



LONG WAVE
by **DAISY JOHNSON**
FICTION - 2ND JULY

Vintage £18.99

This split narrative follows two women linked by motherhood and a disappearance. Ruth watches a mother and baby walk into a river and vanish. Years later, Ori is kept awake by strange sounds, echoes that will bring the past closer. Hypnotic and lyrical, Johnson delivers a haunting exploration of the complex ties between mothers and children in prose that devours your attention.

AIR
by **CHRISTIAN KRACHT**
FICTION - 16TH JULY

Profile £12.99

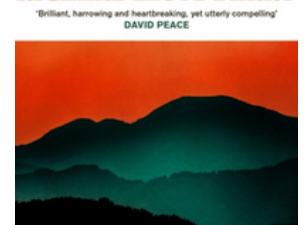
In one world, an interior designer is commissioned to colour drench a data centre in the perfect white. In another, a man is shot through the arm with an arrow, before being nursed back to health in the midst of a bloody medieval conflict. The edges of reality blur as these strange stories collide in this Borgesian masterpiece.



IN THE GREEN HEART
by **RICHARD LLOYD PARRY**
FICTION - 16TH JULY

Vintage £10.99

Kit and Lara have escaped modern life to bring up their baby in a foreign jungle. But when news breaks of a violent uprising over the border, their quiet solitude is thrown into chaos... and Kit may find himself at the heart of what is coming. A stunning political thriller for our fractured times.



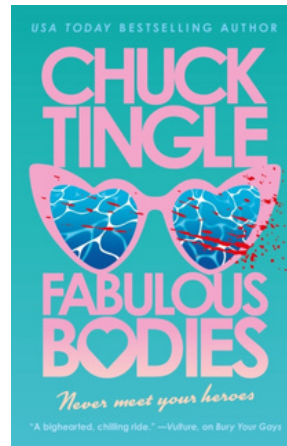
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CURSED DAUGHTERS
by **OYINKAN BRAITHWAITE**
FICTION - 2ND JULY

Atlantic £9.99

All her life, Eniyyi has been told she is the reincarnation of her late aunt, Monife, and that she is fated to the meet the same tragic end. But Eniyyi is determined to live life on her own terms and ignores the family curse... until she falls in love with a handsome local boy and visions of Monife begin to haunt her every waking minute.



FABULOUS BODIES
by **CHUCK TINGLE**
FICTION - 7TH JULY

Titan £9.99

Influencer by day and corpse-dealer by night, Poppy Stringer is determined to give her daughter everything she never had growing up. But when a 5-million-dollar job goes awry, Poppy finds herself held hostage by the reanimated corpse of her favourite queer rockstar – and he's not going down without a fight.

CANNON
by **PAIGE LEWIS**
FICTION - 2ND JULY

Little, Brown £22

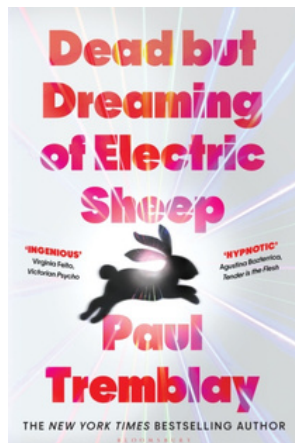
In this irreverent epic, two prophets reckon with their destinies. When God Himself asks Yara to kill the leader of the Bad Guys, they reluctantly agree. Meanwhile, Adrena is seeking God's approval and must convince the Good Guys that her plan is His will. An absurd and chaotic debut from a unique new voice in fiction.



MEET THE NEWMANS
by **JENNIFER NIVEN**
FICTION - 16TH JULY

Pan Macmillan £9.99

The Newmans have been America's favourite TV family for over twenty years, but as the 50s draw to an end, so does their popularity. The viewers of the 60s are no longer entertained by a traditional, cookie-cutter perfect family and the Newmans must adapt their image, or risk being remembered as that out-of-touch show that ran for far too long.



DEAD BUT DREAMING OF ELECTRIC SHEEP
by **PAUL TREMBLAY**
FICTION - 2ND JULY

Bloomsbury £18.99

A man is trapped in an existential hellscape of shifting horrors. He cannot remember who he is, or how he got there. As temp worker Julia transports his body in its vegetative state from one end of America to the other, the man knows only a specific person can help him. But he cannot remember who. A terrifying work of technological horror from a master of the genre.



THE UNSELECTED JOURNALS OF EMMA M. LION VOL. 1
by **BETH BROWER**
FICTION - 30TH JULY

Bloomsbury £9.99

The first in a delightful series of fictional journals, following the charming, witty and very opinionated Emma M. Lion as she returns to her London neighbourhood of St Crispian's in 1883. Emma's plans for a studious life are immediately disrupted by her chaotic family and equally odd neighbours.

GAINING GROUND
by **JOAN BARFOOT**
FICTION - 30TH JULY

Faber & Faber £9.99

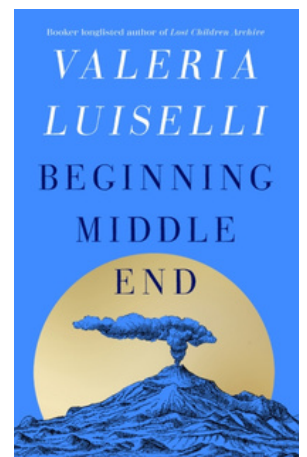
First published in the 1970s, this is the profoundly moving account of a woman in her 30s who decides to leave her husband and two children for a life of solitude in a remote cabin. Destined to be revalued as a feminist modern classic.



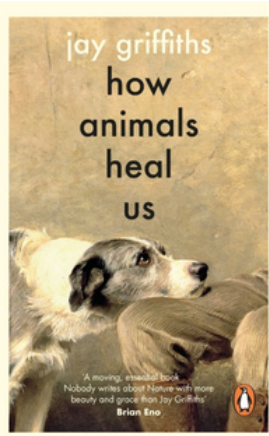
BEGINNING MIDDLE END
by **VALERIA LUISELLI**
FICTION - 30TH JULY

HarperCollins £18.99

After her marriage collapses, a mother takes off on an epic road trip with her daughter, determined to re-write the story of their lives. But starting again isn't that easy. This is a stunning portrait of motherhood and new beginnings from one of the most arresting writers at work today.



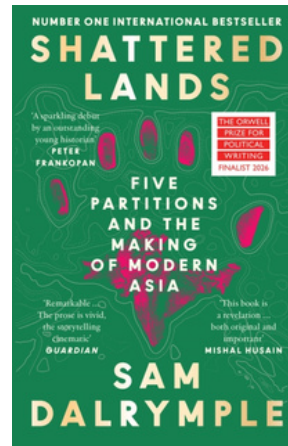
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HOW ANIMALS HEAL US
by **JAY GRIFFITHS**
NATURE - 2ND JULY

Penguin £11.99

A soul-filling dive into the astounding ways in which animals share, shape and enhance our world, from curing loneliness, inspiring creativity and guiding us with their morality, to moulding our dreams and inspiring our songs. From therapy parrots to humpback whales, Griffiths explores how animals better our lives, heal our bodies and our souls.



SHATTERED LANDS
by **SAM DALRYMPLE**
HISTORY - 30TH JULY

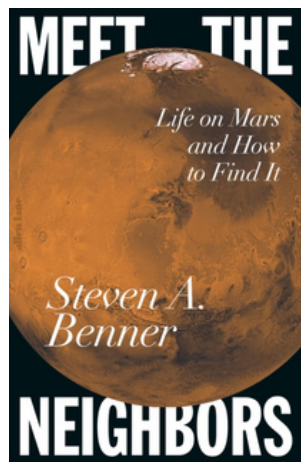
HarperCollins £10.99

As recently as a century ago, The Raj existed as the crown jewel in Britain's colonial crown – a vast swath of southwest Asia encompassing a quarter of the world's population. In this stunning new history, Dalrymple explores the five partitions that redrew the map and paved the way for a legacy of war and division.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS
by **STEVEN A. BENNER**
SCIENCE - 23RD JULY

Penguin £25

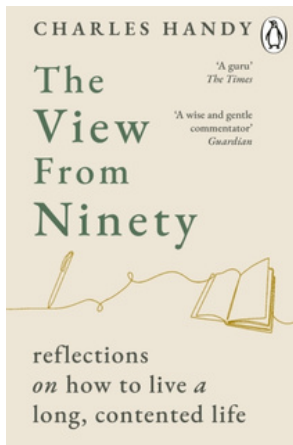
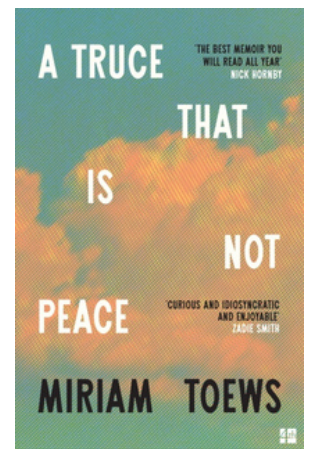
Since the Viking mission touched down on the surface of Mars in 1976, we have dismissed the idea of finding life on our nearest neighbour planet, instead focussing our attention on distant moons. In this riveting book, astrobiologist Benner argues against that historic decision, and why he thinks it is possible there was life on Mars.



A TRUCE THAT IS NOT PEACE
by **MIRIAM TOEWS**
MEMOIR - 16TH JULY

HarperCollins £10.99

In search of the answer to the question "why do you write?", Team B fave Miriam Toews explores her memories and decades of correspondence. A breathtaking memoir that explores the weight of grief in her characteristic blend of comedy and tragedy, bringing a raw and vulnerable author into the spotlight.



THE VIEW FROM NINETY
by **CHARLES HANDY**
MEMOIR - 9TH JULY

Cornerstone £10.99

Charles Handy had a varied career that swung from businessman at Shell to becoming one of Ireland's most prominent thinkers as a philosopher and author. In this, his final book before he died at age 92, he takes on the big questions: what really matters? How can we be more accepting? Why are we here?



BIOLOGICAL WAR
by **ANNIE JACOBSEN**
MILITARY - 30TH JULY

Transworld £22

By the time you know you're infected, it's already too late: you have become a killer. Annie Jacobsen, author of bestselling sensation Nuclear War, returns with another non-fiction thriller, a story that starts with a cough and ends in global destruction. Terrifying, prescient and utterly gripping.

THE LAST NIGEL
by **BECKY WILSON**
PICTUREBOOK - 2ND JULY

Meet the hawksbill turtle who believes himself to be the last Nigel on planet Earth. He deserves to be pampered, surely? But when a new Nigel arrives, his friends refuse to carry on feeding him grapes and fanning him. Nigel faces the prospect of returning to his old, normal life...



GALAXY RUNNERS: JELLO BREAKS THE UNIVERSE
by **JAMES LANCETT**
YOUNG READERS - 2ND JULY

Need something delivering in space? Call the Galaxy Runners! When siblings Kas and Fig get a new assignment to deliver a mysterious canister across the universe, they find it contains an adorable but powerful blob called Jello—something their evil competitors Warp Co. are desperate to get their hands on...



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TOTALLY NORMAL
by **EMILY DEMPSTER**
MIDDLE GRADE - 2ND JULY

Walker £7.99

Ellie isn't as perfect as her siblings, she's her family's 'first pancake'—the first one always comes out a bit weird. She finds it hard to concentrate on homework or chores—she'd much rather be hanging out with friends or playing games... Perfect for fans of *Lottie Brooks* and *Tom Gates*.



ZERO OVERRIDE
by **STEVE BLACKMAN**
MIDDLE GRADE - 2ND JULY
Scholastic £7.99

In a near-future London, someone has released a virus that could shut down every machine in the country. Enter teenage hacker Zero, whose sister Grace relies on a machine heart to stay alive. Zero must find a way to stop the virus uploading if he is to save his sister—and the country in the process.

HEARTSTOPPER VOL. 6
by **ALICE OSEMAN**
GRAPHIC NOVEL - 2ND JULY

Hachette £14.99

Perhaps the most anticipated release on the year—the gorgeous final chapter in Charlie and Nick's story. Charlie is bidding to become head boy, while Nick prepares to head off to university, in Oseman's shatteringly beautiful conclusion to the bestselling sensation.



WILD HORSE SUMMER
by **LAUREN ST JOHN**
TEEN - 2ND JULY

Faber & Faber £8.99

Did you read *The Summer I Turned Pretty* and think: this would be better if there were horses in it? Then this is the book you have been waiting for. *Wild Horse Summer* has it all: an intriguing mystery, heart-pounding romance, hoof-pounding adventure, and wild ponies galore.



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