

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 WELL
by ELIZABETH JOLLEY
FICTION - 24TH SEPT

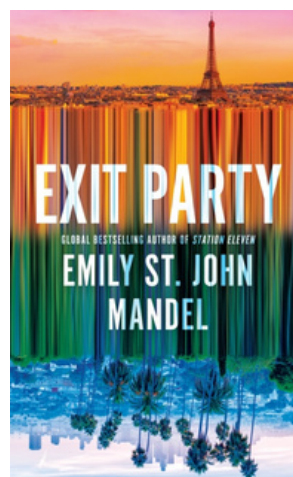
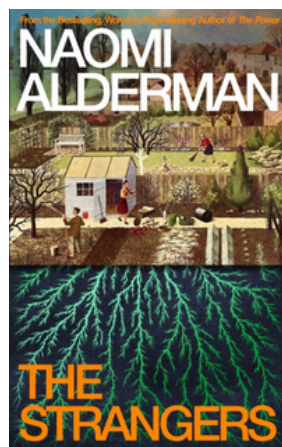
Little, Brown £10.99

Orphan Katherine and her eccentric guardian Hester Harper live a secluded life together on an Australian sheep farm. But their lives are upended when they hit a mysterious creature on a deserted road. They dispose of the body in a deep well, but Katherine becomes increasingly fascinated by what lies beneath, and the boundaries between reality and imagination begin to dissolve.

THE STRANGERS
by NAOMI ALDERMAN
FICTION - 17TH SEPT

Penguin £20

A grieving Naomi Alderman moves into her recently-deceased mother's house and discovers a badger-sized animal no one has ever seen before: a Mimmoth. As the Mimmoths spread and Naomi's discovery goes viral, everyone begins to wonder: what exactly are Mimmoths and where have they come from? A beautifully-executed blend of sci-fi and memoir, *The Strangers* is already a Team B fave.



EXIT PARTY
by EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL
FICTION - 17TH SEPT

Pan Macmillan £18.99

America is at war with itself, but there is hope in newly-independent California. Ari and Gloria attend a party to celebrate the lifting of a curfew... but there are people at this party who can't possibly exist. A mesmerizing speculative thriller from the celebrated author of *Station Eleven*.

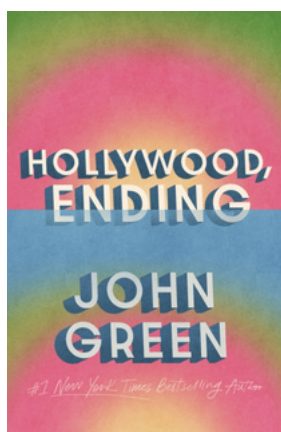
PLY
by HERNAN DIAZ
FICTION - 24TH SEPT

Pan Macmillan £20

Mr B's fave Diaz returns with an unforgettable, mind-bending philosophical thriller. Centuries from now, a young orphan grows up to be a pincher, stealing electricity from the grid to sell on the black market... until she hears of a strange, reality-shattering experiment that might change everything.



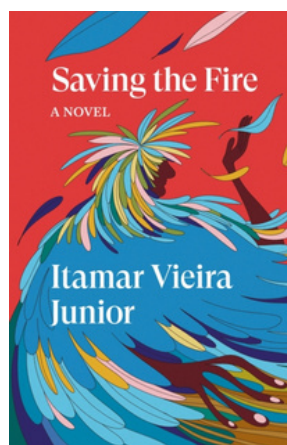
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HOLLYWOOD, ENDING by JOHN GREEN FICTION - 22ND SEPT

Penguin £22

John Green is back with his first adult fiction novel, which follows rising actors Kai and Juniper as they're cast in a buzzy new film. As the movie and their relationship take off at the same time, the lines between their public and private lives begin to blur. A witty and deeply-affecting novel about what it means to be perceived, and to remain yourself when everyone is watching you.



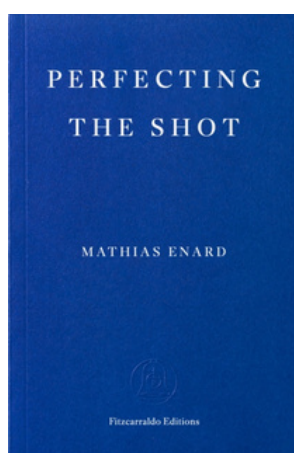
SAVING THE FIRE by ITAMAR VIEIRA JUNIOR FICTION - 1ST SEPT

Verso £12.99

Luzia and Moisés are two siblings growing up in a rural village in Brazil. They are part of a dwindling Afro-Indigenous community dominated by the local monastery, and when Moisés runs away, Luzia must protect her family's land alone. A powerful, lyrical novel that weaves one family and its past into the history of a nation.

PERFECTING THE SHOT by MATHIAS ENARD FICTION - 24TH SEPT Fitzcarraldo £12.99

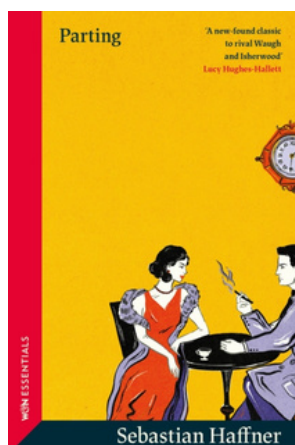
A teenager lies on a rooftop while his mother cowers inside their flat. He is armed with a sniper rifle. He will soon begin to kill indiscriminately. His aim? To fire the perfect shot. In this shocking novel, the masterful Enard serves up both a disturbing study of violence and a moral maze.



DOOM PAINTING by A.K. BLAKEMORE FICTION - 24TH SEPT

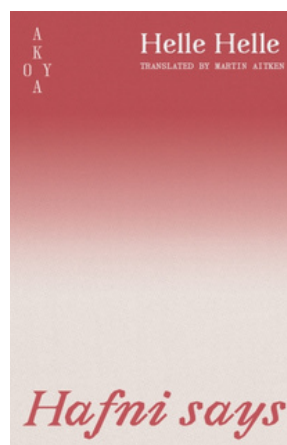
Granta £20

A lyrical and propulsive retelling of the Peasants' Revolt following two childhood friends whose encounter with a corrupt Justice sets the rebellion in motion. Over sixteen days, Blakemore's novel sweeps across England as the revolt gathers momentum, bringing Wat Tyler and the ordinary people behind him vividly to life. Perfect for fans of historical fiction with an experimental edge.



PARTING by SEBASTIAN HAFFNER FICTION - 17TH SEPT Orion £12.99

Originally written in the 1930s, Haffner's semi-autobiographical *Passing* has been republished by W&N Essentials. The charming novella follows Raimund, a young German lawyer, who spends his final days in Paris with Teddy, a free-spirited and dazzling woman. They wander through glamorous cafés and bohemian nights, knowing that exile, racism, and war are about to descend.



HAFNI SAYS by HELLE HELLE FICTION - 3RD SEPT Akoya £12.99

Hafni is getting divorced. She sets off in celebration around Denmark on a smørrebrød tour to taste the country's best open sandwiches. A month later she makes a phone call to tell us where it all went wrong. Subtle, precise and darkly funny, this novel is perfect for Deborah Levy fans.

THE WAX CHILD by OLGA RAVN FICTION - 24TH SEPT Penguin £9.99

A strange but beautiful imagining of a 1620 Danish witch trial, *The Wax Child* tells the story of Christenze Krukow, who melts down beeswax and fashions it into a small doll. The omniscient wax child becomes our narrator, witnessing Christenze's life against the backdrop of religious upheaval under King Christian IV.



THE ROUSE by CHINA MIÉVILLE FICTION - 17TH SEPT Pan Macmillan £35

A sprawling, genre-bending saga of the 20th century from a master of uncanny fiction. Maur is a single mother living in 1970s London whose life descends into obsession after a tragic loss. Allardyce is a soldier in the British Army during the Cold War who thinks he's seen a ghost. As their stories unfold, 20 years apart, each character becomes embroiled in government conspiracies, paranormal investigation, and the horrors of war.



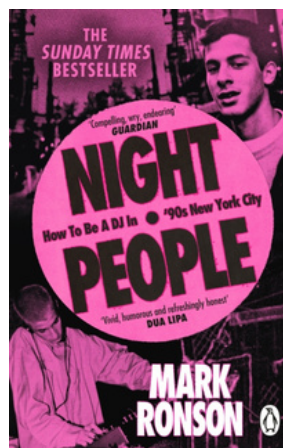
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END TIMES FASCISM
by NAOMI KLEIN &
ASTRA TAYLOR
POLITICS - 15TH SEPT

Penguin £20

A fascinating deep dive into tech billionaires, ethno-nationalists, and religious fundamentalists united in the belief that they will be spared when the world collapses - and what we can do to stop them from abandoning the rest of the population to deal with a man-made apocalypse.



NIGHT PEOPLE
by MARK RONSON
MEMOIR - 10TH SEPT

Penguin £11.99

From a childhood spent staying up late at his parents' wild parties, to entering the hip-hop and club scenes of New York, Mark Ronson charts his journey through the nightlife that has made him one of the most influential figures in today's music industry. A fascinating and vivid memoir about coming-of-age in the '90s New York party scene.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JOAN DIDION
by EVELYN MCDONNELL
BIOGRAPHY - 24TH SEPT

HarperCollins £10.99

An intimate exploration of the life of one of the most influential writers of our time and how her work continues to impact writers, artists, and creatives today. Journalist Evelyn McDonnell delves into the craft of Joan Didion's writing, the things that inspired her work, and her unique way of observing and capturing the world around her.



THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JOAN DIDION

"A brilliant, visceral interpretation of 'The Queen of California Noir'" ALLISON WOLFE
"For the Joan Didion fan in your life, this is a must!" ESQUIRE

EVELYN MCDONNELL

ENSHITTIFICATION
by CORY DOCTOROW
TECHNOLOGY - 1ST SEPT

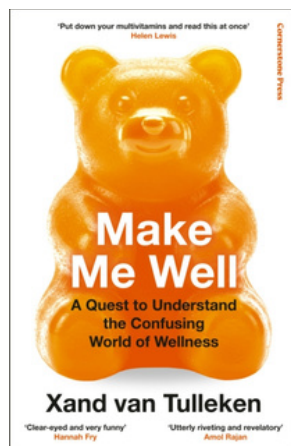
Verso £10.99

Enshittification: the word Cory Doctorow uses to describe the decline of online platforms over time. It isn't a technological glitch; it's a technique to minimize costs and maximize profits after luring in consumers. Doctorow dissects the causes, symptoms, and solutions to this modern phenomenon and questions the monopolies that rule so much of modern life.

Enshittification

How Everything Suddenly Got Worse 🤖 and What to Do About it 📱

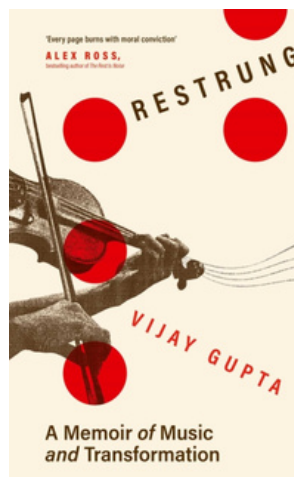
Cory Doctorow



MAKE ME WELL
by XAND VAN TULLEKEN
JOURNALISM - 10TH SEPT

Cornerstone £22

Doctor and broadcaster Xand van Tulleken explores the rise of the wellness industry and investigates the blurred line between science-based health advice and marketing-based trends. From supplements and vitamins, to personalised health plans, to technological monitoring, van Tulleken offers an evidence-based guide to the world of wellness.



RESTRUNG
by VIJAY GUPTA
MUSIC - 10TH SEPT

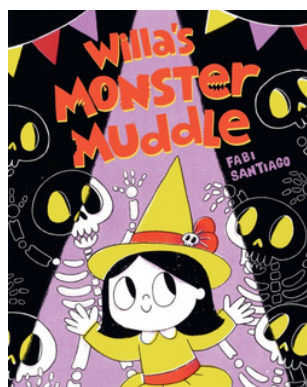
Simon & Schuster £22

By the age of 25, violin prodigy Vijay Gupta had already played Carnegie Hall, attended Yale and Juilliard, and joined the Los Angeles Philharmonic. But it was only when addiction, estrangement, and burnout led him to the depths of Skid Row that Gupta discovered how truly transformative music could be, to audience and artist alike.

WILLA'S MONSTER MUDDLE
by FABI SANTIAGO
PICTUREBOOK - 10TH SEPT

HarperCollins £7.99

When Willa and her mum dress as witches for a fancy-dress party, Willa accidentally follows the wrong witch and ends up at a real haunted house with real monsters! But Willa just thinks her friends and their parents have really good costumes... A hilarious and spooky picture book, perfect for autumn!



THE DRAGON MOUNTAIN
by MATHIEU PIERLOOT
MIDDLE GRADE - 10TH SEPT

Post Wave £12.99

When two little witches are foraging for potion ingredients in a magical forest, they come across a young boy and his pet duck, Custard, hiding a stolen dragon egg. Cue the most epic adventure to return the egg to its mother, as we meet goblins, evil creatures, magical lakes and one very cute dragon!



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**THE MYSTERY AT
ODD-DOINGS HOUSE!**
by ALEX T SMITH
MIDDLE GRADE - 20TH SEPT
Hachette £7.99

When a box of the world's most expensive chocolates goes missing, Jacob Oolong knows there's only one thing to do... call in J. Algernon Pickle, a private detective who just happens to be a beaver. With a very shocked aunt and a house full of suspects, can this unlikely duo crack the case?



THE LAST BARD
by MAZ EVANS
MIDDLE GRADE - 10TH SEPT
Chicken House £8.99

Will has known more tragedy than laughter in his life. But when he inherits his grandfather's copy of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* and realises he is the last living relative of Shakespeare himself, Will discovers he can summon the Bard's heroes from the pages to help him turn his life around.

THE NEVERLAND THIEVES
by KATIE & KEVIN TSANG
MIDDLE GRADE - 24TH SEPT
Simon & Schuster £14.99

Second star to the right... you know the drill! Neverland is calling and whisks Tom, a patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and his friends Felix and Daisy away. Unfortunately, trouble is afoot in Neverland as the three friends find themselves blamed for a series of thefts. Can they clear their names or will they be branded as the Neverland Thieves forever?



ANGER IS ONLY A SHADOW
by ELIZABETH ACEVEDO
TEEN - 15TH SEPT

Hot Key £8.99

17-year-old Lil is on probation, determined to become "New Lil" and to stay out of trouble. Hundreds of miles away, her best friend Aldwin starts hearing voices and having nightmares, and she knows she must help. With her court hearing weeks away, Lil faces an impossible choice: follow the rules or risk everything to do what's right.



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