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AUTHOR Title



**AARONOVITCH, BEN** 

**Foxglove Summer** 8 Peter Grant is out of London and his comfort zone, thrust into a small village in Herefordshire where the local police are reluctant to admit that there might be a supernatural element to the disappearance of some local children.



# **Purple Hibiscus**

## ADICHI, CHIMAMANDA N

When Nigeria begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili's father, involved in mysterious ways with the unfolding political crisis, sends Kambili and her brother away to their aunt's. Here she discovers love and a life beyond the confines of her father's authority.



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Heaven

# Disgrace

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Kimmie's home is on the streets of Copenhagen. To live she must steal. She has learned to avoid the police and never to stay in one place for long. But now others are trying to find her. And they won't rest until she has stopped moving - for good.

### ALBOM, MITCH

### The Five People You Meet in Heaven

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When Eddie dies, trying to save a child from a terrible accident, he wakes up in heaven. A place where your life on Earth is finally explained to you by five people, friends or strangers, who somehow affected your life - and who changed its path forever.



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#### ANTHONY, GORDON In The Shadow of The Wall

A.D. 196. Brude, captured after a disastrous battle, trains as a gladiator, surviving 13 years of slavery before winning his freedom. Upon returning home he discovers the empire preparing a massive invasion. Can he save his people from death or enslavement?



#### **ARCHER, JEFFREY Cometh the Hour**

Harry Clifton remains determined to get Anatoly Babakov released from a gulag in Siberia. Harry's wife, Emma, convinces her new friend Margaret Thatcher to raise the subject with the Russian president when she visits Moscow. But then something unexpected happens that none of them could have anticipated.



#### **ARCHER, JEFFREY** Mighter than the Sword

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Emma Clifton, newly elected chairman of Barrington Shipping, is facing the repercussions of the IRA attack on the Buckingham. Sir Giles Barrington - now a minister of the Crown - looks set for even higher office, until an official trip to Berlin does not end as a diplomatic success.



#### ARCHIBALD, MALCOLM The Darkest Walk

It is 1848, and disturbing new evidence suggests the working class Chartist movement is seeking violent action after years of oppression. Newly promoted Detective Mendick goes undercover in the heart of Britain's industrial region - Manchester.



#### ATWOOD, MARGARET The Handmaid's Tale

The Republic of Gilead allows Offred only one function - to breed. Dissenters are hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire neither Offred's nor that of the two men on whom her future hangs.

AUTHOR Title

### **BALDACCI. DAVID** The Innocent

Freelance hitman Will Robie is tasked to eliminate suspected enemies of the US government. But when government employee Denise Tamaron is detailed as his next target, Robie fails to pull the trigger. Why does she pose a threat to national security?



#### **BANKS, IAIN Complicity**

Substance-abusing journalist Cameron Colley, sensing a scoop, checks out a series of bizarre deaths from a few years ago. Only to discover police investigating a current series of bizarre deaths - and he might know more about it than he'd care to admit.



### **BANKS, IAIN**

The Crow Road

Prentice McHoan has returned to the bosom of his complex but enduring Scottish family. Relations with his father are strained, his brother is funnier and better-looking than he is, and the woman of his dreams is out of reach.



#### **BARBARY, MURIEL** The Elegance Of The Hedgehog

Renee is the concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building, home to influential people. But beneath this facade lies the real Renee: passionate about culture and the arts, and more knowledgeable in many ways than her employers with their outwardly successful but emotionally void lives.



### **BARCLAY, LINWOOD Trust Your Eyes**

In Manhattan's Lower East Side, a man sees a woman's face, distorted with terror in a third-floor tenement window. Thomas is convinced he's witnessing a murder. However, things aren't guite so simple because Thomas was never actually there, and the murder was months ago.

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#### **BARKE. JAMES** The Wind That Shakes The Barley

Although he died at the age of just 37, Robert Burns had an extraordinary life. Born into poverty and hardship, the family somehow managed to hire a tutor for the young Robert and his intelligence and passion were obvious from an early age.



#### **BENDER, AIMEE** The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake

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When 9-year-old Rose Edelstein bites into her mother's home-made lemon chocolate cake, to her horror, she discovers she can taste her mother's emotions in the slice. And her mother tastes of despair and desperation. Suddenly food becomes perilous.



#### **BENNETT. ALAN** A Life Like Other People's

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Alan Bennett's 'A Life Like Other People's' is a poignant family memoir offering a portrait of his parents' marriage & recalling his Leeds childhood, & the lives, loves & deaths of his unforgettable aunties Kathleen & Myra.



#### **BERLIN, LUCIA** A Manual for Cleaning Women

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One of the most remarkable unsung collections in 20th-century American fiction. With extraordinary honesty, Lucia Berlin invites us into her rich, itinerant life: the drink and the mess and the pain and the beauty and the moments of surprise and of grace.



#### **BINET, LAURENT** HHhH

Prague, in 1942. Operation Anthropoid: two Czechoslovakian parachutists are enlisted to assassinate Reinhard Heydrich - chief of

the Nazi secret services, 'the hangman of Prague', 'the blond beast', and 'the most dangerous man in the Third Reich'.

AUTHOR Title



#### **BIRCH, CAROL** Jamrach's Menagerie

Jaffy Brown is running through London's backstreets when his life is transformed by an encounter with an escaped circus animal. Plucked from death by Mr Jamrach, the two strike up a friendship and Jaffy finds himself aboard a ship bound for the South Seas.



#### **BIRKEGAARD, MIKKEL** The Library Of Shadows

Imagine that some people have the power to affect your thoughts and feelings when you read, or they read a book to you. They can seduce you with amazing stories, conjure up vividly imagined worlds, but also manipulate you into thinking exactly what they want you to.

# **BLAKE, SARAH**

The Postmistress

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It is 1940, and bombs fall nightly on London. Huddled close to terrified strangers in underground shelters is young American radio reporter Frankie Bard, who broadcasts stories about survivors. But for her listeners, the war is far from home.



#### **BLOCK, LAWRENCE** A Drop of the Hard Stuff

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Matt Scudder and Jack Ellery were at school together but never exactly friends. 20 years later, Scudder was a detective and Jack was standing the other side of the one-way glass in a police line-up. But when he ends up shot in the head, it's up to Scudder to find the killer.

### **BOLING, DAVE** Guernica

'Guernica' is a debut novel telling the story of two families set before and during the Spanish Civil War, revolving around the bombing of Guernica and its aftermath.

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**BOWEN, JAMES** 

heal his life.

A Streetcat Named Bob

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### **BRONTE, CHARLOTTE** Jane Eyre

AUTHOR

Title

Charlotte Bronte develops an assertive and passionate character in Jane, whose search for belonging and freedom, while radical at the time of publication, remains refreshingly relevant for the modern-day reader.



#### **BROOKE, AMANDA** Yesterday's Sun

Newly-weds Holly and Tom have just moved into an old manor house. Holly discovers a cursed moon dial in the overgrown garden - each full moon, she sees into the future; Tom cradling their baby daughter and mourning Holly's death in childbirth. Holly has a desperate decision to make.



# **BROOKMYRE, CHRIS**

When The Devil Drives

Is the devil merely the name we give the worst in ourselves? When private investigator Jasmine Sharp is hired to find Tessa Garrion, a young woman who has vanished without trace, it becomes increasingly clear that there are those who want her to stay that way.



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**BROWN, DAN** 

Inferno

Set in the heart of Europe, 'Inferno' follows renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon as he becomes drawn into a harrowing world centred around one of history's most enduring and mysterious literary masterpieces: 'Dante's Inferno'.



### BUCK, PEARL S. The Good Earth

Written by a Nobel Prize winner, this novel is set in China early in the 19th century, and won the Pulitzer Prize when it was first published in 1931. It tells of a farmer's constant struggle to keep his family alive through famine, destitution, flood and pestilence.



A Street Cat Named Bob

#### **BOYD, WILLIAM Brazzaville Beach**

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On Brazzaville Beach, on the edge of Africa, Hope Clearwater examines the complex circumstances that brought her there. Sifting the details for evidence of her own innocence or guilt, she tells her engrossing story.

The moving, uplifting true story of an unlikely friendship between a

man on the streets and the ginger cat who adopts him and helps him



#### BOYLE, T.C. Water Music

Set in 1795, Water Music is the rambunctious account of two men's wild adventures through the gutters of London and the Scottish Highlands to their unlikely meeting in darkest Africa.



#### **BRADBY, TOM Shadow Dancer**

Colette McVeigh: widow, mother, terrorist. A woman who has lived the Republican cause for all of her 29 years. A woman whose brothers are both heavily involved at a senior level in the IRA. A woman who is now an informer for MI5.



#### **BRADLEY. ALAN** The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Police are baffled by the discovery of a dead body in Colonel de Luce's cucumber patch, followed by a dead snipe on his doorstep with a rare stamp impaled on its beak. Only the Colonel's daughter Flavia can follow the clues to reveal the victim's identity.

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#### **BULAWAYO, NOVIOLET** We Need New Names

Foreigners visiting Paradise always ask Darling and her friends to smile for the camera. Here are some of the things they have to smile about: stealing guavas, gifts from NGOs, loudly singing Lady Gaga. But they all want to go to the real paradise in America or Britain.



#### CAMPBELL, BONNIE JO Once Upon a River

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After the violent death of her father, in which she is complicit, Margo takes to the Stark River in her boat searching for her vanished mother. But the river, Margo's childhood paradise, is a dangerous place for a lone young woman, and she must be strong to survive.



#### CAPOTE, TRUMAN In Cold Blood

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Agent Al Dewey of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation has a horrific murder to solve - and precious few clues. Capote's reconstruction of the slaughter of an entire family shows a gripping mix of journalistic skills and imaginative power.



### CARTER, M J.

The Strangler Vine

Calcutta 1837. Young officer William Avery is tasked by his employersthe East India Company-with tracking down disgraced poet and spy Xavier Mountstuart, who is lost in the jungles, searching for the remaining Thugs, a sinister secret fraternity notorious for strangling thousands of travellers.



#### CATTON, ELEANOR The Luminaries

1866, New Zealand goldfields. Walter Moody came to make his fortune but upon arriving stumbles across twelve local men, meeting in secret to discuss a series of unsolved crimes. A missing wealthy man, a suicidal whore, and an enormous fortune discovered in the home of a luckless drunk.

AUTHOR Title

### CHANDLER. RAYMOND The Big Sleep

An early morning call to a dying millionaire throws private eye Philip Marlowe into West Hollywood's hidden world of blackmail, menace and muscle. Knowing he must protect the man's daughters, Marlowe didn't realise that he would become so involved.



#### CHEVALIER, TRACY **Falling Angels**

January 1901: Queen Victoria is dead. Thrust together by their daughters' friendship, two very different families embark on a new century that promises electricity, emancipation and other changes that will shake the very foundations of their lives.

### ACK REACHER ANTED

### CHILD. LEE

A Wanted Man

Nebraska - and Jack Reacher, huge, hulking and with a freshly busted nose, is still trying to hitch a ride east to Virginia. He's picked up by three strangers - two men and a woman. Immediately he knows they're all lying about something.



#### CHILD, LEE Never Go Back

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Jack Reacher has finally made it to Virginia to meet Major Susan Turner the new commanding officer of 110th MP. But the officer sitting behind Reacher's old desk isn't a woman. Accused of a sixteenyear-old homicide and co-opted back into the army, Reacher says nothing but plots his way out.

#### JACK REACHER LEE CHILD PERSONAL

#### CHILD, LEE Personal

Jack Reacher walks alone. Once a go-to hard man in the US military police, now he's a drifter of no fixed abode. But the army tracks him down, because someone has taken a long-range shot at the French president. Only one man could have done it, and Reacher is the one man who can find him.

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### JACK REACHER LEE HE MIDNIGH LINE

#### CHILD, LEE The Midnight Line

Walking past a pawn shop in a small Midwestern town Jack Reacher spots a West Point class ring from 2005. It's a woman cadet's graduation present to herself. Why would she give it up? Reacher tracks the ring back to its owner, step by step, down a criminal trail leading west.



#### CHOPIN, KATE The Awakening

Published in 1899, 'The Awakening' ignited a firestorm of controversy. Reviewers criticized the book for its tacit endorsement of adultery, its frank depiction of a woman's sexual frustration, and its rejection of conventional expectations for women's behaviour.



#### **CLEAVE. CHRIS** The Other Hand

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'The Other Hand' is a novel by Chris Cleave, the author of 'Incendiary'. Deeply moving, yet light in touch, it explores the nature of loss, hope, love and identity with atrocity as its backdrop.



#### COBEN, HARLAN Seconds Away

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Mickey and his loyal friends once again find themselves in over their heads on the hunt for missing pieces to a puzzle they have yet to understand. As the mystery surrounding Mickey's dad's death unfolds, he soon learns that they may be in more danger than they could have ever imagined.



### COE. JONATHAN What a Carve Up!

The Winshaw family are getting richer and crueller by the day. But once the narrator, Michael Owen, uncovers their trail of greed, corruption and immoral doings throughout the 1980s, the time seems ripe for their comeuppance.

Disgrace M.Costace ISGRACE After an impulsive affair with a student, David Lurie resigns from the Technical University of Cape Town and retreats to his daughter Lucy's isolated smallholding to harmonise his discordant life. Soon after they both become victims of a savage and disturbing attack which brings into relief all the fault lines in their relationship.



#### COLE, MARTINA The Faithless

AUTHOR Title

COETZEE, J. M.

husband, a lovely home and two children. But Cynthia is deeply unhappy; always craving the best things in life and determined to get them - regardless of the consequences.



#### COLE. MARTINA The Good Life

Cain Moran wanted Jenny Riley more than anyone or anything before in his life. Jenny cares nothing for Cain's hard-man reputation - she just wants to be with him. But Cain is not a free man and when his wife Caroline said 'til death us do part, she meant it.



# The Black Box

CONNELLY, MICHAEL

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When Harry Bosch finds the body of a female journalist in an alley, he cannot accept that he will never bring her justice. Then 20 years later, Harry finds himself working in the Open Unsolved Unit, the past comes back to haunt him, in a way he could never have imagined.



### COOK, IDA

### Safe Passage

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Desperate circumstances can cause ordinary women to achieve extraordinary things. Ida and Louise Cook, lived quiet lives in the London suburbs. But throughout the 1930s, the remarkable sisters rescued dozens of Jews facing persecution and death.

CORNWELL, PATRICIA

The Bone Bed

CRACE, JIM

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An offbeat Western about a reluctant assassin and his murderous brother who are on the trail of a man named Hermann Kermit Warm. On the way, the brothers have a series of unsettling and violent experiences in the Darwinian landscape of Gold Rush America.



AUTHOR Title

DESAI, KISHWAR **Origins of Love** 

DE WITT, PATRICK

The Sisters Brothers

In Delhi a small baby lies alone and abandoned. The product of IVF and surrogacy, she was coveted until she was born with a fatal illness. No one knows how the infection could have been transferred to the child, but one thing is certain: no one wants her now.



#### CRAIG, JAMES **Buckingham Palace Blues**

the innocent, and allegations of witchcraft.

When Inspector John Carlyle discovers a disorientated girl in a park near Buckingham Palace, he takes it upon himself to discover her identity. His hunt takes him from Ukrainian gangsters in North London to the lower reaches of the British aristocracy.

First, a dinosaur hunter goes missing from a dig in Canada: next,

Kay Scarpetta receives a grisly communication, leading her to believe

that the disappearance may be her next case. Now she must rely on

her own instincts to catch a enemy who seems impossible to defeat.

As late summer steals in, a village comes under threat. A trio of outsiders arrive on the woodland borders triggering a series of events

that will see Walter Thirsk's village unmade in just seven days: the

harvest blackened by smoke and fear, cruel punishment meted out to



#### DAVIES, PETER HO The Welsh Girl

This novel traces a perilous wartime romance as it explores the bonds of love and duty that hold us to family, country, and ultimately, our fellow man.



#### DE WAAL, EDMUND The Hare with Amber Eyes

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264 wood and ivory carvings of animals, plants and people, none larger than a matchbox; apprentice potter Edmund de Waal was entranced the first time he saw them in his great uncle lggie's apartment. When he inherits them, he discovers they unlock an unimaginable story.



### DI LAMPEDUSA, TOMASI

The Leopard

Spring 1860. Fabrizio, the charismatic Prince of Salina, still rules over thousands of acres and hundreds of people, in mingled splendour and squalor. Then Garibaldi lands in Sicily and the Prince must decide whether to resist the forces of change or come to terms with them.

HARLES

#### **DICKENS, CHARLES** Great Expectations

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One of Dickens's most autobiographical stories, the young protagonist Pip escapes from his troubled childhood experiences to learn for himself the perils of love, the dangers of wealth, and how to sort his friends from his enemies.



DICKENS

#### DOCTOROW, E.L. Ragtime

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Set in turn-of-the-century New York, E.L. Doctorow's Ragtime seamlessly blends fictional characters and realistic depictions of historical figures to bring to life the events that defined American history in the years before the First World War.

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#### DONOGHUE. EMMA The Room

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Jack lives with his Ma in Room, which has a locked door, a skylight, and measures 11 feet by 11 feet. He loves watching TV but he knows that nothing he sees on screen is truly real. Until the day Ma admits that there's a world outside.



#### DOUGHTY, LOUISE Whatever You Love

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Two police officers knock on Laura's door and her life changes forever. They tell her that her nine-year old daughter Betty has been hit by a car & killed. When justice is slow to arrive, Laura decides to take her own revenge and begins to track down the man responsible.



#### DOUGLAS. ROBERT Whose Turn for the Stairs

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This is a story about 12 families and their tightly knit street in 1950s Maryhill. Following the end of the war, the close rebuilds its ties and the strong sense of community and friendly neighbourhood bonds are soon back in place. Yet all is not well in their world.



#### DOWD, SIOBHAN A Swift Pure Crv

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Life has been hard for Shell since her mam died. Her dad has given up work and turned his back on reality, leaving Shell to care for her siblings. When she can, she spends time with her best friend Bridie and the charming Declan, sharing cigarettes and irreverent jokes.



#### DU MAURIER, DAPHNE The House on the Strand

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Dick Young is lent a house in Cornwall by his friend Professor Magnus Lane. During his stay he agrees to serve as guinea pig for a new drug Magnus has discovered in his biochemical research. On taking the drug, Dick finds himself transported through time to the Cornwall of the 14th century.



#### EGGERS. DAVE The Circle

AUTHOR

Title

When Mae is hired by the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company, she can't believe her great fortune. Soon life beyond the campus grows distant, a strange encounter with a colleague leaves her shaken and her role at the Circle becomes increasingly public...



The Gathering

### ENRIGHT, ANNE

A family epic, condensed and clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye. It is also a sexual history: tracing the line of hurt and redemption through three generations - starting with the grandmother, Ada Merriman - showing how memories warp and family secrets fester.

#### NICHOLAS EVANS The Divide vide

### **EVANS, NICHOLAS**

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A young woman's body is found embedded in the ice of a remote mountain creek. Her identity- Abbie Cooper: wanted for murder with her picture on law enforcement computers all across America. But how did she die? And what led this golden child of a loving family so tragically astray?



#### FAGAN, JENNI The Panopticon

Anais Hendricks is once again off to The Panopticon, a prison so constructed that it allows the inspector to see each of the prisoners at all times, without being seen. Looking up at the watchtower that looms over the residents, Anais knows her fate - she is part of an experiment, and that experiment is now closing in.



#### FARNDALE, NIGEL The Blasphemer

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When his flight to the Galapagos Island crashes into the sea, zoologist Daniel Kennedy must choose between saving himself or the woman he loves. But after he escapes the plane & swims for help, who is the elusive figure who guides him away from certain death?

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#### FAULKS. SEBASTIAN A Week In December

London, the week before Christmas, 2007. Over seven days we follow the lives of seven major characters. With daring skill the author pieces together the complex patterns of modern urban life.



#### FAULKS, SEBASTIAN Engleby

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Mike Engleby says things that others dare not even think. When the novel opens in the 1970's, he is a university student, having survived a 'traditional' school. A man devoid of scruple or self-pity, Engleby provides a witheringly frank account of English education.



#### FIENNES, RANULPH Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know

Ranulph Fiennes has travelled to the most dangerous places on earth, almost died countless times, lost nearly half his fingers to frostbite, raised millions for charity and been awarded a polar medal and an OBE. Here he looks back on a life lived at the limit.



#### FILER, NATHAN The Shock of the Fall

An extraordinary portrait of one man's journey through the spinning vortex that is mental illness. It is a brave and ground breaking novel from one of the most exciting new voices in fiction.



#### FITZGERALD, F. SCOTT The Last Tycoon

A mysterious woman stands and smiles at Monroe Stahr, the last of the great Hollywood princes. Enchanted by one another, they begin a passionate but hopeless love affair, starting with a seduction as slick as a scene from one of Stahr's movies.

AUTHOR Title

### FLAUBERT. GUSTAVE Madame Bovary

Finding herself stifled by marriage, Emma Bovary throws herself into a desperate love affair, sowing the seeds of her own downfall.

Nick Dunne's wife Amy suddenly disappears on their 5th anniversary.



ADAME BOWARY

#### FLYNN, GILLIAN Gone Girl

The police immediately suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they aren't his. Then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone.

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# FOER, JONATHAN SAFRAN

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

Nine-year-old Oskar Schell is an inventor. When his father is killed in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, his journey towards some kind of peace takes him on an odyssey through the five boroughs of New York, as he attempts to solve the mystery of a key he discovers in his father's closet.



# FORSTER, E.M.

Where Angels Fear To Tread

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When attractive, impulsive, English widow Lilia takes a holiday in Italy, she causes a scandal by marrying Gino, a dashing and highly unsuitable Italian twelve years her junior. Her English relatives are forced to examine their own narrow lives.



#### FOWLER, CHRISTOPHER Paperboy

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Christopher Fowler's memoir captures life in suburban London as it has rarely been seen: through the eyes of a lonely boy who spends his days between the library and the cinema, devouring novels, comics, cereal packets - anything that might reveal a story.

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#### FOX. ESSIE The Somnambulist

When 17-year-old Phoebe Turner visits Wilton's Music Hall to watch her Aunt Cissy perform, she risks the wrath of her mother Maud who marches with the Hallelujah Army, campaigning for all London theatres to close. While there, she is drawn to a stranger, the enigmatic Nathaniel Samuels.



#### FOX, KATHRYN **Death Mask**

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When the victim of a violent gang rape accuses five premier sportsmen of being her attackers, she has no idea that her suffering has only just begun. It's a scandal that rocks a nation of sports fans. But, in spite of a huge amount of evidence, no one seems to believe the girl.



#### FRY, STEPHEN The Liar

Stephen Fry's first novel involves the fabrication of a lost pornographic novel by Charles Dickens and a number of other indecent inventions. The tale begins when a public schoolboy inadvertently observes the murder of a Hungarian violinist.



#### FULLER, CLAIRE **Our Endless Numbered Days**

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1976: Peggy Hillcoat is eight, spending her summer camping with her father and listening to her mother's piano. Suddenly her survivalist father, takes her from London to a cabin in a remote European forest, telling Peggy the rest of the world has disappeared. She is not seen again for another nine years.



#### GALGUT. DAMON In A Strange Room

A young man takes three journeys, through Greece, India and Africa. To those who travel with him and those he meets on the way he is the Follower, the Lover and the Guardian. Yet, despite his best intentions, each journey ends in disaster, changing his whole life.



AUTHOR Title



#### **GALLOWAY JANICE** The Trick is to Keep Breathing

From the author of 'Foreign Parts', 'Where You Find It' and 'Blood' comes the story of Joy, a heroine struggling for order and meaning in her life. First published in 1989, this novel won the MIND/Allen Lane Book of the Year.



## **GALLOWAY, STEVEN**

The Cellist of Sarajevo

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Tense and heartbreaking to its last page, 'The Cellist of Sarajevo' shows how life under seige creates impossible moral choices. When the everyday act of crossing the street can risk lives, the human spirit is revealed in all its fortitude - and frailty.



#### GASKELL, ELIZABETH Cranford

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A comic portrait of an early Victorian country village and its genteel inhabitants, mostly women, whose social attitudes remain firmly unchanging against the modernising world, and whose domestic details dominate conversation.



# **GENOVA, LISA**

### Inside the O'Briens

Joe O'Brien is a Boston cop. a devoted husband and father of 4 adult children. When he starts making uncharacteristic errors, he attributes them to stress. Finally, he agrees to see a doctor and is handed a terrifying, unexpected diagnosis: Huntington's disease.

#### **GENOVA. LISA Still Alice**

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Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. A Harvard professor, she has a successful husband and three grown children. She soon finds herself in downward spiral of Alzheimer's disease. Her short-term memory may be hanging on by a thread, but she is still Alice.

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#### GHOSH. AMITAV The Glass Palace

Rajkumar helps on a market stall outside the royal palace when the British force the royal family into exile. Rescued by a Chinese

merchant they move to upper Burma but he is haunted by his vision of the royal family and journeys to find them.



#### **STELLA GIBBONS** Cold Comfort Farm

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When sensible, sophisticated Flora Poste is orphaned at nineteen, she decides her only choice is to descend upon her eccentric relatives in deepest Sussex. At the aptly-named Cold Comfort Farm, she resolves to take each of the family in hand.



#### **GOODWIN, DAISY** My Last Duchess

Cora Cash, the wealthiest debutante in America, is spirited away from comfort of her Park Avenue mansion, suddenly finding herself Duchess of Wareham, married to Ivo, the most eligible bachelor in England. As Cora is soon to discover, nothing in this strange new world is quite as it seems.



#### **GRANT. LINDA** We Had it So Good

Stephen arrived in England from California in 1968, hurriedly marrying his English girlfriend Andrea to avoid returning to America and the draft. Over the next 40 years the couple enjoy a life of middle-class success, but events then force them to question their lives.



#### GRAY, ALEX A Pound of Flesh

DI Lorimer's worst nightmare is a serial killer loose in his city. But two serial killers operating at once in Glasgow is a living nightmare. When the latest murder is that of a prominent politician, Lorimer finds the media's relentless scrutiny turned on his investigation.



#### **GRAY, ALEX** The Swedish Girl

AUTHOR Title

Kirsty can't believe her luck when finding a room in a luxury Glasgow flat owned by the beautiful Eva, a fellow student from Stockholm. But her delight turns to terror when Kirsty finds the Swedish girl lying dead in their home, their male flatmate accused of her murder.



COLUMN CARDING

#### **GREENE, GRAHAM Brighton Rock**

A gang war is raging in Brighton. Pinkie is 17 and fighting for leadership. He has already proved his ruthlessness by killing Hale, a journalist. But he isn't prepared for the courageous Ida Arnold who is determined to avenge Hale's death.

### **GREENE, GRAHAM**

Our Man In Havana

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Wormold's daughter had reached an expensive age - so he accepted a mysterious Englishman's offer of extra income. All he has to do is run agents, file reports, and spy. But his fake reports have an alarming tendency to come true.



### **GREGORY. PHILIPPA The White Princess**

The beautiful eldest daughter of Edward IV, the young princess Elizabeth faces a conflict of loyalties between the red rose and the white. Forced into marriage with Henry VII, she must reconcile her slowly growing love for him with her loyalty to the House of York.



### **GREGORY, SUSANNA** The Piccadilly Plot

Chaloner is relieved to be summoned back to London from Tangier where his master sent him to investigate corruption, but the trivial reason for his recall exasperates him - the theft of material from the construction site of Clarendon's new house just north of Piccadilly.

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#### **GREIG. ANDREW** At the Loch of the Green Corrie

A fishing trip honouring a dying man's wish becomes a meditation on life, nature and friendship, a literary biography and a celebration of the beauty of the Highlands of Scotland.



#### GREIG, ANDREW Romanno Bridge

The hunt for the crowning stone of the Dalriadic kings, Jacob's Pillow, the Stone of Scone - whatever it is, it is worth enough to make life cheap for some and dear for others - has begun.



#### HAGGARD, H RIDER **King Solomon's Mines**

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Three men trek to the remote African interior in search of a lost friend - and reach, at the end of a perilous journey, an unknown land cut off from the world, where terrible dangers threaten anyone who ventures near the spectacular diamond mines of King Solomon.



#### HAMID, MOHSIN Moth Smoke

Daru, a young Pakistani banker, loses his job and begins a downward spiral into drug dealing and an affair with Mumtaz, the wife of his childhood friend and rival. Broken and desperate, he becomes involved in a heist that leaves him on trial for murder.



#### HAMID, MOHSIN The Reluctant Fundamentalist

A mysterious stranger is at a Lahore cafe as dusk settles. Invited to join him for tea, you learn his name and what led this speaker of immaculate English to seek you out. Then the true reason for your meeting becomes abundantly clear...

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HARRIS, ROBERT

Fatherland

When an old man's body is discovered drowned, a Berlin policeman begins a routine investigation which rapidly becomes anything but routine. Ordered off the case by the Gestapo, his curiosity leads him through a maze of unexplained happenings.



# HAWKINS, PAULA

The Girl on the Train

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Rachel catches the same commuter train every morning, stopping at the same signal each time, overlooking a row of back gardens. She's even started to feel like she knows the people who live a perfect life in one of the houses. And then she sees something shocking.

### HAYES, TERRY I am Pilgrim

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Pilgrim was the codename for a legendary secret agent. When NYPD's Ben Bradley tracks down Pilgrim, neither man can imagine the terrifying journey they are about to begin - a murder investigation leading them into a direct collision course with jihadist terrorism.

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#### HAYNES, ELIZABETH Into the Darkest Corner

Catherine has enjoyed the single life for long enough to know a good catch when she sees one. Gorgeous, charismatic, spontaneous -Lee seems almost too perfect to be true. Her friends clearly agree, as each in turn falls under his spell. But there is also a darker side to Lee.



#### HIRAIDE, TAKASHI The Guest Cat

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A couple in their 30s live in a small cottage in a guiet part of Tokyo. They work at home and no longer have very much to say to one another. One day a cat invites itself into their small kitchen. The beautiful creature brings new, small joys each day and suddenly life holds more promise.



#### HISLOP, VICTORIA The Thread

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Thessaloniki, 1917. As Dimitri Komninos is born, a devastating fire sweeps through the Greek city. 5 years later, Katerina Sarafoglou's home in Asia Minor is destroyed by the Turkish army and she is forced to flee across the sea to an unknown destination in Greece.



#### HO DAVIES, PETER The Welsh Girl

This novel traces a perilous wartime romance as it explores the bonds of love and duty that hold us to family, country, and ultimately, our fellow man.



#### HOGG, JAMES

The story of a young man who uses the Calvinist doctrine of predestination to rationalise and acquiesce in the devil's promptings to murder his worldly brother. The strength of the book lies in the latter part - a re-telling of the story by the villain himself.

The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner

AUTHOR Title

#### HONG, LIU **Startling Moon**

When six-year-old Taotao is sent by her mother to live with her grandparents, her whole world seems to have fallen apart. Only in later years does she learn of her mother's secret pain - her own father's fall from grace in the Cultural Revolution.



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In the early 1900s polite Chicago society was rocked by scandal as renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, ran off with Mamah Cheney, a client's wife. For the rest of her life Mamah paid an extraordinary price for moving outside society's rules.

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### And the Mountains Echoed

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# **IRVING, JOHN**

A Prayer for Owen Meany

Eleven-year-old Owen Meany, playing in a Little League baseball game, hits a foul ball and kills his best friend's mother. Owen doesn't believe in accidents; he believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen afterwards is both extraordinary and terrifying.

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#### ISHIGURO, KAZOU When We Were Orphans

In 1930s England, Christopher Banks has become one of the country's most celebrated detectives. His cases are the talk of London society. Yet one mystery has always haunted him, the disappearance of his parents in Old Shanghai, when he was a boy.



#### **IVEY, EOWYN** The Snow Child

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Jack and Mabel make a fresh start in Alaska. In a moment of tenderness, the pair build a snowman - or rather a snow girl together. Next morning, all trace has disappeared but Jack can't shake the notion that he glimpsed a small figure running in the trees in the dawn light.



#### **JENKINS, ROBIN** The Changeling

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Exploring the theme of the fate that awaits goodness and innocence in the face of growing up and learning to live in our society, this novel charts the story of Tom, a 13-year-old from a Glasgow slum, and the events of a holiday with his teacher.



#### JENKINS, ROBIN The Missionaries

This novel charts a voyage of self-discovery for Andrew as he is offered an easy route into aristocracy and wealth but is reluctant to relinquish his higher moral ground, raising questions about moral righteousness and the Christian faith that are pertinent to this day.



#### JOHNSON, ALAN This Boy

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This is the story of two incredible women: Alan Johnson's mother, Lily, who battled against poor health, poverty, domestic violence and loneliness to ensure a better future for her children; and his sister, Linda, who assumed an enormous amount of responsibility to protect her family.

#### AUTHOR Title



#### JONASSON, JONAS The hundred-year-old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared

On his 100th birthday Allan Karlsson makes his escape from the old people's home and embarks on an unlikely and momentous adventure.



#### JORDAN, HILLARY Mudbound

When Henry moves his wife, Laura, to a cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta in 1946, she finds the place both foreign and frightening. She doesn't share Henry's love of rural life, raising their two young children in an isolated shack with a hateful, racist father-in-law.



#### **KANE, JESSICA FRANCIS** The Report

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In March 1943, 173 people died on the steps of a London tube station while seeking shelter from an air raid. The job of compiling the report on the tragedy falls to magistrate Laurence Dunn, and he uncovers a precarious - even damaging - truth.



JACKIE KAY

#### **KAY, JACKIE Reality Reality**

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At the beating heart of 'Reality, Reality' are moments of reaching out to family, friends and lovers. These are stories about food, sex and memories, about sharing them, or yearning to, or seeking solace in being alone.

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#### **KAY. JACKIE** Trumpet

Joss Moody has died and the jazz world is in mourning. But in death, Joss can no longer guard the secret he kept all his life, and Colman, his son, must confront the truth: the man he believed to be his father was, in fact, a woman.



#### **KELMAN, STEPHEN Pigeon English**

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With equal fascination for the local gang and the pigeon who visits his balcony, 11-year-old Harri absorbs his new life in England. But when a boy is knifed to death and a police appeal for witnesses draws only silence, Harri decides to start a murder investigation of his own.



#### **KEROUAC, JACK On The Road**

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On the Road swings to the rhythms of 1950s underground America, jazz, sex, generosity, chill dawns and drugs, with Sal Paradise and his hero Dean Moriarty, traveller and mystic, the living epitome of Beat.



#### **KESEY, KEN** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

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This is the classic story of Randle Patick McMurphy, a criminal who feigns insanity and is admitted to a mental hospital where he challenges the autocratic authority of the head nurse.



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#### KING, STEPHEN Carrie

Carrie has the gift of telekinesis. To be invited to prom night by Tommy is a dream - the first step to social acceptance. But events take a turn on that night as Carrie is forced to exercise her terrible gift on the town that mocks and loathes her.



### KIRSCHBAUM, ALEXIS

#### Life in Verse: Journeys through Poetry

Four very different celebrities, appealing to four very different audiences, take us on a journey of their life through poetry. It includes poetry from Yeats, Tennyson, Blake, Larkin, E. E. Cummings, Don Paterson, Roald Dahl, Benjamin Zephaniah and many more.



#### LAHIRI, JHUMPA The Lowland

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This is a deeply felt novel of family ties that entangle and fray in ways unforeseen and unrevealed. With all the hallmarks of Jhumpa Lahiri's achingly poignant, exquisitely empathetic story-telling, this is her most devastating work of fiction to date.

### LARSSON, ASA

The Savage Altar

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On the floor of a church in northern Sweden, the body of a man lies ritually mutilated and defiled - and in the night sky, the aurora borealis dances as the snow begins to fall.



#### LEE, HARPER Go Set A Watchman

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Scout has returned to Maycomb to visit her father Atticus. She is forced to grapple with personal and political issues as she tries to understand both her father's attitude toward society and her own feelings about the place where she was born and spent her childhood.

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#### LEVY, ANDREA The Long Song

Set in Jamaica during the last turbulent years of slavery and the early years of freedom that followed, this novel follows the life of July, a slave girl, who lives upon a sugar plantation named Amity.



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#### LITTLEWOOD. ALISON A Cold Season

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Cass is building a new life for herself and her young son Ben after the death of her husband Pete. But their new home is not what she expected: the other flats are all empty and the villagers are a bit odd. When heavy snow maroons the village, things get even harder.



#### LUPTON, ROSAMUND Afterwards

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A school is on fire and Grace knows there is a girl still inside. It's her daughter, Jenny. Grace does what any mother would do - runs to find her. Afterwards, Grace must fight to save her family and find the person who is intent on destroying them.



#### LUPTON, ROSEMARY Sister

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What would you do if your sister disappeared without a trace? This is an emotionally fraught and at times terrifying story about two sisters and the strength that binds them.



#### MAKSIK, ALEXANDER You Deserve Nothing

The tale is told in three voices: that of Will, a charismatic young teacher; Gilad, one of his students who has grown up behind compound walls and Marie, the beautiful, vulnerable senior with whom, unbeknownst to Gilad, Will is having an illicit affair.



#### MANDANNA, SARITA **Tiger Hills**

A sweeping multigenerational story set in a coffee plantation in Coorg, southern India, in the 19th century. The novel begins with the birth of Devi, a special child, who befriends a young boy whose mother has died in tragic circumstances.

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### MANTEL, HILLARY **Beyond Black**

Alison is a medium and what she hears is sometimes just too dark to pass on. She mostly tells her clients what they want to hear. Colette, her manager and side-kick, makes the bookings and gets Alison on stage with Morris, her foul-mouthed and obscene Spirit Guide.



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### MAY, PETER

**Blacklight Blue** 

Enzo MacLeod, a Scot teaching in southwest France, confidently bets that he can use his expertise to crack seven notorious cold case murders. He is distracted however, when he becomes the victim of someone who seems intent on getting him arrested for murder.

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A Darker Domain

1984, Fife. Heiress Catriona Maclennan Grant and her baby son are kidnapped. Things go horribly wrong and she is killed while her son disappears without trace. 2008, Tuscany. A jogger stumbles upon new evidence that re-opens the cold case for DI Karen Pirie.



# The Law Killers

MCGREGOR, ALEXANDER

In 'The Law Killers', journalist Alexander McGregor examines some of the people and deeds, which have terrorised Dundonian communities. Having reported on many of them first-hand, he has unique insight into the cases and they are as chilling as they are compelling.



#### MCILVANNEY, WILLIAM Laidlaw

Meet Jack Laidlaw, the original damaged detective. When a young woman is found brutally murdered on Glasgow Green, only he stands a chance of finding her murderer among the hard men and villains who lurk in the city's shadows.

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#### MCLEAN, RUSSEL D Father Confessor

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DCI Ernie Bright is dead. A good cop gone bad? Not everyone believes that one of Tayside Constabulary's longest-serving detectives was leading a double life. And private investigator J. McNee has his own reasons for trying to prove Bright's innocence.



#### MCLEAN, RUSSEL D The Good Son

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Farmer James Robertson finds his estranged brother's corpse hanging from a tree. The police claim suicide. But Dundonian Private Investigator J McNee is about to uncover the disturbing truth behind the death.



#### MILLER, A.D. Snowdrops

A chilling story of love and moral freefall - of the corruption, by a corrupt society, of a corruptible young man. It is taut, intense and has a momentum as irresistible to the reader as the moral danger that first enchants, then threatens to overwhelm, its narrator.



#### MILLER, MADELINE **Song of Achilles**

This is a breathtakingly original rendering of the Trojan War a devastating love story and a tale of gods and kings, immortal fame and the human heart.



#### MORGENSTERN, ERIN **Night Circus**

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In 1886 a mysterious travelling circus becomes an international sensation. Open only at night, constructed entirely in black & white, Le Cirque des Rêves delights all who wander its circular paths. But a dangerous game is being played out by two young magicians.

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### MORTENSON, GREG **RELIN, DAVID OLIVER** Three Cups of Tea After a terrifying and disastrous attempt to climb K2 Greg Mortensen drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness he promises to return and build a school.

#### MOSSE, KATE The Winter Ghosts KATE MOSSE It's 1928. Freddie Watson is still grieving for his brother, lost in the Great War. Driving through the foothills of the French Pyrenees, his car spins off the road in a snowstorm. Freddie takes refuge in an isolated village and there meets a beautiful, captivating woman.

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### MOYES, JOJO

**Me Before You** 

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Lou Clark knows lots of things. What Lou doesn't know is she's about to lose her job and find another. Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour.



# MOYES, JOJO

The Girl You Left Behind

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France, 1916. Sophie Lefevre must keep her family safe whilst her adored husband Edouard fights at the front. When she is ordered to serve the German officers who descend on her hotel each evening, her home becomes riven by fierce tensions.

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# MOYES, JOJO

The Giver of Stars

In 1930s England Alice Wright impulsively decides to marry a wealthy American and leave her home behind. It is not the adventure that she hoped for until she meets Margery who is on a mission to spread the



#### **MUNRO, ALICE** The View From Castle Rock

On a clear day, you could see 'America' from Edinburgh's Castle Rock - or so said Alice Munro's great-great-great-grandfather, James Laidlaw, when he had taken drink. This is the story of those Ettrick shepherds and their descendants, among them the author herself.



#### MURPHY, DERVLA Silverland

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Charting Murphy's expedition through the snowscapes of the Russian far east, the intrepid septuagenarian's midwinter journey takes her beyond Siberia to the furthest corners of Russia - areas proximate to Japan, Mongolia and the Arctic Circle.



#### NESBO, JO The Bat

Detective Harry Hole is meant to keep out of trouble. A young Norwegian girl has been murdered in Sydney and Harry has been sent to Australia to assist in any way he can. Unearthing a string of unsolved murders nothing will stop him from finding out the truth.



#### NESBO, JO The Snowman

A boy wakes to find his mother missing. Outside he sees her favourite scarf wrapped around the neck of a snowman. As Harry Hole and his team begin their investigation they discover that an alarming number of wives and mothers have gone missing over the years.



#### **NETHERGATE WRITERS A Private View**

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In a private view, thirty-four local writers visit The McManus, Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, in search of inspiration. The result is an entertaining, illuminating and sometimes surprising read.

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### **NEVILLE, STUART** Collusion

Former paramilitary killer Gerry Fegan wanders New York City, hiding from a past he escaped at terrible cost. But he made a fatal mistake: he spared the life of Bull O'Kane, a ruthless man who will stop at nothing to get his revenge.

### NEWBY, ERIC A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush When Eric Newby, fashion industry worker and inexperienced hill walker, decided after 10 years in haute couture he needed a change he took 4 days training in Wales then walked the Hindu Kush. This is his account of an entertaining time in the hills!



#### NICOLL. ANDREW

### The Secret Life and Curious Death of Miss Jean Milne

Based on a true story and set in Broughty Ferry at the very height of the British Empire, this is a shocking tale of class division, money, sex, lies, betraval and murder. And, at last, after a hundred years, has the curious death of Miss Jean Milne finally been solved?



### NIFFENEGGER, AUDREY Her Fearful Symmetry

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Julia and Valentina Poole are identical twins who have no interest in college, jobs or anything outside their cosy suburban home. Everything changes when they learn an aunt they didn't know existed has died and left them her flat overlooking Highgate Cemetery.



### O'CONNOR, JOSEPH **Ghost Light**

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Dublin 1907, a city of whispered rumours. A young actress begins an affair with a damaged older man. Rebellious and flirtatious, Molly Allgood is a girl of the inner city tenements, dreaming of stardom in America. She has dozens of admirers but she also has a secret.

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#### O'FARRELL, MAGGIE After You'd Gone

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Only hours after boarding a train, Alice is lying in hospital in a coma following an accident that could have been a suicide attempt. With her life hanging in the balance her family sit by her side and long-buried tensions start to rise to the surface.



#### O'FARRELL, MAGGIE The Hand that First Held Mine

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When bohemian, sophisticated Innes Kent turns up by chance on her doorstep, Lexie Sinclair realises she cannot wait any longer for her life to begin, and leaves for London. Amidst the 1950s Soho art scene, she carves out a new life for herself, with Innes by her side.



#### O'FARRELL, MAGGIE The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox

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Set between the 1930s and the present, this is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history. Many secrets come to light when, 60 years later, she is released from care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had.



### **OBREHT, TEA**

The Tiger's Wife

Remembering stories her grandfather told her, Natalia becomes convinced he spent his last days searching for 'the deathless man', a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. Along the way she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the story of the tiger's wife.



### **ORWELL, GEORGE Coming Up For Air**

Years in insurance and marriage to the joyless Hilda have been no more than death in life to George Bowling. This and fear of another war take his mind back to the peace of his childhood in a small country town.



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### PAIGE, DANIELLE **Dorothy Must Die** Sure, I've read the books. I've seen the movies. I know the song about the rainbow and the happy little blue birds. But I never expected Oz to look like this. To be a place where Good Witches can't be trusted. And now no-one is safe.

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January 1937. Jack is poor, lonely and desperate to change his life. When he is offered the chance to join an Arctic expedition he jumps at it. After they reach the remote, uninhabited bay Jack feels a creeping unease as one by one his companions are forced to leave.

### PENNY, STEF Tenderness

### The Tenderness of Wolves

Canada, 1867. A young murder suspect flees across the snowy wilderness. Tracking him is what passes for the law in this frontier land: trappers, sheriffs, traders and the suspect's own mother, desperate to clear his name.

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Charlotte's adored daughter Willow is born with a very severe form of brittle bone disease. If she slips she could break both her legs, and spend six months in a body cast. Years of caring for Willow leave her family facing financial disaster. Then they are offered a lifeline.



#### PLATH, SYLVIA The Bell Jar

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The Bell Jar is Sylvia Plath's account of a young woman's breakdown. Renowned for its intensity and its vivid prose, the novel follows her attempted suicide, hospitalisation and recovery.



#### PRATCHETT, TERRY Mort

Apprentice Mort thwarts Death's attempt to finish off attractive Princess Keli. He kills the assassin and undermines Death so much so that he starts drinking, gambling and having fun. When Death offers Mort a job it's an offer he can't refuse.



#### **QUINN, ANTHONY** Half of the Human Race

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Summer 1911. The streets of London ring with cheers for a new king's coronation and the cries of suffragette protests. Connie Callaway wants more than the conventional comforts of marriage - she is determined to fight for the greatest cause the world has ever known.



#### **RECTOR, JOHN** Already Gone

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Jake Reese is an ordinary guy with an ordinary job, trying to block out the memory of his violent past by planning for the future with his new wife, Diane. But the past has a habit of refusing to stay buried.

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### **RECTOR, JOHN** Cold Kiss

Nate and Sara are broke and on the run. When a shady hitchhiker offers them cold hard cash for a lift, they can't afford to say no. But very soon they'll be wishing they had. Because picking him up is about to become the biggest mistake they ever made.



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**Bones are Forever** 

A newborn baby is found wedged in a vanity cabinet in a rundown apartment near Montreal. Forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan is brought in to investigate. While there, she discovers the mummified remains of two more babies in the same room.

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### **Indian Summer**

**REYNOLDS, MAUREEN** 

Changes are happening at Molly McQueen's Agency. Molly herself must decide whether or not to move to Australia. Before she decides, she enjoys a trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre and, while walking through the hills at Killiecrankie, she comes across a frightening scene.



The Wolf Gift ANNE RICE

#### RICE, ANN Interview With The Vampire

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In a darkened room a young man sits telling the macabre and eerie story of his life - the story of a vampire, gifted with eternal life, cursed with an exquisite craving for human blood.

#### RICE, ANN The Wolf Gift

After a brutal attack Reuben is changing. His hair is longer, his skin is more sensitive and he can hear things he never could before. He must confront the beast within him or lose himself completely.

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#### **ROBARDS, KAREN** Shiver

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Single mother Samantha supports herself and her son as best she can, by repo-ing cars. When she hooked her tow truck up to a BMW the last thing she expected was to find a beaten, bloody man in the trunk - or to be catapulted into a terrifying fight to survive.



#### **ROBERTSON, JAMES** The Professor of Truth

21 years after his wife and daughter were murdered in the bombing of a plane over Scotland, Alan Tealing still does not know what really happened. Obsessed by the details of what he has come to call The Case, he is sure that the man convicted of the atrocity was not responsible.



#### **ROBINSON, MARILYNNE**

Home

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Jack Boughton - prodigal son - has been gone 20 years. He returns home seeking refuge and to make peace with the past. An alcoholic who cannot hold down a job, Jack is perpetually at odds with his surroundings and with his traditionalist father now who is dying.



### **ROBINSON, PETER**

Watching the Dark

Detective Inspector Bill Quinn is killed by a crossbow in the tranquil grounds of a police rehabilitation centre, and compromising photos are found in his room. DCI Banks, brought in to investigate, is assailed on all sides.



#### RODRIGUEZ, DEBORAH The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul

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In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. As they discover there's more to one another than meets the eye, they form a unique bond that will for ever change their lives and the lives of many others.

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### ROSE. KAREN No One Left to Tell

A woman is dead and her fiancé is serving a life sentence for a murder he didn't commit. PI Paige Holden holds the evidence that could see him freed, and she cannot take it to the police. Paige is determined to avenge the murdered woman and set an innocent man free.



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#### **ROTH, PHILIP Nemesis**

In 'the stifling heat of equatorial Newark', a terrifying epidemic is raging, threatening the children of the New Jersey city with maiming, paralysis, life-long disability, even death. Summer, 1944.



#### RUBENFELD, JED The Death Instinct

SALINGER, J. D.

The Catcher in the Rye

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Stratham Younger and James Littlemore embark on a thrilling adventure in the aftermath of a terrorist attack in New York: it is a story that will lead Stratham to the heart of war-ravaged Europe, where he will once again encounter Sigmund Freud.

A 16-year-old American boy relates the experiences he goes through

at school and after, and reveals with unusual candour the workings

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12 Schlink explores questions of guilt, deceit, betrayal and memory in this novel which traces the relationship between a German lawyer, Michael, and an older woman, Hanna, who was formerly a guard at a satellite camp attached to Auschwitz.

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No job? No family? Few friends? MI5 wants you. After acting on poor intelligence, Officer Paul Tallis leaves the elite firearms unit and is utterly disillusioned. A year later, Tallis is approached by a shadowy figure working for MI5 with a mysterious offer.



#### SHAFFER, MARY ANN **BARROWS, ANNIE**

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society

In 1946 writer Juliet Ashton sits at her desk, seeking a subject for her next book. She receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey who has acquired a book that once belonged to her. Spurred on by their mutual love of Charles Lamb, they begin to correspond.



#### SIMON, RACHEL The Story of a Beautiful Girl

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On a stormy night in small-town America, a couple, desperate and soaked to the skin, knock on a stranger's door. When Martha, a retired schoolteacher living a safe and conventional life, answers their knock, her world changes forever. For they are fugitives.



#### SMILEY, JANE **Private Life**

Margaret Mayfield is nearly an old maid at 27 when she marries Captain Andrew Jackson Jefferson Early. Margaret's mother calls the match 'a piece of luck', but, as World War II approaches, Andrew's obsessions with science take a darker turn.



#### SMITH, DODIE

### I Capture the Castle

This is the journal of Cassandra Mortmain. First, there is her eccentric father. Then there is her sister, Rose - and her stepmother, Topaz. Finally, there is Stephen, who is in love with Cassandra. Cassandra records her feelings on all of them.

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Taita has risen from nothing to become the most trusted man at the Pharaoh's side. Only he can plot a mission that will return Egypt to its former glory. Only he can muster the force that can break the back of Egypt's greatest enemy.

Three corpses have been found in Moscow. But why have they been

brutally mutilated and buried in the snows of Gorky Park?

Chief Inspector Renko must challenge a cruel and corrupt society

before he can conclude his investigations and solve the case.

# **Cannery Row**

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In the din and stink that is Cannery Row a colourful blend of misfits - gamblers, whores, drunks, bums and artists - survive side by side in a jumble of adventure and mischief.

#### STEINBECK, JOHN Of Mice and Men

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Drifters in search of work, George and his childlike friend Lennie, have nothing in the world except the clothes on their back - and a dream that one day they will have some land of their own.

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