

Title	Author	Synopsis	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Marple: Twelve New Stories	Alderman, Naomi (and 11 others)	A brand new collection of short stories featuring the Queen of Crime's legendary detective Jane Marple, penned by twelve remarkable bestselling and acclaimed authors. This collection of twelve original short stories, all featuring Jane Marple, will introduce the character to a whole new generation. Each author reimagines Agatha Christie's Marple through their own unique perspective while staying true to the hallmarks of a traditional mystery.	F 372p	ANTHOLOGY	N/A
Violeta	Allende, Isabel	Through her father's reluctance, the family will come through that crisis unscathed, only to face a new one as the Great Depression transforms the genteel city she has known. Her family loses all and is forced to retreat to a wild and beautiful but remote part of the country. There, she will come of age, and her first suitor will come calling. Through the eyes of a woman whose unforgettable passion, determination, and sense of humour will carry her through a lifetime of upheaval.	F 320p	FICTION	LP
Flight	Ashdown, Isabel	When Wren Irving's numbers come up in the first ever national lottery draw, she doesn't tell her husband, Rob. Instead she quietly packs her bags, kisses her six-month-old daughter Phoebe goodbye, and leaves. Two decades later, Rob has moved on and found happiness with their oldest friend, Laura. Phoebe, now a young woman, has never known any other life. But when Rob receives a mysterious letter, the past comes back to haunt them all. With their cosy world thrown into turmoil, Laura sets out to track Wren down and discover the truth about why she left all those years ago.	F 320p	FICTION	N/A

House Arrest	Bennett, Alan	A year in and out of lockdown as experienced by Alan Bennett. The diary takes us from the filming of Talking Heads to thoughts on Boris Johnson, from his father's short-lived craze for family fishing trips, to stair lifts, junk shops of old, having a haircut and encounters on the local park bench. A lyrical afterword describes the journey home to Yorkshire from King's Cross station via fish and chips on Quebec Street, past childhood landmarks of Leeds, through Coniston Cold, over the infant River Aire, and on.	822.914 49p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Just Sayin'	Blackman, Malorie	Malorie Blackman OBE is one of Britain's best loved and most widely-read writers. She is also a writer whose own life has been shaped by books. This book is an account of that journey, from a childhood surrounded by words, to the 83 rejection letters she received in response to sending out her first project, to the children's laureateship. It explores the books who have made her who she is. The extraordinary life story of one of the world's greatest writers.	B BLA 275p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A
The Romantic	Boyd, William	Born in 1799, Cashel Greville Ross experiences myriad lives: joyous and devastating, years of luck and unexpected loss. Moving from County Cork to London, from Waterloo to Zanzibar, Cashel seeks his fortune across continents in war and in peace. He faces a terrible moral choice in a village in Sri Lanka. In Ravenna he meets a woman who will live in his heart for the rest of his days. As he travels the world as a soldier, a farmer, a felon, a writer, a father, a lover, he experiences all the vicissitudes of life and, through the accelerating turbulence of the nineteenth century, he discovers who he truly is.	F 450p	FICTION HISTORIC	N/A

Meantime	Boyle, Frankie	Glasgow, in the aftermath of the Independence referendum, is a strange place. Marina Katos's body is found in a park and the police don't seem to know or care who committed the crime. In a haze of tranquilisers, hallucinogenics, and Valium, Felix McAveety decides to solve the murder of Marina, his best friend. But to break through his drug-induced fog and get closer to the truth Felix enlists the help of a dying crime novelist, Jane Pickford and his crisis-ridden friend Scott. Their quest takes them into the dark heart of Scottish politics, the orbit of drug dealers, and the matrix of AI, as they seek justice for Marina.	F 336p	CRIME	N/A
Terrible Kindness	Browning-Wroe, Jo	It is October 1966 and William Lavery is having the night of his life at his first black-tie do. But, as the evening unfolds, news hits of a landslide at a coal mine. It has buried a school: Aberfan. William decides he must act, so he stands and volunteers to attend. It will be his first job as an embalmer, and it will be one he never forgets. His work that night will force him to think about the little boy he was, and the losses he has worked so hard to forget. But compassion can have surprising consequences, because giving so much to others can sometimes help us heal ourselves.	F 381p	FICTION	N/A

Loki	Burgess, Melvin	Starting with the Norse creation myths, the trickster god Loki takes the reader on a wild ride through Norse mythology, from the time the gods - the founders of Asgard - defeated races of monsters, and hurtling through famous stories. Loki arrives in Asgard as an outsider. He is a trickster, an unreliable narrator, the god of intelligence and politics. In spite of his cleverness and sparkling wit (or, perhaps, because of this) Loki struggles to find his place among the old patriarchal gods of supernatural power and is constantly at odds with the god of thunder - Thor. Alongside the politics of Asgard, it charts the course of Loki's many loves and families.	F 252p	FANTASY	N/A
House of Fortune	Burton, Jessie	1705. Thea Brandt is about to turn eighteen, and at the theatre in Amsterdam's golden city centre she has met the love of her life. At home, the Brandt family faces ruin, and Thea's aunt Nella is convinced the only solution is to find Thea a wealthy husband among the city's elite. As Thea and Nella clash over the demands of duty and the heart, past secrets begin to overwhelm their present. Will each woman be able to rescue her destiny from the whims of fortune?	F 401p	FICTION HISTORIC	CD

Remote Sympathy	Chidgey, Catherine	<p>Moving away from their apartment in Munich isn't nearly as wrenching an experience for Frau Greta Hahn as she had feared. Their new home is even lovelier, life in Buchenwald would appear to be idyllic. Lying just beyond the forest that surrounds them is the looming presence of a work camp. Frau Hahn's husband, SS Sturmbannfuhrer Dietrich Hahn, has been assigned as the camp's administrator. When Frau Hahn's poor health leads her into an unlikely and poignant friendship with one of Buchenwald's prisoners, Dr Lenard Weber, her naive ignorance about what is going on so nearby is challenged. A decade earlier, Dr Weber had invented a machine believed that its subtle resonances might cure cancer. But does it really work?</p>	F 526p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Cook	Chowdhury, Ajay	<p>Kamil Rahman is a cook in a Brick Lane restaurant . He used to be a detective back in Kolkata. When a young woman Kamil knows is murdered the police are convinced her boyfriend is the culprit. Kamil isn't so sure . He feels he has no choice but to start his own investigation. Meanwhile, his friend and restaurant manager, Anjoli, is troubled by a rise in the number of homeless deaths in their local area. The cases seem unrelated and as the duo dig deeper, discovering links that stretch from Lahore to London, they find themselves in grave danger. Together they take on the indifference of the authorities to the homeless and the casual racism that pervades the investigation of killings of Muslims - all while a supremely intelligent murderer is manipulating events to stay several steps ahead of them.</p>	F 353p	CRIME	N/A

Bourneville	Coe, Jonathan	<p>In Bourneville, a placid suburb of Birmingham, sits a famous chocolate factory. For eleven-year-old Mary and her family in 1945, it's the centre of the world. Their streets smell faintly of chocolate, a place where most of their friends and neighbours have worked for decades. Mary live through the Coronation, the World Cup final, royal weddings and royal funerals, Brexit and Covid-19. She'll have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Parts of the chocolate factory will be transformed into a theme park, as modern life and the city crowd in on their peaceful enclave. We travel through seventy-five years of social change. One pressing question starts to emerge:will these changing times bring Mary's family, their country closer together?</p>	F 353p	FICTION	N/A
Without Warning and Only Sometimes	De Waal, Kit	<p>Kit de Waal grew up in a household of opposites and extremes. Her haphazard mother rarely cooked, forbade Christmas and birthdays, worked as a cleaner, nurse and childminder sometimes all at once and believed the world would end in 1975. Meanwhile, her father stuffed barrels full of goodies for his relatives in the Caribbean, cooked elaborate meals on a whim and splurged money they didn't have . Both of her parents were waiting for paradise. It never came. This is a story of an extraordinary childhood, how a girl who grew up in house where the Bible was the only book on offer went on to discover a love of reading that inspires her to this day.</p>	B DEW 289p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A

Candy House	Egan, Jennifer	<p>It's 2010. Staggeringly successful and brilliant tech entrepreneur Bix Bouton is desperate for a new idea. He's forty, with four kids, and restless. He stumbles into a conversation with mostly Columbia professors, one of whom is experimenting with downloading or "externalising" memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology, Own Your Unconscious--that allows you access to every memory you've ever had, to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others--has seduced multitudes. But not everyone. In spellbinding linked narratives, Egan spins out the consequences of Own Your Unconscious through the lives of multiple characters whose paths intersect over several decades. With a focus on social media, gaming, and alternate worlds, you can almost experience moving among dimensions in a role-playing game.</p>	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
The Sentence	Erdrich, Louise	<p>A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Tookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration that she survived by reading 'with murderous attention,' must solve the mystery of this haunting. It begins on All Souls' Day 2019 and ends on All Souls' Day 2020. Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a narrative as rich, emotional and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.</p>	F 386p	SHORTLIST	N/A

Calling for Charlie Barnes	Ferris, Joshua	Charlie Barnes is a mid-century man devoted to his newspaper and his landline. But Charlie is about to get dragged into our troubled age by his storyteller son, who has a different idea of him than he has of himself. Then there are his other children, his ex-wives, present wife, business clients, friends and acquaintances, all of whom have their competing opinions of Charlie. He certainly seems simple enough: he's a striver, a romantic, and a capitalist. But suddenly blindsided by the Great Recession and a dose of bad news, he might have to rethink his life from top to bottom, and on short notice.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
Booth	Fowler, Karen Joy	The story of the brilliant and disastrously ill-fated Booth family. Junius is the patriarch, a celebrated Shakespearean actor who fled bigamy charges in England. As his children grow up in a remote farmstead in 1820s rural Baltimore, the country draws ever closer to the boiling point of secession and civil war. Of the six Booth siblings who survive to adulthood, each has their own dreams they must fight to realise - but it is Johnny who makes the terrible decision that will change the course of history - the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.	F 480p	FICTION HISTORIC	N/A

Mother's Boy	Gale, Patrick	<p>Laura, an impoverished Cornish girl, meets her husband when they are both in service in Teignmouth in 1916. They have a baby, Charles, but Laura's husband returns home from the trenches a damaged man, already ill with the tuberculosis that will soon leave her a widow. Laura raises her boy alone, working as a laundress, and gradually becomes aware that he is some kind of genius. Charles signs up for the navy with the new rank of coder. His escape from the tight, gossipy confines of Launceston to the colour and violence of war sees him blossom as he experiences not only the possibility of death, but the constant danger of a love that is as clandestine as his work.</p>	F 406p	FICTION	N/A
Whatever Next?	Glenconner, Anne	<p>Now in her ninetieth year, at her happiest, Anne brings her bracing honesty, characteristic wit, and courage to reflect on and reveal more about her long and unexpected life, and what it's taught her. As a wife, she became a master in the art of keeping the peace, knowing when to pick her battles, and when she needed help. As a hostess, she acquired great practical skills in throwing marvellous parties and looking after magnificent homes, and, as a lady in waiting, became well versed in diplomacy and etiquette. It was as a mother she learnt the toughest lessons of all, and through them the value of friendship, family, and laughter to get her through the worst moments in life, as well as celebrate the best of them. Richly and entertaining.</p>	B GLE 274p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A

A Pocketful of Happiness	Grant, Richard E	<p>Born in Swaziland in 1957, Richard E. Grant moved to the UK to pursue his acting career, and has been a fixture on our screens since his breakout role in <i>Withnail and I</i> in 1987. When his beloved wife Joan died in 2021 after almost forty years together, she set him a challenge: to find a pocketful of happiness in every day. The result is this book. Set between the present day and flashbacks to delightfully indiscreet diary entries recalling landmarks from his remarkable life and glittering career.</p>	B GRA 324p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP
Free Love	Hadley, Tessa	<p>1967. While London comes alive with the new youth revolution, the suburban Fischer family seems to belong to an older world of conventional stability a homemaker Phyllis is married to Roger, a devoted father with a career in the Foreign Office. Their children are Colette and Hugh. When the twenty-something son of an old friend pays the Fischers a visit one summer evening, kisses Phyllis in the dark garden after dinner, something in her catches fire. Newly awake to the world, Phyllis makes a choice that defies all expectations of her as a wife and a mother. Daring and sensual, this is an irresistible exploration of romantic love, sexual freedom and living out the most meaningful version of our lives.</p>	F 311p	FICTION	LP

The Last White Man	Hamid, Moshin	One morning, Anders wakes to find that his skin has turned dark, his reflection a stranger to him. At first he tells only Oona, an old friend. Soon reports of similar occurrences surface across the land. Some see in the transformations the long-dreaded overturning of an established order, to be resisted to a bitter end. In many, like Anders' father and Oona's mother, a sense of profound loss wars with profound love.	F 180p	FICTION	N/A
Old Rage	Hancock, Sheila	At 84, having sailed past supposedly disturbing milestones- 50, 70 even 80 - without a qualm why did she suddenly feel furious? Shocking diagnoses, Brexit and bereavement seemed to knock her from every quarter. And that was before lockdown. Home alone, classified as 'extremely vulnerable', she finds herself yelling at the TV and talking to the pigeons. She can at least take a good long look at life, her work, family, her beliefs, and uncomfortable as it might be to face, her future. One of Britain's best loved actors opens up about her ninth decade. Funny, feisty and honest.	B HAN 258p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP
Act of Oblivion	Harris, Robert	1660, General Edward Whalley and Colonel William Goffe, father- and son-in-law, cross the Atlantic. They are on the run and wanted for the murder of Charles I. Under the provisions of the Act of Oblivion, they have been found guilty in absentia of high treason. In London, Richard Nayler, secretary of the regicide committee of the Privy Council, is tasked with tracking down the fugitives. He'll stop at nothing until the two men are brought to justice. A reward of £100 hangs over their heads - dead or alive. This is an epic journey across continents, a chase like no other.	F 463p	THRILLER	CD

Spare	Harry, Prince	It was one of the most searing images of the 20th century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow - and horror. As Princess Diana was laid to rest, billions wondered what the princes must be thinking and feeling - and how their lives would play out from that point on. For Harry, this is that story at last.	B HAR 416p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
Book Lovers	Henry, Emily	Nora is a cut-throat literary agent. Her whole life is books. Charlie is an editor with a gift for creating bestsellers. He's Nora's work nemesis. Nora has been through enough break-ups to know she's the woman men date before they find their happy-ever-after. Nora's sister has persuaded her to swap her desk for a month's holiday in Sunshine Falls, a small town in North Carolina. Instead of meeting sexy lumberjacks or handsome doctors Nora keeps bumping into Charlie. She's no heroine. He's no hero. So can they take a page out of an entirely different book?	F 377p	FICTION	N/A
Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting	Irwin, Sophie	Kitty Talbot needs a fortune or rather a husband who has a fortune. It is 1818, only men have the privilege of seeking their own riches. With twelve weeks until the bailiffs call, launching herself into London society, Kitty must use every ounce of cunning and ingenuity she possesses to climb the ranks. The worldly Lord Radcliffe can see through her plans, he is determined to thwart her at any cost. Can Kitty secure a fortune and save her sisters from poverty?	F 400p	FICTION HISTORIC	LP

Amy and Lan	Jones, Sadie	<p>Amy Connell and Lan Honey are having the best childhood. When their families make the leap from city living to a farm in the West Country they have untold freedom. The adults are far too busy to keep an eye on them, and Amy and Lan would never tell them about climbing on the high barn roof, or what happened with the axe that time, any more than their parents would tell them the things they get up to. Adult things, like betrayal, that threaten to bring the whole fragile idyll tumbling down.</p>	F 311p	FICTION	N/A
Do No Harm	Jordan, Jack	<p>My son has been taken. And I've been given a choice. Kill a patient on the operating table. Or never see him again. The man lies on the table in front of me. As a surgeon, it's my job to save him. As a mother, I know I must kill him. You might think that I'm a monster. But there really is only one choice. I must get away with murder. Or I will never see my son again. A compulsive, edge-of-the-seat thriller.</p>	F 432p	THRILLER	N/A
The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho	Joseph, Paterson	<p>It's 1746 and Georgian London is not a safe place for a young Black man, especially one who has escaped slavery. After the twinkling lights in the Fleet Street coffee shops are blown out, great houses have closed their doors for the night, Sancho must dodge slave catchers and worse. The man he hoped would help - a kindly duke who taught him to write - is dying. Sancho is desperate and utterly alone. So how does Charles Ignatius Sancho meet the King, write and play highly acclaimed music, become the first Black person to vote in Britain and lead the fight to end slavery?</p>	F 432p	FICTION HISTORIC	N/A

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida	Karunatilaka, Shehan	Maali Almeida, war photographer, gambler and closet gay, has woken up dead in what seems like a celestial visa office and he has no idea who killed him. The list of suspects is depressingly long, as the ghouls and ghosts with grudges who cluster round can attest. But even in the afterlife, time is running out for Maali. He has seven moons to try and contact the man and woman he loves most and lead them to a hidden cache of photos that will rock Sri Lanka.	F 386p	WINNER	CD
Trespasses	Kennedy, Louise	Cushla Lavery lives with her mother near Belfast. At 24, she splits her time between her day job as a teacher and regular bartending shifts in the family owned pub. Here that she meets Michael Agnew, an older and married barrister who draws her into his sophisticated group of friends. When the father of a young boy in her class, becomes the victim of a savage attack, Cushla is compelled to help his family. But as her affair with Michael intensifies, political tensions in the town escalate, threatening to destroy all she is working to hold together.	F 320p	SHORTLIST	N/A
Fairy Tale	King, Stephen	Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid but his mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was ten, grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself and his dad. At seventeen, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Charlie starts doing jobs for Mr. Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. When Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe...Inside the shed is a portal to another world.	F 577p	FANTASY	N/A

Demon Copperhead	Kingsolver, Barbara	This is the tale of Demon Copperhead. A boy with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks, copper-coloured hair, bucket-loads of charm and a talent or two the world is yet to discover. Born to a teenage single mother in a single wide trailer, life is not fair for Demon. He escorts us on his journey through the modern perils of foster care, athletic success, addiction, the dizzying highs of true love, and the crushing losses that can accompany it. But Demon is a fighter, a survivor.	F 548p	WINNER	N/A
Babel	Kuang, R.F.	Oxford, 1836. The city of dreaming spires. It is the centre of all knowledge and progress in the world. And at its centre is Babel, the Royal Institute of Translation. Orphaned in Canton and brought to England by a mysterious guardian, Babel seemed like paradise to Robin Swift. Until it became a prison. But can a student stand against an empire?	F 546p	WINNER	N/A
Station Eleven	Mandel, Emily St John	An audacious, darkly glittering novel about art, fame, and ambition set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse. Moving backwards and forwards in time, from the glittering years just before the collapse to the strange and altered world that exists 20 years after.	F 384p	FICTION SCI-FI	CD
The Passenger	McCarthy, Cormac	It is three in the morning when Bobby Western zips the jacket of his wetsuit and plunges from the boat deck into darkness. His divelight illuminates the sunken jet, nine bodies still buckled in their seats. Missing from the crash site are the pilot's flightbag, the plane's black box, and the tenth passenger. But how? Western is shadowed in body and spirit - by men with badges; by the ghost of his father, inventor of the atom bomb; and by his sister, the love and ruin of his soul.	F 400p	FICTION	CD

Lessons	McEwan, Ian	When the world is still counting the cost of World War Two and the Iron Curtain descends, young Roland Baines's life is turned upside down. 2000 miles from his mother's love, stranded at boarding school, his vulnerability attracts piano teacher Miriam Cornell, leaving scars as well as a memory of love that will never fade. 25 years later Roland's wife mysteriously vanishes, leaving him alone with their baby son. He is forced to confront the reality of his rootless existence. As radiation from the Chernobyl disaster spreads, Roland begins a search for answers that looks deep into his family history and will last for the rest of his life.	F 486p	FICTION	CD
Ghosts from the Library	Medawar, Tony	There are stories that can only be found in the deepest, darkest corners of the library. Stories about the unexplained, of lost souls, of things that go bump before the silence. Before the screaming. And some stories just disappear. Stories printed in old newspapers, broadcast live on the wireless, sometimes not even published at all. These are the stories you cannot find on the dustiest of library shelves. This book resurrects forgotten tales of the supernatural by some of the most acclaimed mystery authors of all time.	F 304p	ANTHOLOGY	N/A

The Exhibitionist	Mendelson, Charlotte	<p>Meet the Hanrahan family, gathering for a momentous weekend, famous artist and notorious egoist Ray Hanrahan prepares for a new exhibition of his art and one he is sure will burnish his reputation for good. His three children will be there: beautiful Leah, sensitive Patrick and insecure Jess, the youngest, who has her own momentous decision to make. And what of Lucia, Ray's steadfast and selfless wife? She is an artist, too, but has always had to put her roles as wife and mother first. What will happen if she decides to change?</p>	F 322p	FICTION	N/A
The Satsuma Complex	Mortimer, Bob	<p>Gary Thorn goes for a pint with a work acquaintance called Brendan. When Brendan leaves early, Gary meets a girl in the pub. He doesn't catch her name, but falls for her anyway. When she suddenly disappears without saying goodbye, all Gary has to remember her by is the book she was reading: 'The Satsuma Complex'. But when Brendan goes missing, Gary needs to track down the girl he now calls Satsuma to get some answers. And so begins Gary's quest, through the estates and pie shops of South London, to finally bring some love and excitement into his unremarkable life.</p>	F 298p	WINNER	N/A

Homecoming	Morton, Kate	Jess is a London journalist in search of a story. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where she discovers a true crime book that chronicles the police investigation into a long-buried event: the Turner Family Tragedy of Christmas Eve 1959, a shocking and perplexing mystery. It is only when Jess skims through the pages that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this once-infamous scandal – a murder mystery that has never been resolved satisfactorily.	F 640p	FICTION	CD
Forever Home	Norton, Graham	Carol is a divorced teacher living in a small town in Ireland, her only son now grown. A second chance at love brings her unexpected connection and belonging. The new relationship sparks local speculation. When Declan becomes ill, things start to fall apart. His children are untrusting and cruel, and Carol is forced to leave their beloved home and move back in with her parents. Carol's mother is determined to get to the bottom of things, she won't see her daughter suffer in this way. It seems there are secrets in Declan's past that were never confronted.	F 360p	FICTION	CD, LP

The Marriage Portrait	O'Farrell, Maggie	<p>Winter, 1561. Lucrezia, Duchess of Ferrara, is taken on an unexpected visit to a country villa by her husband, Alfonso. As they sit down to dinner it occurs to Lucrezia that Alfonso has a sinister purpose in bringing her here. He intends to kill her. Lucrezia is sixteen years old, and has led a sheltered life locked away inside Florence's grandest palazzo. Here, in this remote villa, she is entirely at the mercy of her increasingly erratic husband. What is Lucrezia to do with this sudden knowledge? What chance does she have against Alfonso, ruler of a province, and a trained soldier? How can she ensure her survival. 'The Marriage Portrait' is an unforgettable reimagining of the life of a young woman whose proximity to power places her in mortal danger.</p>	F 438p	SHORTLIST	CD
A World of Curiosities	Penny, Louise	<p>As the villagers of Three Pines prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared after many years. The two were young children when their mother was murdered. Gamache and Beauvoir's memories of that tragic case come rushing back. As Gamache works to uncover answers, a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. As the bricks are removed, Gamache, Beauvoir and the villagers discover a world of curiosities.</p>	F 390p	CRIME	CD

Mad Honey	Picoult, Jodi	Olivia fled her abusive marriage to return to her hometown and take over the family beekeeping business when her son was six. Now Asher is over 6 feet tall and in his last year of high school, a kind, good-looking, popular ice hockey star with a tiny sprite of a new girlfriend who Olivia loves. Then Olivia gets a phone call - Lily is dead, and Asher is arrested on a charge of murder. As the case against him unfolds, she realises he has hidden more than he's shared with her. And Olivia knows firsthand that the secrets we keep reflect the past we want to leave behind.	F 452p	FICTION	CD
Delphi	Pollard, Clare	In a time more turbulent than any of us could have ever imagined, a woman is attempting to write a book about prophecy in the ancient world. Navigating the tightening grip of lockdown, a marriage in crisis, and a ten-year-old son who seems increasingly unreachable, she becomes fixated on our many forms of divination and prediction. But in doing so she fails to notice the future creeping into the heart of her own home. For despite our best intentions sometimes those we love, can still slip away.	F 224p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A
The Whalebone Theatre	Quinn, Joanna	Cristabel Seagrave has always wanted her life to be a story, but there are no girls in the books in her dusty family library. For an unwanted orphan who grows into an unmarriageable young woman, there is no place at all for her in a traditional English manor. But from the day that a whale washes up on the beach at the Chilcombe estate in Dorset, and twelve-year-old Cristabel plants her flag and claims it as her own, she is determined to do things differently.	F 548p	FICTION	N/A

The Whale Tattoo	Ransom, Jon	<p>When a giant sperm whale washes up on the local beach and tells Joe Gunner that death will follow him wherever he goes, Joe knows that the place he needs to go is back home but it won't be easy, nor will returning to the river alongside the house where words ripple beneath the muddy black water washing up all sorts of memories and disturbing prophesies. Joe turns to his sister, Birdee, the only person who has ever listened. But she can't help him, she drowned two years earlier, even though he still talks to her as if she never went away. Then there's Tim Fysh. A local fisherman and longtime lover. But reviving their bond is not without trouble. He tells himself that the whale's prediction is wrong. But the river is relentless.</p>	F 230p	FICTION	N/A
The Murders at Fleat House	Riley, Lucinda	<p>The sudden death of a pupil in Fleat House at St Stephen's - a small private boarding school in deepest Norfolk - is a shocking event that the headmaster is very keen to call a tragic accident. Local police cannot rule out foul play, the case prompts the return of high-flying Detective Inspector Jazmine 'Jazz' Hunter to the force. Jazz enters the closed world of the school, and begins to probe the circumstances surrounding the death. A particularly grim discovery at the school makes this the most challenging murder investigation of her career.</p>	F 470p	FICTION	N/A

Send Nudes	Sams, Saba	In ten dazzling stories, Saba Sams dives into the world of girlhood and immerses us in its contradictions and complexities: growing up too quickly, yet not quickly enough; taking possession of what one can, while being taken possession of; succumbing to societal pressure but also orchestrating that pressure. These unforgettable short stories deftly chart the treacherous terrain of growing up - of intense friendships, of ambivalent mothers, of uneasily blended families, and of learning to truly live in your own body.	F 224p	WINNER	CD
Liberation Day	Saunders, George	This is a collection of stories that explores ideas of power, ethics, and justice, and cuts to the very heart of what it means to live in community with our fellow humans. With his trademark prose - wickedly funny, unsentimental, and perfectly tuned - Saunders continues to challenge and surprise: here is a collection of prismatic, deeply resonant stories that encompass joy and despair, oppression and revolution, bizarre fantasy and brutal reality.	F 231p	FICTION	N/A
The Bandit Queens	Shroff, Parini	For Geeta, life as a widow is more peaceful than life as a wife. Until the other women in her village decide they want to be widows, too. Geeta is believed to have killed her vanished husband - a rumour she hasn't bothered trying to correct, because a reputation like that can keep a single woman safe in rural India. But when she's approached for help in ridding another wife of her abusive drunk of a husband, her reluctant agreement sets in motion a chain of events that will change the lives of all the women in the village.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A

Companion Piece	Smith, Ali	<p>One day in post-Brexit, mid-pandemic Britain, artist Sandy Gray receives an unexpected phone call from university acquaintance Martina Pelf. Martina is calling Sandy to ask for help with a mysterious question she's been left with after she's spent half a day locked in a room by border control officials for no reason she can fathom: 'Curlew or curfew? You choose'. And what's any of this got to do with the story of a young and talented blacksmith hounded from her trade and her home more than five hundred years ago?</p>	F 226p	FICTION	N/A
Young Mungo	Stuart, Douglas	<p>Born under different stars, Protestant Mungo and Catholic James live in a hyper-masculine world. They are caught between two of Glasgow's housing estates where young working-class men divide themselves along sectarian lines and fight territorial battles for the sake of reputation. They should be sworn enemies if they're to be seen as men at all, and yet they become best friends as they find a sanctuary in the dovecot that James has built for his prize racing pigeons. As they begin to fall in love, they dream of escaping the grey city, but the threat of discovery is constant and the punishment unspeakable.</p>	F 392p	FICTION	N/A

The Gift	Titchmarsh, Alan	Adam Gabriel has always been a child of nature. Raised on his parents' remote Yorkshire farm, where life is measured by the rhythms of the flock, the turn of the seasons, and the yearly arrival of an itinerant local monk, he seems destined for a quietly contented life. As Adam grows, Luke and Bethany see flickers of something extraordinary in their son - a healing touch that goes beyond his love for the land. But Adam's gentleness has always made him an outsider, and a powerful gift can also be a heavy burden...	F 355p	FICTION	N/A
The Magician	Toibin, Colm	The Magician' tells the story of Thomas Mann, whose life was filled with great acclaim and contradiction. He would find himself on the wrong side of history in the First World War, cheerleading the German army, but have a clear vision of the future in the second, anticipating the horrors of Nazism. He would have six children and keep his homosexuality hidden; he was a man forever connected to his family and yet bore witness to the ravages of suicide. He would write some of the greatest works of European literature, and win the Nobel Prize, but would never return to the country that inspired his creativity.	F 437p	WINNER	CD
Moose Paradox	Tuomainen, Antti	Insurance mathematician Henri has his life under control, when a man from the past appears and a shady trio take over the adventure park's equipment supply company. Things are messier than ever in the absurdly funny, heart-stoppingly tense second instalment in Antti Tuomainen's bestselling series.	F 261p	THRILLER	CD, LP

Stepping Up	Turner, Sarah	Beth has never stuck at anything. It's not that she hasn't tried to grow up, it's just that so far, the only commitment she's held down is Friday drinks at the village pub. Then, in the space of a morning, her world changes. An unspeakable tragedy turns Beth's life upside down, and she finds herself guardian to her teenage niece and toddler nephew, catapulted into an unfamiliar world of bedtime stories, parents' evenings and cuddly elephants. With a little help from her best friend Jory (purely platonic) and her lovely, lonely next-door neighbour, Albert, Beth is determined that this time she's not giving up. It's time to step up.	F 328p	FICTION	LP
In Memoriam	Winn, Alice	It's 1914, and talk of war feels far away to Henry Gaunt, Sidney Ellwood and the rest of their classmates, safely ensconced in their idyllic boarding school in the English countryside. At seventeen, they're too young to enlist, and anyway, Gaunt is fighting his own private battle - an all-consuming infatuation with his best friend, the dreamy, poetic Ellwood. When Gaunt's German mother asks him to enlist as an officer in the British army to protect the family from anti-German attacks, Gaunt signs up immediately, relieved to escape his overwhelming feelings for Ellwood. The front is horrific, of course, but Ellwood soon rushes to join him, spurred on by his love of Greek heroes and romantic poetry. Before long, their classmates have followed suit.	F 368p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A

To Paradise	Yanagihara, Hanya	<p>This novel spans three centuries and three different versions of life in America covering love, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia. In an alternate version of 1893 America, New York is part of the Free States, where people may live and love whomever they please (or so it seems). In a 1993 Manhattan besieged by the AIDS epidemic, a young Hawaiian man lives with his much older, wealthier partner, hiding his troubled childhood and the fate of his father. And in 2093, in a world riven by plagues and governed by totalitarian rule, a powerful scientist's damaged granddaughter tries to navigate life without him - and solve the mystery of her husband's disappearances.</p>	F 708p	FICTION	N/A
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