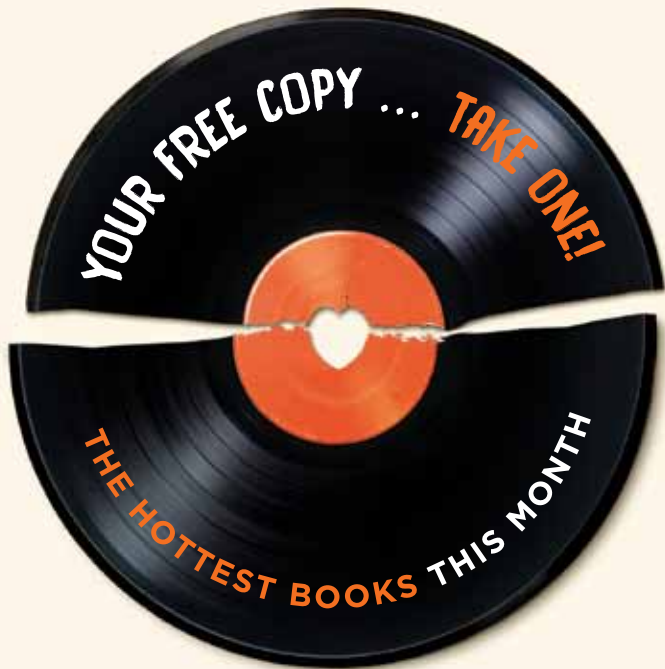




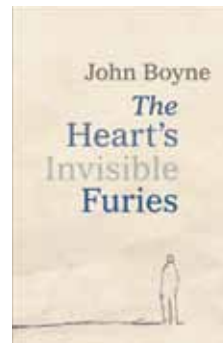
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## THE HEART'S INVISIBLE FURIES

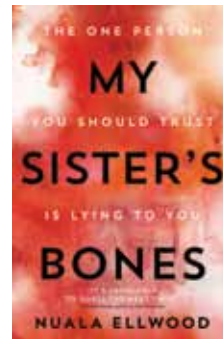
**John Boyne**

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Cyril Avery is not a real Avery or at least that's what his adoptive parents tell him. And he never will be. But if he isn't a real Avery, then who is he?

Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple via the intervention of a hunchbacked Redemptorist nun, Cyril is adrift in the world, anchored only tenuously by his heartfelt friendship with the infinitely more glamorous and dangerous Julian Woodbead.

At the mercy of fortune and coincidence, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from – and over his three score years and ten, will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country and much more.



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## MY SISTER'S BONES

**Nuala Ellwood**

Trade paperback

Kate Rafter is a high-flying war reporter. She's the strong one. The one who escaped their father. Her younger sister Sally didn't. Instead, she drinks.

But when their mother dies, Kate is forced to return home. And on her first night she is woken by a terrifying scream.

At first Kate tells herself it's just a nightmare. But then she hears it again. And this time she knows she's not imagining it.

## THE NOWHERE MAN

**Gregg Hurwitz**

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He was once called Orphan X.

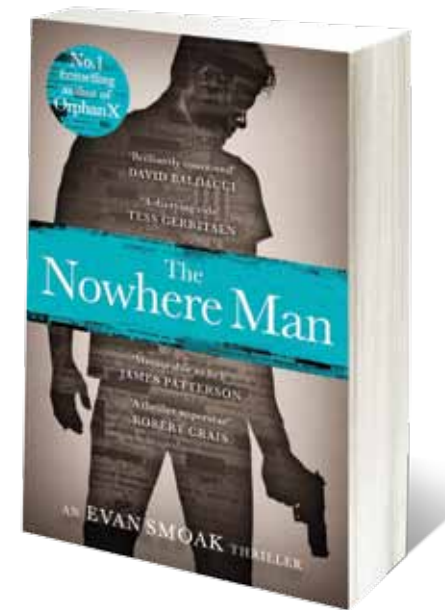
As a boy, Evan Smoak was taken from a children's home, raised and trained as part of a secret government initiative buried so deep that virtually no one knows it still exists. But he broke with the programme, choosing instead to vanish off grid and use his formidable skill set to help those unable to protect themselves.

One day, though, Evan's luck ran out ...

Ambushed, drugged, and spirited away, Evan wakes up in a locked room with no idea where he is or who has captured him. As he tries to piece together what's happened, testing his gilded prison and its highly trained guards for weaknesses, he receives a desperate call for help.

With time running out, he will need to out-think, out-manoeuvre, and out-fight to have any chance of escape. He's got to save himself to protect those whose lives depend on him or die trying ...

*The Nowhere Man* delivers another masterclass in hi-octane thriller writing. It doesn't get better than this.



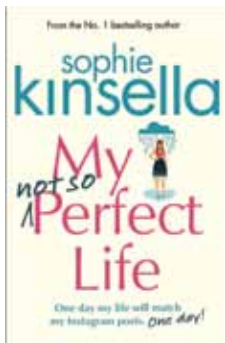
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Evan wakes up in a locked room needing answers. Where is he? Who has captured him? And why?



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### MY NOT SO PERFECT LIFE

**Sophie Kinsella**

Trade paperback

Katie Brenner has the perfect life: a flat in London, a glamorous job, and a super-cool Instagram feed.

OK, so the truth is that she rents a tiny room with no space for a wardrobe, has a hideous commute to a lowly admin job, and the life she shares on Instagram isn't really hers.

But one day her dreams are bound to come true, aren't they?

Until her not-so-perfect life comes crashing down when her mega-successful boss Demeter gives her the sack. All Katie's hopes are shattered. She has to move home to Somerset, where she helps her dad with his new glamping business.

Then Demeter and her family book in for a holiday, and Katie sees her chance. But should she get revenge on the woman who ruined her dreams – or try to get her job back? Does Demeter – the woman who has everything – actually have such an idyllic life herself? Maybe they have more in common than it seems.

And what's wrong with not-so-perfect, anyway?



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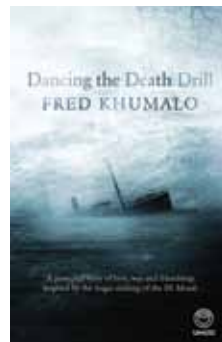
### SIRENS

**Joseph Knox**

Trade paperback

The runaway daughter of a dirty politician. The unsolved disappearance of a young mother.

The crime lord who knows the city's secrets. The disgraced detective on the edge of it all. Many questions. Not many answers. Not yet.



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### DANCING THE DEATH DRILL

**Fred Khumalo**

Softcover

Paris, 1958. A skirmish in a world-famous restaurant leaves two men dead and the restaurant staff baffled. Why did the head waiter, a man who's been living in France for many years, lunge at his patrons with a knife?

As the man awaits trial, a journalist hounds his long-time friend, hoping to expose the true story behind this unprecedented act of violence. Gradually, the extraordinary story of Pitso Motaung, a young South African who volunteered to serve with the Allies in the First World War, emerges. Through a tragic twist of fate, Pitso found himself on board the *SS Mendi*, a ship that sank off the Isle of Wight in February 1917. More than six hundred of his countrymen, mostly black soldiers, lost their lives in a catastrophe that official history largely forgot. One particularly cruel moment from that day will remain etched in Pitso's mind, resurfacing decades later to devastating effect.

*Dancing the Death Drill* recounts the life of Pitso Motaung. It is a personal and political tale that spans continents and generations, moving from the battlefields of the Boer War to the front lines in France and beyond. With a captivating blend of pathos and humour, Fred Khumalo brings to life a historical event, honouring both those who perished in the disaster and those who survived.



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### THE FATE OF THE TEARLING

**Erika Johansen**

Trade paperback

In less than a year, Kelsea Glynn has transformed from a gawky teenager into a powerful monarch.

As she has come into her own as the Queen of the Tearing, the headstrong, visionary leader has also transformed her realm. In her quest to end corruption and restore justice, she has made many enemies – including the evil Red Queen, her fiercest rival, who has set her armies against the Tear.

To protect her people from a devastating invasion, Kelsea did the unthinkable – she surrendered herself and her magical sapphires to her enemy, and named the Mace, the trusted head of her personal guards, Regent in her place. But the Mace will not rest until he and his men rescue their sovereign from her prison in Mortmesne.

Now the endgame begins and the fate of Queen Kelsea – and the Tearing itself – will finally be revealed ...



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### YOU SAID FOREVER

**Susan Lewis**

Trade paperback

Charlotte Goodman is living the dream.

Surrounded by family, friends and a stunning vineyard overlooking the ocean, it would be difficult for anyone to believe that she has a troubled past.

However, haunted by the theft of a young girl, Charlotte begins to realise the enormity of what she did all those years ago, and soon finds herself having to make the most harrowing decision any woman would ever have to face.



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### THE BEST OF ADAM SHARP

**Graeme Simson**

Trade paperback

At forty-nine-going-on-fifty, Adam Sharp likes his life. He works part-time in IT consulting, religiously attends his local pub-quiz and has a stable relationship with his partner, Claire. But there's something he can't shake: a longing for the life he might have had with the sharp and sexy, intelligent and strong-willed actress, Angelina Brown.

Then, out of nowhere, Angelina walks back into his life, rekindling music and fantasy; love and memories. All the intensity of their affair twenty years ago resurfaces and Adam must make a decision.