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CHRISTMAS SHOPAHOLIC

Sophie Kinsella
Trade paperback

Becky Brandon (née Bloomwood) adores Christmas. But this year looks set to be different. Unable to resist the draw of craft beer and smashed avocado, Becky's parents are moving to ultra-trendy Shoreditch and have asked Becky if she'll host Christmas this year. What could possibly go wrong?

With sister Jess demanding a vegan turkey, husband Luke determined that he just wants aftershave again, and little Minnie insisting on a very specific picnic hamper – surely Becky can manage all this, as well as the surprise appearance of an old boyfriend and his pushy new girlfriend, whose motives are far from clear...



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BLUE MOON

Lee Child
Trade paperback

Jack Reacher is trained to notice things. He's on a Greyhound bus, watching an elderly man sleeping in his seat, with a fat envelope of cash hanging out of his pocket. Another passenger is watching too, and when the mugger makes his move, Reacher rides to the rescue.

Elsewhere in the city, two ruthless rival criminal gangs are competing for control. Do they have a life-and-death hold on the old guy? Will Reacher sit back and let bad things happen?

'This is a random universe,' he says. 'Once in a blue moon things turn out just right.' The odds are better with Reacher involved. That's for damn sure.



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AGENT RUNNING IN THE FIELD

John le Carré
Trade paperback

Set in London in 2018, *Agent Running in the Field* follows a twenty-six-year-old solitary figure who, in a desperate attempt to resist the political turbulence swirling around him, makes connections that will take him down a very dangerous path. In his plot and characterisation le Carré is as thrilling as ever and in the way he writes about our times he proves himself, once again, to be the greatest chronicler of our age.

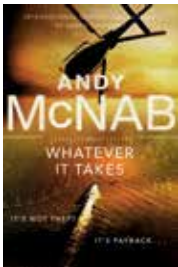


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THE STARLESS SEA

Erin Morgenstern
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Zachary Ezra Rawlins is a graduate student in Vermont when he discovers a strange book hidden in the library stacks. As he turns the pages, entranced by tales of lovelorn prisoners, key collectors, and nameless acolytes, he reads something strange: a story from his own childhood. Bewildered by this inexplicable book and desperate to make sense of how his own life came to be recorded, Zachary uncovers a series of clues – a bee, a key and a sword – that lead him to a masquerade party in New York, to a secret club, and through a doorway to a subterranean library, hidden far below the surface of the earth



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WHATEVER IT TAKES

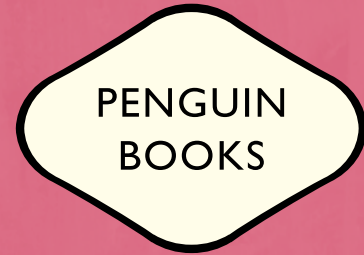
Andy McNab
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For James Mercer, the financial ruin of his family by the institutions they trusted can never be undone.

He will stop at nothing to recoup what they are owed. It's not theft, it's payback.

Until his solo crusade falls foul of the very people he seeks to rob.

Packed with relentless action and the sort of riveting authenticity only Andy McNab can provide.



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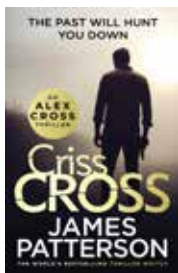
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James Patterson

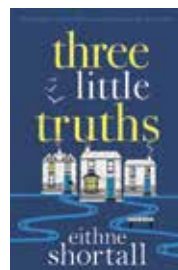
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After witnessing the execution of Michael Edgerton, a man he helped convict of several murders, Alex Cross thought he could finally put the case behind him.

But when a body turns up with a note signed by 'M', Alex knows that the nightmare is far from over.

Accused by Edgerton's family of framing him for murder, Cross fights to clear his name as the case against him builds.

And as more notes – and more bodies – start appearing, Cross is determined to put an end to this case once and for all.



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THREE LITTLE TRUTHS

Eithne Shortall

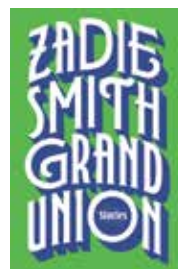
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Martha Rigby has moved her family to Dublin in sudden and mysterious circumstances. Once assured and in charge, she's now a shell of her former self.

Robin Dwyer is back living at her parents' with her four-year-old son, vowing her hopeless relationship is over once and for all.

Eddie Rice has everything she could want, apart from a baby. And how is she to get close to that, with a husband who can't commit.

All three women find themselves living on Pine Road, where a scandal has hit and the neighbours are all about to know each other a lot better. Whether they like it or not...



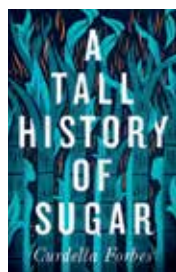
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GRAND UNION

Zadie Smith

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Interleaving ten completely new and unpublished stories with some of her best-loved pieces from the *New Yorker* and elsewhere, Zadie Smith presents a sharply alert and slyly prescient collection about time and place, identity and rebirth, the persistent legacies that haunt our present selves and the uncanny futures that rush up to meet us.



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A TALL HISTORY OF SUGAR

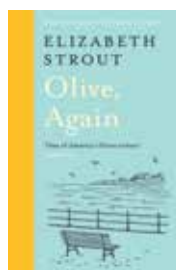
Curdella Forbes

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Discovered amidst a tangle of sea grape trees by the childless Rachel Fisher, baby Moshe's provenance is a thing of myth and mystery.

As he grows up, he finds a surprising kindred soul in the striking and bold Arrienne Christie, but their complex relationship is fraught with obstacles that tear them apart as powerfully as they are drawn together.

Beginning in the late 1950s, four years before Jamaica's independence, and ending in the era of Brexit and Donald Trump, this epic love story sweeps between a rural Jamaica, scarred by the legacies of colonialism, and England today.



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OLIVE, AGAIN

Elizabeth Strout

Trade paperback

Olive, Again follows the deeply loveable Olive Kitteridge as she grows older, navigating the second half of her life as she comes to terms with the changes in her own existence and in those around her.

Olive adjusts to her new life with her second husband, experiences loss and loneliness, witnesses triumphs and heartbreaks in the small coastal town of Crosby, Maine – and, finally, opens herself to new lessons about life.



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THE BEAUTIFUL ONES

Prince

Trade paperback

From Prince himself comes the brilliant coming-of-age-and-into-superstardom story of one of the greatest artists of all time – featuring never-before-seen photos, original scrapbooks and lyric sheets, and the exquisite memoir he began writing before his tragic death.



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IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES

Kurt Ellis

Softcover

Nick Creed, expert criminal profiler, hunts down human monsters for a living.

Back in South Africa after working with the FBI, he is haunted by his past mistakes, including the death of his fiancée. When a young woman is murdered and dismembered in her Johannesburg apartment, Creed's long-time friend and head of the SAPS' Investigative Psychological Unit, Major Eli Grey, enlists his help in investigating the murder – an attempt to save the self-destructing Creed from himself.

Creed's hunch points to an angry ex-boyfriend. But who, or what, is really behind the murder?



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Marita van der Vyver

Softcover

A blood-stained letter among her deceased ex-husband's belongings rips open Theresa's world.

Realising that the letter was written by a dying Cuban soldier and addressed to the soldier's newborn child – who, if still alive, should be forty years old – Theresa heads for Cuba: to find the soldier's child, to deliver the letter, to atone for her husband.

In sultry, run-down Cuba, amid its picturesque 1950s cars and the fragrant smoke of its cigars, Theresa's search connects her intimately with those branded 'the enemy' in Angola as she begins to unravel what growing up in the South Africa of that time really meant.