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QUICHOTTE

Salman Rushdie

Trade paperback

Quichotte, an ageing travelling salesman obsessed with TV, is on a quest for love. Unfortunately, his daily diet of reality TV, sitcoms, films, soaps, comedies and dramas has distorted his ability to separate fantasy from reality.

He wishes an imaginary son, Sancho, into existence, while obsessively writing love letters to a celebrity he knows only through his screen. Together the two innocents set off across America in Quichotte's trusty Chevy Cruze to find her and convince her of his love.

A wild, picaresque journey through a country on the edge of moral and spiritual collapse.



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THE BIRD KING

G. Willow Wilson

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The Bird King tells the story of Fatima, a concubine in the royal court of Granada, the last emirate of Muslim Spain, and her dearest friend Hassan, the palace mapmaker. Hassan has a secret - he can draw maps of places he's never seen and bend the shape of reality. When representatives of the newly formed Spanish monarchy arrive to negotiate the sultan's surrender, Fatima befriends one of the women, not realising that she will see Hassan's gift as sorcery and a threat to Christian Spanish rule.

With their freedoms at stake, what will Fatima risk to save Hassan and escape the palace walls? As Fatima and Hassan traverse Spain to find safety, *The Bird King* asks us to consider what love is and the price of freedom at a time when the West and the Muslim world were not yet separate.



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THE TESTAMENTS

Margaret Atwood

Hardcover

And so I step up, into the darkness within; or else the light.

When the van door slammed on Offred's future at the end of *The Handmaid's Tale*, readers had no way of telling what lay ahead.

With *The Testaments*, the wait is over.

Margaret Atwood's sequel picks up the story 15 years after Offred stepped into the unknown, with the explosive testaments of three female narrators from Gilead.

In this electrifying sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood answers the questions that have tantalised readers for decades.



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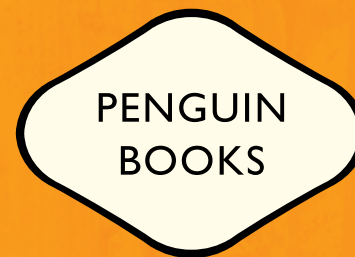
THE SECOND SLEEP

Robert Harris

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1468. A young priest, Christopher Fairfax, arrives in a remote Exmoor village to conduct the funeral of his predecessor. The land around is strewn with ancient artefacts - coins, fragments of glass, human bones - which the old parson used to collect. Did his obsession with the past lead to his death?

Fairfax becomes determined to discover the truth. Over the course of the next six days, everything he believes - about himself, his faith and the history of his world - will be tested to destruction.



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Fiona Neill

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After a chaotic childhood, Grace Vermuyden is determined her own daughters will fulfil the dreams denied to her. Lilly is everyone's golden girl, the popular, clever daughter she never had to worry about. So when she mysteriously collapses in class, Grace's carefully ordered world begins to unravel.

Dark rumours swirl around their tight-knit community on the edge of the Fens as everyone comes up with their own theories about what happened. Consumed with paranoia, and faced with increasing evidence that Lilly has been leading a secret life, Grace starts to search for clues.

Beneath the Surface explores the weight of the past upon the present, the burden of keeping secrets and what happens when children get caught in the undercurrents of adult relationships.



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James Patterson

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An unconventional alliance between the cops and the brilliant Professor Dylan Reinhart once helped take a serial killer off the streets of Manhattan. Now, the police are facing another impossible case that's wreaking havoc in the city. And only Professor Reinhart can connect the clues.



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Tiffany Jenkins

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THE ORPHAN'S SONG

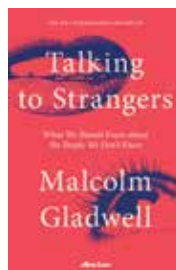
Lauren Kate

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Venice, 1736. When Violetta climbs out of her window at The Hospital of the Incurables, the revered music school and orphanage that has always been her home, she can look out over the city and dream. But when she stumbles upon Mino, a violinist from the boy's hall, she feels a surprising connection.

Known as the "city of masks," Venice is the perfect place to hide one's heart, but as Violetta becomes a legendary soprano with a secret nighttime life, and Mino seeks the truth among the city's canals, their fates prove inextricably linked.

Vibrant with the glamour and beauty of Venice at its zenith, *The Orphan's Song* takes us on a breathtaking journey of passion, heartbreak, and betrayal before it crescendos to an unforgettable ending, a celebration of the enduring nature and transformative power of love.



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TALKING TO STRANGERS

Malcolm Gladwell

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Talking to Strangers is all about what happens when we encounter people we don't know, why it often goes awry, and what it says about us.

Through a series of puzzles, encounters and misunderstandings, from little-known stories to infamous legal cases, Gladwell takes us on a journey through the unexpected. You will read about the spy who spent years undetected at the highest levels of the Pentagon, the man who saw through the fraudster Bernie Madoff, the suicide of the poet Sylvia Plath and the false conviction of Amanda Knox. You will discover that strangers are never simple.



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THE LONGEST MARCH

Fred Khumalo

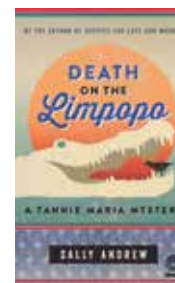
Softcover

It's 1899 and Philippa's fiancé Nduku has just broken off their engagement. She is heartbroken – after all, she has followed him from Kimberley, where they first met, to the goldfields of Johannesburg.

When war is declared, the mines are shut down and migrant workers ordered to leave town.

But how do you get home when there are no running trains and home is hundreds of kilometres away? You walk.

Over perilous terrain Nduku and Philippa and seven thousand others walk to Natal. Disguised as a mineworker's wife, for Philippa is white, she and Nduku talk about their true histories, about their fears and hopes, and with every footfall the possibility of lasting happiness seems within reach – if only they can survive, and if only they can weather the storm of an unexpected third player in their troubled romance.



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DEATH ON THE LIMPOPO

Sally Andrew

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Tannie Maria might be the Karoo's favourite agony aunt, but when it comes to matters of her own heart, she doesn't have all the answers. Why is she having trouble telling her beau – the dashing Detective Henk Kannemeyer with the chestnut moustache – that she loves him?

There are other, more pressing problems too. A tall, dark stranger zoomed in on her Ducati motorbike: she is Zabanguni Kani, a journalist renowned for her political exposés, who, after receiving threats, must move in with Tannie Maria for safety.

Who could tell that a trip to the country's northern borders was on the cards? The journey will plunge Maria and her friends into pools of danger, amid water maidens, murders, and Harley Davidsons.