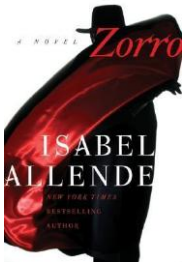




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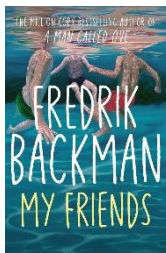


Zorro

Isabel Allende

published 2005

A story that reveals how Diego de la Vega became the masked man we all know so well. Born in California late in the 18th century, he is a child of two worlds. Diego de la Vega's father is an aristocratic Spanish military man; his mother, a Shoshone warrior. Diego learns from his maternal grandmother, White Owl, the ways of her tribe while receiving from his father lessons in the art of fencing. Between California and Barcelona, the New World and the Old, the persona of Zorro is formed, a great hero is born, and the legend begins.

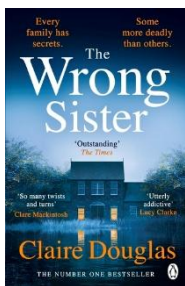


My Friends

Fredrik Backman

published 2025

The beautiful new novel that will make you laugh and cry, from the global bestselling author of *Anxious People* and *A Man Called Ove*. In the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world three tiny figures sit at the end of a pier. Most people don't even notice them. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise.

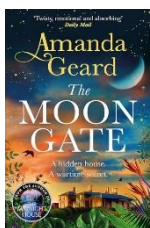


The Wrong Sister

Claire Douglas

published 2024

Alice is married to wealthy entrepreneur Kyle and has a high-flying career, her sister Tasha is married to her childhood sweetheart and lives in a Bristol suburb with their four-year-old twins. When Alice realises that Tasha is struggling - with money, the kids, losing her identity - she suggests they do a lifeswap for a week. But a few days in, it all goes terribly wrong. Tasha receives a phone call to say Alice is in hospital and Kyle is dead after an intruder broke into their house. They think it must have been a burglary gone wrong. Until a note arrives through the letterbox saying It was supposed to be you.

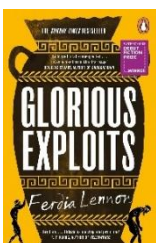


The Moon Gate

Amanda Geard

published 2024

A mesmerising story of love, war, and a mystery that ensnares three generations, moving between Tasmania, London, and Kerry in 1939, 1975 and 2004. Perfect for fans of Natasha Lester, Kate Morton, and Lucinda Riley.

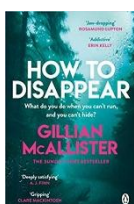


Glorious Exploits

Ferdia Lennon

published 2024

Ancient Sicily. GELON: visionary, dreamer, theatre lover. LAMPO: lovesick, jobless, in need of a distraction. Imprisoned in the quarries of Syracuse, thousands of defeated Athenians hang on by the thinnest of threads. They're fading in the baking heat: they can still recite lines from Greek tragedy when tempted by Lampo and Gelon with goatskins of wine and scraps of food. And so an idea is born. Because, after all, you can hate the invaders but still love their poetry. It's audacious. It might even be dangerous...



How to Disappear

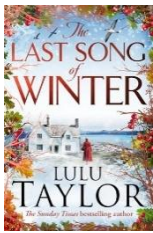
Gillian McAllister

published 2020

Lauren's daughter Zara witnessed a terrible crime. But speaking up comes with a price, and when Zara's identity is revealed online, it puts a target on her back. The only choice is to disappear.



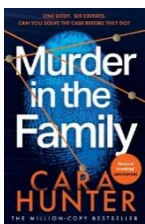
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The Last Song of Winter **Lulu Taylor**

published 2024

Nursing a broken heart, Romy lives alone in a windswept cottage on an island off the coast of Pembrokeshire. Once the site of a haunting monastery, the island now serves as a bird sanctuary, where Romy and the enigmatic warden, Pen, coexist amidst ancient secrets and the melody of the wilderness.



Murder in the Family **Cara Hunter**

published 2023

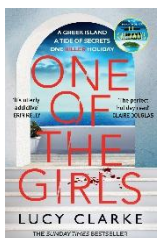
In December 2003, Luke Ryder, the stepfather of acclaimed filmmaker Guy Howard (then aged 10), was found dead in the garden of their suburban family home. Luke Ryder's murder has never been solved. But some murder cases are simply too big to forget...



Queen Charlotte **Julia Quinn Shonda Rhimes**

published 2024

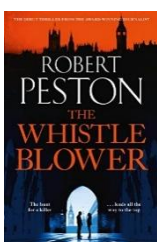
In 1761, a King and Queen meet for the first time. They are married within hours. Charlotte is beautiful, headstrong, and fiercely intelligent - George is instantly captivated. But as Charlotte falls in love, the King starts to push her away. Because George has secrets . . . secrets with the potential to shake the foundations of the monarchy.



One of the Girls **Lucy Clarke**

published 2022

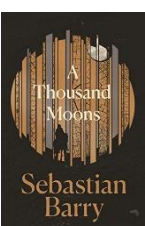
It was supposed to be the perfect weekend away. Six very different women travel to a sun-soaked Greek island for a bachelorette trip, to celebrate Lexi's upcoming wedding. From the glorious ocean views to the quaint tavernas, the vacation seems too good to be true. But dangerous undercurrents run beneath the sunset swims and midnight cocktails – because each of the women is hiding a secret.



The whistle blower **Robert Peston**

published 2021

The explosive thriller from Britain's top political journalist . THE HUNT FOR A KILLER LEADS ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP...

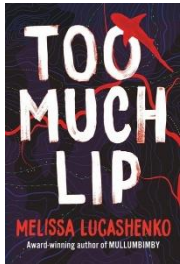


Days Without End #2 A THOUSAND MOONS **Barry Sebastian** *pub.2020*

A dazzling new novel about memory and identity set in Paris, Tennessee in the aftermath of the American Civil War from the Booker Prize shortlisted author Sebastian Barry. Exquisitely written and thrumming with the irrepressible spirit of a young girl on the brink of adulthood, A Thousand Moons is a glorious story of love and redemption.



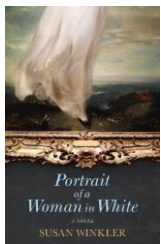
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Too Much Lip **Melissa Lucashenko**

published 2018

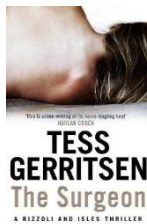
Kerry Salter is part of an Aboriginal family living on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. She has spent a lifetime avoiding two things - her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south on a stolen Harley. Kerry plans to spend 24 hours, tops, over the border... Gritty and darkly hilarious, *Too Much Lip* offers redemption and forgiveness where none seemed possible.



Portrait of a Woman in White: A Novel **Susan Winkler**

published 2014

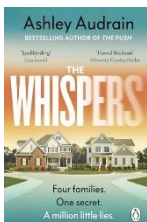
France, 1940. Nazi forces march towards Paris. Lili Rosenswig's wealthy and eccentric family is ensconced in their country chateau with their sumptuous collection of arts and antiques. The beloved Matisse portrait of Lili's mother has been brought from their Paris salon for safety. It is the day before young lovers Lili and Paul are to be married that they are forced to flee and their fortunes change irrevocably...



Rizzoli & Isles #1 The Surgeon **Tess Gerritsen**

published 2001

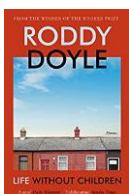
A killer who targets lone women, who breaks into their apartments and performs terrifying ritualistic acts of torture on them before finishing them off. His surgical skills lead police to suspect he is a physician - a physician who, instead of saving lives, takes them. As homicide detective Thomas Moore and his partner Jane Rizzoli begin their investigation, they make a startling discovery...



The Whispers **Ashley Audrain**

published 2023

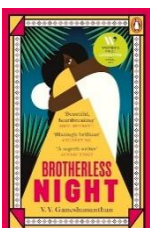
The whispers started long before the accident on Harlow Street... Was it at the party, when Whitney screamed blue murder at her son? Or after neighbour Blair started prowling Whitney's house, uninvited? On the terrible night of the accident, the whispers grow louder, more insistent. Neighbours gather round. Questions are asked. Secrets are spilled...



Life Without Children **Roddy Doyle**

published 2021

Love and marriage, children and family, death and grief. Life touches everyone the same, but living under lockdown? It changes us alone.



Brotherless Night **V.V. Ganeshanathan**

published 2023

Sixteen-year-old Sashi wants to become a doctor. But over the next decade, as a vicious civil war subsumes Sri Lanka, her dream takes her on a different path as she watches those around her, including her four beloved brothers and their best friend, get swept up in violent political ideologies and their consequences.



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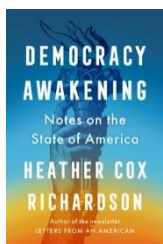


Love Languages **James Albon**

published 2025

Sarah Huxley has moved from London to Paris, only to find a lonely life of corporate drudgery and disappointment—a far cry from her romantic expectations of the city. She collides with Ping Loh, a young woman working as an au pair to a wealthy family of Hong Kong expats, and the two bond over their shared struggle with the French tongue

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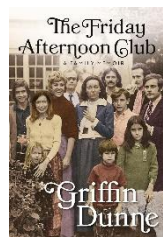


Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America

Heather Cox Richardson

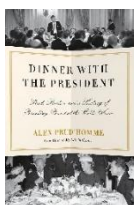
published 2023

From historian and author of the popular daily newsletter LETTERS FROM AN AMERICAN, a vital narrative that explains how America, once a beacon of democracy, now teeters on the brink of autocracy -- and how we can turn back.



The Friday Afternoon Club: A Family Memoir **Griffin Dunne** *published 2024*

The Friday Afternoon Club is no celebrity memoir. It is a family story that brilliantly embraces the poignant absurdities and best and worst efforts of its loveable, infuriating, funny and moving characters, finding wicked, self-deprecating humour and glints of surprising light in even the most harrowing and painful of circumstances.

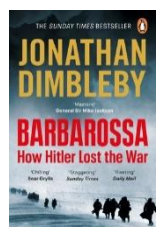


Dinner with the President: Food, Politics, and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House

Alex Prud'homme

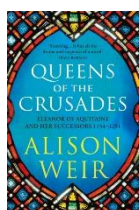
published 2023

A wonderfully entertaining, often surprising narrative history of presidential food: from Washington's lack of it at Valley Forge to Trump's well-done steaks with ketchup--what they ate, why they ate it, and what it all means.



Barbarossa: How Hitler Lost the War **Jonathan Dimbleby** *published 2021*

The largest military operation in history. The turning point of the Second World War. Operation Barbarossa, Hitler's invasion of Russia in June 1941, aimed at nothing less than a war of extermination to annihilate Soviet communism, liquidate the Jews and create Lebensraum for the German master race. But it led to the destruction of the Third Reich.



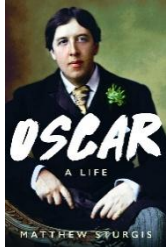
Queens of the Crusades: Eleanor of Aquitaine and her Successors **Alison Weir**

published 2021

Eleanor of Aquitaine's marriage to Henry II establishes a dynasty which rules for over three hundred years and creates the most powerful empire in western Christendom – but also sows the seeds for some of the most destructive family conflicts in history.



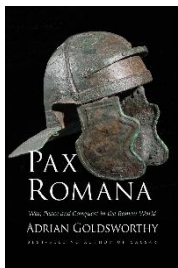
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Oscar: A Life **Matthew Sturgis**

published 2018

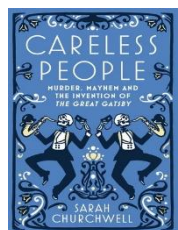
Drawing on material that has come to light in the past thirty years, including newly discovered letters, documents, first draft notebooks, and the full transcript of the libel trial, Matthew Sturgis meticulously portrays the key events and influences that shaped Oscar Wilde's life, returning the man to his times, and to the facts, giving us Wilde's own experience as he experienced it.



Pax Romana: War, Peace and Conquest in the Roman World
Adrian Goldsworthy

published 2016

Pax Romana, the famous peace and prosperity brought by the Roman Empire at its height in the first and second centuries AD : the Romans were conquerors, imperialists who took by force a vast empire stretching from the Euphrates to the Atlantic coast. Romans won peace not through coexistence but through dominance; millions died and were enslaved during the creation of their empire.



Careless People: Murder, Mayhem and the Invention of The Great Gatsby
Sarah Churchwell

published 2013

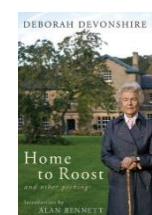
Sarah Churchwell traces the genesis of a masterpiece, discovering where fiction comes from, and how it takes shape in the mind of a genius. Blending biography and history with lost and forgotten newspaper accounts, letters, Careless People is telling the extraordinary tale of how F. Scott Fitzgerald created a classic and in the process discovered modern America.



The Secret of Chanel No. 5: The Intimate History of the World's Most Famous Perfume **Tilar J. Mazzeo**

published 2010

Mazzeo's sweeping story of the iconic scent (known as "le monstre" in the fragrance industry) stretches from Coco Chanel's early success to the rise of the seminal fragrance during the 1950s, to the confirmation of its bestseller status in today's perfume market.



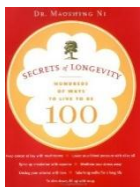
Home to Roost: And Other Peckings **Deborah Mitford**

published 2009

The unmistakeable voice of Deborah Devonshire rings out of this second volume of her occasional writings. As broad and eclectic as her long and eventful life.

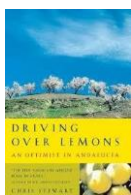


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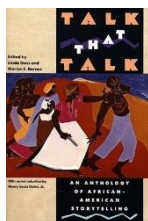
Secrets of Longevity: Hundreds of Ways to Live to Be 100 **Maoshing Ni**
published 2006

Dr. Maoshing Ni, doctor to Hollywood stars and a Tai Chi master specializing in longevity, brings together simple and unusual ways to live longer in this beautifully designed paperback, putting at the fingertips a host of proven ways to make anyone's stay on earth much, much happier.



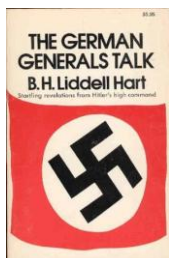
Driving Over Lemons: An Optimist in Andalucía **Chris Stewart** *pub. 1999*

No sooner had Chris Stewart set eyes on El Valero than he handed over a check. Now all he had to do was explain to Ana, his wife, that they were the proud owners of an isolated sheep farm in the Alpujarra Mountains in Southern Spain. That was the easy part.



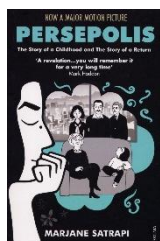
Talk That Talk: An Anthology of African-American Storytelling **Linda Goss**

A compilation of tales from Afro-American folklore by storytellers such as Zora Neale Hurston, Nikki Giovanni, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Maya Angelou. Overflowing with wisdom and humor, here is a comprehensive collection of favorite tales from the vigorous and vibrant oral tradition of African American folklore.



The German Generals Talk **B.H. Liddell Hart** *published 1948*

The German Generals who survived Hitler's Reich talk over World War II with Capt. Liddell Hart, noted British military strategist and writer. They speak as professional soldiers to a man they know and respect. For the first time, answers are revealed to many questions raised during the war.

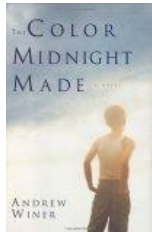


Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood and The Story of a Return
Marjane Satrapi *published 2007*

Persepolis paints an unforgettable portrait of daily life in Iran and of the bewildering contradictions between home life and public life. This is a beautiful and intimate story full of tragedy and humour - raw, honest and incredibly illuminating.



YOUNG READERS



The Color Midnight Made: A Novel **Andrew Winer**

published 2002

Hiding the truth about his color blindness from his dysfunctional parents and others, Conrad Clay, a white fifth-grader attending a predominantly black school, seeks to overcome his troubles by finding a new family in the black community.

