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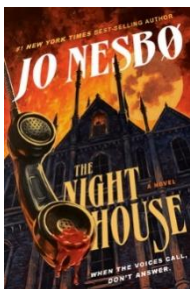


**The Parisian Chapter**

**Janet Skeslien Charles**

*published 2026*

Paris, 1995: It's been five years since Lily Jacobsen arrived in Paris from Montana. She feels alone in the city of light and must find a way to support herself. She lands a job as a programs manager at the American Library in Paris, following in the footsteps of Odile, her beloved French neighbor in Montana who told her stories of heroic World War II librarians. Here in the storied halls of the ALP, she meets an incredible cast of characters...

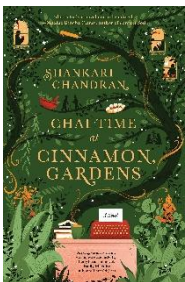


**The Night House**

**Jo Nesbø**

*published 2023*

After his parents' deaths in a house fire, Richard has been sent to live with his aunt and uncle in the remote town of Ballantyne. Richard quickly earns a reputation as an outcast, and when a classmate named Tom goes missing, everyone suspects the new, angry boy. No one believes him when he says the telephone booth out by the edge of the woods sucked Tom into the receiver like something out of a horror movie. No one except Karen, a fellow outsider who encourages Richard to pursue clues the police refuse to investigate.

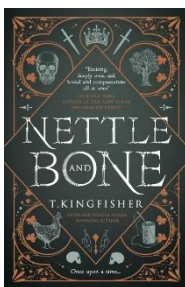


**Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens**

**Shankari Chandran**

*published 2022*

Cinnamon Gardens Nursing Home is nestled in the quiet suburb of Westgrove, Sydney – populated with residents with colourful histories, each with their own secrets, triumphs and failings. This is their safe place, an oasis of familiar delights – a beautiful garden, a busy kitchen and a bountiful recreation schedule. But this ordinary neighbourhood is not without its prejudices. The serenity of Cinnamon Gardens is threatened by malignant forces...

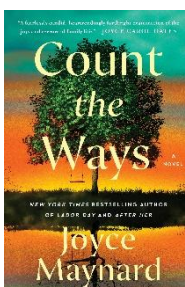


**Nettle and Bone**

**T. Kingfisher**

*published 2022*

After years of seeing her sisters suffer at the hands of an abusive prince, Marra—the shy, third-born daughter—has finally realized that no one is coming to their rescue. Seeking help from a powerful gravewitch, Marra is offered the tools to kill the prince—if she can complete three impossible tasks. On her quest, Marra is joined by strange characters. Together, they intend to be the hand that closes around the throat of the prince and frees Marra's family and their kingdom from its tyrannous ruler at last.



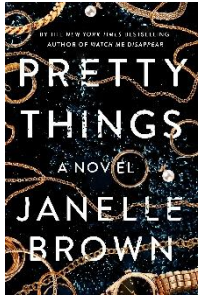
**Count the Ways**

**Joyce Maynard**

*published 2021*

Eleanor is an artist and writer, Cam makes wooden bowls. Within four years they are parents to three children. To Eleanor, their New Hampshire farm provides everything she always wanted. Then comes a terrible accident, caused by Cam's negligence. Unable to forgive him, Eleanor is consumed by bitterness while Cam finds solace with a new young partner. Over the decades that follow, the five members of this fractured family make surprising discoveries and decisions that occasionally bring them together, and often tear them apart...

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**Pretty Things**

**Janelle Brown**

*published 2020*

Nina once bought into the idea that her fancy liberal arts degree would lead to a fulfilling career. When that dream crashed, she turned to stealing from rich kids in L.A. alongside her wily Irish boyfriend, Lachlan. Vanessa is a privileged young heiress who wanted to make her mark in the world. Instead she becomes an Instagram influencer. Nina's, Vanessa's, and Lachlan's paths collide here, on the cold shores of Lake Tahoe, where their intertwined lives give way to a winter of aspiration and desire, duplicity and revenge.



**Exile Music**

**Jennifer Steil**

*published 2020*

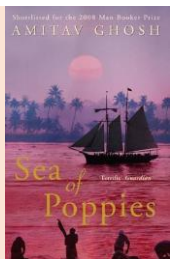
Based on an unexplored slice of World War II history, *Exile Music* is the captivating story of Orly, a young Jewish girl whose family flees refined and urbane Vienna for safe harbor in the mountains of Bolivia. Years pass, the war ends, and Orly must decide: is the love and adventure she has found in La Paz what defines home, or is the pull of her past in Europe--and the piece of her heart she left with Anneliese--too strong to ignore?



**Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine** **Gail Honeyman**

*published 2017*

Eleanor Oliphant struggles with social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living.



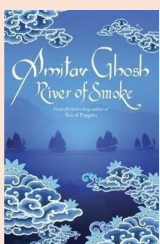
**Ibis Trilogy #1**

**Sea of Poppies**

**Amitav Ghosh**

*published 2008*

The vast sweep of this historical adventure spans the lush poppy fields of the Ganges, the rolling high seas, the exotic backstreets of Canton. But it is the panorama of characters, whose diaspora encapsulates the vexed colonial history of the East itself, that makes *Sea of Poppies* so breathtakingly alive—a masterpiece from one of the world's finest novelists.



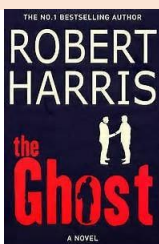
**Ibis Trilogy #2**

**River of Smoke**

**Amitav Ghosh**

*published 2011*

In September 1838, a storm blows up on the Indian Ocean and the *Ibis*, a ship carrying a consignment of convicts and indentured laborers from Calcutta to Mauritius, is caught up in the whirlwind. *River of Smoke* follows its storm-tossed characters to the crowded harbors of China. All characters struggle to cope with their losses—and for some, unimaginable freedoms—in the alleys and crowded waterways of 19th-century Canton.



**The Ghost**

**Robert Harris**

*published 2007*

The narrator is a professional ghostwriter who jumps at the chance to ghost the memoirs of Britain's former prime minister. But it doesn't take him long to realise he has made a terrible mistake. His predecessor on the project died in circumstances that were distinctly suspicious, and the ex-prime minister turns out to be a man with secrets in his past that are returning to haunt him - secrets with the power to kill.

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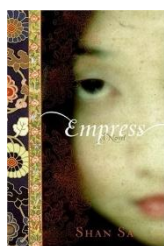


**Saturday**

**Ian McEwan**

*published 2005*

Saturday is set within a single day in February 2003. Henry Perowne is a successful neurosurgeon, happily married and enjoying good relations with his children. On this Saturday morning, Perowne's day moves through the ordinary to the extraordinary. A minor accident in his car brings him into a confrontation with a thug. To Perowne's professional eye, something appears to be profoundly wrong with this young man, who in turn believes the surgeon has humiliated him — with savage consequences that will lead Henry Perowne to deploy all his skills to keep his family alive.

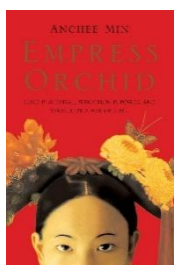


**Empress**

**Shan Sa**

*published 2003*

In seventh-century China, during the Tang dynasty, a young girl from the Wu clan entered the imperial gynaecium, which housed ten thousand concubines. Inside the Forbidden City, she witnessed seductions, plots, murders, and brazen acts of treason. Propelled by a shrewd intelligence, an extraordinary persistence, and a friendship with the imperial heir, she rose through the ranks to become the first Empress of China.



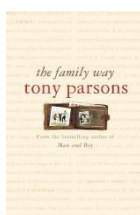
**Empress Orchid #1**

**Empress Orchid**

**Anchee Min**

*published 2003*

It is the final days of the Chinese empire. Trade in opium with Europe is slowly corroding the power of the Ch'ing Dynasty. Orchid, a beautiful seventeen-year-old from an aristocratic but impoverished family, is chosen to become a low-ranking concubine of the emperor. The Empress Orchid is the story of a fascinating, strong-willed woman who for generations has been vilified as a grand seductress and murderer .

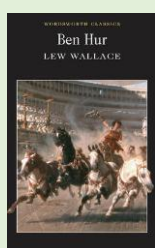


**The Family Way**

**Tony Parsons**

*published 2004*

Three sisters. Three couples. Two pregnancies. Six men and women struggling with love, sex, fertility and the meaning of family. It should be the most natural thing in the world. But in Tony Parsons' latest bestseller, three couples discover that Mother Nature can be « one hell of a bitch ».

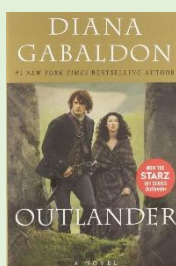


**Ben Hur : a tale of the Christ**

**Lew Wallace**

*published 1880*

Ben-Hur is one of the most popular and beloved 19th century American novels. This faithful New Testament tale combines the events of the life of Jesus with grand historical spectacle in the story of Judah of the House of Hur, a man who finds redemption for himself and his family.



**Outlander #1**

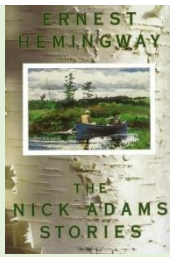
**Outlander**

**Diana Gabaldon**

*published 1991*

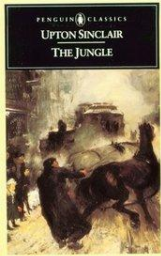
The year is 1945. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an “outlander”—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of Our Lord...1743.

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**The Nick Adams Stories** **Ernest Hemingway** *published 1966*

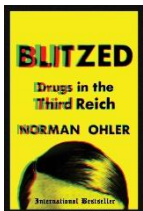
The famous Nick Adams stories show a memorable character growing from child to adolescent to soldier, veteran, writer, and parent - a sequence closely paralleling the events of Hemingway's life. "But," as Philip Young writes in the preface, "Hemingway naturally intended his stories to be understood and enjoyed without regard for such considerations - as they have been for a long time."



**The Jungle** **Upton Sinclair** *published 1906*

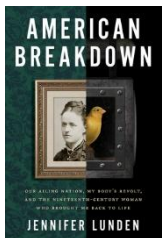
Upton Sinclair's dramatic and deeply moving story exposed the brutal conditions in the Chicago stockyards at the turn of the nineteenth century and brought into sharp moral focus the appalling odds against which immigrants and other working people struggled for their share of the American Dream.

## NON FICTION



**Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich** **Norman Ohler** *published 2015*

The Nazi regime preached an ideology of physical, mental, and moral purity. But as Norman Ohler reveals in this gripping new history, the Third Reich was saturated with drugs. Thoroughly researched and rivetingly readable, *Blitzed* throws light on a history that, until now, has remained in the shadows.



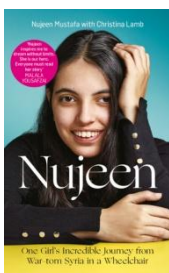
**American Breakdown** **Jennifer Lunden** *published 2023*

When Jennifer Lunden became ill, her case was a medical mystery. Just 21, unable to hold a book or stand for a shower, she lost her job. After suffering from this enigmatic illness for five years, she discovered a source of hope and a biography of Alice James, the bright sibling of brothers Henry James, the novelist, and William James, the father of psychology.



**Out of Character** **Alison Steadman** *published 2024*

One of the nation's best loved actors recounts her inspiring and exhilarating journey from Liverpool to drama school in London and a succession of stellar roles. From the nervy Mrs Bennet to the robo-dancing Pam-el-aah, Alison has proved herself again and again to be a comedy genius. Here, with her distinctive warmth and humour, she vividly recalls all the must-read moments of a life spent in and out of character.



**Nujeen: One Girl's Incredible Journey from War-torn Syria in a Wheelchair** **Nujeen Mustafa, Christina Lamb** *published 2016*

Nujeen Mustafa has cerebral palsy and cannot walk. This did not stop her braving inconceivable odds to travel in her wheelchair from Syria in search of a new life. Sharing her full story for the first time, Nujeen recounts the details of her childhood and disability, as well as the specifics of her harrowing journey across the Mediterranean to Greece and finally to Germany to seek an education and the medical treatment she needs.

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**Bottomless Belly Button**

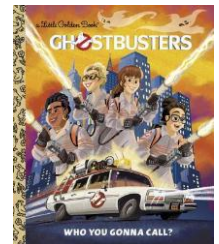
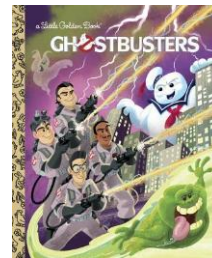
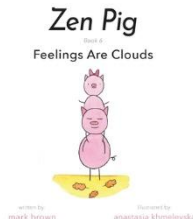
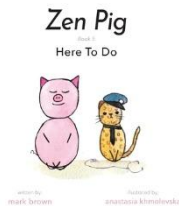
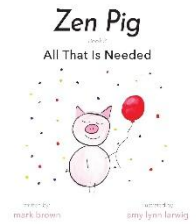
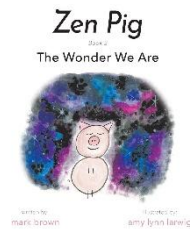
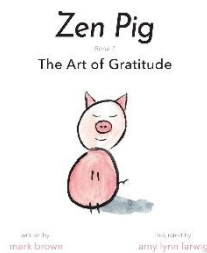
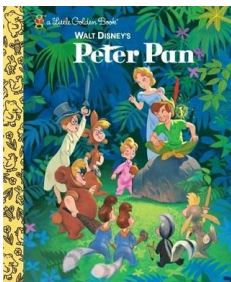
**Dash Shaw**

*published 2008*

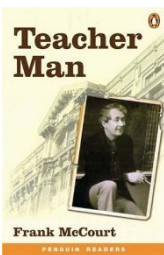
Bottomless Belly Button is a graphic novel comedy-drama that follows the dysfunctional adventures of the Loony Family.

This is a reprint of the graphic novel that launched Dash Shaw as a major young cartooning talent: 2009 Festival International de la Bande Dessinée de Angouleme; Publishers Weekly' s 2008 "Best Books of the Year: Comics."

## YOUNG READERS



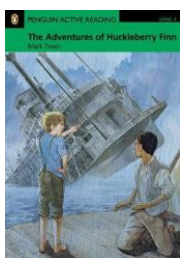
## LANGUAGE LEARNING



**Teacher Man**

**Frank McCourt**

Nearly a decade ago Frank McCourt became an unlikely star when, at the age of sixty-six, he burst onto the literary scene with Angela's Ashes, the Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir of his childhood in Limerick, Ireland. Then came 'Tis, his glorious account of his early years in New York. Now, here at last, is McCourt's long-awaited book about how his thirty-year teaching career shaped his second act as a writer.



**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** **John Votaw (adapter), Mark Twain**

Huck and Jim travel down the Mississippi from St. Petersburg to Cairo. Jim is a runaway slave so they have to be careful. They have a lot of adventures on the river. They even meet a king! But is he real? Huck soon finds out the truth.