

<h2>Adult Book Club Books</h2>			
Abbott, Megan	Bury Me Deep	16	<p>Inspired by this notorious true crime, this is the story of Marion Seeley, a young woman abandoned in Phoenix by her husband. At the medical clinic where she finds a job, Marion becomes fast friends with Louise, a vivacious nurse, and her roommate, Ginny. Before long, the demure Marion is swept up in the exuberant life of the girls, who supplement their scant income by entertaining the town's most powerful men with wild parties. At one of these events, Marion meets the charming Joe Lanigan, a local rogue and politician on the rise, whose ties to all three women bring events to a dramatic and deadly collision.</p>
Abbott, Megan	The End of everything	16	<p>Lizzie and Evie are inseparable. They walk home from school together, sleep over at each other's houses, even flirt with boys together. And they tell each other everything or at least that's what Lizzie thinks until Evie goes missing and Lizzie suddenly realizes their friendship wasn't quite what she thought.</p>
Achebe, Chinua	Things that fall apart	16	<p>'Things Fall Apart' tells the story of Okonkwo, an important man in the Igbo tribe in the days when white men were first on the scene. Okonkwo becomes exiled from his tribe, as a result of his pride and his fears, with tragic consequences.</p>
Adams, Lorraine	Harbor	14	<p>A novel of a young Algerian and his colleagues, and what the FBI thought was a terrorist cell. We learn how easy it is to turn the other cheek, and realise what we have thought all along may not be based in reality or in truth.</p>

Adams, Poppy	The behaviour of Moths	15	Ginny watches and waits for her younger sister to return to the crumbling mansion which was once their idyllic childhood home. Vivien has not set foot in the house since she left forty-seven years ago. But with Vivien's arrival, dark unspoken secrets surface.
Adamson, Gil	The outlander	20	On a moonlit night in 1903, a mysterious young woman flees alone across the Canadian wilderness, one quick step ahead of her pursuers. Mary Boulton is nineteen years old half mad, and widowed by her own hand. Tearing through the forest with dogs howling in the distance, she is desperate, her nerves burning, and she is certain of one thing only, that her every move is being traced. As she plunges further and further away from civilization her path from retribution to redemption slowly unfurls.
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Half of a yellow sun	18	Set in Nigeria during the 1960s, this novel contains three main characters who get swept up in the violence during these turbulent years. It is about Africa, end of colonialism, class and race, and the ways in which love can complicate these things.
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Purple Hibiscus	15	When Nigeria begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili's father, involved in mysterious ways with the unfolding political crisis, sends Kambili and her brother away to their aunt's. Here she discovers love and a life beyond the confines of her father's authority.
Adiga, Aravind	The White Tiger	17	Adiga sets out to show us a part of India that we hear about infrequently: its underbelly – welcome to an India where Microsoft call centre workers tread the same pavement as beggars who burn street rubbish for warmth ... it's a thrilling ride.
Alba, Carlos	Kane's Ladder	9	Set in Glasgow in 1975, this is the story of ten-year-old Steve Duff, who lives in one of the city's new build estates. His frustratingly conventional middle-class family suddenly gets interesting when his father has an affair, his mother starts a psychology degree, his sister gets arrested and his brother gets a girl pregnant.

Albom, Mitch	The five people you meet in heaven	8	After his death, a tragic accident trying to save a little girl from a falling cart, an 83 year old war veteran awakens in the afterlife where your earthly life is explained to you by five people who were in it and changed your path forever.
Alderman, Naomi	The Lessons	16	James, always the outsider, enters Oxford. There he meets Mark Winters – dissolute, astonishingly, heartbreakingly rich and pitilessly cruel- and the fellow students he has gathered around him: untouchable Emmanuella; on-again/off-again Simon and Franny; and passionate, true Jess. The nights, and many of the days, become one long party. Friendships are made, and broken. Lovers swapped, or dropped. It is all beguiling and bewitching. After university they are each cast out into an indifferent world. Free of Mark and his dark influences, they are lost to one another, until one night tragedy strikes...
Alison, Rosie	The very thought of you	16	England, 31st August 1939: the world is on the brink of war. As Hitler prepares to invade Poland, thousands of children are evacuated from London to escape the impending Blitz. Torn from her mother eight year old Anna Sands is relocated with other children to a large Yorkshire estate which has been opened
Amis, Kingsley	Lucky Jim	22	'Lucky Jim' is the tale of university lecturer Jim Dixon who has to navigate the stumbling blocks of life at a red brick university, as he attempts to climb the social ladder to a moderately successful future.
Anderson, Lin	Easy Kill	15	A young woman prostitute has been brutally slain and left across a grave in Glasgow's sprawling cemetery. Rhona MacLeod has been called in to carry out the forensic investigations. The removal of the body reveals another woman recently buried underneath, this man has killed before and will again. Another girl is reported missing and Rhona knows she has to stop him and the pattern repeating itself.

Anderson, Lin	Final Cut	18	When Claire regains consciousness after a stranger causes her car to crash in a snowstorm, she is frantic to discover her 9 year old daughter Emma missing from the back seat. Then Emma is found in the woods nearby, unharmed but cradling a child's skull. She claims it 'called to her' – and she can hear another voice nearby
Anglada, Maria Angels	The Auschwitz violin	16	In the winter of 1991, at a concert in Krakow, a woman with a marvellously pitched violin meets a fellow musician who is instantly captivated by her instrument. When he asks her how she obtained it, she reveals the remarkable story behind its origin. Imprisoned at Auschwitz, Daniel feels his humanity slipping away Treasured memories of the young woman he loved become hazier with each passing day. But when Daniels former identity as a crafter of fine violins is revealed, the Kommandant and camp doctor use this information to make a cruel wager. And so, battling exhaustion, Daniel tries to recapture his lost are knowing all too well the likely cost of failure.
Ansay, Manette	Vinegar Hill	16	When Ellen Grier's husband loses his job, she has little choice but to agree to his suggestion that they and their children move in with his parents on Vinegar Hill. Their new home is more stifling than she feared – a loveless place where dark secrets lurk behind a façade of false piety, and calculated cruelty is routine. Ellen's spirit is close to crushed: how is she to protect her children from their
Arnott, Jake	The Devil's Paintbrush	16	In a Parisian restaurant Aleister Crowley, the notorious occultist, chances on Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald once on of the greatest heroes of the British Empire now facing ruin in a shocking scandal and vulnerable to Crowley's offer of help
Ashdown, Isabel	Flight	16	When Wren Irving's numbers come up in the first ever national lottery draw, she doesn't tell her husband, Rob. Instead she quietly packs her bags, kisses her six-month-old daughter Phoebe goodbye, and leaves. Two decades later, Rob has moved on and found happiness with their oldest friend, Laura. Phoebe, now

Asimov, Isaac	I, robot	16	The Three Laws of Robotics ensure that humans remain superior and the robots are kept in their rightful place. But an insane robot logically deduces its superiority to non-rational humanity.
Atkinson, Kate	Behind the scenes at the museum	11	Moving with stark contrast between the Coronation year celebrations and life in the trenches during the First World War, this novel tells the story of a family observed by one of its members.
Atkinson, Kate	Emotionally weird	13	On a remote Scottish island, Effie and her mother Nora take refuge in the large mouldering house of their ancestors and tell each other stories. Effie tells of her life at college in Dundee, and begins to wonder about recent strange happenings.
Atkinson, Kate	Life after Life	16	During a snowstorm in England in 1910, a baby is born and dies before she can take her first breath. During a snowstorm in England in 1910, a baby is born and lives to tell the tale. What if there were second chances? And third chances? In fact an infinite number of chances to live your life? Would you eventually be able to save the world from its own inevitable destiny? And would you even want to?
Atkinson, Kate	When will there be good news?	17	In a quiet corner of Devon a 6 year old girl witnesses an appalling crime. Thirty years later the man convicted of the crime is released from prison.
Atwood, Margaret	Alias Grace	16	Was Grace Marks a female fiend, a femme fatale, or a weak and unwilling victim? Around the true story on one of the most enigmatic and notorious women of the 1840s, Atwood has created a potent tale of sexuality, cruelty and mystery.

Atwood, Margaret	The Handmaid's Tale	16	The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function: to bread. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs.
Austen, Jane	Persuasion	16	Eight years ago Anne Elliot bowed to pressure from her family and made the decision not to marry the man she loved. Captain Wentworth. Now circumstances have conspired to bring him back into her social circle and Anne find her old feelings for him reignited.
Aw, Tash	The Harmony silk factory	14	This is the story of four people. Johnny is an infamous chinaman, who uses his shophouse as a front for illegal businesses. Snow Soong is the beautiful daughter of a prominent family who dies giving birth. Kunichika is a Japanese officer who loves Snow and Peter Wormwood is an Englishman who loved Snow to the end of his life.
Backman, Fredrik	A Man called Ove	16	At first Sight Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots - joggers, neighbours who can't reverse a trailer properly and shop assistants who talk in code. But isn't it rare, these days, to find such old-fashioned clarity of belief and deed? Such unswerving conviction about what the world should be, and a lifelong dedication to making it just so? In the end, you will see there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible...

Baker, Jo	Longbourn	16	It is wash-day for the housemaids at Longbourn House, and Sarah's hands are chapped and bleeding. Domestic life below stairs, ruled tenderly and forcefully by Mrs Hill the housekeeper, is about to be disturbed by the arrival of a new footman smelling of the sea, and bearing secrets. For in Georgian England, there is a world the young ladies in the drawing room will never know, a world of poverty, love, and brutal war.
Bakewell, Joan	All the nice girls	16	Its 1942 and the war is not going well, when Ashworth Grammar School for Girls signs up for the Merchant Navy's ship Adoption Scheme. The headmistress, Cynthia Maitland, who lost her lover in the First World War, believes the idea will broaden the horizons of her girls, especially Polly and Jen, bright sixth formers eager to live and love despite it all. All is as it should be in the line of duty until Captain Josh Percival and his officers of the SS Treverran visit
Ballantyne, Lisa	The guilty one	20	A little boy is found dead in a children's playground. Daniel Hunter has spent years defending lost causes. But his life changes when he is introduced to Sebastian, an 11-year-old accused of murder. As he plunges into the muddy depths of Sebastian's troubled life, Daniel thinks back to his own childhood in
Banks, Iain	Espedair Street	16	Two days ago I decided to kill myself.... Last night I changed my mind and decided to stay alive. Everything that follows is just to try and explain.
Banks, Iain	The wasp factory	16	Frank, no ordinary 16-year-old, lives with his father outside a remote Scottish village. His elder brother Eric is confined to a psychiatric hospital. When news comes of Eric's escape, Frank has to prepare the ground for his brother's inevitable return.
Barbery, Muriel	The elegance of the hedgehog	17	Renee is the concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building, home to members of the great and the good. But beneath this facade lies the real Renee: passionate about culture and the arts, and more knowledgeable in many ways than her employers with their outwardly successful but emotionally void lives.

Barclay, Linwood	No time for Goodbye	15	The House was silent. No sound of her parents getting ready for work, or her brother late for school. Were they punishing her for last night? She'd been out on a date when she should have been studying, and had a huge fight with her father. So where was everyone now? Why had her family disappeared?
Barnes, Julian	The Sense of an Ending	16	Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex hungry and book hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is retired. He had a career and a single marriage a clam divorce.
Barry, Sebastian	A long long way	15	Set at the onset of World War One, it evokes the camaraderie and humour of Willie Dunne and his regiment, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, but also the divided loyalties that many Irish soldiers felt. It also explores and dramatizes the events of the Easter Rising within Ireland.
Barry, Sebastian	The Secret Scripture	16	Rosanne McNulty is nearing her 100th birthday in the mental hospital where she was committed as a young woman. Psychiatrist Dr Grene is finishing up his case notes before the hospital is closed, when he finds himself intrigued by the story of his elderly patient. Dr Grene finally uncovers the circumstances of her arrival at the hospital which leads to a shocking secret.
Bauer, Belinda	Black lands	17	12-year-old Steven Lamb's uncle disappeared aged 11 and is assumed to have fallen victim to the notorious serial killer Arnold Avery. But Steven's Nan doesn't think her son is dead. Steven wants to prove he's gone and so he writes to Avery in prison. So begins a dangerous game between a desperate child and a bored serial killer.

Beaumont, Matthew	Where there's a will	12	Alvin works with; dysfunctional teenagers and where everyone else sees apprentice career criminals, he sees hope. So when he finds that one of his few teenage success stories has wound up working in a massage parlour, he knows he has to help.
Bender, Aimee	The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake	16	When 9-year-old Rose Edelstein bites into her mother's home-made lemon chocolate cake, to her horror, she discovers she can taste her mother's emotions in the slice. And her mother - her cheerful, can-do mother - tastes of despair and desperation. Suddenly food becomes perilous.
Benn, Melissa	One of us	16	The story opens with a meeting between a journalist and a 42-year-old woman in a dingy London cafe in the immediate aftermath of the invasion of Iraq. Anna has a story to tell, one that goes right to the heart of British politics - and to the top of the Cabinet.
Berry, Wendell	Hannah Coulter	20	In this latest installment of Wendell Berry's acclaimed story about the citizens of Port William, Kentucky, Hannah Coulter sorts through her memories. Twice-widowed, alone, and in her late seventies, Hannah recalls childhood, young love and loss, raising children, and the changing of seasons. She offers her steady voice as she contemplates the deterioration of community, with wise and often fiery opinions about the way things were, are, and might have been.
Binchy, Maeve	The Return Journey	16	There are star-crossed travellers who take each others bags by mistake, only to learn that when you unlock a strangers suitcase you enter a strangers life. The house-sitter who moves into her client's life as well as her home a holiday for four in Greece which has surprising consequences and the chance encounter at an airport which unites an unlikely group of people.

Birch, Carol	Jamrach's Menagerie	16	Young Jaffy Brown never expects to escape the slums of Victorian London. Then aged eight, a chance encounter with Mr Jamrach changes Jaffy's stars. And before he knows it, he finds himself at the docks waving goodbye to his
Birch, Carol	The naming of Eliza Quinn	12	This novel is set in rural Ireland and begins with the discovery of the bones of an infant.
Bissett, Alan	Boyracers	10	Boyracers is a fresh, savvy and honest take on being young, naïve, hopeful, and the pains of living life at hyperspeed in a mad pop-culture world.
Bissett, Alan	The incredible Adam Spark	26	Life is tough for Adam, an 18-year-old orphan with learning difficulties. But after a day flipping burgers at work, there are always his favourite comics and the music of Queen to console him. And though his sister, Jude, may weep from the frustration of trying to keep him grounded, she'll always be there for him, won't
Black, Tony	His father's son	20	Joey Driscoll thinks that living in Australia will let himself and his family forget the troubles of the past. But as the years pass, his new life comes under threat when his wife disappears with his son
Blackburn, Julia	The Leper's Companions	16	One morning in 1410, two men from an east coast fishing village find a mermaid. This discovery starts a chain of events that leads four of the villagers on a pilgrimage across the North Sea to Venice and along the Mediterranean coast.
Blensdorf, Jan	My name is Sei Shonagon	15	Who is Sei Shonagon? Is she the tenth-century author of 'The Pillow Book'? Or is she a woman of mixed-race parentage surviving life in modern Japan? Or, is she a voice behind a screen, reaching across the centuries, linking the two?

Bolton, S.J	Awakening	17	A man dies from what appears to be a random snake bite in a quiet country village, the hospital seeks the expertise of wildlife vet Clara Benning, but the post-mortem reveals this was no freak accident.
Bowen, James	A street cat named Bob	16	When James Bowen found an injured, ginger street cat curled up in the hallway of his sheltered accommodaton, he had no idea just how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London and the last thing he needed was a pet.
Bowman, W.E	The ascent of rum doodle	16	An Outrageously funny spoof about the ascent of a 40,000 and a half foot peak, the ascent of rum doodle has been a cult favourite since its publication in 1956. Led by the reliably under-insightful Binder, a team of seven British men including Dr Prone (constantly ill) Jungle the foute finder (constantly lost)
Boyd, William	Brazzaville Beach	17	On Brazzaville Beach, on the edge of Africa, Hope Clearwater examines the complex circumstances that brought her there. Sifting the details for evidence of her own innocence or guilt, she tells her engrossing story.
Boyd, William	Ordinary thunderstorms	21	As a result of a chance encounter and a split-second decision, the young climatologist Adam Kindred loses everything – home, job, reputation, passport, credit cards, money – never to get them back.

Boyd, William	Restless	18	What happens to your life when everything you thought you knew about your mother turns out to be an elaborate lie? Ruth Gilmartin discovers the strange and haunting truth about her mother, Sally, during the long hot summer of 1976.
Boyd, William	Stars and bars	15	Henderson Dores is an Englishman in New York and completely out of his depth. He should be concentrating on his job as an art assessor, but his complicated personal life keeps intruding. And that's before we even get to his sense of
Boyle, T C	The tortilla curtain	13	This is the story of two cultures; one of Californian privilege, the other of Mexican poverty.
Boyle, T C	Water Music	20	The year is 1795. Water Music is the rambunctious account of two men's wild adventures through the gutters of London and the Scottish Highlands to their unlikely meeting in darkest Africa, as they search for the source of the Niger, a river no European has ever laid eyes on.
Boyne, John	Boy in the striped pyjamas	13	A story of innocence existing within the most terrible evil, this is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in events beyond their control.

Brankin, Una	Half moon lake	11	It is the summer of 1976 when a dying and naked stranger knocks on the door of Grace Crangle's house which she shares with her mother. By helping her mother nurse him back to health, Grace at last experiences the love that she has craved.
Bray, Carys	A Song for Issy Bradley	16	Meet the Bradleys. In lots of ways, they're a normal family: Zippy is sixteen and in love for the first time; Al is thirteen and dreams of playing for Liverpool. And in some ways, they're a bit different: Seven-year-old Jacob believes in miracles. So does his dad. But these days their mum doesn't believe in anything, not even getting out of bed. How does life go on, now that Issy is gone?
Brockmeier, Kevin	The brief history of the dead	14	Laura Byrd is in trouble. Marooned in one of the most remote places in the world, she awaits her friends who set out in search of help. Now it is clear they are not coming back. Meanwhile, in another city, more and more people arrive each day, all with a story to tell – and this city of the dead has a direct link with Laura's plight.
Brodrick, William	The sixth lamentation	15	A man arrives at Larkwood Monastery claiming sanctuary. Eduard Schwermann is accused of Nazi war crimes: the chances are he is stained with blood, but politics demand that Larkwood shelter him. Father Anselm is given the task of finding out more about Schwermann's crimes.

Bronte, Emily	Wuthering heights	15	At the centre of this novel is the passionate love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff - recounted with such emotional intensity that a plain tale of the Yorkshire moors acquires the depth and simplicity of ancient tragedy.
Brooke, Amanda	Yesterday's sun	16	When Holly and her husband, Tom, begin a new life in a picture-perfect English village, Holly starts to believe she might have banished the ghosts of her troubled childhood. But fate has other plans, as Holly discovers when she finds an ancient moondial half buried at the bottom of their overgrown garden. For
Brookmyre, Christopher	Boiling a frog	8	This thriller and political satire, featuring Jack Parlabane the investigative journalist, contains a lot of body fluids, the Establishment at its most corrupt, relatively few dead bodies and a display of black humour.
Brookmyre, Christopher	Dead Girl Walking	20	Jack Parlabane has lost everything: his journalism career, his marriage, his self-respect. A call for help from an old friend offers a chance of redemption - but only if he can find out what happened to missing singer Heike. Each member of

Brookmyre, Christopher	Quite ugly one morning	18	This thriller exposes the horrific possibilities of corruption within the reformed National Health Service.
Brooks, Geraldine	March	19	John March is the father of the girls from the classic novel 'Little Women'. Here we see him as abolitionist and idealistic chaplain on the front lines of a war that
Brown, George Mackay	The sun's net	16	A bewitching collection of short stories from the master storyteller.
Brown, Gordon Douglas	The house with the green shutters	20	This novel lays bare the seductive and crippling presence of patriarchal authority in Scottish culture at large, symbolised by the terrible struggle between old John Gourlay and his weak but imaginative son.
Brunt, Carol Rifka	Tell the Wolves I'm Home	15	This is a tender story of love lost and found, an unforgettable portrait of the way compassion can make us whole again.
Buchan, John	The Thirty-Nine Steps	20	Recently returned from South Africa, adventurer Richard Hannay is bored with life, but after a chance encounter with an American who informs him of an assassination plot and is then promptly murdered in Hannay's London flat, he becomes the obvious suspect and is forced to go on the run. He heads north to
Bullock, Emily	The Longest Fight	16	Set in 1950s London amidst the gritty and violent world of boxing, this beautiful and brutal debut is the story of one man's struggle to overcome the mistakes and tragedies of his past
Burn, Gordon	The North of England Home Service	12	This novel tells the tale of Ray Cruddas, a light entertainer effecting a semi-dignified retreat from his fading career, who returns to the unnamed northern town of his youth.

Burnet, Graeme Macrae	His Bloody Project	16	The year is 1869. A brutal triple murder in a remote community in the Scottish Highlands leads to the arrest of a young man by the name of Roderick Macrae. A memoir written by the accused makes it clear that he is guilty, but it falls to the country's finest legal and psychiatric minds to uncover what drove him to commit such merciless acts of violence. Was he mad? Only the persuasive powers of his advocate stand between Macrae and the gallows.
Burton, Jessie	The miniaturist	16	On an autumn day in 1686, 18-year-old Nella Oortman knocks at the door of a grand house in the wealthiest quarter of Amsterdam. She has come from the country to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant trader Johannes Brandt, but instead she is met by his sharp-tongued sister, Marin. Only later
Butcher, Tim	Blood river: a journey to Africa's broken heart	17	This novel is a readable account of an African country now virtually inaccessible to the outside world and what is perhaps one of the most daring and adventurous journeys a journalist has made.
Butlin, Ron	The sound of my voice	21	An executive with a house in the suburbs and a nice wife and kids seems to be an embodiment of Thatcherite values. However, he is a chronic alcoholic and, from the start, we sense that he is doomed and his life is about to disintegrate.
Cain, James M	Double indemnity	19	Walter Huff is an insurance investigator like any other – until the day he meets the beautiful and dangerous Phyllis Nirdlinger and falls under her spell. Together they plot the perfect murder Double indemnity is the classic tale of an evil woman motivated by greed, who corrupts a weak man motivated by lust.

Cameron, Claire	The bear	16	Anna and Stick are camping with their parents in Algonquin Park, in 3000 miles of wilderness. It's the perfect family trip. Then Anna wakes to the sound of something moving in shadows. Her father is terrified and mother is screaming. Alone, Anna and Stick battle hunger and elements to stay alive. Narrated by 5 year old Anna .
Campbell, Karen	Shadow Play	20	When Anna Cameron is promoted to Chief Inspector and moved to a new division, it should be a turning point for her. But her new boss turns out to be a tyrant, her mother is seriously ill in a foreign country and an old woman has disappeared from a Glasgow care home under suspicious circumstances. Anna's career and personal life are both threatening to implode, and the gang-related murder of a young Asian boy and an assault on one of her officers only serve to
Campbell, Karen	The Twilight Time	16	Anna Cameron is a new Sergeant. On her first day in the new job she discovers she'll be working with her ex. In at the deep end emotionally, she also plunged headlong into the violent underworld of Glasgow's notorious Drag, the haunt of working girls, drug dealers and sad, seedy men
Campbell, Karen	This is where I am	16	So we walked in the freezing night air, my daughter weeping into my neck, and me trying to shelter her inside my own thin coat. Glasgow. A city of colour and contrast. A place where two worlds collide, and are changed forever when the Scottish Refugee Council assigns Deborah Maxwell to act as Somali refugee Abdi's new mentor.

Capella, Anthony	The food of love	16	Laura Patterson is studying art history in Rome. She's decided that from now on she'll only go out with a man who can cook. Tommaso Massi, handsome and silver tongued, tells Laura that he's a chef at one of Italy's best restaurants. In fact, he's just a humble waiter. His best friend, Bruno, who really is a chef – a brilliant one – is called upon to help. But when he also falls for Laura the sparks begin to fly...
Carey, Peter	His Illegal Self	10	Seven Year old Che was abandoned by his radical Harvard student parents during the upheaval of the 1960, and since then has been raised in isolated privilege by his New York grandmother. He yearns to see or hear news of his famous outlaw parents, but his grandmother refuses to tell him anything and
Carey, Peter	True history of the Kelly Gang	14	Told in the form of a journal justifying Ned Kelly to the daughter he would never meet, this is a mesmerising act of historical imagining by one of the most popular novelists at work today.
Cather, Willa	O Pioneers!	16	This powerful early Cather novel, a landmark of American fiction, tells the story of the young Alexandra Bergson, whose dying father leaves her in charge of the family and of the Nebraska lands they have struggled to farm. In Alexandra's lifelong fight to survive and succeed, Cather relates an important chapter in the history of the American frontier.

Chamberlain, Diane	Necessary Lies	16	North Carolina, 1960. Newlywed Jane Forrester, fresh out of university, has sought what most other women have shunned: a career. But life as a social worker is far from what she expected. Out amongst the rural tobacco fields of Grace County, Jane encounters a world of extreme poverty that is far removed from the middle-class life she has grown up with. But worse is still to come.
Chavarria, Daniel	Adios muchachos	11	Alicia is a smart, confident and gorgeous prostitute in Havana. Victor King, her new client, is a Canadian businessman with a striking resemblance to Alec Baldwin. When Victor's boss is killed, Alicia and her lover hatch a get-rich-quick
Clark, Candida	The chase	12	Set on the first day of illegal hunting in England, this is a gripping story of jealousy, revenge, class and marriage.
Clark, Clare	The great stink	12	Through the city sewers walks surveyor and ex-soldier William May, just back from the horrifying brutality of the Crimean front and hiding from his own demons. But when May stumbles across a body in the tunnels, his discovery draws him into a maelstrom of underworld corruption.
Clarke, Lucy	The Sea Sisters	16	Katie is the sister who has it all: a flourishing career and a smart, loving fiance. Mia is the dreamer: no responsibilities, no thought for anyone but herself. Katie is relieved when Mia embarks on an around-the-world trip with her best friend. Then, one devastating night, Katie's is told the news that Mia is dead - and the police say it was suicide. When Mia's things arrive back, Katie clings desperately to Mia's journal as the last remaining part of her sister. She leaves behind her
Cleave, Chris	Gold	16	Kate and Zoe are friends but also ardent rivals - athletes at the top of their game, fighting to compete in the world's greatest sporting contest. Each scarred by tragedy, and each with a great deal to lose, they must choose between family and glory and ask themselves: what will I sacrifice?

Cleave, Chris	The Other Hand	17	This is the story of two women. Their lives collide one fateful day, and one of them has to make a terrible choice. Two years later, they meet again – the story starts there
Cleeves, Ann	The Sleeping and the Dead	16	A diving instructor makes a gruesome discovery in Cranwell Lake - the body of a teenager who has clearly been in the water for many years. As the investigation gets under way, Hannah Morton is about to get the shock of her life.
Close, Ajay	The Daughter of Lady Macbeth	20	For Liliias, all the world's a stage. For her daughter Freya it's a series of false trails thwarting her lifelong search for her father. Kit understands, although he's twenty years younger. He too grew up without a father and, like Freya and her husband Frankie, he's desperate for a child. Within weeks of signing on at a fertility clinic, Freya has a secret just as potent as her mother's more than forty years ago.
Colin, Beatrice	The luminous life of Lilly Aphrodite	17	Decadent, tantalizing Berlin in a Germany torn apart by war at the turn of the twentieth century... The illegitimate, orphaned daughter of a cabaret dancer, Lilly Nelly Aphrodite's early life – and that of her only friend Hanne – is one of reinvention. Transformed from maid to war bride via tingle-tangle nightclub girl, she lands in the heart of the glamorous motion picture world and quickly becomes one of Germany's leading silent film stars. But when she falls in love with a Russian director, she has no idea that the affair will span decades, cross continents and may ultimately cost her everything.
Connell, Rebecca	The Art of Losing	16	Louise is sure that Nicholas was responsible for her mother's death and has set out to find him. Nicholas, now a middle-aged lecturer, husband and father, has never been able to shake off the past or the consequences of his affair with Lydia, Louise's mother. But he and Louise have become close, very close, as she befriends his wife Naomi and goes even further with his son, Adam. What line

Connolly, Tom	The spider truces	15	Against the vividly described background of 1980s rural Kent, this moving portrait of a father-son relationship shifts effortlessly between evoking the terrors and joys of adolescence and the complicated pleasure and pain of becoming an adult.
Corrigan, Kelly	The middle place	12	At 36 Kelly Corrigan had a marriage that worked, two funny active kids and a weekly newspaper column but she still saw herself as the daughter of garrulous charmer George Corrigan. She was living deep within the Middle Place that sliver of time when parenthood and childhood overlap comfortably wedged between her adult duties and her parents care. But she's abruptly shoved into the coming of age when she finds a lump in her breast and gets the diagnosis no
Cotterill, Colin	The coroners lunch	17	The monarchy has been deposed, the Communist Pathet Lao have taken over. Most of the educated class has fled, but Dr Siri Paiboun, a Paris-trained doctor remains. And so this 72-year-old physician is appointed state coroner, despite having no training, equipment, experience or even inclination for the job.
Coupland, Douglas	All families are psychotic	12	Sarah, the star of the latest Nasa shuttle mission, has an elegant mother, an ex-husband and 3 children. But three of them have AIDS, one is a manic-depressive and one was shot in the stomach by his father. No one is looking forward to getting together for Sarah's pre-flight farewell banquet
Courtemanche, Gil	A Sunday at the pool in Kigali	13	This novel is a cathartic denunciation of poverty, ignorance, global apathy and media blindness. It is both a poignant love story and a stirring hymn to humanity.
Crace, Jim	The gift of stones	12	Set in a coastal Stone Age village at the advent of the Bronze Age, conflicting truths are revealed – truths which deal with contemporary issues of work, love, lying and the forces of change.

Craig, Maggie	When the Clyde Ran Red	20	It paints a vivid picture of the heady days when revolution was in the air on Clydeside. The men and women of Glasgow, Clydebank and beyond fought for the right to work, the dignity of labour and a fairer society for everyone. It celebrates the determination, achievements and sheer lust for life of the people of Glasgow, Clydebank and Clydeside.
Crane, Stephen	The red badge of courage and other stories	16	Harry Fleming, a raw Union Army recruit in the American Civil War, is anxious to confirm his patriotism and manhood to earn his "badge of courage". But his dreams of heroism and invulnerability are soon shattered when he flees the Confederate enemy during his baptism of fire and then witnesses the horrible death of a friend. Plunged unwillingly into the nightmare of war, Fleming survives by sheer luck and instinct.
Crumey, Andrew	Sputnik Caledonia	20	Robbie Coyle is an imaginative kid. He wants so badly to become Scotland's first cosmonaut that he tries to teach himself Russian and trains for space exploration in the cupboard under the sink. But the place to which his fantasies later take him is far from the safety of his suburban childhood. In a communist state, in a closed, bleak town, the mysterious Red Star heralds his discovery of
Cusk, Rachel	Arlington Park	16	Arlington Park, a modern-day English suburb, is a place devoted to the profitable ordinariness of life. Set over the course of a single rainy day, this novel moves from one household to another, and through the passing hours conducts a deep examination of its characters' lives.
Darling, Julia	The taxi driver's daughter	11	This novel tells the story of a family from the North East on the verge of collapse, caught between the escape they crave and the imperfect reality that seems to be their lot.
Davidson, Andrew	The Gargoyle	18	After a horrific car accident which leaves him in a burns ward, undergoing the tortures of the damned, the narrator of the story meets Marianne Engel, a wild and compelling sculptress of gargoyles who tells him they were once lovers in medieval Germany. As she tells her tales, he finds himself drawn back to life -

Davies, Martin	The conjuror's bird	15	It seems a long time ago that Fitz and Gabby were together, with his work on extinct species. Gabby reappears in his life wanting his help in tracing the history of 'The Mysterious Bird of Ulieta', a creature once owned by the great 18th century naturalist Joseph Banks.
Davies, Peter Ho	The Welsh girl	20	This novel traces a perilous wartime romance as it explores the bonds of love and duty that hold us to family, country, and ultimately, our fellow man.
Dawson, Jill	Watch me disappear	14	This psychological chiller about desire both innocent and warped tells the story of Tina Humber and a moment of panic about her 10-year-old daughter which triggers the memory of her childhood friend who went missing at the same age
De Bernieres, Louis	A Partisan's Daughter	17	Chris is in his forties, he's bored, lonely trapped in a loveless, sexless marriage. He befriends Roza a young Yugoslavian she starts telling Chris stories of her past but is Roza telling the truth, but does it really matter.
De Botton, Alain	The course of love	16	Meet Rabih and Kirsten : two people destined to cross paths, fall in love and get married. Setting off together on the journey of life, they both believe that all you need is love. Before long they will learn that life has other ideas. This is a romantic novel unlike any other. It's a story about learning to survive a modern relationship and maybe even to enjoy it, above all, it is a celebration of compassion, imagination and sheer hard work needed to keep love going. For the inimitable pen of Alan De'Botton comes a new kind of love story, wise, messy, tender and filled with hope.
Dean, Louise	Becoming strangers	12	Separately, two couples go on their last holidays together. Together they discover what's been keeping them apart.

Dee, Jonathan	A thousand pardons	2	Ben and Helen have reached breaking point and a single act of recklessness for Ben to deal the final blow to their marriage, demolishing everything they built. Helen and her daughter leave for Manhattan where Helen takes a job in PR and discovers she has a gift for spinning crises into second chances, Can she apply this to her personal life.
Delahunt, Meaghan	To the Island	21	Lena's father, Andreas, disappeared before she was born. Now a grown woman with a child of her own, Lena travels from Australia to the Greek island of Naxos, where she finds Andreas - a wary, tormented man living in self-imposed exile, haunted by the events of his youth under Greece's military dictatorship.
Denby, Joolz	Billie Morgan	14	Billie's in her forties, running a little jewellery shop in Bradford, watching over her godson Natty, trying to live a quiet life, trying to forget the past. Because Billie has a lot of past to forget. She was a biker chick, lived a life that hurtled out of control and ended in murder.
Devlin, Denyse	The catalpa tree	17	33 year old Oliver becomes the guardian of his best friend's 14 year old daughter, Jude, after his friend's sudden death. In the seven years that follow, Jude struggles with being alone in the world and Oliver struggles with caring for a beloved child who is becoming a woman.
Dewar, Isla	The consequences of marriage	17	When James McElroy reads Bibi Saunders' advert for a lodger, he pictures a glamorous young landlady with whom he will have a pleasant, bantering relationship. In fact Bibi is a much older woman, once beautiful, now wise, and still full of 'joie de vivre'.
Diffenbaugh, Vanessa	The Language of Flowers	16	The Victorian language of flowers was used to express emotions: honeysuckle for devotion, azaleas for passion, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it has been more useful in communicating feelings like grief, mistrust and solitude.

Dillon, Des	My Epileptic Lurcher	16	The incredible story of Bailey, the dog who walked on the ceiling; and Manny, the guy who got kicked out of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Dillon, Des	The Glasgow Dragon	15	When Christie Devlin goes into business with a triad to take control of the Glasgow drug market, little does he know that the downfall and the destruction of his family is being plotted. As Devlin struggles with his own demons, the real fight is just beginning.
Dolan, Chris	Potter's Field	20	In Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park, the bodies of two youths lie with bullet holes in their heads. Hungover, nicotine-starved and ill-attired, procurator fiscal Maddy Shannon attends the scene, unaware that this grim morning is about to spiral out of control. The corpses have been carefully disfigured, perhaps signs of gangland revenge or, worse, ritual slayings. As the gruesome complexities of the investigation multiply, the fragmented story of Maddy's immigrant ancestors
Donald, Jason	Choke chain	16	Alex is 12, and he lives with his younger brother and his parents in a dirt-poor white neighbourhood in 1980's South Africa. The two boys are trying to grow up while their mother tries to keep them safe. Apart from the usual lessons of childhood, the boys are finding out about deceit, petty crime and casual violence, and the person teaching them is their father. A devious, self-centred, volatile man, Bruce Thorne sees the world as a battleground where the winner is the one who throws the first punch. Ruling the family through fear, it is only when he abandons them for a teenager lover that their problems really begin.

Donnelly, Jennifer	A gathering light	16	When Mattie Gokey is given a bundle of letters to burn she fully intends to execute the wishes of the giver, Grace Brown. When Grace is found drowned the next day in Big Moose Lake, Mattie finds that it is not as easy to burn those letters as she had thought. And, as she reads, a riveting story emerges.
Donoghue, Emma	Room	11	Its Jacks Birthday, he's 5. He lives with his ma in a Room, which has a locked door and a skylight, and measures 11 feet by 11 feet. He loves watching tv, and the cartoon characters he calls friends, but he knows that nothing he sees on screen is truly real – only him ma and the things in the room. Until the day Ma admits that there is a world outside...
Donoghue, Emma	The Sealed Letter	16	Helen Codrington is unhappily married. Emily Fido Faithfull hasn't seen her once-dear friend for years. After bumping into Helen on the streets of Victorian London, Fido Finds herself reluctantly helping her to carry on an affair with a young army officer. The women's friendship quickly unravels amid courtroom accusations of adultery, counter accusations of cruelty and attempted rape, and
Donovan, Anne	Being Emily	16	Things are never dull for the O'Connell family. Squeezed between her quiet older brother and the mischievous line-dancing twins, Fiona finds her escape in the books of Emily Bronte. But tragedy is not confined to Victorian novels, and life for Fiona is about to change forever. Being Emily is a wonderful novel about one young girl trying to find her place in the world amid the turmoil that only your own family can create.
Donovan, Anne	Buddha Da	12	Anne Marie's Da has always been game for a laugh. So when he first takes up meditation at the Buddhist Centre, no one takes him seriously. As he becomes more involved his beliefs start to come into conflict with the needs of his wife.

Donovan, Anne	Gone are the leaves	20	<p>Feilamort can remember very little of his childhood before he became a choir boy in the home of the Laird and his French wife. Feilamort has one of the finest voices in the land. It is a gift he believes will protect him . . .</p> <p>Deidre has lived in the castle all her short life. Apprentice to her mother, she embroiders the robes for one of Scotland's finest families. She can capture, with just a few delicate stitches, the ripeness of a bramble or the glint of bronze on a fallen leaf. But with her mother pushing her to choose between a man she does not love and a closed world of prayer and solitude, Deirdre must decide for herself what her life will become.</p> <p>When the time comes for Feilamort to make an awful decision, his choice catapults himself and Deirdre head-first into adulthood. As the two friends learn more about Feilamort's forgotten childhood, it becomes clear that someone close is intent on keeping it hidden. Full of wonder and intrigue, and told with the grace and charm for which Anne Donovan is so beloved, Gone Are the Leaves is the enchanting story of one boy's lost past and his uncertain future.</p>
Doughty, Louise	Apple Tree Yard	16	<p>Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career, a beautiful home and a good marriage. But when she meets a stranger she is drawn into a passionate affair. Keeping the two halves of her life separate seems easy at first. But she can't control what happens next.</p>

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Douglas, Robert	Night Song of the Last Tram	16	Wonderfully colourful and deeply poignant memoir of growing up in a 'single end' - one room in a Glasgow tenement - during and immediately after the Second World War. Although young Robert Douglas's life was blighted by the cruel if sporadic presence of his father, it was equally blessed by the love of his mother, Janet. While the story of their life together is in some ways very sad, it is also filled with humorous and happy memories. <i>Night Song of the Last Tram</i> is
Doyle, Roddy	The Woman who walked into doors	16	When the time comes for Feilamort to make an awful decision, his choice catapults himself and Deirdre head-first into adulthood. As the two friends learn <u>more about Feilamort's forgotten childhood, it becomes clear that someone</u>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Hounds of the Baskervilles	16	The coroner may have ruled death by natural causes, but Sherlock Holmes knows there's something more sinister behind Sir Charles Baskerville's demise. The question is could he really have fallen victim to the legendary phantom hound, the curse of his ancestors and said to have haunted his family for generations?
Drew, Alan	Gardens of water	16	'Gardens of Water' is a debut novel about a family's struggle following a devastating natural disaster in a town on the outskirts of Istanbul.
Du Maurier, Daphne	My Cousin Rachel	16	Orphaned at an early age, Philip Ashley is raised by his cousin Ambrose. The cosy world the two cousins have constructed is shattered when Ambrose sets off on a trip to Florence. There he falls in love and marries – and there he dies suddenly. In no time at all, the new widow Rachel rirms up in England. Despite being drawn to her, might she have had a hand in Ambrose's death?

Du Maurier, Daphne	Rebecca	17	This famous tale of suspense, mystery and love concerns Maxim de Winter's shy new bride and the house she is to inhabit, but that still reverberates to the haunting presence of his previous wife's influence.
Dufosse, Christophe	School's out	12	When a teacher is found dead, his friend Pierre Hoffman takes over class 4F and finds himself responsible for a group of yet menacing pupils. Assuming their behaviour to be a response to the trauma of their teachers death, Hoffman at first refuses to embrace the hostility felt by other staff members towards the children.
Duggan, Dave	The greening of Larry Mahon	13	Larry Mahon engineers the roads in the rainforests of Borneo that take the trucks to the great trees for an international logging company, watched silently by the nomadic Penan. A Penan boy is killed at a human barricade just before Mahon returns home to Derry. The killing of the boy forces Mahon to face the things he can no longer avoid. The world. His family. Himself.
Dunant, Sarah	Sacred Heart	17	Sixteen year old Serafina is ripped by her family from an illicit love affair and forced into the convent of Santa Caterina which is renowned for its superb music. Serafina's one weapon is her glorious voice, but she refuses to sing.
Dunmore, Helen	The Betrayal	16	Leningrad, 1952 Andrei, a young hospital doctor, and Anna a nursery school teacher are forging a life together in the post-war post-siege wreckage. But their Happiness is precarious, like that of millions of Russians who must avoid the claws of Stalin's merciless Ministry for State Security. So When Andrei is
Dunmore, Helen	The Greatcoat	16	It is winter 1952, and Isabel Carey is struggling to adjust to the realities of married life in Yorkshire. Isolated and lonely, she is also intensely cold. And her husband, a doctor is rarely home. One night she discovers an old RAF greatcoat in the back of a cupboard. She puts it on her bed for warmth and is startled by a knock at her window. Outside is a young man. A pilot and he wants

Dunmore, Helen	The Lie	16	Cornwall, 1920. A young man stands looking out to sea. Behind him the horror of the trenches, and the most intense relationship of his life. Ahead of him the terrible unforeseen consequences of a lie.
Dunmore, Helen	The siege	15	Leningrad, September 1941. Hitler orders German forces to surround the city at the start of the most dangerous, desperate winter in its history. For two pairs of lovers the siege becomes a battle for survival. This is a profoundly moving celebration of love, life and survival.
Edugyan, Esi	Half blood blues	16	1940, In the aftermath of the fall of Paris, Hieronymus Falk, a rising star on the cabaret scene, is arrested in a café and never heard from again. He is twenty years old a German citizen and he is black. Fifty years later Sid Hiero's bandmate and the only witness that day is going back to Berlin, where they first met, Persuaded by his old friend Chip, Sid discovers there's more to the journey when Chip shares a mysterious letter, bringing to the surface secrets buried
Edwards, Kim	The memory keeper's daughter	13	It's 1964 and Dr David Henry finds himself delivering his wife's twins. Relieved, he sees that his son is born healthy, but recognises the signs of Down's Syndrome in his daughter's face. In a split-second decision that will haunt their family forever, he asks the nurse to take his daughter away.
Ellory, Roger Jon	A quiet belief in angels	20	In 1930s Georgia, 12 year-old Joseph Vaughan hears of the brutal murder of a young girl, the first of a series of killings that will take ten lives in the subsequent decade. Compelled by fear and duty, Joseph and his friends establish The Guardians, a group of children determined to protect the people of Augusta Falls.

Enright, Anne	The forgotten waltz	16	If it hadn't been for the child then none of this might have happened. She saw me kissing her father, she saw her father kissing me. The fact that a child got mixed up in it all made us feel that it mattered that there was no going back.
Enright, Anne	The Gathering	20	The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan gather in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother Liam. It wasn't the drink that killed him, it was what happened to him as a boy in his grandmother's house in the winter of 1968. The Gathering is a novel about love and disappointment, about thwarted lust and limitless desire, and how our fate is written in the body, not in the stars.
Enright, Anne	The Green Road	16	Hanna, Dan, Contance and Emmet return to the west coast of Ireland for a final family Christmas in the home their mother is about to sell. As the feast turns to near painful comedy, a last, desperate act from Rosaleen - a woman who doesn't quite know how to love her children - forces them to confront the weight of family ties and the road that brought them home
Evans, Diana	26A	16	Identical twins, Georgia and Bessi Hunter, live in the loft of 26 Waifer Avenue in Neasden. This novel watches the Hunter family as they make their way through the 1980s. Some family members having more success than others.
Evans, Lissa	Their finest hour and a half	17	It's 1940. In a small advertising agency in Soho, Catrin Cole writes snappy lines for Vida Elastic and So-Bee-Fee gravy browning. But the nation is in peril, all skills are transferable and there's a place in the war effort for those who have a knack with words. Catrin is conscripted into the world of propaganda films. As

Extence, Gavin	The Universe versus Alex Woods	16	This is the story of 17-year-old Alex Woods, born to a clairvoyant mother and a phantom father, victim of an improbable childhood accident, who is stopped at Dover customs in possession of 113 grams of marijuana and the ashes of his best friend.
Faber, Michel	Under the skin	13	The novel centres around a female character, Isserly, who seems to be obsessed with picking up male hitch-hikers, as long as they are muscular and fit. As the story unfolds, the reader comes to realise that Isserly's motives are rather unusual.
Falla, Jonathan	The blue poppies	15	It is 1950. In a remote Tibetan village on the border with China, a young outcast falls in love with a Scottish radio worker. The invasion by the Chinese threatens to tear their love apart.
Faulks, Sebastian	Birdsong	17	This is the story of Stephen who arrives in Amiens in 1910. His life goes through a series of traumatic experiences, from the clandestine love affair that tears apart the family with whom he lives, to the unprecedented experience of the war itself.
Faulks, Sebastian	Engleby	17	Mike Engleby says things that others dare not even think. When the novel opens in the 1970's, he is a university student, having survived a 'traditional' school. A man devoid of scruple or self-pity. Engleby provides a witheringly

Faulks, Sebastian	Where my heart used to beat	16	On a small island off the south coast of France, Robert Hendricks - an English doctor who has seen the best and the worst the twentieth century had to offer - is forced to confront the events that made up his life. His host is Alexander Pereira, a man who seems to know more about his guest than Hendricks himself does.
Feldman, Ellen	Scottsboro	16	Alabama, 1931 – A posse stops a freight train and arrests nine black youths. Their crime: fighting with white boys. Then two white girls emerge from another freight car, and within seconds the cry of rape goes up. One of the girls sticks to her story. The other changes her tune, again and again. A young journalist, whose only connection to the incident is her overheated social
Ferguson, Patricia	It so happens	11	A gothic tale of crime, blackmail, redemption and the importance of soft furnishings.
Fergusson, Ben	The Spring of Kasper Meier	32	Berlin.1946. Sea of rubble and a shortage of everything. Everyone scrabbling to survive. Kasper trades on black market to feed himself and elderly father. When a young woman Eva arrives at Kasper's door seeking a British pilot he feels sympathy but won't interfere in military affairs. She knows his secrets and is prepared to use them. As a net of deceit falls around him, he must work out who is behind Eva's demands

Ferris, Joshua	Then we came to the end	42	This novel is about how we spend our days and too many of our nights. It is about being away from friends and family, about sharing a stretch of stained carpet with a group of strangers we call colleagues. It is the story of your life, the story of our times.
Ferris, Joshua	To rise again at a decent hour	16	Paul O'Rourke, 40-year-old slightly curmudgeonly dentist, runs a thriving practice in New York. Yet he is discovering he needs more in his life than a steady income and the perfect mochaccino. But what? As Paul tries to work out the meaning of life, a Facebook page and Twitter account appear in his name. What's at first an outrageous violation of privacy soon becomes something
Fitzgerald, Helen	Viral	20	Leah and her adopted sister Su are almost the same age - but have always been opposites. Leah is wild and often angry, whereas Su is successful and swotty. When they go on a holiday together to Magaluf to celebrate their exam results, it is Leah that their mother worries about - but it's Su who doesn't come home. Su is on the run, humiliated and afraid; there is an online video of her
Fitzgerald, Helen	Dead lovely	16	Krissie & Sarah have been best friends forever. Sarah is married to Kyle & they are trying for a baby. Krissie becomes pregnant after a one night stand on holiday & this upsets Sarah, who is having trouble conceiving. To ease the tension between them all, they go on a walking holiday in Loch Lomond, which has disastrous consequences
Flanagan, Richard	Death of a river guide	13	Beneath a waterfall on the Franklin, Aljaz Cosini, river guide, lies drowning. Beset by visions at once horrible and fabulous, he relives not just his own life but that of his family and forebears, and finds a world where dreaming reasserts its power over thinking.
Fletcher, Susan	Eve Green	15	Following the loss of her mother, eight-year-old Evie is sent to a new life in rural Wales. With a sense of being lied to she sets out to discover her family's dark secret – unaware that there is yet more darkness to come with the sinister disappearance of local girl Rosemary Hughes.

Flynn, Gillian	Gone Girl	16	Nick Dunne's wife Amy suddenly disappears on the morning of their 5th anniversary. The police immediately suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they aren't his. Then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone.
Flynn, Gillian	Sharp Objects	16	When two young girls are abducted and killed in Wind Gap, Missouri, Camille Preaker is sent back to her home town by Chicago's Daily Post to report on the crimes. Long haunted by a childhood tragedy and estranged from her mother, Camille struggles to maintain her hard-won mental stability
Foden, Giles	The last king of Scotland	18	This is the story of a young Scottish doctor drawn into the heart of the Ugandan dictator's surreal and brutal regime. Privy to Amin's thoughts and ambitions, he is both fascinated and appalled. As Uganda plunges into civil chaos he realizes action is imperative – but which way should he jump?
Fowler, Karen Joy	The sweetheart season	17	It is 1947 and in the aftermath of World War II halcyon days have not returned to Magrit, Minnesota, where the veterans have failed to come home. The men haven't died; they've just moved onto greener pastures, rejecting the local women, who served the war effort in the Scientific Kitchen of Margaret Mill.

Fowler, Karen Joy	We are all completely beside ourselves	16	Rosemary doesn't talk very much and about certain things is silent. She had a sister, Fern her whirlwind other half, who vanished from her life in circumstances she wishes to forget. Its been 10 years since she saw her brother Lowell. Now at college Rosemary starts to see that she can't go forward without going back to the time when aged 5 she was sent to her grandparents and returned to find Fern gone.
Foxlee, Karen	The Anatomy of wings	16	In a dusty Queensland town, something terrible has happened. Amongst broken bottles and cigarette butts at the foot of a water tower, a girl with blonde hair lies sleeping. Jennifer Day has lost her sister and her singing voice and doesn't know how to find either of them. To recover her voice Jennifer must retrace her sister's last steps, weeding out childish mementoes from
Frame, Ronald	Havisham	20	Catherine Havisham was born into privilege as the handsome, imperious daughter of a walthy brewer. Sent by her father to stay with the Chadwycks, Catherine discovers literature, music and masquerades - elegant pastimes to remove the taint of new money. When a charismatic stranger pays her attention, everything is put in danger.
Franklin, Miles	My Brilliant Career	16	First published in 1901, this Australian classic tells the story of sixteen year old Sybylla Melvyn. Trapped on her parents' outback farm, she simultaneously loves the bush life and hates the tough physical burden it imposes. She longs for a more refined, aesthetic lifestyle – to read, think, sing but most of all to do great things. Suddenly, whisked away to live on her grandmother's gracious property, she falls under the eye of rich and handsome Harry Beecham, and soon finds herself choosing between everything conventional life offers and her own plans for a 'brilliant career'.

Franzen, Jonathan	The corrections	16	The Lamberts are a troubled family living in a troubled age. Alfred is slowly losing his mind to Parkinson's disease. As his condition worsens, and the Lamberts are forced to face the secrets and failures that haunt them, Enid sets her heart on gathering everyone together for one last family Christmas.
Furniss, Clare	The year of the rat	16	To Pearl, there's nothing sweel about her premature half-sister, Rose. It was Rose that caused her mother's death and Rose that runed her world upside down. To Pearl Rose Is The Rat. Achingly sad this book will make you laugh, cry and hold your loved ones a little bit tighter.
Gale, Patrick	Notes from an exhibition	17	When troubled artist Rachel Kelly dies painting obsessively in her attic studio in Penzance, her saintly husband and adult children have more than the usual mess to clear up. She leaves behind an extraordinary and acclaimed body of work – but she also leaves a legacy of secrets and emotional damage that will take months to unravel.
Gallay, Claudie	The Breakers	16	In the storm swept landscapes of Normandy's Contentin coastline lies a village that might just be at the ends of the earth. A woman has recently arrived in the community to seek healing for some deep sorrow, and spends her days observing a nd cataloguing migratory birds. On the day of a battering storm a stranger appears in the auberge's bar, arousing her curiosity, he stirs up suspicion in the village, looking for answers to apparently unanswerable questions about his family, lost years earlier in an accident at sea.

Galloway, Janice	This is not about me	20	This is the story of a childhood, a world where words and music were joyful secrets and domestic life veered between absurdity and dissolution. With a boozy father, staunch mother and wild, domineering older sister, Galloway grew up big-eyed and silent.
Galloway, Steven	The cellist of Sarajevo	17	Snipers in the hills overlook the shattered streets of Sarajevo. Knowing that the next bullet could strike at any moment, the ordinary men and women below strive to go about their daily lives as best they can. Kenan faces the agonizing dilemma of crossing the city to get water for his family. Dragan, in the grip of fear, does not know who among his friends he can trust. And Arrow, a young women enlisted into the forces defending the city as a counter-sniper, finds herself pushed to her limits – of body and soul, fear and humanity.
Gappah, Petina	An elegy for Easterly	16	A woman in a township in Zimbabwe is surrounded by throngs of dusty children but longs for a baby of her own; an old man finds that his job making coffins at No Matter Funeral Parlour brings unexpected riches; a politician's widow quietly stands by at her husband's funeral watching his colleagues bury an empty
Gardam, Jane	Old Filth	16	Long ago Old Filth was a Raj orphan one of the many young children sent home from the East to be fostered and educated in England. This novel tells his story, from birth to his old age.
Gee, Maggie	The White Family	15	Alfred White, a London park keeper, rules his home with a mixture of ferocity and tenderness that has estranged his three children. But family ties are strong, and when Alfred collapses on duty one day, they rush to be with him. His daughter's partner, Elroy, a black social worker, is brought face to face with Alfred's younger son Dirk, who hates and fears all black people, and the scene is set for violence, forcing Alfred's wife May to chose between justice and kinship.

Gee, Sue	Reading in bed	16	Opening at the Hay Festival, and ending with the prospect of a spring wedding, this novel is a lively story of tangled relationships and the sustaining powers of good books, loyal friends and conversation.
Gemmell, Nikki	Lovesong	14	A woman from a religious community finds herself accused of murdering a man in this heartbreaking and mesmerising story of a young woman's search for love.
Genova, Lisa	Still Alice	20	When Alice finds herself in the rapidly downward spiral of Alzheimer's Disease she is just fifty years old. A university professor, wife, and mother of three, she still has so much more to do – books to write, places to see, grandchildren to meet. But when she can't remember how to make her famous Christmas pudding, when she gets lost in her own back yard, when she fails to recognise her actress daughter after a superb performance, she comes up with a plan
Gibbon, Lewis Grassie	Sunset Song	20	One of the most acclaimed Scottish novels of the twentieth Century, the turmoil that devastated the rural community in Scotland in the years up to and beyond the first world war has powerful impact on the life of the heroine, Chris Guthrie. Grassie Gibbon endows her struggle and enduring strength with a lyrical intensity that echoes through the years distilling the essence of the country and its people.
Gilman, Charlotte Perkins	The Yellow Wall-Paper	20	The colour is hideous enough, and unreliable enough, and infuriating enough, but the pattern is torturing'. Written with barely controlled fury after she was confined to her room for 'nerves' and forbidden to write, Gilman's pioneering feminist horror story scandalized 19th-century readers with its portrayal of a woman who loses her mind because she has literally nothing to do.

Glaister, Lesley	As far as you can go	14	Cassie is at a turning point, she wants a child and a bigger commitment for her boyfriend Graham, so a year away as housekeeper/companions on an Australian farm could be the answer. However the remoteness proves a prison as Cassie and Graham uncover the dark secrets of their employers.
Glaister, Lesley	Chosen	20	When Stella, Dodie's mother, hangs herself, Dodie must leave her baby Jake at home and cross the Atlantic to bring Seth, her brother, back from the mysterious Soul Life Centre. But when she arrives, Seth is always one day away from seeing her. She becomes drawn into the Brothers and Sisters' communal living, meditation, fasting and chanting. Until baby Jake unexpectedly arrives at Soul Life and events take a shocking turn for Dodie.
Gloss, Molly	The Hearts of Horses	16	A young woman shows up on George Bliss's doorstep. She's looking for a job breaking horses, and he hires her. Many of his regular hands are off fighting the war in Europe and beneath her showy rodeo garb, George glimpses a shy but determined girl with a serious knowledge of horses.
Golding, William	Lord of the flies	16	Golding's best-known novel is the story of a group of boys who, after a plane crash, set up a fragile community on a previously uninhabited island. As memories of home recede and the blood from frenzied pig-hunts arouses them, the boys' childish fear turns into something deeper and more primitive.
Goodman, Carol	Arcadia falls	16	When Meg Rosenthal gets an offer to teach folklore at Arcadia College it seems the ideal escape from a life that's fallen apart. She hopes too, that the town of Arcadia Falls will be a place where she and her daughter can find peace and reconciliation. But even though the location proves more beautiful than Meg imagined, it's hardly peaceful. And very soon Meg begins to fear that by coming to Arcadia Falls she's put herself and her daughter in very grave danger.

Graham, Laurie	The unfortunates	7	Poppy Minkel's kinky hair, sticking-out ears and appetite for fun make her mother despair of ever finding her a husband, regardless of the Minkel's Mustard millions that season her daughter's dubious attractions.
Gray, Alex	The Riverman	26	When the dead body of a man is fished out of Glasgow's River Clyde the morning after an office celebration, it looks like a case of accidental death. An anonymous telephone call and a forensic toxicology test, however, give DCI Lorimer reason to think otherwise.
Greer, Andrew Sean	The story of a marriage	16	It is 1953 and in San Francisco Pearlie, a dutiful housewife finds herself caring for both her husband's fragile health and her polio-afflicted son. Then, one Saturday morning someone from her husband's past appears on their doorstep. His arrival throws all certainties by which Pearlie has lived in doubt and she is brought face to face with the desperate measures people are prepared to take to escape the confines of their lives.
Greig, Andrew	Electric Brae	16	This novel deals with passionate love, obsession, loyalty and betrayal. It is about Scotland now and then, whisky and cocaine, rhythm and blues, friends and lovers. Like the Electric Brae itself, it quietly subverts our assumptions.
Greig, Andrew	The return of John Macnab	20	When three friends decide to revive the challenge of the legendary poacher John Macnab (to take a grouse, salmon and deer from three Royal Estates) they plan for everything - except an unstoppable young woman with a past and time on her hands. Bold, sassy, impulsive, with a taste for a good time, Kirsty Fowler very nearly gets the better of everyone.

Gremillon, Helene	The confidant	14	1970's Paris, Camille receives an anonymous letter narrating events from pre-war France. She feels sure it was meant for someone else. Then more letters start to arrive. They tell of the unlikely friendship between village girl Annie and bourgeois Madam M., who encourages the girls passion for art. But when Annie offers to carry a child for her infertile friend, their lives become destructively entwined, with repercussions that are still felt decades later
Grenville, Kate	The Idea of Perfection	16	This book is a funny and touching romance between two people who've given up on love. Set in the eccentric little backwater of Karakarook, New South Wales, pop. 1374, it tells the story of Douglas, a gawky engineer with jug-handle ears, and Harley, a woman altogether too big and too abrupt for comfort. But out of this unpromising conjunction of opposites, something unexpected happens: something even better than perfection.
Grenville, Kate	The secret river	16	Following a childhood marked by poverty and petty crime in the slums of London, William Thornhill is sentenced in 1806 to be transported to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. With his wife and children, he arrives in a harsh land to a life that feels like a death sentence.

Grossman, David	A horse walks into a bar	16	A comedy club in a small Israeli town. An audience has come expecting an evening of amusement. Instead they see a comedian falling apart on stage; an act of disintegration, a man crumbling, as a matter of choice, before their eyes. Dovaleh G, a veteran stand-up comic-charming, erratic, repellent - exposes a wound he has been living with for years: a fateful and gruesome choice he had to make between the two people who were dearest to him. Flaying alive both himself and the people watching him, Dov provokes revulsion and empathy from an audience that doesn't know whether to laugh or cry - and all this is the presence of a former childhood friend who is trying to understand why he has been summoned to this performance
Guterson, David	East of the mountains	15	When Dr Ben Givens left his home in Seattle - heading east with his Winchester and his hunting dogs in tow - he never intended to return. It was to be a journey past snow-covered mountains to a place of canyons, sagelands and orchards, where, on the verges of the Columbia River, he had entered the world and would now take his leave of it. What transpired was not the journey he
Guthrie, Allan	Hard Man	20	Has Pearce finally found his match? The time-served Edinburgh hard man is still recovering from the recent loss of his mother when he's invited by the dysfunctional Baxter family to protect their pregnant 16-year-old daughter from Wallace, her 26-year-old husband. Having found out that the baby's not his, Wallace has sworn vengeance. Pearce declines the job: he's no babysitter. But when Wallace starts taunting Pearce, he goes too far. Before long, Pearce is
Guthrie, Allan	Slammer	20	Young prison officer Nicholas Glass is finding the stresses of the job increasingly hard to handle. Bullied and abused by inmates and colleagues alike, every day's getting longer than the one before. When a group of cons use outside help to threaten his wife and daughter, Glass agrees to help them out with a 'favour'. But, as their threats escalate, and one favour leads to another, Glass grows ever closer to breaking point

Haddon, Mark	The curious incident of the dog in the night-time	18	A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey which will turn his whole world upside down.
Hadley, Tessa	The master bedroom	16	Kate Flynn has always been a clever girl, brought up to believe in herself as something special, in Firenze, a big house by a lake in Cardiff. Now Kate's 43 and has given up her university career in London to come home and look after her mother. When she meets David Roberts, a friend from the old days, she begins to obsess about him.
Hall, Araminta	Everything and nothing	16	On the surface, Ruth and Christian seem like an ordinary working couple with two kids and a home in chaos. As the cracks in their marriage widen, they decide to get their very own super-nanny, Aggie. Quietly efficient she brings calm and order, and the children adore her. But why is Aggie so eager to gain their trust? Is there something sinister about her efforts to create the perfect family? And what is she really doing in their home.

Hall, Catherine	Days of Grace	13	When WWII breaks out, Nora is evacuated to the safety of rural Kent and quickly comes to love her new life with the Rivers family – in particular with their daughter Grace. But as the Spitfires rage ever more fiercely overhead, the brittle surface of the Rivers marriage begins to crack and the girls close friendship suddenly becomes a lot more intense what happens next is a secret that will eat away at Nora for the rest of her life, a secret that she can only begin to tell when there's nothing left to lose
Hall, Catherine	Haweswater	16	In 1936 in a remote dale in the old, northern country of Westmorland, a man from Manchester arrives, spokesman for a vast industrial project to create a new reservoir, the villagers must come to terms with the fact that his corner of Lakeland will be transformed. Jack Liggett, the Waterworks representative, begins a troubled and intense affair with Janet Lightburn from the village. A woman of force and strength of mind, her natural orthodoxy deeply influences
Hamilton, Patrick	Hangover Square	20	London 1939. In the darkly comic Hangover Square the author brilliantly evokes a seedy, fog-bound world of saloon bars, lodging houses and boozing philosophers, immortalizing the slang and conversational tone of a whole generation and capturing the premonitions of doom that pervaded London life in the months before the War.
Hancock, Penny	Tideline	16	On a winter's afternoon, Sonia opens the door of her beautiful Greenwich home to fifteen-year-old Jez, the nephew of a family friend. He's come to borrow some music. Sonia invites him in, pours him a drink and realises she can never let him leave. Haunted by memories of an intense past relationship, Sonia is filled with an overpowering desire to keep Jez hidden and protected from the outside world. It is as though her own life depends on it and outside on the shores of the Thames, long held secrets are coming in on the tide.

Hancock, Sheila	Miss Carter's War	16	Through deep friendships and love lost and found, from the peace marches of the fifties and the flowering of the swinging sixties, to the rise of Thatcher and the battle for gay rights, to the spectre of a new war, Sheila Hancock has created a powerful, panoramic portrait of Britain through the life of one very singular woman
Hannah, Sophie	Little face	13	Alice's baby is two weeks old when she leaves the house without her for the first time, but on her return she finds the front door open and the baby in the crib isn't hers. Before a DNA test can be taken, both Alice and the baby disappear and dark incidents begin to appear in her husband's past.
Harding, Georgina	Painter of Silence	16	Iasi, Romania, the early 1950's, a nameless man is found on the steps of a hospital. Deaf and mute, he is unable to communicate until a young nurse called Safta brings paper and pencils with which he can draw. Slowly, painstakingly, memories appear on the page. The memories are Safta's also. For the man is Augustin, son of the cook at the manor house which was Safta's family home.
Hardy, Thomas	Tess of the D'Urbervilles	32	When Tess Durbeyfield is driven by family poverty to claim kinship with the wealthy D'Urbervilles and seek a portion of their family fortune meeting her cousin Alec proves to be her downfall. A very different man, Angel Clare, seems to offer her love and salvation, but Tess must choose whether to reveal her past or remain silent in the hope of a peaceful future. With its sensitive depiction of
Harlow, Nicky	Amelia and the Virgin	16	Liverpool 1982. Amelia and her eccentric Catholic family are eagerly awaiting the Pope's visit to the city. Increasingly disturbed by visions of a mysterious Goddess, Amelia becomes pregnant and is convinced her baby is the new Messiah. Marguerite, Amelia's mother, ignorant of her daughter's condition takes an extended trip to Ireland to visit the order of nuns she has inherited. Amelia's visions intensify and apparent miracles are performed. A cult develops. The family divided, as believers swell in number and the papal visits nears, it becomes evident that Amelia and her unborn baby are in danger.

Harris, Jane	The observations	16	Scotland, 1863. In an attempt to escape her not-so-innocent past in Glasgow, Bessy Buckley takes a job as a maid in a big house outside Edinburgh working for the beautiful Arabella. Bessy is intrigued by her new employer, but puzzled by her increasingly strange requests.
Harris, Robert	Pompeii	17	Rome's richest citizens relax in their villas around Pompeii and Herculaneum, there are ominous warnings that something is wrong. Wells and springs are falling, and a man has disappeared, the mighty Aqua Augusta has suddenly ceased flow.
Harris, Robert	The Fear Index	16	In the secretive inner circle of the ultra-rich, Alex Hoffmann is a legend. He has developed a method of playing the financial markets that generates billions of pounds. It is a system that thrives on panic and feeds on fear. And then in the early hours of one morning, his life is threatened when a terrifying intruder breaches the elaborate security of his lakeside home. So begins a waking nightmare of violence and paranoia as Alex attempts with increasing desperation to discover who is trying to destroy him before its too late.
Harris, Shelley	Jubilee	16	1977 the year of the Jubilee. A photographer captures a moment for ever: a street party with bunting and union jacks fluttering in the breeze. Right in the centre of the frame, a small Asian boy stares intently into the camera. But <u>harmonious image conceals a very different reality.</u> Amid the party food and the
Harvey, Samantha	The wilderness	16	It's Jake's birthday. He is sitting in a small plane, being flown over the landscape that has been the backdrop to his life. Now he is in his early 60s, and he isn't quite the man he used to be. He has lost his wife, his son is in prison, and he is about to lose his past. Jake has Alzheimer's.

Hawken, Sam	The Dead women of Juarez	16	Since 1993 almost 500 women have been murdered in Ciudad Juarez. Residents believe the true number stands at 5,000. When a new disappearance is reported, Kelly Courter, a washed-up Texan boxer, and Rafael Sevilla, a Mexican detective, are sucked into an underworld of organised crime, believing they can outwit the corruption all around.
Hawkins, Kirstan	Dona Nicanora's Hat shop	16	A sleepy South American town of Valle de la Virgen is almost unknown to the outside world but after a silent stranger rolls in on the back of a pick-up truck nothing is the same again.
Hawley, Noah	The Good Father	16	America is rocked by the shooting of a presidential candidate and the young man arrested for the crime is Danny, the child of Dr Paul Allen's first marriage - news which sends the family down a harrowing path of no return. Even if he is the only man in the world who believes in Danny's innocence, Paul is determined to prove it.

Haynes, Elizabeth	Into the darkest corner	16	Catherine has been enjoying the single life for long enough to know a great catch when she sees one. Gorgeous, charismatic, spontaneous – Lee seems almost too good to be true. And her friends clearly agree, as each in turn falls under his spell. But Lee’s erratic and sometimes controlling behaviour makes Catherine feel increasingly isolated. Driven into the darkest corner of her world, and trusting no one, she plans a meticulous escape. Four years later, and struggling to overcome her demons, Catherine dares to believe she might be safe from harm. Until one phone call changes everything.
Haynes, Natalie	The Amber Fury	16	Alex Morris has lost everything: her relationship, her career and her faith in the future. Moving to Edinburgh to escape her demons, Alex takes a job teaching at a Pupil Referral Unit. It's a place for kids whose behaviour is so extreme that they cannot be taught in a normal classroom. Alex is fragile with grief and way out of her depth. Her fourth-year students are troubled and violent. In desperation to reach them, Alex turns to the stories she knows best. Greek
Healey, Emma	Elizabeth is missing	16	Maud is forgetful. She makes tea and doesn't remember to drink it. She goes to shops and forgets why she is there. Sometimes her home and daughter are unrecognisable. But Maud is sure of one thing - her friend Elizabeth is missing. The note in her pocket tells her so. And no matter who tells her to forget it Maud will get to the bottom of it. Because somewhere in Maud's damaged mind there is an unsolved 70 year old mystery
Heath, Rachel	The finest type of English womanhood	16	It's 1946 and seventeen-year-old Laura Trellick is stagnating in her dilapidated Sussex family home, while her eccentric parents slip further into isolation. A chance encounter with Paul Lovell offers her the opportunity to alter the course of her destiny and to embark on a new life in South Africa. Many miles north,

Heller, Zoe	Notes on a scandal	28	When Sheba arrives Barbara senses that she will be different from the rest of her staff-room colleagues. Sure enough Sheba starts an affair with a pupil and is caught. When all the dust settles and Sheba's life falls apart, Barbara is there for her even if she can't condone her sexual behaviour.
Hemon, Aleksandar	The Lazarus Project	16	On 2nd March 1908, a young Russian Jewish Immigrant Lazarus Averbuch immigrated to Chicago, he tried to deliver a letter to the city's Chief of Police but was shot dead. After the shooting it was claimed he was an anarchist assassin and an agent of foreign operatives who wanted to bring the United States to its knees. A century later two friends become obsessed with the truth about Lazarus and decide to travel to his birthplace. As the stories intertwine a world emerges in which everything and nothing has changed.
Hickey, Christine Dwyer	Tatty	12	With the clarity and honesty of a child, this novel tells the story of her alcoholic family in this portrait of a disintegrating family and the child lost within it.
Hickman, Katie	The Pindar Diamond	16	Venice, 1604. When rumours of a rare and priceless diamond begin to circulate amongst the gamblers and courtesans of the Venetian demi-monde, the Levant Company merchant Paul Pindar becomes convinced that the jewel is linked to the fate of his former love, Celia Lamprey. As his obsession with the mysterious stone grows it becomes clear that there are other, more sinister forces at play.
Hill, Susan	The Small Hand	16	Late one summers' evening, antiquarian bookseller Adam Snow is returning from a client visit when he takes a wrong turn. He stumbles across a derelict Edwardian house and, compelled by curiosity, approaches the door. Standing before the entrance, he feels the unmistakable sensation of a cold hand creeping into his own, as if a child had taken hold of it.

Hill, Susan	The Woman in Black	16	Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor, is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow, the sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House, unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind the sheltered windows. The house stands at the end of a causeway, wreathed in fog and mystery, but it is not until he glimpses a wasted young woman, dressed all in black, at the funeral, that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold, a feeling deepened by the reluctance of the
Hislop, Victoria	The island	18	On the brink of her own life-changing decision, Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village before moving to London.
Hjortsberg, William	Falling angel	13	This novel pits a tough New York private eye, Harry Angel, against the most fearsome adversary the detective ever faced – Louis Cyphre. For Angel a routine missing-persons case turns into a fiendish nightmare of voodoo and black magic, of dizzying peril and violent death.
Hobbs, Peter	The short day dying	16	Charles Wenmouth is a young lay preacher in 1870s Cornwall who finds himself drawn to a local blind girl by the faith she maintains despite her disability, but after one Sabbath spent preaching, he returns to his village to hear devastating news. Will he face the doubt that has long threatened to consume him?
Hoffman, Alice	The ice queen	20	The story begins with a little girl who makes a wish one snowy night and ruins her life. She grows up with a splinter of ice heart until one day, standing by her kitchen window, she is struck by lightning. Instead of killing her, this cataclysmic event sparks off a new beginning. She seeks out Lazarus Jones, a fellow lightning survivor. He is her opposite, a burning man whose breath can boil water and
Hoffman, Alice	Incantation	17	This is a powerful story of secrets and lies, friendship and first love in the midst of hatred and betrayal.

Holmqvist, Ninni	The Unit	16	When Dorrit Wegner turned 50, the government transferred her to a state-of-the-art facility where she can live out her days in comfort. Once an outsider without family, Dorrit finds here the company of kindred spirits & a dignity conferred by 'use' in medical tests. But when she also finds love her peaceful submission is blown apart.
Homes, A M	This book will save your life	18	Richard is a middle-aged divorcee trading stock out of his home in Los Angeles. He had done such a good job getting his life under control that he needs no one, until two incidents conspire to hurl him back into the world.
Hood, Evelyn	Voices from the Sea	18	Eppie a young widow with a child to bring up gets the position as a housekeeper to a wealthy widower and his son Duncan. Duncan pursues his dreams of quarrying the precious local marble which causes a rift between father and son. Duncan returns home with a stranger who has a mysterious past
Hooper, Chloe	Child's Book of True Crime	16	Kate Byrne is having an affair with father of her most gifted pupil. Her lover's wife has just published a true crime story about the brutal slaying of a young adultress. Suspecting the adult account of the Black Swan Point's murder to be wrong Kate imagines her own version, for children, narrated by Australian animals. But has her obsession with the crime aligned her fate with that of the murdered adultress. Kate is a misfit among the parents of the nine year old students. In scenes of escalating eroticism, Lucien's father brings her to life sexually, he does nothing to penetrate her obsession with the past.

Hope, Anna	Wake	16	Remembrance Day 1920. A tragic secret connects 3 women, Hettie whose wounded brother has been struck dumb, Evelyn who still grieves for her lost lover and Ada who has never received an official letter about her son's death and is still believes he will come home. As the mystery unravels, far away, in France, the Unknosw soldier embarks on his journey hoe. The mood of the nation is turning towards the future - but can these women ever let go the past
Hope, Christopher	Shooting Angels	16	Somehow, Joe Angel, the most famous businessman in the country had found Charlie Croker in the back water where he had been hiding all these years, and arrived unannounced to give him an envelope full of money and a simple
Horlock, Mary	The Book of Lies	16	1985 :When fifteen year old Catherine sees her vest friend slip from a wild cliff path, she vows never to say a word. But Catherine was the ;ast person to see her alive.
Hornby, Nick	Juliet, Naked	16	Annie lives in a washed-up English seaside town where her partner of convenience, Duncan, immerses himself in the esoterica of an obscure American singer-songwriter, Tucker Crow. When Tucker releases a demo version of his album, Juliet, Duncan's and Annie's divergent reactions pull them apart.
Hosseini, Khaled	A thousand splendid suns	17	This is a chronicle of Afghan history, and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, and the salvation to be found in love.
Hosseini, Khaled	The kite runner	21	Winter, 1975: Afghanistan, a country on the verge of an internal coup. 12 year old Amir is desperate to win the approval of his father, one of the richest merchants in Kabul. He's failed to do so through academia or brawn but the one area they connect is the annual kite fighting tournament.

Household, Geoffrey	Rogue male	16	Rogue Male is one of the classic thrillers of the 20th century. An Englishman plans to assassinate the dictator of a European country. But he is foiled at the last moment and falls into the hands of ruthless and inventive torturers. They devise for him an ingenious and diplomatic death but, for once, they bungle the job and he escapes. But England provides no safety from his pursuers - and the
Hunt, Samantha	The Invention of Everything Else	16	Louisa is an imaginative and curious chambermaid who, while cleaning rooms at the New Yorker Hotel, stumbles across a man living permanently in room 3327, which he has transformed into a scientific laboratory. Through their shared interest in the pigeons that nest in the hotel, Louisa discovers that the mysterious guest is Nikola Tesla, one of the most brilliant - and most neglected -
Huston, Nancy	Fault lines	17	Story of four generations of a family with a secret written through the narrative voice of each generation as a six year old. The secret turned out to be the 'legal' abduction of the main character by Nazis because of her blond features being a prototype of Arian. Based on a true policy initiative known as the 'Fountain of
Hyde, Catherine Ryan	Love in the present tense	16	Growing up as a child surrounded by violence, Pearl was determined not to let the same fate befall her own son Leonard. But when a man from her past returns, she knows that she must part with Leonard so that he does not follow her down that same dark path.
Iggulden, Conn	The gates of Rome	12	On a small estate just outside Rome in the first century BC, two boys become blood brothers, little imagining the extraordinary future that lies before them. As friends and rivals, Gaius and Marcus are destined to find lasting fame in one of the greatest empires the world has known.
Iles, Francis	Malice aforethought	12	Bickleigh, a hen-pecked country doctor of acrid temperament, leads a pathetic life whilst dreaming of self-assertion. So he decides to murder his wife as a means of escape.

Ironside, Virginia	No! I don't want to join a book club	18	Too young to get whisked away by a Stannah Stairlift, or to enjoy the luxury of a walk-in-bath, Marie, is all the same, getting on in years – and she's thrilled about it. This fictionalised diary is what happens when grumpy old women meet Bridget Jones.
Ishiguro, Kazuo	Never let me go	15	Kathy, Ruth and Tommy were pupils at Hailsham – an idyllic establishment situated deep in the English countryside. The children there were tenderly sheltered from the outside world, brought up to believe they were special, and that their personal welfare was crucial. But for what reason were they really there?
Itani, Frances	Leaning, leaning over water	12	In the years after WWII, Jock moves his family to the banks of the Ottawa River, where he complains about the government, and tries to teach his children about life and poetry. But beneath the unrippled domestic surface bubble the anxieties and hopes of the women in the family.
Jackson, Douglas	Caligula	17	Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, the third Roman Emperor, is better known by another name: Caligula, a name synonymous with decadence, cruelty and madness. His reign was marked by excess, huge building projects, and the largest gladiatorial battles Rome was ever to see.
Jackson, Douglas	Hero of Rome	20	The Roman grip on Britain is weakening, Emperor Nero has turned his face away from this far-flung outpost. Roman cruelty and exploitation has angered their British subjects. Now the Druids are on the rise, stoking the fires of this anger
Jackson, Joshilyn	Gods in Alabama	13	Ten years after leaving her hometown to start college, Lena's high school archenemy turns up, looking for the golden-haired football god who disappeared during their senior year. To make things worse, her African American boyfriend is threatening to leave her unless she introduces him to her family.

Jackson, Shirley	We have always lived in the castle	20	Living in the Blackwood family home with only her sister Constance and her uncle Julian for company, Merricat just wants to preserve their delicate way of life. But ever since Constance was acquitted of murdering the rest of the family, the world isn't leaving the Blackwoods alone. When cousin Charles arrives, armed with overtures of friendship and desperate need to get into the safe, Merricat must do everything in her power to protect her remaining family.
James, M R	Count Magnus and other ghost stories	14	The complete ghost stories of M R James.
James, P D	The children of men	26	The year is 2021. No child has been born for a quarter of a century. The human race faces extinction. Under the despotic rule of Xan Lypplatt, Warden of England, the old are despairing, the young beautiful but cruel.
Janes, Diane	The pull of the moon	15	When Kate Mayfield receives a letter from Mrs Ivanisovic, she realises that the secret she has kept for more than thirty years is not so safe as she imagined. Haunted by the echoes of a vanished summer which changed her life for ever, Kate is forced to confront memories she would rather forget...a dead, white face in a flickering beam, not flinching when the soil hit it. Mrs Ivanisovic is dying and demands to be told the truth, but is Kate's story of love, lies and murder really what Mrs Ivanisovic wants to hear?

Jay, Clare	Breathing in Colour	16	Hours after receiving the phone call that every mother dreads. Alida Salter flies to India to search for her backpacker daughter. The discovery of disturbing collages in Mia's hotel makes Alida suspect a connection between the disaster that fractured their relationship thirteen years ago and Mia's recent mysterious disappearance. Mia's no ordinary girl. Growing up with the sensory condition synaesthesia, where she sees the world in a kaleidoscope of shapes, colours and smells, she has gone through life with the vivid imagination of an artist, but for years hse has shouldered an overwhelming burden of guilt.
Jean, Wendy	Unstolen	12	Bethany Fisher's life has always been overshadowed by her missing brother. Four-year-old Morrie was abducted when Bethany was a baby and no trace of him was ever found. 20 years later, Bethany is a college graduate and has a small son of her own.
Jefferies, Dinah	The Tea Planter's Wife	16	Two newlyweds: practically strangers, deeply in love, and each hiding a secret from the other... Nineteen-year-old Gwendolyn Hooper steps off a steamship in Ceylon eager to begin her new life as a married woman. But the husband who greets her is distant, secretive and brooding. Laurence is forever away working, leaving his young English bride to explore the vast tea plantation alone. Wandering into
Jenkins, Janette	Angel of Brooklyn	16	Jonathan Crane returns home from his travels with a new American bride, former Coney Island showgirl Beatrice. In the remote Lancashire village Beatrice is the focus of attention the men captivated by her beauty, the women initially charmed by tales of her upbringing in Normal, Illinois with her father and amateur taxidermist, and her brother a preacher, although she will take the story of how she became the Angel of Brooklyn to her grave. But when the men head off to fight in the Great War the glamorous newcomer slowly becomes an object of suspicion and jealousy for the women who are left behind and as the years pass, and their resentment grows, Beatrice's secret proves to be her

Jenkins, Robin	The Changeling	16	Thirteen year old Tom Curdie, the product of a Glasgow slum, is on probation for theft. His teachers admit that he is clever, but only one, Charles Forbes, sees an uncanny warmth in his reticence and in his seemingly insolent smile. So he decides to take Tom on holiday with his own family.
Jenkins, Robin	The Pearl-Fishers	16	When the Williamsons, a family of travelling pearl-fishers, arrive in a small Scottish town they provoke the best and worst of human nature in the community - from friendly curiosity to outright rejection. The family's problems look set to increase when the gentle, religious Gavin Hamilton takes the family into his home and falls in love with the beautiful Effie.
Jenoff, Pam	The Winter Guest	16	Twins Helena and Ruth Nowak have always been the closest of sisters. Staunch allies in the constant struggle to protect their impoverished family during the brutal war in Poland, there is nothing that can break their bond. The Helena discovers an Allied paratrooper, wounded but alive - and risking the safety of herself and her family, she chooses to hide Sam, who is a Jew. Now her loyalties are torn, sparking jealousy in Ruth and an act of betrayal that endangers them all and sets in motion events that will reverberate for decades to come.
Jensen, Liz	The Rapture	16	In a merciless summer of biblical heat and destructive winds, Gabrielle Fox's main concern is to rebuild her career as a psychologist after a shattering car accident. But when she is assigned Bethany Krall – violent, delusional and insistent that she can foresee natural disasters – she begins to fear she has made a terrible mistake. When catastrophes begin to occur on the very dates Bethany has predicted, the apocalyptic puzzle intensifies and the stakes multiply.

Jess-Cooke, Carolyn	The Guardian Angel's journal	16	When Margot Delacroix dies at forty, she is sent back to earth as a guardian angel, to herself. Forced by divine mandate to re-experience and record her biggest mistakes and fiercest regrets from the beginning of her life to her untimely death, Margot is told she must not change any of her actions, but simply learn from them.
Jewell, Lisa	The House we grew up in	16	Meet the Bird family so far, all four children have had an idyllic childhood: a cottage in a country village with a warm cosy kitchen filled with love and laughter, and sun-drenched afternoons in its rambling garden. But a tragedy lies in store for the Birds: a tragedy that strikes one Easter weekend, and which is so devastating that, almost imperceptibly, it begins to tear the family apart
Johns, Derek	Wintering	12	This novel captures the fragile moment between innocence and maturity in an entrancing story about growing up – a father's and a son's.
Johnstone, Doug	Gone Again	20	As Mark Douglas photographs a pod of whales stranded in the waters off Edinburgh's Portobello Beach, he takes a call, his wife Lauren hasn't turned up to collect their son from school.... With brilliantly controlled reveals, we learn some of the painful secrets of the couple's past, not least that it isn't the first
Jonasson, Jonas	The Hundred Year Old Man	16	Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, Allan Karlsson is waiting for a party he doesn't want to begin. His one-hundredth birthday party to be precise. The Mayor will be there. The press will be there. But, as it turns out, Allan will not....

Jones, Gail	Sorry	16	In the remote outback of Western Australia. English anthropologist Nicholas Keene and his wife Stella raise a curious child, Perdita. Her childhood is far from ordinary: a shack in the wilderness, a distant father burying himself in books and an unstable mother whose knowledge of Shakespeare forms the backbone of the girls limited education. Perdita develops a friendship with an aboriginal girl, Mary. She appears content with her unusual family life until the day Nicholas
Jones, Lloyd	Mister Pip	18	On a remote South Pacific island, threatened by uprising, Matilda and her classmates find their lives surprisingly intertwined with those of a boy called Pip, and a man named Mr Dickens.
Jones, Sadie	The Outcast	18	One summer's day in 1957, 19 year old Lewis Aldridge stands alone at Waterford station. The only person awaiting his return is a 15 year old girl called Kit Carmichael. Like him, she endured a childhood spent in the stifling atmosphere of an English village recovering from the ravages of the Second World War.
Jones, Stephen Lloyd	The string diaries	6	The rules of survival are handed from mother to daughter: inherited like the curse that stalked Hannah and her family across centuries. He changed his appearance at will speaks with a stolen voice and hides behind the face of a beloved waiting to strike. For generations he has destroyed them. Now it is
Jones, Susanna	The earthquake bird	17	This novel takes its readers into the mindset of the chief suspect for a murder, Lucy Fly – an English girl working in Tokyo as a translator. As she is interrogated by police she reveals her past, which is dangerously ambiguous and compromising.
Jordan, Hillary	Mudbound	16	Henry McAllan moves his city-bred wife, Laura to a cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta in 1946. Laura finds it foreign and frightening, she doesn't share the love of rural life and struggles to raise their two young children in an isolated shotgun shack under the eye of her hateful, racist father-in-law. When it rains the waters rise up and swallow the bridge to town, stranding the family

Jordan, Toni	Addition	17	Grace Lisa Vandenburg counts, the letters in her, how many steps she takes every morning to the local café. Grace counts everything, because that way there are no unpleasant surprises.
Joyce, Rachel	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	17	When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. To save someone else's life.
Kadare, Ismail	The Siege	23	Told partly through the personal narrative of one of the defenders, partly through the eyes of the Ottoman chronicler, this novel is a gripping narrative of a bloody, complex struggle that ends in defeat and desolation for both sides.
Kane, Jessica Frances	The Report	16	It is an early spring evening in 1943 when the air-raid sirens wail out over the East End of London. From every corner of Bethnal Green people emerge from pubs, cinemas and houses and set off for the shelter of the Tube station. At the entrance steps, something goes badly wrong, the crowd panics and 173 people are crushed to death. When an enquiry is called for it falls to the local

Kapur, Manju	The immigrant	16	Nina is a 30-year-old English lecturer in New Delhi. Ananda has recently emigrated to Halifax, Canada. Having spent his 20s building his career, he searches for something to complete his new life. When Ananda's sister proposes an arranged marriage between them, Nina is uncertain: can she build a new life with a husband she barely knows?
Kaufman, Andrew	The Tiny Wife	16	A robber charges into a bank with a loaded gun, but instead of taking any money he steals an item of sentimental value from each person. Once he has made his escape, strange things start to happen to the victims
Kay, Francesca	An Equal Stillness	16	Jennet Mallow had talent and a passion for art. She meets handsome painter David Heaton and they begin a tempestuous affair. But as Jennet's career flourishes her relationship with David suffers with potentially tragic consequences.
Kay, Francesca	The Long Room	16	December, 1981: the nation is transfixed by weekly instalments of Brideshead Revisited, while a cold war is being waged, and another war is just over the horizon. When Stephen Donaldson joins a secretive government institute, he anticipates excitement, status and romance. Instead he gets the tape-recorded conversations of retired communists and ineffectual revolutionaries, until the day a new case is assigned to him: the ultra-secret PHOENIX. Is PHOENIX really working for a foreign power? Stephen hardly cares; it is the voice of the target's wife that mesmerises him....

Keillor, Garrison	Pontoon	16	Evelyn Peterson, the eighty-two year old heroine of Garrison Keillor's long awaited new novel, has requested that after her death her ashes be placed inside a bowling ball and dropped into Lake Wobegon. As her family gathers in preparation for this ceremony, her daughter is faced with the alarming discovery of Evelyn's secret lover, Raoul. Meanwhile, exiled Debbie Detmer returns from her successful Hollywood career in veterinary aromatherapy for a commitment ceremony aboard a pontoon boat. This exuberant novel
Kellerman, Jesse	The Brutal Art	33	In a New York Slum, a tenant has mysteriously disappeared leaving behind a huge collection of sick but brilliant paintings. For art dealer Ethan Muller, this is the discovery of a lifetime. He displays the pictures in his gallery and watches as they rocket up in the value, but suddenly the police want to talk to him. It seems that the missing artist had a deadly past.
Kelman, Stephen	Pigeon English	16	Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister, eleven year old Harrison Opoku lives on the ninth floor of a block of flats on an inner-city housing estate. The second best runner in the whole of Year 7. Harri races through his new life in his personalised trainers the adidas stripes drawn on with marker pen blissfully unaware of the very real threat all around him. When a boy is knifed to death on the high street and a police appeal for witnesses draws only silence, Harri decides to start a murder investigation endangers the fragile web his mother has spun around her family to try to keep them safe
Kemp, Jonathan	Ghosting	16	When 65-year-old Grace Wellbeck sees what she thinks is the ghost of her first husband, she fears for her sanity and begins to worry she's having another breakdown. The young man, Luke, turns out to be very real and as Grace gets to know him and his artist friends she becomes increasingly estranged from her second husband and the life they've built together

Kendal, Claire	The book of you	16	Clarissa is becoming more and more frightened of her colleague, Rafe. He won't leave her alone, and he refuses to take no for an answer. He is always there. Being selected for jury service is a relief. The courtroom is a safe haven, a place where Rafe can't be. But as a violent tale of kidnap and abuse unfolds, Clarissa begins to see parallels between her own situation and that of the young woman
Keneally, Thomas	The widow and her hero	16	It is some compensation for Grace Waterhouse that her young husband Leo, executed by the Japanese a month before the end of the Second World War, died bravely for a just cause. But in the subsequent decades of peace, the true story of his last, daring mission solely emerges. For Grace, each revelation feels like a fresh wound, unable to forgive those responsible, she is forced to reassess Leo's self sacrifice and to question the heroic impulse that drove him to it.
Kennedy, A.L	Day	18	Alfred Day wanted his war. In its turmoil he found his proper purpose as the tail-gunner in a Lancaster bomber; he found the wild, dark fellowship of his crew, and most extraordinary of all – he found Joyce, a woman to love. But that's all gone – the war took it away. Maybe it took him, too. Now in 1949 employed as
Kennedy, Douglas	The pursuit of happiness	15	Set amidst the dynamic optimism of postwar New York and the subsequent nightmare of the McCarthy witch-hunts, this novel is a tragic love story; a tale of divided loyalties, decisive moral choices and the random workings of destiny.
Kent, Kathleen	The Heretic's Daughter	16	The fearful villagers of Andover, near Salem, have already been infected with smallpox and now another, equally devastating plague is ready to strike: that of malicious gossip, as poisonous as any disease. As tales of magic are spun by a group of hysterical young girls, Martha, a gifted herbalist, soon finds herself accused of witchcraft. Neither Sarah, her daughter, nor her brothers are
Kesey, Ken	One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest	16	This is the classic story of Randle Patick McMurphy, a criminal who feigns insanity and is admitted to a mental hospital where he challenges the autocratic authority of the head nurse.

Kidd, Sue Monk	The secret life of bees	14	Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four years old. Now 14, she yearns for forgiveness and a mother's love. When her only friend, a black servant, is beaten, the two become fugitives from justice, and end up following a trail left by Lily's mother.
King, Stephen	Joyland	16	Set in a small-town North Carolina amusement park in 1973, 'Joyland' tells the story of the summer in which college student Devin Jones comes to work as a carnny and confronts the legacy of a vicious murder, the fate of a dying child, and the ways both will change his life forever.
Klaussmann, Liza	Tigers in Red Weather	16	Nick and her cousin Helena have grown up together, sharing long hot summers at Tiger House. With husbands and children of their own, they keep returning. But against a background of parties, cocktails, moonlight and jazz, how long can perfection last? There is always the summer that changes everything.
Knight, Alanna	The Seal King Murders	16	1861. Constable Faro is heading home to Orkney, pursuing a private investigation in to the mysterious drowning of an ex-colleague's relative, champion swimmer Dave Claydon. Was this an accident or does Claydon's death have a sinister connection with missing artefacts recovered from the Armada galleon sunk off Spanish Cove? His holiday and his secret mission turn into a nightmare with himself as the prime suspect in a girl's disappearance he
Kostova, Elizabeth	The historian	16	Based on the legend of Vlad the Impaler, this is the story of a young girl who discovers an ancient and disturbing book in her father's library, one which will lead to terrible loss and tragedy, as well as uncovering Dracula's resting place.

Krauss, Nicole	The history of love	18	A young girl, hoping to find a cure for her mother's loneliness, stumbles across a book that changed her mother's life and she goes in search of the author. Soon these and other worlds collide. This is a captivating story of the power of love, of loneliness and of survival.
Lalami, Laila	Secret son	16	Casablanca's stinking alleys are the only home that 19 year-old Youssef El-Mekki has ever known. Raised by his mother in a one-room home, the filmstars flickering on the local cinemas screen offer the only glimmer of hope to his frustrated dreams of escape. Until, that is, the father he thought dead turns out to be very much alive.
Lanchester, John	Fragrant Harbour	20	Four people whose intertwined lives span Asia's last seventy years. Tom Stewart leaves England to seek his fortune, and finds it in running Hong Kong's best hotel. Sister Maria is a beautiful and uncompromising Chinese nun whom Stewart meets on the boat. Dawn Stone is an English journalist who becomes the public face of money and power and big business. Matthew Ho is a young Chinese entrepreneur whose life has been shaped by painful choices made long
Landay, William	Defending Jacob	16	When a boy is discovered dead in the woods, a wave of shock ripples through the community of Newton, outside of Boston. Assistant DA Andy Barber is used to dealing with murder, but when evidence emerges that ties his son Jacob to the crime, Andy faces a very different challenge: preventing his son from being convicted of murder.
Lansens, Lori	The girls	17	Rose and Ruby Darlen were born joined at the head in a rural farming community in 1974. Abandoned by their frightened teenage mother, they are adopted by the eccentric nurse who attended their birth, and her husband, a gentle immigrant butcher
Larsson, Stieg	The girl with the dragon tattoo	20	Henrik Vanger is tormented by the loss of a child decades earlier and is convinced that a member of his family has committed murder. Mikael Blomkvist delves deep into the Vanagers' past to uncover the truth behind the unsolved mystery. But someone else wants the past to remain a secret and will go to any lengths to keep it that way.

Lawrence, D.H	Lady Chatterley's lover	16	This edition celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first UK publication of D.H Lawrence's unexpurgated novel in 1960 – and the most talked-about obscenity trial of the twentieth century. It includes afterwords by Geoffrey Robertson QC about the legal case that changed Britain, and Steve Hare covering the story behind the decision to publish, as well as a detailed timeline and never-before published letters and documents relating to the trial.
Lawson, Mary	Crow Lake	13	In this universal drama of family love and misunderstandings, of resentments harboured and driven underground, Lawson ratchets up the tension, playing out her story with heartbreaking humour.
Le Carre, John	The spy who came in from the cold	16	A veteran spy wants to “come in from the cold” to retirement. He undertakes one last assignment in which he pretends defection and provides the enemy with sufficient evidence to label their leader a double agent.
Lehane, Dennis	Mystic River	20	When they were children, Sean Devine, Jimmy Marcus and Dave Boyle were friends. But then a strange car pulled up their street. One boy got in the car, two did not, and something terrible happened - something that ended their friendship and changed all three boys forever.
Lelic, Simon	Rupture	16	In the depths of a sweltering summer, mild-mannered teacher Samuel Szajkowski walked into his school assembly and opened fire. He killed three pupils and a colleague before turning the gun on himself. Young policewoman Lucia May pieces together the testimonies, revealing an ugly and complex side
Lelic, Simon	The Facility	16	Henry Graves has dedicated his life to the prison service, but he is unprepared for the challenge his new and secret assignment brings. Tasked with managing a government facility hidden deep in the countryside, Henry finds himself tested as never before by the confused and frightened prisoners, by the sinister Dr Silk and above all by his conscience. Tom Clarke, a journalist, has his own

Lelord, Francois	Hector and the search for happiness	16	Hector is a successful young psychiatrist. Hes very good at treating patients in real need of help, but many people he sees are just deeply dissatisfied with their lives. Hector cant do much for them, and its beginning to depress him. A patient tells him he looks in need of a holiday, so Hector decides to set off round the world to find out what makes people everywhere happy (and sad)
Leon, Donna	Friends in high places	16	Commissario Brunetti is visited by a young bureaucrat. He is investigating the lack of official approval for the building of the apartment. But then the bureaucrat is found dead.
Lessing, Doris	The fifth child	20	Four children, a beautiful old house, the love of relatives & friends, Harriet & David's life is a glorious hymn to domestic bliss & old-fashioned family values. But when their fifth child is born, a sickly shadow is cast over this tender idyll
Lester, Jem	Shtum	16	Ten-year-old Jonah lives in a world of his own. He likes colours and feathers and the feel of fresh air on his skin. He dislikes sudden loud noises and any change to his daily routine. Jonah has never spoken, yet somehow he communicates better than all of the adults in his life.
Levien, David	City of the Sun	17	12 year old Jamie Gabriel gets on his bike before dawn to deliver newspapers in his suburban neighbourhood. Somewhere en route he vanishes without a trace. 14 months later, still with no sign of Jamie and having lost all faith in the police,

Levy, Andrea	Small island	15	Returning to England after the war Gilbert Joseph is treated very differently now that he is no longer in an RAF uniform. Joined by his wife Hortense, he rekindles a friendship with Queenie who takes in Jamaican lodgers. Can their dreams of a better life in England overcome the prejudice they face?
Lewycka, Marina	A short history of tractors in Ukrainian	17	For years, Nadezhda and Vera have had as little as possible to do with each other. But now they find they'd better learn how to get along, because since their mother's death their ageing father has been sliding into his second childhood, and an alarming new woman has just entered his life.
Li, Yiyun	A thousand years of good prayers	12	In this prize-winning collection of short stories, Yiyun Li brings us a modern China facing up to a complex history of repression and guilt.
Lindsay, Joan	Picnic at Hanging Rock	20	It was a cloudless summer day in the year 1900. Everyone at Appleyard College for young ladies agreed it was just right for a picnic at Hanging Rock. After lunch a group of three girls climbed into the blaze of the afternoon sun. Further, higher, until at last they disappeared. The never returned
Lodge, David	Deaf Sentence	16	Desmond Bates is going deaf. Not suddenly, but gradually and for him and everyone nearby confusingly. It's a bother for his wife, who is too busy to be endlessly repeating herself. And then there's Alex. Alex is the student Desmond agrees to help after a typical misunderstanding. But her increasingly bizarre and disconcerting requests cannot, unfortunately, be blamed on defective hearing.
Logan, Kirsty	The Gracekeepers	20	The sea has flooded the earth. North lives on a circus boat, floating between the scattered islands that remain. She dances with her beloved bear, while the rest of the crew trade dazzling and death-defying feats for food from the islanders. However, North has a secret that could capsize her life with the circus. Callanish lives alone in her house in the middle of the ocean, with only the birds and the fish for company. As penance for a terrible mistake, she works as a gracekeeper, tending the graves of those who die at sea. What drove her from home is also

Low, Robert	The whale road	10	This novel charts the adventures of the Oathsworn, a band of Vikings on the chase for the secret hoard of Attila the Hun.
Low, Robert	The Wolf Sea	23	The epic and action-packed sequel to 'The Whale Road' charts the adventures of Orm and his band of Viking brothers, the Oathsworn. Committed only to each other, feared by many, the Oathsworn set sail in search of vengeance and glory.
Low, Shari	Friday night with the girls	20	Lou Cairney's life has never been dull, but through twenty years of ups, downs and really bad hairstyles Lou has had the best friends a woman could hope for in Lizzy and Ginger. Growing up together they shared their dreams and their disasters, broken hearts and career crashes, and they survived it all thanks to love, hope and a large dollop of humour and cocktails, lost of cocktails
Lupton, Rosamund	Sister	16	When Beatrice gets a frantic call in the middle of Sunday lunch to say that her younger sister Tess is missing, she boards the first flight home to London. But as she leans about the circumstances surrounding Tess's disappearance, she is stunned to discover how little she actually knows of her sister's life and <u>unprepared for the terrifying truths she must now face</u>
MacLeod, Anne	The dark ship	11	This saga spans three generations on the Isle of Lewis and has at its heart the story of the sinking of the Lolair in 1919. The ship was bringing troops back from WWI and sank on its entry to Stornoway Harbour, with most on board perishing.

Macleod, Ken	The Restoration Game	21	In that tiny, troubled region of the former Soviet Union, revolution is brewing. Its organisers need a safe place to meet, and where better than the virtual spaces of an online game? Lucy, has a project that almost seems made for the job. Its original inspiration came from an epic tale based on Krassnian folklore, concocted by Lucy's mother, who studied there in the 1980's. As Lucy digs up details about her birthplace to slot into the game, she finds her interest in the
MacNeil, Kevin	The Stornoway way	12	This novel chronicles the misadventure of an idiosyncratic young Scotsman cartwheeling further and further into a Hebridean hell, railing against the constraints of his extraordinary but vanishing island culture as well as Western civilisation in general.
Madden, Deidre	Molly Fox's birthday	16	While absent in New York, the celebrated actor Molly Fox has loaned her house to a playwright friend, who is struggling to write a new work. Over the course of this, the longest day of the year, the playwright reflects upon her own life, Molly's, and that of their mutual friend Andrew.
Magnusson, Sally	Where memories go	16	Sally Magnusson cared with her two sisters for her mother, Mamie, during her long struggle with dementia, until her death in 2012. This moving and honest account of losing a loved one day by day to an insidious disease is both deeply personal and a challenging call to arms.

Mandel, Emily St. John	Station Eleven	16	One snowy night in Toronto famous actor Arthur Leander dies on stage whilst performing the role of a lifetime. That same evening a deadly virus touches down in North America. The world will never be same again. Twenty years later Kirsten, an actress in the Travelling Symphony, performs Shakespeare in the settlements that have grown up since the collapse. But then her newly hopeful world is threatened. If civilization was lost, what would you preserve? And how
Mansell, Jill	Nadia knows best	11	Twenty-something Nadia is happily involved with long-term boyfriend Laurie when she is rescued from her broken-down car by Jay and ends up spending the night with him – entirely platonically, not that she isn't tempted. When she
Mantel, Hilary	Every day is Mother's day	16	Hilary Mantel's superb story of suburban mayhem and revenge is sharp, merciless and unerringly hilarious. Barricaded inside their house filled with festering rubbish, unhealthy smells and their secrets, the Axon family baffle Isabel Field, the latest in a long line of social workers. Isabel has other problems too: a randy, untrustworthy father and a slackly romantic lover, Colin Sidney, history teacher to unresponsive jobs and father of a parcel of horrible children. With all this to worry about, how can Isabel begin to understand what is going on in the Axon household?
Mark, David	Dark Winter	16	An elderly man - the only survivor of a fishing trawler tragedy - is found murdered at sea. A young girl - the last surviving member of a family slaughtered in Sierra Leone - is hacked to death with a machete. Someone is killing sole survivors in the manner they had escaped death. Detective Sergeant Aector McAvoy of Humberside CID investigates.
Marney, Laura	No wonder I take a drink	13	Following a night of whisky-fuelled high jinks and a dramatic discovery, Trisha's future is changed forever.

Marwood, Alex	The Wicked Girls	16	Journalist Kirsty Lindsay is reporting on a series of sickening attacks on young female tourists in a run-down sea-side town. With a serial killer on the loose, Kirsty is determined to be first with the latest scoop and her investigation leads her to funfair cleaner Amber Gordon.
Mason, David	The piano tuner	11	It is 1886 and piano tuner Edgar Drake receives a strange request from the War Office – he must leave his wife, and his life in London, to travel to Burma to tune a rare Erard grand piano. The piano belongs to Surgeon-Major Anthony
Maupassant, Guy De	A Parisian affair and other stories	16	Set in the nouveau riche Paris of society women, prostitutes and playboys, in the Normandy, countryside and on the French Riviera where Maupassant lived, the thirty-three contes in this new selection are among the most darkly humorous and brilliant short stories in French Literature. They focus on the complexity of close relationships between lovers, as in the poignant fantasy
Mawer, Simon	The Girl who fell from the Sky	16	Marian Sutro is an outsider: the daughter of a diplomat, brought up on the shores of Lake Geneva and in England. But when she is recruited from her desk job by SOE to go undercover in wartime France, it seems her hybrid status will be of service to a greater, more dangerous cause.
May, Peter	The Blackhouse	16	The Blackhouse' is a murder mystery that explores the darkness in our souls, and just how difficult it is to escape the savagery of the past.
McCall Smith, Alexander	The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency	17	The Agency is one woman, Precious Ramotswe, working out of a breezeblock office in Botswana. A cross between Kinsey Millhone and Miss Marple, Precious makes an unlikely heroine as she embarks on a very African mystery.

McCaughrean, Geraldine	Not the end of the world	12	Everyone knows the story of the Flood, the men God chose to survive, the animals that went in two by two. But what about the others that sailed on the Ark, the women and children? This adventure story asks what it was really like when the heavens opened and the world drowned.
McCleen, Grace	The Land of Decoration	16	10-year-old Judith McPherson's world is regimented by her father's faith. Her mother was fun and liked making things, but she has gone, so Judith consoles herself with 'The Land of Decoration' - an intricate model of The Promised Land which she has built in her bedroom. Through the model, Judith realises she can perform miracles.
McCreight, Kimberly	Reconstructing Amelia	15	Kate is interrupted by a call to say that her daughter Amelia has been suspended from prep school. As she arrives to take her home she is greeted by sirens wailing and ambulance lights blazing. Her daughter has jumped off the roof. And so begins an investigation which takes her deep into Amelia's private
McDermid, Val	A darker domain	20	Twenty-five years ago, the daughter of the richest man in Scotland and her baby son were kidnapped and held to ransom. But Catriona Grant ended up dead and little Adam's fate has remained a mystery ever since. When a new clue is discovered in a deserted Tuscan villa along with grisly evidence of a recent murder- cold case expert DI Karen Price is assigned to follow the trail. She is
McEwan, Ian	Amsterdam	16	In the days that follow the funeral Clive & Vernon will make a pact that will have consequences neither has foreseen. Each will make a terrible moral decision, their friendship will be tested to its limits & Julian will be fighting for his political life.

McEwan, Ian	Atonement	17	This novel is enthralling in its depiction of childhood, love and war, class and England, at its centre is a profound and profoundly moving exploration of shame and forgiveness.
McEwan, Ian	On Chesil beach	17	It is July 1962. Edward and Florence, young innocents married that morning, arrive at a hotel on the Dorset coast. At dinner in their rooms they struggle to suppress their private fears of the wedding night to come...
McEwan, Ian	Saturday	7	This novel is set within a single day in February 2003. Henry Perowne is a contented man, but what troubles him is the state of the world. Following a minor car accident, Perowne is brought into contact with a small-time thug called Miller. This meeting has savage consequences.
McGrath, Patrick	Trauma	16	As a psychiatrist, Charlie Weir has seen every kind of trauma new York has to offer. Yet he has never managed to overcome the tragic mistake, seven years earlier, that lost him his wife and his daughter, leaving him prone to corrosive loneliness and restless anger. Then in walks Nora Chiara, with her air of sadness and mystery. But he is increasingly haunted by terrifying memories from childhood and as he retreats further and further into recesses of his mind the

McGuire, Ian	The North Water	16	A ship set sail with a killer on board... 1859. A man joins a whaling ship bound for the Arctic Circle. Having left the British Army with his reputation in tatters, Patrick Sumner has little option but to accept the position of ship's surgeon on this ill-fated voyage. But when, deep into the journey, a boy is discovered brutally killed, Sumner finds himself forced to act. He soon learns he faces an evil even greater than he had encountered at the siege of Delhi, in the shape of Henry Drax: harpeener, murderer, monster...
McHaffie, Hazel	Over my dead body	20	This novel explores the ethical issues around organ donation and transplantation. When young widow Elvira Kennedy and her daughter are fatally injured in a car crash, a stranger appears at Elvira's bedside in Intensive Care, claiming to be her new boyfriend. He insists that she wanted to donate her organs. Her mother, Carole, is shocked by this revelation. How can she agree to
McIlvanney, Liam	All the colours of the town	16	When Glasgow journalist Gerry Conway receives a phone call promising unsavoury information about Scottish Justice Minister Peter Lyons, his instinct is that this apparent scoop won't warrant space in The Tribune. But as Conway's curiosity grows and his leads proliferate, his investigation takes him from Scotland to Belfast.

McInerney, Jay	The good life	12	This novel tells a story of lives transformed by the events of 9/11 – of loves that develop, of lives battered by loss and betrayal, memory and regret, fresh disappointment and shocks – of people who are determined to discover, before it's too late, what the good life truly is.
McKay, Shirley	Hue&cry	16	1579, St Andrews. A 13 year-old boy meets his death on the streets of the university city of St Andrews and suspicion falls upon one of the regents at the university, Nicholas Colp. Hew Cullan, a young lawyer recently returned home from Paris, investigates.
McKay, Shirley	Time & Tide	20	A violent storm wrecks a ship nearby and the only man aboard dies without revealing how he came to be there alone or where the ship was headed. But neither he nor the wreck, are really of interest to the townsfolk of St Andrews. Lashed to the deck of the ship is a windmill, a much-needed innovation for the town but one which soon brings devastation as petty squabbling over its ownership breaks out. Tasked with tracing the ship to its source, reluctant
McKenzie, Sophie	Close my eyes	16	It's been eight years since Gen Loxley lost her daughter, Beth: eight years of grief in which nothing's really moved forward, for all that her husband, Art, wills it to. Gen, once a writer of novels, has settled in to a life of half-hearted teaching, while Art makes his name and their fortune - and pressures her into trying IVF once again. For Gen, it seems a cruel act of replacement: life without
McLean, Russel D	The Lost Sister	20	A teenage girl is missing in Scotland's fourth city. Her godfather is a known criminal and her mother is hiding a dark secret. For private investigator J McNee, what starts as a favour for a friend soon becomes a nightmare as he races to find Mary Furst before it's too late.

McMahon, Katharine	The rose of Sebastopol	19	In 1855, Rosa Barr, a young Englishwoman, travels to the Crimea determined to work as a nurse. She never returns. Three people have been intimately connected with her: her cousin, a soldier and adventurer; a doctor, traumatised by the war and harbouring a secret passion; and her cousin Mariella, who is left to discover the truth.
McPartlin, Anna	The Last Days of Rabbit Hayes	16	Rabbit Hayes loves her life, ordinary as it is, and the extraordinary people in it. She loves her spirit daughter, Juliet; her colourful, unruly family; the only man in her big heart, Johnny Fayre. But it turns out the world has other plans for Rabbit, and she's OK with that.
McVeigh, Jennifer	The Fever Tree	16	Frances Irvine, destitute in the wake of her father's sudden death, is forced to abandon her life of wealth and privilege in London and emigrate to the Cape. In this remote and inhospitable land she becomes entangled with two very different men. One driven by ambition, the other by his ideals.
Meloy, Maile	Liars and saints	16	Epic in its sweep, intimate in its insight and understanding, 'Liars and Saints' follows the Santerres through half a century. Each must find their own place not only within the family but also in an ever-changing world.
Mendelson, Charlotte	When we were bad	17	Claudia Rubin is in her heyday. Wife, mother, rabbi and sometime moral voice of the nation, everyone wants to be with her at her older son's glorious February wedding. Until Leo becomes a bolter and the heyday of the Rubin family begins to unravel....
Miller, A.D	Snow Drops	16	Snowdrops. That's what the Russians call the bodies that float up into the light in the thaw. Drunks, most of them and homeless people who just give up and lie down to the whiteness, and like murder victims hidden in the drifts by their killer. Nick has a confession. When he worked as a high flying British lawyer in

Mills, Jeremy	Outsiders	16	Be careful who you trust...the world has changed. The Earth's population has been decimated by a virus and a new terror is now threatening to take over. David Carder has lived all his life in quarantine but is sent to the Earth to assess whether it is safe enough for all his community to move in. Carder soon finds trouble and he makes a promise to a dying old man to find his daughter and warn her that her peaceful existence is about to be shattered. Carder soon the daughter but is unable to stop her father's warning from coming true...
Mills, Magnus	The restraint of beasts	15	Written by a London bus driver, this novel is a queasy, spooky, murderously funny tale – with no adverbs. Tam and Richie are dour Scots labourers who, when sent to a farm site by their boss, despatch one client after another.
Mills, Mark	The savage garden	21	Set in Italy in 1958, this novel is the story of two unsolved murders – one committed in the late Renaissance, the other in 1944, during the dying days of the German army's occupation.
Mina, Denise	The field of blood	20	In Glasgow, a toddler goes missing, snatched from the front garden of his home. But while the city braces itself for the discovery of a lone sexual predator, the police are led to the doors of two young boys. Paddy Meechan has just started work on the Scottish daily News where she dreams of becoming an investigative journalist. Although everyone at the paper believes the boys acted on their own, she believes there may be more to it than this and begins to ask awkward questions. Shunned by those closest to her, Paddy finds herself dangerously

Moggach, Deborah	In the Dark	17	<p>Pretty young Eithne clay runs a ramshackle South London boarding house with the help of her teenage son, Ralph and maid Winnie. Struggling to keep herself, lodgers and son going as every day life vanishes in the face of war, Eithne's world is transformed by the arrival of Mr Turk, the virile, carnal, carnivorous local butcher who falls passionately in love with her. As the house bursts to life</p>
Monaghan, Alan	The soldier's song	16	<p>Among the Irishmen who volunteer to fight for the British Army is Stephen Ryan, a gifted young maths scholar. Sent to fight in Turkey the notions of war are soon shattered and he is unaware of the scale of the growing unrest back home in Ireland. When he returns home he finds Dublin in the grip of rebellion and his own brother fighting against the Government everything has changed</p>
Moore, Alison	The Lighthouse	16	<p>On the outer deck of a North Sea ferry stands Futh, a middle-aged and newly separated man, on his way to Germany for a restorative walking holiday. After an explicably hostile encounter with a hotel landlord, Futh sets out along the Rhine. As he contemplates an earlier trip to Germany and the things he has done in his life, he does not foresee the potentially devastating consequences of things not done</p>

Moore, Tim	Frost on my moustache	12	The author decided to visit Iceland when he became obsessed with the country after reading the Victorian explorer Lord Dufferin's letters. Moore follows in his footsteps but ends up sympathising more with Dufferin's valet.
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	14	Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life on the frontline during WWI, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.
Morrison, Ewan	Close your eyes	16	In 1981, a mother abandoned her child and drove into the night, never to return. Her disappearance was reported in the press as a fatal road accident but her body was never found. Thirty years later, Rowan has a child of her own. Afflicted by post-natal depression, she is convinced that she'll hurt her daughter unless she unpicks the mystery of her past, buried deep within a commune in the remote highlands of Scotland. Leaving her young family and life in London she returns to her childhood home to find a failed utopia shrouded in secrecy and there, with a looming cult leader among the rites and rituals, the
Morrison, Nancy Brysson	The Gowk Storm	20	A 'Gowk storm' is an untimely fall of snow in early Spring - a fitting symbol for the anguished story that unfolds. Nearly a hundred years ago, three girls were born to a minister and his wife in a remote Highland manse; the rigid patriarchal structure of the times is set against their approaching womanhood and growing awareness of life beyond the safety of home. After the disposal by marriage of the eldest, the sisters' lives reach a new level of intensity. Emmy

Morton, Kate	The Forgotten Garden	18	On the eve of the First World War, a little girl is found alone after a gruelling ocean voyage from England to Australia. All she can remember is that a woman she calls the Authoress had promised to look after her. But the Authoress has vanished. So starts the haunting second novel from the author of 'The House at Riverton'.
Morton, Kate	The House at Riverton	16	1924 – On the eve of a glittering society party a young poet takes his life. The only witnesses, sisters Hannah and Emmeline Hartford, will never speak to each other again. 1999 – Grace Bradley, 98, one time housemaid at Riverton Manor, is visited by a young director making a film about the poet's suicide. Ghosts awaken and old memories begin to sneak back through the cracks. A shocking
Mosse, Kate	Labyrinth	18	'Labyrinth' spans eight centuries to unite the destinies of two women - a modern-day archaeologist who uncovers a tomb in southern France with strange inscriptions on the walls and a pervading atmosphere of evil, and a 13th-century herbalist and healer entrusted with a book that contains great secrets.
Mosse, Kate	The winter ghosts	16	It's 1928. Freddie Watson is still grieving for his brother, lost in the Great War. Driving through the foothills of the French Pyrenees, his car spins off the road in a snowstorm. Freddie takes refuge in an isolated village and there meets a beautiful, captivating woman.
Moyes, Jojo	Me before you	16	Lou Clark knows lots of things but she doesn't know is she's about to lose her job or that knowing what's coming is what keeps her sane. Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour.
Mullen, Thomas	The many deaths of the Firefly brothers	16	Jason and Whit Fireson, the notorious, bank-robbing duo known as the Firefly brothers, wake to find themselves lying on cooling boards in a police morgue. Riddled with bullet wounds, the reality is inescapable: they've been killed. But they're alive. The many deaths of the Firefly brothers' is a story of danger, redemption and of the love that transcends death

Mun, Nami	Miles from Nowhere	16	Joon is a young Korean immigrant living in the Bronx of the 1980's. Her parents have crumbled under the weight of her father's infidelity and mental illness has rendered her mother nearly catatonic. So Joon, at the age of 13, decides she's better off on her own and sets out on a harrowing and sometimes tragic
Munro, Alice	The View from Castle Rock	26	On a clear day, you could see America from Edinburgh's Castle Rock – or so said Alice Munro's great-great-grandfather, when he had taken drink. This is the story of those Ettrick shepherds and their descendants, among them the author herself.
Murakami, Haruki	Norwegian Wood	11	Toru Watanabe is looking back on the love and passions of his life and trying to make sense of it all. As his first love, Naoko, sinks deeper and deeper into mental despair, his is inexorably pushed to find new meanings and new love to
Myant, Maureen	The search	16	While examining the devastating effects of war on ordinary families, 'The Search' provides an exploration of fear and loss, and of the bond between parents and children.
Nadel, Barbara	Belshazzar's daughter	15	When an elderly man is murdered in Istanbul's decrepit Jewish quarter, it seems frighteningly likely the motive is racial. But Inspector Cetin Ikmen, husband of Fatma, father of eight and the son of an Albanian mother whose reputed gift of second sight gave rise to rumours that she was a witch, is not one to acquiesce in the obvious. The evidence points in the direction of Robert Cornelius, an English language teacher, and Reinhold Smits, a half-German businessman.

Nemirovsky, Irene	David Golder	12	Set between the two world wars, this novel is an affecting and penetrating portrayal of a financier down on his luck.
Nesbo, Joe	The devil's star	13	It's a hot summer in Oslo when a young woman is found murdered in her flat. One finger has been cut off, and beneath her eyelid is a red diamond in the shape of a five pointed star. Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case with Tom Waaler – a colleague Harry suspects of running an arms smuggling gang and of murdering his partner.
Nesser, Hakan	Borkmann's Point	16	Two men are brutally murdered with an axe in the quiet coastal town of Kaalbringen and Chief Inspector Van Veetern, bored on holiday nearby, is summoned to assist the local authorities. The local police chief, just days away from retirement, is determined to wrap things up before he goes.
Nicholls, David	Starter for ten	14	The year is 1985 and Brian has just started his first term at university, armed with the obligatory CND membership and a complete set of Kate Bush albums. But he also has a dark secret – a burning ambition to appear on University Challenge and now, finally, it seems the dream is about to become reality.
Niffenegger, Audrey	The time traveler's wife	25	This is the story of Henry and Clare, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was 36, and were married when Clare was 22 and Henry was 30. This is possible only because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with chrono-displacement-disorder.
Norman, Charity	After the fall	16	In the quiet of a New Zealand Winter's night, a rescue helicopter is sent to airlift a five-year-old boy with severe internal injuries. At first his injuries look like a horrible accident. Only his mother knows the truth. And she isn't telling. Not yet. Maybe not ever.

North, Claire	The first fifteen lives of Harry August	16	No matter what he does or the decisions he makes every time Harry dies he always returns to where he began, a child with all the knowledge of a life lived a dozen times before. As Harry nears the end of his 11th life a little girl appears
O'Connor, Joseph	Star of the sea	9	Winter 1847, the Star of the Sea sets sail from Ireland for New York. Among the refugees are a maidservant, bankrupt Lord Merridith, an aspiring novelist and a maker of revolutionary ballads. Each is connected more deeply than they know. But a killer is stalking the decks, hungry for vengeance.
O'Donnell, Lisa	The death of bees	20	Marnie and her little sister Nelly have always been different. Marnie leads a life of smoking, drinking and drugs; Nelly enjoys playing the violin, eating cornflakes with Coke and reading Harry Potter. But on Christmas Eve, the sisters have to join forces and put their differences aside. And when Lennie, the old guy next door, starts to get suspicious, it's only a matter of time before their terrible
O'Farrell, John	May contain nuts	16	This novel examines the current obsession with children and education through the eyes of one anxious mother.
O'Farrell, Maggie	Instructions for a heatwave	16	London, July 1976. It hasn't rained for months, and Robert Riordan tells his wife Gretta that he's going round the corner to buy a newspaper. He doesn't come back. The search for Robert brings Gretta's children, two estranged sisters and
O'Farrell, Maggie	The vanishing act of Esme Lennox	13	Set between the 1930s and the present, this novel is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history, and of the secrets that come to light when, 60 years later, she is released from care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had.

O'Flynn, Catherine	What was lost	22	This is a poignant tale of changing times at Green Oaks shopping centre, and the balancing of love and loss.
O'Hagan, Andrew	Personality	14	This novel is an astonishing, compelling and heartbreaking story of childhood fame and small town dreams.
O'Neill, Heather	Lullabies for little criminals	16	12 year old Baby is used to turmoil in her life. Her mother is long dead, her father is a junkie and they shuttle between rotting apartments and decrepit hotels. As her father's addiction and paranoia grows worse, she begins a journey that lead her in and out of several foster homes, a detention centre and eventually onto the streets as a prostitute. Throughout the chaos and hardship of her life, Baby's remarkable strength of spirit enables her to survive. Determined to lift herself off the streets, she knows that the only person she can truly rely upon is herself.
O'Neill, Joseph	Netherland	16	Hans van den Broek chooses cricket. Alone in a terrorized city, struggling to understand the disappearance from his life of people, places and feelings, he seeks refuge in the game of his childhood. Years later, when a body is pulled out of a New York canal, hands tied behind its back, Hans is forced to remember his unusual friendship with Chuck – dreamer, visionary, and perhaps something darker

Obrecht, Tea	The Tiger's Wife	16	A tiger escapes from the local zoo, padding through ruined streets and onwards, to a ridge above Balkin Village. His nocturnal visits hold the villagers in terror, but for one boy the tiger is a thing of magic.
O'Brien, Flann	The Third Policeman	20	A murder thriller, a hilarious comic satire about an archetypal village police force, a surrealistic vision of eternity, the story of a tender, brief, unrequited love affair between a man and his bicycle and a chilling fable of unending guilt, The Third Policeman is comparable only to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland as an allegory of the absurd. Distinguished by endless comic invention and its delicate balancing of logic and fantasy, The Third Policeman is unique in the English language.
Ockley, Martha	The Reluctant Detective	16	Faith Morgan, former policewoman and newly ordained priest in the Church of England, arrives in the village of Little Worthy, near Winchester, to look around the parish. Within an hour of her arrival she witnesses the sudden shocking death of a fellow priest during a communion service
Ondaatje, Michael	Coming through slaughter	20	In 1900, the Storyville district of New Orleans had some two thousand prostitutes, seventy professional gamblers, and thirty piano players. It had only one man who played jazz like Buddy Bolden. By day he cut hair in a barber shop and at night he played his cornet, which he'd polish up until it glistened like a woman's leg. Then, at the age of thirty-one, Bolden went mad. Obsessed with death, addicted to whisky, and in love with two women, this jazz legend's story is beautiful and chilling, like a New Orleans funeral procession where even the mourners dance

Page, Jeremy	The Wake	17	Every night before he cuts the engine and lets the boat drift, Guy writes the diary of the man he should have been of a husband with his wife and their young daughter, of a new family that may not have been perfect but who were,
Paisley, Janet	White Rose Rebel	16	Anne Farquharson is a highland girl – tempestuous, bold, determined to be her own woman. The Farquharson clan is threatened. There are rumours that Bonnie Prince Charlie, exiled to France is raising an army in a bid for the throne. Anne marries a clan chief and creates a shaky alliance as she and her husband find themselves on opposite sides of the battlefield.
Parsons, Tony	The murder bag	16	There's a serial killer on the loose. He cuts throats. And he is good at it. 20 years ago seven rich, privileged students became friends at their exclusive private school, Potter's Field, founded 500 years ago by King Henry VIII. Suddenly they have started dying in the most violent way imaginable. Detective Max Wolfe follows the bloody trail from the backstreets and bright lights of the city all the way to the corner rooms in the corridors of power.
Patchett, Ann	Bel Canto	13	This novel features the combination of opera and terrorism. Latin terrorists storm an international gathering, only to find that their intended target has failed to show up.
Patterson, James	Step on a crack	16	The worlds most powerful people have gathered in St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, to mourn the unexpected death of a former first lady. Then suddenly they find themselves caught in one man's brilliant and ruthless scheme. Detective Michael Bennett, father of ten is pulled into the fray. But as the danger

Paull, Laline	The Bees	16	Flora 717 is a survivor. Born into the lowest class of totalitarian hive society she is prepared to sacrifice everything for the Queen, surviving internal massacres, religious purges and terrifying invasions by vicious wasps. With each act of bravery her status grows, revealing both the enemies within and the sinister secrets that rule the hive. But when her instinct to serve is overwhelmed by a fierce and deeply forbidden maternal love, she breaks the most sacred law of all
Paver, Michelle	Dark Matter: A Ghost Story	16	The ultimate test of a good ghost story is, surely whether you feel panicked reading it in bed at midnight: two-thirds through, I found myself suddenly afraid to look out of the windows, so I'll call it a success
Peace, David	Nineteen Seventy-Four	14	The year is 1974. It's winter and Edward Dunford, crime correspondent for the Evening Post, investigates the death of a little girl with swan's wings stitched to her back.
Peebles, Sue	The Death of Lomond Friel	20	When Rosie, a successful radio presenter, hears that her father Lomond has had a stroke, her life is thrown into disarray and she finds herself making reckless decisions that make little sense to those around her. As she strives towards building some kind of future for herself and her father. Rosie is forced to
Pelecanos, George	The Way Home	16	Deep beneath the floorboards of a house he's renovating Chris Flynn makes a chance discovery – a hidden bag full of cash. Chris has learned life's lessons the hard way so, resisting the temptation of easy money, he puts the fortune back. Before long the secret is out, and the money falls into the wrong hands. And when Chris fails to show up for work one day, his father knows he's in danger.

Penney, Stef	The tenderness of wolves	22	As winter tightens its grip on the isolated settlement of Dove River, a man is brutally murdered and a 17-year-old boy disappears. This book weaves adventure, suspense, revelation and humour into a historical romance, a thriller, and a murder mystery.
Perez-Reverte, Arturo	The Seville Communion	13	A hacker gains entry to the Pope's personal computer, leaving a warning about the threatened demolition of a small church in Seville, where two people have already died in mysterious circumstances.
Perry, Karen	The boy that never was	16	Three year old Dillon vanished in the middle of the night. His father can't forgive himself for not protecting his only child. He isn't blamed by his wife Robin she bears her own secret guilt. Five years later 1000s of miles away Harry spots an eight year old boy in a crowd - a boy he is convinced is Dillon. Desperate to find his son Harry's obsession tears apart his marriage exposing shameful secrets and the one thing he and Robin have left - trust.
Petterson, Per	Out Stealing Horses	16	In 1948, when he is 15, Trond spends a summer in the country with his father. The events - the accidental death of a child, his best friend's feelings of guilt and eventual disappearance, and his father's decision to leave the family for another woman - will change his life forever.
Pick, Alison	Far to go	16	Pavel and Anneliese Bauer dote on their six year old son, Pepik, and enjoy a life of domestic comfort. But as rumours of the Nazi threat, and then German troops, reach the Sudetenland, this charmed existence is turned on its head for all that the Bauers barely consider themselves Jewish, their lives are now in danger.

Picoult, Jodi	My Sister's Keeper	11	Anna is not sick, but by the age of thirteen she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and injections to help her sister Kate fight leukaemia. Anna was born for this purpose, now she makes the difficult decision and decides to sue her parents for the rights to her own body.
Picoult, Jodi	My Sisters Keeper	24	Sara Fitzgerald's daughter at two years old is diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia, Sara knows she will do anything to save her child. No-one in the family is a match so the only other option is creating another baby specifically designed to save her sister.
Pierre, D B C	Vernon God Little	16	Vernon Gregory Little has secrets, but none of them – or so he assumes – have anything to do with the recent massacre of 16 students at his high school. This novel depicts simple humanity in a complex world and poses questions about culpability and priorities in a hypocritical, media-saturated world.

Pilcher, Robin	Starburst	20	Angelique Pascal, the famous violinist is in Edinburgh to headline at the Festival's finale and her fiery spirit is already making waves. Tired of being controlled by her overbearing tutor, Albert, Angelique finds herself yearning for a moment's respite from both the constant touring and restrictions of her celebrity status. But when events take a sinister turn and Angelique must flee in terror from all that she has known, she finds safety in the most unexpected place.
Pollen, Bella	Midnight cactus	12	On the run from her claustrophobic marriage in London, Alice Coleman moves her two small children to a ghost town in the Arizona desert, and there escapes to a solitude she hadn't thought possible. But the mythic south-west has room for more than one fugitive.
Pollock, Donald Ray	The Devil all the time	16	Willard is a tormented veteran of the carnage in the South Pacific who can't save his beautiful wife, Charlotte from a slow death by cancer no matter how much sacrificial blood he pours on his prayer log. Carl and Sandy Henderson, a husband and wife team of serial killers, trawl America's highways searching for
Powell, Jim	The Breaking of Eggs	16	Change is in the air in a shabby apartment in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. One unremarkable day Madame Lefevre invites Feliks to call her Sandrine. As his indomitable landlady's manners have been as unvarying as her dress for the last 36 years, this feels significant to Feliks. And it is, as the face of Europe

Prebble, Stuart	The Insect Farm	16	Brothers Jonathan and Roger each have an obsession. For Jonathan, it is his girlfriend Harriet. For Roger, it is the elaborate universe he has constructed in a shed in their parents' garden, populated by millions of tiny insects. After the mysterious death of their parents, Jonathan is forced to give up his studies to take care of Roger forcing him to live apart from Harriet - further fuelling his already jealous nature. Their lives are abruptly shattered by a sudden and violent death, and Jonathan is drawn into a cat-and-mouse game with the police. Does Roger know more than he is letting on? A cleverly plotted mystery with a shock ending that will linger long in the mind of its readers
Preston, John	The dig	16	Farmland around Sutton Hoo House in sleepy Suffolk Mrs Pretty has asked local archaeologist Basil Brown to excavate the enormous earth mounds on her land. What basil finds proves earth-shattering.
Quick, Matthew	The silver linings play book	22	'The Silver Linings Play Book' is the riotous and poignant story of how one man regains his memory and comes to terms with the magnitude of his wife's betrayal.
Quindlen, Anna	Every last one	16	The Lathams seem to have it all: health, wealth and a vibrant family life. As Mary Beth Latham contemplates a life built around home, friends and community, she has every reason to feel fulfilled and content. Then, for one of her sons, a process of unravelling begins. Mary Beth starts to focus on him, only to find that the comfortable life she has spent years carefully constructing is shattered in a single moment. Forced to confront her own demons, Mary Beth realises how the inconsequential moments we all share and one shameful act she has hidden from everybody may have contributed to her fate
Ramsay, Caro	Absolution	16	The crucifixion killer is stalking Glasgow leaving victims mutilated bodies in a Christ-like pose DCI Alan McAlpine – renowned and successful police officer – is drafted in lead the hunt, but the past holds horrific memories for McAlpine.

Ramsay, Caro	Dark Water	20	A bitterly cold February in Glasgow, hanging from a rope in the attic of a deserted tenement is the body of a criminal who has been hiding out on the Costa del Sol these last ten years. His face has been hideously disfigure. Investigating officers DI Anderson and DE Costello believe the dead man to be a suspect in a decade-old case: the rape and attempted murder of a young student by two men. And there are other similar cases on file. But what has
Rankin, Ian	A question of blood	20	At a private school two teenagers are killed by an ex-Army loner who then turns the gun on himself. As DI John Rebus puts it, 'theres's no mystery... except the why'. But this question takes him into the heart of a shattered community - and to a link with his own troubled past. Rebus becomes fascinated by the killer. The man had friends and enemies to spare, from politicians to the local Goths, and left behind a legacy of secrets and lies. But Rebus faces his own trials too. A petty criminal who has been stalking DS Siobhan Clarke is found burnt to death in his own home. And Rebus is frsh out of hospital, hands heavily bandaged...
Rayner, Sarah	One moment, one morning	16	The Brighton to London line. The 7:44 train. Carriages packed with commuters. One woman occupies her time observing the people around her. Then, abruptly, everything changes: a man collapses, the train is stopped, an ambulance called. And for three passengers, life will never be the same again.
Reichs, Kathy	Devil bones	16	An underground chamber is exposed in a seedy, dilapidated house with sagging trim and peeling paint. A ritualistic display is revealed in the dark cellar. A human skull rests on a cauldron, surrounded by slain chickens and bizarre figurines. Called to the scene is forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan.

Reid, Brenda	The House of Dust and Dreams	16	Greece. 1936. A young British diplomat and his wife have been posted to Athens. Hugh loves the life there, but his spirited and unconventional wife, Heavenly, finds it hard to fit in with the endless parties and socialising. When Hugh is sent to Crete to sort out a problem, they stay in a run-down house owned by his family. Heavenly falls in love with the place and stays on when Hugh returns to Athens. As she tries to rebuild the ramshackle home, Heavenly makes friends with Anthi, a young woman from the village and Christo, the handsome and charismatic young builder. War is coming to the island, and Heavenly must face the greatest test she has ever known.
Rendell, Ruth	The water's lovely	17	Nine years on from her stepfather's death, Ismay and her sister, Heather, still live in the same house in Clapham. It has been divided into two self-contained flats. Their mother lives upstairs with her sister, Pamela. The bathroom where their stepfather drowned has disappeared.
Rhys, Jean	Wide Sargasso Sea	20	Born into an oppressive colonialist society, Creole heiress Antoinette Cosway meets a young Englishman who is drawn to her innocent sensuality and beauty. After their marriage, disturbing rumours begin to circulate, poisoning her husband against her. Caught between his demands and her own precarious sense of belonging, Antoinette is driven towards madness.
Roberts, Bethan	The good plain cook	16	In the summer of 1936, Kitty Allen answers an advert looking for a 'a good plain cook', she has no idea what she's letting herself in for. Her employer is champagne socialist Ellen Steinberg who believes in Marx and sunbathing nude. Her 11 year old daughter, Geenie is a bright unhappy thing and Mrs Steinberg's lover, George Crane is said to be a poet. Ellen imagines that George spends his

Robertson, Craig	In Place of Death	20	A young man enters the culverted remains of an ancient Glasgow stream, looking for thrills. Deep below the city, the tunnels are decaying and claustrophobic, more so with every step. As the ceiling lowers to no more than a couple of feet above the ground, the man finds path blocked by a body. DI
Robertson, James	And the land lay still	20	And the land lay still is nothing less than the story of a nation. James Robertson's breathtaking novel is a portrait of modern Scotland as seen through the eyes of natives and immigrants, journalists and politicians, drop-outs and spooks, all trying to make their way through a country in the throes of great and rapid change. It is a moving, sweeping story of family, friendship, struggle and hope – epic in every sense.
Robertson, James	Joseph Knight	14	Exiled to Jamaica in 1746, Sir John Wedderburn made a fortune, returning to Scotland with Joseph Knight, a black slave. Now, in 1802, Sir John is settling his estate, and wants to find his former slave. Can old wounds that once touched the heart of Scottish law ever heal?
Robertson, James	Testament of Gideon Mack	18	Mack is a minister who doesn't believe in God, the Devil or an afterlife. Until one day, when he falls into a gorge and is rescued by someone who might just be Satan himself.

Robinson, Marilynne	Home	16	Jack Boughton – prodigal son – has been gone 20 years. He returns home seeking refuge and to make peace with the past. A bad boy from childhood, an alcoholic who cannot hold down a job, Jack is perpetually at odds with his surroundings and with his traditionalist father, though he remains Boughton’s most beloved child. His sister Glory has also returned, fleeing her own mistakes, to care for their dying father.
Robinson, Marilynne	Housekeeping	20	Ruth and Lucille, orphans growing up in the small desolate town of Fingerbone in the vast northwest of America. Abandoned by a succession of relatives, the sisters find themselves in the care of Sylvie, the remote and enigmatic sister of their dead mother. Steeped in imagery of the bleak wintry landscape around the, the sisters struggle towards adulthood is powerfully portrayed in a novel about loss, loneliness and transience
Robinson, Peter	In a dry season	14	During a blistering summer, drought has depleted Thornfield Reservoir, uncovering the remains of Hobb’s End, a small village hidden from view for over 40 years. For a curious young boy, this resurfaced hamlet has become a magical playground – until he unearths a human skeleton.

Rodriguez, Deborah	The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul	16	In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. Sunny, the proud proprietor, who needs an ingenious plan to keep her cafe and customers safe. Yazmina, a young pregnant woman stolen from her remote village and now abandoned on Kabul's violent streets. Candace, a wealthy American who has finally left her husband for her Afghan lover, the enigmatic Wakil. Isabel, a determined journalist with a secret that might keep her from the biggest story of her life. And Halajan, the sixty-year-old den mother, whose long-hidden love affair breaks all the rules. As these five women discover there's more to one another than meets the eye
Rogers, Jane	The Testament of Jessie Lamb	16	Women are dying in their millions. Some blame scientist, some see the hand of God, some see human arrogance reaping the punishment it deserves. Jessie Lamb is an ordinary girl living in extraordinary times: as her world collapses her idealism and courage drive her towards the ultimate act or heroism. If the human race is to survive, its up to her
Rooney, Jennie	Inside the Whale	17	Stevie Stanford, recently widowed, must tell her family the truth – but the past is complicated and difficult to untangle. Meanwhile Michael's memories are squashed into a shoebox ready for his move to hospital. Michael has never been good at putting things into words; he's more comfortable with the click of Morse code. But Anna, a young healthcare assistant, has the patience – and rare tenderness – to coax out his story. And so he begins
Rossiter, Joanna	The Sea Change	16	Yesterday was Alice's wedding day. She is thousands of miles away from the home she is so desperate to leave, on the southernmost tip of India, when she wakes in the morning to see a wave on the horizon, taller than the height of her guest house on Kanyakumari beach. Her husband is nowhere to be seen. On the other side of the world, unhappily estranged from her daughter, is Alice's mother, Violet. Forced to leave the idyllic Wiltshire village, Imber, in which she
Rowson, Pauline	In for the kill	12	Alex Albury has it all – a successful business, a luxurious house, a beautiful wife and two sons. But when he is arrested on suspicion of fraud and embezzlement, his life turns upside down. Now having been released, he is intent on finding the person who framed him.

Rubinfeld, Jed	The interpretation of murder	19	This novel is an inventive tour de force inspired by Sigmund Freud's 1909 visit to America, accompanied by protégé and rival, Carl Jung. It is a riddle that will test their skills to the limit, and lead them on a thrilling journey – into the darkest places of New York, and of the human mind.
Rudge, Penny	Foolish lessons in life & love	16	When Taras Krohe ambles into a stiff English public school on a puzzling scholarship, disappointment beckons. A decade later, Taras and his mother are living off their benefactress Mrs Bartlett in a cramped South London flat. When the mysterious Mrs Bartlett dies, an old schoolfriend with a grudge emerges and eviction looms.
Russell, Craig	Brother Grimm	26	Jan Fabel, of the Hamburg murder squad, is on the trail of a serial killer who makes grisly references to folk stories by the Brothers Grimm. A predator who kills and then disappears into the shadows. A monster we all learned to fear in childhood.
Russo, Richard	Empire Falls	15	Miles runs the Empire Grill. His soon-to-be-ex-wife has run off with his worst customer, he's in a constant state of anxiety over his adored teenage daughter, his father is an incorrigible sponger and Mrs Whiting has her own plans for him.
Ryan, Donal	The Thing about December	16	While the Celtic Tiger rages, and greed becomes the norm, Johnsey Cunliffe desperately tries to hold on to the familiar, even as he loses those who all his life have protected him from a harsh world. Village bullies and scheming land-grabbers stand in his way, no matter where he turns. Set over the course of one year of Johnsey's life, The thing about December breathes with his grief, bewilderment, humour and agonizing self-doubt. This is a heart-twisting tale of

Sacerdoti, Daniela	Watch Over Me	15	Eilidh Lawson's life is in crisis. Years of failed fertility treatments, a cheating husband and an oppressive family have pushed her to the limits. At the end of her tether, she runs away to the one place she thinks she can find solace - her childhood home in the Highlands.
Sachar, Louis	Holes	11	Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck, so he is not surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a detention centre. Nor is he surprised when told that his labour is to dig a hole and report anything he finds in it.
Sackville, Amy	The still point	16	Arctic explorer Edward Mackley sets out to reach the North pole and vanishes into the icy landscape. He leaves behind a young wife, Emily, who awaits his return for decades. 100 years later Edward's great-grand-niece Julia moves through the family house and makes a discovery that splinters her long-held image of Edward and Emily's romance.
Safdar, Nadim	Akram's War	16	One night, Akram Khan walks out of his house for the first time. When the sun comes up he will detonate a bomb in a public place, crowded with innocent bystanders. For Akram, it is an act of war rather than one of terrorism - a childhood within a tight-knit Pakistani community, his traumatic years in the

Sansom, C J	Winter in Madrid	12	Part thriller, part love story, this tale follows the fortunes of three young men, navigating the tumultuous world of 1940s Spain. As the Second World War begins, one is sent to spy on another and the ramifications of a tragic love story will haunt them all.
Sarginson, Saskia	The twins	3	Isolte and Viola are twins. Inseparable as children, they've grown into very different adults: Isolte, a successful features writer for a fashion magazine with a photographer boyfriend and a flat in London, and Viola, desperately unhappy and struggling with a lifelong eating disorder. What happened all those years ago to set the twins on such different paths to adulthood?
Scheinmann, Danny	Random acts of heroic love	17	This novel paints a dramatic portrait of two men sustaining their lives through the memory of love; two men whose hidden connections are revealed in a stunning climax that lives long in the heart.
Schenkel, Andrea Maria	The Murder Farm	21	An entire family lies dead – a man, his wife, their daughter, her two children and their new maid – brutally murdered with a pickaxe at their remote home, now known as 'The Murder Farm'. The papers are full of stories and rumours, but the police have no firm leads and seemingly no sense of how they might set about finding the killer. Then a former resident of the village returns home to
Schlink, Bernhard	The Reader	17	The reader is a compelling meditation the connections between Germany's past and its present, dramatised with extreme emotional intelligence as the story of a relationship between the narrator and an older woman.
Scott, Kirsty	Fortune House	17	Four generations of one family are gathering for a celebration. Caroline and David's marriage, scarred by a tragic loss many years before, is back in the spotlight as David's retirement is thrust upon them. Meanwhile, their 3 daughters, have brought with them not just husbands and children, but crises and conflicts of their own.

Scott, Manda	No good deed	12	<p>Orla McLeod knows too much about violence for her own good. She has tried to leave her past behind by retreating to the Hebrides, but then the man who destroyed her family and made Orla the woman she is today is released from</p>
Sebold, Alice	The lovely bones	12	<p>A huge bestseller in America, this is a novel about life and death, forgiveness and vengeance, memory and forgetting. 14 year-old Susie Salmon, now dead, looks down on her family and friends from heaven.</p>
Seiffert, Rachel	The dark room	15	<p>The Dark Room tells three stories, of Helmut a young photographer in the 1930s, Lore a 12 year-old at the end of the war and Micha half a century later. Between them they trace the legacy of the Nazi period in the lives of ordinary Germans.</p>
Setterfield, Diane	The Thirteenth Tale	16	<p>Margaret Lea is investigating Angelfield House. As she digs deeper, Margaret discovers tragedy and secrets about her own past.</p>

Shaffer, Mary Ann	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	17	It's 1946 and author Juliet Ashton can't think what to write next. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey and they begin a correspondence. When Dawsey reveals that he is a member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Juliet's curiosity is piqued and it's not long before she begins to hear from other members. As letters fly back and forth with stories of life in Guernsey under the German Occupation, Juliet soon realizes that the society is every bit as extraordinary as its name.
Shamsie, Kamila	Burnt shadow	16	August 9th, 1945, Nagasaki. Hiroko Tanaka steps out onto her veranda, taking in the view of the terraced slopes leading up to the sky. Wrapped in a kimono with three black cranes swooping across the back, she is twenty-one, in love with the man she is to marry, Konrad Weiss. In a split second, the world turns white. In the next, it explodes with the sound of fire and the horror of realisation. In the numbing aftermath of a bomb that obliterates everything she has known, all that remains are the bird-shaped burns on her back, an indelible reminder of
Shaw, Ali	The girl with glass feet	16	Strange things are happening on the remote & snowbound archipelago of St Hauda's Land. Unusual winged creatures flit around icy bogland; albino animals hide themselves in the snow-glazed woods; jellyfish glow in the ocean's depths - and Ida MacLaird is slowly turning into glass.
Shemilt, Jane	Daughter	16	Naomi has vanished, leaving her family broken and her mother Jenny desperately searching for answers. But the traces fifteen-year-old Naomi's left behind reveal a very different girl to the one Jenny thought she'd raised. And the more she looks the more she learns that everyone she trusted has been keeping secrets. But will discovering the real Naomi help to find her?

Shemilt, Jane	The Drowning Lesson	16	Emma and Adam are doctors at the top of their fields and so when they are offered the chance to take their three children to Africa for a year for a research placement it seems like the opportunity of a lifetime. It's going to be an experience they'll never forget ... but for all the wrong reasons. When Emma arrives home one night to the sickening sight of an empty cot, their family's dream adventure turns into their worst nightmare.
Shepherd, Lynn	Tom-all-alone's	16	London, 1850 fog in the air and filth in the streets, from the rat infested graveyard of Tom-all-alone's to the elegant chambers of Lincoln's Inn Fields, where lawyer Edward Tulkinghorn has powerful clients to protect and a deadly secret he will stop at nothing to conceal. Only that secret is now under threat from an unseen adversary- one who must be tracked down at all costs, before it's too late
Sheridan, Sara	Brighton Belle	16	1951 Brighton. The war is over and Mirabelle Bevan, ex-Secret Service, moves to the seaside to put the past behind her. She takes a job as a secretary at a debt collection agency but when confronted by the case of Romana Laszlo she discovers that her specialist knowledge is vital. With enthusiastic assistance from the insurance clerk down the corridor she follows a mysterious trail of gold sovereigns, betting scams and bodies to a dark corner of Austerity Britain
Shreve, Anita	The Lives of Stella Bain	16	Hauled in a cart to a field hospital in northern France in March 1916, an American woman wakes from unconsciousness to the smell of gas gangrene, the sounds of men in pain, and an almost complete loss of memory: she knows only that she can drive an ambulance, she can draw, and her name is Stella Bain. A stateless woman in a lawless country, Stella embarks on a journey to

Shriver, Lionel	We need to talk about Kevin	19	Who is to blame for teenage atrocity? Narrator Eva Khatchadourian's son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker, and the much-loved teacher who tried to befriend him. This novel is an examination of the effect tragedy has on a town, a marriage and a family.
Simons, J. David	An exquisite sense of what is beautiful	20	Sir Edward Strathairn returns to the Japanese hotel where he wrote his renowned novel 'The Waterwheel', which accused America of being in denial about the Hiroshima bombing. But as we learn about Sir Edward's earlier life and his marriage to an American artist we realize that he too may be in denial
Simons, Paullina	The bronze horseman	11	During the summer of 1941 the Metanov family are living a hard life in Leningrad. As the German armies advance their future looks bleak. For Tatiana, love arrives in the guise of Alexander, who harbours a deadly and extraordinary secret.
Simpson, Joe	Touching the void	16	An account of the ascent of the 21,000ft Siula Grande peak in the Peruvian Andes. Joe Simpson and his climbing partner, Simon Yates, had achieved the summit before the first disaster struck. What happened and how they dealt with the psychological traumas that resulted is the subject of this book.
Skelton, Douglas	The dead don't boogie	20	A missing teenage girl should be an easy job for Dominic Queste, after all, finding lost souls is what he does best. But wouldn't it be better sometimes if lost souls just stayed that way?
Slouka, Mark	The visible world	17	This is a story about memory and concealed histories, and about the way that the most fiercely-held secrets of the past eventually force their way to the surface.
Slovo, Gillian	Ice road	16	Leningrad, 1933. Loyalties, beliefs, love: all are about to be tested to the limit in one of the most crushing moments the world will ever know. Watching everything is Irina, who understands that simple loyalty to an individual may well be more powerful than blind loyalty to an idea.

Smith, Ali	Hotel world	15	Passionate, witty, and formally inventive, Hotel World brings alive five unforgettable characters and traces their intersecting lives.
Smith, Ali	How to be both	16	Two tales of love and injustice twist into a singular yarn where time gets timeless, knowing gets mysterious, fiction gets real and all life's givens get given a second chance.
Smith, Ali	The Accidental	16	The Smart family's lacklustre holiday in Norwich is turned upside down when a beguiling stranger called Amber appears, bringing with her love, joy, pain and upheaval. The Smarts try to make sense of their bewildering emotions as Amber tramples over family boundaries and forces them to think about their world and themselves in an entirely new way.
Smith, Anna	Screams in the dark	20	Crime reporter Rosie Gilmour has learned to be tough. The places she's been and the cases she's covered, she's had to be. Glasgow used to be called the city with the big heart, No Longer. Refugees have been flooding in from Eastern Europe and the city's underclass is simmering. Rosie, just back from reporting
Smith, Anna	Spit against the wind	11	This is an evocative, haunting and charming tale of growing up in the 1960s set against a Scottish background.

Smith, Tom Rob	Child 44	16	In Stalin's Soviet Union, crime does not exist. But still millions live in fear. The mere suspicion of disloyalty to the State, the wrong word at the wrong time, can send an innocent person to his execution. Then the impossible happens. A murderer is on the loose, killing at will, and every belief Leo has ever held is shattered. Denounced by his enemies and exiled from home he must risk everything to find a criminal that the State won't admit even exists.
Smith, Zadie	On Beauty	18	When Howard Belsey's oldest son Jerome falls for Victoria, the stunning daughter of the right-wing Monty Kipps, both families find themselves thrown together, enacting a cultural and personal war against each other.
Snyder, Carrie	Girl Runner	16	Aganetha Smart was a poor farm girl who could run like the wind, but this was rural Canada in the 1920s when girls didn't run, they didn't train, they didn't compete or dream of the Olympics and they certainly didn't win. Aganetha
Sofer, Dalia	The Septembers of Shiraz	16	In the aftermath of the Iranian revolution, rare-gem dealer Isaac Amin is arrested, wrongly accused of being a spy. Terrified by his disappearance, his family must reconcile a new world of cruelty and chaos with the collapse of everything they had known. As Isaac navigates the tedium and terrors of prison, and his wife feverishly searches for him, his children struggle with the realization that the family may soon be forced to embark on a journey of incalculable danger.

Soli, Tatjana	The lotus eaters	16	In the middle of a war devastating the country she loves, Helen Adams, a photojournalist, rushes through a ruined city to catch a plane out. With her is her lover, Linh, he is caught between the woman he can't bear to be parted from and his homeland, Vietnam. Years before, at the start of the war, another
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	15	This brutal, shattering glimpse of the fate of millions of Russians under Stalin shook Russia and shocked the world when it first appeared.
Spark, Muriel	The ballad of Peckham rye	17	A man of devilish charm and enterprising spirit, Dougal Douglas is employed to revitalise the ailing firm of Meadows, Meade & Grindley. He succeeds, but not quite in the way his employer intended. Strange things begin to happen as Dougal exerts an uncanny influence on the inhabitants of Peckham Rye and brings lies, tears, blackmail and even murder into the lives of those he meets.
Spark, Muriel	The driver's seat	16	Lise is driven to distraction by her office job so, leaving everything, she flies south on holiday. But what is she looking for? Infinity and eternity attend Lise's last terrible day in an unnamed southern city.
Staincliffe, Cath	The Kindest Thing	16	When Deborah reluctantly helps her beloved husband, Neil, end his life and conceals the truth, she finds herself in the dock charged with his murder. As the trial unfolds and her daughter testifies against her, Deborah still reeling from grief, fights to defend her actions. Twelve jurors hold her fate in their hands - and if found guilty she will serve a life sentence. But is the assisted suicide of a person you love murder?

Stedman, M.L.	The Light between oceans	16	A boat washes up on the shore of a remote lighthouse keeper's island. It holds a dead man and a crying baby. The only two islanders, Tom and his wife Izzy, are about to make a devastating decision. They break the rules and follow their hearts. What happens next will break yours.
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped	20	Orphaned and penniless, David Balfour sets out to find his last living relative, miserly and reclusive Uncle Ebenezer. But Ebenezer is far from welcoming, and David narrowly escapes being murdered before he is kidnapped and imprisoned on a ship bound for the Carolinas. When the ship is wrecked, David, along with fiery rebel Alan Breck makes his way back across the treacherous Highland terrain on a quest for justice.
Stevenson, Robert Louis	The strange case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde	20	Dr Jekyll has discovered the ultimate drug. A chemical that can turn him into someone else. Suddenly, he can unleash his deepest cruelties in the guise of the sinister Hyde. Transforming himself at will, he roams the streets of fog-bound London as his monstrous alter ego. But soon he will discover that his double life comes at a hideous price ...
Stoker, Bram	Dracula	20	When Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula purchase a London house he makes horrifying discoveries in his client's castle. Soon afterwards disturbing incidents unfold in England. In the ensuing battle of wits between the sinister Count and a determined group of adversaries, Bram Stoker created a masterpiece of the horror genre.
Stothard, Anna	The Pink Hotel	16	A 17 year old London girl flies to LA for her mother's funeral. After stealing a suitcase from her mum's room the girl spends her summer holidays travelling around LA returning all the love letters and photographs to the men that had known her mother. As she discovers more about her mothers past and tries to re-enact her life, she comes to question the foundations of her own personality.

Strachan, Mari	The earth hums in B flat	16	Gwenni Morgan is not like any other girl in her small Welsh town. Inquisitive, bookish and full of spirit, she can fly in her sleep and loves playing detective, so when a neighbour mysteriously vanishes, and no one seems to be asking the right questions, Gwenni decides to conduct her own investigation.
Strachan, Zoe	Spin cycle	23	Agnes, Siobhan and Myrna all work in their local launderette. Agnes, betrayed by her husband, is fascinated by tales of true crime. Myrna dreams of romance but craves sex and money; with mounting debts, she enters a shadowy world fraught with danger. Siobhan spends her time conjuring the details of people's lives through their laundry.
Strout, Elizabeth	The Burgess Boys	16	Haunted by a freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown of Shirley Falls for New York City as soon as they possibly could. Jim has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, who idolises Jim, has always taken it in his stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan - the sibling who stayed behind - urgently calls them home. Her teenage son Zach, has landed in a world of trouble and Susan desperately needs help. And so the Burgess brothers return to the landscape of their childhood, where the long-buried tensions that have shaped and shadowed their relationship began to surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever.
Strout, Elizabeth	My Name is Lucy Barton	16	Lucy is recovering from an operation in a New York hospital when she wakes to find her estranged mother sitting by her side. They have not seen each other in years. As they talk, Lucy finds herself recalling her troubled rural childhood and how it was she eventually ended up in the big city, got married and had children.

Summerscale, Kate	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher	17	It is midnight on the 30th June 1960 and all is quiet at the family's elegant home. Next morning, they wake to find their youngest son the victim of an unimaginably gruesome murder. Even worse the guilty party is surely one of their number – the house was bolted from inside. This true story has all the hallmarks of a classic gripping murder mystery. The original Victorian whodunnit
Swanson, Peter	The Kind Worth Killing	16	When his flight gets delayed. Ted Severson meets Lily, a magnetic stranger, in the airport bar. In the netherworld of international travel and too many martinis, he confesses his darkest secrets, about his wife's infidelity and how he wishes her dead. Without missing a beat she offers to help him carry out the task...
Swarup, Vikas	Six Suspects	16	Vicky Rai, the playboy son of a prominent Indian politician has been shot dead by persons unknown at his farmhouse outside Delhi. Six people were partying at his house immediately preceding his death - each one equally liable to have pulled the trigger.

Swarup, Vikas	Slumdog Millionaire	16	A former tiffinboy from Mumbai, Ram Mohammad Thomas, has just got twelve questions correct on a TV quiz show to win a cool one billion rupees. But he is brutally sling in a prison cell on suspicion of cheating. Because how can a kid from the slums know who Shakespeare was, unless he has been pulling a fast one?
Talbot, Theresa	Penance	20	TV journalist and media darling Oonagh O'Neil faces danger and chaos when an elderly priest dies on the altar of his Glasgow church. His death comes as she is about to expose the shocking truth behind the closure of a Magdalene Institution.
Tallack, Malachy	60 Degrees North	20	The sixtieth parallel marks a kind of borderland. It wraps itself around the lower reaches of Finland, Sweden, and Norway; it crosses the tip of Greenland and of Southcentral Alaska; it cuts the great spaces of Russia and Canada in half. The parallel also passes through Shetland, at the very top of the British Isles. In this volume, Malachy Tallack explores the places that share this latitude, beginning and ending in Shetland, where he has spent most of his life. The book focuses
Tallis, Frank	Deadly communion	16	A sexual predator is at large on the streets of Imperial Vienna. The killer is no ordinary 'lust murderer' but an entirely new phenomenon, his deviance revealing the darker preoccupations of the age. Dectective Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt appeals to his friend, phychoanalyst Dr Max Liebermann for assistance, but to understand his behaviour, Lievermann must make a journey into uncharted regions of the human mind, tracking a monster whose modus
Tan, Twan Eng	The garden of evening mists	16	In the lush highlands of Malaya, a woman sets out to build a memorial to her sister, killed at the hands of the Japanese during the brutal Occupation of their country. Yun Ling's quest leads her to 'The Garden of Evening Mists', and to Aritomo, a man of extraordinary skill and reputation, once the gardener of the Emperor of Japan. When she accepts his offer to become his apprentice, she begins a journey into her past, inextricably linked with the secrets of her troubled country's history.

Taylor, Andrew	Stain on the silence	12	The last person James wants to meet again is Lily. But now she's dying of cancer, and he is wholly unprepared for what she has to tell him. 24 years ago, James was just a teenager when he and Lily, stepmother of his best friend Carlo, had their brief affair. Yet Lily has one more secret to reveal.
Taylor, Andrew	The American Boy	15	Edgar Allan Poe is the American Boy, a child standing on the edge of mysteries. In 1819 two Americans arrive in London, and soon afterwards a bank collapses, a man is found dead and mutilated, an heiress flirts with her inferiors, and a schoolmaster struggles to understand what is happening.
Taylor, C L	The Lie	16	Jane Hughes has a very happy life in rural Wales but her life is a lie. Jane Hughes does not really exist. Five years earlier Jane and her then best friends went on holiday but what should have been the trip of a lifetime rapidly descended into a nightmare that claimed the lives of two of the women. Jane has tried to put the past behind her but someone knows the truth about what happened. Someone who won't stop until they've destroyed Jane and everything she loves ...
Taylor, Glenn	The Marrowbone Marble Company	16	1941 Orphaned Loyal Ledford works in a glass factory in Huntington, West Virginia, where he courts Rachel, the boss's daughter. When Pearl Harbour is attacked, Ledford starts a family with Rachel, but he is a lost man. He finds his calling at the Marrowbone Marble Company, which becomes home to the civil rights movement. Here black and white live together while all around them racial tensions bristle and crack like electric storms.

Tearne, Roma	Brixton Beach	17	Tragedy strikes and Alice Fonseka and her family leave the island of Sri Lanka and head for London. Alice grows up creating a life for herself, but she cannot find peace, understanding and lasting love. She nearly gives up when unbidden it blooms brightly until the morning of the 7th July 2005 violence crosses her path again.
Tevis, Walter	The Queen's Gambit	16	Sent to an orphanage at age eight, Beth Harmon finds only two pleasures in life: chess, for which she has a preternatural gift, and the tranquillizers used to level the children's moods. As she grows older and competes at ever higher levels of chess, she continues to find ways to adjust her own moods, and the possibility that she will find a talent bigger than hers – a player better – becomes greater
Theriault, Denis	Peculiar life of a lonely postman	16	Bilodo had been intercepting her letters for 2 years. He would slip the letters into his pocket and only show emotion when he was alone. Secretly steaming open and reading the letters he has found escape from his lonely life. When he comes across a mysterious letter with only a single haiku, he finds himself caught up in a relationship between a long distance couple who only write <u>poetry to each other. It will only be a matter of time till his world comes</u>
Thorpe, Adam	Hodd	16	The narrator, an early monk, recalls his boyhood as a minstrel in the greenwood, following a half-crazed bandit called Rober Hodd who believed himself above God and beyond sin. As the monk slowly reveals Hodd's true nature as a murderous felon he must also wrestle with his own conscience, for it was his youthful ballads that elevated the outlaw into a popular hero.
Tiffany, Carrie	Everyman's rules for scientific living	16	Settling in the impoverished Mallee with an ambition to cultivate the land, Robert and Jean Pettergree are forced to confront each other, and the community they have inadvertently destroyed, after their agricultural practices damage the fragile and ancient landscape.

Topolski, Carol	Monster love	16	No one in the neighbourhood has seen the Gutteridges' little girl Samantha for months. But Brendan and Sherilyn look happier than ever, so nothing is wrong. Is it? Samantha's story is the stuff of tabloid headlines but this time it's not in a newspaper, it's happening right next door.....
Torday, Paul	The Girl on the Landing	17	Elizabeth has been married to Michael for 10 years. She has adjusted to a fairly monotonous routine with her wealthy, decent but boring husband. Part of this routine involves occasional visits to the dank and gloomy house in a Scottish glen that was inherited from his parents. There are memories there that Michael will not share with her. But then, on a holiday in Ireland, Michael begins to change. As Elizabeth finally gets to know her husband she realises that their
Torrington, Jeff	Swing Hammer Swing!	20	This tale of a week in the life of Tam Clay, Gorbals slum-dweller, father-in-waiting, and wordsmith manque, is funny from beginning to end ... As Tam stumbles through the drink-sodden world of the Gorbals underclass of the sixties, when a house in Castlemilk was an ambition, he embarks on a mini-odyssey of self-discovery while blinding the reader with literary legerdemain.
Toyne, Simon	Sanctus	16	Liv Adamsen is a New York crime reporter, Kathryn Mann a charity worker. They are very different people but their fate is bound together by one man's desperate act. With the world's media watching, a robed man has thrown himself from the top of the oldest inhabited place on earth, an ancient citadel in Turkey. Liv and Kathryn it is the start of a race into danger, darkness and the most remarkable secret in the history of humanity.

Trapido, Barbara	Frankie and Stankie	12	Dinah and her sister Lisa are growing up in South Africa in the fifties. It is at school that Dinah first learns about racism. As we follow Dinah from childhood, through adolescence and marriage, to voluntary exile in London, we get a vivid glimpse of one of the darker passages of 20th century history.
Tremain, Rose	The Road Home	13	Lev is on his way from Eastern Europe to Britain, seeking work. Behind him loom the figures of his dead wife, his beloved young daughter and his outrageous friend Rudi who – dreaming of the wealthy West – lives largely for his battered Chevrolet. Ahead of Lev lies the deep strangeness of the British: London holds out the alluring possibility of friendship, sex, money and a new
Tremain, Rose	Trespass	15	In a silent valley in southern France stands an isolated stone farmhouse the Mas Lunel. Its owner is Aramon Lunel, an alcoholic haunted by his violent past. His sister Audrun, alone in her bungalow within sight of the Mas Lunel, dreams of exacting retribution for the unspoken betrayals that have blighted her life, . Into this closed world comes Anthony Verev a wealthy but disillusioned
Tremayne, S.K.	The Ice Twins	16	After one of their identical twin daughters, Lydia, dies in an accident, Angus and Sarah Moorcroft move to a remote Scottish island, hoping to mend their shattered lives. But when their surviving child, Kirstie, claims they have mistaken her identity - that she, in fact, is Lydia - their world comes crashing
Trigell, Jonathan	Boy A	16	Jack is an institutionalised young man, utterly innocent to the world, yet guilty of a monstrous childhood crime. This novel captures Jack's bewilderment and exhilaration as he approaches adulthood in his new world and the effect on him and those around him of media-manipulated hysteria
Truss, Lynn	With one lousy free packet of seed	13	Osborne Lonsdale, 48, a down-at-heel journalist mysteriously attractive to women, writes a regular celebrity interview for Come into the Garden. When he arrives at Angela Farmer's home, he is interrupted by a trainload of anxious hacks from London.

Tsiolkas, Christos	The Slap	16	At a suburban barbecue one afternoon a man slaps a unruly boy. It's a single act of violence, but this event reverberates through the lives of everyone who witnesses it happen.
Twain, Mark	The adventures of Huckleberry Finn	20	When Huck escapes from his drunken father with the runaway slave Jim, he embarks on a series of adventures that draw him to feuding families and the trickery of the unscrupulous 'Duke and Dauphin'.
Tyler, Anne	Digging to America	16	Friday 15th August 1997 two tiny Korean babies are delivered to two very different Baltimore families. Every year on the anniversary of arrival day the two families celebrate together with more and more elaborately competitive parties as little Susan and Jin-Ho take roots and become Americans.
Tyler, Anne	The amateur marriage	14	Michael and Pauline seemed like the perfect couple – young, good-looking, made for each other. The moment she walked into his mother's grocery store in Baltimore, he was smitten. And in the heat of World War II fervour, they were hastily wed. But they should never have married.
Vickers, Salley	Miss Garnet's angel	11	Miss Garnet's Angel is a voyage of discovery, a novel of Venice but also a rich story of the explosive possibilities of change in all of us at any time.

Vigan, Delphine de	No and me	16	Lou Bertignac has an IQ OF 160, a mother who barely speaks and hasn't left the house in years, and a father who is desperately struggling to keep his family together. But then she meets No, a homeless girl a few years older than her. As the two become friends, Lou resolves to help No get her life back on track, unaware of the impact that her new friend's sudden presence will have on all their lives.
Waheed, Mirza	The collaborator	16	By the waters running through the valleys of Kashmir, teenage boys come to play cricket, talk about girls, and just be. But a few years later, when they are young men and violence grips the region, they are gone. Only the son of the local headman has stayed. He knows his friends have slipped over the border to Pakistan and turned militant to bear arms against the Indian army. He would like to join them but he cannot. Instead put in an impossible position by an
Walker, Karen Thompson	The Age of Miracles	16	It is never what you worry over that comes to pass in the end. The real catastrophes are always unimagined, unprepared for, unknown. What if our 24-hour day grew longer, first in minutes, then in hours, until day became night and night became day? What effect would that slowing have on the world?
Walker, Sue	The reckoning	21	Thirty years ago, eleven year old Miller McAllister's father Douglas, was locked up for killing three teenage girls on the tiny Scottish island of Fidra. Now Douglas is dead and Miller always believing in his fathers guilt returns home to bury him and his crimes forever. But Miller's father has one last surprise for his son, along with the legal papers concerning the case there is a letter written by Douglas on his deathbed. A letter that turns Miller's world upside down. Was he
Wall, William	This is the country	12	In an Ireland far removed from the popular images in travel brochures, a bright teenager is heading for trouble – skipping school and taking drugs. His life changes when his girlfriend tells him she's pregnant. But, as he tries to make the transition to being a father, his past catches up with him once more.

Wallace, Jason	Out of shadows	17	Zimbabwe 1980s, independence has been won and Robert Mugabe has come to power offering hope, land and freedom to black Africans. For Robert Jacklin it's all new: new continent, new country, new school, but very quickly he learns that for some of his classmates the sound of guns is still loud, and their battles still rage on.
Wallace, Wendy	The Painted Bridge	16	Just outside London, behind a stone wall, stands Lake House, a private asylum for genteel women of a delicate nature. In the winter of 1859, recently-married Anna Palmer becomes its newest arrival, tricked by her husband into leaving home, incarcerated against her will and declared hysterical and unhinged.
Wallington, Mark	The missing postman	13	When Clive Peacock is handed early retirement he disappears, only to emerge as a celebrity. For while the Post Office think his delivery days are over, Clive decides to hand deliver his last collection with the police in hot pursuit.
Wark, Kirsty	The legacy of Elizabeth Pringle	16	Seemingly on a whim, 95-year-old Elizabeth Pringle bequeaths Holmlea, her beloved house on Arran, to a woman she has never met. As a young woman comes take up Holmlea she slowly unlocks the mysteries and heartbreaking secrets of Elizabeth Pringle's true legacy, in a multi-generational story of love and belonging.

Waters, Sarah	The Little Stranger	18	In a dusty post-war summer in rural Warwickshire, a doctor is called to a patient at lonely Hundreds Hall. Home to the Ayres family for over two centuries, the Georgian house, once grand and handsome, is now in decline, its owners struggling to keep pace with a changing society. But are the Ayreses haunted by something more sinister than a dying way of life? Little does Dr Faraday know how closely, and how terrifyingly, their story is about to become entwined with his.
Watson, S.J	Before I go to sleep	31	Memories define us, so what if you lost yours every time you went to sleep? Your name, your identity, your past, even the people you love all forgotten overnight. And telling one person you trust may only be telling you half the story. Welcome to Christine's life
Weisgarber, Ann	The personal history of Rachel DuPree	16	It is 1917 in the South Dakota Badlands and the summer has been hard. Fourteen years have passed since Rachel and Isaac DuPree left Chicago to stake a claim in this unforgiving land. Isaac, a former Buffalo Soldier, is fiercely proud: black families are rare in the West, and black ranchers even rarer. But it hasn't rained in months, the cattle are bellowing with thirst, and supplies have dwindled. Pregnant. and struggling. Rachel is determined to give her children
Wells, H G	The History of Mr Polly	16	Mr Polly is an ordinary middle-aged man who is tired of his wife's nagging and his dreary job as a gentleman's outfitter in a small town. Faced with the threat of bankruptcy, he concludes that the only way to escape his frustrating existence is by burning his shop to the ground and killing himself. Unexpected events, however, conspire at the last moment to lead the bewildered Mr Polly
Welsh, Louise	Naming the Bones	20	Knee-deep in the mud of an ancient burial ground, a winter storm raging around him, and at least one person intent on his death: how did Murray Watson end up here?

Welsh, Louise	The bullet trick	17	When conjurer William Wilson gets booked for a string of cabaret gigs in Berlin, he's hoping his luck's on the turn – there were certain spectators from his last show who he'd rather forget. But secrets have a habit of catching up with him, and the line between what's an act and what's real starts to blur.
Welsh, Louise	The cutting room	16	Rilke, an auctioneer, comes upon a hidden collection of violent erotic photographs. He feels compelled to unearth more about the deceased owner who coveted them. What follows is a journey of discovery, decadence and deviousness.
Wheelahgan, Marianne	Food of Ghosts	20	Nothing ever happens on Tarawa, a coral atoll in the middle of the Pacific. Then a mutilated body is discovered. Detective Sergeant Louisa Townsend has recently arrived on the island from Edinburgh. She's asked to lead the murder investigation and jumps at the chance to be in charge but that's before she realises there's no forensics on Tarawa and no one appears to tell the truth. A
Whitehouse, Lucie	Bed I made	16	When Kate meets dark, enigmatic Richard in a Soho bar, she barely hesitates before going home with him. He is undeniably attractive and dangerous. Now, eighteen exhilarating but fraught months later, Kate finishes their relationship and hopes that will be the end of it but its just the beginning.
Widdecombe, Ann	Father figure	16	Jason Kirk is a 32-year-old teacher who believes he is happily married until he returns home one day to find that his wife has left him, taking their two young children with her. Suddenly Jason finds the role of father denied to him as he is separated from his children and reduced to the role of visitor.

Wilde, Oscar	The Picture of Dorian Gray	16	First published to scandalised protest in 1890, Oscar Wilde's fantastic melodrama was widely condemned by his contemporaries as an affront to the values of polite society. It is the story of a man willing to sell his soul for eternal beauty.
Williams, John	Cardiff dead	10	Part thriller and part love story, Cardiff Dead paints an unforgettable portrait of an unfamiliar Wales from developers' boardrooms to prostitutes' pubs, from boxing gyms and surfing beaches to Jamaican- influenced ska bands and rock'n'rollers.
Williams, Niall	History of the Rain	16	Bedbound in her attic room beneath the falling rain, in the margin between this world and the next, Plain Ruth Swain is in search of her father. To find him, enfolded in the mystery of ancestors, Ruthie must first trace the jutting jaw lines, narrow faces and gleamy skin of the Swains from the restless Reverend Swain, her great-grandfather, to grandfather Abraham, to her father, Virgil - via pole vaulting, leaning salmon, poetry and the 2,958 books piled high beneath
Wilson, Christopher	The ballad of Lee Cotton	14	An act of appalling violence leaves Lee Cotton far from home with a new identity, a draft card, a memory in flashback and a mental illness that makes him a sort of genius. He also has a reputation, back home, for being dead. Nobody could envisage that Lee's rebirth is a headstart not a handicap.
Winman, Sarah	When God was a Rabbit	16	This book is about a brother and a sister. It's a book about childhood and growing up, friendships and families, triumph and tragedy and everything in between. More than anything, it's a book about love in all its form
Winslow, Don	The winter of Frankie machine	17	Frank Machianno is an ex-surf bum. He's a fixture of the community, a stand-up businessman, a devoted father to his daughter. Frank has consigned his Mob ties to the past. However, someone from his past wants him dead, and he has to figure out who, and why, and he has to do it fast.

Winthrop, Elizabeth H	December	16	Its December in New England, seasons of snow, log fires and happy family Christmases. Except not for the Carters. Eleven-year-old Isabelle hasn't spoken for months, countless experts have given up on her, and her parents are at their wits' end. Gnawing away at them is the thought that it must be their fault, and that their daughter's life might be ruined for good. Something has to give...
Winton, Tim	Breath	16	A young man learns what it is to be extraordinary, how to push himself, mind and body, to the limit in terrible fear and exhilaration, and how to mask the emptiness of leaving such intensity - in love and life - behind.
Wodehouse, P G	Right ho, Jeeves	9	When it seems that Jeeves is losing his touch, Bertie decides to try and fix things for Aunt Dahlia himself. By a bit of match making, Bertie tries to re-unite the family and solve Aunt Dahlia's problems. But as usual everyone becomes confused.
Wodehouse, P.G	Right Ho, Jeeves	16	Gussie Fink-Nottle's knowledge of the common newt is unparalleled. Drop him in a pond of newts and his behaviour will be exemplary, but introduce him to a girl and watch him turn pink, yammer and suddenly stampede for the wide open spaces. Even with Madeline Bassett, who feels that the stars are God's daisy chain, his tongue is tied in reef-knots. And his chum Tuppy Glossop isn't getting on much better with Madeline's delectable friend Angela. With so many
Womersley, Chris	Bereft	15	Australia, 1919. Quinn Walker returns from the great war to the New South Wales town of Flint: the birthplace he fled ten years earlier when he was accused of a heinous act

Wood, Patricia	Lottery	16	Perry L Crandall knows what it's like to be an outsider. With an IQ of 76, he's an easy mark. Before his grandmother died, she armed Perry well with what he'd need to know: the importance of words and writing things down, and how to play the lottery. Most important, she taught him whom to trust – a crucial lesson for Perry when he wins the multimillion-dollar jackpot. As his family descends, moving in on his fortune, he has a lesson for them: never, ever
Wood, Tom	Better off dead	16	Victor is the face in the crowd you don't see a perfect assassin with nothing to live for. But when an old friend turns to him for help he can't refuse. For once his objective is to protect. unted through streets of London he needs to be more than just a bodyguard. His every move leads danger closer to the person he's vowed to defend.
Woodrell, Daniel	Winters Bone	16	Deep in the mountains of Missouri, you can get beaten up for asking the wrong questions, everyone knows how to fire a gun and most families are cooking up crank on the back porch. A teenage girl takes on more than she bargains for when she sets out to find her missing father.....
Wroblewski, David	The story of Edgar Sawtelle	16	When his beloved father mysteriously dies, Edgar Sawtelle blames himself, if only because his muteness left him unable to summon help. Grief-stricken and bewildered by his mother's affair with her dead husband's brother, Edgar's world unravels one spring night when, in the falling rain, he sees his father's

Wyld, Evie	After the fire a still small voice	16	Frank and Leon are two men from different times, discovering that sometimes all you learn from your parents mistakes is how to make different ones of your own. Frank is trying to escape his troubled past by running away to his family's beach shack. As he struggles to make friends with his neighbours and their precocious young daughter Sal, he discovers the community has fresh wounds of its own. A girl is missing, and when Sal too disappears, suspicion falls on Frank.
Wyld, Evie	All the birds, singing	20	Jake Whyte is the sole resident of an old farmhouse on an unnamed British island, a place of ceaseless rains and battering winds. It's just her, her untamed companion, Dog, and a flock of sheep. Which is how she wanted it to be. But something is coming for the sheep - every few nights it picks one off, leaves it in rags. It could be anything. There are foxes in the woods, a strange boy and a strange man, rumours of an obscure, formidable beast. And there is Jake's unknown past, perhaps breaking into the present, a story hidden thousands of years ago, in a landscape of different colour and sound, a story held in the scars that stripe her back.
	The Nation's favourite Poems	16	Among the selection are popular classics such as Tennyson's the Lady of Shalott and Wordsworth's The Daffodils alongside contemporary poetry such as Allan Ahlberg's Please Mrs Butler and Jenny Joseph's Warning.