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TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Rivers of London	Aaronovitch, Ben	My name is Peter Grant and until January I was just a probationary constable in that mighty army for justice known as the Metropolitan Police Service. My only concerns in life were how to avoid a transfer to the Case Progression Unit - we do paperwork so real coppers don't have to - and finding a way to climb into the panties of the outrageously perky WPC Leslie May. Then one night, in pursuance of a murder inquiry, I tried to take a witness statement from someone who was already dead.	F 392p	CRIME	CD
The Zookeepers Wife	Ackerman, Diane	The remarkable true story of bravery and sanctuary during WWII when Warsaw zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski fight to save not just the remaining animals, but also Jews they hide in the cages. The Zookeeper's Wife is a remarkable true story of decency and sacrifice triumphing over terror and oppression.	940.531835 368p	NON-FCTION	CD, LP
Clerkenwell Tales	Ackroyd, Peter	The scene is London, in 1399. Richard II is on the throne, yet strange signs and portents are troubling the latter part of his reign. This is a story of adventure and suspense set in the late medieval world.	F 224p	HISTORICAL	N/A
The Death of King Arthur : The Immortal legend	Ackroyd, Peter	A gripping retelling of the timeless epic of romance, enchantment and adventure. Born with the help of Merlin's magic, blessed with the sword of Excalibur, Arthur becomes King of a troubled England, beginning a golden age of chivalry at the court of Camelot. But his reign is soon to be torn apart by violence, revenge and tragedy. This lightly trimmed and streamlined Le Morte d'Arthur makes it eminently readable.	F 336p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP

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The Hitchhiker's Guide To the Galaxy	Adams, Douglas	The world is going to be destroyed by vogons - Arthur Dent, a man in a dressing gown, survives the conflagration and explores the universe. Meanwhile someone else works out the meaning of life and we all know the answer - it's 42! Comic Sci-Fi classic. Golden Pen Award	F 204p	FANTASY	CD
The Behaviour of Moths	Adams, Poppy	Debut novel which tells the story of the reunion of two batty sisters in their huge and crumbling house. The story completely grips and the lepidopteran theme is totally convincing. Short listed Costa First Novel Award	F 319p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
The Garden of Burning Sand	Addison, Corban	Set in Zambia, where American lawyer Zoe Fleming and policeman Joseph Kabuta have uncovered a crime that has no rhyme or reason: a young girl, attacked and left for dead. With pasts, cultures and upbringings radically different, Zoe and Joseph must work together. Their task is not only to help the girl, Kuyeya, recover but, against overwhelming odds and terrifying danger, to ensure justice doesn't fail her again.	F 512p	CRIME	CD, LP
Americanah	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	From the award-winning author of 'Half of a Yellow Sun', a powerful story of love, race and identity. As teenagers in Lagos, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love but people are fleeing the dictatorship. Ifemelu departs for America where she suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships. Obinze hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.	F 477p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Purple Hibiscus	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	When Nigeria is shaken by a military coup, Kambili's father sends her to live with her aunt. In this house, noisy and full of laughter, she discovers life and love – and a terrible, bruising secret deep within her family. Debut novel, finalist National Book Critics Circle Award.	F 321p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Half Of A Yellow Sun	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	In 1960s Nigeria, a country blighted by civil war, three lives intersect. A novel about Africa, about the end of colonialism, ethnic allegiances, class and race – and about the ways in which love can complicate all of these things. Winner: Orange Prize for Fiction	F 448p	WINNER	CD
Kindness Of Strangers : The Autobiography	Adie, Kate	Raised in post-war Sunderland, Kate has reported memorably from many of the world's trouble spots since she joined the BBC in 1969. The book offers a compelling combination of vivid frontline reporting and evocative writing and reveals the extraordinarily demanding life of the woman who is always at the heart of the action.	B ADI 438p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
Last Man in Tower	Adiga, Aravind	Every building tells a story: but in the jungle of Mumbai, one building - and one man - stands on the borderline between India's past, and its future when A prominent builder offers to buy out an entire apartment block. All of the occupants agree, except for retired school teacher Masterji.	F 432p	FICTION	CD, LP
The White Tiger	Adiga, Aravind	Meet Balram Halwai, the 'White Tiger': servant, philosopher, entrepreneur and murderer. As Balram learns of a new morality at the heart of a new India he comes to see how the Tiger might escape his cage...Man Booker Prize winner 2008.	F 292p	WINNER	CD, LP
Postscript	Aherne, Cecelia	Holly has spent six years rebuilding her life as a widow and is proud of herself. But when a group inspired by her dead husband's letters call on her to help, she finds the conflict between the past and future a challenge. Sunday Times Bestselling sequel to PS, I Love you, which reads well as a standalone.	F 368p	FICTION	CD,

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The First Phone Call From Heaven	Albom, Mitch	When the residents of a small town on Lake Michigan start receiving phone calls from the afterlife, they all become the subject of widespread attention. Is it the greatest miracle ever or a massive hoax? Sully Harding, a grief-stricken single father, is determined to find out. This is a story about the power of belief - and a page-turner that will touch your soul.	F 320p	FICTION	CD, LP
Tuesdays With Morrie: An old man, a young man, and life's greatest lesson.	Albom, Mitch	Who inspired you? For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life and visited Morrie in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final 'class': lessons in how to live. New York Times Bestseller.	973.92 210p	NON-FICTION	LP
Have a Little Faith	Albom, Mitch,	Will you do my eulogy? With those words, Mitch Albom begins a journey to honour the last request of a beloved clergyman. Slowly he explores the "us" versus "them" of religion until he gravitates to an inner-city pastor of a crumbling church that houses the homeless, and is stunned at how similar belief can be. As his own beloved cleric slowly lets go, Albom writes his final farewell, having learned that a faithful heart comes in many forms and places. Best book 2009 Oprah.	297.6 267p	NON-FICTION	LP
The Power	Alderman, Naomi	All over the world women are discovering they have the power. With a flick of the fingers they can inflict terrible pain - even death. Suddenly, every man on the planet finds they've lost control. What happens when women become the dominant gender in a society created by men? Well-crafted, compelling, serious-minded dystopian fiction. Winner: Bailey's Prize 2017.	F 352p	WINNER	LP

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Marple: Twelve New Stories	Alderman, Naomi (and 11 others)	A brand new collection of short stories featuring the Queen of Crime's legendary detective Jane Marple, penned by twelve remarkable bestselling and acclaimed authors. This collection of twelve original short stories, all featuring Jane Marple, will introduce the character to a whole new generation. Each author reimagines Agatha Christie's Marple through their own unique perspective while staying true to the hallmarks of a traditional mystery.	F 372p	ANTHOLOGY	N/A
Everything I Know about Love	Alderton, Dolly	A funny and poignant book about growing up, growing older and looking for love. Journalist and former Sunday Times dating columnist vividly recounts falling in love, wrestling with relationships, navigating life's disasters and discovering that your friends are there for you every step of the way. Sunday Times Bestseller and a BBC TV series.	306.709 359p	NON-FICTION	CD
In the Kitchen	Ali, Monica	At the once-splendid Imperial Hotel, chef Gabriel Lightfoot is trying to run a tight kitchen. The pressure is really on when a body is discovered. A compelling portrait of a man pushed to the edge.	F 449p	FICTION	CD, LP
Brick Lane	Ali, Monica	Away from the mud and heat of her Bangladeshi village, Nazneen finds herself in an arranged marriage until the radical Karim steps unexpectedly into her life and they embark on a love affair that forces her to take control of her fate. Man Booker Prize shortlist.	F 396p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
The Lonely Life of Bidy Weir	Allen, Lesley	Abandoned by her mother as a baby, and with a father who's not quite equipped for the challenges of modern parenting, Bidy lives in her own little world, happy to pass her time mostly alone. That is, until she meets Alison Flemming. This is a moving story of abuse and survival, of falling down and of starting again, and of one woman's battle to learn to love herself for who she is.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A

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Zorro : The Novel	Allende, Isabel	Born in southern California late in the 18th century, Diego de la Vega is a child of two worlds. His father is an aristocratic Spanish military man turned landowner; his mother, a Shoshone warrior. Diego learns from his maternal grandmother, White Owl, the ways of her tribe while receiving from his father lessons in the art of fencing and in cattle branding. A swashbuckling adventure story that reveals for the first time how Diego de la Vega became the masked man we all know so well.	F 400p	HISTORICAL	LP
Inés Of My Soul	Allende, Isabel	Ines Suarez came to Chile with the Conquistadors in 1540, helping to claim the territory for Spain and to found the first Spanish settlement in Santiago. Here, Isabelle Allende re-imagines Ines's life and that of the two men who became her lover and husband respectively.	F 336p	LITERARY	LP
Ripper	Allende, Isabel	For Amanda Martín and her friends, Ripper was all just a game. But when a local murder presents a mystery that baffles the police, Amanda goes online, offering 'The Case of the Misplaced Baseball Bat' to her fellow sleuths as a challenge to their real-life wits. And so begins a most dangerous obsession. The murders begin to mount up but the Ripper players, free from any moral and legal restraints, are free to pursue any line of enquiry. Will Amanda and her online accomplices solve the mystery before it's too late?	F 496p	THRILLER	CD

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Violeta	Allende, Isabel	Through her father's reluctance, the family will come through that crisis unscathed, only to face a new one as the Great Depression transforms the genteel city she has known. Her family loses all and is forced to retreat to a wild and beautiful but remote part of the country. There, she will come of age, and her first suitor will come calling. Through the eyes of a woman whose unforgettable passion, determination, and sense of humour will carry her through a lifetime of upheaval.	F 320p	FICTION	LP
The Silk Factory	Allnatt, Judith	Rosie Milford inherits a house in an old silk factory after her mother's death and moves there with her young children. After discovering a shocking truth she starts seeing a strange child, wandering in the garden, who seems as lost as she is. A beautiful and eerie story of love and memory. Judith has been shortlisted for several awards for her previous novels.	F 385p	FICTION	LP
The Blood of Flowers	Amirrezvani, Anita	Set in seventeenth-century Iran, this is a mesmerizing historical novel about a young Iranian woman whose destiny changes on the sudden death of her father. Forced to leave their village, they are taken in by an uncle and his unsympathetic wife. When an ill-considered action results in the heroine's fall from grace, she is forced into an extraordinary secret marriage. Spirited and rebellious, she wants to be free to live a life her own choosing, if she can find a way. Long listed Orange Prize.	F 464p	HISTORICAL	LP
The Zone of Interest	Amis, Martin	What happens when we discover who we really are? And how do we come to terms with it? Fearless and original, The Zone of Interest is a violently dark love story set against a backdrop of unadulterated evil, and a vivid journey into the depths and contradictions of the human soul. Intelligent, terrifying and comic. Shortlisted for the 2015 Walter Scott Prize.	F 322p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line	Anappara, Deepa	An endearing debut narrated in a chirpy boyish swagger as two nine year old boys navigate the dark underbelly of modern India to solve the mystery of a missing classmate. Longlisted: Women's Prize	F 346p	LITERARY	N/A

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A Daughter's Journey	Andrews, Lyn	Angela is six when her parents hand her over to an aunt and uncle, common practice in 1950's Ireland. Moving to Liverpool in the 60's, she becomes a success in the world of fashion design but a disastrous love affair sends her home to Ireland just after the death of her aunt, where among some old papers she makes an astonishing discovery.	F 448p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Truth and Other Lies	Arango, Sascha.	Henry Hayden has a perfect life as a famous novelist. If only the readers and critics who worship his every word knew that his success depends on a carefully maintained lie. One he will stop at nothing to protect. When the dream starts to unravel, events swiftly spin out of control. And it turns out that those around him have their secrets too. Debut from award winning screenwriter.	F 257p	THRILLER	LP
And Thereby Hangs a Tale	Archer, Jeffrey	These fifty tales from around the globe showcase Archer's talent for capturing an unforgettable moment in time, whether tragic, comic, or outrageous. Some of these stories will make you laugh while others will bring you to tears but every one of them will demand that you keep turning the page until you finally discover what happens to this remarkable cast of characters.	F 288p	ANTHOLOGY	CD
Nothing Ventured	Archer, Jeffrey	Meet William Warwick, new detective, as he solves his first case of a stolen Rembrandt, encountering people who will change his life forever and falling in love along the way. Will his burning ambition lead him into success or failure?	F 384p	FICTION CRIME	CD, LP
Walking Away: Further travels with a troubadour on the South West Coast Path.	Armitage, Simon	Simon Armitage tackles the coastal fringes of Britain's south west, once again giving readings every night, but this time through Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, taking poetry into distant communities and tourist hot-spots, busking his way from start to finish with all the poetic reflection and personal wit we've come to expect.	914.2 288p	NON-FICTION	LP



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Flight	Ashdown, Isabel	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 a young woman, has never known any other life. But when Rob receives a mysterious letter, the past comes back to haunt them all. With their cosy world thrown into turmoil, Laura sets out to track Wren down and discover the truth about why she left all those years ago.	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
The Danger Game	Ashton, Kalinda	Alice and Louise are sisters united in tragedy - a house fire which their brother lit and burned to death in. When they travel to Melbourne to unravel the truth and face the mother who abandoned them, they are forced to face the danger of the family's past.. Winner: Sidney Morning Herald best young novelist, Betty Trask Award.	F 288p	WINNER	N/A
Essential Poems from the Staying Alive Trilogy	Astley, Neil	A selection of 100 essential poems from the 'Staying Alive' travel companion. The poems are all about being human, being alive and staying alive; about love and loss; fear and longing; from birth - to old age and beyond. Poetry makes for a fascinating discussion, can be read aloud when groups meet and is well worth considering.	821.008 160p	POETRY	N/A
Our Song	Atkins, Dani	Emotional family drama with plenty of plot twists. What would you do if your husband was the love of someone else's' life? Meet Ally and Charlotte, never really friends but drawn together as their lives intertwine and faced with a heartbreaking decision. Dani Atkins won the RNA Romantic novel of the year in 2018.	F 400p	FICTION ROMANCE	LP
Magpie Lane	Atkins, Lucy	When the eight-year-old daughter of an Oxford College Master vanishes in the middle of the night, police turn to the Scottish nanny, Dee, for answers. Is she telling the whole story in this creepy, beguiling, twisty thriller?	F 368p	FICTION THRILLER	N/A

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Transcription	Atkinson, Kate	In 1940, eighteen-year old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage, work both tedious and terrifying. Ten years later, she is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD, LP
One Good Turn	Atkinson, Kate	It is the Edinburgh Festival. People queuing for a lunchtime show witness a road-rage incident - an incident which changes the lives of everyone involved.	F 402p	CRIME	CD
Life after Life	Atkinson, Kate	Ursula Todd is born on February 11 1910. The doctor and midwife are stuck in the snow and the umbilical cord is wrapped around her neck. Darkness falls. The birth replayed. In various permutations of Ursula's life, we see how different decisions and experiences shaped her until the ultimate date with destiny arrives. Shortlisted Bailey's Prize 2015.	F 640p	SHORTLIST	CD
A God in Ruins	Atkinson, Kate	This gripping, often deliriously funny yet emotionally devastating book relates the life of Teddy Todd – would-be poet, heroic World War II bomber pilot, husband, father, and grandfather – as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. It looks at war – that great fall of Man from grace – and the effect it has, not only on those who live through it, but on the lives of the subsequent generations. It is also about the infinite magic of fiction. Costa Prize 2015 Winner.	F 399p	WINNER	CD, LP
Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Atkinson, Kate	Debut novel, which won the Whitbread Prize as Ruby tells the story of The Family, from frail beautiful Alice and her children in the nineteenth century, to the memorable events of her own life.	F 335p	WINNER	CD, LP

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Station to Station: People, places and stories on the Great Western line	Atlee, James	The chronicle of a railway journey like no other – part personal odyssey, part history, part architectural guide, part reflection on the nature of travel, part investigation of the national psyche. If it can be categorised at all, here is Paul Theroux crossed with Bradshaw and Betjeman, spiced with a twist of Alain de Botton.	385.094 239p	NON-FICTION	N/A
A Life on Our Planet	Attenborough, David	I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life. It's only now that I appreciate how extraordinary. A Life on Our Planet is my witness statement, and vision for the future. We have one final chance to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited.	333.72 228p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Hag-seed: The Tempest Retold.	Atwood, Margaret	A novel take on Shakespeare's play of enchantment, revenge and second chances leads us on an interactive, illusion-ridden journey filled with surprises. Felix is at the top of his game as Artistic Director of the Makeshiweg Theatre Festival until an act of unforeseen treachery destroys his career. Living in exile, haunted by memories, revenge arrives in the shape of a theatre course at a nearby prison. Here, Felix and his inmate actors will put on his Tempest and snare the traitors who destroyed him. Or will they?	F 320p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Year of the Flood	Atwood, Margaret	The waterless flood - a manmade plague - has ended the world. But two young women have survived: Ren, a young dancer and Toby, who watches and waits from her rooftop garden. Is anyone else out there? Trillium Book Award short listed.	F 529p	SHORTLIST	CD
Alias Grace	Atwood, Margaret	Grace Marks. Female fiend? Femme fatale? Or weak and unwilling victim? Atwood's novel is based on the true story of one of the most enigmatic and notorious women of the 1840s. Canadian Giller Prize-winner	F 482p	WINNER	CD

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Blind Assassin	Atwood, Margaret	Laura Chase's older sister Iris reflects on her far from exemplary life, in particular the events surrounding her sister's tragic death and her novel which earned the dead Laura Chase not only notoriety but also a devoted cult following. Man Booker Prize Prize and Hammett Prize-winner.	F 546p	WINNER	CD, LP
Handmaid's Tale	Atwood, Margaret	Set in 21st Century America, the Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function: to breed. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs. Governor General's Award and Arthur C. Clarke Award winner.	F 370p	WINNER	N/A
Testaments	Atwood, Margaret	The Republic of Gilead maintains its repressive grip on power but it is beginning to rot from within. As the lives of three radically different women come together, there are potentially explosive results in this tense sequel to The Handmaid's Tale. Winner: Booker Prize.	F 448p	WINNER	N/A
Sunset Park	Auster, Paul	In the sprawling flatlands of Florida, 28-year-old Miles is haunted by guilt but circumstances force him to face the inevitable confrontation with his father that he has been avoiding for years. IMPAC Dublin Literary Award long list.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Harmony Silk Factory	Aw, Tash	A devastating love story set against the turmoil of mid-twentieth-century Malaysia. Costa First Novel Award winner.	F 420p	WINNER	CD, LP
A Man called Ove	Backman, Fredrik	Debut novel originally published in Sweden. Ove is fifty-nine. He drives a Saab. He's the kind of man who is habitually grumpy by nature. But when new neighbours move in next door, change forces Ove to engage with the world. Charming and funny, a former Radio Four Book at Bedtime.	F 320p	FICTION	LP

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Britt-Marie was here	Backman, Fredrik	When Britt-Marie finds herself unemployed, separated from her husband of 20 years, left to fend for herself in the miserable provincial backwater that is Borg - of which the kindest thing one can say is that it has a road going through it - and somehow tasked with running the local football team, she is a little unprepared. But she will learn that life may have more to offer her than she's ever realised, and love might be found in the most unexpected of places. A funny, poignant and uplifting tale of love, community, and second chances from the bestselling author of <i>A Man Called Ove</i> .	F 320p	FICTION	LP
The View from here: Life at Seventy	Bakewell, Joan	This is Joan's discerning and heart-warming account of life at 70 and beyond. A household name and a popular radio and TV broadcaster, she is the ideal ambassador for challenging what being 70 can mean for women today. All of life, including the taboos of old age, are here - work, family, love, sex, body and death - written about with humour, warmth, and her characteristic verve and intelligence.	B BAK 258p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
All the Nice Girls	Bakewell, Joan	A debut novel that captures the danger and excitement of wartime Britain. As part of the war effort the Ashworth Grammar School for Girls signs up for the Merchant Navy's Ship Adoption Scheme. Then Josh Percival, captain of the adopted ship, the SS Treverran, comes with his men to visit Ashworth. The choices that follow will disrupt all their lives, reverberating even to the next generation, when, decades later, life and love are on the line again . . .	F 352p	FICTION	CD, LP

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Zero Day	Baldacci, David	Government investigator John Puller is called in when a family is brutally murdered in West Virginia. As he he teams up with local detective Samantha Cole, the body count rises and a rollercoaster race against time ensues when Puller knows he has to overcome the enemies of his country to avoid far reaching disaster.	F 624p	CRIME	CD
True Blue	Baldacci, David	Policeman's widow Hadley isn't looking for a husband and Drake, the consummate cop, doesn't want a wife; but a medical emergency brings them together. While Hadley recovers, Drake plays nanny to Hadley's son and in return she agrees to pose as his date.	F 656p	CRIME	CD
My Animals and Other Family	Balding, Claire	The autobiography of life in a rather unusual household, shared with thoroughbred racehorses, and an ever-present pack of boxers and lurchers. As a toddler she would happily ride the legendary Mill Reef and take breakfast with the Queen. Left to their own devices, she and her siblings had to learn life's toughest lessons through the animals, and through their adventures in the stables and the idyllic Hampshire Downs.	B BAL 272p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
The Infinities	Banville, John	Old Adam Godley's time on earth is drawing to an end, and as his wife and children gather at the family home, the mischievous Greek gods, too, have come to intervene - or is it to intrude? Overflowing with bawdy humour, this novel roves through memories of the past and relationships of the present in a moving family drama.	F 299p	LITERARY	LP

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The Sea	Banville, John	When art historian Max Morden returns to the seaside village where he once spent a childhood holiday, he is both escaping from a recent loss and confronting a distant trauma. Mr and Mrs Grace and the Grace twins, with their worldly ease and candour, were unlike anyone he had met before, and what ensued would haunt him for the rest of his years and shape everything that was to follow. Winner: Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 272p	WINNER	CD
The Marlowe Papers	Barber, Ros	In 1593, a celebrated young playwright was killed in a tavern brawl in London. That, at least, was the official version. Now let Christopher Marlowe tell you the truth: that his 'death' was an elaborate ruse to avoid his being hanged for heresy, and that he continued to write plays and poetry, hiding as one William Shakespeare. Winner: Author's Club first novel award, Desmond Elliot Prize,	F 464p	WINNER	N/A
The Elegance of the Hedgehog	Barbery, Muriel	Bestselling French translation with elements of philosophy, culture and class as the lives of a lonely concierge and a suicidal 13yr old girl collide. French Booksellers Prize, Brive-la-Gaillarde Reader's Prize, and Prix du Rotary International	F 322p	WINNER	CD, LP
No Safe House	Barclay, Linwood	Meet the Archer family, who are unwittingly drawn into a web of violent crime and forced to confront the past. Brilliantly plotted, fast-paced thriller with cunning didn't-see-it-coming twists.	F 512p	THRILLER	CD, LP
No Time for Goodbye	Barclay, Linwood	Suburban teenager Cynthia Archer awakes and discovers that her family has simply disappeared. Twenty-five years later Cynthia is still haunted by unanswered questions but soon begins to realise that stirring up the past could be the worst mistake she has ever made.	F 452p	THRILLER	CD

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Life Class	Barker, Pat	Spring, 1914 and when the army won't take Paul, he enlists in the Belgian Red Cross just as he and fellow student Elinor Brooke admit their feelings for one another. Amidst the devastation in Ypres, Paul comes to see the world anew - but have his experiences changed him completely? Booker prize winning author	F 322p	LITERARY	CD
Noonday	Barker, Pat	Once fellow students at the Slade School of Fine Art, before the First World War destroyed the hopes of their generation, they now find themselves caught in another war. Completing the story of Elinor, Paul and Kit, which begun with Life Class and Toby's Room, Noonday is both a stand-alone novel and the climax of a trilogy. Writing about the Second World War for the first time, Pat Barker brings the besieged and haunted city of London into electrifying life.	F 322p	LITERARY	N/A
The Killings on Jubilee Terrace	Barnard, Robert	Meet the cast of Jubilee Terrace, one of the most popular soap operas on British television. But when a suspicious letter emerges raising questions about a cast member's supposed 'natural death' and an arson attack kills two more of the cast, it would appear something more sinister is afoot. The script-writers are clearly not the only ones capable of killing off characters.... Winner: Diamond Dagger Award.	F 320p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Noise of Time	Barnes, Julian	In May 1937 a man in his early thirties waits by the lift of a Leningrad apartment block. He waits all through the night, expecting to be taken away to the Big House. Any celebrity he has known in the previous decade is no use to him now. And few who are taken to the Big House ever return. A profound meditation on power and the relationship of art and power from a literary master.	F 192p	LITERARY	CD



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The Sense of an Ending	Barnes, Julian	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. They all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is in middle age and he is finding that memory is imperfect.	F 160p	LITERARY	CD
The Day of the Jack Russell	Bateman, Colin	The Small Shop Keeper With No Name is back. Hired to find the vandals responsible for spraying graffiti on an airline mogul's advertising hoarding, he soon finds himself up to his ears in intrigue. With MI5 getting involved and everyone on the hunt for a missing Jack Russell, can Our Man stay alive as well as keep his bookshop afloat?	F 436p	HUMOUR	CD
Snap	Bauer , Belinda	Jack and his two sisters sit in their broken-down car, waiting for their mother to come back and rescue them. But she never came back and life is changed for ever. Three years later, Jack is catapulted into finding out what happened to his mother. Snap decisions can be dangerous. Longlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize 2018.	F 446p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Rubbernecker	Bauer, Belinda	Life is strange for Patrick Fort - being a medical student with Asperger's Syndrome doesn't come without its challenges. And that's before he is faced with solving a possible murder. Because the body Patrick is examining in anatomy class is trying to tell him all kinds of things.	F 432p	FICTION	CD, LP

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The Shut Eye	Bauer, Belinda	A family like any other, but in one careless moment everything changed. A front door accidentally left ajar . . . and Daniel was gone. Now they are a pair of strangers and distrust and unspoken words fill the void where their son used to be. Anna will go to any lengths to find Daniel - a four-year-old doesn't just vanish into thin air. But how far will this desperate search push her? An intricate plot, extremely moving in some places and very scary in others by an award winning literary crime writer. Recommended by The Independent.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD
The Pale Blue Eye	Bayard, Louis	At West Point Academy in 1830, the calm of an October evening is shattered by the discovery of a young cadet's body swinging from a rope. The next morning, an even greater horror comes to light. Someone has removed the dead man's heart. Augustus Landor-- who acquired some renown in his years as a New York City police detective--is called in to discreetly investigate. It's a baffling case Landor must pursue in secret, for the scandal could do irreparable damage to the fledgling institution.	F 448p	HISTORICAL	N/A
The Sellout	Beatty, Paul	A brilliant, madcap satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court when he sets out to right a perceived wrong by reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school. Laugh out loud funny, biting and sad at times, this book won the Man Booker Prize Prize in 2016.	F 304p	WINNER	CD

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Keeping on Keeping on	Bennett, Alan	Alan Bennett's third collection of prose contains excerpts from the diaries 2005 to 2015, reflecting on a decade that saw four premieres at the National Theater (The Habit of Art, People, Hymn and Cocktail Sticks), a West End double-bill transfer, and the films of The History Boys and The Lady in the Van. This is an engaging, humane, sharp, funny and unforgettable record of life according to the inimitable Alan Bennett. multi-Award winning author and playwright.	822.914 736p	NON-FCTION	N/A
The Uncommon Reader	Bennett, Alan	The Uncommon Reader is none other than HM the Queen who drifts accidentally into reading and whose new reading habit is subversive, changing her world view. The consequence is, of course, surprising, mildly shocking and very funny.	F 124p	HUMOUR	CD
House Arrest	Bennett, Alan	A year in and out of lockdown as experienced by Alan Bennett. The diary takes us from the filming of Talking Heads to thoughts on Boris Johnson, from his father's short-lived craze for family fishing trips, to stair lifts, junk shops of old, having a haircut and encounters on the local park bench. A lyrical afterword describes the journey home to Yorkshire from King's Cross station via fish and chips on Quebec Street, past childhood landmarks of Leeds, through Coniston Cold, over the infant River Aire, and on.	822.914 64p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Windsor Knot	Bennett, S J	The morning after a dinner party at Windsor Castle, eighty-nine-year-old Queen Elizabeth is shocked to discover that one of her guests has been found murdered and sets out to solve the crime. Charming, cosy and respectful murder mystery in the style of Miss Marple.	F 314p	CRIME	CD, LP

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Unspeakable	Bercow, John	A no-holds-barred memoir from the retired Speaker of the House of Commons, charting his own extraordinary journey to a ringside seat and giving verdicts on many famous figures in government over the decades. Sunday Times Bestseller.	B BER 464p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
Art Of Mending	Berg, Elizabeth	A family reunion is disrupted with devastating allegations from a daughter about their mother. With insight and grace the story explores how tragedy forces three siblings to face the past, their own culpability and their need for love and forgiveness.	F 272p	FICTION	LP
The Missing Boy	Billington, Rachel	Thirteen year old Dan hasn't returned home and his parents don't know whether he's run away, been kidnapped, or something worse. A tense and emotional novel of a contemporary family living through their worst nightmare. Some kids come home. But will Dan?	F 320p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Diary of A Somebody	Bilston, Brian	Brian's resolution is to write a poem every day; poetry will be his salvation. But there is an obstacle to his happiness in the form of Toby Salt, his arch nemesis in the Poetry Group and rival suitor to Liz, Brian's new poetic inspiration. When Toby goes missing, Brian is the number one suspect. Laugh out loud comedy in the great tradition of David Nobbs and Sue Townsend	F 392p	SHORTLIST	N/A
A Week in Winter	Binchy, Maeve	High on the cliffs of the west coast of Ireland, overlooking the windswept Atlantic ocean, is Stone House. Once falling into disrepair, it is now a beautiful hotel specialising in winter holidays. With a big, warm kitchen, log fires and elegant bedrooms, it provides a welcome few can resist, whatever their reasons for coming.	F 464p	FICTION	CD, LP

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Out Of the Blue	Bingham, Charlotte	Heart-warming, compelling and full of charm. Florence, newly recovering from a family tragedy, discovers a strangely dressed and suspiciously disorientated young man asleep in her guest cottage at her home.	F 420p	FICTION	CD
Daughters Of Eden	Bingham, Charlotte	A compelling story following the lives and intertwining fortunes of a small community during WWII as four women have to deal with love, death, war and the fact that they could have a spy amongst them. Part One of the Eden trilogy.	F 548p	HISTORICAL	CD
The Lemur	Black, Benjamin	Thriller set in modern America and Ireland, A researcher is employed by an Irish-American billionaire to write a favourable biography. But he begins to uncover more than he should, and attempts blackmail. Benjamin Black is a pen name for John Banville.	F 196p	THRILLER	CD
Prague Nights	Black, Benjamin	Literary mystery by Man Booker Prize and Irish PEN winning author who also writes as John Banville. Prague, 1599 and a young doctor has just arrived in the city. On his first evening, he finds a young woman's body half-buried in the snow. The dead woman is none other than the emperor's mistress, and there's no shortage of suspects. In the search to find the culprit, he finds himself drawn into the shadowy world of the emperor's court.	F 336 p	LITERARY	N/A
All that Remains	Black, Sue M	A Professor of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology reveals the many faces of death she has encountered in her work, revealing tragedy and humour. A griping, but moving read. Shortlisted:CWA Gold Dagger for Non-fiction 2019	363.25 368p	NON-FICTION	N/A

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Just Sayin'	Blackman, Malorie	Malorie Blackman OBE is one of Britain's best loved and most widely-read writers. She is also a writer whose own life has been shaped by books. This book is an account of that journey, from a childhood surrounded by words, to the 83 rejection letters she received in response to sending out her first project, to the children's laureateship. It explores the books who have made her who she is. The extraordinary life story of one of the world's greatest writers.	B BLA 275p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A
Lorna Doone	Blackmore, R.D.	Published in 1869, Farmer John Ridd finds love amid the religious and social turmoil of seventeenth-century England. Beloved for its portrait of star-crossed lovers and its surpassing descriptions of the English countryside, Lorna Doone is an enduring masterpiece.	F 390p	CLASSIC	LP
The Oligarch's Wife	Blundy, Anna	Pavel Ivanchenko's life begins in poverty and violence, but he is destined to become one of the richest men in the world. He starts trading illegal vodka on the streets of Kargasok and ends up buying most of the steel in the old Soviet Union The lives of two friends: one English, one Russian become entwined through their turbulent relationships with the Oligarch.	F 340p	FICTION	CD
Awakening	Bolton, S. J.	When a man dies from what appears to be a random snake bite in a quiet country village, the hospital seeks the expert view of wildlife vet Clara Benning. But the post mortem reveals this was no freak accident. Clara finds herself drawn into the hunt for a brutally inventive killer, putting herself in grave danger.	F 560p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Split	Bolton, Sharon	Felicity Lloyd flees to South Georgia, , escaping her past and the man she once loved but Freddie Lloyd intends to track her to the ends of the earth. Trapped together on the ice, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues. Richard and Judy Book Club pick.	F 314p	THRILLER	CD, LP

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Betty Boothroyd The Autobiography	Boothroyd Betty	She stands for fair play, an unshakeable sense of honor, and a passionate belief in the sovereignty of Parliament. This is a candid account of Betty Boothroyd's life in politics, which reached its crest when she was appointed the first woman Speaker of the House of Commons.	B BOO 544p	BIOGRAPHY	LP
A Street Cat Named Bob	Bowen, James	The moving, uplifting true story of an unlikely friendship between a man on the streets and the ginger cat that adopts him and helps him heal his life. Made into film, this book inspired many people.	B BOW 279p	BIOGRAPHY	LP
Sweet Caress : The Many Lives of Amory Clay	Boyd, William	From an apprenticeship in London photographing socialites for magazines, to 1920s Berlin, New York in the 1930s and the Blackshirt riots in London, her camera unleashes a passion that irrevocably shapes her future. Hungry for more, Amory Clay goes on to become one of the first women war photographers in France during the Second World War. In this enthralling story of a life fully lived, we see a sweeping panorama of the twentieth century, told through the camera lens of one unforgettable woman. Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 464p	FICTION	CD
Any Human Heart	Boyd, William	This is the story of Logan Mountstuart, told through his journals. His travels take the reader from Uruguay to Oxford, Paris, the Bahamas, New York and Africa. This is the story of a life lived to the full - and a journey deep into a very human heart. Shortlist: Dublin Impac Literary Award	F 512p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Restless	Boyd, William	Spy thriller, set in in 1970s Britain, with two strong and interesting women and an old score to settle. Fast paced, well plotted, and with a couple of good, original twists.	F 336p	THRILLER	CD

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The Romantic	Boyd, William	Born in 1799, Cashel Greville Ross experiences myriad lives: joyous and devastating, years of luck and unexpected loss. Moving from County Cork to London, from Waterloo to Zanzibar, Cashel seeks his fortune across continents in war and in peace. He faces a terrible moral choice in a village in Sri Lanka. In Ravenna he meets a woman who will live in his heart for the rest of his days. As he travels the world as a soldier, a farmer, a felon, a writer, a father, a lover, he experiences all the vicissitudes of life and, through the accelerating turbulence of the nineteenth century, he discovers who he truly is.	F 450p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A
Meantime	Boyle, Frankie	Glasgow, in the aftermath of the Independence referendum, is a strange place. Marina Katos's body is found in a park and the police don't seem to know or care who committed the crime. In a haze of tranquilisers, hallucinogenics, and Valium, Felix McAveety decides to solve the murder of Marina, his best friend. But to break through his drug-induced fog and get closer to the truth Felix enlists the help of a dying crime novelist, Jane Pickford and his crisis-ridden friend Scott. Their quest takes them into the dark heart of Scottish politics, the orbit of drug dealers, and the matrix of AI, as they seek justice for Marina.	F 336p	CRIME	N/A
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Boyne, John	Bruno is nine and completely unaware of the barbarity of Germany under Hitler until he meets a boy called Shmuel who lives life on the opposite side of a wire fence. The friendship between the two boys begins to grow, but for Bruno it is a journey from blissful ignorance to painful knowledge.	F 258p	HISTORICAL	LP



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Now is the Time	Bragg, Melvyn	At the end of May 1381, the fourteen-year-old King of England had reason to be fearful: the plague had returned, the royal coffers were empty and a draconian poll tax was being widely evaded. Yet Richard felt secure in his God-given right to reign. But within two weeks, the unthinkable happened: a vast force of common people invaded London, led by a former soldier, Walter Tyler and it looked as if they would sweep all before them. In this gripping novel, the extraordinary events of the Peasant's Revolt are brought to fresh, urgent life.	F 368p	HISTORICAL	N/A
My Sister, the Serial Killer	Braithwaite, Oyinkan	Set in Nigeria, Korede is torn between family loyalty and protecting the man she loves from a deadly female predator - her sister. Longlist:Booker Prize; Shortlist: Women's Prize for Fiction;Winner : LA Times Award Best Crime Thriller; Capital Crime Debut Author of the Year 2019	F 242p	WINNER	N/A
Testament of Youth	Brittain, Vera	One of the most famous autobiographies of the First World War, this is Brittain's account of how she survived the Great War; how she lost the man she loved; how she nursed the wounded and how she emerged into an altered world. A passionate record of a lost generation, it made Vera Brittain one of the best-loved writers of her time.	B BRI 672p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
Coming Home	Britton, Fern	A heartfelt novel about family secrets and atonement Twenty years ago Sennen ran away from Cornwall, now it's time to come back and face her mistakes and hope for a future with her long-lost daughter and son. Will she be welcomed back with open hearts?	F 416p	FICTION	CD

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Daughters of Cornwall	Britton, Fern	Caroline has spent years trying to uncover the lies buried in her family history. And once she arrives in Cornwall, the truth finally seems to be in reach. Except with storm clouds gathering on the horizon, Caroline soon learns that some secrets are best left hidden. Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 406p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
A Good Catch	Britton, Fern	As they grew up in the Cornish fishing village of Trevay, life for four friends seemed all mapped out. But what seems so simple in the innocence of youth is far more complicated than it appears. Under intense pressure from his family to marry Greer Clovelly, uniting two great Cornish families, Jesse Behenna faces an agonizing choice, which could change the course of all their futures. Sunday Times bestselling author.	F 424p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Postcard	Britton, Fern	Life in the Cornish village of Pendruggan isn't always picture perfect. Penny Leighton has kept her family secrets locked away in her heart, but when an unwelcome visitor blows in, she is brought face to face with the past. And a postcard, tucked away in a long-hidden case, holds the truth that could change everything. The new witty and warm novel from the Sunday Times best-selling author and TV presenter, Fern Britton.	F 416p	FICTION	CD
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall	Brontë, Anne	Traces with remarkable frankness, the collapse of a woman's marriage to an abusive husband loosely based on Brontë's brother, and her escape from him. To write about alcohol abuse was taboo, but Anne Brontë had very different ideas.	F 395p	CLASSIC	CD

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Villette	Brontë, Charlotte	When Lucy Snowe leaves England to look for a new life on the Continent she has no idea what lies in store for her. This quiet, lonely girl must learn quickly when she finds herself teaching in a foreign school, with no friends or family to rely on. However it's not long until figures from Lucy's past appear and she becomes involved in dilemmas which inspire new and passionate feelings in her.	F 741p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Wuthering Heights	Brontë, Emily	Set on the wild Yorkshire Moors, Wuthering Heights is full of; love; romance; passion; revenge; and violence; covering ideas about: nature; religion; superstition; death; and the social values of the 19th Century.	F 450p	CLASSIC	CD
Aftermath	Brook, Rhidian	In the bitter winter of 1946, reunited with her husband Lewis, Rachael Morgan arrives with her son Edmund in the ruins of Hamburg. But she discovers they will be sharing a house with its previous owners, a German widower and his troubled daughter. In this charged atmosphere, enmity and grief give way to passion and betrayal. Now a major film starring Keira Knightly.	F 336p	FICTION	LP
The Rules of Engagement	Brookner, Anita	Elizabeth and Betsy are old friends dating back to their schooldays. While self-willed Elizabeth goes off and marries an older man, Digby, and then embarks on an affair, Betsy seems to find romance in Paris. A clever, entertaining novel, beautifully observed.	F 252p	FICTION	CD
March	Brooks, Geraldine	March is the story of the girls' father in Louisa May Alcott's 'Little Women' The tale switches between letters home to Marmee and recollections of earlier times, and his personal battles between conscience and greed. Pulitzer prize winning author.	F 304p	LITERARY	CD

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People of the Book	Brooks, Geraldine	Hanna is invited to restore the Sarajevo haggadah - an ancient text which appears to have been preserved against all the odds. As she works, she discovers 'clues' to the past history of the book while slowly the 'book within the book' reveals more of the story. Pulitzer prize winning author.	F 396p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Terrible Kindness	Browning-Wroe, Jo	It is October 1966 and William Lavery is having the night of his life at his first black-tie do. But, as the evening unfolds, news hits of a landslide at a coal mine. It has buried a school: Aberfan. William decides he must act, so he stands and volunteers to attend. It will be his first job as an embalmer, and it will be one he never forgets. His work that night will force him to think about the little boy he was, and the losses he has worked so hard to forget. But compassion can have surprising consequences, because giving so much to others can sometimes help us heal ourselves.	F 381p	FICTION	N/A
Tell the Wolves I'm Home	Brunt, Carol Rifka	When June's beloved uncle dies young, of a mysterious illness, June's world is turned upside down. At the funeral, she notices a strange man lingering just beyond the crowd, and when she has the opportunity to meet him; the two begin to spend time together. Tell the Wolves I'm Home is a tender story of love lost and found, an unforgettable portrait of the way compassion can make us whole again. Goodreads Choice Awards Finalist	F 384p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid	Bryson, Bill	This witty book by the best-selling travel writer, delves into Bryson's past, telling of his youth growing up on 'the right side of town' in Des Moines, Iowa. With his usual contented good humour he nostalgically describes and comments on American life in the 1950s.	910.4092 416p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP

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The Body - a Guide for Occupants	Bryson, Bill	Much loved author explores the human body with his particular brand of wit and astonishment. Despite the 500+ pages, this is a galloping read with cleverly defined chapters. Shortlist: Royal Society Science Book Prize,	612 544p	NON-FICTION	CD
Separate Beds	Buchan, Elizabeth	As a family gathers in crisis, Annie and Tom start to open up to one another about a terrible, painful truth they have lived with all these years. Soon a new, unexpected future starts to take shape as they are offered a second chance at happiness. But will they take it?	F 390p	FICTION	CD, LP
So He Takes the Dog	Buckley, Jonathan	Set in the West country, this is a novel about what it means to live in today's Britain, about the fallout of violence and the dynamics of difficult relationships, about the slow drawing-in of dreams and the facing of reality and what happens when that starts to go wrong.	F 346p	CRIME	LP
We Need New Names	Bulawayo, Nu Violet	A coming-of-age story, we meet ten year old Darling, who moves from a life of mischief and adventure in shanty-town Africa to the Midwest United States which has a whole new set of challenges for a budding teenager. Shortlisted: Man Booker Prize, Guardian 1st Award, Barnes & Noble Discover Award. Winner: Etisalat Prize for Literature, Hemingway Foundation Award, Los Angeles Times Book Prize.	F 304p	WINNER	CD, LP

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Loki	Burgess, Melvin	Starting with the Norse creation myths, the trickster god Loki takes the reader on a wild ride through Norse mythology, from the time the gods - the founders of Asgard - defeated races of monsters, and hurtling through famous stories. Loki arrives in Asgard as an outsider. He is a trickster, an unreliable narrator, the god of intelligence and politics. In spite of his cleverness and sparkling wit (or, perhaps, because of this) Loki struggles to find his place among the old patriarchal gods of supernatural power and is constantly at odds with the god of thunder - Thor. Alongside the politics of Asgard, it charts the course of Loki's many loves and families.	F 252p	FANTASY	N/A
All the Young Men	Burks, Ruth Coker	A gripping and triumphant tale of human compassion, is the true story of Ruth Coker Burks, a young single mother in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who finds herself driven to the forefront of the AIDS crisis, and becoming a pivotal activist in America's fight against AIDS. Extraordinary life of Ruth Coker Burks and the beloved men who fought valiantly for their lives with AIDS during a most hostile and misinformed time in America.	B BUR 355p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A
His Bloody Project	Burnet, Graeme Macrae	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. An irresistible and original story about the provisional nature of truth, even when the facts seem clear and a mesmerising literary thriller. Shortlisted Man Booker Prize Prize 2016.	F 288p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Milkman	Burns, Anna	A profound and often funny tale of gossip and hearsay, silence and deliberate deafness. It is the story of inaction with enormous consequences. In an unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous and when a brother in law discovers something interesting about Middle Sister, life takes a frightening turn. Winner Man Booker Prize Prize 2018.	F 368p	WINNER	CD
The Muse	Burton, Jessie	On a hot July day in 1967, Odelle Bastien is offered a job as a typist in a gallery under the tutelage of the glamorous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick, who, despite taking Odelle into her confidence remains a mystery. Until a lost masterpiece with a secret history in 1930's Spain is delivered to the gallery. Seductive and suspenseful this is a novel about aspiration and identity, love and obsession, authenticity and deception.	F 464p	FICTION	CD
The Miniaturist	Burton, Jessie	1686. Eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman has come from the country to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant Johannes Brandt in Amsterdam. Presented with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home, she realises the tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in unexpected ways. Beautiful, intoxicating and filled with heart-pounding suspense. Winner Specsavers book of the year 2014.	F 448p	WINNER	CD, LP

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House of Fortune	Burton, Jessie	1705. Thea Brandt is about to turn eighteen, and at the theatre in Amsterdam's golden city centre she has met the love of her life. At home, the Brandt family faces ruin, and Thea's aunt Nella is convinced the only solution is to find Thea a wealthy husband among the city's elite. As Thea and Nella clash over the demands of duty and the heart, past secrets begin to overwhelm their present. Will each woman be able to rescue her destiny from the whims of fortune?	F 401p	FICTION HISTORICAL	CD
Black Water Lilies	Bussi, Michel	Elegant crime mystery set over just thirteen days that begins with one murder and ends with another. Entangled in the mystery are three women: a young painting prodigy, the seductive village schoolteacher and an old widow who watches over the village from a mill by the stream. All three of them share a secret. But what do they know about the discovery of a corpse? A bestseller in France, now in translation.	F 368p	CRIME	CD
Kindred	Butler, Octavia E	With themes of historical slavery, time travel and romance, we meet Dana, living in 1976, but drawn back to 1815 by ties she is only just beginning to understand. More literary than Sci-Fi from PEN, Hugo and Nebula award winning author.	F 320p	FICTION SCI-FI	N/A
The Children's Book	Byatt, A. S.	Complex and many layered story of two families and their friends living bohemian lives at the turn of the century. As much about the age they live in, as about lives of the next generation. History, as we know, is about to overtake them. Winner James Tait Black Memorial Prize. Man Booker Prize short listed.	F 898p	WINNER	CD



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Ragnarok : the end of the gods	Byatt, A. S.	An odyssey of childhood, mythology and the imagination from a Booker Prize-winning author . A young evacuee is given a copy of a book of ancient Norse myths and her inner and outer worlds are transformed. Linguistically stunning and imaginative, this mesmerising tale inspired by the myth of Ragnarok is a landmark piece of storytelling.	F 193 p	FICTION	CD, LP
Our House	Candlish, Louise	When Fi Lawson arrives home to find strangers moving into her house, she is plunged into terror and confusion. How can this other family possibly think the house is theirs? Her husband Bram has disappeared - what terrible secret is he hiding and what has Fi hidden from him? Winner: Crime & Thriller book of the Year, British Book Awards.	F 449p	WINNER	CD
The Other Passenger	Candlish, Louise	Jamie has given up the rat-race for an easier life with a riverboat commute on the Thames in the company of his younger, brasher neighbour, Kit. But when Kit goes missing, Jamie is the prime suspect even though he had nothing to do with his friend's disappearance. Or did he? Prize winning author.	F 416p	THRILLER	LP
The Trouble with Goats and Sheep	Cannon, Joanna	England, 1976. Mrs Creasy is missing and The Avenue is alive with whispers. As the summer shimmers endlessly on, Grace and Tilly decide to take matters into their own hands. And as the cul-de-sac starts giving up its secrets, the amateur detectives will find much more than they imagined. Part whodunit, part coming of age, a sparkling debut. Sunday Times bestseller.	F 464p	FICTION	LP

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Breakfast At Tiffany's	Capote, Truman	Holly Golightly is a style sensation wherever she goes; her apartment rocks to Martini-soaked parties and she plays hostess to millionaires and gangsters alike. Yet Holly never loses sight of her ultimate dream - to find a real life place like Tiffany's that makes her feel at home.	F 160p	CLASSIC	CD
His Illegal Self	Carey, Peter	A small boy, raised in isolated privilege, whose radical activist parents are in hiding, is kidnapped from grandma to "go and see his mum". He ends up in a hippy commune in Australia, where he is forced to confront his life.	F 288p	FICTION	CD, LP
Queenie	Carty-Williams, Candice	A darkly comic and biting subversive take on life, love, race and family as a 25 year old journalist tries to straddle British and Jamaican culture, and asks herself 'Why am I doing this?'. Winner: British Book Awards; Shortlist: Costa First Novel; Longlist: Women's Prize.	F 400p	FICTION WINNER	N/A
The Luminaries	Catton, Eleanor	Set on the wild west coast of southern New Zealand during the time of its gold rush, in a double-dealing world of skulduggery. Walter Moody, a recent Scottish émigré, accidentally gate-crashes a clandestine meeting of twelve local businessmen and is drawn into their various shady dealings. Winner; Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 848p	WINNER	CD
The Liar	Cavanagh , Steve	Leonard Howell's worst nightmare has come true: his daughter Caroline has been kidnapped. He can't rely on the cops, so Howell calls the only man he trusts to get her back, Eddie Flyn, former con artist, now hotshot criminal attorney. An ingenious plot, gripping action and characters who leap off the page . Winner CWA Gold Dagger Award 2018.	F 352p	WINNER	CD

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The Devil's Advocate	Cavanagh, Steve	Ambitious District Attorney Randal Korn lives to watch prisoners executed. Even if they are not guilty. An innocent man, Andy Dubois, faces the penalty for the murder of a young girl. Korn has already fixed things to make sure he wins a fast conviction. He hadn't counted on meeting Eddie Flynn, former con artist turned New York lawyer who only has seven days to save an innocent man against a corrupt system.	F 403p	THRILLER	CD
The Axeman's Jazz	Celestin, Ray	A stunning atmospheric crime thriller set against the heady backdrop of jazz-filled, mob-ruled New Orleans, 1919. As a dark serial killer stalks the city, three individuals set out to unmask him. As each draws closer, the Axeman himself will issue a challenge to the people of New Orleans: play jazz or become the next victim. Winner of the CWA John Creasey New Blood Dagger for Best Debut Crime Novel of the Year. Shortlisted for the Theakston's Crime Novel of the Year Award.	F 442p	WINNER	CD
The Summer Queen	Chadwick, Elizabeth	Eleanor of Aquitaine has fascinated readers for over eight hundred years but remains elusive until now. Based on the most up-to-date research, this book brings Eleanor's magnificent story to life as never before. The story brings the complex and faction-riddled French court to life as Eleanor is forced into marriage at the age of 13. Award winning author.	F 512p	HISTORICAL	CD
Footprints in the Sand	Challis, Sarah	Great Aunt Mary has appointed Emily and cousin Clemmie as part executors of her Will and they are to transport her ashes to Timadjlalen, in the Saharan desert. And so begins a journey that will be the most important of their lives.	F 512p	FICTION	CD

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Small Pleasures	Chambers, Clare	When a young woman contacts the local paper to claim that her daughter is the result of a virgin birth in the suburbs of London in 1957, feature writer Jean finds her life becoming entwined with the family and their story. Longlisted Women's Prize.	F 350p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Well	Chanter, Catherine	A fresh start on a beautiful farm that appears to offer everything Ruth, Mark and Lucien are searching for. But The Well's unique glory comes at a terrible price and Ruth becomes increasingly isolated as her land flourishes whilst her neighbours' produce withers and dies. Fearful of envious locals and suspicious of those offering help Ruth is less and less sure who she can trust. Winner Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize, 2013.	F 401p	WINNER	CD, LP
Crow Court	Charman, Andy	This story revolves around the suicide of a schoolboy, Henry Cuff, and murder of his brutal choirmaster, Matthew Ellis, in 1840. It comprises 14 discrete chapters featuring characters both intimately and loosely connected with the murder, spanning 23 years. The gaze of the magistrate is on four local men. Wimborne is the backdrop to all the interconnected stories.	F 336p	SHORTLIST	N/A
New Boy - Othello retold	Chevalier, Tracy	Shakespeare retold. When diplomat's son Osei arrives at his new school, he knows he needs an ally if he is to survive. But one student can't stand to witness a budding relationship between the black boy and the golden girl. By the end of the day, the school will never be the same again. The tragedy of Othello is transposed to a 1970s suburban Washington schoolyard in Tracy Chevalier's powerful drama of friends torn apart by jealousy, bullying and betrayal.	F183 p	FICTION	CD, LP

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At The Edge Of The Orchard	Chevalier, Tracy	In 1830s Ohio, the Goodenough family barely scratch out a living in the inhospitable Black Swamp. They and their five children work relentlessly to tame their patch of land, buying saplings so they can cultivate the fifty apple trees required to stake their claim on the property. But the orchard they plant sows the seeds of a long battle. Their youngest son seeks solace collecting seeds for a naturalist who sells plants from the new world to the gardeners of England, but his past catches up with him again. A fierce, beautifully crafted story that crosses the boundaries between literary and contemporary fiction.	F 336p	HISTORICAL	CD
Burning Bright	Chevalier, Tracy	The Kellaway family move from rural Dorset to late 18th-century London, where they become neighbours with William Blake. It's a vivid reconstruction of late 18th-century London and the feeling of unrest as King George worries that his citizens will revolt like the French.	F 419p	HISTORICAL	CD
Remarkable Creatures	Chevalier, Tracy	Mary Anning's discovery of strange fossilized creatures in the cliffs of Lyme Regis sets the world alight. But Mary must face powerful prejudice from a male scientific establishment, not to mention vicious gossip and the heartbreak of forbidden love.	F 357p	HISTORICAL	CD
Single Thread	Chevalier, Tracy	A 'surplus' woman after WWI, Violet escapes her mother and moves to Winchester to start a new life. Despite her courage and resilliance, when WWII looms, a secret threatens to change everything. Bestselling author.	F 400p	FICTION	N/A

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Remote Sympathy	Chidgey, Catherine	<p>Moving away from their apartment in Munich isn't nearly as wrenching an experience for Frau Greta Hahn as she had feared. Their new home is even lovelier, life in Buchenwald would appear to be idyllic. Lying just beyond the forest that surrounds them is the looming presence of a work camp. Frau Hahn's husband, SS Sturmbannfuhrer Dietrich Hahn, has been assigned as the camp's administrator. When Frau Hahn's poor health leads her into an unlikely and poignant friendship with one of Buchenwald's prisoners, Dr Lenard Weber, her naive ignorance about what is going on so nearby is challenged. A decade earlier, Dr Weber had invented a machine believed that its subtle resonances might cure cancer. But does it really work?</p>	F 526p	SHORTLIST	CD
Killing Floor	Child, Lee	<p>A man hops off a greyhound bus in rural Georgia, America and winds up in jail accused of a crime he couldn't possibly have committed. As the nasty secrets of a ruthless conspiracy leak out it becomes clear that he is just the fall guy.</p>	F 528p	FICTION	CD
Sentinel	Child, Lee	<p>Jack Reacher hitches a ride to a sleepy town outside Nashville, Tennessee. He plans to grab a cup of coffee and move along. Of course this was never going to happen. Jack intervenes in an abduction attempt and in doing so gets embroiled in a plot involving Russians, Neo Nazis, undercover agents and more. The first Jack Reacher novel to be co-written by Lee Child with his brother Andrew who also writes as Andrew Grant</p>	F 380P	THRILLER	CD

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The Cook	Chowdhury, Ajay	<p>Kamil Rahman is a cook in a Brick Lane restaurant . He used to be a detective back in Kolkata. When a young woman Kamil knows is murdered the police are convinced her boyfriend is the culprit. Kamil isn't so sure . He feels he has no choice but to start his own investigation. Meanwhile, his friend and restaurant manager, Anjoli, is troubled by a rise in the number of homeless deaths in their local area. The cases seem unrelated and as the duo dig deeper, discovering links that stretch from Lahore to London, they find themselves in grave danger. Together they take on the indifference of the authorities to the homeless and the casual racism that pervades the investigation of killings of Muslims - all while a supremely intelligent murderer is manipulating events to stay several steps ahead of them.</p>	F 353p	CRIME	N/A
Piranesi	Clarke, Susanna	<p>Piranesi lives in The House and day after day makes a clear and careful record of its wonders. Mostly he is alone but then messages begin to appear - suddenly the world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous. Winner: Women's prize</p>	F 245p	PRIZEWINNER	N/A
Red Bones	Cleeves, Ann	<p>When a young archaeologist studying on a Shetland site discovers a set of human remains, the island settlers are intrigued. Is it an ancient find - or a more contemporary mystery? Then an elderly woman is shot in a tragic accident in the middle of the night. Shetland detective Jimmy Perez is called in but finds himself out of his depth. Jimmy must dig up old secrets to stop a new killer from striking again.</p>	F 406p	CRIME	CD,LP

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Long Call	Cleeves, Ann	When Matthew left the strict evangelical community in which he grew up, he lost his family. Now he's back to take charge of his first major case in the Two Rivers region; and there are deadly secrets to unfold. From the creator of Vera and Shetland.	F 400p	FICTION CRIME	CD
The Coffin Path	Clements, Katherine	Small things are beginning to trouble Mercy Booth. Ancient coins missing from her father's study, a shadowy figure, an unshakeable sense that someone is watching. When she reluctantly takes in a stranger and their stories entwine, this man will change everything. An eerie and compelling ghost story set on the dark wilds of the Yorkshire moors.	F 384p	THRILLER	N/A
Stay Close	Coben, Harlan	Powerful psychological thriller recently adapted for Netflix. As the terrible consequences of long-ago events crash together in the present and threaten to ruin lives, three people will come to the startling realization that they may not want to forget the past at all.	F 416p	THRILLER	CD
The Stranger	Coben, Harlan	When a stranger reveals a secret about Adam's wife, the American dream begins to unravel and a conspiracy emerges. A psychological thriller, fast paced and tense, now released on Netflix.	F 300p	FICTION CRIME	CD
The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim	Coe, Johnathan	A story for our times, Maxwell finds himself at sea in the modern world, surrounded by social networks but unable to relate properly to anyone. His mid-life crisis finds him in his car in the north of Scotland, half-naked and alone, suffering hypothermia, with a couple of empty whisky bottles and a boot full of toothbrushes. It's a far cry from a restaurant in Sydney, where his story starts. Funny yet moving novel with biting social commentary and astute observations of life.	F 356p	FICTION	CD



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The House of Sleep	Coe, Jonathan	A group of students sharing a house. They fall in and out of love, they drift apart. Yet a decade later they are drawn back together by a series of coincidences involving their obsession with sleep - and each other. . . Winner of the 1998 Prix Médicis Étranger, The House of Sleep is an intensely moving and frequently hilarious novel about love, obsession and sleep.	F 352p	WINNER	CD
Middle England	Coe, Jonathan	A witty, satirical, state of the nation novel set in the Brexit era as a diverse cast of characters try to navigate a changing England. Winner: Costa Novel Award	F 432p	FICTION WINNER	N/A
Bourneville	Coe, Jonathan	In Bournville, a placid suburb of Birmingham, sits a famous chocolate factory. For eleven-year-old Mary and her family in 1945, it's the centre of the world. Their streets smell faintly of chocolate, a place where most of their friends and neighbours have worked for decades. Mary live through the Coronation, the World Cup final, royal weddings and royal funerals, Brexit and Covid-19. She'll have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Parts of the chocolate factory will be transformed into a theme park, as modern life and the city crowd in on their peaceful enclave. We travel through seventy-five years of social change. One pressing question starts to emerge:will these changing times bring Mary's family, their country closer together?	F 353p	FICTION	N/A
The Memory Book	Coleman, Rowan	Claire, who has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease, and the people who make up her family; mum Ruth, daughters Caitlin and Esther and husband Greg are all impacted in a way which is out of their hands to control, yet this book remains uplifting. Richard and Judy Book club selection.	F 384p	FICTION	CD, LP

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We are all made of stars	Coleman, Rowan	During her nursing shifts, Stella writes letters for her patients to their loved ones - some full of humour, love and practical advice, others steeped in regret or pain – and promises to post these messages after their deaths. Until one night Stella writes the letter that could give her patient one last chance at redemption, if she delivers it in time... A beautiful story of aching sadness and boundless joy, sparkling with love, humour and humanity.	F 402p	FICTION	CD, LP
Murder Before Evensong	Coles, Richard	Canon Daniel Clement is Rector of Champton. He has been there for eight years, living at the Rectory alongside his widowed mother. When he announces a plan to install a lavatory in church, the parish is suddenly divided. Then Anthony Bowness is found dead at the back of church, the police come in as the bodies mount up, and Daniel tries to keep the community together.	F 358p	CRIME	N/A
The Binding	Collins, Bridget	Emmett Farmer is a binder's apprentice, crafting beautiful books. Then he finds a book with his own name on and a spellbinding gothic fantasy unwinds. Dark and atmospheric. Shortlisted: Waterstones Book of the Year.	F 445p	SHORTLIST	LP
The Confessions of Frannie Langton	Collins, Sara	Accused of the double murder of her employers, Frannie claims not to remember what happened. But what she does remember is her childhood on a Jamaican plantation and the events of her life which led there. Winner: Costa First Novel Award	F 371p	WINNER	N/A

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The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes	Collins, Suzanne	It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The odds are against him and he's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are intertwined, and he must weigh his need to follow the rules, against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.	F 517p	FICTION	N/A
The Moonstone	Collins, Wilkie	Often said to be the godfather of the classic English detective story, a mysterious and compelling crime takes place in an English country house; a large cast of potential suspects is assembled, an incompetent constabulary is replaced by a celebrated sleuth, who then comes up with a satisfying explanation of the puzzle, based on a brilliant analysis of the clues.	F 246p	CLASSIC	CD
Tall Tales and Wee Stories	Connolly, Billy	This collection brings together the very best of Billy's storytelling for the first time and includes his most famous routines. A charismatic storyteller on stage, this is an inspirational, energetic and funny read from a master storyteller.	828.914	NON-FICTION	LP
Windswept and Interesting	Connolly, Billy	Born in a tenement flat in Glasgow in 1942, orphaned by the age of 4, and a survivor of appalling abuse at the hands of his own family, Billy's life is a remarkable story of success against all the odds. This is Billy's story in his own words. It is joyfully funny - stuffed full of hard-earned wisdom as well as countless digressions on fishing, farting and the joys of dancing naked. It is an unforgettable, life-affirming story of a true comedy legend.	B CON 400p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP

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A Loyal Spy	Conway, Simon	How far can loyalty be stretched before it reaches a limit? Millions of lives depend on the answer, as a twisting road of betrayal and revenge leads from the mountains of Afghanistan to the heart of London and a ticking bomb. Winner: Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award. Best thriller.	F 432p	THRILLER	CD
New Wilderness	Cook, Diane	Pollution is killing her daughter, but the only alternative to life in a smog-bound metropolis is life in The Wilderness State, where no one has been allowed to venture. Many-layered dystopian fiction set in the not too distant future and a tender exploration of a mother-daughter relationship under extreme pressure. Shortlisted: Booker Prize.	F 398p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Book Club	Cooper, C J	In a quiet Cotswolds village, new resident Alice suggests starting a book club; the perfect way to get to know each other in a small community. But the neighbours of Willowcombe have no idea what kind of woman they're letting into their homes - and their lives. Alice hasn't moved to the village for peace and quiet: she's here for revenge. And she knows their secrets.	F 358p	THRILLER	LP
Academy Street	Costello, Mary	Academy Street is Mary Costello's luminous portrait of a whole life. Tess Lohan is the kind of woman we meet and fail to notice every day. A single mother. A nurse. A quiet woman, who nonetheless feels things acutely--a woman with tumultuous emotions and few people to share them with. It follows Tess from her girlhood in western Ireland through her relocation to America and her life there, concluding with a moving reencounter with her Irish family after forty years of exile. Winner: Bord Gais Irish Book of the Year, Finalist: Costa First Novel, International Dublin Literary Award, EU Prize for Literature.	F 160p	LITERARY	CD

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The Button Box	Court, Dilly	There was a time when the Carter sisters' father was their hero. Now he's a drunk who's gambled away everything they had and put them all in peril. It's on Clara's shoulders to save the four sisters from destitution. Clara dreams of starting a shop that could put a roof over their heads and keep them safe, but in debt to the terrifying Patches Braggs, leader of one of the East End's roughest gangs, Clara is in fear for her life. When a mysterious benefactor seems to offer an escape, Clara realizes too late that it comes at a terrible price. Fast-paced and well researched historical fiction from a well-known local author.	F 512p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
Beachcomber	Cox, Josephine	Two lonely people arrive in the pretty seaside hamlet of West Bay. Strangers coming from very different backgrounds, they are there for the same reasons: to find peace of mind and the chance to start a new life.	F 406p	FICTION	CD
Harvest	Crace, Jim	A new Lord of the Manor and the Act of Enclosure together combine with unwelcome visitors to bring chaos to the well ordered and traditional life of a medieval village. Beautifully told pastoral tale spanning just a few days. Shortlisted Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 288p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
The Puppet Show	Craven, M.J.	A serial killer is burning people alive in the Lake District's prehistoric stone circles and disgraced detective Washington Poe has to solve the case but the elusive killer has other plans for Poe. Winner: CWA Gold Dagger Award	F 335p	CRIME	N/A
Arlington Park	Cusk, Rachel	Arlington Park is a well-heeled suburb that is Not London and the story follows women who live there, weighed down by husbands and families, appearing normal on the outside, but inwardly fuming. Short listed Orange Prize.	F 257p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Outline	Cusk, Rachel	A spare, stylish novel consisting of a chain of narratives delivered to a writing tutor. As the people she meets tell her one after another the stories of their lives, the sequence of voices begins to weave a complex human tapestry: the experience of loss, the nature of family life, the difficulty of intimacy and the mystery of creativity itself. Shortlisted: Bailey's Prize, Folio Prize, Goldsmith's Prize. Longlisted: Impac prize.	F 256p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Just Ignore Him	Davies, Alan	Comedian and actor Alan Davies recalls his boyhood with vivid insight and devastating humour. A compelling look at his 1970s upbringing and his life today, Davies moves poignantly from innocence to experience with the clarity of hindsight, always with a keen sense of the absurd. BBC Two Book Club pick.	B DAV 272pp	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
The Welsh Girl	Davies, Peter Ho	It's Snowdonia in the months following D-Day and everyone, it seems, has a secret. Ideas of identity, place and belonging unfold as the Welsh-speaking population of the local village is supplemented by influxes of German POWs, English soldiers and evacuees.	F 356p	FICTION	CD
Meat Market	Dawson, Juno	Jana is an ordinary girl from a south London estate, lifted to unimaginable heights in the fashion industry, where she finds a dark side to a glamorous world. Well-researched and hard-hitting. Winner YA Book Prize.	F 416p	WINNER	N/A
Scissors, Paper, Stone	Day, Elizabeth	As Charles Redfern lies motionless in hospital, his wife Anne and daughter Charlotte are forced to confront their relationships with him - and with each other. As the full truth of Charles's hold over them is brought to light, both women must reconcile themselves with the choices they have made, the secrets they have kept, and the uncertain future that now lies ahead of them. Winner: Betty Trask Award.	F 256p	WINNER	LP

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Notwithstanding	De Bernieres, Louis	Notwithstanding is a fictional village somewhere in Surrey. The book celebrates the quiriness of village life and brings English idylls to life via some unusual and interesting characters.	F 352p	FICTION	CD
The Lost Dog	De Kretser, Michelle	The story moves between modern day Australia and post-colonial India. As Tom searches for his dog, it becomes apparent that its whereabouts is only one of the puzzles in his life. New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards – Christina Stead Prize for fiction and Book of the Year.	F 301p	WINNER	CD
The Hare with Amber Eyes : a hidden inheritance	De Waal, Edmund	When Edmund de Waal inherited a collection of 264 tiny Japanese netsuke carvings from his Uncle Ignace, he felt prompted to investigate their place in the family history. The Hare With Amber Eyes is the result.	736.6809 354p	NON-FICTION	CD
My Name is Leon	De Waal, Kit	It's 1981, a year of riots and royal weddings. The Dukes of Hazzard is on TV. Curly Wurlys are in the shops. And trying to find a place in it all is nine-year-old Leon. He and his little brother Jake have gone to live with Maureen. They've lost one home, but have they found another? Gritty and funny, vivid and endearing. Winner: Irish Novel Prize, Shortlisted: Costa First Novbel Award, Desmond Elliot Prize, Longlistyed: Glass Bell Award.	F 288p	WINNER	LP

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Without Warning and Only Sometimes	De Waal, Kit	Kit de Waal grew up in a household of opposites and extremes. Her haphazard mother rarely cooked, forbade Christmas and birthdays, worked as a cleaner, nurse and childminder sometimes all at once and believed the world would end in 1975. Meanwhile, her father stuffed barrels full of goodies for his relatives in the Caribbean, cooked elaborate meals on a whim and splurged money they didn't have. Both of her parents were waiting for paradise. It never came. This is a story of an extraordinary childhood, how a girl who grew up in house where the Bible was the only book on offer went on to discover a love of reading that inspires her to this day.	B DEW 289p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A
Girl A	Dean, Abigail	Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped. When her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister, Evie, Lex intends to turn the House of Horrors into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her six siblings – and with the childhood they shared	F 328p	CRIME	CD, LP
Everybody Died so I got a Dog	Dean, Emily	When she lost her beloved sister and both parents within three years, Emily decided the only way to heal the past was to get the dog she has always longed for. A humorous, sad and uplifting read.	941.085	NON-FICTION	N/A
The Inheritance of Loss	Desai, Kiran	An elegant and thoughtful study of families, creating a vibrant picture of a broad cross-section of Indian society and revealing the social and political history of India. Man Booker Prize Winner, National Book Critics Circle Award Winner. Orange Prize short listed.	F 336p	WINNER	CD



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Day After Night	Diamant, Anita	Atlit is a holding camp for 'illegal' immigrants in Israel in 1945. There, about 270 men and women await their future and try to recover from their past. Diamant, with infinite compassion and understanding, tells the stories of the women gathered in this place.	F 304p	FICTION	CD
The Red Tent	Diamant, Anita	The Red Tent is an extraordinary and engrossing tale of ancient womanhood and family honour. Told in Dinah's voice, it opens with the story of her mothers - the four wives of Jacob. In the Bible her fate is merely hinted at, here it is brought to life.	F 400p	FICTION	LP
Hard Times	Dickens, Charles	In 'Hard Times' Dickens' forcefully depicts the damage industrialization was wreaking among the lower classes, and how the unequivocal belief in 'facts' and rationality plays havoc with the lives of the upper classes too.	F 327p	CLASSIC	CD
The Baltimore Boys	Dicker, Joel	A new novel from the author of the global bestseller, The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair. The Goldman Gang was what they called Marcus, and his cousins Hillel and Woody. Three brilliant young men with their whole lives ahead of them, before their kingdom crumbled beneath the weight of lies, jealousy and betrayal. For years, Marcus has struggled with the burdens of his past, but now, he must attempt to banish his demons and tell the real story of the Baltimore Boys. Translated from French.	F 448 p	FICTION	N/A
The Truth About The Harry Quebert Affair	Dicker, Joel	Thrillingly intricate literary thriller as a struggling author tries to clear his mentor's name of murder, but finds that solving the case and penning a new bestseller merge into one and take on a life of their own. European Bestseller; Winner Grand Prix du Roman de l'Academie Francaise; Shortlisted Prix Goncourt, Prix Femina.	F 624p	WINNER	N/A

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Spilling the Beans	Dickson Wright, Clarissa	Clarissa was born into wealth and privilege. Despite alcoholism and violence in her family, she was determined and clever and became the youngest ever woman to be called to the Bar. With the stark honesty and the brilliant wit we love her for, Clarissa recounts the tale of a life lived to extremes. A vivid and funny story, it is as moving as it is a cracking good read.	B DIC 337p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
At Night All Blood is Black	Diop, David	Alfa and Mademba are two of the many Senegalese soldiers fighting in the Great War. Together they climb dutifully out of their trenches to attack France's German enemies whenever the whistle blows, until Mademba is wounded, and dies in a shell hole with his belly torn open. Without his more-than-brother, Alfa is alone and lost amidst the savagery of the conflict. He devotes himself to the war, to violence and death, but soon begins to frighten even his own comrades in arms. How far will Alfa go to make amends to his dead friend?	F 160p	WINNER	N/A
Churchill's Hour	Dobbs, Michael	In 1941, the war appears to be going badly on many fronts. Churchill is the confirmed leader and so his domestic political struggles are slightly lessened, but battered, bloody and almost bankrupt, Britain limps on. Churchill knows his country cannot win the war alone – it needs help. This is an extraordinary novel of a man at bay, a nation facing disaster, and the political skills, human dilemmas and brilliant leadership that saved the day.	F 464p	FICTION	CD, LP

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All the light we cannot see	Doerr, Anthony	World War II as experienced from completely different perspectives. Marie-Laure is a young French girl who has been blind since childhood and Werner Pfennig a young German boy living in an orphanage. Their stories converge to portray the tragic effects of war on the people caught up on both sides. Winner Pulitzer prize, Carnegie medal; Shortlist; National Book Award.	F 544p	WINNER	CD
Cloud Cuckoo Land	Doerr, Anthony	Cloud Cuckoo Land follows three storylines: Anna and Omeir, on opposite sides of the formidable city wall during the 1453 siege of Constantinople; teenage idealist Seymour and gentle octogenarian Zeno, in an attack on a public library in present day Idaho; and Konstance, on an interstellar ship bound for a distant exoplanet, decades from now. Bound together by an ancient text, it's a tale of hope and human connection.	F 496p	FICTION	N/A
Gathering Light	Donnelly, Jennifer	When Mattie is given a bundle of letters to burn she fully intends to do so but when the giver, Grace Brown, is found drowned the next day, Mattie finds that it is not as easy to burn those letters as she had thought. And, as she reads, a riveting story emerges. Carnegie Medal Winner	F 400p	WINNER	LP
Pull of the Stars	Donoghue, Emma	As flu ravages the world in 1918, three women change each other's lives in unexpected ways. A harrowing, and revelatory vision of life, death, and love in a time of pandemic set in a tiny hospital ward over the course of three days.	F 294p	FICTION	CD, LP

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The Wonder	Donoghue, Emma	Set in the Irish Midlands in the 1850s and inspired by numerous European and North American cases of 'fasting girls' between the sixteenth century and the twentieth - is a psychological thriller about a child's murder threatening to happen in slow motion before our eyes. Pitting all the seductions of fundamentalism against sense and love, it is a searing examination of what nourishes us, body and soul.	F 256p	FICTION	CD
Room	Donoghue, Emma	The story is narrated by 'Jack', a five year old, who has only ever lived in 'Room' - because he and his mother are both prisoners. Potent, darkly beautiful, and revelatory. Short listed Man Booker Prize, Short listed Commonwealth Writers' Prize; Orange Prize.	F 417p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Black Water	Doughty, Louise	John Harper lies awake at night in an isolated hut on an Indonesian island, listening to the rain on the roof and believing his life may be in danger. In a local town, he meets Rita and they begin an affair - but can he allow himself to get involved when he knows this might put her at risk? Moving between Europe during the cold war, California and the Civil Rights struggle, and Indonesia during the massacres of 1965 and the decades of military dictatorship that follow, Black Water is an epic novel that explores some of the darkest events of recent world history through the story of one troubled man.	F 384p	FICTION	CD

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Appletree Yard	Doughty, Louise.	Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career in genetics, a beautiful home, a good relationship with her husband and their two grown-up children. Then one day she meets a stranger at the Houses of Parliament and, on impulse, begins a passionate affair with him - a decision that will put everything she values at risk. Tense psychological thriller and insightful examination of the choices we make, made into a four part BBC1 series.	F 448p	FICTION	CD
Local Girl Missing	Douglas, Claire,	Twenty years ago 21-year-old Sophie Collier vanished. Now A body's been found and Sophie's best friend Francesca is drawn back to the seaside town she's tried to forget. Perhaps the truth of what happened to Sophie will finally come out but Francesca is beginning to wish she hadn't returned. The creepy goings on in the off-season, secret-filled resort will give you chills in this this compelling page-turner with a brilliant twist.	F 400p	THRILLER	N/A
The Story of Alice: Lewis Carroll and The Secret History of Wonderland	Douglas-Fairhurst, Robert	Beneath the fairy tale lies the complex history of the author and his subject. Charles Dodgson was a quiet academic but his second self, Lewis Carroll, was a storyteller, innovator and avid collector of 'child-friends'. Carroll's imagination was to give Alice Liddell, his 'dream-child', a fictional alter ego that would never let her grow up. Shortlisted: Costa Biography Award.	823.823 497p	NON-FICTION SHORTLIST	N/A

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Life Without Children	Doyle, Roddy	In these ten, beautifully moving short stories mostly written over the last year, Booker Prize winner Roddy Doyle paints a collective portrait of our strange times. A man abroad wanders the stag-and-hen-strewn streets of Newcastle, as news of the virus at home asks him to question his next move. An exhausted nurse struggles to let go, having lost a much-loved patient in isolation. A middle-aged son, barred from his mother's funeral, wakes to an oncoming hangover of regret. Life Without Children cuts to the heart of how we are all navigating loss, loneliness, and the shifting of history underneath our feet.	F 208p	ANTHOLOGY	CD
Peppered Moth	Drabble, Margaret	Set in a South Yorkshire mining town, the book tells the stories of four generations of one family, homing in on the female line, and explores how genes, DNA and environment can change or challenge an individual. Golden PEN Award for "a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature".	F 386p	LITERARY	N/A
The Sea Lady	Drabble, Margaret	Humphrey and Ailsa meet as children by a grey, northern sea. Humphrey is quiet, serious while Ailsa is angry, a freckled cobra ready to strike. Yet they fascinate one another and when they meet again years later they fall briefly - and disastrously - in love. Golden PEN Award for "a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature".	F 352p	LITERARY	N/A
Frenchman's Creek	Du Maurier, Daphne	Lady Dona St Columb is ripe for anything that will relieve the tedium of her days. What she craves is the love of a daring pirate hunted across Cornwall. Author was one of the "Women of Achievement" selected for a set of British stamps issued 1996.	F 258p	CLASSIC	CD

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Rebecca	Du Maurier, Daphne	"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again". Not since Jane Eyre has a heroine faced such difficulty with the Other Woman. An international bestseller that has never gone out of print, Rebecca is the haunting story of a young girl consumed by love and the struggle to find her identity.	F 484p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
The House on the Strand	Du Maurier, Daphne	Atmospheric and cleverly plotted, Dick Young experiments with a drug which takes him back five hundred years. As he becomes enmeshed, he gradually loses his sense of the reality of the present. Author was one of the "Women of Achievement" selected for a set of British stamps issued 1996.	F 343p	THRILLER	CD, LP
The Room of Lost Things	Duffy, Stella	Humming with life and packed with detail, The Room of Lost Things tells of Robert as he prepares to hand his business over to his successor, young East Londoner Akeel. A book for anyone who's ever lived and loved in London. Stonewall Writer of the Year	F 318p	WINNER	LP
Sacred Hearts	Dunant, Sarah	The year is 1570 and the story revolves around two women who enter holy orders for different reasons. A feminist novel, which compares the 16th century attitudes to women with those of today, it is thought-provoking, sometimes horrifying, and very claustrophobic. Short listed, Walter Scott Prize.	F 481p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Exposure	Dunmore, Helen	The Cold War is at its height, and a spy may be a friend or neighbour, colleague or lover. At the end of a suburban garden, in the pouring rain, a woman buries a briefcase deep in the earth. She believes that she is protecting her family. What she will learn is that no one is immune from betrayal or the devastating consequences of exposure. Full of convincing detail, the novel is as much about sexuality in the age of the Chatterley ban as about Whitehall skulduggery. A dramatic mix of domesticity and derring-do by the award winning novelist.	F 400p	LITERARY	CD
House of Orphans	Dunmore, Helen	Set in Finland in the years running up to 1902, where the class-ridden nature of society gives Eeva only the slenderest of chances to escape a life of servitude. This is a novel dominated by the raw and unpalatable upheaval of that era and close adherence to the political circumstances of the time	F 336p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Betrayal	Dunmore, Helen	A gripping and moving portrait of life in post-war Soviet Russia, 'The Betrayal' shows the epic struggle of ordinary people to survive in a time of violence and terror.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Lie	Dunmore, Helen	Cornwall, 1920, early spring. A young man stands on a headland, looking out to sea. He is back from the war, homeless and without family. Behind him lie the mud, barbed-wire entanglements and terror of the trenches. Behind him is also the most intense relationship of his life.	F 368p	LITERARY	CD, LP



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My Family and Other Animals	Durrell, Gerald	Gerald Durrell (1925-1995) devoted his life to writing and the preservation of wildlife, from the Mauritius pink pigeon to the Rodrigues fruit bat. As a 10-year-old boy, Gerry left England for Corfu. His tale of life there with his family and its many eccentric hangers-on are highly entertaining, as is the procession of toads, scorpions, geckos, ladybugs, glow-worms, octopuses, the puppies Widdle and Puke, and the Magpies.	B DUR 400p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
Inheritance	Eclair, Jenny	Compelling family saga set in Cornwall, where decades old secrets cause ripples as people gather for a birthday party. Compassionate and keenly observed writing from bestselling author and stand up comedian.	F 363p	FICTION	N/A
Why I'm no longer talking to White People about Race	Eddo-Lodge, Reni	Exploring everything from eradicated black history to the inextricable link between class and race, this book describes race relations in Britain today and sparked a national conversation. Winner: British Book Awards, Shortlisted: Books are my Bag Award, Longlisted: Baille Gifford Prize, Orwell Prize; Nominated Foyles & Blackwells NF book of the year,	305.800 288p	NON-FICTION WINNER	N/A
My Family and Other Superheroes	Edwards, Jonathan	"We haven't had as much fun reading a poetry collection in ages." said The Costa Judges. From the Welsh Valleys to Evel Knievel, Sophia Loren, a bicycling nun and other astonishing characters, these poems recognize the exotic in everyday life. Winner of the 2014 Costa Poetry Award.	821.92 72p	POETRY WINNER	N/A

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Candy House	Egan, Jennifer	It's 2010. Staggeringly successful and brilliant tech entrepreneur Bix Bouton is desperate for a new idea. He's forty, with four kids, and restless. He stumbles into a conversation with mostly Columbia professors, one of whom is experimenting with downloading or "externalising" memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology, Own Your Unconscious--that allows you access to every memory you've ever had, to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others--has seduced multitudes. But not everyone. In spellbinding linked narratives, Egan spins out the consequences of Own Your Unconscious through the lives of multiple characters whose paths intersect over several decades. With a focus on social media, gaming, and alternate worlds, you can almost experience moving among dimensions in a role-playing game.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
The Circle	Eggers, Dave	An inventive and funny novel about our obsession with the internet. When Mae is hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company, she feels she's been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The Circle is aiming for a world without secrets where people wear cameras and everything is open and shared. A prescient, important and enjoyable book that tracks Mae's descent into the social neuroses around being online, and her struggles to keep up with the ever growing demands of the Circle.	F 512p	FICTION	CD
Silas Marner	Eliot, George	A gripping tale of country folk at the turn of the 19th century. Silas Marner, a miser, loses his gold and gains a golden-haired child. George Eliot tells her tale with a mixture of womanly sympathy, sharp observation, tact, and humour.	F 201p	CLASSIC	CD

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The Mill on the Floss	Eliot, George	Maggie Tulliver is the impetuous, clever daughter of Tullivers of Dorlcote Mill in St. Ogg's. Tragic and moving, this is a novel of grand passions and tormented lives. The rebellious Maggie's fiery spirit and imaginative nature bring her into bitter conflict with her narrow provincial family, most painfully with her beloved brother Tom, as their fates are played out on an epic scale.	F 600p	CLASSIC	CD
Meltdown	Elton, Ben	The credit crunch is a backdrop for this book about "greed." With sharp and funny dialogue, the book follows a group of ultra-successful University friends through the late 90s up to present day. A highly topical social commentary.	F 424p	HUMOUR	CD
The Garden of Evening Mists	Eng, Tan Twan	In the 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. Winner: Man Asian Literary Prize; Walter Scott Prize for historical Fiction.	F 352p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Gathering	Enright, Anne	The title refers to the funeral of Liam Hegarty when his mother and eight of the nine surviving Hegarty children gather in Dublin for his wake. The novel's narrator is 39-year-old Veronica, the sibling who was closest to Liam. She looks through her family's troubled history to try to make sense of his death and uncovers uncomfortable truths about her family.	F 276p	WINNER	CD

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The Green Road	Enright, Anne	Hanna, Dan, Constance and Emmet return to the west coast of Ireland for a final family Christmas. As the feast turns to near painful comedy, a last, desperate act from their mother forces them to confront the weight of family ties and the road that brought them home. Shortlisted: Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction 2016, 2015 Costa Novel Award. Winner: Irish Novel of the Year 2015.	F 319p	WINNER	CD
The Sentence	Erdrich, Louise	A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Tookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration that she survived by reading 'with murderous attention,' must solve the mystery of this haunting. It begins on All Souls' Day 2019 and ends on All Souls' Day 2020. Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a narrative as rich, emotional and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.	F 386p	SHORTLIST	N/A
The Darkest Hour	Erskine, Barbara	An epic tale of love, passion and heartbreak during WWII, with a compelling mystery and some ghostly goings on. An easy reading historical epic with an enigmatic young artist at its core.	F 576p	HISTORICAL	CD
Sizzling Sixteen	Evanovich, Janet	A light hearted and amusing read. Vinnie, Stephanie's boss and cousin, is kidnapped by mobsters when he cannot pay off his gambling debts. With the office under threat of bankruptcy, Stephanie Plum and her pals step up to the plate to rescue him.	F 352p	CRIME	CD, LP

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Their Finest Hour and a Half	Evans, Lissa	An amusing tale of Britain on the Home Front in the Second World War, seen through the POV of a film crew churning out Ministry Of Information Films as part of the war effort. A funny, heart-warming and beautifully crafted novel. Long listed Man Booker Prize.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD
The Weight of Water	Evans, Penelope	Sara and Tom Ravenscroft need to escape London after a traumatic event nearly kills Tom. Their search for a safer, simpler life in the country takes them to Cornwall, to a house deep in its own valley. But the locals are hardly welcoming, and it is not long before Sara begins to struggle with the isolation while the haunting dream that has plagued her since childhood starts to creep into the present.	F 352p	FICTION	CD, LP
Blonde Roots	Evaristo, Bernadine	One minute, Doris is playing hide-and-seek, the next, someone puts a bag over her head and she ends up in the hold of a slave ship sailing to the New World. This free-wheeling comic fantasy is also a moving family saga and a testament to the strength of the human spirit.	F 272p	HUMOUR	CD
Girl, Woman, Other	Evaristo, Bernadine	Twelve beautifully written, interweaving stories of identity, race, womanhood, and the realities of modern Britain for black women. Winner: Booker Prize, British Book Award, Fiction Book of the Year. Sunday Times bestseller.	F 464p	WINNER	CD

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The Panopticon	Fagan, Jenni	Fifteen-year old Anais Hendricks is smart, funny and fierce, but she is also a child who has been let down, or worse, by just about every adult she has ever met. When she finds herself headed for the Panopticon, a home for chronic young offenders but can't remember the events that have led her there, something has to give. Gritty, funny and with a smart, scary heroine to root for. Shortlisted: James Tait Black Prize, Desmond Elliot Prize.	F 336p	SHORTLIST	CD
Red Lotus	Fai, Pai Kit	Li X'ia refuses to succumb to the fate of a concubine; beautiful and quick-witted, she desires more than to be just a painted slave. When her father orders her feet to be bound in the cruel and illegal practice of the Golden Lotus, she outwits him and begins a new journey, fraught with danger.	F 496p	FICTION	N/A
Moonfleet	Falkner, J.Meade	Moonfleet 1898 is a classic adventure story, a tale of smuggling and conflict with the Revenue, set among the cliffs, caves, and downs of Dorset. How can the hero, John Trenchard, discover the secret of Colonel John Mohune's treasure?	F 249p	CLASSIC	N/A
The Siege of Krishnapur	Farrell, J.G.	1857 was the year of the Sepoy rebellion in India. This seminal event in Anglo-Indian relations provides the backdrop for this Booker Prize-winning exploration of race, culture and class. Short listed, Best of the Booker	F 384p	SHORTLIST	CD
A Week in December	Faulks, Sebastian	Sophie Topping is planning a dinner, which she hopes will show that her newly elected MP husband is well connected with influential friends. We follow the people on the guest list as they go about their lives in the week leading up to this 'all important' dinner party. CBE "For services to Literature"	F 402p	LITERARY	CD

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Birdsong	Faulks, Sebastian	One of the most popular literary novels of its generation. Set mostly in France spanning the years before and during the First World War, it captures the drama and destruction of that era and is at times almost unbearably too moving to read. A reading group classic.	F 528p	LITERARY	CD, LP
On Green Dolphin Street	Faulks, Sebastian	It's 1959 and the presidential battle between Kennedy and Nixon is heating up. A weary English mother embarks upon a clandestine affair with a newspaper reporter covering the election battle in this story of a Cold War love triangle between people damaged by war. CBE "For services to Literature"	F 354p	LITERARY	CD
Devil May Care	Faulks, Sebastian	Picking up from where Ian Fleming left off in 1966 with The Living Daylights/ Ocotpusy, Faulks has written the perfect continuation of the James Bond legacy. Devil May Care is set during the Cold War and features glamour, thrills and excitement that one would expect from any adventure involving Bond... James Bond. Winner: British Book Awards Popular Fiction Award	F 432p	WINNER	CD, LP
Snow Country	Faulks, Sebastian	Set in Vienna during the First World War and in the looming shadow of the rise of Fascism, Faulks's elegant, psychologically acute novel tracks a small group of individuals as they struggle to come to terms with the destruction of an old world and the terrifying new shape of its successor.	F 353p	HISTORICAL	N/A

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Where My Heart Used to Beat	Faulks, Sebastian.	On a small island off the south coast of France, Robert Hendricks, an English doctor, is forced to confront the events that made up his life. His search for the past takes us through the war in Italy in 1944, a passionate love that seems to hold out hope, the great days of idealistic work in the 1960s and finally back into the trenches of the Western Front. Daring, ambitious and in the end profoundly moving, this novel casts a long, baleful light over the century we have left behind but may never fully understand.	F 336p	LITERARY	CD
Walking in Pimlico	Featherstone, Ann	Stumbling across Bessie Spooner's murdered body, comedian Corney Sage is caught in a tangle of deception and lies. He flees from his concert-room job in London's Whitechapel to a comfortable spa town, and then to a circus and music hall. But try as he might, he cannot elude the killer.	F 320p	CRIME	N/A
Snobs	Fellowes, Julian	Brilliantly observed story of a beautiful, ambitious girl on her climb to the turreted top of the castle-hopping set, detailing every maddening and appallingly attractive nuance of English social life. An insightful, funny satire of English upper-crust country life. Sunday Times best seller	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
Belgravia	Fellowes, Julian	Set in the 1840s when the upper echelons of society began to rub shoulders with the emerging industrial nouveau riche, Belgravia is peopled by a rich cast of characters. The story of a secret that unravels behind the porticoed doors of London's grandest postcode begins on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. At the Duchess of Richmond's now legendary ball, one family's life will change for ever. A witty involving read that perfectly captures the upper classes, from the creator of Downton.	F 417p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP



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The Lying Life of Adults	Ferrante, Elena	Roaming a divided Naples, Giovanna searches for identity as she transitions from childhood to adolescence in this moving coming-of-age tale. Shortlisted; British Book Awards. Coming soon to Netflix.	F 322p	SHORTLIST	N/A
My Brilliant Friend	Ferrante, Elena	A modern masterpiece from one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, My Brilliant Friend is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about Elena and Lila. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between the unforgettable Elena and Lila.	F 331p	FICTION	CD
To Rise Again at a Decent Hour	Ferris, Joshua	Paul O'Rourke is a man out of touch with modern life. Until someone begins to impersonate Paul online. What began as an outrageous violation of privacy soon becomes something far more in this darkly comic novel about life, death and dentistry. Winner; Dylan Thomas Prize. Shortlisted; Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 352p`	WINNER	CD
Calling for Charlie Barnes	Ferris, Joshua	Charlie Barnes is a mid-century man devoted to his newspaper and his landline. But Charlie is about to get dragged into our troubled age by his storyteller son, who has a different idea of him than he has of himself. Then there are his other children, his ex-wives, present wife, business clients, friends and acquaintances, all of whom have their competing opinions of Charlie. He certainly seems simple enough: he's a striver, a romantic, and a capitalist. But suddenly blindsided by the Great Recession and a dose of bad news, he might have to rethink his life from top to bottom, and on short notice.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A

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The Shock of the Fall	Filer, Nathan	An extraordinary portrait of one man's journey into schizophrenia. Often comic, but compelling story of grief, madness and loss from an exciting new voice in fiction, who is also a registered mental health nurse. Winner: Costa Book of the Year, Specsavers book of the year, Betty Trask Award.	F 320p	WINNER	CD
The Woman in the Window	Finn, A.J	Too terrified to step outside, Anna's lifeline to the world is her window, where she sits, watching her neighbours. But one evening, Anna witnesses something horrifying and now she must uncover the truth about what happened. But if she does, will anyone believe her? And can she even trust herself? Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 448p	FICTION	N/A
Strange Music	Fish, Laura	Elizabeth Barrett Browning is confined to bed, and writing poetry and fretful letters; while at her family's Jamaican estate Creole housekeeper Kaydian tries to protect her daughter Sheba, who mourns the loss of her lover. As Elizabeth, a passionate abolitionist, struggles to come to terms with the source of her wealth and privilege both Sheba and Kaydia fight to escape a tragic past which seems ever present.	F 224p	LITERARY	N/A
The Narrow Road to the Deep North	Flanagan, Richard	In the despair of a Japanese POW camp on the Death Railway, surgeon Dorrigo Evans is haunted by his love affair with his uncle's young wife two years earlier. Struggling to save the men under his command from starvation, from cholera, from beatings, he receives a letter that will change his life forever. Winner: Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 464p	WINNER	CD

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Absolution	Flanery, Patrick	Sam Leroux has returned to South Africa to write Clare's Biography. As they turn over the events of her life, she begins to seek absolution. But in the stories she weaves and the truth just below the surface, lie Sam's own ghosts. Winner: Spear's/Laurent Perrier Best First Book Award , Shortlisted: Prix Page/America, Royal Society of Literature's Ondaatje Prize, International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award , Flaherty-Dunnann First Novel Prize 2012, Authors' Club (UK) Best First Novel Award, Spear's Best Novel Award 2012.	F 400p	WINNER	CD
Madame Bovary	Flaubert, Gustave	Disenchanted with her husband and seeking an escape from their dull marriage, Emma Bovary is soon tempted into brief romantic liaisons with other men, destroying her reputation. Considered scandalous at the time, Emma Bovary's immoral behaviour shocked readers and caused moral outcry.	F 432p	CLASSIC	CD
Walking on Sunshine	Fletcher, Giovanna	After Mike loses Pia, his partner of seventeen years, their best friends Vicky and Zaza try to help pick up the pieces. But though Pia's gone, she left a plan. A list of loving instructions to help Mike and her friends come to terms with their loss. And they're each going to need it...	F 374p	FICTION	N/A
The Guest List	Foley, Lucy	On an island off the windswept Irish coast, guests gather for the wedding of the year but the cake has barely been cut when a guest is found dead. As a storm traps everyone, old grudges and hidden jealousies surface in this gripping thriller. Sunday Times bestseller.	F 378p	THRILLER	CD, LP

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World Without End	Follett, Ken	Historical epic set in the same mediaeval town as 'Pillars of the Earth' albeit 200 years later. In 1327, four children witness a mysterious murder in the forest and the book follows them to a bloody conclusion decades later.	F 1280p	HISTORICAL	CD
A Room With a View	Forster, E.M	Lucy Honeychurch needs to get away from the stuffy atmosphere of late Victorian England in which she was brought up. Set in Florence and England at the turn of the century, it is a love story, psychological study and comedy-of-manners with Forster's characteristically beautiful prose.	F 240p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Where Angels Fear To Tread	Forster, E.M	A witty comedy of manners which tells the story of Lilia Herriton, who proves to be an embarrassment to her late husband's family as she begins a relationship with a much younger man. A subtle attack on decorous Edwardian values and a sympathetic portrayal of the clash of two cultures.	F 176p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Over	Forster, Margaret	When tragedy strikes, an erstwhile happy family tries to deal with the loss. Everyone copes differently and causes unintentional further pain to other members of the family. The book is about what happens next - when it is over.	F 210p	FICTION	CD
My life in houses	Forster, Margaret	A nostalgic trawl through seven houses over 70-odd years, exploring what makes a home and the effect where we live has on how we live our lives. It is also a perceptive portrayal of changing domestic life in 20th and 21st-century Britain by a top class novelist. BBC Radio 4 Book of the week.	823.914 272p	NON-FICTION	LP
The A303: Highway to the Sun	Fort, Tom	One of the essential routes to the West Country for thousands of holidaymakers, this potted history, geography and culture of the A303 tells us of the romance of the road and the quirky culture of British life. Charming and nostalgic.	388.109423 368p	NON-FICTION	N/A

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The Quickening Maze	Foulds, Adam	This intensely lyrical novel centres on the incarceration of the great nature poet John Clare in an institution run on reformist principles in Epping Forest around 1840. Historically accurate and brilliantly imagined. Winner: Society of Authors Encore Award, European Union Prize for Literature, Shortlist: Booker Prize, Walter Scott Prize,	F 272p	WINNER	CD, LP
Booth	Fowler, Karen Joy	The story of the brilliant and disastrously ill-fated Booth family. Junius is the patriarch, a celebrated Shakespearean actor who fled bigamy charges in England. As his children grow up in a remote farmstead in 1820s rural Baltimore, the country draws ever closer to the boiling point of secession and civil war. Of the six Booth siblings who survive to adulthood, each has their own dreams they must fight to realise - but it is Johnny who makes the terrible decision that will change the course of history - the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.	F 480p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A
Death Divided	Francis, Clare	Joe, struggling to survive in a high-powered law firm, is faced with the challenge of finding his childhood friend Jenna, who has been missing for four years. For Joe, the search is not a matter of duty, but also of conscience - for he introduced Jenna to her controlling husband. Helped by his prickly girlfriend Sarah, Joe realises too late that he has set some terrible events in motion.	F 400p	CRIME	CD
Homeland	Francis, Clare	Set in 1946, in the depths of the countryside where large numbers of the homeless Polish army have been housed nearby and farm labour is short due to war casualties. The lives of the villagers interweave with the returning servicemen and the alienated Poles.	F 484p	FICTION	CD

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Crossroads	Franzen, Jonathan	It's 23 December 1971, and the Hildebrandts are at a crossroads. Fifteen-year-old Perry has resolved to be a better person and quit dealing drugs to seventh graders. His sister Becky, the once straight-laced high school social queen, has veered into counterculture, while at college, Clem is wrestling with a decision that might tear his family apart. As their parents – Russ, a suburban pastor, and Marion, his restless wife – tug against the bonds of a joyless marriage, Crossroads finds a family, and a nation, struggling to do the right thing.	F 580p	FICTION	N/A
Thicker Than Water	Fraser, Anthea	Abigail is reluctant to answer questions about her past. Callum's wife realises that she knows little about her husband's upbringing or family. Jill, too, has secrets and lives in fear of discovery. What links these three very different people, and who is the mysterious stranger whose appearance seems to cause such terror?	F 251p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Must You Go? My Life With Harold Pinter	Fraser, Antonia	When Antonia Fraser met Harold Pinter she was a celebrated biographer and he was Britain's finest playwright. Both were already married - Pinter to the actress Vivien Merchant and Fraser to the politician Hugh Fraser - but their union seemed inevitable from the moment they met: 'I would have found you somehow', Pinter told Fraser. Their relationship flourished until Pinter's death on Christmas Eve 2008 and was a source of delight and inspiration to them both until the very end. A unique testimony to modern literature's most celebrated and enduring marriage.	B FRA 288p	BIOGRAPHY	CD

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The Escape Artist	Freedland, Jonathan	In April 1944 nineteen-year-old Rudolf Vrba and fellow inmate Fred Wetzler became the first Jews ever known to break out of Auschwitz. Under electrified fences and past armed watchtowers, evading thousands of SS men and slavering dogs, they trekked across marshlands, mountains and rivers to freedom. Vrba's mission: to reveal to the world the truth of the Holocaust. After his escape, the information he'd collected would form a priceless thirty-two-page report that would reach Roosevelt, Churchill and the pope and eventually save over 200,000 lives.	940.5 376p	SHORTLIST NON-FICTION	N/A
House of Glass	Freeman, Hadley	When Hadley Freeman found a shoebox filled with her French grandmother's treasured belongings, it started a decade-long quest to find out their haunting significance and to dig deep into the extraordinary lives of her grandmother, Sala, and her three siblings, Henri, Jacques and Alex Glass. The search takes Hadley from Picasso's archives in Paris to a secret room in a farmhouse in Auvergne to Long Island and to Aushwitz.	B GLA 448p	NON-FICTION	N/A
According to Yes	French, Dawn	Manhattan's Upper East Side has its own rigid code of behaviour. So when an unconventional thirty-eight-year-old primary school teacher from England bounces into their inflexible lives with a secret sorrow and a heart as big as the city, nobody realises she hasn't read the rule book. And for the Wilder-Bingham family, whose lives begin to unravel thread by thread, the consequences are explosive.	F 377p	FICTION	CD

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The Secret Place	French, Tana	In the graceful golden world of an exclusive boarding school, bad things happen and people have secrets. In a searing novel of psychological suspense, Detective Stephen Morna must find a way into this strange, charged, mysterious world and disentangle a truth that he begins to suspect he doesn't want to hear. Multi-award winning author.	F 529p	CRIME	CD
The Liar	Fry, Stephen	Fry's debut novel, by turns eccentric, shocking, brilliantly comic and achingly romantic. Adrian Healey is magnificently unprepared for the long littleness of life and wholly unprepared for the truth. A thrilling, sophisticated and laugh out loud hilarious novel from a brilliantly talented writer.	F 400p	HUMOUR	N/A
Unsettled Ground	Fuller, Claire	Twins Jeanie and Julius have always been different from other people. At 51 years old, they still live with their mother, Dot, in rural isolation and poverty. Inside the walls of their old cottage they make music, and in the garden they grow (and sometimes kill) everything they need for sustenance. But when Dot dies suddenly, threats to their livelihood start raining down. Jeanie and Julius would do anything to preserve their small sanctuary against the perils of the outside world, even as their mother's secrets begin to unravel, putting everything they thought they knew about their lives at stake.	F 289p	WINNER	N/A



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The Liberation	Furnivall, Kate,	Set in Italy in 1945, as British and American troops attempt to bring order to the devastated country and Italy's population fights to survive. Caterina Lombardi is desperate - her father is dead, her mother has disappeared and her brother is being drawn towards danger. One morning, among the ruins of the bombed Naples streets, Caterina is forced to go to extreme lengths to protect her own life and in doing so forges a future in which she must clear her father's name. This epic novel is an unforgettably powerful story of love, loss and the long shadow of war.	F 560p	FICTION	N/A
Blood From Stone	Fyfield, Frances	Marianne Shearer is at the height of her career, a dauntingly successful barrister, respected by her peers and revered by her clients. So why has she killed herself? Peter Friel is determined to find out if her last trial held the reason for taking her own life.	F 327p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Gaiman, Neil	It began for our narrator 40 years ago when the family lodger stole their car and committed suicide in it, stirring up ancient powers best left undisturbed. Dark creatures from beyond the world are on the loose and it will take everything our narrator has just to stay alive. Winner: Goodreads Choice Awards Best Fantasy, Book of the Year Award,	F 272p	WINNER	LP
Norse Mythology	Gaiman, Neil	The great Norse myths are woven into the fabric of our storytelling and have inspired the author's own writing, Gaiman's gods are thoroughly alive on the page - irascible, visceral, playful, passionate - and the tales carry us from the beginning of everything to Ragnarok and the twilight of the gods. Sunday Times and New York times bestseller.	398.209 260 p	NON-FICTION	CD, LP

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The Cuckoo's Calling	Galbraith, Robert	A gripping, elegant mystery steeped in the atmosphere of London. A war veteran wounded both physically and psychologically, Cormoran Strike's life is in disarray. The case gives him a lifeline, but it comes at a personal cost. The more he delves into the model's complex world, the darker things get.	F 449p	CRIME	CD, LP
A Place Called Winter	Gale, Patrick	To find yourself, sometimes you must lose everything. Harry Cane, privileged elder son is forced to abandon his wife and child and sign up for emigration to Canada. Isolated and under the threat of war and madness, the fight for survival reveals an inner strength and capacity for love beyond anything he had ever known. Shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award 2015	F 354p	SHORTLIST	N/A
Notes From an Exhibition	Gale, Patrick	Beautiful, slowly unravelling tale of a family. Rachel is an artist whose life has been shaped by bouts of manic depression, and this novel conveys profound understanding of the torment that mental illness causes its sufferers and those around them. Winner: Booksellers Association Independent Booksellers' Book Prize	F 384p	WINNER	CD

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Mother's Boy	Gale, Patrick	<p>Laura, an impoverished Cornish girl, meets her husband when they are both in service in Teignmouth in 1916. They have a baby, Charles, but Laura's husband returns home from the trenches a damaged man, already ill with the tuberculosis that will soon leave her a widow. Laura raises her boy alone, working as a laundress, and gradually becomes aware that he is some kind of genius. Charles signs up for the navy with the new rank of coder. His escape from the tight, gossipy confines of Launceston to the colour and violence of war sees him blossom as he experiences not only the possibility of death, but the constant danger of a love that is as clandestine as his work.</p>	F 406p	FICTION	N/A
The Promise	Galgut, Damon	<p>On a farm outside Pretoria, the Swarts are gathering for Ma's funeral. The younger generation, detest everything the family stand for - not least their treatment of the Black woman who has worked for them her whole life. Salome was to be given her own house, her own land...yet somehow, that vow is carefully ignored. As each decade passes, and the family assemble again, one question hovers over them. Can you ever escape the repercussions of a broken promise?</p>	F 293p	WINNER	LP
The Cellist of Sarajevo	Galloway, Steven	<p>Set during the siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s, a cellist sits at the same spot in a bombed street for 22 days and plays Albinoni's Adagio in honour of the 22 people killed there. Winner: Evergreen Award, George Ryga Award for Social Awareness in Literature: Borders Original Voices Award.</p>	F 274p	WINNER	CD

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The Man in the Wooden Hat	Gardam, Jane	This continues the story of Edward Feathers and his wife Betty. The book examines the marriage from her point of view and we see how they fall in love despite an unpromising start and how, in spite of deceptions and hidden longings, the two of them manage to hold on to a loving and genuine marriage. Short listed, LA Times Book Prize	F 289p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Lessons in Chemistry	Garmus, Bonnie	Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.	F 400p	FICTION	N/A
Treacle Walker	Garner, Alan	An introspective young boy, Joseph Coppock squints at the world with his lazy eye. Living alone in an old house, he reads comics, collects birds' eggs and plays with his marbles. When, one day, a rag-and-bone man called Treacle Walker appears, exchanging an empty jar of a cure-all medicine and a donkey stone for a pair of Joseph's pyjamas and a lamb's shoulder blade, a mysterious friendship develops between them.	F 152p	SHORTLIST	N/A
Cranford	Gaskell, Elizabeth	Cranford isn't really a novel as such, it is a series of vignettes that focus on domesticity in the 18th century. It highlights the basically mundane life that faced women, particularly spinsters, of this era and how small things meant so much. A gentle tale of a long-gone way of life.	F 188p	CLASSIC	CD

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North and South	Gaskell, Elizabeth	Margaret has led a sheltered life in the rural south before moving to a northern city where she meets mill owner John Thornton. Compelling story of political strife, suppressed passion, women's rights and class conflict in Victorian society.	F 406p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Mysteries Of Glass	Gee, Sue	It's the winter of 1860 when Richard Allen, a young curate, travels to a small hamlet outside Hereford to take up his first position. Against the backdrop of immense social and industrial change, he falls passionately in love with dramatic consequences. Long listed Man Booker Prize.	F 352p	HISTORICAL	CD
Still Alice	Genova, Lisa	Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. At fifty, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a renowned expert in linguistics, with a successful husband and three grown children. When she begins to grow forgetful and disoriented, she dismisses it for as long as she can until a tragic diagnosis changes her life - and her relationship with her family and the world around her - for ever. Her memory hanging by a frayed thread, she is living in the moment, living for each day. But she is still Alice.	F 384p	FICTION	LP
Cold Comfort Farm	Gibbons, Stella	When sensible, sophisticated Flora Poste is orphaned at nineteen, her only choice is to descend upon relatives in deepest Sussex. At the aptly-named Cold Comfort Farm, she meets the doomed and eccentric Starkadder family. But Flora loves nothing better than to organise other people so she resolves to take each of the family in hand. A hilarious parody of rural melodramas and purple prose, Cold Comfort Farm is one of the best-loved comic novels of all time.	F 256p	CLASSIC	N/A

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Featherhood	Gilmour, Charlie	When Charlie rescues a young magpie and becomes an unlikely parent, he embarks on a journey of personal discovery, exploring his own relationship with his father . Beautifully written nature writing combined with memoir.	304.27 288p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
Talking to Strangers	Gladwell, Malcolm	Why do we so often get other people wrong? Why is it so hard to detect a lie, read a face or judge a stranger's motives? Read how deceit and fatal errors cast doubt on our strategies for dealing with the unknown. Be drawn into the darker side of human nature, where strangers are never simple and misreading them can have disastrous consequences.	302 400p	NON-FICTION	CD
Lady in Waiting: My Extraordinary Life in the Shadow of the Crown	Glenconner, Anne	From Maid of Honour at the Queen's Coronation to Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret, Lady Glenconner is a unique witness to royal history, as well as an extraordinary survivor of a generation of aristocratic women trapped without inheritance and burdened with social expectations.	B GLE 336p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
Whatever Next?	Glenconner, Anne	Now in her ninetieth year, at her happiest, Anne brings her bracing honesty, characteristic wit, and courage to reflect on and reveal more about her long and unexpected life, and what it's taught her. As a wife, she became a master in the art of keeping the peace, knowing when to pick her battles, and when she needed help. As a hostess, she acquired great practical skills in throwing marvellous parties and looking after magnificent homes, and, as a lady in waiting, became well versed in diplomacy and etiquette. It was as a mother she learnt the toughest lessons of all, and through them the value of friendship, family, and laughter to get her through the worst moments in life, as well as celebrate the best of them. Richly and entertaining.	B GLE 274p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A

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Note Through The Wire	Gold, Doug	The true story of Josefine Lobnik, a resistance heroine, and Bruce Murray, an imprisoned soldier, as the briefest of meetings leads to love in the midst of war. A story of great bravery, daring escapes, betrayal, torture and retaliation and a love that survived all.	940.5 330p	NON-FICTION	N/A
The Fortune Hunter	Goodwin, Daisy	An intelligent and entertaining romp through the ballrooms and boudoirs of late 19th century society which traces a love triangle between a dashing young cavalry officer; an heiress he plans to marry; and an older woman, who happens to be empress Elizabeth of Austria. A Richard and Judy Book Club choice.	F 512p	HISTORICAL	CD
The Conservationist	Gordimer, Nadine	The story is set in South Africa during the seventies, and focuses on a rich white businessman who owns a farm as a weekend hobby. Modernist in style, with its rapid shifts of narrative viewpoints, stream of consciousness and insertion of flashbacks. Booker Prize Winner. Nobel Laureate.	F 336p	WINNER	N/A
The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock	Gowar, Imogen Hermes	In 1785, the merchant Jonah Hancock becomes the owner of what appears to be a mermaid. Its arrival spins him out of his ordinary existence into high society, where he meets an extraordinary woman. Will their ambition be able to escape the legendary destructive power a mermaid is said to possess? Shortlisted: Womans Prize for fiction.	F 482p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Clothes On Their Backs	Grant, Linda	This Booker nominated novel is about identity. It is the story of Vivien Kovaks, the daughter of Hungarian-Jewish immigrants, as she struggles to find her place in British society in the late Seventies as well as understand her past, a past denied to her by her insular parents. Short listed, Man Booker Prize Prize	F 304p	SHORTLIST	CD

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A Pocketful of Happiness	Grant, Richard E	Born in Swaziland in 1957, Richard E. Grant moved to the UK to pursue his acting career, and has been a fixture on our screens since his breakout role in <i>Withnail and I</i> in 1987. When his beloved wife Joan died in 2021 after almost forty years together, she set him a challenge: to find a pocketful of happiness in every day. The result is this book. Set between the present day and flashbacks to delightfully indiscreet diary entries recalling landmarks from his remarkable life and glittering career.	B GRA 324p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP
Goodbye To All That	Graves, Robert	In 1929 Robert Graves went to live abroad permanently, vowing 'never to make England my home again'. This is his superb account of his life up until that 'bitter leave-taking': from his childhood to his time serving as a young officer in the First World War that was to haunt him throughout his life.	B GRA 288p	HISTORICAL	N/A
Brighton Rock	Greene, Graham	1930s Brighton, where behind the facade seen by holidaymakers and race goers the bookmakers are in thrall to razor gangs offering protection. Pinkie, a seventeen year old gang leader, is one of fiction's great characters, leading those around him deeper into his own downward spiral of evil.	F 291p	CLASSIC	CD
Our Man In Havana	Greene, Graham	Cold war spy story set in the flamboyant atmosphere of pre-revolutionary Havana, where virtually anything can be had at a price. Ex-patriot James Wormold is a mild-mannered vacuum cleaner salesman, unwillingly recruited by M16 to be "our man in Havana". Written over 50 years ago it is still funny.	F 226p	HUMOUR	CD
Quiet American	Greene, Graham	A cynical British journalist forms an unlikely friendship with an idealistic young American called Pyle during the Vietnam war. The political debates and emotional turmoil are perfectly balanced by action and dialogue.	F 208p	FICTION	CD, LP



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Less	Greer, Andrew Sean	A funny heart-warming story as failed novelist Arthur Less turns fifty and stumbles towards a milestone of middle-age, embarking on a geographical and personal odyssey while reflecting on his life so far. Expect a novel about mishaps and misunderstanding, with laugh out loud moments and unexpected poignancy . Winner: Pulitzer Prize	F 272p	WINNER	N/A
The Taming of the Queen	Gregory, Phillipa	Kateryn Parr, a thirty-year-old widow in a secret affair with a new lover, has no choice when a man old enough to be her father who has buried four wives - King Henry VIII - commands her to marry him. A deeply intimate portrayal of a woman who longed for passion, power and education at the court of a medieval killer.	F 465p	HISTORICAL	CD,LP
East of the Sun	Gregson, Julia	An utterly captivating story of three women in search of freedom and love in the 1920s India, this novel perfectly captures the last days of the Raj. Winner; Romantic Novel of the Year Prize, Le Prince Maurice Prize.	F 464p	WINNER	CD
The Secret River	Grenville, Kate	Sentenced to life as a convict in Australia, William Thornhill quickly wins his freedom and creates his own farm, creating conflict with the native Aboriginal people. Passionate and disturbing, it captures the magic of the Australian landscape. Winner: Commonwealth Writers' Prize, Short listed Man Booker Prize.	F 378p	WINNER	CD

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The Stranger Diaries	Griffiths, Elly	Literature teacher Clare's life and work collide tragically when a colleague is found dead, a line from a gothic writer by her body. Not knowing who to trust, and afraid that the killer is someone she knows, Clare confides her darkest suspicions and fears to her journal. Then one day she notices writing in the diary. Writing that isn't hers... Times Crime Book of the Year, Radio Two Book Club Pick.	F 410p	THRILLER	LP
Ford County	Grisham, John	Gripping short stories from the No.1 bestselling author of the legal thriller. Journey into the heart of America's Deep South with a collection of stories connected by the life and crimes of Ford County: a place of harsh beauty where broken dreams and final wishes converge.	F 352p	ANTHOLOGY	CD, LP
The Innocent Man	Grisham, John	When two men were arrested in 1987 and found guilty of rape and murder, the prosecution's case was built on junk science and the testimony of jailhouse snitches and convicts. Disturbing account of a miscarriage of justice by established legal thriller writer.	345.766025 528p	NON-FICTION	CD
The Appeal	Grisham, John	A chemical company is accused of dumping toxic waste into a small town's water supply. This a powerful and shocking story of political and legal intrigue, which will leave readers questioning both the electoral process and the judicial system.	F 512p	THRILLER	CD

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The Whistler	Grisham, John	The most corrupt judge in US history. A whistle blower who knows about the judge's involvement in organised crime. A young investigator with a secret informant. Is judicial investigator Lacy ready to pit herself against a judge whose associates think nothing of murder? Expect a convincing, fast-paced thriller from a master of the genre. Best books of 2016 -The Independent	F 386p	THRILLER	LP
Water For Elephants	Gruen, Sara	As a youth, Jacob Jancowski joined a travelling circus. Jacob, now an old man in a nursing home, reflects on this tender story of first love, of murder, mayhem and animal and human brutality. Winner, Book Browse award, Alex Award, Quill Award nominee.	F 448p	WINNER	CD
Once Upon a time in the East	Guo, Xiaolu	Born in 1973 Xiaolu grows up in a run down shack with her illiterate grandmother. In 2002 she leaves Beijing to study in Britain. Her story of East to West is remarkable and insightful. Winner: National Book Critics Award, Shortlisted: Costa Biography Award, Jhalak Prize, Rathbones Folio Prize. A Sunday Times book of the year.	823.92 340p	WINNER	N/A
Snow Falling on Cedars	Guterson, David	In 1954 a fisherman is found dead, and a local Japanese-American man is charged with murder. Far more than a murder mystery, this is an exploration of passions brewed since Pearl Harbour between two heritages claustrophobically locked on one dot of land. Winner: PEN Faulkner Award.	F 432p	WINNER	CD

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A Spot of Bother	Haddon, Mark	George Hall is convinced that he has skin cancer and, with death apparently just round the corner, begins acting oddly. His wife, Jean, has other things on her mind: their daughter Katie is marrying a man they do not approve of, son Jamie is having problems committing himself to his boyfriend Tony, while Jean is also having an affair. Haddon's dysfunctional family drama is laugh-out-loud funny, achingly poignant and deeply horrifying.	F 512p	HUMOUR	CD, LP
Porpoise	Haddon, Mark	A motherless girl grows up in isolated luxury, hidden from the world by her wealthy father. She believes their life together is normal – but as time passes, she has a growing sense that something between them is very wrong.	F 304p	FICTION	CD, LP
Free Love	Hadley, Tessa	1967. While London comes alive with the new youth revolution, the suburban Fischer family seems to belong to an older world of conventional stability a homemaker Phyllis is married to Roger, a devoted father with a career in the Foreign Office. Their children are Colette and Hugh. When the twenty-something son of an old friend pays the Fischers a visit one summer evening, kisses Phyllis in the dark garden after dinner, something in her catches fire. Newly awake to the world, Phyllis makes a choice that defies all expectations of her as a wife and a mother. Daring and sensual, this is an irresistible exploration of romantic love, sexual freedom and living out the most meaningful version of our lives.	F 311p	FICTION	LP

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How to Stop Time	Haig, Matt	Tom Hazard has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old, but owing to a rare condition, he's been alive for centuries. Always changing his identity to stay alive, Tom currently has the perfect cover - working as a history teacher at a London comprehensive. The only thing he must not do is fall in love. Winner: Books are my Bag Readers Award. Shortlisted: British Book Awards Book of the Year, Richard & Judy Book Club Pick, Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 336p	WINNER	CD, LP
Midnight Library	Haig, Matt	At the stroke of midnight on her last day on earth Nora finds herself transported to a library. There she is given the chance to undo her regrets and try out each of the other lives she might have lived. Which raises the ultimate question: with infinite choices, what is the best way to live? Winner: Goodreads choice award for fiction.	F 288p	FICTION	CD, LP
Notes on a Nervous Planet	Haig, Matt	The world is messing with our minds. What if there was something we could do about it? Looking at sleep, news, social media, addiction, work and play, Matt Haig invites us to feel calmer, happier and to question the habits of the digital age. Can this book change the way you spend your precious time on earth?	158 320p	NON-FICTION	CD
Reasons to Stay Alive	Haig, Matt	From an author known for his quirky characters comes a moving, funny and joyous exploration of how to live better, love better and feel more alive. Reasons to Stay Alive is more than a memoir - It is a book about making the most of your time on earth. Winner: Books are my Bag Readers Award. Sunday Times Bestseller.	158.092 274 p	WINNER	CD, LP

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The Wolf Border	Hall, Sarah	Summoned by the eccentric Earl of Annerdale and his controversial scheme to reintroduce the Grey Wolf to the English countryside, Rachel must contend with modern-day concessions as the return of the Grey, after hundreds of years, coincides with her own reconciliation with impending motherhood, and her estranged family. The Wolf Border investigates the fundamental nature of wilderness and wildness, both animal and human.	F 448p	FICTION	CD
The Appeal	Hallett, Janice	The Fairway Players, is in the midst of rehearsals when tragedy strikes the family of director Martin Hayward and his wife Helen, the play's star. Their young granddaughter has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and their castmates rally to raise the money for treatment, to give her a chance at survival. But not everybody is convinced of the experimental treatment's efficacy—or of the good intentions of those involved. As tension grows within the community, things come to a shocking head at the explosive dress rehearsal. The next day, a dead body is found...	F 432p	WINNER	CD
Familiars	Halls, Stacey	A beautiful tale of women and witchcraft and the fight against power as the mistress of the manor and a young midwife are drawn together in a battle to save an unborn child. A Richard and Judy book club pick.	F 448p	HISTORICAL FICTION	CD,LP
The Foundling	Halls, Stacey	Six years after leaving her illegitimate daughter Clara at London's Foundling Hospital, Bess Bright returns to reclaim the child she has never known. Dreading the worst - that Clara has died in care - the last thing she expects to hear is that her daughter has already been reclaimed - by her. Her life is turned upside down as she tries to find out who has taken her little girl - and why.	F 400p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP

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The Girl in the Red Coat	Hamer, Kate	A man claiming to be her estranged grandfather tells 8-year-old Carmel that her mother has had an accident and that she is to live with him for now. Over time Carmel realises that this man believes she has a special gift. As she embarks on an extraordinary journey, she will soon question who she is, and who she might become. Shortlisted: Debut Dagger, Costa First Novel prize.	F 375p	THRILLER	CD
The Last White Man	Hamid, Moshin	One morning, Anders wakes to find that his skin has turned dark, his reflection a stranger to him. At first he tells only Oona, an old friend. Soon reports of similar occurrences surface across the land. Some see in the transformations the long-dreaded overturning of an established order, to be resisted to a bitter end. In many, like Anders' father and Oona's mother, a sense of profound loss wars with profound love.	F 180p	FICTION	N/A
The Camel Bookmobile	Hamilton, Masha	Librarian Fi Sweeney feels the need to do something worthwhile so applies for a project taking literacy to the African bush. A story touched with insight and humanity, together with a real appreciation of customs and everyday life of rural Africa, not to mention humour.	F 312p	FICTION	CD
Just me	Hancock, Sheila	As John would say, "Put your money where your mouth is." Be a depressed widow boring the arse off everyone, or get on with life. Your choice.' Just Me is a book about moving on, but it is also about looking back, and looking anew. In The Two of Us Sheila Hancock relived her life with John Thaw, now she is a woman seizing the future with wit, gusto and curiosity - on her own.	B HAN 288p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP

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Miss Carter's War	Hancock, Sheila	It is 1948 and the young and beautiful Marguerite Carter has survived a terrifying war, working behind enemy lines. Now she sets out towards her future as an English teacher in a girls' grammar school. Outside the classroom Britain is changing fast, and Miss Carter finds herself caught up in social upheaval, swept in and out of love and forging deep, enduring friendships. Debut novel.	F 432p	FICTION	LP
Old Rage	Hancock, Sheila	At 84, having sailed past supposedly disturbing milestones- 50, 70 even 80 - without a qualm why did she suddenly feel furious? Shocking diagnoses, Brexit and bereavement seemed to knock her from every quarter. And that was before lockdown. Home alone, classified as 'extremely vulnerable', she finds herself yelling at the TV and talking to the pigeons. She can at least take a good long look at life, her work, family, her beliefs, and uncomfortable as it might be to face, her future. One of Britain's best loved actors opens up about her ninth decade. Funny, feisty and honest.	B HAN 258p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP
The Nightingale	Hannah, Kristin	A beautifully written and richly evocative examination of life, love, the ravages of war, and the different ways people react to unthinkable situations- not to mention the terrible and mounting toll of keeping secrets. This powerhouse of a story is equally packed with action and emotion.	F 449p	FICTION	CD
The Monogram Murders : the new Hercule Poirot mystery	Hannah, Sophie	The award winning author has written a new addition to the Christie stable of mystery novels featuring the famous French detective. With a tricky plot and a plausible Poirot, it pays homage to the Queen of Crime but retains an originality of its own.	F 320p	CRIME	CD, LP



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Closed Casket : The New Hercule Poirot Mystery	Hannah, Sophie	Commissioned by Agatha Christie Limited, international best-selling crime writer Sophie Hannah marks the centenary of the creation of world-famous detective Hercule Poirot with a classic crime whodunnit. The Irish country house setting, the characters, and of course Poirot himself, together with the period vocabulary are all spot on, but it's the utter fiendish unpredictability of the plot that makes this a great book for discussion.	F 325p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Point of Rescue	Hannah, Sophie	What would you do if someone was trying to kill you, but you couldn't go to the police because that would mean revealing a secret that might destroy your family? That is Sally Thorning's predicament when she recognises someone she isn't supposed to know.	F 464p	THRILLER	N/A
A Pair of Blue Eyes	Hardy, Thomas	Hardy's third novel. A love triangle comprising Elfride Swancourt and her suitors, the down at heel Stephen Smith, an architect's assistant, and the well-off society gentleman, Henry Knight. Naturally Smith is at a disadvantage, but this doesn't mean necessarily that Knight will have his way.	F 320p	CLASSIC	N/A
Far From The Madding Crowd	Hardy, Thomas	Perhaps the most pastoral of Hardy's Wessex novels. Farmer Gabriel Oak, the dashing Sergeant Troy, and reclusive gentleman farmer, Mr Boldwood, all hanker for, and pursue the elusive Bathsheba Everdene, whose wayward nature leads her to both tragedy and true love.	F 362	CLASSIC	CD
Jude The Obscure	Hardy, Thomas	The last of Hardy's novels. Jude rises from his rural beginnings to win a scholarship to university, and has relationships with two very different women, including his cousin, Sue. A beautiful evocative and heart breaking tale with an unexpected ending.	F 416p	CLASSIC	CD

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Mayor Of Casterbridge :	Hardy, Thomas	Written at the peak of Hardy's career. The story of Michael Henchard, a drunk who sells his wife to the highest bidder. When she tracks him down years after he has made good and become Mayor, the ensuing complications mark a downturn in his fortunes with a spectacular fall from grace.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Tess Of The D'Urbervilles : A Pure Woman	Hardy, Thomas	The plot revolves around Tess Durbeyfield, a young and innocent girl who plunges headfirst into adulthood by giving birth to an illegitimate child. Tess is immediately condemned by a cruel society and her unavoidable fate is dragged out in heart wrenching detail by Hardy.	F 346p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
The Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	The famous opening reveals the haunting power of the dark, forbidding Egdon Heath where proud Eustacia fervently awaits a clandestine meeting with her lover, Damon Wildeve. But Eustacia's dreams of escape are not to bring her salvation.	F 400p	CLASSIC	CD
Trumpet Major	Hardy, Thomas	Regarded as one of Hardy's lesser novels, you get a real feel for the 'smallness' of life, especially against the background of preparations for war and the patriotism and fear that grip the rural communities. When The Trumpet Major arrives, no possible romantic combination of the characters goes unexplored.	F 340p	CLASSIC	LP
Under The Greenwood Tree Or, The Mellstock Quire	Hardy, Thomas	Hardy's most bright, confident and optimistic novel. The double-plot, in which the love story of Dick Dewey and Fancy Day is inter-related with a tragic chapter in the history of Mellstock Choir, hints at the poignant disappearance of a long-lived and highly-valued traditional way of life.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD

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Woodlanders	Hardy, Thomas	Educated beyond her station, Grace Melbury returns to Little Hintock and cannot marry Giles, her intended. Her alternative choice proves disastrous, and in a moving tale with vibrant characters, humour and pathos, Hardy exposes the cruel indifference of the legal system of his day and eschews a happy ending.	F 343p	CLASSIC	CD
The Dry	Harper, Jane	A riveting murder mystery and a beautifully wrought picture of a rural community under extreme pressure. Amid the worst drought to ravage Australia in a century, tensions in a community become unbearable when three members of a family are brutally murdered. Winner: Gold Australian Book Industry Award, Sunday Times Crime Book of the Year, CWA Gold Dagger, British Book Awards Crime Thriller of the Year. Simon Mayo Radio Two Book Club Choice, Amazon Pick for best mystery.	F 336p	WINNER	CD
The Survivors	Harper, Jane	Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home. When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge. A sunken wreck, a missing girl, and questions that have never washed away...	F 384p	THRILLER	CD
Different Class	Harris, Joanne	After thirty years at St Oswald's Grammar in North Yorkshire, Latin master Roy Straitley has seen all kinds of boys come and go. Now with St Oswald's teetering on the brink, an Old Boy returns to take the helm and sinister events link the past with the present. This absorbing psychological thriller perfectly captures the school atmosphere and nuances of scholarly behaviour yet manages to twist and turn to an entirely unexpected conclusion.	F 416p	THRILLER	CD

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Imperium	Harris, Robert	We follow Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman lawyer, orator and statesman, as he follows his dream of becoming one of Rome's two Consuls and the reader is drawn into drawn into the world of Cicero and his political conquests. The narrator is Tiro, his loyal slave and confidant, indispensable to his master.	F 496p	HISTORICAL	CD
Pompeii	Harris, Robert	A sweltering week in late August. Where better to enjoy the last days of summer than on the beautiful Bay of Naples? But as Rome's richest citizens relax in their villas around Pompeii there are ominous warnings that something is wrong. Through the eyes of four characters Robert Harris brilliantly recreates a luxurious world on the brink of destruction.	F 416p	HISTORICAL	CD
An Officer and a Spy	Harris, Robert	Paris, 1895: an army officer, Georges Picquart, watches a convicted spy, Alfred Dreyfus, being publicly humiliated in front of a baying crowd. Dreyfus is exiled for life to Devil's Island; Picquart is promoted to run the intelligence unit that tracked him down. But when Picquart discovers that secrets are still being handed over to the Germans, he is drawn into a dangerous labyrinth of deceit and corruption that threatens not just his honour but his life...	F 624p	THRILLER	CD
V2	Harris, Robert	Set in November 1944 this immersive thriller follows Rudi who has helped create the V2 ballistic missile and Kay who is a survivor of a V2 strike who as part of a WAAF unit sets out to locate and destroy V2 launch sites. A Sunday Times Best Historical Fiction Book of the Year.	F 400p	THRILLER	N/A
Second Sleep	Harris, Robert	A suspenseful and surprising future-history thriller that weaves historical fact into an imagined apocalypse and tackles issues of religion and science along the way. Book of the Year: Times, Sunday Times, Guardian, Telegraph, Express, Mail on Sunday	F 448p	THRILLER	N/A

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Act of Oblivion	Harris, Robert	1660, General Edward Whalley and Colonel William Goffe, father-and son-in-law, cross the Atlantic. They are on the run and wanted for the murder of Charles I. Under the provisions of the Act of Oblivion, they have been found guilty in absentia of high treason. In London, Richard Nayler, secretary of the regicide committee of the Privy Council, is tasked with tracking down the fugitives. He'll stop at nothing until the two men are brought to justice. A reward of £100 hangs over their heads - dead or alive. This is an epic journey across continents, a chase like no other.	F 463p	THRILLER	CD
At Hawthorn Time	Harrison, Melissa	Howard and Kitty, Jamie and Jack. All four of them are struggling to find a life in the modern countryside; all are trying to find ways to belong. Building to an extraordinary climax over the course of one spring month, At Hawthorn Time is both a clear-eyed picture of rural Britain, and a heartbreaking exploration of love, land and loss. Shortlisted: Costa Novel Award 2015, Longlisted Baileys Prize 2016.	F 289p	SHORTLIST	CD
Spare	Harry, Prince	It was one of the most searing images of the 20th century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow - and horror. As Princess Diana was laid to rest, billions wondered what the princes must be thinking and feeling - and how their lives would play out from that point on. For Harry, this is that story at last.	B HAR 416p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
Into the Water	Hawkins, Paula	Just days before her sister plunged to her death, Jules ignored her call. Now Jules is afraid of the town, of the old house, her own buried memories and the knowledge that Nel would never have jumped. A moody and chilling thriller from the author of Girl on the Train'.	F 448p	THRILLER	CD,LP

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I Am Pilgrim	Hayes, Terry	Pilgrim was the codename for a world class and legendary secret agent. When NYPD Ben Bradley tracks down Pilgrim, neither man can imagine the terrifying journey they are about to begin, as what begins as an unusual and challenging murder investigation leads them into a direct collision course with the dark forces of jihadist terrorism.	F 400p	THRILLER	N/A
Elizabeth Is Missing	Healey, Emma	A gripping detective yarn and a haunting depiction of mental illness as Maud, a feisty old lady whose dementia is overtaking her, struggles to make someone take her fears seriously when her old friend Elizabeth goes missing. Poignant and blackly comic. Winner: Costa First Novel Award.	F 288p	WINNER	CD, LP
Hungover Games	Heawood, Sophie	What happens when you have an accidental baby on your own in your mid-30s, when you haven't worked out how to look after yourself, let alone a baby? 'The Hungover Games' is the funny, dark and true story of one woman's adventures in single-motherhood. Best Book of 2020 - Evening Standard, Cosmopolitan, Observer.	306.874 258p	NON-FICTION	N/A
For Whom The Bell Tolls	Hemingway, Ernest	Robert Jordan is an American who has joined the Spanish civil war. His guerrilla group is to blow a key bridge during an offensive that begins in 3 days. This is an action tale, an anti-war protest, a love story, a political criticism of communism and fascism, and a magnificent philosophy of life.	F 496p	CLASSIC	LP
Grace Williams Says It Loud	Henderson, Emma	On her first day at the Briar Mental Institute, Grace meets Daniel, an epileptic who can type with his feet. A deeply affecting, spirit-soaring story of love against the odds. Winner: McKitterick Prize. Shortlisted: Orange Prize; Commonwealth First Book Award; Waverton Good Read Award; Authors Club First Novel; Wellcome Trust Book Prize.	F 336p	WINNER	CD

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Book Lovers	Henry, Emily	Nora is a cut-throat literary agent. Her whole life is books. Charlie is an editor with a gift for creating bestsellers. He's Nora's work nemesis. Nora has been through enough break-ups to know she's the woman men date before they find their happy-ever-after. Nora's sister has persuaded her to swap her desk for a month's holiday in Sunshine Falls, a small town in North Carolina. Instead of meeting sexy lumberjacks or handsome doctors Nora keeps bumping into Charlie. She's no heroine. He's no hero. So can they take a page out of an entirely different book?	F 377p	FICTION	N/A
The Northern Clemency	Hensher, Philip	Family drama of two neighbouring families in Northern England over three decades 1970s - 1990s set against the backdrop of social and political changes. Deft characterisation ties the two families together and the defining moments in their lives reach quite unpredictable conclusions. Short listed, Man Booker Prize.	F 736p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Various Haunts Of Men	Hill, Susan	First in a series, this is a gripping thriller with engaging characters, a tight and twisting plot, and a strong sense of place and time. The suspense is sustained, and the twists of the plot are gradually revealed so that the reader solves the mystery alongside the characters. Short listed, Theakstons Old Peculiar Prize.	F 576p	SHORTLIST	LP
The Small Hand : a ghost story	Hill, Susan	Adam Snow, an antiquarian book dealer, discovers himself completely lost and stops at a large house to ask for directions. The house is in a state of dereliction yet as he turns back to the car a small hand takes hold of his, only no one is with him. A classic creepy ghost story.	F 208p	THRILLER	CD

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The Island	Hislop, Victoria	Alexis goes to the town of Plaka in Crete to find out more about her ancestral history. Just off the coast of Plaka is a small island called Spinalonga, a leper colony. Her grandmother's childhood friend, Fotini, tells Alexis the surprising and detailed history of her past.	F 480p	FICTION	CD
One August Night	Hislop, Victoria	In 1957, a great celebration is held in Crete to celebrate the closure of the leper colony at Spinalonga. But a cataclysmic event that same night turns it into a very different occasion. For some, it will mean a lifelong loss of liberty. Sequel to bestselling 'The Island'.	F 307p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Thread	Hislop, Victoria	Thessaloniki, 1917. As Dimitri Komninos is born, a fire destroys much of the city. Five years later, Katerina Sarafoglou's home in Turkey is destroyed and she flees across the sea. Their lives become linked as war, fear and persecution begin to divide the city's people. In 2007 a young Anglo-Greek hears his grandparents' life story for the first time and realises he has a decision to make.	F 384p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
The Marriage of Opposites	Hoffman, Alice	The story of one of history's most captivating 'invisible' women: Rachel, the mother of Impressionist painter Camille Pissarro. Married off to a widower with three children Rachel is widowed herself when her husband dies suddenly. When his handsome nephew Frédéric arrives from France to settle the estate, Rachel seizes control of her life, beginning a defiant, passionate love affair that sparks a scandal affecting her entire family. The marriage of Rachel and Frédéric is an unforgettable story of an extraordinary woman and her forbidden love.	F 384p	FICTION	CD



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The Museum of Extraordinary Things	Hoffman, Alice	New York City, 1911 and circus girl meets handsome young immigrant turned photographer. One night by the freezing waters of the Hudson River, Coralie stumbles across Eddie, who has become enmeshed in the case of a missing girl, and the fates of these two hopeful outcasts collide as they search for truth, beauty, love and freedom in tumultuous times.	F 381p	HISTORICAL	N/A
The Keeper of Lost Things	Hogan , Ruth	Anthony Peardew spent half his life collecting lost objects, so leaves his house and all its lost treasures to his assistant Laura, the one person he can trust to fulfil his legacy and reunite the thousands of objects with their rightful owners. A tender, quirky début novel of lost objects and second chances, in the vein of The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry and The Rosie Project. A Richard & Judy Autumn Book Club Pick.	F 302p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club	Hogan, Faith	Three women ,Elizabeth, Jo and Lucy are thrown together by circumstance and become fast friends. But then Jo's world is turned upside down when she receives some shocking news. In search of solace, Jo and Elizabeth find themselves enjoying midnight dips in the freezing Irish Sea. Here they can laugh, cry and wash away all their fears. As well as conjure a fundraising plan for the local hospice that will bring the whole community together.	F 292p	FICTION	CD
Born Survivors	Holden, Wendy	A heart-stopping account of how three mothers and their newborns fought to survive the Holocaust and how, sixty five years later they met for the first time at Mauthausen for the anniversary of the liberation that ultimately saved them. A life-affirming celebration of our capacity to care and to love amid inconceivable cruelty. Goodreads Choice Awards Best History & Biography.	940.531 405p	NON-FICTION	CD, LP

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Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Honeyman, Gail	Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. When a simple act of kindness shatters the walls Eleanor has built around herself, she begins to learn to navigate the world and face the dark corners she's avoided all her life. Warm, perceptive and deeply moving debut novel soon to be made into a major new film. Winner: Costa First Novel Award, Longlisted: Women's Prize for Fiction, Number One Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 385p	WINNER	CD, LP
Etta and Otto and Russell and James	Hooper, Emma	At the age of eighty-two Etta gets up very early one morning, takes a rifle, some chocolate, and her best boots, and begins walking 2,000 miles to the ocean, leaving her husband Otto at home. She carries notes to help her remember things. A quietly powerful story about ageing and memory, love and loss, and the relationship between spouses and friends.	F 283p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
It Ends With Us	Hoover, Colleen	Lily hasn't always had it easy, but that's never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. Now living in Boston and the owner of a successful business she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid and everything in Lily's life suddenly seems almost too good to be true. As questions about her new relationship begin to overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan — her first love. When he suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened.	F 386p	FICTION	N/A
House of Silk	Horowitz, Anthony	Bestselling novelist and Holmes expert Anthony Horowitz brings the great man to life again for a new generation of readers. The characterization of Holmes and Watson is true to the original but also offers greater insight into a fascinating friendship.	F 320p	CRIME	CD, LP

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The Word Is Murder	Horowitz, Anthony	A woman is strangled six hours after organising her own funeral. Did she know she was going to die? Did she recognise her killer? Daniel Hawthorne, a recalcitrant detective with secrets of his own, is on the case, together with his reluctant side-kick, but they aren't prepared for the twists and turns in store – as unexpected as they are bloody. Crime Time's Book of The Year.	F 400p	CRIME	CD
A Thousand Splendid Suns	Hosseini, Khaled	This novel tells the wonderful, intensely moving story of two extraordinary Afghani women who are thrown together under highly unusual circumstances. The book follows their struggle against extreme evil, hardship and victimisation in a country torn apart by war.	F 432p	FICTION	CD
And the Mountains Echoed	Hosseini, Khaled	A multi-generational family story revolving around brothers and sisters, 'And the Mountains Echoed' explores the ways in which they love, wound, betray, honour and sacrifice for each other.	F 404p	FICTION	CD
Wool	Howey, Hugh	In a ruined and hostile landscape, a community exists in a giant underground silo. Inside, men and women live an enclosed life full of rules and regulations, of secrets and lies. The people who don't follow the rules are the dangerous ones; they dare to hope and dream, and infect others with their optimism. Their punishment is simple and deadly.	F 448p	FANTASY	CD
Close to Home	Hunter, Cara	Last night, eight-year-old Daisy Mason disappeared from a family party. No one in the quiet suburban street saw anything - or at least that's what they're saying. DI Adam Fawley is trying to keep an open mind. But he knows the nine times out of ten, it's someone the victim knew. That means someone is lying... and that Daisy's time is running out. Richard and Judy Book Club Pick.	F 400p	CRIME	N/A

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Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	Set in a future society where humans are grown from embryos in huge labs, where the population is controlled by subtlety and manipulation, with all their desires fulfilled. Published a few years before the Second World War it raised serious questions about the way the world was heading at the time.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD
The Importance of Being Interested	Ince, Robin	In this erudite and witty book, Robin reveals why scientific wonder isn't just for the professionals. Filled with interviews featuring astronauts, comedians, teachers, quantum physicists, neuroscientists and more - as well as charting Robin's own journey with science - The Importance of Being Interested explores why many wrongly think of the discipline as distant and difficult. From the glorious appeal of the stars above to why scientific curiosity can encourage much needed intellectual humility, this optimistic and profound book will leave you filled with a thirst for intellectual adventure.	306.45 390p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting	Irwin, Sophie	Kitty Talbot needs a fortune or rather a husband who has a fortune. It is 1818, only men have the privilege of seeking their own riches. With twelve weeks until the bailiffs call, launching herself into London society, Kitty must use every ounce of cunning and ingenuity she possesses to climb the ranks. The worldly Lord Radcliffe can see through her plans, he is determined to thwart her at any cost. Can Kitty secure a fortune and save her sisters from poverty?	F 400p	FICTION HISTORICAL	LP

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You, Me, Everything	Isaac, Catherine	Jess and her son William set off to spend the summer in the Dordogne hoping to make William's father, Adam, connect with his son. Jess can't allow him to let their son down because she is tormented by a secret of her own that nobody must discover. A poignant story of love, regret and second chances. Richard & Judy Book Club selection.	F 426p	FICTION	CD
Klara and the Sun	Ishiguro, Kazuo	From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.	F 320p	FICTION	CD
The Buried Giant	Ishiguro, Kazuo.	Ishiguro's first novel in a decade is about lost memories, love, revenge and war as a couple set off across a troubled land of mist and rain, steeped in legend, in the hope of finding a son they have not seen in years. A spectacular, rousing departure from anything Ishiguro has ever written, and yet still a classic Ishiguro story from the Booker Prize winning author.	F 353p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Snow Child	Ivey, Eowyn	Jack and Mabel hope that a fresh start in 'Alaska, our newest homeland' will enable them to put the strain of their childless marriage behind them. When the first snow falls, they see a child running through the spruce trees. Gradually this child - an elusive, untameable little girl who hunts with a fox - comes into their lives. Richard and Judy Book Choice.	F 416p	FICTION	CD

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We Have Always Lived in the Castle	Jackson, Shirley	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. And when Cousin Charles arrives, armed with overtures of friendship and a desperate need to get into the safe, Merricat must do everything in her power to protect the remaining family.	F 162p	CLASSIC	LP
The Finkler Question	Jacobson, Howard	Man Booker Prize winner with a Jewish slant, which touches on a number of compelling subjects including middle age insecurity, male competition and friendship, death, infidelity, multiculturalism and religious faith and the implications of this on nation states. Winner Man Booker Prize.	F 384p	WINNER	CD
Spoils of Poynton	James, Henry	Mrs Gareth, widowed chatelaine of Poynton, is fighting to keep her house with its priceless objects d'art from her spineless son Owen and his fiancée Mona. Young Fleda Vetch is also secretly in love with Owen. The power struggle that ensues between the three women is a conflict with betrayal at its heart.	F 256p	CLASSIC	CD
Death Comes to Pemberley	James, P.D	Inspired by a lifelong passion for the work of Jane Austen, P. D. James masterfully recreates the world of Pride and Prejudice, and combines it with the excitement and suspense of a brilliantly-crafted crime story.	F 352p	CRIME	CD

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The Private Patient	James, P.D	Uncompromising investigative journalist Rhoda Gradwyn has booked herself into the Chandler Powell private clinic in Dorset to remove a disfiguring facial scar. But Rhoda is killed. After her murder, Commander Adam Dalgliesh finds himself faced with one of the most complex and challenging mysteries of his career. Prize winning author.	F 512p	CRIME	CD
Death In Holy Orders	James, P.D.	A theological student has been found dead on the East Anglian shore, a tragedy ruled "accidental." However, pressed by the student's father, detective Commander Dalgleish re-examines the ruling in this complex and highly engrossing case. WH Smith Literary Award.	F 560p	WINNER	CD
Absolute Proof	James, Peter	What would it take to prove the existence of God? The false faith of a billionaire evangelist, the life's work of a famous atheist, and the credibility of the world's major religions are under threat if Ross Hunter can survive long enough to present the evidence. Richard & Judy pick.	F 704p	THRILLER	CD, LP
House on Cold Hill	James, Peter	When townies Ollie and Caro and their children move into a large dilapidated house they are thrilled to be living in the country. But within days, it seems they are not the only residents and Caro is startled to see faces looking out of an upstairs window - from a room which does not appear to exist. A chilling and suspenseful ghost story.	F 352p	THRILLER	CD, LP
David Jason: My Life	Jason, David	The long-awaited autobiography of one of Britain's most-loved actors. Born the son of a Billingsgate market porter at the height of the Second World War, David Jason's early life was spent dodging bombs and bullies, both with impish good timing. Giving up on an unloved career as an electrician, he turned his attention to acting	B JAS 392p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A

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The Tea Planter's Wife.	Jefferies, Dinah	Nineteen-year-old Gwendolyn Hooper arrives in Ceylon eager to join her new husband. Soon, however, she will be forced to choose between her duty as a wife and her instinct as a mother as a story of guilt, betrayal and untold secrets unfolds. Haunting and tender No. 1 Sunday Times Bestseller set in the colonial era.	F 419p	HISTORICAL	N/A
The Invisible Girl	Jewell, Lisa	When Saffyre Maddox was 10 something terrible happened and now she hides, invisible in the shadows. Owen Pick is invisible too. He's 33 years old and he's never had a girlfriend. when Saffyre disappears, suddenly the whole world is accusing him. Because he's just the type - isn't he?	F 422p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Me	John, Elton	Music icon Elton John reveals the truth about his extraordinary life. Me is the joyously funny, honest and moving story of the most enduringly successful singer/songwriter of all time. Chatty and candid.	782.42 418p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
This Boy	Johnson, Alan	Alan Johnson's childhood was not so much difficult as unusual, particularly for a man who was destined to become Home Secretary. This Boy is one man's story, but it is also a story of England and the West London slums which are so hard to imagine in the capital today. No matter how harsh the details, Alan Johnson writes with a spirit of generous acceptance, of humour and openness which makes his book anything but a grim catalogue of miseries.	B JOH 304p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
Now in November	Johnson, Josephine	Arnold Haldmarne moves his wife and three daughters to the country and tries to scratch a living from the land. After years of unrelenting hard work, the hiring of a young man from a neighbouring farm upsets the fragile balance of their lives. Written in 1934 by Pulitzer prize winning author, this book has been called the 'US Wuthering Heights.'	F 288p	CLASSIC	N/A



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The Accidental Further Adventures of the Hundred Year Old Man	Jonasson, Jonas	Sequel to the international bestseller The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared, it all begins with a hot air balloon trip and three bottles of champagne. It rapidly becomes a complex diplomatic crisis involving world figures from the Swedish foreign minister to Angela Merkel and President Trump.	F 448p	HUMOUR	CD
The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared	Jonasson, Jonas	On his 100th birthday, slowly but surely Allan climbs out of his bedroom window, into the flowerbed (in his slippers) and makes his getaway. And so begins his picaresque and unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, a suitcase full of cash, and incompetent police. Winner: Iris Ljudbokspris award	F 400p	WINNER	N/A
How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House	Jones, Cherie	On Baxter Beach, Barbados, moneyed ex-pats clash with the locals who often end up serving them: braiding their hair, minding their children, and selling them drugs. Lala lives on the beach with her husband, Adan, a petty criminal with endless charisma whose thwarted burglary of one of the Baxter Beach mansions sets off a chain of events with terrible consequences. A gunshot no one was meant to witness. A new mother whose baby is found lifeless on the beach. A woman torn between two worlds and incapacitated by grief. And two men driven by desperation and greed who attempt a crime that will risk their freedom -- and their lives.	F 278p	SHORTLIST	N/A
Mister Pip	Jones, Lloyd	A young girl is caught up in civil unrest on an island in New Guinea. When all flee, the only remaining white man begins teaching the island's children with the only text he has at his disposal, a well-worn copy of Great Expectations. Winner: Commonwealth Writers' Prize, Short listed Man Booker Prize.	F 240p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Never Greener	Jones, Ruth	Seventeen years after a passionate affair with a married man, Kate is living in London, married to Matt and mother to little Tallulah. But then Kate meets Callum again. Do they walk away from each other or risk finding out what might have been? Sunday Times Bestseller, WHSmith Book of the Year, Debut of the Year, British Book Awards.	F 416p	FICTION	N/A
Amy and Lan	Jones, Sadie	Amy Connell and Lan Honey are having the best childhood. When their families make the leap from city living to a farm in the West Country they have untold freedom. The adults are far too busy to keep an eye on them, and Amy and Lan would never tell them about climbing on the high barn roof, or what happened with the axe that time, any more than their parents would tell them the things they get up to. Adult things, like betrayal, that threaten to bring the whole fragile idyll tumbling down.	F 311p	FICTION	N/A
An American Marriage	Jones, Tayari	A moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African American couple. Sweeping and intimate, it is as much a portrayal of a marriage, as a reflection on modern society. Winner: Womens Prize for Fiction.	F 336p	WINNER	CD,LP
Do No Harm	Jordan, Jack	My son has been taken. And I've been given a choice. Kill a patient on the operating table. Or never see him again. The man lies on the table in front of me. As a surgeon, it's my job to save him. As a mother, I know I must kill him. You might think that I'm a monster. But there really is only one choice. I must get away with murder. Or I will never see my son again.A compulsive, edge-of-the-seat thriller.	F 432p	THRILLER	N/A

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<p>The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho</p>	<p>Joseph, Paterson</p>	<p>It's 1746 and Georgian London is not a safe place for a young Black man, especially one who has escaped slavery. After the twinkling lights in the Fleet Street coffee shops are blown out , great houses have closed their doors for the night, Sancho must dodge slave catchers and worse. The man he hoped would help - a kindly duke who taught him to write - is dying. Sancho is desperate and utterly alone. So how does Charles Ignatius Sancho meet the King, write and play highly acclaimed music, become the first Black person to vote in Britain and lead the fight to end slavery?</p>	<p>F 432p</p>	<p>FICTION HISTORICAL</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Miss Benson's Beetle</p>	<p>Joyce, Rachel</p>	<p>It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a schoolteacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist--the golden beetle of New Caledonia. She appoints a new assistant, fun loving Enid Pretty who seems to attract trouble wherever she goes and together these two British women find themselves drawn into a cross-ocean adventure that exceeds all expectations and delivers something neither of them expected to find: the transformative power of friendship.</p>	<p>F 352p</p>	<p>FICTION</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>The Music Shop</p>	<p>Joyce, Rachel</p>	<p>1988. Frank owns a music shop jam-packed with records and Frank always finds his customers the music they need. When Ilse asks Frank to teach her about music, he is drawn to her but Ilse is not what she seems. And Frank has old wounds that threaten to re-open and a past he will never leave behind. A beautiful novel about love, the silences between words and hope. Radio Four Book at Bedtime.</p>	<p>F 321p</p>	<p>FICTION</p>	<p>CD</p>

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The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Joyce, Rachel	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. Man Booker Prize Long list. Winner: UK National Book Award for New Writer of the Year	F 316p	WINNER	CD, LP
When Breath Becomes Air	Kalanithi, Paul	A young neurosurgeon diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer working in the most critical place for human identity, the brain. What is it like to do that every day; and what happens when life is catastrophically interrupted? An unforgettable reflection on the practice of medicine and the relationship between doctor and patient. New York Times number one bestseller, Sunday Times number one bestseller, Shortlisted: Wellcome Book Prize 2017.	617.48 256p	NON-FICTION SHORTLIST	LP
The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida	Karunatilaka, Shehan	Maali Almeida, war photographer, gambler and closet gay, has woken up dead in what seems like a celestial visa office and he has no idea who killed him. The list of suspects is depressingly long, as the ghouls and ghosts with grudges who cluster round can attest. But even in the afterlife, time is running out for Maali. He has seven moons to try and contact the man and woman he loves most and lead them to a hidden cache of photos that will rock Sri Lanka.	F 386p	WINNER	CD

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This is Going to Hurt	Kay, Adam	Welcome to the life of a junior doctor: 97-hour weeks, life and death decisions, a constant tsunami of bodily fluids, and the hospital parking meter earns more than you. Adam Kay's This is Going to Hurt provides a no-holds-barred account of his time on the NHS front line. Hilarious, horrifying and heartbreaking. Book of the Year, National Book Awards.	610.92 256p	NON-FICTION	CD,LP
The Book of You	Kendal, Claire	A gripping psychological thriller about obsession and power, Clarissa is a little frightened of Rafe who refuses to take no for an answer. But when she is selected for Jury service and a violent tale of kidnap and abuse unfolds, Clarissa begins to see parallels and slowly unravels the twisted, macabre fairytale that Rafe has spun around her.	F 384p	CRIME	CD
The Answer to Everything	Kennard, Luke	<p>Emily should be happy. She has a nice husband (even if they rarely speak to each other, let alone sleep in the same bed), two little boys she loves – and now, a brand-new house in which they can live out all of the bourgeois fantasies she knows she should be ashamed of. But still she aches for something more.</p> <p>Enter Alatheia and Elliott, their new neighbours, and also parents of two young boys. Alatheia is intimidatingly confident and beautiful, but also disarmingly open and friendly. And Elliott is intriguing. Dishevelled, talented, charming and a little lost, he seems as fascinated by Emily as she is by him, and soon their friendship has reached an intensity neither of them seem able to control.</p> <p>As riotously funny as it is painfully moving, this is a novel about disappointment and yearning; about parenting and growing up; and the search for love, meaning and connection.</p>	F 407p	FICTION	N/A

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Trespasses	Kennedy, Louise	Cushla Lavery lives with her mother near Belfast. At 24, she splits her time between her day job as a teacher and regular bartending shifts in the family owned pub. Here that she meets Michael Agnew, an older and married barrister who draws her into his sophisticated group of friends. When the father of a young boy in her class, becomes the victim of a savage attack, Cushla is compelled to help his family. But as her affair with Michael intensifies, political tensions in the town escalate, threatening to destroy all she is working to hold together.	F 320p	SHORTLIST	N/A
The Loving Husband	Kent, Christobel	When Fran wakes one night to find her husband Nathan gone, she also makes a devastating discovery. As questions about her husband and her relationships start to mount, Fran's life begins to spiral out of control What is she hiding from the police and how well does she really know him? A gripping read for fans of Apple Tree Yard. Richard & Judy Book club Pick, Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 432p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Heretic's Daughter	Kent, Kathleen	Salem, 1692 - When Martha Carrier is accused of witchcraft she makes her daughter Sarah promise not to stand up for her if the case is taken to court. As Sarah and her brothers are hauled into the prison themselves, the vicious cruelty of the trials is apparent. The Carrier family, along with other innocents, must battle their way through the hysteria with the sheer willpower their mother has taught them.	F 352p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP

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On The Road	Kerouac, Jack	Cited as one of the most important novels of the century. Thinly fictionalised autobiography, this is a cross-country bohemian odyssey, filled with a cast made of Kerouac's real life friends, lovers and fellow travellers and narrated by Sal Paradise, one of Kerouac's alter-egos.	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
Secret Life Of Bees	Kidd, Sue Monk	Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four. When she is forced to flee her home in South Carolina with Rosaleen, a black servant, she starts a journey as much about her understanding of the world, as about the mystery surrounding her mother.	F 384p	FICTION	LP
The Mermaid Chair	Kidd, Sue Monk	Jessie Sullivan has been married half her life, and has become accustomed to her role. But when she returns to the isolated island she grew up on to establish why her mother has been behaving oddly, she is to find a lot more than she came looking for.	F 400p	FICTION	LP
Fairy Tale	King, Stephen	Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid but his mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was ten, grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself and his dad. At seventeen, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Charlie starts doing jobs for Mr. Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. When Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe...Inside the shed is a portal to another world.	F 577p	FANTASY	N/A

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Prodigal Summer	Kingsolver, Barbara	Over the course of one humid summer, Deanna Wolfe, a reclusive wildlife biologist, Lusa Landowski, a city girl turned farmer's wife and a pair of elderly feuding neighbours find their connections to one another and to the flora and fauna with whom they share a place, in a fine balance of narrative, drama and ideas.	F 464p	FICTION	CD
The Bean Trees	Kingsolver, Barbara	Plucky Taylor Greer grows up poor in rural Kentucky with two goals: to avoid pregnancy and to get away. But when she buys an old car and heads west, she soon becomes the guardian of an abandoned baby girl she calls Turtle. In Tuscon they encounter an extraordinary array of people and Taylor begins to build herself and her child a new life.	F 240p	FICTION	N/A
Poisonwood Bible	Kingsolver, Barbara	The wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist, tell of their mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. This tale of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction in postcolonial Africa, is set against one of history's most dramatic political parables. Winner: Boeke Prize, Nominated: Pulitzer Prize	F 640p	WINNER	CD
Demon Copperhead	Kingsolver, Barbara	This is the tale of Demon Copperhead. A boy with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks, copper-coloured hair, bucket-loads of charm and a talent or two the world is yet to discover. Born to a teenage single mother in a single wide trailer, life is not fair for Demon. He escorts us on his journey through the modern perils of foster care, athletic success, addiction, the dizzying highs of true love, and the crushing losses that can accompany it. But Demon is a fighter, a survivor.	F 548p	WINNER	N/A



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Remember Me?	Kinsella, Sophie	Lexi wakes up after a car accident, thinking it's 2004 and she's still twenty-five. But she learns it's actually 2007 - she's twenty-eight and she's married to a good-looking millionaire! Will she ever remember what happened to her? And what will happen if she does?	F 448p	FICTION	CD
My Not so Perfect Life	Kinsella, Sophie	On social media, Katie Brenner has the perfect life: a flat in London, a glamorous job, and a super-cool Instagram feed. But the real truth is that she rents a tiny room, has a hideous commute to a lowly admin job and the life she shares on Instagram isn't really hers. When even this not-so-perfect life comes crashing down forcing her to move back home to Somerset, Katie has to restart from square one. A laugh out loud romantic comedy with an unusual depth and richness for the genre.	F 449p	FICTION	CD
The Party Crasher	Kinsella, Sophie	It's been over two years since Effie's beloved parents got divorced, destroying the image of the happy, loving childhood she thought she had. Since then, she's become estranged from her father and embarked on a feud with his much younger girlfriend, Krista. Now the family home is being sold and a "house cooling" party is being held. Effie hasn't been invited but decides to break in while everyone is busy at the party to retrieve a beloved childhood treasure which is still hidden in the house. Effie overhears conversations, makes discoveries, and begins to see her family in a new light. Then she runs into Joe--the love of her life, who long ago broke her heart, and who's still as handsome and funny as ever--and even more truths emerge.	F 368p	FICTION	CD

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English Passengers	Kneale, Matthew	The story of a vicar's ludicrous expedition in 1857 to the Garden of Eden in Tasmania, while the British settlers are alternately trying to civilise and eliminate the Aboriginal population. A tale of war, mutiny, shipwreck and not a little farce. Winner: Whitbread Book Award.	F 480p	WINNER	CD
The Swordfish and the Star	Knight, Gavin	Cornwall and its seas are brought to life, mixing drinking and drugs and sea spray, moonlit beaches and shattering storms, myth and urban myth. Based on immersive research and rich with the voices of a cast of remarkable characters, this is an eye-opening, dramatic, poignant account of life on Britain's most dangerous stretch of coast.	942.37 256p	NON-FICTION	LP
Tell Me Your Secret	Koomson, Dorothy	A kidnap victim who never told anyone what hapened to her. A policewoman haunted by a terrible mistake. A serial killer hunting down victims. Will the two women risk all to bring him to justice?	F 384p	CRIME	CD
The History of Love	Krauss, Nicole	Short listed for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2006 and winner of the 2006 Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger, This novel explores the lasting power of the written word and the lasting power of love as fourteen-year-old Alma sets out in search of the author of a mysterious book in order to find a cure for her mother's loneliness . .	F 272p	SHORTLIST	CD
Babel	Kuang, R.F.	Oxford, 1836. The city of dreaming spires. It is the centre of all knowledge and progress in the world. And at its centre is Babel, the Royal Institute of Translation. Orphaned in Canton and brought to England by a mysterious guardian, Babel seemed like paradise to Robin Swift. Until it became a prison. But can a student stand against an empire?	F 546p	WINNER	N/A

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Summertime	Lafaye, Vanessa	Drawing on actual events, Summertime is based on the Labor Day hurricane of 1935, one of the most intense in US recorded history. The threat of havoc lurks constantly, and a general sense of impending danger looms in the small town of Heron Key, where the relationships are as tangled as the mangrove roots in the swamp and everyone is preparing for the 4th of July barbecue.	F 368p	FICTION	CD, LP
Gifted	Lalwani, Nikita	Funny and heart-warming story of Rumi set in 1980's Cardiff. Maths prodigy Rumi finds that numbers are losing their innocence as she grows older and the idea of love becomes a dirty word in the Vasi household. Long listed for the Man Booker Prize Prize, short listed for the Costa First Novel Award and won the Desmond Elliott Prize.	F 288p	WINNER	N/A
The Couple Next Door	Lapena, Shari	You thought it would be fine, after all, you only live next door. Your daughter was sleeping when you checked on her last. But now, as you race up the stairs in your deathly quiet house, your worst fears are realized. She's gone. Fast paced, meticulously crafted thriller that reveals an entire neighborhood of suspects, secrets and lies. Number One Sunday Times bestseller and overall bestselling novel of 2017.	F 368 p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Nella Last's War	Last, Nella	The Second World War Diaries of 'Housewife, 49'. In September 1939, housewife and mother Nella Last began a diary for the "Mass Observation" project, whose entries have created a record of the Second World War which is powerful, fascinating and unique.	B LAS 320p	BIOGRAPHY	CD

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The Louder I Will Sing	Lawrence, Lee	In 1985, Lee's mother Cherry was wrongly shot by police, sparking riots in Brixton. His life changed forever as Lee fought for 30 years to get justice. Read a compelling memoir about growing up in modern Britain as a young Black man. Winner: Costa biography prize.	942.165 268pp	PRIZEWINNER	N/A
The Stopping Places	Le Bas, Damian	In a bid to better understand his heritage, Damian sets out on a journey to discover the stopping places – the old encampment sites known only to Travellers. Through winter frosts and summer dawns, from horse fairs to Gypsy churches, Damian lives on the road, somewhere between the romanticised Gypsies of old, and their much-maligned descendants of today.	941.0049 320p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Our Kind of Traitor	Le Carre, John	A left-leaning academic and his barrister girlfriend bump into a Russian millionaire on Antigua, seemingly by chance. But events soon propel the young lovers on a tortuous journey through Paris to a safe house in the Swiss Alps, to the murkiest cloisters of the City of London and its unholy alliance with Britain's Intelligence Establishment. Classic spy thriller from a master of the genre.	F 332p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Constant Gardener	Le Carre, John	A moving story of a man ennobled by his wife's tragic murder. As Justin Quayle tries to unravel what has happened, all he has carefully built around him begins to crumble. The steady accumulation of tension is emblematic of le Carré at his finest. Winner: British Book Awards TV and Film Book of the Year	F 608p	WINNER	CD

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Silverview	Le Carre, John	<p>Julian Lawndsley has renounced his high-flying job in the City for a simpler life running a bookshop in a small English seaside town. But only a couple of months into his new career, Julian's evening is disrupted by a visitor. Edward, a Polish émigré living in Silverview, the big house on the edge of town, seems to know a lot about Julian's family and is rather too interested in the inner workings of his modest new enterprise.</p> <p>When a letter turns up at the door of a spy chief in London warning him of a dangerous leak, the investigations lead him to this quiet town by the sea .</p>	F 208p	THRILLER	N/A
To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper	<p>A lawyer defends a black man charged with the rape of a white girl and the conscience of a town steeped in prejudice is pricked by his struggle for justice. A coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.</p>	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
Go Set a Watchman	Lee, Harper	<p>Featuring many of the iconic characters from To Kill a Mockingbird, Go Set a Watchman perfectly captures a young woman and a world in painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past – a journey that can be guided only by one's own conscience. A novel of wisdom, humanity, passion and humour - wonderfully evocative of another era and relevant to our own times. Pulitzer Prize winning author.</p>	F 288p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Cider With Rosie	Lee, Laurie	<p>The core of the story is the life of Laurie's large and boisterous family, living in cheerful poverty in their Cotswold cottage, and above all his mercurial, warm-hearted mother. Rosie really did exist. Indeed, she outlived Laurie, and was interviewed by BBC Radio in 2004.</p>	B LEE 232p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP

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Beekeeper of Alepo	Lefteri, Christy	Nuri and Afri must leave the beautiful city of Aleppo in Syria as war destroys their lives, As they travel through the broken world they must grieve their losses and learn to love again. Based on the author's personal experiences of working as a volunteer at a refugee centre. Richard & Judy pick. Winner: Aspen Words Literary Prize, Book Club Choice: Richard & Judy, BBC Radio 2. Reading Agency choice for National Reading Group Day.	F 400p	WINNER	CD
Food of Love	Leith, Prue	From Cotswolds farmland to London fish markets, society ballrooms to icy gutters, this is a tale of prejudice and ambition, power and passion, and one couple's struggle to overcome all obstacles and carve out a life of their own. With twelve cookery books under her belt, Prue gave up writing about food to concentrate on fiction. This is her first novel.	F 432p	FICTION	CD, LP
A Question of Belief	Leon, Donna	As Venice experiences a heatwave, Commissario Brunetti plans to escape the city to spend time with his family in the mountains. For Ispettore Vianello, however, it appears his aunt has become obsessed with horoscopes and has been withdrawing large amounts of money from the family business. Meanwhile Brunetti is asked to investigate discrepancies at the Courthouse	F 320p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
Alfred and Emily	Lessing, Doris	Lessing explores the lives of her parents, irrevocably damaged by the Great War. She imagines the lives her parents might have made for themselves, followed by a piercing examination of their lives as they actually came to be. Nobel Prize winner.	F 288p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Cleft	Lessing, Doris	Doris Lessing, one of England's finest novelists, invites us to imagine a mythical society free from sexual intrigue, free from jealousy, free from petty rivalries: a society free from men. Nobel Prize Winner.	F 288p	WINNER	N/A

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Caging Skies	Leunens, Christine	Johannes is an avid member of the Hitler Youth in the 1940s. After he is severely injured in a raid, he discovers his parents are hiding a Jewish girl called Elsa behind a false wall in their large house in Vienna. This book inspired the Oscar nominated film JoJo Rabbit.	F 304p	FICTION	N/A
The Blue Notebook	Levine, James A.	Batuk is a 15-year old girl who is sold into sexual slavery and lives in a cage on the streets of Mumbai. The novel is powerfully told in Batuk's voice, through the words she writes in her journal as she tries to understand and give meaning to her life. Searing, moving, and surprisingly hopeful.	F 224p	FICTION	LP
Never Far From Nowhere	Levy, Andrea	Olive and Vivien, born in London to Jamaican parents are brought up on a council estate. They go to the same grammar school, but while Vivien's life becomes a chaotic mix of youth clubs, skinhead violence, A-levels, discos and college, Olive, three years older and a skin shade darker, has a very different tale to tell...	F 288p	FICTION	LP
The Long Song	Levy, Andrea	Short listed for the Man Booker Prize Prize and long listed for the Orange Prize. July is a slave girl who lives upon a sugar plantation named Amity. She was there when the Baptist War raged in 1831, and she was present when slavery was declared no more. Hauntingly beautiful, heartbreaking and unputdownable.	F 432p	SHORTLIST	CD
Small Island	Levy, Andrea	Queenie Bligh's neighbours do not approve when she agrees to take in Jamaican lodgers in 1948, but Queenie doesn't know when her husband will return, or if he will come back at all. A delicately wrought and profoundly moving novel of empire, prejudice, war and love. Winner: Whitbread Book of the Year, Orange Prize, Commonwealth Writers' Prize.	F 544p	WINNER	CD

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Swimming Home	Levy, Deborah	As he arrives with his family at the villa near Nice, Joe sees a body in the swimming pool. But the girl is very much alive. She is Kitty Finch: a self-proclaimed botanist with green-painted fingernails, walking naked out of the water and into the heart of their holiday. Why is she there? What does she want from them all? And why does Joe's enigmatic wife allow her to remain?	F 176p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Man who saw Everything	Levy, Deborah	A time-bending, location-hopping tale of love, truth and the power of seeing. Saul was hit by a car in 1988 and seemed fine, he has a photograph to prove it. But was he? Shortlist: Booker Prize, Longlist: Goldsmiths Prize. Deborah Levy is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.	F 208p	SHORTLIST	CD
We Are All Made Of Glue	Lewycka, Marina	Georgie Sinclair's life is coming unstuck. Her husband's left her. Her son's obsessed with the End of the World. And now her elderly neighbour Mrs Shapiro has decided they are related. Vibrant dialogue, a family meltdown and a wonderful cast of characters make this a laugh-out-loud social comedy.	F 444p	FICTION	CD
Two Caravans	Lewycka, Marina	A beautiful summer's evening in a Kent field and a group of strawberry pickers celebrates a birthday. Ukrainians, Poles, Chinese and one round-eyed Malawian offer hilarious, gritty, moving and slapstick moments as they live, laugh and love. Short listed: Orwell Prize.	F 320p	SHORTLIST	CD
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian	Lewycka, Marina	Vera and Nadezhda's campaign to oust Gold digger Valentina, unearths family secrets, uncovers fifty years of Europe's darkest history and sends them back to roots they'd much rather forget... Winner: Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize, Waverton Good Read Award, Saga Award for Wit; Short listed: Orange Prize.	F 340p	WINNER	CD



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Memoirs of a Dipper	Leyshon, Nell	Gary is a dipper, a burglar, a thief. He is still at junior school when his father first takes him out on the rob, and proves a fast learner: not much more than a child the first time he gets caught, he is a career criminal as soon as he is out again. But Gary is also fiercely intelligent - he often knows more about the antique furniture he is stealing than the people who own it, and is confident in his ability to trick his way out of any situation, always one step ahead. But all that changes when he falls for Mandy. A book that hums with an electric energy that never gets boring and feels shockingly, painfully real. Local Author.	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
The Voluptuous Delights of Peanut Butter and Jam	Liebenberg, Lauren	Nyree and Cia live on a remote farm in Rhodesia in the late 1970s. The two girls know little beyond that world until the arrival from the outside world of 'the bastard', their orphaned cousin Ronin, who is to poison their idyll for ever. Short listed: Orange Prize, Orange Award for New Female Writers, Orange Debut Award.	F 254p	SHORTLIST	LP
The Outrun	Liptrot, Amy	At the age of thirty, Amy Liptrot finds herself washed up back home on Orkney. Standing unstable on the island, she tries to come to terms with the addiction that has swallowed the last decade of her life. As she spends her mornings swimming in the bracingly cold sea, her days tracking Orkney's wildlife, and her nights searching the sky for the Merry Dancers, Amy discovers how the wild can restore life and renew hope. Winner: 2017 Pen Ackerley Prize, 2016 Wainwright Prize. Shortlisted: 2017 Ondaatje Prize, 2016 Wellcome Prize.	B LIP 304p	NON-FICTION WINNER	CD

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Consequences	Lively, Penelope	Privileged misfit Lorna meets the love of her life and moves to a rustic cottage in Somerset. Her decisions and their unforeseeable consequences come to shape the stories of both her daughter and granddaughter. A hugely satisfying and romantic novel, which plots the lives of three generations of twentieth-century women.	F 279p	FICTION	CD
Family Album	Lively, Penelope	As adults, the children return to Allersmead, the big shabby Victorian suburban house, one by one. To their home-making mother and aloof writer father, and a house that for years has played silent witness to a family's secrets. And one devastating secret of which no one speaks. Short listed: Costa Book Awards.	F 272p	SHORTLIST	CD
Moon Tiger	Lively, Penelope	This Booker Prize-winning novel weaves an exquisite mesh of memories, flashbacks and shifting voices, in a haunting story of loss and desire. The tale of a beautiful, famous historian, who, as she lies dying, is confronting her own, personal history, unearthing the passions and pains that have defined her life.	F 226p	WINNER	CD
The Mistresses of Cliveden: Three Centuries of Scandal, Power and Intrigue in an English Stately Home	Livingstone, Natalie	An addictive history of the period and an intimate exploration of the timeless relationships between people and place, The Mistresses of Cliveden is a story of sex, power and politics, and the ways in which five exceptional women defy the expectations of their time. Sunday Times Bestseller.	942.0099 608p	NON_FICTION	CD

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<p>No One Is Talking About This</p>	<p>Lockwood, Patricia</p>	<p>An emerging social media star travels around the world to meet her adoring fans and is overwhelmed by navigating the new language and etiquette of what she terms "the portal," where she grapples with an unshakable conviction that a vast chorus of voices is now dictating her thoughts. When existential threats—from climate change and economic precariousness to the rise of an unnamed dictator and an epidemic of loneliness—begin to loom, she posts her way deeper into the portal's void. As real life and its stakes collide with the increasingly absurd antics of the portal, the woman confronts a world that seems to contain both an abundance of proof that there is goodness, empathy, and justice in the universe, and a deluge of evidence to the contrary.</p>	<p>F 221p</p>	<p>SHORTLIST</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Deaf Sentence</p>	<p>Lodge, David</p>	<p>Professor Desmond Bates took early retirement, but he is not enjoying it. He misses the routine of the academic year and has lost his appetite for research. But these discontents are nothing compared to the affliction of hearing loss — a constant source of domestic friction and social embarrassment which inadvertently involves Desmond with a young woman whose wayward behaviour threatens to destabilize his life completely. Funny and moving by turns, Deaf Sentence is a witty, original and absorbing account of one man's effort to come to terms with deafness, ageing and mortality, and the comedy and tragedy of human lives.</p>	<p>F 304p</p>	<p>FICTION</p>	<p>CD</p>

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The Catch	Logan, T M	Ryan appears to be the perfect future son-in-law. There's just one problem. There's something off about Ryan and it seems that only Ed can see it. Terrified that his daughter is being drawn in by a psychopath, Ed sets out to uncover her fiancé's dark past - while keeping his own concealed.	F 431p	THRILLER	CD
Quality of Silence	Lupton, Rosamund	In icy November Yasmin and her ten-year-old daughter Ruby set off on a journey across Northern Alaska. They're searching for Ruby's father, missing in the arctic wilderness and Ruby, deaf since birth, must brave the darkness where sight cannot guide her. But there is somebody out there who wants to stop them. This relentlessly tense thriller is also a child's-eye family drama and a beautifully written literary slow-burn. Sunday Times Top-Ten Bestseller and Richard and Judy Book Club Choice.	F 416p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Sister	Lupton, Rosamund	When Beatrice gets a frantic call to say that her younger sister is missing, she boards the first flight to London. But she actually knows little of her sister's life - and is unprepared for the terrifying truth.. The police, her fiance and even their mother accept they have lost Tess but Beatrice refuses to give up. So she embarks on a dangerous journey to discover the truth, no matter the cost. NYT Bestseller.	F 384p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Border Songs	Lynch, Jim	Six-foot-eight and dyslexic, Brandon Vanderkool is not an obvious candidate for the Border Patrol, which polices the frontier between the United States and Canada, but somehow, he seems to stumble upon every illegal immigrant and drug trafficker in the area. An extraordinary love story and a gently satirical celebration of the coincidental and the miraculous. Winner: Washington State Book Award for Fiction. Finalist: American Booksellers Association Best Novel,	F 384p	WINNER	LP

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H is for Hawk	MacDonald, Helen	Deeply moving account of the author's attempts to deal with a sudden bereavement, by training a young goshawk. Beautifully juxtaposed with the story of T. H. White, who, in addition to writing The Sword in the Stone also wrote a book about his own early attempts to train a goshawk in the early 1930s. Winner: Costa Book of the Year, Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction.	598.944 320p	NON-FICTION	CD, LP
Landmarks	Macfarlane, Robert	Words are grained into our landscapes, and landscapes are grained into our words. Landmarks is about the power of language to shape our sense of place. It is a lyrical and poetic field guide to the literature of nature, travelling from Cumbria to the Cairngorms, and exploring the landscapes of Roger Deakin, J. A. Baker, Nan Shepherd and others, Robert Macfarlane shows that language, well used, is a keen way of knowing landscape, and a vital means of coming to love it. Shortlisted: Samuel Johnson prize, Wainwright Prize.	914.41 400p	NON-FICTION SHORTLIST	N/A
The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot	Macfarlane, Robert	Following the tracks, holloways, drove-roads and sea paths that form part of a vast ancient network of routes criss-crossing the British Isles and beyond, Robert Macfarlane discovers a lost world - a landscape of the feet and the mind, of pilgrimage and ritual, of stories and ghosts; above all of the places and journeys which inspire and inhabit our imaginations. Shortlisted: Samuel Johnson Prize 2012, Sunday Times Bestseller.	910.409 448p	NON-FICTION SHORTLIST	N/A

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Underland : a deep time journey	Macfarlane, Robert	A haunting exploration of the world beneath our feet as the prizewinning author takes us on a journey exploring what's beneath, from Bronze age burial chambers and the depths of glaciers, to the underground communications of trees. Winner: Wainwright Prize, Standford Dolman Travel Book of the Year. Shortlisted RSL Ondaatje Prize	304.2	NON-FCTION	CD
Operation Mincemeat	Macintyre, Ben	One April morning in 1943, a sardine fisherman spotted the corpse of a British soldier floating in the sea off the coast of Spain and set in train a course of events that would change the course of the Second World War.	940.548641 432p	NON-FICTION	CD, LP
How To Kill Your Family	Mackie, Bella	When Grace Bernard discovers her absentee millionaire father has rejected her dying mother's pleas for help, she vows revenge, and sets about to kill every member of his family. Readers have a front row seat as Grace picks off the family one by one – and the result is as and gruesome as it is entertaining in this wickedly dark romp about class, family, love... and murder. But then Grace is imprisoned for a murder she didn't commit.	F 400p	FICTION	N/A
I See You	Mackintosh, Clare	When Zoe inexplicably sees her photo in the paper, her family are convinced it's not her. But the next day the advert shows a photo of a different woman, and another the day after that. What is going on? A creepy urban thriller. Sunday Times Bestseller, Richard & Judy pick.	F 384p	THRILLER	CD

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I Let You Go	Mackintosh, Clare	<p>In a split second, Jenna Gray's world descends into a nightmare. Her only hope of moving on is to walk away from everything she knows to start afresh. Desperate to escape, Jenna moves to a remote cottage on the Welsh coast, but she is haunted by her fears, her grief and her memories of a cruel November night that changed her life forever. A tragic accident. It all happened so quickly. She couldn't have prevented it. Could she? Absorbing, authentic and deeply unsettling. Winner: Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2016.</p>	F 384p	WINNER	CD
Let me Lie	Mackintosh, Clare	<p>One year ago, Caroline Johnson chose to end her life brutally: a shocking suicide planned to match that of her husband just months before. Now with a young baby of her own, her daughter Anna misses her mother more than ever and starts to ask questions about her parents' deaths. But by digging up the past, is she putting her future in danger? A breathtaking page turner.</p>	F 416p	THRILLER	LP
Circus of Wonders	Macneal, Elizabeth	<p>England, 1866. When Jasper Jupiter's Circus of Wonders arrives in a coastal village, Nell soon catches the showman's eye. Shunned by her community because of the birthmarks speckling her skin, to Jasper she is a prize – she could be his very own leopard girl. But how to make her his?          Soon Nell finds herself the star of Jasper's show. Suddenly she is famous. Crowds rush to watch her soar through the air. Figurines are cast in her image. Even Queen Victoria wants to see her perform. But is Nell free to live and love as she chooses? And when her fame begins to eclipse Jasper's own, could she be in danger? After all, the higher you fly, the steeper the fall</p>	F 376p	HISTORICAL	CD

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Mudlarking: Lost and found on the River Thames	Maiklem, Lara	Lara Maiklem has scoured the banks of the Thames for nearly twenty years, in pursuit of the objects the river unearths: from Neolithic flints to Roman hairpins, Georgian clay pipes to Victorian toys. What began as a search for solitude came to reveal the story of a city, its people and their lost ways of life. Winner: Indie Book Award	942.2336p	WINNER	CD
Station Eleven	Mandel, Emily St John	An audacious, darkly glittering novel about art, fame, and ambition set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse. Moving backwards and forwards in time, from the glittering years just before the collapse to the strange and altered world that exists 20 years after.	F 384p	FICTION SCI-FI	CD
A Treacherous Paradise	Mankell, Henning	From a master of thriller writing, comes a sweeping historical novel based on a fascinating true story. Hannah, escaping an impoverished background, finds herself newly married and on a ship to Australia. How, then did this thoughtful young Swedish woman end up running the most famous brothel in Mozambique and what happens when she tried to improve things for the black women who work there? A thought-provoking read which portrays a grimly believable picture of how colonialism denigrates both servant and master.	F 386p	HISTORICAL	CD, LP
Beyond Black	Mantel, Hilary	Alison is a medium. But what she hears is sometimes just too dark to pass on. She mostly tells her clients what they want to hear. Colette, her manager and side-kick, makes the bookings and gets Alison on stage. And then there's Morris, Alison's foul-mouthed and obscene Spirit Guide. Short listed: Orange Prize.	F 480p	SHORTLIST	CD



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The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher	Mantel, Hilary	An eerie and unsettling, but very well-composed collection of short stories from the double Man Booker Prize Prize-winning author. Sharply observed suburban noir, populated with damaged people and dark themes.	F 304p	ANTHOLOGY	CD
This Much Is True	Margolyes, Miriam	From Blackadder to Call the Midwife, from PG Tips to Harry Potter, Miriam Margolyes is a national treasure -- this is her extraordinary life story and it's well worth the wait. From declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this book is packed with hilarious stories. With a cast list stretching from Scorsese to Streisand, a cross-dressing Leonardo di Caprio to Isaiah Berlin, This Much Is True is as full of life and surprises, as its inimitable author.	F 438p	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	N/A
Do No Harm : stories of life, death and brain surgery	Marsh, Henry	An unforgettable insight into the highs and lows of a life dedicated to operating on the human brain, in all its exquisite complexity. How does it feel to cut through thought, feeling and reason? How do you live with the consequences when it all goes wrong? Winner: South Bank Award for Literature. Shortlisted: Costa Biography Award; Duff Cooper Prize; Wellcome Book Prize; Guardian First Book Award; Slightly Foxed Best First Biography Prize; and PEN Ackerley Prize.	617.481092 288p	NON-FICTION WINNER	CD

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Sorrow and Bliss	Mason, Meg	<p>Everyone tells Martha Friel she is clever and beautiful, a brilliant writer who has been loved every day of her adult life by one man, her husband Patrick. A gift, her mother once said, not everybody gets.</p> <p>So why is everything broken? Why is Martha - on the edge of 40 - friendless, practically jobless and so often sad? And why did Patrick decide to leave?</p> <p>Martha has one last chance to find out whether a life is ever too broken to fix - or whether, maybe, by starting over, she will get to write a better ending for herself.</p>	F 352p	SHORTLIST	N/A
The Return: Fathers, Sons And The Land In Between	Matar, Hisham	<p>Hisham Matar was nineteen when his father was kidnapped and taken to prison in Libya. He would never see him again. Twenty-two years later, the fall of Gaddafi meant he was finally able to return to his homeland. In this moving memoir, the author takes us on an illuminating journey, both physical and psychological; to find his father and rediscover his country. An exquisite meditation on how history and politics can bear down on an individual life.</p> <p>Winner: Pulitzer Prize for Biography, Rathbones Folio Prize, Slightly Foxed Best Biography. Shortlisted: Baillie Gifford Prize, Costa Biography, National Book Critics Award.</p>	B MAT 304p	NON-FICTION WINNER	N/A
It's Now or Never	Matthews, Carole	<p>When twins Annie and Lauren attend their sister Chelsea's fortieth at the Dorchester Hotel, they wonder why their lives are so totally different from their glamorous sister. Is it too late to change their lives? Witty, clever and heartbreaking.</p>	F 384p	FICTION	CD

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The Glass Room	Mawer, Simon	High on a Czechoslovak hill, the Landauer House shines as a wonder of steel and glass and onyx built specially for newlyweds Viktor and Liesel Landauer. But as the storm clouds of WW2 gather, eventually the family must flee. The house's story is far from over, and as it passes from hand to hand, both the best and the worst of the history of Eastern Europe becomes somehow embodied within it, until events become full-circle. Shortlist: Man Booker Prize Prize	F 416p	WINNER	CD
The Girl Who Fell From the Sky	Mawer, Simon	Recruited to go undercover in war time, Marian parachutes into south-west France on a crucial mission. Both a gripping adventure story and a moving meditation on patriotism, betrayal and the limits of love.	F 368p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Coffin Road	May, Peter	A man with no memory on the Isle of Lewis, A doubt-ridden detective with a murder to solve and an Edinburgh teenager desperate for the truth about her father's suicide. Coffin Road follows three perilous journeys towards one shocking truth - and the realisation that ignorance can kill us. A clever twisty thriller full of atmosphere by a million selling author. Sunday Times Top Five Bestseller, Radio Two Bookclub Pick.	F 400p	THRILLER	CD
Diary of a Young Naturalist	McAnulty, Dara	Evocative, raw and beautifully written, this very special book vividly explores the natural world and the turning of the seasons from the perspective of an autistic teenager juggling homework, exams and friendships alongside his life as a conservationist and environmental activist. Winner: Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing	508.092 224p	WINNER	N/A

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The Lesser Bohemians	McBride Eimear	The vibrant energy of 1990s London. A year of passion and discovery for an eighteen-year-old Irish girl who falls violently in love with an older actor. Fierce and touching, boisterously original account of what it feels like to be young, to leave home and to fall in love. Longlisted: Bailey's Women's Prize For Fiction 2017. Shortlisted: Goldsmiths Prize 2016, James Tait Black Memorial Prize 2017, Bord Gais Irish Novel Of The Year 2016, RSL Encore Award 2017.	F 320p	WINNER	CD
Corduroy Mansions	McCall Smith, Alexander	All seven residents who inhabit the three-story Pimlico mansion block are kind, if a bit befuddled by the curves life throws them. As they go about their daily business, friends, family, and coworkers are brought into the mix, and their lives are explored as well with gentle mirth.	F 352p	HUMOUR	CD
The Passenger	McCarthy, Cormac	It is three in the morning when Bobby Western zips the jacket of his wetsuit and plunges from the boat deck into darkness. His divelight illuminates the sunken jet, nine bodies still buckled in their seats. Missing from the crash site are the pilot's flightbag, the plane's black box, and the tenth passenger. But how? Western is shadowed in body and spirit - by men with badges; by the ghost of his father, inventor of the atom bomb; and by his sister, the love and ruin of his soul.	F 400p	FICTION	CD
The Grave Tattoo	McDermid, Val	When torrential rains uncover a body on a Lake District hillside, old wives' tales abound. Is this the site of an ancient massacre, as retold in a Wordsworth poem? Jane Gresham follows the leads - but death is hard on her heels, and the mystery can still put lives on the line.	F 560p	CRIME	CD

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The Children Act	McEwan, Ian	Fiona Maye, a respected High Court judge, finds her life in crisis when her husband of 30 years standing shocks her with an unreasonable request. At precisely the same time, she is ordered to try a new case. It is an urgent matter of life and death, bringing science and religion into direct conflict - and at its centre is a 17 year old Jehovah's Witness boy with the whole of his life ahead of him. Exactly the kind of case where a small error of judgement might have grave and lasting consequences.	F 224p	FICTION	CD
On Chesil Beach	McEwan, Ian	It is June 1962. In a hotel on the Dorset coast, overlooking Chesil Beach, Edward and Florence, who got married that morning, are sitting down to dinner in their room. Neither is entirely able to suppress their anxieties about the wedding night to come. Short listed: Booker Prize.	F 226p	SHORTLIST	CD
Lessons	McEwan, Ian	When the world is still counting the cost of World War Two and the Iron Curtain descends, young Roland Baines's life is turned upside down. 2000 miles from his mother's love, stranded at boarding school, his vulnerability attracts piano teacher Miriam Cornell, leaving scars as well as a memory of love that will never fade. 25 years later Roland's wife mysteriously vanishes, leaving him alone with their baby son. He is forced to confront the reality of his rootless existence. As radiation from the Chernobyl disaster spreads, Roland begins a search for answers that looks deep into his family history and will last for the rest of his life.	F 486p	FICTION	CD

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Lean Fall Stand	McGregor, Jon	Doc Wright could be two steps or two miles from his team. In an ice storm, distance loses meaning. No one can see. No one answers their radio. All he can do is keep going, but something has gone wrong inside his head. Back home, he is the only one who can explain what happened to them in Antarctica. But after what changed on the ice, everything has lost its meaning. Now his wife, Anna, must become his carer. Now he must find a new way to be in the world. All he can do is try to tell his story - even if words fail him.	F 282p	FICTION	N/A
So Many Ways to Begin	McGregor, Jon	Coventry Museum curator David Carter cannot help but wish for more out of life. But Auntie Julia's careless words years earlier have left David restless with the knowledge that his whole life has been constructed around an untruth. And so he attempts to begin anew. Long listed: Man Booker Prize.	F 384p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Reservoir 13	McGregor, Jon	A teenage girl goes missing and villagers are called up to join the search as a crowd of news reporters descends on their usually quiet home. Meanwhile, there is work that must still be done: cows milked, fences repaired, stone cut, pints poured, beds made, sermons written, a pantomime rehearsed. How many lives can be haunted by one family's loss? Winner: Costa Novel Award, Shortlisted: Goldsmiths Prize, Longlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize, Book of the Year: Guardian, FT, TLS, Telegraph.	F 336 p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Rose of Sebastopol	McMahon, Katharine	In 1855, Rosa Barr, a young Englishwoman, travels to the Crimea determined to work as a nurse. She never returns. Her cousin Mariella is left to discover the truth. Short listed: Galaxy British Book Awards: Also Sunday Times Best Seller List.	F 416p	SHORTLIST	CD

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The Fever Tree	McVeigh, Jennifer	Frances Irvine is born into a life of extreme privilege. When her father suddenly dies, disgraced by bankruptcy, she is left destitute and is forced to emigrate to South Africa and marry a young doctor fighting a small pox epidemic in the diamond mining territories. Critically acclaimed.	F 380p	HISTORICAL	LP
Ghosts from the Library	Medawar, Tony	There are stories that can only be found in the deepest, darkest corners of the library. Stories about the unexplained, of lost souls, of things that go bump before the silence. Before the screaming. And some stories just disappear. Stories printed in old newspapers, broadcast live on the wireless, sometimes not even published at all. These are the stories you cannot find on the dustiest of library shelves. This book resurrects forgotten tales of the supernatural by some of the most acclaimed mystery authors of all time.	F 304p	ANTHOLOGY	N/A
The Exhibitionist	Mendelson, Charlotte	Meet the Hanrahan family, gathering for a momentous weekend, famous artist and notorious egoist Ray Hanrahan prepares for a new exhibition of his art and one he is sure will burnish his reputation for good. His three children will be there: beautiful Leah, sensitive Patrick and insecure Jess, the youngest, who has her own momentous decision to make. And what of Lucia, Ray's steadfast and selfless wife? She is an artist, too, but has always had to put her roles as wife and mother first. What will happen if she decides to change?	F 322p	FICTION	N/A

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Shadow King	Mengiste, Maaza	With the threat of Mussolini's army looming, Hirut struggles to adapt to life as a maid for an officer in Emperor Haile Selassie's army. When the Emperor goes into exile and Ethiopia loses hope, it is Hirut who offers a plan to maintain morale. But how could she have predicted her own personal battle, as a prisoner of one of Italy's most vicious officers? Shortlisted: Booker Prize	F 428p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Silent Patient	Michaelides, Alex	Intelligent, imaginative psychological thriller as a forensic psychologist tries to reach Alicia, the woman with a seemingly perfect life who hasn't uttered a word since shooting her husband five years ago. Richard and Judy Book Club Pick, Times book of the month.	F 352p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Circe	Miller, Madeline	Although born to the Gods, Circe has neither the look nor the voice of divinity, and is scorned and rejected, leading her to discover a power forbidden to the gods: witchcraft. Breathing life into the ancient world, Madeline Miller weaves an intoxicating tale of gods and heroes, magic and monsters, survival and transformation. Shortlist: Womens Prize for Fiction, Book of the Year, Guardian, Telegraph, Times Literary Supplement.	F 352p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
The Song of Achilles	Miller, Madeline	Patroclus has been exiled to the court of King Peleus and his perfect son Achilles. As they grow into young men their bond blossoms into something deeper. But when Achilles must go to war in distant Troy and fulfill his destiny. Patroclus goes with him, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear. Winner: Orange Prize for Fiction.	F 368p	WINNER	CD, LP



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The Long Drop	Mina, Denise	The extraordinary story of a 1950s Glasgow murder mystery and a skillful blend of fact and fiction. William Watt wants to know who murdered his family. Peter Manuel claims to have information. From dingy backstreets, to smoky pubs to the courtroom itself, will the truth come out, and at what price? Winner: Mclvanney Prize, Chosen Best Crime Book: Telegraph, Financial times, Guardian, Scotsman	F 256 p	WINNER	CD, LP
Slade House	Mitchell, David	This unnerving, taut and intricately woven tale by one of our most original and bewitching writers begins in 1979 and comes to its turbulent conclusion around Hallowe'en, 2015. Because every nine years, on the last Saturday of October, a 'guest' is summoned to Slade House. Except the guests never leave.	F 240p	THRILLER	CD
Utopia Avenue	Mitchell, David	A rock and roll fable which follows a fictional British band from Soho clubs and draughty ballrooms to the promised land of America in the 1960s - a multi-faceted tale of dreams, drugs, love, sexuality, madness and grief which defines an era.	F 576p	FICTION	N/A
Love in a Cold Climate	Mitford, Nancy	Groomed for the perfect marriage by her mother, fearsome Lady Montdore, Polly, instead scandalises society by declaring her love for her uncle 'Boy' Dougdale, the Lecherous Lecturer, and promptly eloping to France. But the consequences of this union no one could quite expect . . . Sequel to bestselling 'The Pursuit of Love'.	F 260p	CLASSIC	CD

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These Foolish Things	Moggach, Deborah	Dr. Ravi Kapoor has reached the end of his tether when his impossible father-in-law moves into the spare bedroom. But then his cousin Sonny starts a home for old people in a converted guesthouse in Bangalore. Hilarity is matched with the poignancy of getting old, and comedy with the darker issues of care in the community. Filmed as "The best Exotic Marigold Hotel"	F 304p	FICTION	CD
Something To Hide	Moggach, Deborah,	Petra's love life is a bit of a car-crash, even in her sixties. But then she falls for Jeremy, an old chum, visiting from abroad. The catch? Jeremy is her best friend's husband. And just as Petra is beginning to relax guiltily into her happy ever after, she finds herself catapulted to West Africa, and to Bev, her best friend who she's been betraying so spectacularly. A warm, witty and wise novel about the unexpected twists that later life can bring from the author of Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.	F352p	FICTION	CD
The French Gardener	Montefiore, Santa	Miranda and David move out of London into a country house with a magical garden. But Miranda insists on tottering across the wet lawn in kitten heels, David is never there, and the kids won't tear themselves away from the telly. Then an enigmatic Frenchman arrives and begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he?	F 416p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Lighthouse	Moore, Alison	Futh, recently separated from his wife, heads to Germany for a restorative walking holiday. He is entirely unaware of the events unfolding back in Hellhaus, in the small family-run hotel where he spent his first night, and on his return he discovers it is no longer the sanctuary he once considered it to be. Shortlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize, National Book Awards. Winner: McKitterick Prize.	F 192p	WINNER	LP

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How To Be a Woman	Moran, Caitlin	Part memoir, part rant, 'How To Be A Woman' follows Caitlin Moran from her terrible 13th birthday, through adolescence, the workplace, strip-clubs, love, fat, abortion, TopShop, motherhood and beyond. Winner: Galaxy Book Awards Book of the Year.	305.42 320p	NON FICTION WINNER	CD, LP
More than a Woman	Moran, Caitlin	With aging parents, teenage daughters, a bigger bum and a To-Do list without end, Caitlin Moran is back with 'More Than A Woman' - a manifesto for change, and a celebration of all those middle-aged women who keep the world turning. Sunday Times Bestseller.	828.92 277p	NON-FICTION	N/A
The Night Circus	Morgenstern, Erin	The circus arrives without warning. As the sun disappears beyond the horizon, all over the tents small lights begin to flicker. When the tents are all aglow, sparkling against the night sky, the sign appears: Le Cirque des Rêves. Now the circus is open. Now you may enter. A phantasmagorical fairy tale which was a candidate for the 2011 Guardian First Book Award and won an Alex Award from the American Library Association.	F 398p	WINNER	CD,LP
The Husband's Secret	Moriarty, Liane	Mother of three and wife of John-Paul, Cecilia discovers an old envelope in the attic. Written in her husband's hand, it says: to be opened only in the event of my death. Curious, she opens it - and time stops. John-Paul's letter confesses to a terrible mistake which, if revealed, would wreck their family as well as the lives of others. New York Times Bestseller.	F 448p	FICTION	CD

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Nine Perfect Strangers	Moriarty, Liane	Tranquillum House promises total transformation where stressed city dwellers are invited to drop their literal and mental baggage. Isolated from the outside world, they are able to get to know one another. But behind the retreat's glamorous facade lies a dark agenda. These nine perfect strangers have no idea what's about to hit them. Sunday Times Bestseller, Richard & Judy Book Club Pick.	F 464p	FICTION	CD
Truly Madly Guilty	Moriarty, Liane	This is a story which begins with a barbecue in the suburbs. By the end of it a lifelong friendship will be in tatters, a marriage on the rocks and an innocent bystander dead. In just one evening six lives will change for ever . From the bestselling author behind the addictive, EMMY and Golden Globe -winning series Big Little Lies, expect a riveting drama packed with suspense and secrets.Best Books of 2016: Independent .	F 472 p	FICTION	CD
War Horse	Morpurgo, Michael	A stunning wartime classic. In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times.	F 192p	FICTION	CD,LP
Tattooist of Auschwitz	Morris, Heather	In 1942, Lale Sokolov was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Waiting in line to be tattooed was a young girl. For Lale it was love at first sight and he was determined not only to survive, but to ensure this woman, Gita, did, too. Radio Four Book at Bedtime.	F 320p	FICTION	LP

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Home	Morrison, Toni	A deeply moving novel, from a Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author. An apparently defeated man comes home from war to his segregated town in the South. When Frank, a black soldier, returns traumatised from the Korean war and ends up alone, broke and virtually homeless, he feels only the loss of his manhood and no sense of home. How can he find a place in the world and a sense of belonging?	F 176p	LITERARY	LP
And Away...	Mortimer, Bob	Bob Mortimer's life was trundling along happily until suddenly in 2015 he was diagnosed with a heart condition that required immediate surgery and forced him to cancel an upcoming tour. The episode unnerved him, but forced him to reflect on his life so far. This is the framework for this hilarious and moving memoir.	B MOR 323P	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	LP
The Satsuma Complex	Mortimer, Bob	Gary Thorn goes for a pint with a work acquaintance called Brendan. When Brendan leaves early, Gary meets a girl in the pub. He doesn't catch her name, but falls for her anyway. When she suddenly disappears without saying goodbye, all Gary has to remember her by is the book she was reading: 'The Satsuma Complex'. But when Brendan goes missing, Gary needs to track down the girl he now calls Satsuma to get some answers. And so begins Gary's quest, through the estates and pie shops of South London, to finally bring some love and excitement into his unremarkable life.	F 298p	WINNER	N/A

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The Anti-social Behaviour of Horace Rumpole	Mortimer, John	ASBOs don't cut much ice with Horace Rumpole, so when one of the Timson children is given an ASBO for playing football in the street, he takes an interest. Not that Hilda agrees, of course, but she's too busy completing her memoirs to dissuade him. Why are the residents pursuing their vendetta quite so strongly? Rumpole is back, as gloriously seedy as ever.	F 196p	HUMOUR	CD, LP
The Forgotten Garden	Morton, Kate	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'.	F 350p	FICTION	CD
The Lake House	Morton, Kate	June 1933, and the Edevane family's country house is polished and gleaming, ready for the much-anticipated Midsummer Eve party. But by the time midnight strikes, the family will have suffered a loss so great that they leave Loeanneth forever. Seventy years later, detective Sadie Sparrow stumbles upon an abandoned house surrounded by overgrown gardens and dense woods, and learns the story of a baby boy who disappeared without a trace. A mysterious and enchanting tale of an unsolved mystery and a complex tangle of secrets.	F 600p	THRILLER	CD

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Homecoming	Morton, Kate	Jess is a London journalist in search of a story. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where she discovers a true crime book that chronicles the police investigation into a long-buried event: the Turner Family Tragedy of Christmas Eve 1959, a shocking and perplexing mystery. It is only when Jess skims through the pages that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this once-infamous scandal – a murder mystery that has never been resolved satisfactorily.	F 640p	FICTION	CD
Summerwater	Moss, Sarah	On the longest day of the summer, twelve people sit cooped up with their families in a faded Scottish cabin park. The endless rain leaves them with little to do but watch the other residents until one particular family, a mother and daughter, starts to draw the attention of the others. Tensions rise and all watch on, unaware of the tragedy that lies ahead as night finally falls.	F 199p	FICTION	N/A
The Tidal Zone	Moss, Sarah	A courageous and unflinching novel of contemporary life - unbearably sad, but also miraculously funny and ultimately hopeful. The Tidal Zone explores parental love, overwhelming fear, illness and recovery when a teenage girl collapses at school for no apparent reason. It is about clever teenagers and the challenges of marriage. It is about the NHS, academia, sex and gender in the twenty-first century, the work-life juggle, and the politics of packing lunches and loading dishwashers.	F 336 p	FICTION	CD
The Citadel	Mosse, Kate	Set during World War II in the far south of France, this is a powerful, action-packed mystery that reveals the secrets of the resistance under Nazi occupation. While war blazed in the trenches at the front, back at home a different battle is waged, full of clandestine bravery, treachery and secrets. Originally published: 2012.	F 784p	FICTION	CD, LP

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I am Heathcliffe : stories inspired by Wuthering Heights	Mosse, Kate	Sixteen stories inspired by Wuthering Heights, In 'Terminus' a young woman hides in an empty Brighton hotel; in 'Thicker Than Blood' a man stalks his newly-married love on social media and a woman recalls the 'Heathcliffs I Have Known' and the physical danger she has borne at their hands. These short stories will stir the heart and awaken vital conversation about love.	F 304p	FICTION	CD
The Taxidermist's Daughter	Mosse, Kate	1912. A Sussex churchyard. Villagers gather on the night when the ghosts of those who will not survive the coming year are thought to walk. And in the shadows, a woman lies dead. meanwhile, Connie Gifford is marooned in a decaying house with her increasingly tormented father. He drinks to escape the past, but an accident has robbed her of her most significant childhood memories. Until the disturbance at the church awakens fragments of those vanished years. A Gothic thriller in the style of Daphne Du Maurier.	F 432p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Too much happiness,	Munro, Alice	A wife and mother, whose spirit has been crushed, finds release from her extraordinary pain in the most unlikely place. The young victim of a humiliating seduction finds an unusual way to get her own back and an older woman, dying of cancer, weaves a poisonous story to save her life. Lit with sparks of danger and underlying menace, this is a dazzling collection of stories that surprise and amaze.	F 320p	ANTHOLOGY	LP



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Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage	Murakami, Haruki	A mesmerising mystery story about friendship that sold more than a million copies the first week it went on sale in Japan. Tsukuru Tazaki had four best friends at school. One day they announced that they didn't want to see him, or talk to him, ever again. Since that day Tsukuru has been floating through life, unable to form intimate connections with anyone. But then he meets Sara, who tells him that the time has come to find out what happened all those years ago.	F 304p	FICTION	CD
First Person Singular	Murakami, Haruki	The eight masterly stories in this collection are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From nostalgic memories of youth, meditations on music, and an ardent love of baseball to dreamlike scenarios and invented jazz albums, together these stories challenge the boundaries between our minds and the exterior world. Occasionally, a narrator who may or may not be Murakami himself is present. Is it memoir or fiction? The reader decides.	F 240p	ANTHOLOGY	N/A
A Bend in the River	Naipaul, V. S.	Set in an unnamed African country, where a young Indian man is selling sundries to the natives. This is a microcosm of post-colonial Africa at the time of Independence: a scene of chaos, violent change, warring tribes, ignorance, isolation and poverty. Nobel Prize winning author. Short listed: Man Booker Prize.	F 336p	SHORTLIST	N/A

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Dear Edward	Napolitano, Ann	One summer morning, a flight takes off from New York to Los Angeles. There are 192 passengers aboard: among them a young woman taking a pregnancy test in the airplane toilet; a Wall Street millionaire flirting with the air hostess; an injured soldier returning from Afghanistan; and two beleaguered parents moving across the country with their adolescent sons, bickering over who gets the window seat. When the plane suddenly crashes in a field in Colorado, the younger of these boys, 12-year-old Edward Adler, is the sole survivor. 'Dear Edward' depicts Edward's life in the crash's aftermath as he struggles to make sense of the meaning of his survival.	F 341p	FICTION	CD, LP
Open Water	Nelson, Caleb Azumah	Two young people meet at a pub in South East London. Both are Black British, both won scholarships to private schools where they struggled to belong, both are now artists - he a photographer, she a dancer - trying to make their mark in a city that by turns celebrates and rejects them. Tentatively, tenderly, they fall in love. But two people who seem destined to be together can still be torn apart by fear and violence.	F 160p	WINNER	N/A
Things I Learned From Falling	Nelson, Claire	Struggling with burnout and a hectic lifestyle, Claire decided to take some time out and travelled half-way around the world to clear her head. What happened next, on a hike in California, was something she could never have anticipated. A first-person account of determination, adversity and survival against the odds.	158.109 272p	NON-FICTION	N/A

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The Dogs and the Wolves	Nemirovsky, Irene	This novel goes right back to Irene Nemirovsky's roots, sweeping the reader from the Jewish quarter of a Ukrainian city in the early years of the 20th century to Paris in the twenties and thirties, and back again to eastern Europe in a snowy winter on the eve of war.	F 224p	FICTION	N/A
Heavens	Newman, Sandra	A love story, complicated by time-travel as Kate lives parallel lives in 2000 and 1593, with each choice she makes in the past influencing her future. A cleverly constructed literary fable.	F 272p	FICTION	CD
Little Fires Everywhere	Ng, Celeste	A burning house sparks tensions within an all-too-perfect suburban community in a story exploring race, identity and family secrets. Obsession and prejudice soon flare when an enigmatic artist moves into a placid community with her free-spirit daughter.	F 400p	FICTION	N/A
Everything I Never told You	Ng, Celeste	Lydia is the favourite child of Marilyn and James Lee. But Lydia is under pressures that have nothing to do with growing up in 1970s small town Ohio. Her father is born of first-generation Chinese immigrants, and their ethnicity, makes them conspicuous. When Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the family all react very differently, but it's the youngest in the family - Hannah - who observes far more than anyone realises and who may be the only one who knows what really happened.	F 304p	FICTION	CD
Us	Nicholls, David	Bittersweet novel about love and family, husbands and wives, parents and children as a man tries to save his marriage while on a 'grand tour' of Europe. Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize Prize for Fiction 2014. Winner: Specsavers UK author of the year.	F 419p	WINNER	CD

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Sweet Sorrow	Nicholls, David	Charlie Lewis is the kind of boy you don't remember, but when he meets Fran, change becomes possible and hope comes into his life. A tragicomedy about the rocky path to adulthood and the confusion of family life. Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 416p	FICTION	CD
End of the Day	North, Claire	Sooner or later, death visits everyone. Before that, they meet Charlie. This story follows Charlie as he travels around the world delivering gifts to people and places as he acts as Harbinger of Death. Funny, ambitious, immensely humane and full of philosophical panache, the structure of the book appears fragmented, but it makes compelling reading. Shortlisted: Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year.	F 432 p	SHORTLIST	N/A
The Pursuit of William Abbey	North, Claire	Powerful novel about a young man haunted by a ghost from his past, and by the dark crimes committed in the name of the British empire. Moving and thought provoking writing from award winning author.	F 432p	FICTION	N/A
Forever Home	Norton, Graham	Carol is a divorced teacher living in a small town in Ireland, her only son now grown. A second chance at love brings her unexpected connection and belonging. The new relationship sparks local speculation. When Declan becomes ill, things start to fall apart. His children are untrusting and cruel, and Carol is forced to leave their beloved home and move back in with her parents. Carol's mother is determined to get to the bottom of things, she won't see her daughter suffer in this way. It seems there are secrets in Declan's past that were never confronted.	F 360p	FICTION	CD, LP

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A Promised Land	Obama , Barack	In the first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama tells the story of his odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world, when he was elected 44th president of the United States, becoming the first African American to hold the nation's highest office.	973.932 751p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Dreams from my Father	Obama, Barack	Lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir as the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American.	B OBA 464p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
Becoming	Obama, Michelle	In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her. Warm, wise, and revelatory, Becoming is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations - and whose story inspires us to do the same.	B OBA 448p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
Little Red Chairs	O'Brien, Edna	When a man who calls himself a faith healer arrives in a small, west-coast Irish village, the community is soon under the spell of this charismatic stranger from the Balkans. One woman in particular, Fidelma McBride, becomes enthralled in a fatal attraction that leads to unimaginable consequences. In her first new work for a decade, O'Brien questions the nature of evil throughout but also wonders whether there is room for redemption and how we can find our way back to the flock. Provocative and masterly.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD

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After You'd Gone	O'Farrell, Maggie	A distraught young woman boards a train at King's Cross to return to her family in Scotland. Six hours later, she catches sight of something so terrible that she gets on the next train back to London. The story follows Alice's mental journey through her own past, after a traffic accident has left her in a coma.	F 384p	FICTION	CD
I am , I am, I am : seventeen brushes with death	O'Farrell, Maggie	A childhood illness she was not expected to survive. A teenage yearning to escape that nearly ended in disaster. A terrifying encounter on a remote path. A mismanaged labour in an understaffed hospital. Shocking, electric, unforgettable, this is the extraordinary memoir from Costa Novel-Award winner and Sunday Times bestselling author Maggie O'Farrell. Shortlisted: Pen Ackerley Prize.	B OFA 304p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
Instructions for a Heatwave	O'Farrell, Maggie	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 estranged children back home, each with different ideas as to where their father might have gone.	F 352p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	O'Farrell, Maggie	Set between the 1930s and the present, Maggie O'Farrell's 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.	F 288p	FICTION	LP
This Must Be The Place	O'Farrell, Maggie	A reclusive ex-film star living in the wilds of Ireland. Her husband reeling from a discovery about a woman he last saw twenty years ago. Will their love for one another be enough? 'A complex, riveting novel of love and hope shortlisted for the Costa Award 2016.	F 512p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Hamnet	O'Farrell, Maggie	A tender reimagining of a life all but forgotten, a boy whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written. Inspired by the son of a famous playwright, it tells of the bond between twins and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. Winner: Womens Prize; Reader's Choice Awards, Shortlisted; Irish Post Novel of the Year	F 384p	WINNER	CD
The Marriage Portrait	O'Farrell, Maggie	Winter, 1561. Lucrezia, Duchess of Ferrara, is taken on an unexpected visit to a country villa by her husband, Alfonso. As they sit down to dinner it occurs to Lucrezia that Alfonso has a sinister purpose in bringing her here. He intends to kill her. Lucrezia is sixteen years old, and has led a sheltered life locked away inside Florence's grandest palazzo. Here, in this remote villa, she is entirely at the mercy of her increasingly erratic husband. What is Lucrezia to do with this sudden knowledge? What chance does she have against Alfonso, ruler of a province, and a trained soldier? How can she ensure her survival. 'The Marriage Portrait' is an unforgettable reimagining of the life of a young woman whose proximity to power places her in mortal danger.	F 438p	SHORTLIST	CD
The Flat Share	O'Leary, Beth	Tiffany and Leon share a flat but have never met - Leon occupies the one-bed flat while Tiffany's at work in the day, and she has the flat the rest of the time. A quirky love story, both funny and charming. Sunday Times bestseller.	F 394p	FICTION	LP

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No Show	O'Leary, Beth	8.52 a.m. Siobhan's been looking forward to her breakfast date with Joseph. She was surprised when he suggested it - she normally sees him late at night in her hotel room. Breakfast with Joseph on Valentine's Day surely means something, so where is he? 2.43 p.m. Miranda's hoping that a Valentine's Day lunch with Carter will be the perfect way to celebrate her new job. It's a fresh start and a sign that her grown-up life is finally falling into place. But why hasn't he shown up? 6.30 p.m. Joseph Carter agreed to be Jane's fake boyfriend at a colleague's engagement party. They've not known each other long but their friendship is fast becoming the brightest part of her new life in Winchester. Joseph promised to save Jane tonight. But he's not here. Meet Joseph Carter. That is, if you can find him.	F 392p	FICTION	CD, LP
The Cows	O'Porter, Dawn	When one extraordinary event rockets Tara to online infamy, three women's worlds collide in ways they could never imagine – and they discover that one woman's catastrophe might just be another's inspiration..Fierce and funny. Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 448p	FICTION	CD
Motherwell	Orr, Deborah	When Deborah Orr left home for university she hoped to break free from her family but when the core relationship in your life compromises every effort you make to become an individual, a long shadow can be cast. A sharp, candid and often humorous memoir about what we inherit and how it can lead to redemption.	070.92 304p	NON-FICTION	N/A
The Road to Wigan Pier	Orwell, George	A searing account of George Orwell's experiences of working-class life in the bleak industrial heartlands of Yorkshire and Lancashire, The Road To Wigan Pier is a brilliant and bitter polemic that has lost none of its political impact.	214p	CLASSIC	CD



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The Man Who Died Twice	Osman, Richard	It's the following Thursday. Elizabeth has received a letter from an old colleague, a man with whom she has a long history. He is being hunted and he needs her help. His story involves stolen diamonds, a violent mobster, and a very big mistake. As bodies start piling up, Elizabeth enlists Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron in the hunt for a killer. And if they find the diamonds too? Well, wouldn't that be a bonus? But this time they are up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians. Can the Thursday Murder Club find the killer (and the diamonds) before the killer finds them?	F 423p	CRIME	CD, LP
Thursday Murder Club	Osman, Richard	In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 389p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Buddha in the Attic	Otsuka, Julie	Between the wars a group of young, non-English-speaking Japanese women travelled by boat to America. They were picture brides, clutching photos of husbands-to-be whom they had yet to meet. Julie Otsuka tells their extraordinary, heartbreaking story in this spellbinding and poetic account of strangers lost and alone in a new and deeply foreign land. Winner of the Pen Faulkner Award for Fiction 2012 National Book Award	F 144p	WINNER	N/A
Tales from the Farm	Owen, Amanda	A charming, evocative collection of Amanda Owen's columns in The Dalesman magazine as the Yorkshire Sherherdess, describing life on the farm for her and her family, not to mention their flock of sheep, herd of cows, hardworking dogs and a formidable chicken called Linda.	636.3 128p	NON-FICTION	CD

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Where the Crawdads Sing	Owens, Delia	Sensitive and intelligent, Kya has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens. Bestseller.	F 384p	FICTION	N/A
Peaces	Oyeyemi Helen	Peaces' is the story of Otto and Xavier Shin, a couple who embark on a mysterious train that takes them far beyond any destination they could have anticipated. As the carriages roll along they become embroiled in intrigue - who is Ava Kapoor, the sole full-time inhabitant of the train, and what is her relationship to a man named Prem? Are they passengers or prisoners? We discover who orchestrated the journey, hurtling them all into their past for clues.	F 256p	FICTION	CD
Icarus Girl	Oyeyemi, Helen	Sweet, clever Jessamy is a troubled child, "a half-and-half child", prone to screaming fits and fevers, hot and cold at once. Her Nigerian mother and English father are eager for her to be "normal", but the too-real ghosts of split selves and fractured cultures pervade the book, their demands becoming unignorable. A stunning debut written when the author was still at school.	F 336p	LITERARY	N/A
The Book of Form and Emptiness	Ozeki, Ruth	After the tragic death of his father, fourteen-year-old Benny Oh begins to hear voices. The voices belong to the things in his house and sound variously pleasant, angry or sad. Then his mother develops a hoarding problem, and the voices grow more clamorous. So Benny seeks refuge in the silence of a large public library. There he meets a mesmerising street artist with a smug pet ferret; a homeless philosopher-poet; and his very own Book, who narrates Benny's life and teaches him to listen to the things that truly matter.	F 560p	WINNER	CD

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A Tale for the Time Being	Ozeki, Ruth L.	Ruth discovers a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed up on the shore of her beach home. Within it lies a diary that expresses the hopes and dreams of a young girl. She suspects it might have arrived on a drift of debris from the 2011 tsunami. With every turn of the page, she is sucked deeper into an enchanting mystery. Shortlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize 2013.	F 400p	SHORTLIST	CD
Fingers in the Sparkle Jar : a memoir	Packham, Chris	An introverted, unusual young boy, isolated by his obsessions and a loner at school, Chris Packham only felt at ease in the fields and woods around his suburban home. But when he stole a young Kestrel from its nest, he was about to embark on a friendship that would teach him what it meant to love, and that would change him forever. The memoir that inspired Chris Packham's BBC documentary, Asperger's and Me.	B PAC 334p	BIOGRAPHY	CD
The Lido	Page, Libby	Rosemary has lived in Brixton all her life. Everything she knows is changing - the library where she used to work has closed, the family fruit and veg shop has become a trendy bar, and her beloved husband George is gone. Kate has just moved and feels alone in a city that is too big for her, and is at the bottom rung of her career as a local journalist. So when the local lido is threatened with closure, Kate knows this story could be her chance to shine. Together they are determined to make a stand, to show that the pool is more than just a place to swim - it is the heart of the community.	F 394p	FICTION	CD
The Museum of Innocence	Pamuk, Orhan	Set in Istanbul between 1975 and the present, it tells the story of Kemal, the son of one of Istanbul's richest families, and of his obsessive love for a poor and distant relation, the beautiful Fusun, who is a shop-girl in a small boutique. Nobel Prize winning author.	F 757p	LITERARY	N/A

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Starting Over	Parsons, Tony	After suffering a heart attack at the age of 42, George is given the heart of a 19-year-old - and suddenly everything changes... He is a friend to his teenage son and daughter. He makes love to his wife all night long. And suddenly he wants to change the world. But George discovers that being young again is not all it is cracked up to be - and what he actually wants is to have his old life back.	F 320p	FICTION	LP
The President is Missing	Patterson, James & Bill Clinton	Set over three days, this political thriller sheds authentic light upon the inner workings and vulnerabilities of the American government when a cyber attack reveals a traitor in the heart of Cabinet.	F 544p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Thin Air	Paver, Michelle	The Himalayas, 1935. Kangchenjunga. Third-highest peak on earth. Five Englishmen set off from Darjeeling, determined to conquer the sacred summit. But the mountain is not their only foe. Mountain sickness and the horrors of extreme altitude clash with a past that will not stay buried. Chosen for the Radio 2 Book Club, this is a chilling ghost story.	F 240p	FICTION	CD
Eight Detectives	Pavesi, Alex	In the 1930s, Grant McAllister, a mathematics professor worked out a simple set of rules for murder mysteries, hiding their secrets in a book of crime stories. 30 years later, Julia Hart has tracked him down and soon discovers there are clues in the book that seem to refer to a real murder. But she's also about to discover that she has a dangerous adversary. Sunday Times Crime novel of the year.	F 345p	CRIME	CD, LP

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Landskipping: Painters, Ploughmen and Places	Pavord, Anna	Local Author. A ravishing celebration of landscape, its iridescent beauty and its potential to comfort, awe and mesmerise. Landskipping explores the different ways in which we have, throughout the ages, responded to the land, from artists to tourists. Moving from the rolling hills of Dorset to the peaks of the Scottish Highlands, this is an exquisite and compelling book, written with zest, passion and deep understanding.	304.209 272p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Dear Mrs Bird	Pearce, A.J	London, 1941. Amid the falling bombs Emmeline Lake dreams of becoming a fearless Lady War Correspondent but finds herself employed as a typist for a renowned agony aunt who refuses to answer many of the letters. So Emmy decides she simply must help and secretly starts to write back – after all, what harm could that possibly do? A joyous debut novel.	F 320p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Man Who Made Things Out of Trees	Penn, Robert	Robert Penn cut down an ash tree to see how many things could be made from it. Journeying from Wales across Europe and Ireland to the USA, he finds the ancient skills and knowledge are far from dead. His writing is a poetic tribute to the beauty and usefulness of the ash tree and a homage to vanishing skills.	684.08 231p	NON-FICTION	N/A
Under a Pole Star	Penney, Stef	Three people obsessed with the north whose paths cross in a place where violent extremes exist side by side: perpetual night and endless day; frozen seas and coastal meadows; heroism and lies. This is a compelling look at the dark side of the 'golden age' of exploration, a study of the corrosive power of ambition, and an epic, incendiary love story. It shows that sometimes you have to travel to the furthest edge of the world in order to find your true place in it. Costa winning author.	F 608p	FICTION	CD

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The Beautiful Mystery	Penny, Louise	Hidden deep in the wilderness are the cloisters of two dozen monks - men of prayer and music, famous the world over for their glorious voices. But a brutal death throws the monastery doors open to the world. And through them walks the only man who can shine light upon the dark deeds within: Chief Inspector Armand Gamache who finds clues in the divine, the human, and the cracks in between. Ingenious, gripping, and powerful.	F 512p	WINNER	CD
A World of Curiosities	Penny, Louise	As the villagers of Three Pines prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared after many years. The two were young children when their mother was murdered. Gamache and Beauvoir's memories of that tragic case come rushing back. As Gamache works to uncover answers, a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. As the bricks are removed, Gamache, Beauvoir and the villagers discover a world of curiosities.	F 390p	CRIME	CD
The Essex Serpent	Perry, Sarah	The Essex Serpent is a work of historical fiction, set in the 1890s London, as a widow and her son leave London for Essex, in the hope that fresh air and open space will provide refuge. Rumours of a mythical beast in the marshes have her at odds with the local vicar and the effects are far reaching. Winner: Waterstones Book of the Year 2016, Overall Book of the Year and Fiction Book of the Year, British Book Awards 2017 (Nibbies), Shortlisted: 2016 Costa Novel Award. Longlisted: 2017 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.	F 448p	WINNER	CD, LP

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Love After Love	Persaud, Ingrid	Irrepressible Betty Ramdin, her shy son Solo and their lodger, Mr Chetan, form an unconventional household, happy in their differences. Happy, that is, until the night when a glass of rum, a heart-to-heart and a terrible truth explodes the family unit, driving them apart. Winner: Costa First Novel Award.	F 410p	PRIZEWINNER	N/A
In The Heart Of The Sea: The Epic True Story That Inspired Moby Dick	Philbrick, Nathaniel	When the whaleship Essex set sail from Nantucket in 1819, the unthinkable happened. Essex was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale, and her twenty crewmen were forced to take to the open sea in three small boats. Ninety days later only a handful of survivors were rescued - and a terrifying story of desperation, cannibalism and courage was revealed. One of the greatest sea yarns ever spun, this is the fictionalised account of the extraordinary events that inspired Herman Melville's masterpiece 'Moby-Dick'.	910.916 336p	NON-FICTION	CD
Picture Perfect	Picoult, Jodi	A woman is found in a Los Angeles graveyard, unable to remember anything about herself or her life. No one is more surprised than she when, days later, her husband comes to the police station to take her home - and turns out to be Hollywood's leading superstar, Alex Rivers.	F 449p	FICTION	LP
Mad Honey	Picoult, Jodi	Olivia fled her abusive marriage to return to her hometown and take over the family beekeeping business when her son was six. Now Asher is over 6 feet tall and in his last year of high school, a kind, good-looking, popular ice hockey star with a tiny sprite of a new girlfriend who Olivia loves. Then Olivia gets a phone call - Lily is dead, and Asher is arrested on a charge of murder. As the case against him unfolds, she realises he has hidden more than he's shared with her. And Olivia knows firsthand that the secrets we keep reflect the past we want to leave behind.	F 452p	FICTION	CD

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Dead to Her	Pinborough, Sarah	Becoming Jason's second wife catapulted Marcie into the elite world of high society. Then Keisha, young, beautiful, reckless, joins the elite circle and nobody can take their eyes off her, including Jason. Marcie refuses to be replaced so easily. People would kill for her life of luxury. What will Marcie do to keep it?	F 408p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Delphi	Pollard, Clare	In a time more turbulent than any of us could have ever imagined, a woman is attempting to write a book about prophecy in the ancient world. Navigating the tightening grip of lockdown, a marriage in crisis, and a ten-year-old son who seems increasingly unreachable, she becomes fixated on our many forms of divination and prediction. But in doing so she fails to notice the future creeping into the heart of her own home. For despite our best intentions sometimes those we love, can still slip away.	F 224p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A
Overstory	Powers, Richard	Nine strangers each summoned in different ways by the natural world of trees, who are brought together in a last stand to save a continent's few remaining acres of virgin forest from catastrophe. A complex book weaving eight different narratives united by the trees. Winner Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.	F 625p	PRIZEWINNER	N/A
Mr Weston's Good Wine	Powys, T F	For a single winter's evening, an unlikely struggle between the forces of good and evil is taking place as Mr Weston the wine merchant visits a Dorset village. An allegory about redemption, love, death, acceptance and our attempts to make sense of these things, from one of the esteemed Powys brothers.	F 256p	CLASSIC	LP



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The Shepherd's Crown	Pratchett, Terry	Deep in the Chalk, something is stirring. The owls and the foxes can sense it, and Tiffany Aching feels it in her boots. An old enemy is gathering strength and she stands between the light and the dark, the good and the bad. The last fantasy novel by the acclaimed author, it ruminates on mortality and morality and is a fitting finale.	F 336p	FICTION	CD
Away with the Penguins	Prior, Hazel	Veronica is rarely seen by anyone because, at 85, her days are spent mostly at home, alone. She has no idea who will inherit her considerable wealth when she dies, until she makes a decision that changes everything. Heartwarming and uplifting coming of old age story.	F 416p	FICTION	N/A
My Mess is a Bit of a Life	Pritchett, Georgia	Multi-award-winning television writer and producer Georgia Pritchett knows a thing or two about anxiety. From worrying about the monsters under her bed as a child, to embracing womanhood, to being offered free gifts after an award ceremony, worry has accompanied her at every turn. This memoir is a joyful reflection on just how to live - and sometimes even thrive (sometimes not) - with anxiety.	822.92 208p	NON-FICTION	N/A
The Maid	Prose, Nita	Molly the maid is all alone in the world. A nobody. She's used to being invisible in her job at the Regency Grand Hotel, plumping pillows and wiping away the grime, dust and secrets of the guests who pass through. She's just a maid - why should anyone take notice? But Molly is thrown into the spotlight when she discovers an infamous guest, Mr Black, very dead in his bed. This isn't a mess that can be easily cleaned up. And so Molly becomes embroiled in a hunt for the truth, learning who to trust as she navigates the secret underbelly of the Regency Grand Hotel.	F 343p	CRIME	LP

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Acting Up	Purves, Libby	At 24, Lieutenant Susie Anderson delays her wedding to handsome fellow-officer Callum and joins her regiment on the hot sands of Kuwait. But when Callum comes home injured, altered and bitter, Susie and her family feel as though their lives are shattered. The solution to this tangle comes from the most unlikely source of all.	F 288p	FICTION	CD
Alternate Side	Quindlen, Anna	Captivating novel about money, class and self-discovery set in the heart of New York where the tensions in a tight-knit neighbourhood – and a seemingly happy marriage – are exposed by an unexpected act of violence. Richard and Judy Book Club pick.	F 305p	FICTION	N/A
Curtain Call	Quinn, Anthony	Nina faces a dilemma: she shouldn't have been at the hotel in the first place, and certainly not with a married man. But once it becomes apparent that she has seen the face of the man the newspapers have dubbed 'the Tie-Pin Killer' she realises that unless she acts quickly, more women will die. Witty Crime romp chosen by Waterstones and Mail on Sunday Book Clubs.	F 404p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Whalebone Theatre	Quinn, Joanna	Cristabel Seagrave has always wanted her life to be a story, but there are no girls in the books in her dusty family library. For an unwanted orphan who grows into an unmarriageable young woman, there is no place at all for her in a traditional English manor. But from the day that a whale washes up on the beach at the Chilcombe estate in Dorset, and twelve-year-old Cristabel plants her flag and claims it as her own, she is determined to do things differently.	F 548p	FICTION	N/A

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The Impossible Dead	Rankin, Ian	Malcolm Fox and his team from Internal Affairs are back. They're sent to Fife to investigate whether fellow cops covered up for a corrupt colleague. But what should be a simple job is soon complicated by intimations of conspiracy and cover-up - and a brutal murder.	F 416p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Whale Tattoo	Ransom, Jon	When a giant sperm whale washes up on the local beach and tells Joe Gunner that death will follow him wherever he goes, Joe knows that the place he needs to go is back home but it won't be easy, nor will returning to the river alongside the house where words ripple beneath the muddy black water washing up all sorts of memories and disturbing prophecies. Joe turns to his sister, Birdee, the only person who has ever listened. But she can't help him, she drowned two years earlier, even though he still talks to her as if she never went away. Then there's Tim Fysh. A local fisherman and longtime lover. But reviving their bond is not without trouble. He tells himself that the whale's prediction is wrong. But the river is relentless.	F 230p	FICTION	N/A
The Shepherd's Life : a tale of the Lake District	Rebank, James	The first son of a shepherd, who was the first son of a shepherd, he and his family have lived and worked in and around the Lake District for generations. Their way of life is ordered by the seasons and the work they demand, and has been for hundreds of years. A rare and honest book about the realities of rural working life . Shortlisted: Wainwright Prize, Ondaatje Prize.	636.301 307p	NON-FICTION SHORTLIST	CD, LP

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The Hourglass	Rees, Tracy	A gorgeous, uplifting novel about finding love even after it seems too late. Shifting from 1950's childhood holidays in Wales, where Chloe is smitten with a local boy, to the present, where Nora, her daughter finds herself drawn to the sweeping beaches of Tenby. But Tenby hides a secret, and Nora will soon discover that this little town by the sea has the power to heal even the most painful memories. Winner: Richard & Judy's 'Search for a Bestseller' Competition.	F 544p	FICTION	N/A
Such a Fun Age	Reid, Kiley	When Emira is apprehended at a supermarket for 'kidnapping' the white child she's actually babysitting, it sets off an explosive chain of events with her employer Alix, that will upend everything they think they know. A biting debut novel of race and class, longlisted for the Booker Prize, that became an instant bestseller.	F 310p	FICTION	N/A
Daisy Jones & the Six	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	Daisy and her band were a sensation. Their sound defined an era. When the band split up in 1979, no one knew why - until now. An engaging fictional journey through rock stardom. Winner; Glass Bell Award; Sunday Times Bestseller	F 416p	WINNER	CD
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Maria	This story is told by a young soldier in the trenches of Flanders during the First World War. Through his eyes we see the realities of war. Incidents are vividly described, but there is no sense of adventure, only the feeling of youth betrayed.	F 224p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Wide Sargasso Sea	Rhys, Jean	Written over the course of twenty-one years and published in 1966, Wide Sargasso Sea, based on Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre, takes place in Jamaica and Dominica in 1839-45. Winner: WH Smith Literary Award, Cheltenham Booker Prize.	F 192p	WINNER CLASSIC	CD

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The Bones of Avalon	Rickman, Phil	Thriller set in 1560 as Elizabeth I's controversial astrologer, John Dee is sent to Glastonbury, to find King Arthur's bones and bring them back to London. Soon after arriving, he encounters a gruesome murder.	F 480p	CRIME	CD
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Riggs, Ransom	Following a family tragedy Jacob journeys to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As he explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow impossible though it seems they may still be alive. On New York Times Best Seller List for over a year.	F 368p	FICTON	N/A
The Discomfort of Evening	Rijneveld, Marieke Lucas	Ten-year-old Jas has a unique way of experiencing her universe. But when a tragic accident ruptures the family, her curiosity warps into a vortex of increasingly disturbing fantasies - unlocking a darkness that threatens to derail them all. Bestselling radical Dutch debut novel. Winner: Booker International Prize	F 272p	PRIZEWINNER	CD
The Olive Tree	Riley, Lucinda	When the now crumbling house, 'Pandora', is left to her by her godfather, Helena returns to Cyprus knowing that its idyllic beauty masks a web of secrets that she has kept from William, her husband, and Alex, her son. When, by chance, she meets her childhood sweetheart, a chain of events is set in motion that threatens to make her past and present collide. Enjoy addictive storytelling with a moving, emotional heart. Sunday Times bestselling author.	F 608 p	FICTON	CD

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Butterfly Room	Riley, Lucinda	In her seventies, Posy knows the time has come to sell her rambling house, but when an old love resurfaces and her son returns after ten years abroad, a devastating secret is revealed. A multi-generational saga. Richard and Judy Book Club Pick.	F 672p	FICTION	CD
The Murders at Fleat House	Riley, Lucinda	The sudden death of a pupil in Fleat House at St Stephen's - a small private boarding school in deepest Norfolk - is a shocking event that the headmaster is very keen to call a tragic accident. Local police cannot rule out foul play, the case prompts the return of high-flying Detective Inspector Jazmine 'Jazz' Hunter to the force. Jazz enters the closed world of the school, and begins to probe the circumstances surrounding the death. A particularly grim discovery at the school makes this the most challenging murder investigation of her career.	F 470p	FICTION	N/A
At Risk	Rimington, Stella	For MIS Intelligence Officer Liz Carlyle the possible entry of an 'invisible' into Britain signals the start of an operation that will test her to the limit. Only her ability to get inside her enemy's head can avert disaster.	F 464p	THRILLER	CD
My Policeman	Roberts, Bethan	Inspired by the life of E.M. Forster and his relationship with his long-term companion Bob Buckingham and his wife - but transposed to late 1950s Brighton. The book tells a tragic tale of thwarted love. Now released as a film.	F 341p	FICTION	CD, LP
Come Sundown	Roberts, Nora	Set in Western Montana, this is a tale of love, lies and murder, a sheriff with a grudge and a race against time. Can Bodine and childhood crush Callen solve an old mystery?	F 560p	FICTION	CD

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The Obsession	Roberts, Nora	Naomi Bowes' life changed irrevocably when, at almost twelve years old, she found out the truth about her father, her family torn apart by a shocking crime. So she changed her name. She changed her life. But someone in town knows her terrifying secret and won't let her forget it and Naomi must discover her persecutor's identity, before it's too late. Expect edge-of-your-seat suspense and sexy romance from a great storyteller who also writes as J D Robb.	F 466p	FICTION	CD, LP
Home	Robinson, Marilynne	Jack has come home to try to make peace with the past. His sister Glory has also returned to care for their dying father. Brilliant, loveable, wayward, Jack forges an intense new bond with Glory and engages painfully with his father and his father's old friend John Ames. Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Winner: Orange Prize. Short listed: National Book Award.	F 352p	WINNER	LP
Return to the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul	Rodriguez, Deborah	Six women forever joined by a little cafe in Kabul, all about to learn that when the world as you know it disappears, you find a new way to live. Reuniting us with the much-loved cast of the international bestseller, The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul. Deborah Rodriguez tells an inspiring story of women's strength and courage in a changing world, flawlessly capturing the atmosphere of modern Afghanistan. Read as a sequel or a stand-alone book.	F 336p	FICTION	N/A
The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul	Rodriguez, Deborah	In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. As these five women discover there's more to one another than meets the eye, they form a unique bond that will for ever change their lives and the lives of many others.	F 416p	FICTION	N/A

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The Kabul Beauty School	Rodriguez, Deborah	In a little beauty school in the war zone of Kabul, a community of women comes together, all with stories to tell. As the burqas are removed in class, curls are coiffed and make-up is applied, Debbie's students share with her their stories - and their hearts. In the Kabul Beauty School, these women and many others find a safe haven and the seeds of their future independence.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
Mermaid of Black Conch	Roffey, Monique	Near the island of Black Conch, a fisherman sings to himself while waiting for a catch. But David attracts a sea-dweller that he never expected - Aycayia, an innocent young woman cursed by jealous wives to live as a mermaid. A bittersweet love story. Winner: Costa Book of the Year.	F 272p	PRIZEWINNER	LP
Normal People	Rooney, Sally	Connell and Marianne grow up in rural Ireland. The similarities end there; they are from very different worlds. When they both earn places at Trinity College in Dublin, a connection that has grown between them lasts long into the following years. This is an exquisite love story about how a person can change another person's life. Winner Costa Novel, Specsavers National Books Award, Longlisted, Man Booker Prize, Womens Prize.	F 288p	WINNER	CD, LP
Conversations with Friends	Rooney, Sally	Frances and Bobbi enter a world of beautiful houses, holidays in Provence and dinner parties when they are befriended by Nick and his wife Melissa but when Frances and Nick become unexpectedly close, she is forced to confront her own vulnerabilities. A novel about friendship, jealousy and the politics of love, adapted for BBC 3 drama, in 2022	F 322p	FICTION	CD, LP



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<p>Many Different Kinds of Love</p>	<p>Rosen, Michael</p>	<p>In March 2020, Michael Rosen became unwell with coronavirus. What followed was months on the wards: a month in an induced coma, and weeks of rehab and recovery as the NHS saved his life, and then got him back on his feet. Throughout it all, a notebook lay at the end of Michael's bed, where his nurses wrote him letters of hope and support. And as soon as he was awake, he was ready to start writing his own story. Combining stunning new prose poems by one of Britain's best loved poets and the moving coronavirus diaries of his nurses, and featuring original illustrations by Chris Riddell, this is a beautiful book about love, life and the NHS that celebrates the power of community and the indomitable spirits of the people who keep us well.</p>	<p>B ROS 270p</p>	<p>AUTOBIOGRAPHY</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>The Improbability of Love</p>	<p>Rothschild, Hannah</p>	<p>When Annie stumbles across a dirty painting in a junk shop she has no idea what she has discovered. Soon she finds herself drawn unwillingly into the tumultuous London art world, populated by unscrupulous people all scheming to get their hands on her painting. Delving into the painting's past, Annie will uncover some of the darkest secrets of European history. Winner: Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize 2016, Shortlisted: Baileys Womens Prize 2016.</p>	<p>F 496p</p>	<p>WINNER</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>The Casual Vacancy</p>	<p>Rowling, J. K</p>	<p>When Barry Fairbrother dies in his early forties, the town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, but what lies behind the pretty facade is a town at war. And the empty seat left by Barry on the parish council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations? Winner: Best Fiction, Goodreads Choice Awards.</p>	<p>F 576p</p>	<p>WINNER</p>	<p>CD, LP</p>

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God Of Small Things	Roy, Arundhati	Set in Kerala, India, during the 1960s, the story begins with the funeral of young Sophie Mol, the cousin of Rahel and her twin , Estha. In a circuitous and suspenseful narrative, the family tensions that led to the twins' behaviour on the fateful night that Sophie drowned are revealed in sensuous prose. Booker Prize Winner.	F 338p	WINNER	CD
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Roy, Arundhati	A vast epic fable set in India with memorable characters, luscious prose and clever insights into human nature. Anjum runs a guesthouse in an Old Delhi graveyard and gathers around her the lost, the broken and the cast out. Tilo, an architect, claims an abandoned baby as her own and her destiny and that of Anjum become entangled as a tale unfolds of a teeming continent, that sweeps across the years. Longlisted: Womens Prize, Man Booker Prize.	F 417p	LITERARY	N/A
The Five	Rubenthal, Hallie	Five women, murdered in 1888. Their murderer was never identified, but the name created for him by the press has become far more famous than any of them. This devastating narrative of five lives gives these women back their stories. Winner: Baille Gifford Prize, Goodreads Choice Award: Book of the Year: Hay Festival.	364.152 432p	NON-FICTION WINNER	CD
Strange Flowers	Ryan, Donal	In 1973, 20-year-old Moll Gladney takes a morning bus from her rural home and disappears. Bewildered and distraught, Paddy and Kit must confront an unbearable prospect: that they will never see their daughter again. Five years later, Moll returns. What - and who - she brings with her will change the course of her family's life forever. Winner; Irish Post Novel of the year.	F 299p	PRIZEWINNER	CD

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The Year of the Runaways	Sahota, Sunjeev	Thirteen young men live in a house in Sheffield, each in flight from India and in desperate search of a new life. Some have secrets from the past, some carry secrets now. Sweeping between India and England, and between childhood and the present day, it's a story of dignity in the face of adversity and the ultimate triumph of the human spirit. Shortlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize 2015. Winner: EU Prize for Literature.	F 480p	WINNER	N/A
Send Nudes	Sams, Saba	In ten dazzling stories, Saba Sams dives into the world of girlhood and immerses us in its contradictions and complexities: growing up too quickly, yet not quickly enough; taking possession of what one can, while being taken possession of; succumbing to societal pressure but also orchestrating that pressure. These unforgettable short stories deftly chart the treacherous terrain of growing up - of intense friendships, of ambivalent mothers, of uneasily blended families, and of learning to truly live in your own body.	F 224p	WINNER	CD
Dissolution	Sansom, C.J.	Henry VIII has ordered the dissolution of the monasteries and England is full of informers. At the monastery of Scarnsea events have spiralled out of control with the murder of Commissioner Robin Singleton. Matthew Shardlake, a lawyer, and his assistant are sent to investigate.	F 300p	HISTORICAL	CD
Winter in Madrid	Sansom, C.J.	Part thriller, part love story, this tale follows the fortunes of three young men, navigating the tumultuous world of 1940s Spain. But, as the Second World war draws near, one is sent to spy on another and the ramifications of a tragic love story will haunt them all.	F 560p	THRILLER	CD

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Lincoln in the Bardo	Saunders, George	The American Civil War rages and President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son dies. From a seed of historical truth spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of realism, entering a thrilling, supernatural domain both hilarious and terrifying, unfolding over a single night. Expect humour, pathos and grace in the first novel from a short-story master. Winner: Man Booker Prize Prize 2017.	F 367 p	WINNER	CD, LP
Liberation Day	Saunders, George	This is a collection of stories that explores ideas of power, ethics, and justice, and cuts to the very heart of what it means to live in community with our fellow humans. With his trademark prose - wickedly funny, unsentimental, and perfectly tuned - Saunders continues to challenge and surprise: here is a collection of prismatic, deeply resonant stories that encompass joy and despair, oppression and revolution, bizarre fantasy and brutal reality.	F 231p	FICTION	N/A
The Good Liar	Searle, Nicholas	Roy is about to pull off his final con. He is going to meet and woo a beautiful woman, swiftly move in with her and together they will live the seemingly calm life of a retired couple. Then he will slip away with her life savings. But who is the man behind the con and what has he had to do to survive this life of lies? And why is this beautiful woman so willing to be his next victim? Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 369p	FICTION	LP
The Almost Moon	Sebold, Alice	A searing portrait of a to-the-death struggle between a mother and a daughter who has spent a lifetime trying to win the love of a mother who had none to spare. The novel explores the complex ties within families, the meaning of devotion and the fragility of the boundary that separates us from our darkest impulses.	F 304p	FICTION	CD

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<p>The Secret Barrister : stories of the law and how it's broken</p>	<p>Secret Barrister</p>	<p>Both a searing first-hand account of the human cost of the criminal justice system, and a guide to how we got into this mess, The Secret Barrister wants to show you what it's really like and why it really matters. It's eye-opening, damning and hilarious in equal measure. Sunday Times Bestseller.</p>	<p>364.941 320p</p>	<p>NON-FICTION</p>	<p>CD</p>
<p>The Bookseller of Kabul</p>	<p>Seierstad, Asne</p>	<p>Sultan Khan is the head of a prosperous Kabul family. A bookseller by trade, he has seen his books burnt by one regime, defaced by another, then burnt again. As the Taliban regime falls in 2001, he meets Norwegian war correspondent, Seierstad. They agree that Seierstad should live with his family for several months.</p>	<p>958.1046 316p</p>	<p>FICTION</p>	<p>CD</p>
<p>The Island of Missing Trees</p>	<p>Shafak, Elif</p>	<p>1974, on the island of Cyprus. Two teenagers, from opposite sides of a divided land, meet at a tavern in the city they both call home. The tavern is the only place that Kostas, who is Greek and Christian, and Defne, who is Turkish and Muslim, can meet, in secret, hidden beneath the blackened beams from which hang garlands of garlic, chilli peppers and wild herbs. This is where one can find the best food in town, the best music, the best wine. But there is something else to the place: it makes one forget, even if for just a few hours, the world outside and its immoderate sorrows. In 'The Island of Missing Trees', prizewinning author Elif Shafak brings us a rich, magical tale of belonging and identity, love and trauma, memory and amnesia, human-induced destruction of nature, and, finally, renewal.</p>	<p>F 353p</p>	<p>SHORTLIST</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Burnt Shadows	Shamsie, Kamila	In search of new beginnings, Hiroko Tanaka travels to Delhi in 1947, a survivor of Nagasaki. Hence the shadows of history are cast over three families as they are transported from Pakistan to New York, and finally to Afghanistan in the immediate wake of 9/11. Short listed: Orange Prize for Fiction.	F 384p	SHORTLIST	CD
Home Fire	Shamsie, Kamila	A modern retelling of Sophocles' Antigone set among a family divided by politics, love, and radicalism. It's an insightful account of the dilemma faced by British Muslims and a fiercely compelling story of loyalties torn apart when love and politics collide. Winner: Womens Prize for Fiction, Shortlisted: Costa Novel Award, Longlisted ; Man Booker Prize.	F 288p	WINNER	LP
Unnatural Causes	Shepherd, Richard	Forensic pathologist, Dr Richard Shepherd solves the mysteries of unexplained or sudden death. This thoughtful and revealing book tells the story of not only the cases and bodies that have haunted him the most, but also how to live a life steeped in death.	614.109 464p	NON-FICTION	LP
Hidden Figures	Shetterley, Margot Lee	Set amid the civil rights movement, the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program. Segregated from their white counterparts, these 'colored computers' used pencil and paper to write the equations that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Oscar Nominated film.	510.9252 384p	NON-FICTION	CD
A Wedding In December	Shreve, Anita	At an inn in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts, seven former schoolmates gather for the wedding of Bridget and Bill. The weekend brings revelation and recrimination, forgiveness and redemption.	F 336p	FICTION	N/A

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The Bandit Queens	Shroff, Parini	For Geeta, life as a widow is more peaceful than life as a wife. Until the other women in her village decide they want to be widows, too. Geeta is believed to have killed her vanished husband - a rumour she hasn't bothered trying to correct, because a reputation like that can keep a single woman safe in rural India. But when she's approached for help in ridding another wife of her abusive drunk of a husband, her reluctant agreement sets in motion a chain of events that will change the lives of all the women in the village.	F 352p	FICTION	N/A
On The Beach	Shute, Nevil	As a radioactive cloud begins to sweep towards a few survivors left in Australia, An American submarine Commander is preparing for the inevitable. Then a faint Morse code signal is picked up from the United States and the submarine must set sail through the bleak ocean to search for signs of life.	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
Days From a Different World	Simpson, John	In this new volume of memoirs, John Simpson turns his sights on his own childhood in Britain during the 1940s and 1950s and tells the strange and moving story of his family and his early years in a south London suburb.	B SIM 412p	BIOGRAPHY	LP
Why Mummy Drinks : the diary of an exhausted mum	Sims, Gill	The hilarious second novel, and Sunday Times No 1 Bestseller, from author of the smash hit Why Mummy Drinks. Mummy's marriage is feeling the strain, her kids are running wild and the house is steadily developing a forest of mould. Only Judgy, the Proud and Noble Terrier, remains loyal as always. Can Mummy keep up the facade while keeping her family afloat?	F 368p	HUMOUR	N/A

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The Rosie Project	Simsion, Graeme	Don is a 40 year old professor of Genetics at Melbourne University and he wants to get married. But Don has Asperger's so he designs a questionnaire to find a partner. Then Rosie enters his life and logic and reason go out of the window! Winner: Victorian Premier's Unpublished Manuscript Award 2012, Australian Book Industry's Book of the Year, Australian Book Industry's General Fiction Book of the Year. Shortlisted: Best Debut Fiction, Independent Booksellers of Australia Awards 2014, Waverton Good Read Award 2014.	F 368p	WINNER	LP
My Name is Why	Sissay, Lemn	A story of neglect and determination, misfortune and hope, cruelty and triumph. When a young Ethiopian British man discovers his true identity. Lyrical and powerful. Shortlisted: Gordon Burn Prize	821.92 224p	SHORTLIST	N/A
Rodham : a novel	Sittenfeld, Curtis	Smart, diligent, and a bit plain, that's the general consensus. Then Hillary goes to college and catches the eye of driven, handsome and charismatic Bill. But when he asks her to marry him, Hillary gives him a firm No. How might things have turned out for them, in this imagined novel, , for America, for the world itself, if Hillary Rodham had really turned down Bill Clinton? Sunday Times Bestseller.	F 421p	FICTION	N/A
Autumn	Smith, Ali	A meditation on a world growing ever more bordered and exclusive, on what richness and worth are, on what harvest means. This first in a seasonal quartet casts an eye over our own time. Gentle and engaging as the centuries cast their eyes over our own history-making. Longlisted:Gordon Burn Prize 2017.	F 272p	LITERARY	CD



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Accidental	Smith, Ali	A middle-class English family are visited by an uninvited guest while on holiday in Norfolk. Amber's arrival has a profound effect on all but the consequences of her appearance continue even after the family has returned home to London. Winner: Whitbread Novel of the Year. Short listed: Man Booker Prize Prize, Orange Prize.	F 305p	WINNER	CD
There But For The	Smith, Ali	Imagine you have a dinner party and a friend of a friend brings a stranger to your house as his guest. He seems pleasant enough. Then he goes upstairs and locks himself in one of your bedrooms and won't come out. Imagine you can't move him for days, weeks, months. If ever.	F 288p	LITERARY	CD
Companion Piece	Smith, Ali	One day in post-Brexit, mid-pandemic Britain, artist Sandy Gray receives an unexpected phone call from university acquaintance Martina Pelf. Martina is calling Sandy to ask for help with a mysterious question she's been left with after she's spent half a day locked in a room by border control officials for no reason she can fathom: 'Curlew or curfew? You choose'. And what's any of this got to do with the story of a young and talented blacksmith hounded from her trade and her home more than five hundred years ago?	F 226p	FICTION	N/A
I Capture The Castle	Smith, Dodie	A story of love, sibling rivalry & a bohemian existence in a crumbling castle in the middle of nowhere. andra Mortmain's journal records her fadingly glamorous stepmother, her beautiful, wistful older sister and the man to whom they both owe their isolation & poverty.	F 351p	FICTION	CD
Child 44	Smith, Tom Rob	'Child 44' is Tom Rob Smith's exciting debut, set in Soviet Russia in 1953, with a wonderfully realised sense of all-pervading fear and the desperateness of a chilling race against time.	F 400p	THRILLER	LP

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Girl Runner	Snyder Carrie	This debut novel, is the story of Aganetha Smart, a former Olympic athlete who was famous in the 1920s, but now, at age 104, lives in a nursing home, alone and forgotten by history. When her quiet life is disturbed by the unexpected arrival of two young strangers, Aganetha begins to reflect on her childhood in rural Ontario and her struggles to make an independent life for herself in the city. Based on a true story, this is part historical page-turner, part contemporary mystery, it pays homage to those forgotten women who stepped outside the boundaries of their time.	F 384p	FICTION	LP
The Gallery of Vanished Husbands	Solomons, Natasha	Juliet has been closeted by her conservative Jewish community for too long, ever since her husband disappeared. After having her portrait painted, she breaks free from her uptight upbringing to find a new love and life. The loose and liberated art world of the 1960s is the setting for this charming tale of a woman shedding her skin.	F 352p	FICTION	CD
The Song Collector	Solomons, Natasha	With poignancy, lyricism and humour, Dorset author Natasha tells a captivating tale of passion and music, of roots, ancient songs and nostalgia for the old ways, of the ties that bind us to family and home and the ones we are prepared to sever. Here is the story of a man who discovers joy and creative renewal in the aftermath of grief and learns that it is never too late to seek forgiveness.	F 400p	FICTION	CD
Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie	Spark, Muriel	In 1930s Edinburgh, six ten-year-old girls, are assigned Miss Jean Brodie as teacher. She gives her students lessons about her personal love life and travels, promoting art history, classical studies, and fascism. Under her mentorship the "Brodie set"—begin to stand out from the rest of the school.	F 144p	CLASSIC	CD

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The Girls of Slender Means	Spark, Muriel	A timely reissue of one of Muriel Spark's best loved novels. In the May of Teck Club - a London hostel 'three times window shattered since 1940 but never directly hit' - the young lady residents do their best to act as if the war never happened. They practice elocution, and jostle one another over suitors and a single Schiaparelli gown. But behind the girls' giddy literary and amorous peregrinations they hide some tragically painful secrets and wounds. Perfect reading group fodder.	F 144p	CLASSIC	CD
The Choice	Sparks, Nicholas	How far would you go to keep the hope of love alive? Travis is irresistably drawn to Gabby, despite her lack of warmth towards him. An easily read page turning romance, with tough decisions, shocking revelations and devastating consequences.	F 285p	FICTION	LP
Golden Hill	Spufford, Francis	New York, a small town on the tip of Manhattan Island, 1746. One rainy evening, a charming and handsome young stranger fresh off the boat from England pitches up to a counting house on Golden Hill Street, with a suspicious yet compelling proposition -- he has an order for a thousand pounds in his pocket that he wishes to cash. But can he be trusted? This is New York in its infancy, a place where a young man with a fast tongue can invent himself afresh, fall in love, and find a world of trouble. Winner: Costa First Novel Award 2016, RSL Ondaatje Prize 2017, Desmond Elliott Prize 2017. Shortlisted: Walter Scott Prize, Rathbones Folio Prize, Authors' Club Best First Novel, British Book Awards Debut Novel of the Year.	F 352p	WINNER	CD

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The Light Between Oceans	Stedman, M. L.	This is a story about a lighthouse keeper and his wife, who live on a lonely island with just seagulls, stars and buffeting winds for company. It's a story about right and wrong, and how sometimes they look the same. Winner: ABIA awards for Best Newcomer, Best Literary Novel and Book of the Year, Indie Awards for Best Debut and Book of the Year, Nielsen BookData Bookseller's Choice Award for 2013, GoodReads HISTORICAL Novel of 2012	F 400p	WINNER	LP
The Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	Set against the background of Dust Bowl Oklahoma and Californian migrant life, it tells of Tom Joad and his family, who, like thousands of others, are forced to travel west in search of the promised land. Their story is one of false hopes, thwarted desires and broken dreams, yet out of their suffering Steinbeck created a drama that is intensely human, yet majestic in its scale and moral vision.	F 468p	CLASSIC	CD
Driving Over Lemons : an optimist in Andaluca	Stewart, Chris	Chris Stewart's account of the second year living in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Stewart soon discovers all the hidden foibles of his bargain purchase, and spends the year installing the little luxuries of life, aided by his straight-talking and relentlessly un sentimental wife Ada.	946.8 308p	NON-FICTION	CD, LP
Reasons to be Cheerful	Stibbe, Nina	Lizzie Vogel moves from her family home into the big city as dental nurse to a dentist with bad teeth and the prospect of a real boyfriend at last. But she's still got a lot more growing up to do as slowly it dawns that the area in which she has most to learn is in navigating the ups and downs of adulthood and, most importantly, in staying cheerful through it all. Funny, heartbreaking and uplifting. Winner: Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction; Comedy Women in Print Prize.	F 275p	PRIZEWINNER	CD, LP

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The Help	Stockett, Kathryn	<p>Aibileen is a black maid, raising her 17th white child, but with a bitter heart after the death of her son. Minny is the sassiest woman in Mississippi. Skeeter is a white woman with a degree but no ring on her finger. Seemingly different, these women come together for a clandestine project that puts them all at risk.</p> <p>Winner: Indies Choice Book Award, Townsend Prize for Fiction, Exclusive Books Boeke Prize, SIBA Book Award, Christian Science Monitor Best Book.</p> <p>New York Times bestseller, Amazon's Best Books of the Year, Longlist: Orange Prize, International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award.</p>	F 464p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Lamplighters	Stonex, Emma	<p>A heart-stopping novel inspired by true events, 'The Lamplighters' is the story of three men who vanish from a remote lighthouse. The entrance door is locked from the inside, the clocks have all stopped and the table is set for dinner. Twenty years later, the mystery of their disappearance still haunts the heartbroken women left behind. The sea has kept its secrets, until now.</p>	F 368p	THRILLER	CD
Auntie's War: the BBC during the Second World War	Stourton, Edward	<p>The BBC's wartime journey, via archives, diaries, letters and memoirs which examine what the BBC was and what it stood for. Full of astonishing, little-known incidents and with a cast of brilliant characters, Auntie's War is a portrait of a beloved institution at a critical time and a unique portrayal of the British in wartime. BBC Radio Four book of the week.</p>	070.194 432p	NON-FICTION	CD

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Shuggie Bain	Stuart, Douglas	1981 Glasgow. Agnes has always expected more from life but is abandoned by her husband. Trapped in a decimated mining town with 3 children, she descends into drink. The children try to save her, yet they must abandon her to save themselves. Only her son Shuggie holds out hope the longest. Shuggie Bain lays bare the ruthlessness of poverty, the limits of love, and the hollowness of pride. Winner:Booker Prize	F 430p	PRIZEWINNER	CD
Young Mungo	Stuart, Douglas	Born under different stars, Protestant Mungo and Catholic James live in a hyper-masculine world. They are caught between two of Glasgow's housing estates where young working-class men divide themselves along sectarian lines and fight territorial battles for the sake of reputation. They should be sworn enemies if they're to be seen as men at all, and yet they become best friends as they find a sanctuary in the dovecot that James has built for his prize racing pigeons. As they begin to fall in love, they dream of escaping the grey city, but the threat of discovery is constant and the punishment unspeakable.	F 392p	FICTION	N/A
The Haunting of Alma Fielding	Summerscale, Kate	London, 1938. Alma Fielding, an ordinary young woman, begins to experience supernatural events in her suburban home and Nondor Fodor, a ghost hunter begins to investigate, delving into long-hidden archives to find the human story behind a very modern haunting. Shortlisted: Baillie Gifford Prize	F 345p	SHORTLIST	LP

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Mothering Sunday	Swift, Graham	It is March 30th 1924. It is Mothering Sunday. How will Jane Fairchild, orphan and housemaid, occupy her time when she has no mother to visit? Beginning with an intimate assignation and opening to embrace decades, Mothering Sunday is surprising, joyously sensual and deeply moving, it is Graham Swift at his best. Booker-winning author. Longlisted: Walter Scott Prize.	F 160p	FICTION	CD
Anita and Me	Syal, Meera	Iconic novel which captures the era of flares, power cuts, glam rock, decimalisation and Ted Heath. A unique vision of a British childhood in the Seventies, caught between two cultures, each on the brink of change. As one of the few Punjabi inhabitants of her Black Country village, nine year old Meena wants fishfingers and chips, not chapati and dhal; she wants an English Christmas, not the usual interminable Punjabi festivities - but more than anything, she wants to join up with cool, aloof, outrageous and feisty Anita Rutter and her gang.	F 336p	FICTION	N/A
All That Man Is	Szalay, David	Tracing an arc from the spring of youth to the winter of old age, All That Man Is brings nine separate lives together to show us men as they are - ludicrous and inarticulate, shocking and despicable; vital, pitiable, hilarious, and full of heartfelt longing. And as the years chase them down, the stakes become bewilderingly high in this piercing portrayal of 21st-century manhood. What is my life, here and now, all about - brilliantly and chillingly spelled out. Shortlisted: Man Booker Prize Prize 2016.	F 448p	SHORTLIST	CD

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Animal	Taddeo, Lisa	I drove myself out of New York City where a man shot himself in front of me. He was a gluttonous man and when his blood came out it looked like the blood of a pig. That's a cruel thing to think, I know. He did it in a restaurant where I was having dinner with another man, another married man. Do you see how this is going? But I wasn't always that way. I am depraved. I hope you like me.	F 336p	FICTION	N/A
Three Women	Taddeo, Lisa	Lina is in a stale marriage, Maggie is a pariah Sloane a sexual object of desire. What hapened to these women and why? Controversial, detailed, spellbinding, upsetting, true and compelling in equal measure. Winner: British Book Awards Non-Fiction Narrative Book of the Year; Foyles Non-Fiction Book of the Year; A Stylist Book of the Decade;	306.709	WINNER NON-FICTION	N/A
Bonesetter's Daughter	Tan, Amy	Ruth decides to move in with her ailing mother, and while tending to her discovers the story Lu Ling wrote in Chinese, of her life growing up in a remote mountain village known as Immortal Heart. A mesmerising story of a mother and daughter discovering together that what they share in their bones through history and heredity is priceless beyond measure.	F 350p	FICTION	CD
The Goldfinch	Tartt, Donna	Aged 13, Theo Decker, son of a devoted mother and largely absent father, survives an accident that tears his life apart. Alone in New York, he is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. He is tormented by an unbearable longing for his mother, and clings to one thing that reminds him of her: a goldfinch. Winner: 2014 Pulitzer Prize, Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence. Shortlist: 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award , 2014 Baileys Women's Prize	F 608p	WINNER	CD



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Secret History	Tartt, Donna	Under the influence of their charismatic professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. But when they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality their lives are changed profoundly and for ever.	F 544p	FICTION	N/A
The Ashes of London	Taylor, Andrew	London, September 1666. The Great Fire rages through the city, consuming everything in its path. In the aftermath, a semi-mummified, mutilated body is discovered in the ashes of St. Paul's. Under orders from the government, James Marwood, reluctant government informer is tasked with hunting down the killer at a time of dangerous internal dissent. Literary Thriller from winner of the Cartier Diamond Dagger for lifelong excellence in the genre and the triple winner of the Historical Dagger.	F 497 p	THRILLER	CD
Just One Damned Thing After Another	Taylor, Jodi	Meet the Institute of Historical Research as they ricochet around History. Their aim is to observe and document - to try and find the answers to many of History's unanswered questions - and not to die in the process. But one wrong move and History will fight back	F 416p	FICTION	N/A
Vanity Fair	Thackeray, William Makepeace	The alluring and ruthless Becky Sharp and her sentimental companion Amelia, make their way through the tawdry glamour of Regency society, in this gloriously satirical epic of love and social adventure.	F 566p	CLASSIC	CD
Gotta Get Theroux This	Theroux, Louis	A funny, insightful memoir by much-loved documentary maker Louis Theroux, taking the reader on a weird and wonderful journey through two decades of groundbreaking television.	791.45 400p	NON-FICTION	CD

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The Elephanta Suite	Theroux, Paul	A fresh, compelling, and often inspiring notion of India and its effect on those who try to lose - or find - themselves there. This fabulous, far-reaching book breathtakingly captures the tumult, ambition, hardship and serenity that mark modern India. Multi award winning author.	F 282p	LITERARY	CD
Do Not Say We Have Nothing	Thien, Madeleine	A story of revolutionary China, from the crowded teahouses in the first days of Chairman Mao's ascent, to the Shanghai Conservatory in the 1960s and the events leading to the Beijing demonstrations of 1989. It is a tale of revolutionary idealism, music, and silence, with three musicians struggling to remain loyal to one another and to the music they have devoted their lives to, with profound consequences for everyone. Shortlisted: Bailey's Womens Prize, Man Booker Prize, Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction, Winner: Scotiabank Giller Prize	F 491p	WINNER	CD
Oligarchy	Thomas, Scarlett	When Tash, daughter of a Russian oligarch, is sent to an English boarding school, she is new to the strange world of strict pecking orders, eating disorders and Instagram angst. Then her friend Bianca mysteriously vanishes, and quickly the routines of her dorm-mates seem darker and more alien than ever before.	F 212p	FICTION	CD, LP
Blue Dress Girl	Thompson, E. V.	When a Chinese peasant girl is chosen as concubine to the Chief Customs Officer for the bustling port of Canton, she quickly learns the reality is far from the honourable future she expected. When rescued by a Royal Marine Second Lieutenant, their blossoming, but forbidden relationship looks doomed. This beautifully told saga is majestically woven around the lives of two people, discovering unexpected feelings in unfamiliar territory from the author of 'The Tolpuddle woman' who was awarded an MBE for services to literature.	F 353p	HISTORICAL	LP

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Travelling in the Dark	Timpany, Emma	Set in the wild, beautiful and unreliable landscape of southern New Zealand in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake, Sarah travels back to her home town with her young son. Delays and diversions take Sarah on an emotional journey as she's forced to return to well-known places echoing with painful memories from her youth.	F 192p	FICTION	N/A
Mr Gandy's Grand Tour	Titchmarsh, Alan	Timothy Gandy has kept his lifetime's ambition secret for forty years. Then he gets the chance to realise his dreams. He escapes his humdrum life with an unexpected Grand Tour of Europe where drama, romance and friendship await in this beguiling tale of self-discovery. It seems that Mr Gandy has embarked on the journey of a lifetime. A bestselling novel from Britain's favourite gardener and TV presenter.	F 320 p	FICTION	CD
The Gift	Titchmarsh, Alan	Adam Gabriel has always been a child of nature. Raised on his parents' remote Yorkshire farm, where life is measured by the rhythms of the flock, the turn of the seasons, and the yearly arrival of an itinerant local monk, he seems destined for a quietly contented life. As Adam grows, Luke and Bethany see flickers of something extraordinary in their son - a healing touch that goes beyond his love for the land. But Adam's gentleness has always made him an outsider, and a powerful gift can also be a heavy burden...	F 355p	FICTION	N/A
Women Talking	Toews, Miriam	Between 2005 and 2009, in a remote Mennonite colony, over one hundred girls and women were raped by what many thought were ghosts or demons. Their accounts were dismissed as 'wild female imagination'. Women Talking is an imagined response to these real events. When the women learn the truth, they meet secretly to discuss how to protect themselves and their daughters.	F 216p	FICTION	CD

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Brooklyn	Toibin, Colm	It is Ireland in the early 1950s so Eilis Lacey emigrates to New York. Arriving in Brooklyn, Eilis is homesick but as she takes tentative steps towards friendship, and perhaps something more, Eilis receives news which sends her back to Ireland and a terrible dilemma - a devastating choice between duty and love.	F 256p	FICTION	CD
Master	Toibin, Colm	Two decades before the American Civil War, Henry James left his country to live in Europe among privileged artists and writers. But James, a master of subtlety in his own fiction, proves blind to his own heart . Winner: International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, Los Angeles Times Novel of the Year, Stonewall Book Award, Lambda Literary Award, NYT most notable books. Short listed: Booker Prize.	F 368p	SHORTLIST	CD
Nora Webster	Toibin, Colm	1960's Ireland. Nora Webster is living in a small town, looking after her four children, trying to rebuild her life after the death of her husband. Slowly, through the gift of music and the power of friendship, she finds a glimmer of hope and a way of starting again. Shortlisted for the 2014 Costa Novel Awards and the 2015 Folio Prize.	F 320p	SHORTLIST	LP
The Magician	Toibin, Colm	The Magician' tells the story of Thomas Mann, whose life was filled with great acclaim and contradiction. He would find himself on the wrong side of history in the First World War, cheerleading the German army, but have a clear vision of the future in the second, anticipating the horrors of Nazism. He would have six children and keep his homosexuality hidden; he was a man forever connected to his family and yet bore witness to the ravages of suicide. He would write some of the greatest works of European literature, and win the Nobel Prize, but would never return to the country that inspired his creativity.	F 437p	WINNER	CD

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Thomas Hardy: the time-torn man	Tomalin, Claire	This biography covers Hardy's illegitimate birth, his rural upbringing, his escape to London in the 1860s, his marriages, his status as a bestselling novelist, and in later life, his supreme achievements as a poet.	B HAR 482p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
A gentleman in Moscow	Towles, Amor	In 1922 Count Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal. Sentenced to house arrest in The Metropol to live in an attic room, across from the Kremlin. Rostov, has never worked a day in his life. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.	F 462p	FICTION	N/A
The Woman Who Went to Bed for a Year	Townsend, Sue	A funny and touching novel about what happens when someone stops being the person everyone wants them to be.	F 400p	HUMOUR	CD
Wilding : the return of nature to a British farm	Tree, Isabella	In Wilding, Isabella Tree tells the story of the 'Knepp experiment', a pioneering rewilding project in West Sussex, using free-roaming grazing animals to create new habitats for wildlife. Part gripping memoir, part fascinating account of the ecology of our countryside, Wilding is, above all, an inspiring story of hope. Sunday Times Book of the Year.	639.909 384p	NON-FICTION	CD
The Gustav Sonata	Tremain, Rose	Gustav's life in a small town in Switzerland is a lonely one until he meets Anton at their first day in kindergarden but Anton fails to understand how deeply and irrevocably his life and Gustav's are entwined until it is almost too late. Moving and sensitive portrait of an intense lifelong friendship spanning sixty years. Winner: South Bank Sky Arts Award, Shortlisted: Costa Novel Award, Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize, Longlisted: Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.	F 258 p	WINNER	CD

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Lily	Tremain, Rose	Abandoned at the gates of a London park one winter's night in 1850, baby Lily Mortimer is saved by a young police constable, Sam Trench and taken to the London Foundling Hospital. Lily is fostered by an affectionate farming family in rural Suffolk, enjoying a brief childhood idyll before she is returned to the Hospital, where she is punished for her rebellious spirit. Released into the harsh world of Victorian London, Lily becomes a favoured employee at Belle Prettywood's Wig Emporium, but all the while she is hiding a dreadful secret. When Sam meets Lily again, there is an instant attraction between them and Lily is convinced that Sam holds the key to her happiness - but might he also be the one to uncover her crime and so condemn her to death?	F 275p	HISTORICAL	LP
Music And Silence	Tremain, Rose	In the year 1629, a young English lutenist named Peter Claire arrives at the Danish Court to join King Christian IV's Royal Orchestra. But when he finds himself falling in love with the Queens companion Kirsten his loyalties are fatally divided between duty and passion. Winner: Whitbread Award.	F 466p	WINNER	CD
The Road Home	Tremain, Rose	Lev is on his way to Britain to seek work, so that he can send money back to Eastern Europe. As he struggles with the mysterious rituals of 'Englishness', and the fashions and fads of the London scene, we share his dilemmas, joys and sufferings; and his hopes of finding his way home, wherever home may be. Winner: Orange Prize.	F 436p	WINNER	CD
Trespass	Tremain, Rose	Set among the hills and gorges of the Cevennes, the dark and beautiful heartland of southern France, Trespass is a novel about disputed territory, sibling love and devastating revenge. Award winning author.	F 273p	WINNER	CD

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The Ice Twins	Tremayne, S K	Psychological thriller. A year after one of their identical twin daughters, Lydia, dies in an accident, Angus and Sarah Moorcraft move to the tiny Scottish island Angus inherited from his grandmother, hoping to put together the pieces of their shattered lives. But when their surviving daughter, Kirstie, claims they have mistaken her identity - that she, in fact, is Lydia - their world comes crashing down once again. Sunday Times Number One Bestselling Novel and Richard and Judy selection.	F 384p	THRILLER	CD
The Cabin at the End of the World	Tremblay, Paul	A vacationing family is terrorised by four strangers who claim to be attempting to either avert or bring about the apocalypse. An intense novel of psychological horror and suspense that will keep readers guessing as to whether the struggle between the family and the strangers will not only result in lost lives but ultimately in the end of the world. Adapted for cinema as "A Knock at the Cabin" by M Night Shyamalan.	F 320p	FICTION	CD
Boy A	Trigell, Jonathan	An immorality tale about the rehabilitation of a child implicated in murder. At twenty-four, Jack is utterly innocent of the world, yet guilty of a monstrous childhood crime. He struggles to start from scratch, forget the past, become someone else. Winner: Waverton Award, John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, World Book Day Prize.	F 256p	WINNER	CD
The Warden	Trollope, Anthony	Trollope's witty, satirical story of a quiet cathedral town shaken by scandal - as the traditional values of Septimus Harding are attacked by zealous reformers and ruthless newspapers. The first book in the Chronicles of Barsetshire.	F 216p	FICTION	CD

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Sense and Sensibility	Trollope, Joanna	Joanna Trollope's much-anticipated contemporary reworking of Jane Austen's <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> became one of the most talked about books of the year. Wittily, stylishly and sensitively written with lots of delicious upmarket detail. Elinor Dashwood values discretion above all while her impulsive sister Marianne displays her creativity everywhere. But when the family finds itself forced out of Norland Park, their beloved home for twenty years, their values are severely put to the test.	F 417p	FICTION	CD
The First Day of Spring	Tucker, Nancy	Chrissie is eight and she has a secret: she has just killed a boy. The feeling made her belly fizz like soda pop. Her playmates are tearful and their mothers are terrified, keeping them locked indoors. Twenty years later, adult Chrissie is living in hiding under a changed name. A single mother, all she wants is for her daughter to have the childhood she herself was denied. That's why the threatening phone calls are so terrifying. People are looking for them, the past is catching up, and Chrissie fears losing the only thing in this world she cares about, her child.	F 321p	FICTION	N/A
Moose Paradox	Tuomainen, Antti	Insurance mathematician Henri has his life under control, when a man from the past appears and a shady trio take over the adventure park's equipment supply company. Things are messier than ever in the absurdly funny, heart-stoppingly tense second instalment in Antti Tuomainen's bestselling series.	F 261p	THRILLER	CD, LP



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Stepping Up	Turner, Sarah	Beth has never stuck at anything. It's not that she hasn't tried to grow up, it's just that so far, the only commitment she's held down is Friday drinks at the village pub. Then, in the space of a morning, her world changes. An unspeakable tragedy turns Beth's life upside down, and she finds herself guardian to her teenage niece and toddler nephew, catapulted into an unfamiliar world of bedtime stories, parents' evenings and cuddly elephants. With a little help from her best friend Jory (purely platonic) and her lovely, lonely next-door neighbour, Albert, Beth is determined that this time she's not giving up. It's time to step up.	F 328p	FICTION	LP
Devil and the Dark Water	Turton, Stuart	It's 1634 and Samuel PIPPS, the world's greatest detective, is being transported to Amsterdam, where he is set to face trial. But once at sea, devilry begins to blight the voyage. Strange symbols appear, passengers are plagued with threats, then: an impossible murder. With PIPPS imprisoned, can his loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes solve the mystery before the ship descends into anarchy?	F 552p	THRILLER	N/A
The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle	Turton, Stuart	A country house murder mystery with a twist. Until Aiden - one of the guests summoned to Blackheath for the party - can solve the murder, the day will repeat itself, over and over again as each time he wakes in the body of a different guest. Will he ever escape? Winner: Costa First Novel, Books are My Bag Award, Shortlisted: Specsavers National Book Awards, British Book Award Debut, Longlisted : Theakston's Old Peculier Novel of The Year.	F 528p	WINNER	CD

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Blood Orange	Tyce, Harriet	Alison has it all. A doting husband, adorable daughter, and a career on the rise. But Alison drinks too much, is neglecting her family and having an affair with a colleague. Alison's new client wants to plead guilty for stabbing her husband yet something about her story is deeply amiss. Saving this woman may be the first step to Alison saving herself. But someone knows Alison's secrets and wants to make her pay.	F 326p	THRILLER	LP
Vinegar Girl	Tyler, Anne	Anne Tyler's brilliant retelling of The Taming of the Shrew asks whether a thoroughly modern woman would ever sacrifice herself for a man. Kate Battista is stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and infuriating younger sister Bunny? When her father cooks up an outrageous plan involving Kate, he is relying on her to help him, as usual. The result is as surprising as Kate herself. R4 Book at Bedtime.	F 272p	FICTION	CD
A Spool of Blue Thread	Tyler, Anne	From Red's father and mother, newly arrived in the 1920s, to Red's grandchildren carrying the family legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century – four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their home. Shortlisted: Bailey's womens Prize, Man Booker Prize Prize.	F 482p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP
Digging to America	Tyler, Anne	Two tiny Korean babies are delivered to Baltimore to two families who have no more in common than this. Every year, on the anniversary of Arrival Day the two extended families will celebrate together with achingly hilarious moments and toe-curling misunderstandings. Winner: NYT Bestseller, NYT Notable Book, All-Iowa Reads.	F 336p	WINNER	N/A
Noah's Compass	Tyler, Anne	In his sixty-first year, something happens that starts Liam trying to piece together what took place on his first night in a new apartment, but leaves him with a late flowering love and a new set of problems..	F 288p	LITERARY	LP

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The Cut Out Girl: a story of war and family, lost and found	Van Es, Bart	Little Lien was given away by her Jewish parents, hidden and raised by a foster family. She survived the war only to find that her real parents had not. Much later, she fell out with her foster family, and Bart van Es set about tracing Lien and telling her story. Winner: Costa Book of the Year, Slightly Foxed best First Biography	B VAN 288p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A
Anatomy of a Scandal	Vaughan, Sarah	A high-profile marriage begins to unravel when the husband is accused of a terrible crime. Sophie is sure her husband, James, is innocent and desperately hopes to protect her precious family from the lies which might ruin them. Kate is the barrister who will prosecute the case – she is equally certain that James is guilty and determined he will pay for his crimes. Sunday Times Bestseller	F 432p	THRILLER	N/A
The Cleaner of Chartres	Vickers, Salley	The beautifully beguiling tale of a young woman who brings healing to the French town of Chartres, only to find her own redemption among its community of lost souls.	F 200p	FICTION	CD
The Gardener	Vickers, Salley	Artist, Hassie Day, and her sister, Margot, buy a rambling, run down Jacobean house in Hope Wenlock on the Welsh Marches. While Margot continues her London life in high finance, Hassie is left alone to work the long-neglected garden. She is befriended by eccentric, sharp-tongued, Miss Foot, who recommends, Murat, an Albanian migrant, out of place in the village, to help Hassie in the garden. As Hassie works in the garden alongside Murat, she begins to ruminate on her past life, her family and most of all, she begins to analyse the love affair that ended leaving her with painful, unanswered questions.	F 295p	FICTION	N/A

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The Librarian	Vickers, Salley	In 1958, Sylvia Blackwell takes up a job as children's librarian in a run down library in the market town of East Mole. But her mission to enthuse children about reading is threatened by her affair with a married man and her efforts to help some of the children. Sunday Times bestseller	F 400p	FICTION	CD
Mr Golightly's Holiday	Vickers, Salley	Many years ago Mr Golightly wrote a best-seller. But his reputation is on the decline and he finds himself out of touch with the modern world. He decides to holiday in the ancient village of Great Calne, But he soon finds that the themes he has written on are being strangely replicated in the lives of the villagers.	F 368p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Attenbury Emeralds	Walsh, Jill Paton	It was 1921 when Lord Peter Wimsey first encountered the Attenbury emeralds. The recovery of the magnificent gem in Lord Attenbury's most dazzling heirloom made headlines and launched a shell-shocked young aristocrat on his career as a detective. So in 1951 when the new young Lord Attenbury seeks his help again, this time to prove who owns the gigantic emerald that Wimsey last saw in 1921, it will be the most intricate and challenging mystery he has ever faced.	F 352p	FICTION	CD
That's Another Story	Walters, Julie	Julie Walters has been described as the nation's most popular actress and comedienne. She has been delighting us on screen and on stage for over 25 years and we have taken her to our hearts. Now she tells us her own story, in her own words.	B WAL 336p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP
Disordered Minds	Walters, Minette	In 1970 Howard Stamp, a retarded 20-year-old, was convicted on disputed evidence of brutally murdering his grandmother in her Dorset home. Less than three years later he was dead, driven to suicide by self-hatred and bullying. A fate befitting a murderer, perhaps, but what if he was innocent?	F 612p	CRIME	CD

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The Cellar	Walters, Minette	A creepy thriller that blends psychological suspense and social commentary from one of Dorset's best known authors. Muna has grown used to being maltreated by the Songoli family; to being a slave. She's never been outside, doesn't know how to read or write, and cannot speak English. At least that's what the Songolis believe. But she is smart and her plans are terrifying . . .	F 256p	THRILLER	CD
One by One	Ware, Ruth	The shareholders and directors of a hot new music app, gather at an Alpine resort to decide the future of the company. At stake is a billion-dollar buyout that could make them all millionaires, or leave some out in the cold. The clock is ticking and the group irrevocably split. When an avalanche cuts them off and someone goes missing, the group is forced to ask - would someone resort to murder, to get what they want?	F 352p	THRILLER	CD, LP
Turn of the Key	Ware, Ruth	Creepy Crime thriller. When Rowan comes across the advert, it seems too good to be true: a live-in nanny position, with an extremely generous salary. What she doesn't know is that she's stepping into a nightmare – one that will end with her in a cell awaiting trial for murder.	F 352p	CRIME	CD, LP
The Night Watch	Waters, Sarah	Moving back through the 1940s, this is the story of four Londoners - three women and a young man with a past, whose lives, and their secrets, connect in sometimes startling ways. Winner: Lambda Literary Award. Short listed: Man Booker Prize Prize, Orange Prize.	F 509p	SHORTLIST	CD, LP

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The Paying Guests	Waters, Sarah	South London 1922, in a genteel Camberwell villa, a large silent house now bereft of brothers, husband and even servants, life is about to be transformed, as impoverished widow Mrs Wray and her spinster daughter, Frances, are obliged to take in lodgers. Awarded: Shortlisted:Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction. Sunday Times Fiction Book of the Year.	F 577p	WINNER	CD
Contacts	Watson, Mark	At five to midnight in Euston station, James Chiltern sends one text to all 158 people in his contacts. A message saying goodbye. Then he disappears. Across the world, James's friends, his family, people he's lost touch with are wondering, where has James gone? What happened to him? And more importantly, can they find him before it's too late?	F 370p	FICTION	CD, LP
Second Life	Watson, S J	Julia is devastated to hear of her sister's murder in Paris. Wanting to find out what happened, she uses Kate's online details and logs in to websites her best friend tells her that Kate used to meet men. As events spiral and obsession creeps in, can she keep her two lives separate? Psychological thriller from bestselling author.	F 419p	THRILLER	CD
Before I Go To Sleep	Watson, S. J.	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 the one person you trust may only be telling you half the story. Welcome to Christine's life.	F 384p	THRILLER	CD
Brideshead Revisited	Waugh, Evelyn	Charles Ryder, a lonely student at Oxford, welcomes the attentions of Brideshead's eccentric, artistic inhabitants the Marchmains, becoming infatuated with them. But, as the Marchmains struggle to find their place in a changing world, Charles eventually comes to recognize his spiritual and social distance from them.	F 476p	CLASSIC	CD

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Legacy	Webb, Katherine	Following the death of their grandmother, Erica and her sister Beth return to Storton Manor. As she sorts through her grandmother's belongings, Erica is haunted by the memories that shaped her childhood and a shocking truth emerges. Winner: TV Book Club Summer Read. Short listed: Best New Writer - Galaxy Awards.	F 432p	WINNER	CD, LP
The Spa Decameron	Weldon, Fay	Ten high achieving ladies at the expensive Castle Spa, all share their intimate stories. Sparkling, witty, always compassionate and occasionally libidinous, this novel recalls Boccaccio's late medieval masterwork, The Decameron. when ladies were forced to hide their amorous passions under a veil of discretion, while men were free to indulge theirs.	F 368p	FICTION	CD
Educated	Westover, Tara	Tara Westover and her family grew up preparing for the End of Days. She had no school records, and no medical records because her father didn't believe in hospitals. At sixteen, Tara knew she had to leave home. In doing so she discovered both the transformative power of education, and the price she had to pay for it. Shortlisted BAMB Readers Awards,	B WES 400p	BIOGRAPHY	CD,LP
The Age of Innocence	Wharton, Edith	Turn-of-the-century New York governed by the dictates of taste and form, is a comforting security one moment, and an oppressive fiction masking true human nature the next, as Newland Archer, soon to marry the lovely May Welland, is torn by his attraction to May's cousin, the Countess Ellen Olenska. Winner: Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.	F 209p	WINNER	CD

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Harlem Shuffle	Whitehead, Colson	<p>To his customers and neighbours on 125th Street, Ray Carney is an upstanding salesman of reasonably-priced furniture. He and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their second child, and if her parents don't approve of him or their cramped apartment across from the subway tracks, it's still home. Few people know he descends from a line of uptown hoods and crooks, and that his facade of normality has more than a few cracks in it.</p> <p>Cash is tight, so if his cousin Freddie occasionally drops off the odd ring or necklace at the furniture store, Ray doesn't see the need to ask where it comes from. Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa and volunteers Ray's services as the fence.</p>	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
The Nickel Boys	Whitehead, Colson	<p>Based on the history of a real reform school that operated for one hundred and eleven years and destroyed the lives of thousands of children, the story unfolds through the story of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in 1960s Florida. Winner: Pulitzer Prize, Orwell Prize, Library of Congress Prize.</p>	F 211p	PRIZEWINNER	CD, LP
Strictly Ann	Widdecombe, Ann	<p>The autobiography of the former politician and Strictly Come Dancing competitor Ann Widdecombe. The book captures the intensity of emotions and the relentlessness of intrigue at Westminster for a minister determined to hold on to her integrity under what feels to her like pressure from all sides. It is a vivid portrayal of a world she clearly loves.</p>	B WID 288p	BIOGRAPHY	CD, LP



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Act of Peace	Widdecombe, Ann	Klaus-Pierre never knew his father, a senior German officer, who was killed before he was born, and his French mother was rejected by her family of patriots and resistance workers. Cared for by his German family, Klaus-Pierre is loved and happy; but as he grows up, he tries to make his own "Act of Peace". The result is a horrifying confrontation between the two families when they meet in Provence.	F 448p	FICTION	CD,LP
Climbing the Bookshelves	Williams, Shirley	Shirley Williams was born to politics. As well as being influenced by her mother, Vera Brittan, her father George Caitlin, a leading political scientist, encouraged his daughter to have high ambitions for herself. This is an autobiography of her life.	B WIL 432p	BIOGRAPHY	LP
Before We Were Yours	Wingate, Lisa	A young woman, unsettled by a chance encounter, begins to question her past, setting her on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals when poor children were kidnapped and sold to wealthy families. Winner: Goodreads Choice Award, Best Historical Fiction.	F 480p	HISTORICAL	LP
Tin Man	Winman, Sarah	Tin Man portrays love, friendship and loss between three people: a young woman, Annie, and two men Ellis and Michael. Beginning in Oxford in the 1970's the novel explores the growing intimacy between the men and the changing dynamic when Annie comes into their lives. Expect a powerful and yet understated celebration of love in all its forms, and the moments that illuminate the life of one man. Shortlisted: Costa Novel Award.	F 226p	SHORTLIST	LP

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When God Was a Rabbit	Winman, Sarah	Spanning four decades and moving between suburban Essex, the wild coast of Cornwall and the streets of New York, this is a story about childhood, eccentricity, the darker side of love and sex, the pull and power of family ties, loss and life. More than anything, it's a story about love in all its forms. Galaxy National Book Awards - New Writer of the Year.	F 352p	WINNER	LP
In Memoriam	Winn, Alice	It's 1914, and talk of war feels far away to Henry Gaunt, Sidney Ellwood and the rest of their classmates, safely ensconced in their idyllic boarding school in the English countryside. At seventeen, they're too young to enlist, and anyway, Gaunt is fighting his own private battle - an all-consuming infatuation with his best friend, the dreamy, poetic Ellwood. When Gaunt's German mother asks him to enlist as an officer in the British army to protect the family from anti-German attacks, Gaunt signs up immediately, relieved to escape his overwhelming feelings for Ellwood. The front is horrific, of course, but Ellwood soon rushes to join him, spurred on by his love of Greek heroes and romantic poetry. Before long, their classmates have followed suit.	F 368p	FICTION HISTORICAL	N/A
The Salt Path	Winn, Raynor	Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband, is terminally ill, they lose both home and livelihood. With nothing left and little time, they make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path. This is an honest and life-affirming story of coming to terms with grief and the healing power of the natural world as their their walk becomes a remarkable journey. Shortlisted: Costa Biogrpahy Award, Wainwright Golden Beer Book Prize.	B WIN 280p	BIOGRAPHY	N/A

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Wild Silence	Winn, Raynor	Sequel to The Salt Path, Raynor and Moth have the chance to breathe life back into a beautiful but neglected farmhouse in the Cornish hills - as rewilding the land and returning nature to its hedgerows becomes their new path. Along the way, they learn more about the land that envelopes them, find new friends and embark on another windswept adventure.	362.19 280p	NON-FICTION	LP
Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit	Winterson, Jeanette	Jeanette is adopted and brought up as one of God's elect. Zealous and passionate, she seems destined for life as a missionary, but then she falls for one of her converts. At sixteen, Jeanette decides to leave the church, her home and her family, for the young woman she loves. Winner: Whitbread Award for a First Novel	F 171p	WINNER	N/A
Walking the Nile	Wood, Levison	A detailed, thoughtful, inspiring and dramatic book, recounting Levison Wood's walk the length of the Nile. Exploration and Africa are two of his great passions - they drive him on and motivate his inquisitiveness and resolution not to fail, yet the challenges of the terrain, the climate, the animals, the people and his own psychological resolution will throw at him are immense.	916.2 352p	NON-FICTION	LP
Weathering	Wood, Lucy	Ada and her daughter Pepper, arrive to sort through Pearl's things, clearing the house so she can leave and not look back. Pepper has grown used to following her restless mother from place to place, but this house, with its faded photographs, its boxes of cameras and its stuffed jackdaw, is something new. Fascinated by the scattering of people she meets, by the river that unfurls through the valley, and by the strange old woman who sits on the bank with her feet in the cold, coppery water, Pepper doesn't know why anyone would ever want to leave. Shortlisted for the Betty Trask Prize 2016.	F 304p	SHORTLIST	N/A

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Man on the Street	Wood, Trevor	When homeless veteran Jimmy Mullen witnesses a crime, years of living on the streets have taught him to keep his head down. However, when he sees an appeal from the victim's daughter, he comes forward but the police aren't interested. As he seeks to find out the truth he is forced to play a deadly game of hide and seek in Newcastle's darkest corners. Winner: CWA Dagger, Specsavers Crime Debut, Shortlisted: Theakston's crime novel of the year.	F 426p	PRIZEWINNER	CD
The Invention of Nature: The Adventures of Alexander Von Humboldt, The Lost Hero of Science	Wulf, Andrea	Humbolt is the great lost scientist: more things are named after him than anyone else. His colourful adventures read like something out of a Boy's Own story and he predicted human-induced climate change as early as 1800. Voyage in his footsteps and trace his ideas as they shape science today. Winner: costa Biography Award.	B HUM 496p	NON-FICTION WINNER	N/A
To Paradise	Yanagihara, Hanya	This novel spans three centuries and three different versions of life in America covering love, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia. In an alternate version of 1893 America, New York is part of the Free States, where people may live and love whomever they please (or so it seems). In a 1993 Manhattan besieged by the AIDS epidemic, a young Hawaiian man lives with his much older, wealthier partner, hiding his troubled childhood and the fate of his father. And in 2093, in a world riven by plagues and governed by totalitarian rule, a powerful scientist's damaged granddaughter tries to navigate life without him - and solve the mystery of her husband's disappearances.	F 708p	FICTION	N/A

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Land of love and drowning	Yanique, Tiphane	In 1917, the Danish Virgin Islands have just become the United States Virgin Islands. As the community undergoes pivotal change, a magical blend of history, racial issues, war, family curses, ill-fated love, and Virgin Island folklore is revealed. Winner: BOCAS Fiction Prize for Caribbean Literature, New York Center for Fiction First Novel Prize.	F 402p	FICTION	CD, LP
Shadow Of The Wind	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	What begins as a case of literary curiosity turns into a race to find out the truth behind the life and death of author Julian Carax and to save those he left behind. A page-turning exploration of obsession in literature and love, and the places that obsession can lead. Award winning author.	F 506p	LITERARY	N/A
The Angel's Game	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	In an old mansion in the heart of Barcelona, a young man receives a mysterious letter from a French editor, promising literary stardom if he will fulfil just one task. But the character is not all that he seems, and soon David has entered into a pact that will lead him to question everything he values.	F 544p	LITERARY	N/A
The Marriage Bureau for Rich People	Zama, Farahad	Mr Ali, from beautiful Vizag in South India, opens a marriage bureau. A perfect backdrop for a splendid array of characters and the ways in which true love won't quite let go - in this witty and big-hearted debut novel. Short listed: Best New Writer British Book Awards, Best Published Fiction at the Muslim Writers Awards, Melissa Nathan Awards for Comedy and Romance.	F 288p	SHORTLIST	N/A

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The Book Thief	Zusak, Markus	It's just a small story really, a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery. . . . Set during World War II in Germany, it's the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Winner: Commonwealth Writers Prize, Horn Book Fanfare, Kirkus Editor Choice Award, School Library Journal Best Book, Daniel Elliott Peace Award, Publishers Weekly Best Book, Booklist Editors' Choice, Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book, ALA Best Books for Young Adults, Michael L. Printz Honor Book, Book Sense Book of the Year, Pacific Northwest Young Readers Choice.	F 544p	WINNER	CD, LP
Bridge of Clay	Zusak, Markus	A family rocked by tragedy and long buried secrets. A father who walked out returns and a son who must find three things to understand his family's story. Moving, funny and uplifting novel from author of The Book Thief.	F 592p	FICTION	CD