Title	Author	Synopsis	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Mother's Instinct	Abel, Barbara	David and Laetitia Brunelle and Sylvain and Tiphaine Geniot are inseparable friends and next-door neighbours in a pretty, tranquil suburb. Their sons Milo and Maxime, born in the same year, grow up together as close as brothers. But when Maxime is killed in an accident, their idyllic world shatters.	F 304p	FICTION	N/A
The List	Adegoke, Yomi	Ola Olajide, a high-profile journalist at Womxxxn magazine, is marrying the love of her life in one month's time. She and her fiancé Michael seem to have it all. That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: 'Oh my god, have you seen The List?' It began as a list of anonymous allegations about abusive men. Now it's been published online. Ola made her name breaking exactly this type of story. But today, Michael's name is on there. Will the truth behind The List change everything for both of them?	F 384p	FICTION	N/A
The Clan of the Cave Bear	Auel, Jean M	When an earthquake destroys her family's camp, Ayla is left orphaned and alone in an unfamiliar and dangerous land, her likelihood of survival slim. But then she is found by a woman of the Clan, a people very different from her own kind. To them Ayla looks peculiar and ugly, her blonde hair and blue eyes marking her out as one of the Others, who have recently invaded their ancient homeland. Yet Iza, the Clan's medicine woman cannot leave the child to die. As Ayla learns the ways of the Clan and Iza's ways of healing, Iza grows to love her, and the rest of the Clan to accept her. Everyone, that is, except Brun, the brutal and proud youth who is destined to become their next leader. Set 25,000 years in the past, yet relatable today, <i>The Clan of the Cave Bear</i> is an epic tale of love, identity and the struggle to survive.	F 512p	FICTION	LP
Old God's Time	Barry, Sebastian	Recently retired police officer Tom Kettle is settling into the quiet of his new home, a lean-to annexed to a Victorian castle overlooking the Irish Sea. For months he has barely seen a soul, catching only glimpses of his eccentric landlord and a nervous young mother who has moved in next door. Occasionally, fond memories return, of his family, his beloved wife June and their two children. But when two former colleagues turn up at his door with questions about a decades-old case, one which Tom never quite came to terms with, he finds himself pulled into the darkest currents of his past. A beautiful, haunting novel, in which nothing is quite as it seems, <i>Old God's Time</i> is about what we live through, what we live with, and what may survive of us.	F 272p	FICTION	N/A
Strong Female Character	Brady, Fern	If you've ever been on a night out where you got blackout drunk and have laughed the next day as your friends tell you all the stupid stuff you said, that's what being autistic feels like for me: one long blackout night of drinking, except there's no socially sanctioned excuse for your gaffes and no one is laughing.' Fern Brady was told she couldn't be autistic because she's had loads of boyfriends and is good at eye contact. This is a story of how being female can get in the way of being autistic and how being autistic gets in the way of being the 'right kind' of woman.	F 288p	PRIZE WINNER	N/A
Abroad in Japan	Broad, Chris	When Englishman Chris Broad landed in a rural village in northern Japan he wondered if he'd made a huge mistake. With no knowledge of the language and zero teaching experience, was he about to be the most quickly fired English teacher in Japan's history? Packed with hilarious and fascinating stories, this book seeks out to unravel one the world's most complex cultures. Abroad in Japan is an extraordinary and informative journey through the Land of the Rising Sun.	320p	NON- FICTI	N/A

Nineteen Steps	Brown, Millie Bobby	Love blooms in the darkest days. London, 1942. Despite the raging war, spirited eighteen-year-old Nellie Morris lives a quiet life in the tight-knit East End community of Bethnal Green. Her family and friends all tease that she will marry air raid warden Billy, the boy next door who's always been sweet on her. Although the arrival of Ray, a handsome American airman stationed nearby, causes Nellie to question everything she thought she knew about her future. But Nellie's newfound happiness is short-lived when a tragic accident occurs during an air raid. Even the closest family can't escape the devastation of war, and as the secrets and truth about that fateful night become clear, they threaten to tear Nellie – and those dearest to her – apart.	F 384p	FICTION	LP
Possession	Byatt, A. S	Maud Bailey is a scholar researching the life and work of her distant relative, a little-known 19th-century poet named Christabel LaMotte. Roland Michell is looking into an obscure moment in the life of another Victorian poet, the celebrated Randolph Henry Ash. Together, the two uncover a dark secret in Ash's life: though apparently happily married, he conducted a torrid affair with LaMotte. As Maud and Roland dig deeper, they too find themselves falling in love.	F 624p	PRIZE WIN	CD
Deadly Game	Caine, Michael	DCI Harry Taylor has no respect for red tape or political reputations - but he's great at catching criminals. And all his unorthodox skills will be needed as an extraordinary situation unfolds on his doorstep: a metal box of radioactive material is found at a dump in Stepney, East London, but before the police can arrive it is stolen in a violent raid. With security agencies across the world on red alert, it's Harry and his unconventional team from the Met who must hit the streets in search of a lead. Thow much time does Harry have, and how many more players will join the action, before the missing uranium is lighting up the sky?	F 336p	FICTION	N/A
Birnam Wood	Catton, Eleanor	A thrilling novel centered around a guerrilla gardening group led by Mira Bunting. The group discovers an ideal piece of land near Korowai National Park, which becomes the focal point of their activities. However, their plans are complicated by Robert Lemoine, an American billionaire with secretive and potentially sinister intentions for the land. As the group navigates their relationship with Lemoine, tensions rise, and hidden motives are revealed. The story explores themes of trust, idealism versus pragmatism, and the lengths people will go to achieve their goals.	F 432p	THRILLER	LP
Land of Lost Things	Connolly, John	Phoebe, an eight-year-old girl, lies comatose following a car accident—a body without a spirit. Ceres, her mother, can only sit by her bedside and read aloud the fairy stories Phoebe loves in the hope they might summon her back to this world. But an old house on the hospital grounds, a property connected to a book written by a vanished author, is calling to Ceres. Something wants her to enter, to journey to a land coloured by the memories of childhood, and the folklore beloved of her father—a land where old enemies are watching and waitingThe Land of Lost Things.	F 368p	FICTION	CD,LP

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Tackle!	Cooper, Jilly	Rupert Campbell-Black, undefeated race-horse owner and handsomest man in the world, is in the darkest of places. His adored wife, Taggie, is about to undergo chemotherapy, his beloved horse Love Rat has died, and now his daughter Bianca wants him to buy a languishing local football club - a sport Rupert knows nothing about - so she can return to Rutshire with her football star husband. As Searston's new owner, he won't stand for anything less than victory in the Premier League, despite the odds being stacked against him. The rival football club and their corrupt dealings aren't going to make it easy for him either - and they have a history of foul play. Let the sabotage and scandal begin.	F 528p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Three Graces	Craig, Amanda	In the Tuscan hilltop village of Santorno, the Three Graces of her title are preparing for a spring wedding. Adorning this idyll Craig's Graces - Ruth, Marta and Diana - are a trio of elderly expatriates with a total of "four breasts, five eyes and three hip replacements" between them. When Enzo, a local villager, shoots an illegal immigrant from his bedroom window one night it triggers a series of events that embroil old and young, rich and poor, native and foreign.	F 416p	FICTION	N/A
The Ferryman	Cronin, Justin	Life on the island archipelago of Prospera is everything a person could hope for. Founded by the mythical genius known as the Designer, Prospera lies hidden from the horrors of a deteriorating outside world. Prospera's lucky citizens enjoy long, vigorous, and fulfilling lives- that is, until the monitors embedded in their forearms, meant to measure their physical health and psychological well-being, fall below 10 percent. When that happens, they retire themselves, embarking on a short ferry ride to the island known as the Nursery, where they are readied to restart life afresh. Proctor Bennett, , has a satisfying career as a ferryman, gently shepherding the elderly through the retirement process- and, when necessary, enforcing it. Soon enough, Proctor finds his fate entangled with a cause much bigger than he realized, and the world he inhabits is shattered.	F 560p	FICTION	N/A
Boy Swallows Universe	Dalton, Trent	Australia, 1983 - Life is pretty tough right now for twelve-year-old Eli – what with his mute brother, a convicted murderer for a babysitter, a drug-dealing stepfather, an incarcerated mother and a long-lost father – surely it can't get any worse? Think again. He's about to fall in love, break into prison and cross paths with one of the most notorious criminals Brisbane has ever seen. A coming-of-age story like no other.	F 512p	FICTION	N/A
Talking at Night	Daverley, Claire	Will and Rosie meet as teenagers. They're opposites in every way, but over secret walks home and late-night phone calls they become closer, destined to be one another's great love story. Until, one day, tragedy strikes and any possibility of them being together shatters. But that tragedy - and their history - is what will connect them forever.	F 400p	FICTION	N/A
The Last Passenger	Dean, Will	Caz Ripley, a cafe owner from a small, ordinary town, boards the RMS <i>Atlantica</i> with her boyfriend Pete and a thousand fellow passengers destined for New York. The next morning, she wakes to discover that everyone else on board has disappeared. And that's just the beginning. Caz must prepare for a crossing that will be anything but plain sailing <i>The Last Passenger</i> is a psychological thriller set aboard a cruise ship about a woman whose seemingly ordinary life is suddenly thrown dramatically off course.	F 496p	FICTION	CD,LP

Shakespeare: the man who pays the rent	Dench, Judi	For the very first time, Judi Dench opens up about every Shakespearean role she has played in her seven-decade career, from Lady Macbeth and Titania to Ophelia and Cleopatra. Here, she reveals her behind the scenes secrets; inviting us to share in her triumphs, disasters, and backstage shenanigans, all brightened by her mischievous sense of humour and striking honesty. This is Judi's love letter to William Shakespeare - the man who pays the rent.	400p	NON- FICTI	N/A
Trust	Diaz, Hernan	Even through the roar and effervescence of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of eccentric aristocrats. Together, they have risen to the very top of a world of seemingly endless wealth - all as a decade of excess and speculation draws to an end. But at what cost have they acquired their immense fortune	F 402p	FICTION	N/A
Learned by Heart	Donoghue, Emma	Adding to the already moving, richly told and gripping collection of historical fiction from Emma Donoghue, 'Learned By Heart' is the breathtaking story of two young girls on the margins of life, forging a connection that will last forever	F 336p	FICTION	CD,LP
Berserker!	Edmondson, Adrian	Ade Edmondson smashed onto the comedy circuit in the 1980s, stormed The Comedy Store and, alongside Rik Mayall, brought anarchy to stage and screen. How did a child brought up in a strict Methodist household - and who spent his formative years incarcerated in repressive boarding schools - end up joining the revolution? Well, he is part Norse. Could it be his berserker heritage? With wisdom, nostalgia and uniquely observed humour, Ade traces his journey through life and comedy: starting out on the alternative scene, getting arrested in Soho, creating his outrageously violent characters and learning more about his curious heritage	403p	NON- FICTI	LP
The Herd	Edwards, Emily	Elizabeth and Bryony are polar opposites but their unexpected friendship has always worked. They're the best of friends, and godmothers to each other's daughters - because they trust that the safety of their children is both of their top priority. Little do they know that they differ radically over one very important issue. And when Bryony, afraid of being judged, tells what is supposed to be a harmless white lie before a child's birthday party, the consequences are more catastrophic than either of them could ever have imagined.	F 342p	FICTION	N/A
The Wren, The Wren	Enright, Anne	Nell is a young woman with adventure on her mind. As she sets out into the world, she finds her family history hard to escape. For her mother, Carmel, Nell's leaving home opens a space in her heart, where the turmoil of a lifetime begins to churn. And across the generations falls the long shadow of Carmel's famous father, an Irish poet of beautiful words and brutal actions. This is a meditation on love: spiritual, romantic, darkly sexual or genetic. A generational saga that traces the inheritance not just of trauma but also of wonder, it is a testament to the glorious resilience of women in the face of promises false and true. Above all, it is an exploration of the love between mother and daughter - sometimes fierce, often painful, but always transcendent.	F 276p	FICTION	CD

James	Everett, Percival	The Mississippi River, 1861. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a new owner in New Orleans and separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson's Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father who recently returned to town. Thus begins a dangerous and transcendent journey by raft along the Mississippi River, toward the elusive promise of free states and beyond. As James and Huck begin to navigate the treacherous waters, each bend in the river holds the promise of both salvation and demise. With rumours of a brewing war, James must face the burden he carries: the family he is desperate to protect and the constant lie he must live. And together, the unlikely pair must face the most dangerous odyssey of them all	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
Just got real	Fallon, Jane	When happily divorced Joni is reluctantly talked into joining a dating app, she is surprised to quickly hit it off with Ant. Phone calls and texts soon evolve into a plan to meet up. Which is a problem, as Joni's profile picture is of someone else. Joni daren't confess her lie. Yet unable to stop thinking about what might have been, she hatches a plan to 'meet' Ant in real life without revealing who she really is. Once she and Ant are an item, however, it's soon clear that the only thing Ant was honest about was his profile picture. He's still online dating and intimately texting other women. So Joni contacts them - they need to know. And once they're comparing notes on Ant, upset turns to thoughts of revenge. But how do you get your own back on a truly heartless man?	F 391p	FICTION	CD
Seventh Son	Faulks, Sebastian	When a young woman named Talissa answers an advert to carry a child, she cannot begin to imagine the consequences. Behind the doors of the Parn Institute, a billionaire entrepreneur plans to stretch the boundaries of ethics as never before. Through a series of IVF treatments, one they hope no one ever discovers, they set in motion an experiment that is set to upend the human race as we know it. Seth, a baby, is delivered to hopeful parents Mary and Alaric, but when his differences start to mark him out from his peers, he begins to attract unwanted attention	F 356p	FICTION	N/A
The Running Grave	Galbraith, Robert	Private Detective Cormoran Strike is contacted by a worried father whose son, Will, has gone to join a religious cult in the depths of the Norfolk countryside. The Universal Humanitarian Church is, on the surface, a peaceable organisation that campaigns for a better world. Yet Strike discovers that beneath the surface there are deeply sinister undertones, and unexplained deaths. In order to try to rescue Will, Strike's business partner Robin Ellacott decides to infiltrate the cult and she travels to Norfolk to live incognito amongst them. But in doing so, she is unprepared for the dangers that await her there or for the toll it will take on her	F 1184p	FICTION	CD
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	In the book which put South America on the literary map, Márquez tells the haunting story of a community in which the political, the personal and the spiritual worlds intertwine.	F 422p	FICTION	CD
The Wager	Grann, David	On 28th January 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were 30 emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's ship The Wager, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. While chasing a Spanish treasure-filled galleon, The Wager was wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. The crew, marooned for months and facing starvation, built the flimsy craft and sailed for more than 100 days, traversing 2,500 miles of storm-wracked seas. They were greeted as heroes. Then, six months later, another, even more decrepit, craft landed on the coast of Chile. This boat contained just three castaways and they had a very different story to tell.	F 330p	NON- FICTI	N/A

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Normal Women	Gregory, Philippa	We have fallen into the belief that women were absent from great events, and ineffectual in normal times. Through a radical reframing of the conventional eras of our history, 'Normal Women' will tell the story of our nation - not with the rise and fall of Kings and the occasional Queen - but through social and cultural transition, showing the agency, persistence and effectiveness of women in society. Through the stories of the soldiers, guild widows, highwaywomen, pirates, miners and ship owners, international traders, theatre runners and 'female husbands', 'Normal Women' will redefine 'normal' female behaviour to include heroism, rebellion, crime, treason, money-making, jousting and sainthood. And much rioting.	F 630p	NON- FICTI	CD
A Haunting on the Hill	Hand, Elizabeth	Playwright Holly Sherwin is close to her big break. Having received a grant to develop her new play, all she needs is time and space to bring her vision to life. Then on a weekend away, she stumbles upon Hill House - an ornate if crumbling gothic mansion. Soon Holly's troop of actors - each with ghosts of their own - arrive at Hill House for a month-long creative retreat. But before long they find themselves at odds not just with one another, but with the house itself. For something has been waiting patiently in Hill House all these years. Something no longer content to walk alone.	F 325p	FICTION	N/A
The making of another major motion picture masterpiece: a novel	Hanks, Tom	Here is a wildly ambitious story of the making of a colossal, star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film, and the humble comic book that inspired it all. Spanning 80 years of a changing America and culminating in the opening of the film, we meet a colourful cast of characters including a troubled soldier returning from war, a young boy with an artistic gift, an inspired and eccentric director, a pompous film star on the rise, a tireless production assistant and countless film crew members that together create Hollywood magic	F 417p	FICTION	N/A
Conclave	Harris, Robert	The Pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, 118 Cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next 72 hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on Earth	F 380p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Year of the Locust	Hayes, Terry	If, like Kane, you're a Denied Access Area spy for the CIA, then boundaries have no meaning. Your function is to go in, do whatever is required, and get out again - by whatever means necessary. You know when to run, when to hide - and when to shoot.But some places don't play by the rules. Some places are too dangerous, even for a man of Kane's experience. The badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet are such a place - a place where violence is the only way to survive. Kane travels there to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West - but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction. A frightening, clever, vicious man with blood on his hands and vengeance in his heart.	F 662p	FICTION	CD
Really good, actually	Heisey, Monica	Maggie's marriage has ended just 608 days after it started, but she's fine - she's doing really good, actually. Sure, she's alone for the first time and can't afford her rent and her obscure PhD is going nowhere but at the age of twenty-nine, Maggie is determined to embrace her new status as a Surprisingly Young Divorcee. As Maggie throws herself headlong into the chaos of her first year of divorce, she soon finds herself questioning everything, including: Why do we still get married? Did I fail before I even get started? And how many 4am delivery burgers do I need to eat until I am happy?	F 368p	FICTION	N/A

Happy Place	Henry, Emily	Harriet and Wyn are the perfect couple - they go together like bread and butter, gin and tonic, Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds. Every year, they take a holiday from their lives to drink far too much wine with their favourite people in the world. Except this year, they are lying through their teeth, because Harriet and Wyn broke up six months ago. And they still haven't told anyone. But the cottage is for sale, so this is the last time they'll all be here together. They can't bear to break their best friends' hearts so they'll fake it for one more week. But how can you pretend to be in love - and get away with it - in front of the people who know you best?	F 368p	FICTION	N/A
The Perfect Couple	Hilderbrand, Elin	It's wedding season, and tensions are brewing. When one lavish wedding ends in disater before it can even begin - with the maid of honour discovered dead in Nantucket Harbor just hours before the ceremony - everyone in the wedding party is suddenly a suspect. As Chief of Police Ed Kapenash digs into the best man, the bride, the groom's famous mystery novelist mother, and even a member of his own family, the chief discovers that every wedding is a minefield - and that no couple is perfect.	F 412p	FICTION	CD
The Figurine	Hislop, Victoria	Concealed beneath the dust sheets in the Athens apartment she has inherited from her grandparents, Helena McCloud discovers a hidden hoard of rare antiquities, amassed during a dark period in Greek history when the city and its people were gripped by a brutal military dictatorship. Helena's fascination for archaeology, ignited by a summer spent on a dig on an Aegean island, tells her that she must return these precious artefacts to their rightful place. Only then will she be able to allay the darkness of the past and find the true meaning of home - for cultural treasures and for herself.	F 568p	FICTION	CD,LP
Verity	Hoover, Colleen	Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a succesfull series his injured wife is unable to finish. Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read	F 333p	FICTION	CD,LP
Before the Coffee gets cold	Kawaguchi, Toshikazu	In a cosy back alley in Tokyo, there is a cafe which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. Prepare to meet the next four visitors, each of whom is hoping to make use of the cafe's time-travelling offer. But the journey into the past does not come without risks: customers must sit in a particular seat, they cannot leave the cafe, and finally, they must return to the present before the coffee gets cold	F 227p	FICTION	CD
So Late in the Day	Keegan, Claire	After an uneventful Friday at the Dublin office, Cathal faces into the long weekend and takes the bus home. There, his mind agitates over a woman named Sabine with whom he could have spent his life, had he acted differently. All evening, with only the television and a bottle of champagne for company, thoughts of this woman and others intrude - and the true significance of this particular	F 64p	FICTION	N/A
Yellowface	Kuang, Rebecca	When failed writer June Hayward witnesses her rival Athena Liu die in a freak accident, she sees her opportunityand takes it. So what if it means stealing Athena's final manuscript? So what if it means 'borrowing' her identity? And so what if the first lie is only the beginning Finally, June has the fame she always deserved. But someone is about to expose her What happens next is entirely everyone else's fault.	F 326p	FICTION	NA

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The Unspeakable Acts of Zina Pavlou	Kyriacou, Eleni	London, 1954. Zina Pavlou, a Cypriot grandmother, waits quietly in the custody of the Metropolitan police. She can't speak their language, but she understands what their wary looks mean: she has been accused of the brutal murder of her daughter-in-law. Eva Georgiou, Greek interpreter for the Met, knows how it feels to be voiceless as an immigrant woman. While she works as Zina's translator, her obession with the case deepens, and so too does her bond with the accused murderer. Zina can't speak for herself. She can't clear her own name. All she can do is wait for the world to decide	F 404p	FICTION	N/A
Prophet Song	Lynch, Paul	On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother-of-four Elisih Stack answers her front door to find the GNSB on her step. Two officers from Ireland's newly formed secret police are here to interrograte her husband, Larry, a trade unionist. Ireland is falling apart. The country is in the grip of a government turning towards tryanny and when her husband disappers, Eilish finds herself caught within the nightmare logic of a society that is quickly unravelling. Soon, she must decide just how far she is willing to go to keep her family safe.	F 259p	FICTION	CD
In Ascension	MacInnes, Martin	Leigh grewup in Rotterdam, drawn to the waterfront as an escape from her unhappy home life and volatile father. Enchanted by the undersea world of her childhood, she excels in marine biology, travelling the globe to study ancient organisms. When a trench is discovered in the Atlantic ocean, Leigh joins the exploration team, hoping to find evidence of the earth's first life forms - what she instead finds calls into question everything we know about our own beginnings.	F 398p	FICTION	CD
Close to Home	Magee, Michael	Sean is back. Back in Belfast and back into old habits. Back on the mad all-nighters, the borrowed tenners and missing rent, the casual jobs that always fall through. Back in these scarred streets, where the promised prosperity of peacetime has never arrived. Back among his brothers, his ma, and all the things they never talk about. Until one night Sean finds himself at a party - dog-tired, surrounded by jeering strangers, his back against the wall - and he makes a big mistakes.	F 277p	FICTION	N/A
Western Lane	Maroo, Chetna	Eleven-year-old Gopi has been playing squash since she was old enough to hold a racket. When her mother dies, her father enlists her in a quietly brutal training regimen, and the game becomes her world. Slowly, she grows apart from her sisters. Her life is reduced to the sport, guided by its rhythms; the serve, the volley, the drive, the shot and its echo. But on the court, she is not alone. She is with he pa. She is with Ged, a thirteen-year-old boy with his own formidable talent. She is with the players who have come before her. She is in awe.	F 172p	FICTION	N/A
The Pavilion in the Clouds	McCall Smith, Alexander	It is 1938 and the final days of the British Empire. In a bungalow high up in the green hills above the plains of Ceylon, under a vast blue sky, live the Ferguson family: Bella, a precocious eight-year-old; her father Henry - owner of Pittlochry, a tea plantation - and her mother Virigina. The story centres around the Pavilion in the Clouds, set in the idyllic grounds carved out of the wilderness. But all is not as serene as it seems. Bella is suspicious of her governess, Miss White's intentions. Her suspicion sparks off her mother's imagination and after an unfortunate series of events, a confrontation is had with Miss White and a gunshot rings off around the hills.	F 233p	FICTION	CD

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Mother Hens	McCartney, Sophie	Cara Carmicael's bestie is finally getting hitched, and she's over the moon because it means one thing Whoah, they're going to Ibiza! Mums on Tour; ditching kids, partners and better judgement for a long-weekend of sun, sea and sexy support pants. What could possibly go 'Pete Tong'? Lazy days, crazy nights and child-free hangovers sound like hedonistic heaven - but it turns out you can get into a hell of a lot of trouble on the party island where rules are meant to be broken. Four friends, three nights, two murders - one heck of an adventure.	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
The Housemaid	McFadden, Freida	"Welcome to the family," Nina Winchester says as I shake her elegant, manicured hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. The Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own	F 338p	FICTION	N/A
The Witching Tide	Meyer, Margaret	East Anglia, 1645, Martha Hallybread, a midwife, healer and servant, is a trusted figure in her beloved coastal village of Cleftwater - even though no one has ever heard her speak. One day, the peaceful atmosphere is disrupted by the arrival of a witch-hunter, and suspicion threatens to tear the community apart. When Martha is drawn into the search, she finds herself torn between protecting herself or her friends. As the tide of suspicion builds and events hurtle towards a terrible reckoning. Martha's silence is a choice that could cost her everything	F 316p	FICTION	N/A
Sisters under the Rising Sun	Morris, Heather	1942, Singapore is falling to the Japanese Army. English musician Norah Chambers places her eight-year-old daughter Sally on a ship leaving Singapore, desperate to keep her safe. As the island burns, Australian nurse Nesta James joins the terrified cargo of people, including the heartbroken Norah, crammed aboard the HMS Vyner Brooke. After only two days at sea, the ship is bombarded and sunk. Nesta and Norah reach the beaches of Indonesia only to be captured and held in one of the notorious Japanese POW camps, places of starvation and brutality. But even here joy can be found, in music, where Norah's 'voice orchestra' transports the internees from squalor into light. The friendships they build with the dozens of other women in the camps will give them the hope, strength and camaraderie they need in order to stay alive.	F 401p	FICTION	CD,LP
Homecoming	Morton, Kate	Seeking comfort in her past, Jess discovers a true crime book chronicling a long-buried police case: the Turner Family Tragedy of 1959. And within its pages she finds a shocking personal connection to this notorious event - a crime that has never truly been solved. Home coming is an epic novel that spans generations and asks what we would do for those we love, and how we protect the lies we tell. It explores the power of motherhood, the corrosive effects of tightly held secrets, and the healing nature of truth.	F 631p	FICTION	CD
The Ghost Ship	Mosse, Kate	The Barbary Coast, 1621. A mysterious vessel floats silently on the water. It is known only as the Ghost Ship. For months it has hunted pirates to liberate those enslaved by corsairs, manned by a courageous crew of mariners from Italy and France, Holland and the Canary Islands. But the bravest among them are not who they seem. The stakes could not be higher. If arrested, they will be hanged for their crimes. Can they survive the journey and escape their fate?	F 475p	FICTION	CD

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The Bee Sting	Murray, Paul	The Barnes family is in trouble. Dickie's once-lucrative car business is going under - but rather than face the music, he's spending his days in the woods, building an apocalypse-proof bunker. His wife Imelda is selling off her jewellery on eBay while their teenage daughter Cass, formerly top of her class, seems determined to binge-drink her way to her final exams. And twelve-year-old PJ is putting the final touches to his grand plan to run away from home. Where did it all go wrong? And if the story has already been written - is there still time to find a happy ending?	F 645p	FICTION	N/A
Julia	Newman, Sandra	Julia knows how to survive in a world of constant surveillance, Thought Police, Newspeak, Doublethink, child spies and the black markets of the prole neighbourhoods. She's very good at staying alive. But Julia becomes intrigued by a colleague from the Records Department - a midlevel worker of the Outer Party called Winston Smith. She comes to realise that she's losing her grip and can no longer safely navigate her world. For the millions of readers who have been brought up with Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four, here, finally, is a provocative, vital and utterly satisfying companion novel.	F 388p	FICTION	N/A
Cat Lady	O'Porter, Dawn	It's safer for Mia to play the part that people expect. She's a good wife to her husband Tristan, a doting stepmother, she slips on her suit for work each morning like a new skin.But beneath the surface, there's another woman just clawing to get out. When a shocking event shatters the conventional life she's been so careful to build, Mia is faced with a choice. Does she live for a society that's all too quick to judge, or does she live for herself? And if that's as an independent woman with a cat, then the world better get ready.	F 342p	FICTION	CD
Wandering Stars	Orange, Tommy	Following its unforgettable characters through almost two centuries of history, from the horrors of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1865 to the aftermath of a mass shooting in the early 21st century, 'Wandering Stars' is an indelible novel of America's war on its own people. It is also the tender, shattering story of many generations of a Native American family, struggling to find ways through displacement, addiction and pain, towards home and hope.	F 320p	FICTION	N/A
Last Devil to Die	Osman, Richard	You'd think you would be allowed to relax over Christmas, but not in the world of the Thursday Murder Club. On Boxing Day, a dangerous package is smuggled across the English coast. When it goes missing, chaos is unleashed. The body count starts to rise - including someone close to the Thursday Murder Club - as our gang face an impossible search and their most deadly opponents yet. With the clock ticking down and a killer heading to Cooper's Chase, has their luck finally run out? And who will be 'the last devil to die'?	F 421p	CRIME	CD,LP
Great-Uncle Harry: A Tale of War and Empire	Palin, Michael	From the time, many years ago, when Michael Palin first heard that his grandfather had a brother, Harry, who died in tragic circumstances, he was determined to find out more about him. The quest that followed involved hundreds of hours of painstaking detective work. Michael dug out every bit of family gossip and correspondence he could. He studied every relevant official document. He tracked down what remained of his great-uncle Harry's diaries and letters, and pored over photographs of First World War battle scenes to see whether Harry appeared in any of them. As he did, a life that had previously existed in the shadows was revealed to him.	F322p	NON- FICTI	N/A

Wandering Souls	Pin, Cecile	One night, not long after the last American troops leave Vietnam, siblings Anh, Thanh and Minh flee their village and embark on a perilous journey in hope of a new life. Separated from their parents and fearing the worst they find themselves travelling alone in the world without a home to return to. After a twist of fate lands them in Thatcher's Britain, they must somehow build new lives there. Will the love they have for each other be enough to keep them together?	F 243p	FICTION	N/A
Excellent Women	Pym, Barbara	Mildred Lathbury is one of those 'excellent women' who is often taken for granted. She is a godsend, capable of dealing with almost anything. As such, she often gets herself embroiled in other people's lives - especially those of her glamorous new neighbours, the Napiers, whose marriage seems to be on the rocks.	F 304p	FICTION	CD,LP
The Trial	Rinder, Rob	When hero policeman Grant Cliveden dies from a poisoning in the Old Bailey, it threatens to shake the country to its core. The evidence points to one man. Jimmy Knight has been convicted of multiple offences before and defending him will be no easy task. Not least because this is trainee barrister Adam Green's first case. But it will quickly become clear that Jimmy Knight is not the only person in Cliveden's past with an axe to grind. The only thing that's certain is that this is a trial which will push Adam - and the justice system itself - to the limit.	F 359p	CRIME	CD
Victory City	Rushdie, Salman	In the wake of an unimportant battle between two long-forgotten kingdoms, a nine-year-old girl has a divine encounter that will change the course of history. Pampa Kampana becomes a vessel for a goddess, who tells her that she will be instrumental in the rise of a great city called Bisnaga, 'victory city'.  Over the next two hundred and fifty years, Pampa Kampana attempts to make good on the task that the goddess set for her: to give women equal agency in a patriarchal world. But all stories have a way of getting away from their creator, and Bisnaga is no exception.	F 338p	FICTION	CD
Best of Friends	Shamsie, Kamila	Fourteen-year-old Maryam and Zahra have always been the best of friends, despite their different backgrounds. Maryam takes for granted that she will stay in Karachi and inherit the family business; while Zahra keeps her desires secret, and dreams of escaping abroad. This year, 1988, anything seems possible for the girls; and for Pakistan, emerging from the darkness of dictatorship into a bright future under another young woman, Benazir Bhutto. But a snap decision at a party celebrating the return of democracy brings the girls' childhoods abruptly to an end. Its consequences will shape their futures in ways they cannot imagine.	F 336p	FICTION	N/A
Sweatpea	Skuse, C.J	Rhiannon is your average girl next door, settled with her boyfriend and little dogbut she's got a killer secret. By day her job as an editorial assistant is demeaning and unsatisfying. By evening she dutifully listens to her friend's plans for marriage and babies whilst secretly making a list. A kill list. From the man on the checkout who always mishandles her apples, to the driver who cuts her off on her way to work, to the people who have got it coming, Rhiannon's ready to get her revenge.	F 480p	FICTION	N/A
The Black Angels	Smilios, Maria	Black Angels' tells the true story of 300 black nurses who helped prevent a public health crisis in New York. In 1929, when white nurses staged a walk out at Staten Island's 2000-bed TB sanatorium, health officials made the decision to sanction a national call for 'coloured nurses'. Lured by the promise of good pay, education, housing, and the opportunity to work in a hospital free of quotas and segregated wards, 'Black Angels' from all over the country boarded trains and buses to enter wards. This book tells their 'triumphant story'.	F 320p	NON- FICT	N/A

The Dentist	Sullivan, Tim	DS George Cross can be rude, difficult, and awkward with people. But his unfailing logic and dogged pursuit of the truth means his conviction rate is the best on the force. Who was the unknown man whose weather-beaten body is discovered on Clifton Downs? Did the tragedy that led to a life on the streets also lead to his death? His police colleagues may dismiss it as a squabble among Bristol's homeless community, but Cross is not convinced. As he delves into the dead man's past, he becomes convinced that to catch this killer, he needs to solve a cold case murder from years before.	F 374p	CRIME	CD
Cutting for stone	Verghese, Abraham	Marion and Shiva Stone are twin sons of a secret union between an Indian nun and a British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the brothers come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.	F 560p	FICTION	CD
Looking Glass Sound	Ward, Catriona	In a windswept cottage overlooking the sea, Wilder Harlow begins the last book he will ever write. It is the story of his childhood companions and the shadowy figure of the Daggerman, who stalked their New England town. And it is the story of Sky, Wilder's one-time friend, who stole his unfinished memoir to turn it into a lurid bestselling novel, then died without ever explaining why. As he writes, Wilder begins to find notes written in Sky's signature green ink, and events in his manuscript start to chime eerily with the present. Is Sky haunting him? And who is the darkhaired woman drowning in the cove, whom no one else can see?	F 339p	THRILLER	N/A
The Lost Bookshop	Woods, Evie	For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives. But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder where nothing is as it seems.	F 431p	FICTION	LP
The Ginger Tree	Wynd, Oswald	In 1903 Mary Mackenzie sails for China to marry the British Military Attache, a man who turns out to be every bit as chilly as the Peking Winter. During one of his many absences, Mary has an affair with a Japanese soldier, Count Kurihama, but her pregnancy is impossible to keep secret. Rejected by husband, mother and country, and forced to leave her daughter behind, Mary flees to Japan. The Ginger Tree tells the fascinating story of her survival, isolated and alone, in this alien culture.	F 294p	FICTION	N/A
Days at the Morisaki Bookshop	Yagisawa, Satoshi	Twenty-five-year-old Takano has never liked reading, although the Morisaki bookshop has been in her family for three generations. It is the pride and joy of her uncle Ojisan, who has devoted his life to the bookshop since his wife Momoki left him five years earlier. When Takano's boyfriend reveals he's marrying someone else, she reluctantly accepts her eccentric uncle's offer to live rent-free in the tiny room above the shop. Hoping to nurse her broken heart in peace, Takano is surprised to encounter new worlds within the stacks of books lining the Morisaki bookshop.	F 147p	FICTION	N/A
Fourth Wing	Yarros, Rebecca	Welcome to the brutal and elite world of Basgiath War College, where everyone has an agenda, and every night could be your last. Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general - also known as her tough-as-talons mother - has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away - because dragons don't bond to 'fragile' humans. They incinerate them.	F 498p	FICTION	N/A

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Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow	Zevin, Gabrielle	This is the story of Sam and Sadie. It's not a romance, but it is about love. When Sam catches sight of Sadie at a crowded train station one winter morning he is catapulted back to the brief time they spent playing together as children. Their unique spark is instantly reignited. What comes next is a story of friendship and rivalry, fame and creativity, betrayal and tragedy, perfect worlds and imperfect ones. And, ultimately, our need to connect: to be loved and to love.	F 401p	FICTION	N/A
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