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[The Adjacent](#) Oct 19 2021 Tibor Tarent, a freelance photographer, is recalled to Britain from Anatolia where his wife Melanie has been killed by insurgent militia. If a nation living in the aftermath of a bizarre and terrifying terrorist atrocity - hundreds of thousands were wiped out when a vast triangle of west London was ins... The authorities think the terrorist attack and the death of Tarent's wife are somehow connected. A century earlier, a stage magician is sent to the Western Front to render British reconnaissance aircraft invisible to the enemy. On his journey to the trenches he meets the visionary who believes that this will be the war to end all wars. In 1943, a woman pilot from Poland tells a young RAF technician of her escape from the Nazis, and her desperate need to return home. In the present day, a theorist stands in his English garden and creates the first adjacency. THE ADJACENT is a novel where nothing is quite as it seems. Where fiction and history intersect, where version of reality is suspect, where truth and falsehood lie closely adjacent to one another. It shows why Christopher Priest is one of our greatest writers.

[Legends of Zita the Spacegirl](#) Dec 29 2019 Ben Hatke brings back our intrepid space heroine for another delightful sci-fi/fantasy adventure. Zita is determined to find her way home to earth, following the events of the first book. But things are never simple, and certainly never easy, in space. Zita's exploits from her first adventure have made her an intergalactic megastar! But she's about to find out that fame doesn't come without a price. And who can you trust when your true self is being eclipsed by your own fame? You've got a robot doppelganger wreaking havoc . . . while wearing your face? Still, if anyone can find their way through this intractable mess of mistaken identities and alien invaders, it's the indomitable Zita, in [Legends of Zita the Spacegirl](#). [Legends of Zita the Spacegirl](#) is one of Kirkus Reviews' Best Children's Books of 2012.

[The Gradual](#) Mar 12 2021 In the latest novel from one of the UK's greatest writers we return to the Dream Archipelago, a string of islands that no one can map. Alesandro Sussken is a composer, and we see his life as he grows up in a fascist state constantly at war with another equally faceless opponent. His brother is a musician whose knowledge of the other islands is forbidden by the junta, until he is unexpectedly sent on a cultural tour. And what he discovers on his journey will change his perspective on his country, his music and the ways of the islands themselves. Playing with the lot of the creative mind, the rigours of living under war and the nature of time itself, Priest is at his absolute best. Christopher Priest is a genre-leading author of SF fiction. His novel, THE PRESTIGE, won a number of awards and was adapted into a major motion picture. Priest is also an acclaimed, Oscar-nominated film directed by Christopher Nolan (TENET, INCEPTION) starring Hugh Jackman (THE GREATEST SHOWMAN, X-MEN), Christian Bale (THE DARK KNIGHT TRILOGY, THE BIG SHORT, BATMAN BEGINS), Michael Caine (THE ITALIAN JOB) and Scarlett Johansson (MARRIAGE STORY, THE AVENGERS).

[Molt Broth](#) Jan 28 2020 College students, human and nonhuman, raised together on the same planet, search for the origins of civilization in the Galaxy and find out if there is a vast, implacable conspiracy. Can they forge bonds of friendship and understanding among themselves strong enough to stand against greed, lust for power, and the domination of a hundred planets? If not, then why does the enemy fear them?

[The Curve of the Earth](#) Jun 26 2022 Welcome to the Metrozone - post-apocalyptic London of the Future, full of homeless refugees, street gangs, crooked cops and a mad scientist. Enter Samuil Petrovitch: a Russian émigré with a smart mouth, a dodgy heart and a dodgier past. He's brilliant, selfish, cocky and might just be most unlikely character you've ever had. Armed with a genius-level intellect, extensive cybernetic replacements, a built-in AI with god-like capabilities and a plethora of Russian swearwords - he's been through from ruin more than once. He's also made a few enemies in the process - Reconstruction America being one of them. So when his adopted daughter Lucy goes missing, he'll do anything to find her. Clue who's responsible. And there's no way he can let them get away with it.

[Bedlam](#) Oct 31 2022 HEAVEN IS A PRISON. HELL IS A PLAYGROUND. Ross Baker is an overworked scientist developing medical technology for corporate giant Neurolink, but he'd rather be playing computer games than dealing with his nightmare boss or slacker co-workers. He volunteers as a test candidate for the new tech - and ends up in the office for a few hours. But when he emerges from the scanner he discovers he's not only escaped the office, but possibly escaped real life for good. He's trapped in a video game he played as a child - with no explanation, no backup and, most terrifyingly, no way out.

[Ready Player One](#) Jun 14 2021 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg. "Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets The Matrix."—USA Today • "As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates."—Entertainment Weekly A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. A race to the finish. Ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most people spend their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of the 1980s. It's first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he's beset by rivals who'll kill to take the prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The AV Club "Delightful . . . the grown-up's Harry Potter."—HuffPost "An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part rom-com, part heart."—CNN "A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader."—Boston Globe "Ridiculously fun and readable."—Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that's both hilarious and compassionate."—NPR "[A] fantastic page-turner . . . a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own."—iO9

[The Poetry of Sex](#) Nov 19 2021 The Poetry of Sex - a raucous, highly enjoyable anthology by acclaimed poet Sophie Hannah 'We've been at it all summer, from the border to the edge of Mexico . . .' It's hard to imagine a more fruitful subject for poets than sex, in all its glorious manifestations: from desire and hope, through passion and confusion, to conclusion and consequence. And little has changed over the centuries, as Sophie Hannah's anthology vividly demonstrates, from Catullus pleading for his lover to Walt Whitman singing the body electric. Moods and attitudes may vary but the drive persists as does the desire to write about it. Sophie Hannah's selection ranges from Rome to modern New York, from gay to straight, but her principle has been to go low on the sugar and high on the excitement. It is essential reading for poetry lovers and romantics everywhere. Sophie Hannah has published five collections of poetry. Her fifth Pessimism for Beginners was shortlisted for the T.S. Eliot Award in 2007. Her first Poems is published by Penguin (revised edition, 2013). She is also the writer of bestselling psychological crime fiction, most recently The Carrier. Her novels have been translated into 24 languages. Born in Manchester, she now lives in Cambridge with her husband and children, and is a Fellow Commoner of Lucy Cavendish College.

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[Implied Spaces](#) Apr 12 2021 "Walter Jon Williams really knows how to play power chords in the 'key of wonder' and in Implied Spaces he's gone to town on the genre. It's a mix of SF and fantasy. ---Charles Stross "Implied Spaces pioneers a new genre of SF--- the 'Sword and Singularity' novel. Williams combines fantasy tropes believably with nanotech, bio-tech, infotech speculation, classic smashing-planets space opera, and intriguingly human, or possibly post-human characters along with a fast-moving plot and a quirky cast. It's a melange that's cosmological, theological, ontological, comic, and thoroughly entertaining." ---S.M. Stirling The mysterious swordsman Aristide wanders the multiverse in his talking cat Bitsy, both of them in search of the "implied spaces," the accidents of architecture in a world that is itself artificial and created by a supreme intelligence. Exploring the pre-technological world of Midgarth, Aristide discovers a plot that threatens to shake the multiverse to its foundations, a sinister enemy intent on

in his thrall. Aristide must surmount war, plague, death, the loss of love, and cosmic havoc in order to finally confront the enemy, whose secret brings all reality By Light Alone Jan 22 2022 In a world where we have been genetically engineered so that we can photosynthesise sunlight with our hair, hunger is a thing of the indulgence. The poor grow their hair, the rich affect baldness and flaunt their wealth by still eating. But other hungers remain ... The young daughter of an affluent family is kidnapped. The ransom demands are refused. A year later a young woman arrives at the family home claiming to be their long lost daughter. She has chosen to live on light, can anyone be sure that she has come home? Adam Roberts' new novel is yet another amazing melding of startling ideas and beautiful prose. In New York City of the future it nevertheless has echoes of a Fitzgeraldesque affluence and art-deco style. It charts his further progress as one of the most important writers of the Zoo City. Sep 05 2020 A new edition of Lauren Beukes's Arthur C Clarke Award-winning novel set in a world where murderers and other criminals acquire magical powers and are mystically bonded to them. Zinzi has a Sloth on her back, a dirty 419 scam habit, and a talent for finding lost things. When a little old lady turns up dead and she confiscates her last paycheck, Zinzi's forced to take on her least favorite kind of job -- missing persons. Being hired by reclusive music producer Odi Huron to find a missing star should be her ticket out of Zoo City, the festering slum where the criminal underclass and their animal companions live in the shadow of hell's undertow. In this novel Zinzi deeper into the maw of a city twisted by crime and magic, where she'll be forced to confront the dark secrets of former lives -- including her own.

The Palgrave Handbook of Literary Translation May 02 2020 This Handbook offers a comprehensive and engaging overview of contemporary issues in Literary Translation research through in-depth investigations of actual case studies of particular works, authors or translators. Leading researchers from across the globe discuss both the problems, and possibilities in the translation of poetry, novels, memoir and theatre. Divided into three sections, these illuminating analyses also address broad theoretical issues: translation style, the author-translator-reader relationship, and relationships between national identity and literary translation. The case studies are drawn from a wide range of language varieties, such as Catalan, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Nigerian English, Russian, Spanish, Scottish English and Turkish. The editors provide thorough introductory and concluding chapters, which highlight the value of case study research, and explore in detail the importance of the theoretical issues. Covering a wide range of topics, perspectives, methods, languages and geographies, this handbook will provide a valuable resource for researchers not only in Translation Studies, but also in the related fields of Linguistics, Languages and Cultural Studies, Stylistics, Comparative Literature or Literary Studies.

Black Widow Dec 09 2020 A "hair-raising . . . devilishly complicated mystery" from the Scottish crime master. "Don't even try to guess the outcome" (The New York Times Review). Diana Jager is clever, strong, and successful, a skilled surgeon and fierce campaigner via her blog about sexism in medicine. Yet it takes only hours for her to be crushed when her personal details are released on the internet as revenge for her writing. Then Diana meets Peter. He is kind, generous, and knows nothing about medicine. A second chance she's been waiting for. Within six months, they are married. Within six more, Peter is dead in a road accident, a nightmare end to their fairy-tale romance. Peter's sister doesn't believe in fairy tales, and tasks rogue reporter Jack Parlabane with discovering the dark truth behind the woman the media is calling the Black Widow. On the mend from a turbulent divorce, Jack's investigation into matters of the heart takes him to hidden places no one should ever have to go. Winner of the 2019 Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year Award and the 2016 McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Book of the Year "Brookmyre excels at melding the true chills of the psychological thriller with rollicking—if dark—humor. A witty and wild page-turner, Black Widow shines in showcasing this winning combination." —The Boston Globe "Exceptional knotty mystery that's . . . one of the most perceptive excavations of a dysfunctional marriage I can remember reading." —The Guardian (UK) "A tense and provocative read." —Entertainment Weekly

The Gunslinger Book 1 Oct 04 2020 Enter once more the world of Roland Deschain—and the world of the Dark Tower...now presented in a stunning graphic novel format. "The man in black fled across the desert, and the gunslinger followed." With these unforgettable words, millions of readers were introduced to Stephen King's iconic character Roland Deschain of Gilead. Roland is the last of his kind, a "gunslinger" charged with protecting whatever goodness and light remains in his world—a world that is slowly dying, they say. In this desolate reality—a dangerous land filled with ancient technology and deadly magic, and yet one that mirrors our own in frightening ways—Roland's spellbinding and soul-shattering quest to locate and somehow save the mystical nexus of all worlds, all universes: the Dark Tower. Now, in the graphic novel series The Dark Tower: Beginnings, originally published by Marvel Comics in single-issue form and creatively overseen by Stephen King himself, the full story of Roland's origins and coming-of-age is revealed. Sumptuously drawn by Jae Lee and Richard Isanove, plotted by longtime Stephen King expert Robin Furth, and scripted by New York Times bestselling author Peter David, Beginnings is an extraordinary and terrifying journey into Roland's origins—ultimately serving as the perfect introduction for new readers to Stephen King's modern literary classic The Dark Tower, while giving longtime fans thrilling adventures merely hinted at in his blockbuster novels. Bringing the dramatic arc of Roland into chronological order—as originally published in the novels The Gunslinger and Wizard and Glass—The Gunslinger Born begins with a reckless act of heroism as Roland gains his first set of guns and earns him and his friends, Cuthbert Allgood and Alain Johns, a special mission to the town of Hambray...not only for their people but on behalf of the Affiliation—an alliance resisting the ruinous advance of "the Good Man," a monster named John Farson. But the expedition will quickly become a harrowing experience of the evil forces that he will encounter again and again throughout his life, and in a myriad of guises. And he will also discover the overwhelming power of true love, through which, more than anything, he will learn beyond a shadow of a doubt what things are worth killing for....

A Snowball In Hell Sep 25 2019 The third book in the Angelique De Xavier series, from author Christopher Brookmyre. If society has the B-list celebrities it deserves, then it needs a killer to match. Except that Simon Darcourt is a great deal more successful in his career choice than the average talent show contestant. He's also got the media's attention. A simple expedient of by-passing them completely and posting real-time coverage of his killings on the internet. He's got viewing figures to make the world's TV elite envious, and he's pulling the voyeuristic strings of every viewer by getting them to 'vote' to keep his captives alive. Angelique De Xavier, his previous nemesis, is drawn into a police team trying to bring this one-man celebrity hate-fest to an end. But she can't do it alone, she needs the magical skills of her lover, only she doesn't know who he is. Meanwhile a whole load of celebs are, literally, dying to be famous. An intelligent satire, a thriller with exhilarating pace - Christopher Brookmyre at his best.

Railsea Aug 17 2021 Savage giant moles, rail pirates, and explorers abound in China Miéville's thrilling young adult novel, Railsea. On board the moletrain Medes, Soorap watches in awe as he witnesses his first moldyvarpe hunt. The giant mole bursting from the earth, the harpoonists targeting their prey, the battle resulting in the other's glory - are extraordinary. But no matter how spectacular it is, travelling the endless rails of the railsea, Sham senses that there's more to life. He can think only of her obsessive hunt for one savage mole. When they find a wrecked train, it's a welcome distraction. But the impossible salvage Sham finds the train. Soon he's hunted on all sides: by pirates, trainsfolk, monsters and salvage-scrabblers. And it might not be just Sham's life that's about to change. It could be the railsea.

Make the Most of Your Time in Britain Aug 05 2020 Make the Most of Your Time in Britain is a celebration of the most extraordinary places you can visit in Great Britain. From historic houses to eccentric festivals, this incredible photography collection features the best things to do, see and experience in Great Britain. High-quality photographs of each place to life, from the seascapes of Cornwall and dazzling northern lights of Scotland to the skiing wonder of Snowdonia in Wales. Lively descriptive text and an easy-to-use entry, which will inspire even the most intrepid traveller, highlighting exactly what makes it so special to visit now. The book reaches almost every corner of Britain. Each place carefully selected by experienced experts and specialists. Features of Make the Most of Your Time in Britain - Uncovers the top places to visit in Great Britain. A coffee-table book with inspirational, high-quality photography - Employs Rough Guides' "tell it like it is" ethos - Carefully curated by expert authors and editors A Rough Guide to Britain: Rough Guides have been inspiring travellers for over 35 years, with over 30 million copies sold. Synonymous with practical travel tips, quality writing and a "tell it like it is" ethos, the Rough Guides list includes more than 260 travel guides to 120+ destinations, gift-books and phrasebooks.

We Dream of Gods Feb 08 2021

Artemis May 14 2021 The bestselling author of The Martian returns with an irresistible new near-future thriller—a heist story set on the moon. Jasmine Bashara is a hero. She just wanted to get rich. Not crazy, eccentric-billionaire rich, like many of the visitors to her hometown of Artemis, humanity's first and only lunar colony. Rich enough to move out of her coffin-sized apartment and eat something better than flavored algae. Rich enough to pay off a debt she's owed for a long time. So when a huge score finally comes her way, Jazz can't say no. Sure, it requires her to graduate from small-time smuggler to full-on criminal mastermind. And it calls for a combination of cunning, technical skills, and large explosions—not to mention sheer brazen swagger. But Jazz has never run into a challenge her intellect can't handle. The figures she's got the "swagger" part down. The trouble is, engineering the perfect crime is just the start of Jazz's problems. Because her little heist is about to lead her into the middle of a conspiracy for control of Artemis itself. Trapped between competing forces, pursued by a killer and the law alike, even Jazz has to admit she's in way over her head. She'll have to hatch a truly spectacular scheme to have a chance at staying alive and saving her city. Jazz is no hero, but she is a very good criminal. That'll have to do. By its heroine's wisecracking voice, set in a city that's at once stunningly imagined and intimately familiar, and brimming over with clever problem-solving and humor, Artemis is another irresistible brew of science, suspense, and humor from #1 bestselling author Andy Weir.

BEDLAM Jun 22 2019 Now in an annual, treasury-sized book, Baby Blues brings you another year of life with the MacPhersons. Often-befuddled Darryl and always-befuddled Wanda manage to parent precocious Zoe, ornery Hammie, and Baby Wren while still keeping their senses of humor and sometimes even sweetness. In this collection it's time for her to take karate lessons, Wanda declares she needs some time for herself and joins a book (wine?) club, and Hammie discovers the joys of a zip line. In the end, Wanda finally reaches her breaking point of asking the kids to clean up, unleashing a new force of nature to the comic strip: the Tsumommy!

**Bred in the Bone** Oct 07 2020 Bred in the Bone is the stunning third novel in Brookmyre's series featuring private investigator Jasmine Sharp and Detective Superintendent Catherine McLeod. Set in the disturbing underworld of Glasgow—a place where countless old scores are still waiting to be settled, and where everyone knows a secret in the Bone is a masterful mystery novel that will appeal to readers of Denise Mina, Val McDermid, and Ian Rankin. Private investigator Jasmine Sharp's father was murdered before she was born, and her mother went to self-sacrificing lengths in order to shield her from the world in which he moved. Since her mother's death, all she knows is his first name—and that only through a strange bond she has forged with the man who killed him: Glen Fallan. But when Fallan is arrested for the murder of her mother, Catherine knew since childhood, Jasmine is finally forced to enter his domain: a place where violence is a way of life and vengeance spans generations. Detective Superintendent Catherine McLeod has one major Glasgow gangster in the mortuary and another in the cells for killing him - which ought to be cause for celebration. Catherine, however. From the moment she discovered a symbol daubed on the victim's head, she has understood that this case is far more dangerous than it appears on the surface. Something that could threaten her family and end her career. As one battles her demons and the other chases her ghosts, these two very different detectives uncover the secrets that have entangled both of their fates since before Jasmine was even born.

**Mr Champion's Cove** Oct 26 2019 East coast of England, 1971. Albert Campion is invited to assist Harvard student Mason Clay on a research trip to Wicken-juxta-Wicken. Wicken is already firmly on Campion's radar thanks to Dame Jocasta Upcott's beached luxury yacht, its captain very stuck - and very dead - in the mudbank. Was it an accident or something more sinister?

**The Plato Papers** Aug 24 2019 From the imagination of one of the most brilliant writers of our time and bestselling author of *The Life of Thomas More*, a novel that imagines how the "modern" era might appear to a thinker seventeen centuries hence. At the turn of the 38th century, London's greatest orator, Plato, is known for the long, tumultuous history of his now tranquil city. Plato focuses on the obscure and confusing era that began in A.D. 1500, the Age of Mouldwarp. His subject is Freud's comic masterpiece "Jokes and Their Relation to the Subconscious," and Charles D.'s greatest novel, "The Origin of Species." He explores the rituals of Mouldwarp, the later cult of webs and nets that enslaved the population. By the end of his lecture series, however, Plato has been drawn closer to the subject of his fascination than ever have anticipated. At once funny and erudite, *The Plato Papers* is a smart and entertaining look at how the future is imagined, the present absorbed, and the past misrepresented.

**The Alexandrian Ring** Nov 07 2020 Corbin Gablona brings Alexander the Great into the future in order to fight Kubar Taug, an alien, and establish Corbin's own empire. **The Cherryh Odyssey** July 24 2019 *The Cherryh Odyssey* brings together a dozen essays about respected science fiction and fantasy author C. J. Cherryh. Fellow academic Edward Carmien has gathered top voices in the field to discuss the literary life and career of Cherryh, including Burton Raffel, Jane Fancher, Janice Bogren, Wollheim, and many others. A substantial bibliography rounds out this collection. *The Cherryh Odyssey* is a text fans of the author will find invaluable, as will writers in the field, as it presents a readable yet in-depth examination of many issues relevant to this award-winning author's literary life and career. Scholars will find this blend of analysis and professional voices a compelling resource for further research.

**A Son of the Rock** Mar 31 2020 When Alan and his girlfriend, Sile, come across a primitive hut on the Rock, they are shocked to find an old man living there. As the old man has made old-age a thing of the past, Sonny is deeply attached to the Rock and entrusts Alan with protecting it when he dies.

**Intrusion** Mar 24 2022 "Insightful and ingenious... Intrusion is both horrific and comic, and deals movingly with the consequences of genetic fixes" - GUARDIAN "A finely-tuned, in-your-face argument of a novel... MacLeod will push your buttons - and make you think" - SFX Imagine a near-future city, say London, where we have advanced beyond our own and a single-dose pill has been developed that, taken when pregnant, eradicates many common genetic defects from an unborn child. The mother of a hyperactive four-year-old, is expecting her second child. She refuses to take The Fix, as the pill is known. This divides her family and friends and puts her husband in danger of imprisonment or worse. Is her decision a private matter of individual choice, or is it tantamount to willful neglect of her unborn child? A plausibly original novel with sinister echoes of 1984 and Brave New World. Books by Ken MacLeod: *Fall Revolution* *The Star Fraction* *The Stone Canal* *The Cassini Division* *Engines of Light* *Cosmonaut Keep* *Dark Light* *Engine City* *Corporation Wars* *Trilogy* *Dissidence* *Insurgence* *Emergence* *Novels* *The Human Front* *Newton's Wake* *Leviathan* *World The Execution Channel* *The Restoration* *Game* *Intrusion* *Descent*

**The Enchantment Emporium** Dec 21 2021 "The Gales are an amazing family, the aunts will strike fear into your heart, and the characters Allie meets are both charming and terrifying." #1 New York Times bestselling author Charlaine Harris Alysha Gale is twenty-four, unemployed, and tired of her family meddling in her life—personally and professionally. So when a letter arrives from her missing grandmother, bequeathing her a junk shop on the other side of Canada, Allie jumps at the chance to escape. But she also has to find an Enchantment Emporium to find trouble brewing. With dragons circling the town and a sorcerer wreaking havoc, even calling in the family may not save the day... *The Enchantment Emporium*... plenty of humor, thrills and original mythology, along with refreshingly three-dimensional women in a fully realized world." Publishers Weekly "A delightfully original finish—by turns humorous, romantic and dramatic." Fantasy and Science Fiction

**The Heat of the Sun** Feb 20 2022 When recently orphaned Woodley Sharpless encounters Ben Pinkerton -- known to all as 'Trouble' -- for the first time at the exclusive Academy, he is instantly enraptured. They are polar opposites; Ben is exotic and daring; Woodley is bookish and frail, yet their lives quickly become inextricable in the days at school, then in the staccato days of twenties New York, Woodley sees flashes of another person in his friend and slowly discovers a side of Ben's nature that he has hidden history. As the curtain falls on the frivolity of the twenties and rises to reveal the cruelty of a new decade, Woodley and Ben's friendship begins to fracture. In the coming years the two men meet intermittently; in Japan before the outbreak of the Second World War and then in the midst of the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos. In both their lives, their relationship and their suffering, stand for a generation; one dispersed by depression and upheaval, brutality and confusion. David Rain's novel *The Heat of the Sun*, is an ambitious and assured debut that captures perfectly two friends, two loves: two lives.

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**The Death of Grass** Sep 17 2021 A thought experiment in future-shock survivalism! Robert MacFarlane 'Gripping ... of all science fiction's apocalypses, this is one of the most haunting' Financial Times WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ROBERT MACFARLANE A post-apocalyptic vision of the world pushed to the brink by famine, John Christopher's science fiction masterpiece *The Death of Grass* includes an introduction by Robert MacFarlane in Penguin Modern Classics. At first the virus wiping out grass arouses little concern to John Custance. It has decimated Asia, causing mass starvation and riots, but Europe is safe and a counter-virus is expected any day. Except, it turns out governments have been lying to their people. When the deadly disease hits Britain, society starts to descend into barbarism. As John and his family try to make the most of the safety of his brother's farm in a hidden valley, their humanity is tested to its very limits. A chilling psychological thriller and one of the greatest post-apocalyptic novels ever written, *The Death of Grass* shows people struggling to hold on to their identities as the familiar world disintegrates - and the terrible price they must pay for survival. John Christopher (1922-2012) was the pen name of Samuel Youd, a prolific writer of science fiction. His novels were popular during the 1950s and 1960s, most notably *The Death of Grass* (1956), *The World in Winter* (1962), and *Wrinkle in the Skin* (1965), all works depicting ordinary people struggling in the midst of apocalyptic catastrophe. *The Death of Grass* started writing science-fiction for adolescents; *The Tripods* trilogy, *The Prince in Waiting* trilogy (also known as the *Sword of the Spirits* trilogy) and *The Lotus* series are widely read today. If you enjoyed *The Death of Grass*, you might like John Wyndham's *The Day of the Triffids*, also available in Penguin Modern Classics.

**Bedlam** Aug 29 2022 Would it be your ultimate fantasy to enter the world of a video game? A realm where you can look like a hero or a goddess, fly space-ships, and where all it feels completely real. A realm where there are no consequences and no responsibilities. Or would it be your worst nightmare? Stuck in an endless state of limbo where the pain and fear feels real and from which not even death can offer an escape... This is where you find out. This is Bedlam.

**Fallen Angel** Apr 24 2022 'Gloriously dark, deliciously twisty' CLARE MACKINTOSH ONE FAMILY, TWO HOLIDAYS, ONE DEVASTATING SECRET To new nanny Amanda, the Temple family seem to have it all: the former actress; the famous professor; their three successful grown-up children. But like any family, beneath the smiles lurks far darker emotions. Sixteen years earlier, little Niamh Temple died while they were on holiday in Portugal. Now, as Amanda joins the family for a reunion at the villa, she begins to suspect one of them might be hiding something terrible... And suspicion is a dangerous thing. From Chris Brookmyre, winner of the Theakston Award for Best Crime Novel and the McIlvanney awards for *Black Widow*, comes a standalone psychological thriller full of twists, lies and betrayal. PRAISE FOR CHRIS BROOKMYRE 'Guaranteed to keep you guessing' Ian Rankin 'Extremely sophisticated crime' Sunday Times 'Exceptionally good' Guardian 'In the pantheon of great crime writers' Elly Griffiths 'Scales new heights in invention' Times Literary Supplement 'Brookmyre writes beautifully... I was hooked' Literary Review

**Heartstone** May 26 2022 The epic fifth novel in the Matthew Shardlake Tudor Mystery series by the bestselling author of *Winter in Madrid* and *Dominion* Sumner's massive French armada is threatening England, and Henry VIII has plunged the country into economic crisis to finance the war. Meanwhile, an old servant of Queen Elizabeth Parr has asked Matthew Shardlake to investigate claims of "monstrous" wrongs committed against a young ward of the court. As the French fleet approaches, the inquiries reunite him with an old friend-and an old enemy close to the throne. This fast-paced fifth installment in C. J. Sansom's "richly entertaining and reassuring series" (Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review*) will enchant fans of *Wolf Hall*, *Bring Up the Bodies*, and *The Other Boleyn Girl*.

It Rides a Pale Horse Jan 10 2021 From a new star in horror fiction comes a terrifying novel of obsession, greed, and the shocking actions we'll take to protect th  
set in a small town filled with dark secrets. "Marino has a good eye for genuinely disturbing imagery. This novel hums with a terrifying momentum." — Kirkus Th  
are known around the small town of Wofford Falls. Both are artists, but Peter Larkin, Lark to his friends, is the hometown hero. The one who went to the big ci  
then came back and settled down. He's the kind of guy who becomes fast friends with almost anyone. His sister Betsy on the other hand is more... eccentric. S  
When Lark goes to deliver one of his latest pieces to a fabulously rich buyer, it seems like a regular transaction. Even being met at the gate of the sprawling, se  
intimidating security guard seems normal. Until the guard plays him a live feed: Betsy being abducted in real time. Lark is informed that she's safe for now, but i  
entirely in his hands. He's given a book. Do what the book says, and Betsy will go free. It seems simple enough. But as Lark begins to read he realizes: the book  
Its writer may be unhinged. His sister's captors are almost certainly not what they seem. And his town and those within it are... changing. And the only way out  
draws readers in quickly, creating sympathy for the characters, unveiling the necessary details to immerse them in a world of art, siblings, deadly intrigue, and a  
nefarious quest. Dread is present from the start, but it quickly escalates into a disorienting cosmic terror that touches everyone." — Booklist "Marino offers hor  
and visceral." — M. R. Carey, author of The Girl with All the Gifts, on The Seven Visitations of Sydney Burgess "Dark and fascinating . . . Not quite like anything I've  
before. A strange, compelling, late-night page-turner. It kept me reading way past my bedtime." —T. Kingfisher, author of The Hollow Places?, on The Seven Visita  
Burgess Also by Andy Marino: The Seven Visitations of Sydney Burgess

Quite Ugly One Morning Jul 28 2022 Paranoia, politics, and greed make for "a lean, nasty, fun little page-turner" about the murder of a powerful Scottish scion (TH  
Times). Investigative journalist Jack Parlabane has visited plenty of crime scenes but whoever carved up Dr. Jeremy Ponsoby wanted to send a particularly revol  
jet-lagged, hungover, and nauseated as he may be, Parlabane knows this was no break-in gone wrong. Dr. Sarah Slaughter, anesthesiologist and ex-wife of the v  
to believe it, too. Ponsoby had plenty of secrets, and in a profession that thrives on corruption, collusion, and an appalling disregard for public welfare, anything  
the motivations for her husband's murder cut even deeper than they can imagine. Are Parlabane and Slaughter a match for the skullduggery? It depends on how  
black morals and full-color bloodshed of the Edinburgh medical society they can stomach in this "thrillingly unpleasant" winner of the First Blood Award for Best  
Novel of the Year (Esquire).

Kill the Company Nov 27 2019 In the ever-changing world of business, we've arrived at a point where process has trumped culture, where the race toward effici  
unable to reach our potential. Stuck in the land of status quo, we've forgotten how to think. The very structures put in place to help businesses grow are now  
time to Kill the Company. This book is a call to arms: to start a revolution in how we think and work. But instead of more one-size-fits-all change initiatives forc  
employees, we need to embrace small changes that create ripple effects throughout the organization. Lisa Bodell urges companies to move from "Zombies, Inc."  
Thinking can no longer be exclusive to the creative team or lead strategists. A culture of curiosity must be fostered among the ranks to shake up our standard  
unproductive meetings to go-nowhere strategic planning. This revolution can and will awaken our ability to think, and ultimately, to innovate and grow.

Exogene Jun 02 2020 Catherine is a soldier. Fast, strong, lethal, she is the ultimate in military technology. Bred by scientists, indoctrinated by the government, s  
will win this war, no matter the cost. And the costs are high. The life span of these genetic soldiers is short, and they become unstable as they age. Then on th  
birthday, when their duty is fulfilled, they are discharged - lined up and shot. But the truth is, Catherine and her sisters may not be strictly human, but they are  
Catherine may have only known death, but she dreams of life - and is prepared to pay any price to get it.

Deadline Feb 29 2020 Shaun Mason is a man without a mission. Not even running the news organization he built with his sister has the same urgency as it use  
dead things just doesn't seem as fun when you've lost as much as he has. But when a CDC researcher fakes her own death and appears on his doorstep with a  
zombies in tow, Shaun has a newfound interest in life. Because she brings news-he may have put down the monster who attacked them, but the conspiracy is  
Shaun hits the road to find what truth can be found at the end of a shotgun. Newsflesh FeedDeadlineBlackout For more from Mira Grant, check out:

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