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OBSERVER THRILLER OF THE MONTH 'A page-turning, adrenaline-soaked read . . . an eloquent and meditative insight into motherhood and what it means, its many small trials and wonders.' Alison Flood, Observer 'An outdoors version of Emma Donoghue's Room... Fierce Kingdom works flawlessly as a thriller with expert pacing and a well-judged ending, but its most remarkable feature is its portrayal of motherhood' The Sunday Times 'I devoured it in one breathless sitting. Outstanding.' Clare Mackintosh, author of I Let You Go and I See You 'It tore at every maternal fibre in my body. I couldn't put it down.' Fiona Barton, author of The Widow ***** Lincoln is a good boy. At the age of four, he is curious, clever and well behaved. He does as his mum says and knows what the rules are. 'The rules are different today. The rules are that we hide and do not let the man with the gun find us.' When an ordinary day at the zoo turns into a nightmare, Joan finds herself trapped with her beloved son. She must summon all her strength, find unexpected courage and protect Lincoln at all costs – even if it means crossing the line between right and wrong; between humanity and animal instinct. It's a line none of us would ever normally dream of crossing. But sometimes the rules are different. ***** 'Fierce Kingdom is a bold exploration of the ferocity of a mother's love - riveting and beautiful, and all too real. You'll find yourself asking, what would I do? It's brilliant.' Shari Lapena, author of The Couple Next Door 'Unbearably tense and yet beautifully written, Fierce Kingdom demands to be read in one sitting. After finishing, I pulled my loved ones a little closer.' Paula Daly, author of The Mistake I Made 'I was absolutely captivated by this book. So, so tense, but wonderfully written. The perfect book.' Gillian McAllister, author of Everything But The Truth

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An electrifying literary thriller introducing an unforgettable mother and son, whose simple trip to the zoo one afternoon is transformed into three hours of terror and survival after gunshots ring out. After school on a late October day, Joan has taken her four-year-old son, Lincoln, to one of his favourite places on earth: the zoo. Just before closing time, as they need to go home, she hears some loud pops like firecrackers. Not thinking much of it, they head for the exit . . . until Joan realizes the eerie human emptiness means danger, then sees the figure of a lone gunman. Without another thought, she scoops up her son and runs back into the zoo. And for the next three hours--the entire scope of the novel--she

does anything she can to keep Lincoln safe. Both pulse-pounding and emotionally satisfying, *Fierce Kingdom* is a thrill ride, but also an exploration of the very nature of motherhood itself, from its saving graces to its savage power. At heart it asks how you draw the line between survival and the duty to protect one another? Who would you die for?

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----- 'So electrifyingly suspenseful and so brilliantly vivid, that I had to put it down to catch my breath at times - and I mean this as a compliment! There are so many beautiful details woven into this completely original concept exploring the visceral fears of motherhood, that any reader's heart will race, and then break, and then race again, from beginning to end.' Ashley Audrain Lincoln is a good boy. At the age of four, he is curious, clever and well behaved. He does as his mum says and knows what the rules are. 'The rules are different today. The rules are that we hide and do not let the man with the gun find us.' When an ordinary day at the zoo turns into a nightmare, Joan finds herself trapped with her beloved son. She must summon all her strength, find unexpected courage and protect Lincoln at all costs - even if it means crossing the line between right and wrong; between humanity and animal instinct. It's a line none of us would ever normally dream of crossing. But sometimes the rules are different. Previously published as *Fierce Kingdom*. 'A page-turning, adrenaline-soaked read . . . an eloquent and meditative insight into motherhood and what it means, its many small trials and wonders.' Alison Flood, Observer

A Sorrow Fierce and Falling (Kingdom on Fire, Book Three)

"A pinch of Potter blended with a drop of [Cassandra Clare's] *Infernal Devices*." --JUSTINE MAGAZINE
"Plot twists so good they will leave you reeling." --TRACI CHEE, New York Times bestselling author of *The Reader IT'S TIME FOR HER POWER TO RULE*. As Henrietta nervously awaits her marriage to Lord Blackwood, she discovers that Sorrow-Fell is not a safe haven from the bloodthirsty Ancients. It's a trap. So with her friend Maria and Magnus, the young man who once stole her heart, at her side, Henrietta plots a dangerous journey straight into the enemy's lair. Some will live. Some will die. All will be tested. In this stunning conclusion to the *Kingdom on Fire* series, Henrietta must choose between the love from her past, the love from her present, and a love that could define her future. The fate of the kingdom rests on her decision: Will she fall or rise up to become the woman who saves the realm? Praise for Jessica Cluess's *A Shadow Bright and Burning*, *Kingdom on Fire*, Book 1: "This is a novel that gives off light and heat." --The New York Times "Vivid characters, terrifying monsters, and world building as deep and dark as the ocean." --VICTORIA AVEYARD, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Red Queen* "Devastatingly magical and monstrously romantic." --STEPHANIE GARBER, New York Times bestselling author of *Caraval* "Unputdownable. I loved the monsters, the magic, and the teen warriors who are their world's best hope! Jessica Cluess is an awesome storyteller!" --TAMORA PIERCE, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Fierce King

Today is my wedding day. In a few breathless moments, I will be Mrs Alejandro Montoya. He is the King of L.A., and everything a woman could want. Handsome, powerful, rich, and hotter than hell itself. But I am not just any woman. I am Alana Carmichael and I'm only here to save my father. I will not bow to any king. This is no fairy tale. This is my nightmare. He is fierce and unyielding. I should hate him. But, the way he looks at me makes me feel more alive than I've ever felt before, and his touch sets my skin on fire. And as I uncover the secrets of our pasts, I discover that monsters are not always what they seem. Sometimes, the real monsters look like ordinary men. *Fierce King* is a forced marriage, dark mafia romance. It is book 1 in the L.A. Ruthless series and features the Montoya crime family. Publishers Note: This book deals with adult and mature themes.

A Kingdom of Flesh and Fire

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout comes a new novel in her *Blood and Ash* series... Is Love Stronger Than Vengeance? A Betrayal... Everything Poppy has ever believed in is a lie, including the man she was falling in love with. Thrust among those who see her as a symbol of a monstrous kingdom, she barely knows who she is without the veil of the Maiden. But what she does know is that nothing is as dangerous to her as him. The Dark One. The Prince of Atlantia. He wants her to fight him, and that's one order she's more than happy to obey. He may have taken her, but he will never have her. A Choice.... Casteel Da'Neer is known by many names and many faces. His lies are

as seductive as his touch. His truths as sensual as his bite. Poppy knows better than to trust him. He needs her alive, healthy, and whole to achieve his goals. But he's the only way for her to get what she wants—to find her brother Ian and see for herself if he has become a soulless Ascended. Working with Casteel instead of against him presents its own risks. He still tempts her with every breath, offering up all she's ever wanted. Casteel has plans for her. Ones that could expose her to unimaginable pleasure and unfathomable pain. Plans that will force her to look beyond everything she thought she knew about herself—about him. Plans that could bind their lives together in unexpected ways that neither kingdom is prepared for. And she's far too reckless, too hungry, to resist the temptation. A Secret... But unrest has grown in Atlantia as they await the return of their Prince. Whispers of war have become stronger, and Poppy is at the very heart of it all. The King wants to use her to send a message. The Descenters want her dead. The wolveren are growing more unpredictable. And as her abilities to feel pain and emotion begin to grow and strengthen, the Atlantians start to fear her. Dark secrets are at play, ones steeped in the blood-drenched sins of two kingdoms that would do anything to keep the truth hidden. But when the earth begins to shake, and the skies start to bleed, it may already be too late.

A Kingdom of Dreams

Bestselling author Judith McNaught has written a novel sure to continue the success of *Something Wonderful*. *A Kingdom Of Dreams* is the tender, tempestuous story of a feisty Scottish beauty and the fierce English warrior she defies--and desires! Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Before the Ruins

'Engrossing, beguiling, and with an undertow of menace, *Before the Ruins* is a masterly debut from a richly talented author.' Sarah Waters 'Jaw-droppingly brilliant writing' Marian Keyes Andy believes that she has left her past far behind her. But when she gets a call from Peter's mother to say he's gone missing, she finds herself pulled into a search for answers. Bored and restless after their final school exams, Andy, Peter, Em and Marcus broke into a ruined manor house nearby and quickly became friends with the boy living there. Blond, charming and on the run, David's presence was as dangerous as it was exciting. The story of a diamond necklace, stolen from the house fifty years earlier and perhaps still lost somewhere in the grounds inspired the group to buy a replica and play at hiding it, hoping to turn up the real thing along the way. But the game grew to encompass decades of resentment, lies and a terrible betrayal. Now, Andy's search for Peter will unearth unimaginable secrets - and take her back to the people who still keep them.

Come in and Cover Me

The moving story of a woman learning to let go of the past in order to move forward with her own future, from the author of *Fierce Kingdom*. When Ren was twelve years old, she lost her older brother to a car accident. For twenty-five years he's been a presence in her life, appearing with a song or a reflection in the moonlight. Her connection to the ghosts around her has made her especially sensitive as an archaeologist, understanding the bare outline of our ancestors, recreating lives and stories, and breathing life into those who occupied this world long before us. On the cusp of the most important find of her career, it is the ghosts who are guiding her way. But what they have to tell Ren about herself, and her developing relationship with the first man to really know her since her brother's death, is unexpected—a discovery about the relationship between the past and the future, and the importance of living in the moment.

The Well And The Mine

The gripping debut novel from the author of *FIERCE KINGDOM*, and a story about the power of the human spirit to give comfort in times of hardship. In 1931 Carbon Hill, a small Alabama coal-mining town, nine-year-old Tess Moore watches from the darkness of her back porch as a strange woman lifts the cover off the family well and tosses a baby in without a word. It is the height of the Depression; while Tess's father, Albert, performs backbreaking and dangerous work at the mine, her mother, Leta, makes do without meat on her table. But the family are luckier than most; the food they can grow on their plot of land has so far saved them from the crippling poverty and near-starvation that besets their neighbours. As Tess tries to unravel the mystery of the woman at the well, a portrait emerges of a family and a community struggling to survive the darkest of times. Resonant, vivid and clear-eyed in its portrayal of both the best and the worst of human nature, *The Well and the Mine* is a stunning novel about love, hope and the importance of doing the right thing.

I Will Be Fierce

Written by Bea Birdsong and illustrated by Nidhi Chanani, *I Will Be Fierce* is a powerful picture book about courage, confidence, kindness, and finding the extraordinary in everyday moments. Today, I will be fierce! It's a brand new day, and a young girl decides to take on the world like a brave explorer heading off on an epic fairytale quest. From home to school and back again, our hero conquers the Mountain of Knowledge (the library), forges new bridges (friendships), and leads the victorious charge home on her steed (the school bus). A 2020 Southern Book Prize Finalist

Fierce Bad Rabbits

What is *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* really about? How is Meg and Mog related to Polish embroidery? And why does death in picture books involve being eaten? *Fierce Bad Rabbits* explores the stories behind our favourite picture books, weaving in tales of Clare Pollard's childhood reading and her re-discovery of the classic tales as a parent. Because the best picture books are far more complex than they seem - and darker too. Monsters can gobble up children and go unnoticed, power is not always used wisely, and the wild things are closer than you think. 'A gem . . . hard to put down. Thoroughly enjoyable' *Spectator* 'Essential reading for every thinking parent' *Penelope Lively* 'An enlightening, perceptive analysis of the books that build us' *Sunday Telegraph*, 5 star review 'A happy way to reconnect with old friends' *Times*

Fierce Fragile Hearts

'This book is exquisite' - Holly Bourne, bestselling author of *Am I Normal Yet?* *Fierce Fragile Hearts* is the stunning companion novel to Sara Barnard's YA bestseller *Beautiful Broken Things*, which was selected for the inaugural Zoella Book Club. It is about leaving the past behind, the friends who form your future, and learning to find love, in all its forms. Two years after a downward spiral took her as low as you can possibly go, Suzanne is starting again. Again. She's back in Brighton, the only place she felt she belonged, back with her best friends Caddy and Rosie. But they're about to leave for university. When your friends have been your light in the darkness, what happens when you're the one left behind?

The Electric Kingdom

New York Times bestseller David Arnold's most ambitious novel to date; *Station Eleven* meets *The 5th Wave* in a genre-smashing story of survival, hope, and love amid a ravaged earth. When a deadly Fly Flu sweeps the globe, it leaves a shell of the world that once was. Among the survivors are eighteen-year-old Nico and her dog, on a voyage devised by Nico's father to find a mythical portal; a young artist named Kit, raised in an old abandoned cinema; and the enigmatic Deliverer, who lives *Life after Life* in an attempt to put the world back together. As swarms of infected Flies roam the earth, these few survivors navigate the woods of post-apocalyptic New England, meeting others along the way, each on their own quest to find life and love in a world gone dark. *The Electric Kingdom* is a sweeping exploration of art, storytelling, eternal life, and above all, a testament to the notion that even in an exterminated world, one person might find beauty in another.

The End We Start From

A startlingly beautiful story of a family's survival, *The End We Start From* is a haunting but hopeful dystopian vision of a familiar world made dangerous and unstable. 'Engrossing, compelling' - Naomi Alderman, author of *The Power* 'I was moved, terrified, uplifted – sometimes all three at once' - Tracy Chevalier, author of *Girl With a Pearl Earring* Megan Hunter's honed and spare prose paints an imagined future as realistic as it is frightening. Though the country is falling apart around them and its people are forced to become refugees, this family's world – of new life and new hope – sings with love. In the midst of a mysterious environmental crisis, as London is submerged below flood waters, a woman gives birth to her first child. Days later, the family are forced to leave their home in search of safety. As they move from place to place, shelter to shelter, their journey traces both fear and wonder as the baby's small fists grasp at the things he sees, as he grows and stretches, thriving and content against all the odds. With Benedict Cumberbatch calling it 'a stunning tale of motherhood', film rights have been sold to his production company SunnyMarch.

The Kingdom

Welcome to the Kingdom, a dazzling fantasy theme park where 'happily ever after' is not just a promise, but a rule . . . It's a fairytale which ends in murder as the one of the 'Fantasists' goes renegade. Ana, a half-human, half-android princess, is tasked with entertaining visitors and making wishes come true but now she's on trial, after finding herself experiencing emotions and romantic feelings against all her programming. Told through court testimony, interrogation records and fragmented flashbacks, Jess Rothenberg's *The Kingdom* has the futuristic appeal of *Westworld* and the twists and turns of a YA true-crime thriller. 'Disney on steroids . . . a surefire discussion starter about desire and power.' – Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Schindler's List

In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the Nazi concentration camps, this award-winning, bestselling work of Holocaust fiction, inspiration for the classic film and "masterful account of the growth of the human soul" (Los Angeles Times Book Review), returns with an all-new introduction by the author. An "extraordinary" (New York Review of Books) novel based on the true story of how German war profiteer and factory director Oskar Schindler came to save more Jews from the gas chambers than any other single person during World War II. In this milestone of Holocaust literature, Thomas Keneally, author of *The Book of Science and Antiquities* and *The Daughter of Mars*, uses the actual testimony of the Schindlerjuden—Schindler's Jews—to brilliantly portray the courage and cunning of a good man in the midst of unspeakable evil. "Astounding...in this case the truth is far more powerful than anything the imagination could invent" (Newsweek).

The Book of God

'My purpose and effort in writing this 'holy history' was always to persuade the reader to feel - to experience, in fact and in spirit - this, the greatest of stories.' This innovative, dramatic and highly readable retelling of the Bible - from the Creation to the Acts of the Apostles - in the style of an epic novel has sold 1.5 million copies worldwide. This blockbuster is now being reissued with a striking new cover for the 21st century.

Girl on Point

Alexandra Campbell's life comes to a crashing halt the night her younger sister is killed during a convenience store robbery. Shattered by guilt, Alex distances herself from her friends and family. Months later, with the police investigation stalled, she fears justice may never be served. Determined to avenge her sister's murder, Alex disguises herself and joins the gang responsible for the shooting. To identify the one who pulled the trigger, she must put her own life at risk in a world of dangerous criminals. But the longer she plays her new game, the more the lines blur between loyalty and betrayal.

Forsaken Kingdom

At his kingdom's darkest hour, the lost heir returns. A pity he can't remember who he is ... To save his people and the forbidden magic they're sworn to defend, Wardin Rath surrenders his birthright and his past. For seven years he's held at the court of his deadliest enemy, oblivious to all he's lost. Until one day, the spell that stole his memories begins to crack. On the heels of a harrowing escape, Wardin's quest for answers leads him to the last magistry, where he studied magic as a boy. But he'll find no

safe haven there-or anywhere. Plagued by threats and suspicion, hunted relentlessly by the king who will stop at nothing to crush him, Wardin is soon battling for his life, his home, and the survival of magic itself. And this time, the enemy will take no prisoners.

The Hidden Summer

After a falling out between their mothers, 13-year-old best friends Nell and Lydia are forbidden from seeing each other for the whole summer. Nell struggles with the thought of not only losing her best friend, but also losing the only person in whom Nell finds refuge from the difficulties she faces at home. Determined to find a place of their own, Nell and Lydia spend the summer hiding out in an abandoned golf course where Nell and Lydia find mysterious symbols scattered throughout the grounds. As they reveal the secret of the symbols, Nell discovers she isn't the only one seeking haven and begins to uncover what's really been hidden all along, finally allowing herself to be truly seen. *Hidden Summer* is a quietly beautiful coming of age story about self-discovery, family, and friendship. An elegantly written children's book debut from an award-winning author in the vein of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* and for fans of *Moon Over Manifest*.

A Little Bit of Spectacular

An authentic coming-of-age story about finding magic in the every day—perfect for fans of Rebecca Stead, Joan Bauer, and Wendy Mass. Olivia and her mom have just moved in with her grandmother, and Olivia has exactly zero friends at her new school. But after a strange message on the bathroom wall of a café catches her eye, Olivia decides that Birmingham, Alabama, may be a little more interesting than it seems. So begins a search for answers that takes her all over the city. Luckily, her mission isn't solitary for long, thanks to her newfound friendship with Amelia, a girl just odd enough to be intriguing. What the girls discover isn't the earth-shattering revelation they were hoping for, but it may be just as compelling. After all, sometimes the journey really is more important than the destination. Especially when it leads you back home.

Fierce

Discover Aly Raisman's inspiring story of dedication, perseverance, and learning to think positive even in the toughest times on her path to gold medal success in two Olympic Games--and beyond. Aly Raisman first stepped onto a gymnastics mat as a toddler in a "mommy & me" gymnastics class. No one could have predicted then that sixteen years later, she'd be standing on an Olympic podium, having achieved her dreams. Aly's road to success was full of hard work, perseverance, and victories, but not without its hardships. Aly faced many obstacles, from naysayers who said she'd never make it in gymnastics to classmates who shamed her for her athletic body to a devastating betrayal of trust. Through it all, Aly surrounded herself with supportive family, friends, and teammates and found the inner strength to remain positive and believe in herself. Now, in her own words, Aly shows what it takes to be a champion on and off the floor, and takes readers on a behind-the-scenes journey before, during, and after her remarkable achievements in two Olympic Games--through her highest highs, lowest lows, and all the moments in between. Honest and heartfelt, frank and funny, Aly's story is enhanced with never-before-published photos, excerpts from the personal journals she's kept since childhood that chronicle memorable moments with her teammates, and hard-won advice for readers striving to rise above challenges, learn to love themselves, and make their own dreams come true.

Who Fears Death

An award-winning literary author enters the world of magical realism with her World Fantasy Award-winning novel of a remarkable woman in post-apocalyptic Africa. Now optioned as a TV series for HBO, with executive producer George R.R. Martin!

The Sense of an Ending

A monumental novel capturing how one man comes to terms with the mutable past. 'A masterpiece... I would urge you to read - and re-read ' *Daily Telegraph* **Winner of the Man Booker Prize for Fiction** Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is retired. He's had a career and a single marriage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never

tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove.

Atomic Love

The stunning novel about our fiercest loyalties, deepest desires and the power of forgiveness 'A highly-charged love story' DELIA OWENS, bestselling author of WHERE THE CROWD SINGS 'This story has everything. Just thinking about it makes me feel that lovely feeling where your heart seems to skip a beat' 5***** Reader Review _____ Rosalind Porter's biggest mistake was love . . . Chicago, 1950. Before Thomas Weaver broke her heart and wrecked her career, Rosalind was a leading atomic researcher. Five years on, she's alone and can barely make ends meet. Which is when Thomas - a shattered man - walks back into her life, begging forgiveness. Rosalind would, and should, say no but for two reasons. First, she still loves Thomas. And, second, Charlie Szydlo. Charlie's a damaged FBI agent who believes Thomas is spying for Russia. He wants Rosalind to find evidence. But this is a dangerous game. Who can she trust? Thomas, who taught her how to love? Or Charlie, whose pain she yearns to heal? _____ 'Love, espionage, and a heroine who carves a strong path in the world of men. There is nothing left to want' Ann Patchett 'An emotionally charged romance, perfect for fans of Paula McLain' Library Journal 'Taut and atmospheric' Chanel Cleeton, author of Next Year in Havana READERS ARE ENTRANCED BY ATOMIC LOVE: 'There's real intensity between Roz and Wheeler and Roz and Charlie, you hardly dare to breathe . . . you can feel the growing emotional charge' 5***** Reader Review 'This story has everything. Just thinking about it makes me feel that lovely feeling where your heart seems to skip a beat' 5***** Reader Review 'The last few chapters are so very intense, punch in the air moments, me shouting 'yes!' Just pure magic!' 5***** Reader Review 'Espionage, love, betrayal - finely crafted cocktail of themes with sharp characters and beautifully written' 5***** Reader Review 'A phenomenal read - fundamentally a love story but so much more as well' 5***** Reader Review 'Pure pleasure all the way, managing to be both page-turning while pulling you in deep' 5***** Reader Review

Tell Me How it Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions

A moving, eye-opening polemic about the US-Mexico border and what happens to the tens of thousands of unaccompanied Mexican and Central American children arriving in the US without papers

Freefall

A MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK OF 2019: Entertainment Weekly | USA Today | Parade | Cosmopolitan | New York Post | PopSugar | Goodreads "Jessica Barry's Freefall is not only an enthralling, impossible-to-put down mystery that keeps the pages flying, but it is also a gorgeous, resonant tale of a mother's unconditional love for her daughter. I could not recommend this more!" — Aimee Molloy, New York Times bestselling author of The Perfect Mother "An absorbing treat." — PEOPLE Magazine "The corporate malfeasance and shady conspiracies of John Grisham, with the frank feminism of two rounded female protagonists." — Entertainment Weekly They say your daughter is dead. You know they're wrong. When her fiancé's private plane crashes in the Colorado Rockies, everyone assumes Allison Carpenter is dead. But Maggie, Allison's mother back home in Owl Creek, Maine, refuses to believe them. Maggie knows her daughter – or she used to, anyway. For the past two years, the two women have been estranged, and while Maggie doesn't know anything about Ally's life now – not even why she was on a private plane to begin with – she still believes in her girl's strength, and in their love for each other. As Allison struggles across the treacherous mountain wilderness, Maggie embarks on a desperate search for answers about the world Allison has been involved in. What was she running from? And can Maggie uncover the truth in time to save her? Told from the perspectives of a mother and daughter separated by distance but united by an unbreakable bond, Freefall is a heart-stopping, propulsive thriller about two tenacious women overcoming unimaginable obstacles to protect themselves and the ones they love.

Watling Street

A journey along one of Britain's oldest roads, from Dover to Anglesey, in search of the hidden history that makes us who we are today. 'A bravura piece of writing - Bill Bryson on acid' Tom Holland Winding its way from the White Cliffs of Dover to the Druid groves of Anglesey, the ancient road of Watling Street has gone by many different names. It is a road of witches and ghosts, of queens and highwaymen, of history and myth, of Bletchley Park codebreakers, Chaucer, Boudicca, Dickens and James Bond. But

Watling Street is not just the story of a route across our island. It is an acutely observed exploration of Britain and who we are today, told with wit and an unerring eye for the curious and surprising.

Fierce Queen

My name is Alana Montoya. My husband is the King of L.A. And I am his Queen. I never asked for this life, but now that it's mine, I will fight for it with every breath in my body. Our love is fire and fury, burning brighter than the heat of a thousand suns. But when secrets and betrayal threaten our chance at happiness, will the flames be enough to vanquish our enemies, and destroy our doubts and fears? Or will the ashes and embers of what we once had be all that remains? A war is coming to L.A, and when it is over, only one side will be left standing. A fierce King will burn the whole world down to get what he wants. But, a wise King knows that he can't win a war alone. Because when all is said and done, everyone knows that the Queen is the most powerful player on the board. Praise for Fierce King: 'Alejandro is definitely one of the hottest Mafia Bosses I have ever read about.' 'The chemistry between both Alejandro and Alana is electrifying!!!!' 'The chemistry between these two is fire & the steam is off the charts.' 'Be Still my beating heart.... I'm still swooning over Alejandro Montoya, he is going to steal your hearts and live in your memories as one of the best book boyfriends ever!!!! What a story!!! This is now one of my favorite ever reads!' 'Okay, let me break it down for you.... I LOVED IT. Totally hooked.' 'If I could give this book more stars I would... The characters and plot had me hooked from the beginning, it was so good in fact I read it in a day because I couldn't put it down.' 'This is dark mafia romance at its finest. Hot, steamy alpha male goodness, Alejandro was it for me. And don't even get me started on the smut. You'll need a cold flannel for their scenes.' 'Just! Wow!! Alejandro Montoya is a hot, sexy, alpha monster, but does he have a heart..? A fantastic story, with characters that have soul and emotion, that isn't just all about the hot sexy, steaminess, although there is that in abundance too!!! Just brilliant' Publishers note: This book contains scenes and themes of an adult nature.

Pollard

To fifteen-year-old Anne the woods that lie beyond her house are a temporary refuge from her noisy, chaotic family, until one day she gathers her courage and steps into the woods, never to return. Slowly, she makes a new life for herself, learning to forage and to hunt, to build a house from the bounty of the woods and to listen to the voices of the trees. As she endures her first, terrible winter she develops the strength of character that will carry her through the dangers of her unconventional life and the bitter beauty of falling in love, but as the outside world encroaches on her secret existence Anne faces a terrible tragedy.

A Poison Dark and Drowning (Kingdom on Fire, Book Two)

In the gripping fantasy sequel to *A Shadow Bright and Burning* that *Justine* magazine says is “a pinch of Potter blended with a drop of *Infernal Devices* (Cassandra Clare),” Henrietta wants to save her love, but his dark magic may be her undoing. “Devastatingly magical and monstrously romantic.” —Stephanie Garber, *New York Times* bestselling author of *CARAVAN* Henrietta wants to save the one she loves. But will his dark magic be her undoing? In the second book in the *Kingdom on Fire* series, Jessica Cluess delivers her signature mix of magic, passion, and teen warriors fighting for survival. Hand to fans of Victoria Aveyard, Sarah J. Maas, and Kiersten White. Henrietta came to London to be named the chosen one, the first female sorcerer in centuries. Instead, she discovered a city ruled by secrets. And the biggest secret of all: Henrietta is not the chosen one. Still, she must play the role in order to keep herself and Rook, her best friend and childhood love, safe. But can she truly save him? In order to try, Henrietta persuades Blackwood, the mysterious Earl of Sorrow-Fell, to travel up the coast to seek out new weapons. And Magnus, the brave, reckless flirt who wants to win back her favor, is assigned to their mission. Together, they will face monsters, make powerful allies, and discover that some old wounds are still full of poison. Praise for Jessica Cluess's *A Shadow Bright and Burning*, *Kingdom on Fire*, Book 1: “This is a novel that gives off light and heat.” —The *New York Times* “The magic! The intrigue! The guys! We were sucked into this monster-ridden alternative England from page one. Henrietta is literally a ‘girl on fire’ and this team of sorcerers training for battle had a pinch of Potter blended with a drop of [Cassandra Clare’s] *Infernal Devices*.” —*Justine* “Unputdownable. I loved the monsters, the magic, and the teen warriors who are their world’s best hope! Jessica Cluess is an awesome storyteller!” —Tamora Pierce, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

Fierce

never asked Hemi Te Mana to rescue me. It was true that I had a lousy job. Not to mention a lousy apartment and too much responsibility, although it was a responsibility I wouldn't have given up for the world. That still didn't mean I needed rescuing, if that was what you'd call the situation I ended up in. And anyway, I knew that a multimillionaire Maori CEO with too many muscles, a tribal tattoo, and a take-no-prisoners attitude was way, way out of my league. So, no, I didn't ask him to, but he rescued me anyway. Because Hemi was fierce. But you know what I found out? So was I.

Fly By Night

Winner of the Branford Boase award, Fly By Night is the stunning YA fantasy novel from Frances Hardinge, author of the Costa Award winning The Lie Tree. As the realm struggles to maintain an uneasy peace after years of civil war and tyranny, a twelve-year-old orphan called Mosca Mye and her loyal companion, a cantankerous goose, are about to become the unlikely heroes of a radical revolution. Mosca is on the run, heading for the city of Mandelion. There she finds herself living by her wits among cut-throat highwaymen, spies and smugglers. With peril at every turn, Mosca uncovers a dark plot to terrorize the people of Mandelion, and soon merry mayhem leads to murder . . . Fly By Night has an unforgettable cast of characters and an inspiring message at its heart – sometimes the power of words can change the world. Fly By Night is followed by its thrilling sequel, Twilight Robbery. 'Everyone should read Frances Hardinge. Everyone. Right now' - Patrick Ness, author of A Monster Calls.

A Heart So Fierce and Broken

_____The second book in the New York Times bestselling Cursebreaker series: a lush, contemporary fantasy retelling of Beauty and the Beast. _____Find the heir, win the crown. Win the crown, save the kingdom. Harper has freed Prince Rhen from the curse that almost destroyed his kingdom. But all is not well; rumours are rife that there is a rival heir with a stronger claim to the throne and that 'Princess' Harper of Disi is nothing but a fraud. Grey has fled the castle carrying a terrible secret. When he is discovered by soldiers and returned to Ironrose by force, Grey's allegiances begin to shift. And as he grows closer to an enemy princess, he is forced to decide whether he will stand against Rhen for the crown he never wanted ...For more fantasy romance, don't miss Brigid Kemmerer's heart-stopping Defy the Night series.

The Book Of Echoes

SHORTLISTED FOR THE AUTHOR'S CLUB FIRST NOVEL AWARD, THE RSL CHRISTOPHER BLAND PRIZE and THE HWA DEBUT CROWN AWARD 'A new classic' SARA COLLINS, author of THE CONFESSIONS OF FRANNIE LANGTON 'Impassioned. Lyrical and affecting' GUARDIAN _____Brixton 1981. Sixteen-year-old Michael is already on the wrong side of the law. In his community, where job opportunities are low and drug-running is high, this is nothing new. But when Michael falls for Ngozi, a vibrant young immigrant from the Nigerian village of Obowi, their startling connection runs far deeper than they realise. Narrated by the spirit of an African woman who lost her life on a slave ship two centuries earlier, her powerful story reveals how Michael and Ngozi's struggle for happiness began many lifetimes ago. Through haunting, lyrical words, one unforgettable message resonates: love, hope and unity will heal us all. _____'A searing, rhapsodic novel. Filled with beauty, devastation and the power of ancestral connections that ripple through the ages' IRENOSEN OKOJIE, author of NUDIBRANCH 'A gorgeous book' ALEX WHEATLE, author of BRIXTON ROCK _____Readers love THE BOOK OF ECHOES: 'A powerful and honest debut which is going to stay with me for a long time' ***** 'You can feel Amaka's passion rising off the page' ***** 'BRILLIANT, thoughtful and masterfully crafted' ***** 'Oh my goodness, the book itself is even more beautiful and haunting than the cover' *****

Into The Crooked Place

Desperate times call for desperate magic . . . Magic rules the city of Creije Capital and Tavia Syn knows just how many tricks she needs up her sleeve to survive. Selling dark magic on the streets for her kingpin, she keeps clear of other crooks, counting the days until her debt is paid and she can flee her criminal life. But then, one day, with her freedom in sight, Tavia uncovers a sinister plot that threatens to destroy the realm she calls home. Desperate to put an end to her kingpin's plan, Tavia forms an unlikely alliance with three crooks even more deadly than her: Wesley, the kingpin's prodigy and most renewed criminal in the realm Karam, an underground fighter with a penchant for killing first and forgetting to ask questions And Saxony, a Crafter in hiding who will stop at nothing to avenge her family With the

reluctant saviours assembled, they embark on a quest to put an end to the dark magic before it's too late. But even if they can take down the kingpin and save the realm, the one thing they can't do is trust each other.

The Book of Mother

LONGLISTED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE A gorgeous, critically acclaimed debut novel about a young woman coming of age with a dazzling yet damaged mother who lived and loved in extremes - in the bestselling tradition of Jeannette Walls's *The Glass Castle*. A prize-winning tour de force when it came out in France, Violaine Huisman's remarkable debut novel is about a daughter's inextinguishable love for her magnetic, mercurial mother. Beautiful and charismatic, Catherine, aka 'Maman', smokes too much, drives too fast, laughs too hard and loves too extravagantly. During a joyful and chaotic childhood in Paris, her daughter Violaine wouldn't have it any other way. But when Maman is hospitalised after a third divorce and breakdown, everything changes. Even as Violaine and her sister long for their mother's return, once she's back Maman's violent mood swings and flagrant disregard for personal boundaries soon turn their home into an emotional landmine. As the story of Catherine's own traumatic childhood and coming of age unfolds, the pieces come together to form an indelible portrait of a mother as irresistible as she is impossible, as triumphant as she is transgressive. With spectacular ferocity of language, a streak of dark humor and stunning emotional bravery, *The Book of Mother* is an exquisitely wrought story of a mother's dizzying heights and devastating lows, and a daughter who must hold her memory close in order to let go.

Fierce Attachments

In this deeply etched and haunting memoir, Vivian Gornick tells the story of her lifelong battle with her mother for independence. There have been numerous books about mother and daughter, but none has dealt with this closest of filial relations as directly or as ruthlessly. Gornick's groundbreaking book confronts what Edna O'Brien has called "the principal crux of female despair": the unacknowledged Oedipal nature of the mother-daughter bond. Born and raised in the Bronx, the daughter of "urban peasants," Gornick grows up in a household dominated by her intelligent but uneducated mother's romantic depression over the early death of her husband. Next door lives Nettie, an attractive widow whose calculating sensuality appeals greatly to Vivian. These women with their opposing models of femininity continue, well into adulthood, to affect Gornick's struggle to find herself in love and in work. As Gornick walks with her aged mother through the streets of New York, arguing and remembering the past, each wins the reader's admiration: the caustic and clear-thinking daughter, for her courage and tenacity in really talking to her mother about the most basic issues of their lives, and the still powerful and intuitively-wise old woman, who again and again proves herself her daughter's mother. Unsparing, deeply courageous, *Fierce Attachments* is one of the most remarkable documents of family feeling that has been written, a classic that helped start the memoir boom and remains one of the most moving examples of the genre.

A Shadow Bright and Burning (Kingdom on Fire, Book One)

"Vivid characters, terrifying monsters, and world building as deep and dark as the ocean." --Victoria Aveyard, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Red Queen* I am Henrietta Howel. The first female sorcerer in hundreds of years. The prophesied one. Or am I? Henrietta Howel can burst into flames. Forced to reveal her power to save a friend, she's shocked when instead of being executed, she's invited to train as one of Her Majesty's royal sorcerers. Thrust into the glamour of Victorian London, Henrietta is declared the chosen one, the girl who will defeat the Ancients, bloodthirsty demons terrorizing humanity. She also meets her fellow sorcerer trainees, handsome young men eager to test her power and her heart. One will challenge her. One will fight for her. One will betray her. But Henrietta Howel is not the chosen one. As she plays a dangerous game of deception, she discovers that the sorcerers have their own secrets to protect. With battle looming, what does it mean to not be the one? And how much will she risk to save the city—and the one she loves? Exhilarating and gripping, Jessica Cluess's spellbinding fantasy introduces a powerful, unforgettably heroine, and a world filled with magic, romance, and betrayal. Hand to fans of Libba Bray, Sarah J. Maas, and Cassandra Clare. "The magic! The intrigue! The guys! We were sucked into this monster-ridden, alternative England from page one. Henrietta is literally a 'girl on fire' and this team of sorcerers training for battle had a pinch of Potter blended with a drop of [Cassandra Clare's] *Infernal Devices*." --Justine Magazine "Cluess gamely turns the chosen-one trope upside down in this smashing dark fantasy." --Publishers Weekly, Starred Review "Unputdownable. I

loved the monsters, the magic, and the teen warriors who are their world's best hope! Jessica Cluess is an awesome storyteller!" --Tamora Pierce, #1 New York Times bestselling author "A fun, inventive fantasy. I totally have a book crush on Rook." --Sarah Rees Brennan, New York Times bestselling author "Pure enchantment. I love how Cluess turned the 'chosen one' archetype on its head. With the emotional intensity of my favorite fantasy books, this is the kind of story that makes you forget yourself." --Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of The Star-Touched Queen "A glorious, fast-paced romp of an adventure. Jessica Cluess has built her story out of my favorite ingredients: sorcery, demons, romance, and danger." --Kelly Link, author of Pretty Monsters