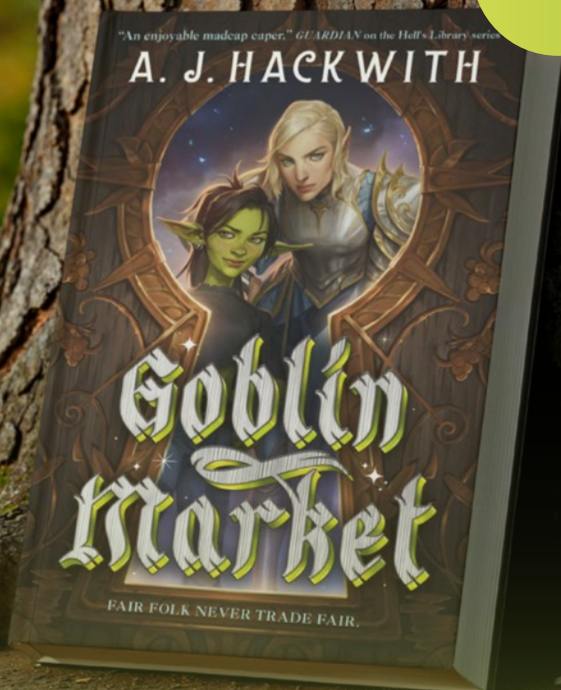




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Introducing the Booksellers Circle, an initiative designed for Independent Booksellers, with exclusive promotions and reviews from other independent booksellers.



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The Booksellers Circle is about inclusivity. We are all united in our passion for getting books to readers and promoting the love of the experience of an independent bookshop.

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From The Editor

There is nothing quite like a personal recommendation from a bookseller, and it was with that in mind that we formed our initiative supporting independent booksellers, now the Booksellers Circle!

*Our new brochure highlights **new releases** from the supporting publishers part of our initiative, and these are available to you with **up to 52.5% discount**.*

Supporting this offer is a series of reviews from our independent bookseller panel. The panel have taken the time to read through all the submitted titles and review the ones they feel will be the next big indie hit!

Our thanks to the panel for their hard work on this month's titles! We hope you love the new brochure as much as we do!

Nikki Daigneault

Marketing & Events Manager

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The Review Panel



Our fantastic bookseller panel power read through all of the titles submitted to each month's promotion, the resulting product is a series of reviews on 15 top picks for the month ahead, across Fiction, Non-Fiction and Children's books.

Reviews from their independent bookshops to yours!

The panel members starting from the top left are:

1. Rebecca Evans - Old Hall Bookshop // 2. Laura & Asher - Darling Reads //
3. Nick & Mel - The Rabbit Hole // 4. Marie Moser & Team - The Edinburgh Bookshop //
5. Helen Tamblyn-Saville - Wonderland Bookshop // 6. Matt Jehan and Hugo Stratford-Hall - The Lexicon Guernsey //
7. Jasmine Talbot and Tom Pearson - Mostly Books // 8. Jackie Butler - Padstow Bookseller //
9. Debi Phillips - Swindon Story Shed // 10. Lucy Atkinson - Back of Beyond Books //
11. Laura van Boven & Team - The Reading Room, Grantham // 12. Richard & David - Teasel & Skylark

All of the featured titles and discounts have been brought to you directly from the Booksellers Circle publishers. Each publisher is committed to seeing independent bookshops thrive and understand the importance of these shops in our high streets.

Keep your eyes peeled for next month's exciting batch of titles!



Goblin Market

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Goblin Market
by A J Hackwith
9781835418970
Titan Books Ltd
Hardback
RRP £18.99

Toast is a changeling that was brought home to the goblin market while she was still young and becomes a guide for humans that find themselves in the market.

The world building is careful about not being overwhelming, making this a delightful cosy fantasy that focuses on family but also has a murder to be solved!

The characters are beautifully written and lovable. There are fantastic nuances about this world that I have never seen before like how the characters get their names and the hierarchy in the market that make this a compelling read.

REVIEWED BY



PADSTOW BOOKSELLER

Jackie Butler

The Winter Guest



by Sarah Moss
9781037412172
Pan Macmillan
Hardback
RRP £12.99

Christmas Eve in an Irish hotel- a snowstorm forces two strangers to share secrets about the darkest days of their lives. A twisty clip of a novella that captures the feeling of the long dark days of winter. The reader can do nothing as the past catches up with Gerry and Janice and changes their lives forever. Short and snappy, a great read for anyone in a winter reading slump.

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Reviewed by *Lucy Atkinson*
BACK OF BEYOND BOOKS

The Hill In The Dark Grove



by Liam Higgison
9781035069446
Pan Macmillan
Paperback
RRP £9.99

The hill in the dark grove is a chilling novel that swept me away with it's prose and its eerie unsettling plot. Set in the mountains of North Wales during winter Carwyn discovers a buried prehistoric ruin, that descends him into obsession. His wife Rhian, finds herself coming to the realisation that Carwyn is becoming a stranger to her. This story adopts familiar Welsh myths and tales retold to shape this masterpiece of a novel about memory, and the extraordinary Welsh landscape.

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OLD HALL BOOKS

Gjak



by D Papamarkos
9781916806245
Peirene Press Ltd
Paperback
RRP £12.99

This translation of Greek historical fiction brings together eight interconnected tales, written in 'double dialect' with a lyrical ballad woven throughout. The introduction is as compelling as the novel itself, detailing the difficulty of translating both a unique writing style and an enchanting story without losing the fascination of the original - a challenge Sian Valvis rises to in spectacular fashion. The story resonates no matter where you're from or what accent you read it in, as well as offering a glimpse of Greek history often overlooked but carefully researched and turned literary by this exceptional author.

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Reviewed by *Debi*
SWINDON STORY SHED

Minihorror



by Barbi Markovic
9780571393183
Faber & Faber
Paperback
RRP £14.99

A strangely compelling collection of modern short horror stories in which the everyday become the macabre. Everyday scenes turn to nightmares, family gatherings into live burials, imitation Toblerone into a maggot infested terror. Though not for the faint of heart, Markovic does infuse the book with dark humour throughout making it a memorable read. A fun alternative pick for fans of Stephen King.

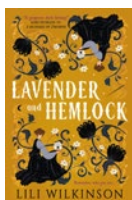
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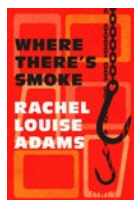
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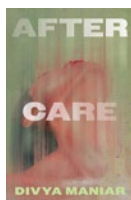
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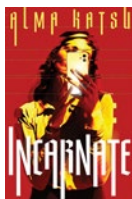
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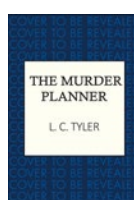
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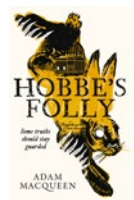
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The Bat Who Didn't Like The Dark

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The Bat Who Didn't Like The Dark
by Steve Small
9781398522305
Simon & Schuster Ltd
Hardback
RRP £12.99

This charming and comforting story about overcoming fears is sure to become a future bedtime favourite with younger readers and parents alike. As the little bat struggles to deal with the darkness each night, he soon befriends an owl who helps him start to see the dark a little differently. Steve Small's sumptuous illustrations make the nighttime feel safe and inviting and add a touch of magic to this beautifully told tale of friendship and courage. Full of wonder, warmth, and heart this picture book is highly recommended.

REVIEWED BY



TEASEL & SKYLARK

Richard



The Bear Who Loved The Moon



Reminiscent of folk stories and fairy tales, the rich language sweeps the reader through an adventure across the landscape as Bear tries to find the moon, coming full circle when he finds his way home. A story as beautiful as its illustrations, this is sure to become a keepsake across generations.

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9780241694473
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Reviewed by *Debi*
SWINDON STORY SHED

C Is For Cat!



A is for Adorable.... which is what this book is! Children can learn the alphabet in an entertaining way. This is the perfect sequel to the book D is for Dog. The rhymes make it easy to read and listen to, and the illustrations are delightful. Perfect for cat lovers as it shows how cheeky and spirited cats are.

by Em Lynas
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Reviewed by *Jasmine*
MOSTLY BOOKS

Don't Tickle The Snowman!



Bear falls in love with the Moon and when all his friends settle down to sleep, he tries to find her and embarks on a wonderful adventure all of which is beautifully illustrated from the snowcapped mountains to the moonbeams dancing in the water every page is stunning. A fantastic story about realising who loves you. This is a spectacular gift for younger readers who want a longer story.

by Lara Bryan
9781836043645
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PADSTOW BOOKSELLER

Pop-up Nutcracker



The classic story of the nutcracker comes to life in this intricate picture book. Though the book claims to feature five pop up scenes, don't be misled, the story of the classic ballet appears in full and the pop up scenes are so beautiful and brightly coloured that no parent could be disappointed with this being their child's first introduction to the nutcracker. A great gift for children at Christmas time

by Rosie Dickens
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Reviewed by *Lucy Fikinson*
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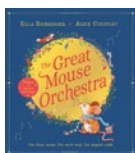
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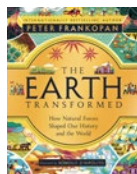
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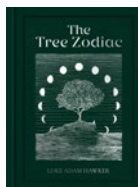
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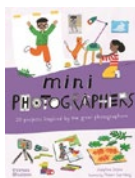
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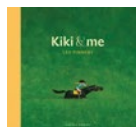
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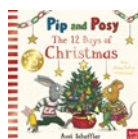
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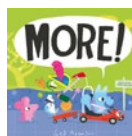
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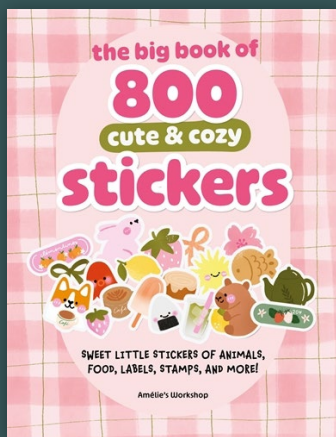
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by Amelie's Workshop
9781446319574
David & Charles
Paperback
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We have seen a massive increase lately in people asking us for stickers and scrapbooking material. With the rise of journaling, junk journaling and scrapbooking that seems to be going on at the moment, this jumbo book of stickers will be an incredibly useful thing to recommend.

There is a great variety of stickers from labels and borders to cute animals and graphics. A very cute book, great for the crafters that come into the bookshop.

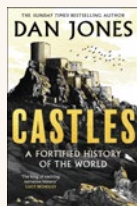
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BACK OF BEYOND BOOKS

Lucy Atkinson

Castles



Dan Jones can make whatever topic he turns his attention to absolutely gripping, right from the first word! It covers castles from the Middle Ages which is the image that immediately comes to mind at the word castle, right through to now and covering all the world. It is brilliant and so enjoyable, it's set out in such a way that makes it very digestible and doesn't feel like learning - though I did learn a lot! Fabulous.

by Dan Jones
9781035911974
Bloomsbury
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Reviewed by Jackie Butler
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The Art Of Science



Another splendidly illustrated DK title, this one exploring visualisations of science, broken up into sections such as The Earth, Astronomy, The Human Body, the Microscopic World, and so on. As you'd expect from DK, the illustrations are clear and often fascinating, a smorgasbord of different sciences offered up for visual delight. An excellent "dip into" book for adults and older children.

by DK
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Reviewed by Joe Gordon
THE EDINBURGH BOOKSHOP

Sleeping Beauties



This excellent book explores the concept that some of the best ideas, inventions, discoveries or works of art, are not always appreciated as such at the moment of their delivery into the world, but at a later, often much later, moment. These ideas are 'sleeping beauties', and the book explores this, asking why some ideas take longer to be recognised for their glory!

by David Byrne
9781805300540
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Reviewed by Darling Reads Team
DARLING READS

Knit An Heirloom Blanket



If you're looking for your next knitting project to get stuck into this autumn then this guide to creating an heirloom blanket would be perfect. This book invites knitters to build a patchwork style blanket using individually designed colourwork squares. There are endless designs to choose from including Fair Isle and delicate floral designs. It also offers instructions on joining and borders and working out your blanket design. There is also the option of some smaller projects including cushions and a baby blanket.

by Annah O'leary
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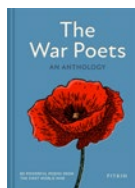
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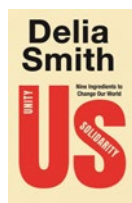
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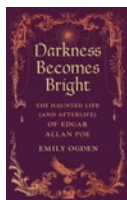
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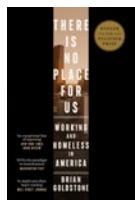
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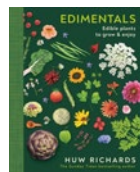
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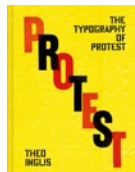
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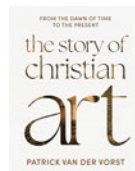
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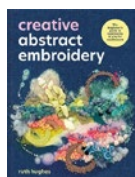
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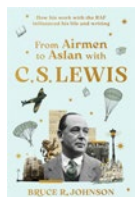
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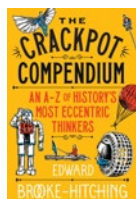
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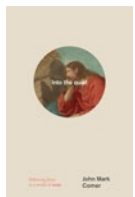
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