

PERFECT SUMMER PAGE TURNERS



Whether you're chasing shade at the beach, or sheltering in the bach during a surprise rainstorm, a good book is a summer holiday essential.

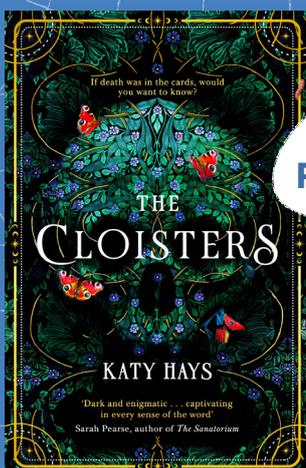
On this list you'll find a few scorchers that you may have missed the first time around, and some awesome new releases which we highly recommend.



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From the author of *Malibu Rising* and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, comes this sharp, smart and potent story about a female athlete and the cost of greatness.

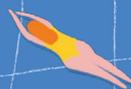
When Carrie Soto retires from tennis at 29, she's the best player the world has ever seen, but her determination to win has not made her popular. Six years later, when her grand slam winning streak is bested by a new superstar, Carrie decides to return for one epic final season to reclaim her record.

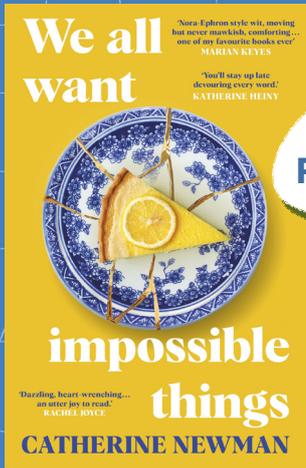


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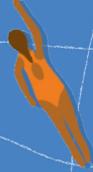
This is *The Secret History* meets *Ninth House*; a tale of toxic obsession, ambition and friendships turned sinister, with a mysterious pack of tarot cards at the heart of the story.

Assigned to a summer residency at *The Cloisters*, a gothic museum and garden in NYC, Ann Stilwell finds herself drawn into a small circle of charismatic researchers, each with their own secrets and desires. When Ann discovers a historical and rare deck of tarot cards, she suddenly finds herself at the centre of a dangerous game of power and obsession.



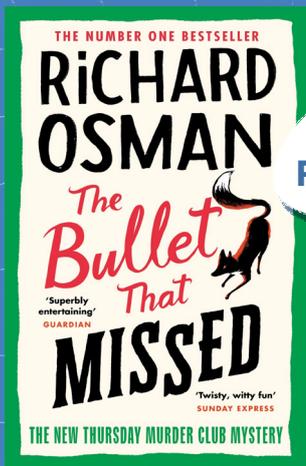


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Edith and Ashley have been best friends forever. They've shared the mundane and the momentous together. As Ash says, "*Edi's memory is like the back-up hard drive for mine.*" But now the unthinkable has happened. Edi is dying.

In the hospice room where Edi is stationed, these life-long friends reminisce, hold on, and try to let go, whilst Ash struggles with being an imperfect friend, wife and parent. For anyone who's ever lost a friend or had one, get ready to laugh through your tears.

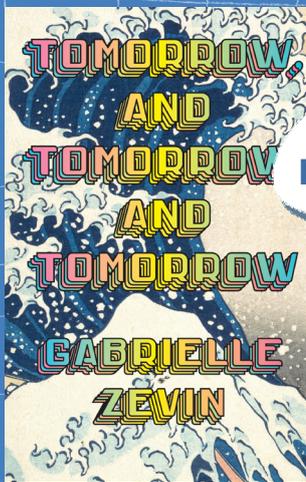


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In the third book in the bestselling *Thursday Murder Club* series, our favourite amateur detectives discover a decade-old cold case, leading them to a local news legend and murder with no body and no answers.

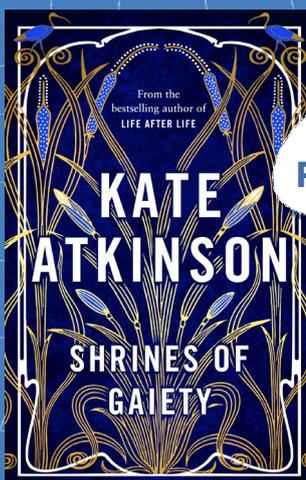
Then, a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill . . . or be killed. Can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again?



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Amazon's book of the year and Pandora Sykes' pick of 2022, *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* is the story of Sam and Sadie, two kids who meet in a hospital gaming room in 1986 and years later end up working together on their shared passion; video games. Their collaborations make them superstars.

But with success, fame and fortune also comes duplicity, tragedy and conflict. A stunningly written saga of creative collaboration, identity, imagination and love.

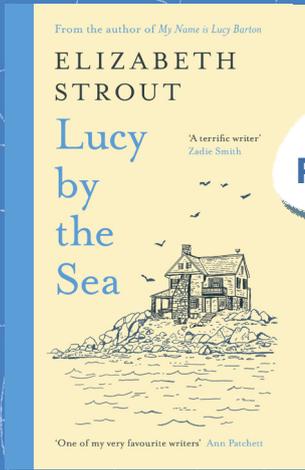


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1926, and London has become the focus for a glittering new nightlife. In the clubs of Soho, peers of the realm rub shoulders with starlets and gangsters.

At the heart of this glittering world is notorious Nellie Coker, ruthless but also ambitious to advance her six children. But success breeds enemies, and Nellie's empire faces threats from without and within. For beneath the dazzle of Soho's gaiety, there is a dark underbelly, a world in which it is all too easy to become lost.

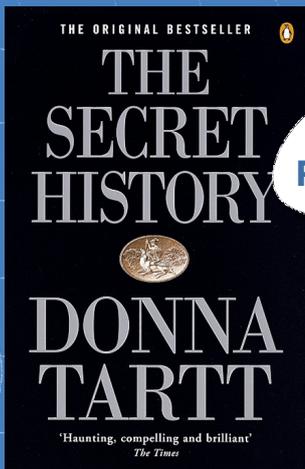


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In March 2020 Lucy's ex-husband William pleads with her to leave New York and escape to a coastal house he has rented in Maine. Lucy reluctantly agrees, leaving the washing-up in the sink, expecting to be back in a week or two. Weeks turn into months, and it's just Lucy, William, and their complex past together in a little house nestled against the sea.

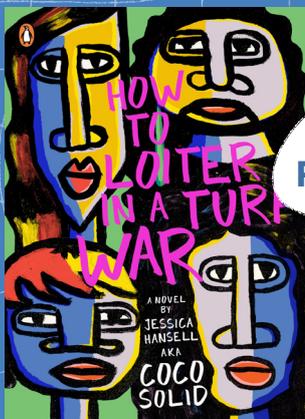
Rich with empathy, this searing novel is about the deep human connections that sustain us, even as the world seems to be falling apart.



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If you're yet to read Donna Tartt's brilliant novel, maybe this summer is the summer you discover your favourite book of all time.

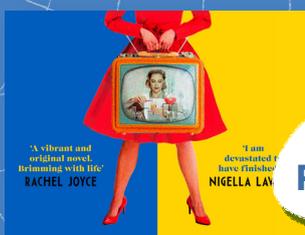
When Richard Papen joins an elite group of eccentric but clever students at his New England college, it seems he may finally become the person he wants to be. But the moral boundaries he will cross with his new friends - and the deaths they are responsible for - will change all of their lives forever.



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Set over the course of one sweltering hot day in *Tāmaki Makaurau*.

As gentrification closes in and they witness their neighbourhood become more unfamiliar with each passing day, Te Hoia, Q and Rosina find solace in their art and each other. Swimming against the tide of urban reality, they cling to their friendship like a life raft, determined not to let the place they call home drift any further out to sea. Fast, ferociously brilliant and crack-up funny.



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Elizabeth Zott is a serious chemist. Unfortunately, it's the early 1960's, and her all-male team at the Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality.

Which is part of the reason why, Elizabeth Zott eventually finds herself the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, *Supper at Six*. Her scientific approach to cooking proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.