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Author	Title	Synopsis	Genre	Amount of copies	Pages	Date Added
ABRAMS, Rebecca	Touching Distance	In the winter of 1790, a mysterious and deadly disease strikes the unsuspecting town of Aberdeen. The victims are all women in the prime of life. Determined to save his patients, talented young physician Alec Gordon embarks on an astonishing medical quest.	Historical	15	416	14/12/2009
ACKROYD, Peter	The Limehouse Golem	In this novel the light and the dark sides of 19th-century London flow into each other, attracting the attention of famous names such as Marx and Gissing, but also of less well-known characters, who play a significant role in a tale that is a mixture of fable, adventure and Gothic comedy.	Thriller	15	288	07/09/2018
ADICHE, Chimamanda Ngozi	Americanah	From the award-winning author of 'Half of a Yellow Sun', a powerful story of love, race and identity. As teenagers in Lagos, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are fleeing the country if they can. The self-assured Ifemelu departs for America. There she suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race.	Fiction	15	477	29/04/2014
ADICHE, Chimamanda Ngozi	Half a Yellow Sun	Set in Nigeria during the 1960s, this novel contains three main characters who get swept up in the violence during these turbulent years. It is about Africa, about the end of colonialism, about class and race, and the ways in which love can complicate these things.	Literary	12	433	14/09/2010
ADIE, Kate	The Kindness of Strangers	Kate Adie has reported from many of the world's trouble spots since she joined the BBC in 1969. This autobiography covers her experiences in Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Tiananmen Square and the Gulf War of 1991, revealing her extraordinarily demanding life at the heart of the action.	Biography	15	438	03/05/2005
AKUNIN, Boris	Winter Queen	This is the first book featuring Erast Fandorin, a gentleman sleuth who solves murders and mysteries in tsarist Russia. A 23-year-old law student commits suicide in broad daylight in Moscow's Alexander Gardens. Fandorin is put on the case to find out what drove him to it.	Detective	15	249	09/08/2004
ALBOM, Mitch	The Five People You Meet in Heaven	'The Five People You Meet in Heaven' is a beautifully written first novel that addresses the meaning of life - and life after death.	Fiction	15	231	21/07/2009
ALBOM, Mitch	Tuesdays with Morrie	Mitch Albom writes for the Detroit Free Press and has been voted America's number one sports columnist ten times. In this book, Mitch describes how he rediscovered his mentor, his former college professor Morrie Schwartz.	Non-Fiction	15	192	30/10/2014
ALDERMAN, Naomi	The Power	What if the power to hurt were in women's hands? Suddenly - tomorrow or the day after - teenage girls find that with a flick of their fingers, they can inflict agonizing pain and even death. With this single twist, the four lives at the heart of Naomi Alderman's extraordinary, visceral novel are utterly transformed.	Science Fiction	15	340	30/06/2017

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AMIS, Kingsley	Lucky Jim	'Lucky Jim' is the tale of university lecturer Jim Dixon who has to navigate the stumbling blocks of life at a red brick university, as he attempts to climb the social ladder to a moderately successful future.	Fiction	15	264	09/10/2014
ANGELOU, Maya	I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou's autobiographical account of her childhood and early youth in 1930s America is an evocation of a black girl's struggle against her oppressors	Biography	15	309	19/12/2003
ATKINSON, Kate	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Whitbread Book of the Year, 1995. Ruby was born while her father was in the pub. Her mother, Bunty, had never wanted to marry him, and dreamt of being swept off to America by a romantic hero, but instead, was stuck in a flat with her three children. This is the family's story.	Fiction	15	381	07/05/2004
ATKINSON, Kate	A God in Ruins	Kate Atkinson's 'Life After Life' explored the possibility of infinite chances, as Ursula Todd lived through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. In 'A God in Ruins', Atkinson turns her focus on Ursula's beloved younger brother Teddy - would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father - as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have.	Fiction	15	556	14/01/2016
ATKINSON, Kate	Life After Life	What if you had the chance to live your life again and again, until you finally got it right? 'Life After Life' follows Ursula Todd as she lives through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. With wit and compassion, she finds warmth even in life's bleakest moments, and shows an extraordinary ability to evoke the past.	Fiction	15	621	05/02/2014
ATKINSON, Kate	When Will There Be Good News?	In rural Devon, six-year-old Joanna witnesses an appalling crime. 30 years later the man convicted of the crime gets out of prison. In Edinburgh, 16-year-old Reggie works as a nanny for a doctor. But Dr Hunter has gone missing & Reggie seems to be the only person who is worried. DCI Louise Monroe is also looking for a missing person.	Crime	15	479	29/07/2009
ATWOOD, Margaret	The Handmaid's Tale	The Republic of Gilead allows Offred only one function - to breed. If she deviates, she will, like all dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on whom her future hangs.	Fiction	15	324	19/02/2008
AUSTEN, JANE	Mansfield Park	At the age of ten, shy, vulnerable Fanny Price leaves behind her impoverished family in Portsmouth to go and live with her rich relatives at Mansfield Park.	Classic	15	507	05/01/2007
AW, Tash	The Harmony Silk Factory	This is the story of four people. Johnny is an infamous Chinaman, who uses his shophouse as a front for illegal businesses. Snow Soong is the beautiful daughter of a prominent family who dies giving birth. Kunichika is a Japanese officer who loves Snow and Peter Wormwood is an Englishman who loved Snow to the end of his life.	Fiction	15	362	12/01/2007

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BACKMAN, Fredrik	A Man Called Ove	There is something about Ove. At first sight, he is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots - neighbours who can't reverse a trailer properly, joggers, shop assistants who talk in code, and the perpetrators of the vicious coup d'etat that ousted him as Chairman of the Residents' Association. He will persist in making his daily inspection rounds of the local streets. But isn't it rare, these days, to find such old-fashioned clarity of belief and deed? Such unswerving conviction about what the world should be, and a lifelong dedication to making it just so?	Fiction	15	304	31/08/2016
BAILEY, Jenna	Can Any Mother Help Me?	Jenna Bailey has brought together this intimate and moving collection of personal stories following the lives of women throughout the 20th century	Non-Fiction	15	354	23/12/2008
BAINBRIDGE, Beryl	The Bottle Factory Outing	Freda and Brenda spend their days working in an Italian-run wine bottling factory and their nights in a dismal bedsit. Little wonder, then, that the works outing offers such promise to Freda, and such terror for Brenda.	Fiction	15	208	30/11/2011
BAJWA, Rupa	The Sari Shop	Ramchand, a young man living in a small, north Indian town, works each day at Sevak Sari House. Amongst the cotton and silks, he and his fellow shop assistants sit, unrolling yards of coloured fabric for the town's middle class wives and daughters and speculate on their own futures.	Fiction	10	256	16/03/2004
BAKER, Jo	Longbourn	It is wash-day for the housemaids at Longbourn House, and Sarah's hands are chapped and bleeding. Domestic life below stairs, ruled tenderly and forcefully by Mrs Hill the housekeeper, is about to be disturbed by the arrival of a new footman smelling of the sea, and bearing secrets. For in Georgian England, there is a world the young ladies in the drawing room will never know, a world of poverty, love, and brutal war.	Historical	15	447	17/04/2014
BARKER, Pat	Life Class	When war breaks out in 1914, Paul Tarrant, a student at the Slade School of Art, leaves behind his attempted life as an artist and his beautiful fellow-student Elinor to tend to casualties on the front line.	Fiction	15	352	02/01/2009
BARNES, Julian	Arthur and George	Arthur and George grow up worlds and miles apart in late 19th century Britain – Arthur in shabby-genteel Edinburgh, George in the vicarage of a small Staffordshire village. As the new century begins, they are brought together by a sequence of events which make sensational headlines at the time as The Great Wyrley Outrages.	Fiction	11	360	13/09/2005
BARNES, Julian	The Sense of an Ending	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. They all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is in middle age and he is finding that memory is imperfect	Fiction	15	150	24/05/2012

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BARNETT, Laura	The Versions of Us	A man is walking down a country lane. A woman, cycling towards him, swerves to avoid a dog. On that moment, their future hinges. There are three possible outcomes, three small decisions that could determine the rest of their life. Eva and Jim are 19 and students at Cambridge when their paths first cross in 1958. And then there is David, Eva's then-lover, an ambitious actor who loves Eva deeply. 'The Versions of Us' follows the three different courses their lives could take following this first meeting. Lives filled with love, betrayal, ambition but through it all is a deep connection that endures whatever fate might throw at them.	Fiction	15	403	09/02/2016
BARRY, Sebastian	Days Without End	Having signed up for the US army in the 1850s, aged barely 17, Thomas McNulty and his brother-in-arms, John Cole, go on to fight in the Indian wars and, ultimately, the Civil War. Orphans of terrible hardships themselves, they find these days to be vivid and alive, despite the horrors they both see and are complicit in.	Historical	15	301	15/09/2017
BAUER, Belinda	Blacklands	12-year-old Steven Lamb's uncle disappeared aged 11 and is assumed to have fallen victim to the notorious serial killer Arnold Avery. But Steven's Nan doesn't think her son is dead. Steven wants to prove he's gone and so he writes to Avery in prison. So begins a dangerous game between a desperate child and a bored serial killer.	Thriller	15	347	19/09/2011
BAUER, Belinda	Snap	On a stifling summer's day, 11-year-old Jack and his two sisters sit in their broken-down car, waiting for their mother to come back and rescue them. Jack's in charge, she said. I won't be long. But she doesn't come back. She never comes back. And life as the children know it is changed for ever. Three years later, mum-to-be Catherine wakes to find a knife beside her bed, and a note that says: I could have killed you. Meanwhile Jack is still in charge - of his sisters, of supporting them all, of making sure nobody knows they're alone in the house, and - quite suddenly - of finding out the truth about what happened to his mother. But the truth can be a dangerous thing.	Thriller	15	435	19/10/2018
BENSON, Richard	The Farm	Richard Benson was never cut out for life on the family farm, yet when his father chose to sell up he decided to return to Yorkshire. This is his account of being outwitted by even the dimmest of animals whilst trying to make ends meet.	Biography	13	229	01/02/2006
BERENDT, John	Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil	An account of a killing in a mansion in Savannah, Georgia, in the heart of the American South, in the early morning hours of 2nd May 1981. Was it murder or self-defence? The unpredictable twists and turns of a murder case are interwoven with a first-person account of life in the old South.	Non-Fiction	15	388	16/05/2006
BERRY, Anne	The Adoption	Growing up as the only child of strict, God-fearing parents, Lucilla has always felt her difference. But it is not until adulthood that she discovers the real reason behind her mother's often violent indifference	Fiction	10	390	17/01/2013
BETANCOURT, Ingrid	Even Silence Has An End	In 2002 Ingrid Betancourt was taken hostage by FARC, a terrorist guerrilla organisation. She was held captive in the depths of the Colombian jungle for six and a half years, chained day and night for much of that time, constantly on the move and enduring gruelling conditions. This book tells the story of her capture and rescue.	Non-Fiction	15	594	11/11/2011

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BLAKE, Sarah	The Postmistress	It is 1940, and bombs fall nightly on London. In the thick of the chaos is young American radio reporter Frankie Bard. She huddles close to terrified strangers in underground shelters, and later broadcasts stories about survivors in rubble-strewn streets. But for her listeners, the war is far from home.	Historical	15	360	19/01/2011
BOYD, William	Any Human Heart	This is the story of Logan Mountstuart, told through his intimate journals. His life spans the 20th century and his travels take the reader from Uruguay to Oxford, Paris, the Bahamas, New York and Africa. We meet his three wives, and notaries from the worlds of royalty and literature.	Fiction	15	503	24/02/2005
BOYD, William	Ordinary Thunderstorms	What is the devastating effect on your life when, through no fault of your own, you lose everything - home, family, friends, job, reputation, passport, money, credit cards, mobile phone - and you can never get them back? This book tells the story of a young man called Adam Kindred.	Fiction	15	403	09/07/2012
BOYD, William	Restless	What happens to your life when everything you thought you knew about your mother turns out to be an elaborate lie? Ruth Gilmartin discovers the strange and haunting truth about her mother, Sally, during the long hot summer of 1976.	Fiction	15	325	19/12/2008
BOYD, William	Sweet Caress	Amory's first memory is of her father standing on his head. She has memories of him returning on leave during the First World War. But his absences, both actual and emotional, are what she chiefly remembers. It is her photographer uncle Greville who supplies the emotional bond she needs, and, when he gives her a camera and some rudimentary lessons in photography, unleashes a passion that will irrevocably shape her future. In this enthralling story of a life fully lived, William Boyd has created a sweeping panorama of some of the most defining moments of modern history, told through the camera lens of one unforgettable woman, Amory Clay.	Fiction	15	447	29/02/2016
BOYD, William	Waiting For Sunrise	Moving from Vienna to London's West End, the battlefields of France and hotel rooms of Geneva, 'Waiting for Sunrise' tells the story of young English actor Lysander Rief who meets Sigmund Freud in a café, begins to write a journal, enjoys secret trysts with Hattie Bull and appears - miraculously - to have been cured of his neurosis	Fiction	15	429	14/08/2013
BRADBURY, Ray	Fahrenheit 451	This hauntingly prophetic novel centres around a not-too-distant future where happiness is allocated on a TV screen, individuals and scholars are outcasts and books are burned by a special task force of firemen.	Sci-Fi	15	172	08/05/2013
BRONTE, Anne	The Tenant of Wildfell Hall	A nineteenth-century novel of the unhappy marriage between Helen Graham and her drunken husband realistically portrays the evils of alcoholism and its devastating impact.	Classic	15	535	06/02/2012
BROOKS, Geraldine	Year of Wonders	The story of a young woman's struggle to save her family and her soul during the most extraordinary year of 1666, when plague suddenly visited a small Derbyshire village and the villagers, inspired by a charismatic preacher, elected to quarantine themselves to limit the contagion.	Historical	15	310	19/12/2003

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BRYSON, Bill	One Summer: America 1927	Bill Bryson travels back in time to summer 1927 in America, the year America stepped out onto the world stage, and tells a gripping narrative featuring a handful of larger-than-life characters, including Charles Lindbergh, Al Capone, Herbert Hoover, Babe Ruth, Ernest Hemingway and Henry Ford.	Non-Fiction	15	671	21/01/2015
BURNET, Graeme Macrae	His Bloody Project	A story ingeniously recounted through Roderick Macrae's memoir, trial transcripts, and newspaper reports, this book is a riveting literary thriller that will appeal to fans of Hannah Kent's 'Burial Rites'.	Thriller	15	280	21/02/2017
BURTON, Jessie	The Miniaturist	On an autumn day in 1686, 18-year-old Nella Oortman knocks at the door of a grand house in the wealthiest quarter of Amsterdam. She has come from the country to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant trader Johannes Brandt, but instead she is met by his sharp-tongued sister, Marin. Only later does Johannes appear and present her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. It is to be furnished by an elusive miniaturist, whose tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in unexpected ways. Nella is at first mystified by the closed world of the Brandt household, but as she uncovers its secrets she realizes the escalating dangers that await them all.	Thriller	15	432	27/01/2015
BURTON, Jessie	The Muse	On a hot July day in 1967, Odelle Bastien climbs the stone steps of the Skelton gallery in London, knowing that her life is about to change forever. Having struggled to find her place in the city since she arrived from Trinidad five years ago, she has been offered a job as a typist under the tutelage of the glamorous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick. But though Quick takes Odelle into her confidence, and unlocks a potential she didn't know she had, she remains a mystery - no more so than when a lost masterpiece with a secret history is delivered to the gallery. The truth about the painting lies in 1936 and a large house in rural Spain, where Olive Schloss, the daughter of a renowned art dealer, is harbouring ambitions of her own. Into this fragile paradise come an artist and revolutionary, Isaac Robles, and his half-sister Teresa, who immediately insinuate themselves into the Schloss family.	Fiction	15	445	04/02/2017
BURTON-PHILLIPS, Elizabeth	Mum, Can You Lend Me Twenty Quid?	Elizabeth Burton-Phillips always tried to do the best for her children, and she never imagined that her identical twin sons would become involved in drugs. In this book she provides a brutally frank account of how heroin addiction ruined their lives. Her other son, Simon, Nick's twin brother, who is now drug-free, has contributed his own thoughts to this inspiring and moving book.	Biography	15	252	15/10/2007
CANNON, Joanna	The Trouble With Goats and Sheep	England, 1976. Mrs Creasy is missing and The Avenue is alive with whispers. As the summer shimmers endlessly on, ten-year-olds Grace and Tilly decide to take matters into their own hands. And as the cul-de-sac starts giving up its secrets, the amateur detectives will find much more than they imagined.	Fiction	15	454	16/05/2017

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CANNON, Joanna	Three Things About Elsie	There are three things you should know about Elsie. The first thing is that she's my best friend. The second is that she always knows what to say to make me feel better. And the third thing - might take a little bit more explaining. 84-year-old Florence has fallen in her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, Florence wonders if a terrible secret from her past is about to come to light; and, if the charming new resident is who he claims to be, why does he look exactly like a man who died 60 years ago?	Fiction	15	455	03/08/2018
CAPOTE, Truman	In Cold Blood	Agent Al Dewey of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation has a horrific murder to solve - and precious few clues. Capote's reconstruction of the slaughter of an entire family shows a gripping mix of journalistic skills and imaginative power.	Non-Fiction	15	343	26/09/2008
CARR, J.T.	A Month in the Country	In the summer of 1920, a young man escapes London to embark on the unveiling of a medieval church wall painting in a small North Country village. As he becomes absorbed by his work so too does he gets drawn into the lives of those around him.	Classic	15	144	22/02/2002
CHEVALIER, Tracy	Girl with a Pearl Earring	Griet, the young daughter of a tilemaker in 17th century Holland, obtains her first job as a servant in Vermeer's household. She loves being drawn into his artistic life, but the cost to her own survival may be high.	Historical	15	248	16/12/2013
CHEVALIER, Tracy	The Last Runaway	When Quaker Honor Bright sails from Bristol with her sister, she is fleeing heartache for a new life in America, far from home. But tragedy leaves her alone and vulnerable, torn between two worlds and dependent on the kindness of strangers, and life in 1850s Ohio is precarious and unsentimental.	Historical	15	386	01/10/2014
CHEVALIER, Tracy	Remarkable Creatures	In the year of the 150th anniversary of 'Origin of the Species', set in a town where Jane Austen was a frequent visitor, Tracy Chevalier once again shows her uncanny sense for the topical.	Historical	15	352	14/08/2013
CLEEVES, Ann	Raven Black	The murder of teenager Catherine Ross sends shockwaves through a small Shetland community, and most of the fingers of blame point to loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But Catherine's vicious and sudden demise has thrown a veil of suspicion over everyone who knew her, and one local detective is keeping all options open.	Crime	15	320	14/11/2012
CLINE, Emma	The Girls	California. The summer of 1969. In the dying days of a floundering counter-culture a young girl is unwittingly caught up in unthinkable violence, and a decision made at this moment, on the cusp of adulthood, will shape her life. Evie Boyd is desperate to be noticed. In the summer of 1969, empty days stretch out under the California sun. The smell of honeysuckle thickens the air and the sidewalks radiate heat. Until she sees them. The snatch of cold laughter. Hair, long and uncombed. Dirty dresses skimming the tops of thighs. Cheap rings like a second set of knuckles. The girls. And at the centre, Russell. Russell and the ranch, down a long dirt track and deep in the hills. Incense and clumsily strummed chords.	Fiction	15	355	31/08/2016



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COBAN, HARLAN	Tell No One	Every year, the Doctor David Beck and his young wife, Elizabeth, meet at the same deserted lake to rediscover their love for each other. But that year was the last. Elizabeth was kidnapped and Beck knocked unconscious. By the time he woke up, his wife had been discovered dead, and horribly mutilated. For eight years he grieves. Then one afternoon, he receives an anonymous e-mail telling him to log on to a certain web-site at a certain time, using a code that only the two of them knew. This starts an inexorable chain of events as Beck tries to find out if Elizabeth is truly alive and what really happened that summer night. Soon he's a wanted man, as the FBI try to pin Elizabeth's murder on him, and everyone he turns to seems to end up dead.	Thriller	15	352	14/11/2012
COHEN, Julie	Together	On a morning that seems just like any other, Robbie wakes in his bed, his wife Emily asleep beside him, as always. He rises and dresses, makes his coffee, feeds his dogs, just as he usually would. But then he leaves Emily a letter and does something that will break her heart. As the years go back all the way to 1962, Robbie's actions become clearer as we discover the story of a couple with a terrible secret - one they will do absolutely anything to protect.	Fiction	15	320	17/08/2018
COLGAN, Jenny	The Little Shop of Happy Ever After	Nina is a bookworm who dreams of running her own little bookshop. But real life is a bit trickier than the stories Nina loves, as she discovers when she moves to the beautiful wild Highlands of Scotland to turn her dreams into reality.	Fiction	15	346	31/08/2016
COLLINS, Suzanne	The Hunger Games	16-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before and survival, for her, is second nature.	Science Fiction	15	454	14/11/2012
CONNELLY, Michael	The Poet	The apparent suicide of his policeman brother sets Denver crime reporter Jack McEvoy on edge. Surprise at the circumstances of his brother's death prompts Jack to look into a whole series of police suicides and puts him on the trail of a cop-killer whose victims are selected all too carefully.	Detective	15	512	30/06/2017
CRACE, Jim	Harvest	A trio of outsiders - two men and a dangerously magnetic woman - arrives on the woodland borders and puts up a make-shift camp. That same night, the local manor house is set on fire. Over the course of 7 days, Walter Thirsk sees the harvest blackened by smoke and fear, the new arrivals cruelly punished, and his neighbours held captive on suspicion of witchcraft. But something even darker is at the heart of his story, and he will be the only man left to tell it.	Fiction	15	272	19/02/2014
CUSK, Rachel	Outline	A woman writer goes to Athens in the height of summer to teach a writing course. Though her own circumstances remain indistinct, she becomes the audience to a chain of narratives, as the people she meets tell her one after another the stories of their lives. Beginning with the neighbouring passenger on the flight out and his tales of fast boats and failed marriages, the storytellers talk of their loves and ambitions and pains, their anxieties, their perceptions and daily lives.	Fiction	15	249	24/06/2015

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DAY, Elizabeth	The Party	Martin Gilmour is an outsider. When he wins a scholarship to Burtonbury School, he doesn't wear the right clothes or speak with the right kind of accent. But then he meets the dazzling, popular and wealthy Ben Fitzmaurice, and gains admission to an exclusive world. Soon Martin is enjoying tennis parties and Easter egg hunts at the Fitzmaurice family's estate, as Ben becomes the brother he never had. But Martin has a secret. He knows something about Ben, something he will never tell. It is a secret that will bind the two of them together for the best part of 25 years.	Fiction	15	294	17/08/2018
DE BERNIERES, Louis	Birds Without Wings	The story of the inhabitants of a small coastal town in South West Anatolia in the dying days of the Ottoman Empire. When jihad is declared against the Allies, the young men of the town are sent to war. As the great world intrudes, the twin scourges of religion and nationalism lead to forced marches and massacres.	Historical	15	624	05/01/2005
DE WAAL, Edmund	The Hare With Amber Eyes	264 wood and ivory carvings of animals, plants and people, none of them larger than a matchbox; apprentice potter Edmund de Waal was entranced by the collection when he first encountered it in the Tokyo apartment of his great uncle Iggy. When he inherited them, he discovered that they unlocked a story larger than he could have imagined.	Non-Fiction	15	354	19/09/2011
DICKENS, Charles	Our Mutual Friend	In Our Mutual Friend, his last completed novel, Dickens turned again to question the life and soul of a society corrupted by money.	Classic	15	852	05/01/2007
DICKENS, Charles	A Tale of Two Cities	Set before and during the French Revolution in the cities of Paris and London, A Tale of Two Cities tells the story of Dr Manette's release from imprisonment in the Bastille and his reunion with daughter, Lucie. A French aristocrat Darnay and English lawyer Carton compete in their love for Lucie and the ensuing tale plays out against the menacing backdrop of the French Revolution and the shadow of the guillotine.	Classic	15	489	19/08/2013
DOERR, Anthony	All the Light we Cannot See	Marie-Laure has been blind since the age of six. Her father builds a perfect miniature of their Paris neighbourhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. But when the Nazis invade, father and daughter flee with a dangerous secret. Werner is a German orphan, destined to labour in the same mine that claimed his father's life, until he discovers a knack for engineering. His talent wins him a place at a brutal military academy, but his way out of obscurity is built on suffering. At the same time, far away in a walled city by the sea, an old man discovers new worlds without ever setting foot outside his home. But all around him, impending danger closes in. As Europe is engulfed by war and lives collide unpredictably, 'All The Light We Cannot See' is a captivating and devastating elegy for innocence.	Fiction	15	531	06/10/2015
DONOGHUE, Emma	The Sealed Letter	Emily 'Fido' Faithfull hasn't seen her friend Helen for years. After bumping into her on the streets of Victorian London, Fido finds herself reluctantly helping Helen to have an affair with a young army officer. The women's friendship quickly unravels - and the appearance of a mysterious sealed letter could destroy more than one life.	Fiction	15	475	07/06/2012

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DOUGHTY, Louise	Apple Tree Yard	Yvonne Carmichael is a geneticist, a scientist renowned in her field but one day, she makes the most irrational of decisions. While she is giving evidence to a Select Committee at the Houses of Parliament, she meets a man and has sex with him in the secluded Chapel in the Crypt beneath the Great Hall of Westminster. It's the beginning of a reckless liaison, but there is more to her lover than is at first apparent - as Yvonne discovers when the affair spins out of control and leads inexorably to violence.	Thriller	15	418	14/04/2014
DRABBLE, Margaret	Peppered Moth	A portrait of four generations of one family, this story explores themes of inheritance, DNA, the individual's place in history and fate. It spans from Bessie Bawtry, a small child living in a Yorkshire mining town in 1905, to her granddaughter, listening to a lecture on genetic inheritance	Fiction	15	391	19/12/2003
DUFFY, Carol Ann	Selected Poems	Containing poems chosen from her first four acclaimed volumes, this collection also includes six poems from the later 'The Worlds Wife'.	Poetry	15	160	25/01/2010
DUNMORE, Helen	The Betrayal	A gripping and moving portrait of life in post-war Soviet Russia, 'The Betrayal' shows the epic struggle of ordinary people to survive in a time of violence and terror.	Fiction	15	328	05/07/2011
DUNMORE, Helen	Birdcage Walk	It is 1792 and Europe is seized by political turmoil and violence. Lizzy Fawkes has grown up in Radical circles where each step of the French Revolution is followed with eager idealism. But she has recently married John Diner Tredevant, a property developer who is heavily invested in Bristol's housing boom, and he has everything to lose from social upheaval and the prospect of war. Soon his plans for a magnificent terrace built above the 200ft drop of the Gorge come under threat.	Historical	15	406	15/09/2017
DUNMORE, Helen	The Lie	Cornwall, 1920, early spring. A young man stands on a headland, looking out to sea. He is back from the war, homeless and without family. Daniel has survived, but the horror and passion of the past seem more real than the quiet fields around him. He is about to step into the unknown. But will he ever be able to escape the terrible, unforeseen consequences of a lie?	Historical	15	294	01/10/2014
EBERSHOFF, David	The Danish Girl	Greta's diva subject has cancelled yet another sitting for a portrait. How will she finish it? She calls on her husband Einar. The Danish girl is born, but with her comes a terrible confusion of tortured feelings, and of guilty longings.	Fiction	15	310	31/08/2016
ELIOT, George	Mill on the Floss	In this story the author recreates her own childhood through the story of the gifted Maggie Tulliver and her spoilt, selfish brother. Though tragic in its outcome, this comic novel combines vivid images of family life with a portrait of the heroine.	Classic	15	576	24/04/2012
FALLADA, Hans	Alone in Berlin	Berlin, 1940, and the city is filled with fear. At the house on 55 Jablonski Strasse, its various occupants try to live under Nazi rule in their different ways: the nervous Frau Rosenthal, the bullying Hitler loyalists the Persickes, the retired judge Fromm, and the unassuming working-class couple Otto and Anna Quangel.	Thriller	15	588	05/07/2011

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FAULKS, Sebastian	A Possible Life	Terrified, a young man in the Second World War closes his eyes and pictures himself hitting a perfect six; across the courtyard in a Victorian workhouse, a father is too ashamed to acknowledge his son; a skinny awkward girl steps out of a Chevy with a guitar and sings four songs that send shivers through the teeth and skull.	Fiction	15	294	01/10/2014
FAULKS, Sebastian	A Week in December	London, the week before Christmas, 2007. Over seven days we follow the lives of seven major characters. With daring skill, the novel pieces together the complex patterns and crossings of modern urban life.	Fiction	15	392	24/05/2012
FAULKS, Sebastian	Where My Heart Used to Beat	A tender, brutal and thoughtful portrait of a man and a century, which asks whether, given the carnage we've witnessed and inflicted over the past 100 years, people can ever be the same?	Fiction	15	326	04/11/2015
FERRANTE, Elena	My Brilliant Friend	This novel is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Ferrante's inimitable style lends itself perfectly to a meticulous portrait of these two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship.	Fiction	15	336	22/04/2016
FILER, Nathan	The Shock of the Fall	The Shock of the Fall is an extraordinary portrait of one man's journey through the spinning vortex that is mental illness. It is a brave and ground-breaking novel from one of the most exciting new voices in fiction.	Fiction	15	309	16/04/2014
FISHER, Dorothy Canfield	The Homemaker	The Home-Maker describes Evangeline, an obsessively house-proud mother and homemaker who renders each of her children miserable in different ways, through her perfectionism and her need to control; without realizing it, she is frustrated and bored - yet she thinks she is a good and devoted mother.	Classic	10	267	05/12/2011
FITZGERALD, Scott F.	The Great Gatsby	Narrated by an innocent outsider and set against a background of Long Island glamour and New York squalor, this is the story of a mysterious financier's passion for a young lady and a tale of adultery and murder.	Classic	15	176	19/12/2008
FLANAGAN, Richard	The Narrow Road to the Deep North	Forever after, there were for them only two sorts of men: the men who were on the Line, and the rest of humanity, who were not. In the despair of a Japanese POW camp on the Burma Death Railway, surgeon Dorrigo Evans is haunted by his love affair with his uncle's young wife two years earlier. Struggling to save the men under his command from starvation, from cholera, from beatings, he receives a letter that will change his life forever. Hailed as a masterpiece, Richard Flanagan's epic novel tells the unforgettable story of one man's reckoning with the truth.	Fiction	15	448	02/04/2015

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FLEMING, Ian	Casino Royale	At the casino in Deauville Bond's game is baccarat, for stakes that run into millions of francs. But away from the discreet salons, it's 007 versus one of Russia's most powerful and ruthless agents. WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION FROM ANTHONY HOROWITZ, AUTHOR OF FOREVER AND A DAY Le Chiffre is a businessman with expensive tastes - and SMERSH's chief operative in France. As his dissolute lifestyle threatens to ruin him, his only hope of survival is to risk his paymasters' money at the baccarat table. Across from him sits James Bond, the finest gambler in the British secret service. Bond's mission: to outplay Le Chiffre and shatter his Soviet cell. Amidst the opulence of the Royale-les-Eaux casino, the two men face each other in a game with the highest stakes of all.	Thriller	10	228	08/08/2018
FLYNN, Gillian	Gone Girl	Nick Dunne's wife Amy suddenly disappears on the morning of their 5th anniversary. The police immediately suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they aren't his. Then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone.	Thriller	15	466	05/03/2013
FORSTER, Margaret	My Life in Houses	'I was born on May 25, 1938, in the front bedroom of a house in Orton Road, on the outer edges of Raffles, a council estate. I was a lucky girl.' So begins Margaret Forster's journey through the houses she's lived in, from that sparkling new council house, built as part of a utopian vision by Carlisle City Council, to her beloved London house of today, via Oxford, Hampstead, the Lake District and a spell in the Mediterranean.	Non-Fiction	15	264	25/04/2016
FOWLER, Karen Joy	The Jane Austen Book Club	In California's Sacramento Valley, six people meet once a month to discuss Jane Austen's novels. Over the six months they meet marriages are tested, affairs begin, unsuitable arrangements become suitable, and under the guiding eye of Jane Austen, some of them even fall in love.	Fiction	15	304	05/01/2005
FOWLER, Karen Joy	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves	Rosemary's young, just at college, and she's decided not to tell anyone a thing about her family. So we're not going to tell you too much either: you'll have to find out for yourselves. Rosemary is now an only child, but she used to have a sister the same age as her, and an older brother. Both are now gone - vanished from her life. There's something unique about Rosemary's sister, Fern. So now she's telling her story: full of hilarious asides and brilliantly spiky lines, it's a looping narrative that begins towards the end, and then goes back to the beginning. Twice	Fiction	15	323	02/10/2014
FRANZEN, Jonathan	Freedom	Patty and Walter Berglund were hands-on parents at the avant-garde of the whole foods generation. But now, in the new millennium, the Berglunds have become a mystery. Why has their teenage son moved in with a Republican family? Why is Walter working with Big Coal? And why has Patty become 'a very different kind of neighbour?'	Fiction	15	597	22/09/2011
FRASER, Antonia	Marie Antoinette	Biography of the extravagant and frivolous queen Marie-Antoinette, examining her influence over King Louis XVI, the accusations and sexual slurs made against her, her imprisonment, death threats, rumours of lesbian affairs, her trial, and eventual execution by guillotine in 1793.	Biography	15	629	15/08/2013

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FRAYN, Michael	Spies	There is very little evidence of the war where Keith and Stephen live. But the friends suspect the inhabitants of the close aren't what they seem. As Keith informs his trusting friend, the district is riddled with secret passages. They find themselves engulfed in mysteries deeper than they had imagined	Fiction	15	240	08/05/2013
GALBRAITH, Robert	The Cuckoo's Calling	Written under a pseudonym by J.K. Rowling, this gripping, elegant mystery is steeped in the atmosphere of London. A war veteran wounded both physically and psychologically, Cormoran Strike's life is in disarray but the case he is working on gives him a lifeline, despite coming at a personal cost.	Crime	15	550	02/10/2014
GALBRAITH, Robert	The Silkworm	When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. At first, she just thinks he has gone off by himself for a few days - as he has done before - and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home. But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine's disappearance than his wife realises. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel were published it would ruin lives - so there are a lot of people who might want to silence him. And when Quine is found brutally murdered in bizarre circumstances, it becomes a race against time to understand the motivation of a ruthless killer, a killer unlike any he has encountered before.	Crime	15	580	23/01/2018
GALE, Patrick	A Perfectly Good Man	In what is more an echo-chamber than a sequel, Patrick Gale returns us to the landscape of 'Notes from an Exhibition', unfurling the complex web of a Cornish community with an empathy that touches clairvoyance and a sure eye for significant mundanity	Fiction	15	406	07/08/2012
GALE, Patrick	A Place Called Winter	A tender, brutal and thoughtful portrait of a man and a century, which asks whether, given the carnage we've witnessed and inflicted over the past 100 years, people can ever be the same?	Fiction	15	354	10/11/2015
GALLOWAY, Steve	The Cellist of Sarajevo	Tense and heartbreaking to its last page, 'The Cellist of Sarajevo' shows how life under siege creates impossible moral choices. When the everyday act of crossing the street can risk lives, the human spirit is revealed in all its fortitude - and frailty	Fiction	15	227	31/05/2012
GASKELL, Elizabeth	North and South	This novel is a study of the contrast between the values and habits of rural southern England and industrial northern England. The heroine, Margaret Hale, is the daughter of a parson whose religious doubts force him to resign his Hampshire living and to move with his family to a northern city.	Classic	15	450	10/08/2007
GERAS, Adele	Facing the Light	An extended family gathers to celebrate the 75th birthday of its formidable matriarch, Leonora, daughter of the famous Edwardian painter, Ethan Walsh. All families have their dark side and Leonora's is no exception. During the course of the evening two shocking past events come to light.	Fiction	15	503	09/08/2004

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GRANT, Linda	The Dark Circle	All over Britain life is beginning again now the war is over but for Lenny and Miriam, East End London teenage twins who have been living on the edge of the law, life is suspended - they've contracted tuberculosis. It's away to the sanatorium - newly opened by the NHS - in deepest Kent for them where they will meet a very different world: among other patients, an aristocrat, a young university grad, a mysterious German woman and an American merchant seaman with big ideas about love and rebellion	Fiction	15	310	16/05/2017
GREEN, John	The Fault in Our Stars	Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten	Fiction	15	316	05/03/2013
GREENE, Grahame	The End of the Affair	The novelist Maurice Bendrix's love affair with his best friend's wife, Sarah, had begun in London. One day, without warning, Sarah had broken off the relationship. It seemed impossible that there could be a rival for her heart	Classic	15	233	24/10/2012
GREGORY, Philippa	The Taming of the Queen	Kateryn Parr, a 30-year-old widow in a secret affair with a new lover, has no choice when a man old enough to be her father who has buried four wives - King Henry VIII - commands her to marry him. Kateryn has no doubt about the danger she faces: the previous queen lasted 16 months, the one before barely half a year. But Henry adores his new bride and Kateryn's trust in him grows as she unites the royal family, creates a radical study circle at the heart of the court, and rules the kingdom as Regent. A leader of religious reform and the first woman to publish in English, Kateryn stands out as an independent woman with a mind of her own. But she cannot save the Protestants, under threat for their faith, and Henry's dangerous gaze turns on her. The traditional churchmen and rivals for power accuse her of heresy - the punishment is death by fire and the king's name is on the warrant.	Historical	15	436	22/04/2016
GRENVILLE, Kate	The Idea of Perfection	The Idea of Perfection is a funny and touching romance between two people who've given up on love. Set in the eccentric little backwater of Karakarook, New South Wales, pop. 1374, it tells the story of Douglas Cheeseman, a gawky engineer with jug-handle ears, and Harley Savage, a woman altogether too big and too abrupt for comfort	Fiction	15	416	21/08/2013
GRENVILLE, Kate	The Secret River	Following a childhood marked by poverty and petty crime in the slums of London, William Thornhill is sentenced in 1806 to be transported to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. With his wife and children, he arrives in a harsh land to a life that feels like a death sentence.	Fiction	15	349	29/07/2009
HADDON, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey which will turn his whole world upside down.	Fiction	15	271	01/06/2011

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HAIG, Matt	Reasons to Stay Alive	Aged 24, Matt Haig's world caved in. He could see no way to go on living. This is the true story of how he came through crisis, triumphed over an illness that almost destroyed him and learned to live again. A moving, funny and joyous exploration of how to live better, love better and feel more alive, this is more than a memoir: it is a book about making the most of your time on Earth.	Non-Fiction	15	254	13/04/2017
HANNAH, Sophie	Hurting Distance	Three years ago, something terrible happened to Naomi Jenkins - she told nobody. Now she has another secret - the man she has fallen in love with, unhappily married Robert Haworth. When he vanishes, Naomi knows he must have come to harm. But the police are less convinced, particularly when Robert's wife insists he's not missing.	Fiction	10	409	13/05/2008
HARDINGE, Frances	Cuckoo Song	The first things to shift were the doll's eyes, the beautiful grey-green glass eyes. Slowly they swivelled, until their gaze was resting on Triss's face. Then the tiny mouth moved, opened to speak. 'What are you doing here?' It was uttered in tones of outrage and surprise, and in a voice as cold and musical as the clinking of cups. 'Who do you think you are? This is my family.' When Triss wakes up after an accident, she knows that something is very wrong. She is insatiably hungry; her sister seems scared of her and her parents whisper behind closed doors. She looks through her diary to try to remember, but the pages have been ripped out. Soon Triss discovers that what happened to her is more strange and terrible than she could ever have imagined, and that she is quite literally not herself.	Fantasy	15	408	24/06/2015
HARDY, Thomas	Far from the Madding Crowd	This is the story of Bathsheba Everdene, who inherits her uncle's farm, then surprises the villagers of Weatherbury by deciding to run it herself rather than hire a manager. Three men vie for the affections of this independent young woman.	Classic	15	400	23/06/2015
HARDY, Thomas	Return of the Native	Wild passion leads to tragedy as love is perverted by marriage. But the concerns of mortals are belittled by the sombre, immemorial presence of Egdon Heath, perhaps Hardy's finest evocation of his native landscape.	Classic	15	481	03/01/2002
HARRIS, Joanne	Different Class	After 34 years at St Oswald's Grammar in North Yorkshire, Latin master Roy Straitley has seen all kinds of boys come and go. Each class has its clowns, its rebels, its underdogs, its 'Brodie' boys who, whilst of course he doesn't have favourites, hold a special place in an old teacher's heart. But every so often there's a boy who doesn't fit the mould. A troublemaker. A boy with hidden shadows inside. With insolvency and academic failure looming, a new broom has arrived at the venerable school, bringing PowerPoint, sharp suits and even sixth form girls to the dusty corridors. But while Straitley does his sardonic best to resist this march to the future, a shadow from his past is stirring. A boy who even 20 years on haunts his teacher's dreams. A boy capable of bad things.	Thriller	15	509	19/05/2017
HARRIS, Robert	Conclave	The Pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, 118 Cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next 72 hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on Earth.	Fiction	15	380	16/05/2017



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HAWLEY, Noah	Before the Fall	The elite have everything: money, cars, private jets and beautiful families. David Bateman and Ben Kipling are the top of the elite, both influential men with jobs in the media and finance, both travelling back to New York on a private jet after a vacation with their families, and both with secrets that could ruin their lives. Invited on a whim by David's wife, Scott Burroughs, a middle-aged painter, finds himself on their plane - he needs to visit New York for a meeting that could spark a revival in his failed career. But sixteen minutes into its journey the plane crashes into the sea, Scott and the Bateman's four-year-old son are the only survivors. With a little boy's life in his hands Scott begins to swim - an epic journey to the coast.	Fiction	15	390	19/05/2017
HAYES, Terry	I Am Pilgrim	Pilgrim was the codename for a world class and legendary secret agent. When NYPD Ben Bradley tracks down Pilgrim, neither man can imagine the terrifying journey they are about to begin, as what begins as an unusual and challenging murder investigation leads them into a direct collision course with the dark forces of jihadist terrorism	Thriller	15	891	09/10/2014
HEALEY, Emma	Elizabeth is Missing	'Elizabeth is missing', reads the note in Maud's pocket in her own handwriting. Lately, Maud's been getting forgetful. She keeps buying peach slices when she has a cupboard full, forgets to drink the cups of tea she's made and writes notes to remind herself of things. But Maud is determined to discover what has happened to her friend, Elizabeth, and what it has to do with the unsolved disappearance of her sister Sukey, years back, just after the war.	Fiction	15	274	22/01/2015
HICKMAN, Katie	Courtesans	This title focuses on the stories of four outstanding women, each told as a mini-biography. Harriet Wilson, Lola Montez, Cora Pearl and Catherine Walters were women of very different personalities and talents. Spanning just over a 100 years, their lives exemplify the existence of the courtesan.	Non-Fiction	15	363	09/08/2004
HILL, Susan	The Woman in Black	When Arthur Kipps attends the funeral of Alice Drablow he is unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind her house. It is not until he glimpses a woman dressed all in black at the funeral that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold.	Thriller	15	160	11/10/2011
HISLOP, Victoria	The Island	On the brink of her own life-changing decision, Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village before moving to London.	Fiction	15	473	13/10/2011
HISLOP, Victoria	The Thread	Thessaloniki, 1917. As Dimitri Komninos is born, a devastating fire sweeps through the Greek city where Christians, Jews and Muslims live side by side. 5 years later, Katerina Sarafoglou's home in Asia Minor is destroyed by the Turkish army. Losing her mother in the chaos, she flees across the sea to an unknown destination in Greece.	Fiction	15	465	07/06/2012
HOLLINGHURST, Alan	The Stranger's Child	In the late summer of 1913 the aristocratic young poet Cecil Valance comes to stay at 'Two Acres', the home of his close Cambridge friend George Sawle. The weekend will be one of excitements and confusions for all the Sawles, but it is on George's 16-year-old sister Daphne that it will have the most lasting impact.	Fiction	15	564	23/01/2018

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HONEYMAN, Gail	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. Eleanor Oliphant is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted - while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life.	Fiction	15	485	14/11/2017
HOPE, Anna	The Ballroom	1911: Inside an asylum at the edge of the Yorkshire moors, where men and women are kept apart by high walls and barred windows, there is a ballroom both vast and beautiful. For one bright evening every week they come together and dance. And, when John and Ella meet, it is a dance that will change two lives forever.	Historical	15	350	15/09/2017
HOPE, Anna	Wake	Five Days in November, 1920. As the people of London await the arrival of the Unknown Soldier from France, three women are dealing with loss in their own way: Hettie, who dances for sixpence a waltz at the Hammersmith Palais; Evelyn, who toils at a lowly job in the Pensions Office; and Ada, a housewife who is beset by visions of her dead son. One day a young man comes to Ada's door. He carries with him a wartime mystery that will bind these women together, and will both mend and tear their hearts.	Fiction	15	326	04/03/2014
HORNBY, Nick	How to Be Good	According to her own moral calculations, Katie Carr has earned her affair. She's a doctor, and doctors are decent people, and her husband David is the "Angriest Man" in Holloway. When David suddenly becomes good, Katie's sums no longer add up, and she is forced to ask herself some questions.	Fiction	15	243	24/02/2005
HORNBY, Nick	Funny Girl	Make them laugh, and they're yours forever. It's the swinging 60s and the nation is mesmerized by unlikely comedy star Sophie Straw, the former Blackpool beauty queen who just wants to make people laugh, like her heroine Lucille Ball.	Fiction	15	341	23/06/2015
HOSSEINI, Khaled	And the Mountains Echoed	A multi-generational family story revolving around brothers and sisters, 'And the Mountains Echoed' explores the ways in which they love, wound, betray, honour and sacrifice for each other.	Fiction	15	404	03/12/2003
HOSSEINI, Khaled	The Kite Runner	Winter, 1975: Afghanistan, a country on the verge of an internal coup. 12 year old Amir is desperate to win the approval of his father, one of the richest merchants in Kabul. He's failed to do so through academia or brawn but the one area they connect is the annual kite fighting tournament.	Fiction	15	324	24/02/2005

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HUMPHREYS, Margaret	Oranges and Sunshine	In 1986 Margaret Humphreys, a Nottingham social worker, investigated a woman's claim that, aged four, she had been put on a boat to Australia by the British government. At first incredulous, Margaret discovered that this was just the tip of an enormous iceberg. Up to 150,000 children, some as young as three years old, had been deported from children's homes in Britain and shipped off to a 'new life' in distant parts of the Empire, right up until as recently as 1970. This is the shocking, moving story of the child migrants betrayed by Britain.	Non-Fiction	15	383	15/08/2013
ISHIGURO, Kazuo	Never Let Me Go	Imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England. This is the story of love, friendship and memory, with a sense of the fragility of life.	Fiction	15	276	02/10/2008
IVEY, Eowyn	The Snow Child	Jack and Mabel have staked everything on making a fresh start in the raw Alaskan wilderness. In a moment of tenderness, the pair build a snowman - or rather a snow girl - together. The next morning, all trace of her has disappeared. But Jack can't shake the notion that he glimpsed a small figure running in the trees in the dawn light.	Fiction	15	384	12/03/2013
JAFFE, Rona	The Best of Everything	When it was first published in 1958, Rona Jaffe's debut novel electrified readers who saw themselves reflected in its story of five young employees of a New York publishing company.	Fiction	15	445	16/07/2011
JAMES, Marlon	A Brief History of Seven Killings	Set against the backdrop of 1970s reggae culture, disco, sex and excess comes this remarkable re-imagining of the attempted assassination of Bob Marley.	Fiction	15	704	03/11/2015
JAMES, Peter	Dead Simple	After a stag night, the groom-to-be goes missing and four of his friends are dead. Detective Superintendent Grace is contacted by the missing man's fiancée, and discovers that the one man who ought to know his whereabouts is saying nothing - but he has more to gain out of the tragedy that anyone realises.	Crime	15	457	15/11/2012
JONASSON, Jonas	The Hundred Year Old Man...	On his 100th birthday Allan Karlsson makes his escape from the old people's home and embarks on an unlikely and momentous adventure.	Fiction	15	388	12/03/2013
JOYCE, Rachel	The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy	When Queenie Hennessy discovers that Harold Fry is walking the length of England to save her, and all she has to do is wait, she is shocked. Her note to him had explained she was dying from cancer. How can she wait? A new volunteer at the hospice suggests that Queenie should write again; only this time she must tell Harold the truth. Composing this new message, the volunteer promises, will ensure Queenie hangs on. It will also atone for the secrets of the past. As the volunteer points out, 'It isn't Harold who is saving you. It is you, saving Harold Fry.' This is that letter. A letter that was never sent. Told in simple, emotionally-honest prose, with a mischievous bite, this is a novel about the journey we all must take to learn who we are; it is about loving and letting go.	Fiction	15	380	05/08/2015

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JOYCE, Rachel	The Music Shop	1988. Frank owns a music shop. It is jam-packed with records of every speed, size and genre. Classical, jazz, punk – as long as it's vinyl he sells it. Day after day Frank finds his customers the music they need. Then into his life walks Ilse Brauchmann. Ilse asks Frank to teach her about music. His instinct is to turn and run. And yet he is drawn to this strangely still, mysterious woman with her pea-green coat and her eyes as black as vinyl. But Ilse is not what she seems. And Frank has old wounds that threaten to re-open and a past he will never leave behind	Fiction	15	355	28/03/2018
JOYCE, Rachel	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. To save someone else's life.	Fiction	15	364	04/02/2013
KABLEAN, Carrie	What Kitty Did Next	Based on Jane Austen's much-loved characters, this is the story of one young woman's struggle to overcome the obstacles of her time and place and truly find herself.	Fiction	15	416	17/08/2018
KALANITHI, Paul	When Breath Becomes Air	You are a young neurosurgeon. You have completed 11 years of training. You are devoted to your work and on the brink of a wonderful career. Then you are diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. 'When Breath Becomes Air' is an unforgettable reflection on the practice of medicine and the relationship between doctor and patient, from a gifted writer who became both.	Non-Fiction	15	288	30/01/2018
KAY, Adam	This is Going To Hurt	Adam Kay was a junior doctor from 2004 until 2010, before a devastating experience on a ward caused him to reconsider his future. He kept a diary throughout his training, and 'This Is Going to Hurt' intersperses tales from the front line of the NHS with reflections on the current crisis. The result is a first-hand account of life as a junior doctor in all its joy, pain, sacrifice and maddening bureaucracy, and a love letter to those who might at any moment be holding our lives in their hands.	Non-Fiction	15	279	17/08/2018
KENNEDY, Douglas	Five Days	Laura is in the throes of a midlife crisis. Her 20 year marriage has gone stale; her husband has become a stranger to her since losing his job 18 months ago. So when she is invited to a conference in Boston, she jumps at the opportunity. In the hotel lobby, she gets talking to Richard Coleman, an insurance salesman in his 50s. Initially, Laura writes him off as grey and uninspiring. But when a chance meeting brings them together again that evening, Laura begins to discover a smarter, more animated person beneath the salesman's façade.	Fiction	15	328	14/08/2013

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KENT, Hannah	Burial Rites	In northern Iceland, 1829, Agnes Magnúsdóttir is condemned to death for her part in the brutal murder of her lover. Agnes is sent to wait out her final months on the farm of district office Jón Jónsson, his wife and their two daughters. Horrified to have a convicted murderer in their midst, the family avoid contact with Agnes. Only Tøti, the young assistant priest appointed Agnes's spiritual guardian, is compelled to try to understand her. As the year progresses and the hardships of rural life force the household to work side by side, Agnes's story begins to emerge and with it the family's terrible realization that all is not as they had assumed.	Historical	15	338	06/05/2014
KIDD, Sue Monk	The Invention of Wings	Sarah Grimké is the middle daughter. The one her mother calls difficult and her father calls remarkable. On Sarah's 11th birthday, Hetty 'Handful' Grimké is taken from the slave quarters she shares with her mother, wrapped in lavender ribbons, and presented to Sarah as a gift. Sarah knows what she does next will unleash a world of trouble. She also knows that she cannot accept. And so, indeed, the trouble begins.	Historical	15	437	02/10/2014
KIDD, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees	Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four. She not only has her own memory of holding the gun, but her father's account of the event. Now 14, racial tension is stirring in South Carolina and after fleeing with her black friend she begins to find peace.	Fiction	15	375	10/06/2003
KING, Stephen	Misery	He was a writer and she was his number one fan. She had pulled him out of the car-wreck, brought him home and splinted and set his mangled legs. All he had to do in return was to write a very special book, just for her, all about her favourite character from his novels. If he didn't, she would make him scream. Misery Chastain was dead. Paul Sheldon had just killed her - with relief, with joy. Misery had made him rich; she was the heroine of a string of bestsellers. And now he wanted to get on to some real writing. That's when the car accident happened, and he woke up in pain in a strange bed. But it wasn't the hospital. Annie Wilkes had pulled him from the wreck, brought him to her remote mountain home, splinted and set his mangled legs. The good news was that Annie was a nurse and has pain-killing drugs. The bad news was that she was Paul's Number One Fan. And when she found out what Paul had done to Misery, she didn't like it. She didn't like it at all. And now he had to bring Misery back to life. Or else...	Horror	15	369	20/10/2014
KINGSOLVER, Barbara	The Lacuna	Mexico, 1935. Harrison Shepherd is working in the household of Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo. When exiled Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky arrives, Shepherd throws in his lot with art and the revolution.	Fiction	15	670	14/09/2010
KINGSOLVER, Barbara	The Poisonwood Bible	This is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959.	Fiction	15	616	23/01/2003

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KLINEC, Jennifer	The Temporary Bride	Jennifer Klinec has always been drawn to travelling in pursuit of her love of food. Raised in Canada to Hungarian-Croatian parents, she made her way across the world before ending up in London. And for her, a visit to Iran means one thing - learning more about the food that Iranians eat. So she packs her suitcase, puts on a scarf and closes up the cookery school she hosts in her home before leaving for a land that has long fascinated her. She wants to eat the food of the people and try recipes that have changed little in five-hundred years. This also a story of a love affair conducted under desperate circumstances with little hope of a happy outcome.	Non-Fiction	15	271	08/09/2015
LAGERCRANTZ, David	The Girl in the Spider's Web	Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist have not been in touch for some time. Then Blomkvist is contacted by renowned Swedish scientist Professor Balder. Warned that his life is in danger, but more concerned for his son's well-being, Balder wants Millennium to publish his story - and it is a terrifying one. More interesting to Blomkvist than Balder's world-leading advances in Artificial Intelligence, is his connection with a certain female superhacker. It seems that Salander, like Balder, is a target of ruthless cyber gangsters - and a violent criminal conspiracy that will very soon bring terror to the snowbound streets of Stockholm, to the Millennium team, and to Blomkvist and Salander themselves.	Crime	15	475	22/04/2016
LAHIRI, Jhumpa	The Lowland	Epic in its canvas and intimate in its portrayal of lives undone and forged anew, 'The Lowland' is a deeply felt novel of family ties that entangle and fray in ways unforeseen and unrevealed, of ties that ineluctably define who we are. With all the hallmarks of Jhumpa Lahiri's achingly poignant, exquisitely empathetic story-telling, this is her most devastating work of fiction to date.	Fiction	15	406	01/05/2014
LARSSON. Stieg	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo	40 years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared off the secluded island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger family. There was no corpse, no witnesses, no evidence. But her uncle, Henrik, is convinced that she was murdered by someone in her own family - the deeply dysfunctional Vanger clan.	Fiction	15	542	11/10/2011
LAST, Nella	Nella Last's War	In September 1939, housewife and mother Nella Last began a diary whose entries, in their regularity, length and quality, have created a record of the Second World War which is powerful, fascinating and unique.	Biography	15	320	07/08/2008
LE CARRÉ, John	The Night Manager	Jonathan Pine agrees to stand up and be counted in the fight against a heart of darkness - the unholy alliance between the intelligence community and the secret arms trade. From the cliffs of west Cornwall via the Caribbean to the post-Noriega Panama, Pine chases his quarry - the worst man in the world.	Thriller	15	483	25/04/2016
LEE, Harper	Go Set a Watchman	This novel is set during the mid-1950s and features many of the characters from 'To Kill a Mockingbird' some twenty years before. Scout (Jean Louise Finch) has returned to Maycomb from New York to visit her father Atticus. She is forced to grapple with issues both personal and political as she tries to understand both her father's attitude toward society, and her own feelings about the place where she was born and spent her childhood.	Fiction	15	278	29/06/2016

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LEE, Harper	To Kill A Mockingbird	Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird". This is a lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of the story - a black man charged with raping a white girl in the 1930s.	Fiction	15	309	05/07/2011
LEE, Laurie	Cider with Rosie	This is a vivid memoir of childhood in a remote Cotswold village, a village before electricity or cars, a timeless place on the verge of change. Growing up amongst the fields and woods and characters of the place, Laurie Lee depicts a world that is both immediate and real and belonging to a now distant past.	Non-Fiction	15	231	15/05/2013
LEVY, Andrea	The Long Song	Set in Jamaica during the last turbulent years of slavery and the early years of freedom that followed, this novel follows the life of July, a slave girl, who lives upon a sugar plantation named Amity.	Historical	15	421	09/02/2011
LEVY, Deborah	Swimming Home	'Swimming Home' is a subversive page-turner, a merciless gaze at the insidious harm that depression can have on apparently stable, well-turned-out people. Set in a summer villa, the story is tautly structured, taking place over a week in which a group of beautiful, flawed tourists in the French Riviera come loose at the seams.	Fiction	15	160	20/11/2012
LIPROT, Amy	The Outrun	When Amy returns to Orkney after more than a decade away, she is drawn back to the sheep farm where she grew up. Approaching the land that was once home, memories of her childhood merge with the recent events that have set her on this journey. Amy was shaped by the cycle of the seasons, birth and death on the farm, and her father's mental illness, which were as much a part of her childhood as the wild, carefree existence on Orkney. But as she grew up, she longed to leave this remote life. She moved to London and found herself in a hedonistic cycle. Unable to control her drinking, alcohol gradually took over. Now 30, she finds herself washed up back home on Orkney, trying to come to terms with what happened to her in London	Non-Fiction	15	280	30/01/2018
MacGregor, Virginia	What Milo Saw	Nine-year-old Milo Moon has retinitis pigmentosa: his eyes are slowly failing and he will eventually go blind. But for now he sees the world through a pin hole and notices things other people don't. When his beloved gran succumbs to dementia and moves into a nursing home, he soon realises there's something very wrong at the home. The grown-ups won't listen to him so with just Tripi, the nursing home's cook, and Hamlet, his pet pig, to help, Milo sets out on a mission to expose the nursing home and the sinister Nurse Thornhill	Fiction	15	389	03/11/2015
McCarthy, Cormac	The Road	A father and his young son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing but a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road.	Fiction	14	307	09/06/2008
McCormack, Mike	Solar Bones	Once a year, on All Souls' Day, it is said in Ireland that the dead may return. 'Solar Bones' is the story of one such visit. Marcus Conway, a middle-aged engineer, turns up one afternoon at his kitchen table and considers the events that took him away and then brought him home again.	Fiction	15	265	15/09/2017

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McEwan, Ian	The Children Act	Fiona Maye is a respected High Court judge, renowned for her exactitude and calm professionalism. But when her husband of 30 years standing shocks her with an unreasonable request, she finds her life in crisis. At precisely the same time, she is ordered to try a new case. It is an urgent matter of life and death, bringing science and religion into direct conflict - and at its centre is a beautiful adolescent boy with the whole of his life ahead of him. Exactly the kind of case where a small error of judgement might have grave and lasting consequences.	Fiction	15	215	23/06/2015
McEwan, Ian	Solar	Ranging from the Arctic Circle to the deserts of New Mexico, 'Solar' is a serious and darkly satirical novel, showing human frailty struggling with the most pressing and complex problem of our time. It is a story of one man's greed and self-deception	Fiction	15	285	24/05/2012
MacKintosh, Clare	I Let You Go	At the scene of a tragic accident, life changes immediately for everyone involved. Finding it impossible to stay in Bristol, Jenna Gray moves to a remote cottage on the Welsh coast. She is desperate to escape the past, but is haunted by the accident, by the loss of her son, and by her own fears. DI Ray Stevens is determined to get to the bottom of this case. The investigation takes him away from his family and he finds himself growing closer to Kate Evans, a young and forthright detective on his team. But Jenna's past is about to catch up with her, with devastating consequences.	Thriller	15	373	22/04/2016
MAGEE, Audrey	The Undertaking	A soldier on the Russian Front marries a photograph of a woman he has never met. Hundreds of miles away in Berlin, the woman marries a photograph of the soldier. It is a contract of business rather than love, however, when Peter and Katharina finally meet passion blossoms and they begin to imagine a life together under the bright promise of Nazi Germany. But as the tide of war turns and Allied enemies come ever closer, the couple find themselves facing the terrible consequences of being ordinary people stained with their small share of an extraordinary guilt.	Historical	15	294	02/10/2014
MAGNUSSON, Sally	The Sealwoman's Gift	In 1627 Barbary pirates raided the coast of Iceland and abducted some 400 of its people, including 250 from a tiny island off the mainland. Among the captives sold into slavery in Algiers were the island pastor, his wife and their three children. Although the raid itself is well documented, little is known about what happened to the women and children afterwards. It was a time when women everywhere were largely silent. In this reimagining, Sally Magnusson gives a voice to Asta, the pastor's wife.	Historical	15	364	30/09/2018
MANTEL, Hilary	Wolf Hall	England, the 1520s. Henry VIII is on the throne, but has no heir. Cardinal Wolsey is his chief advisor, charged with securing the divorce the pope refuses to grant. Into this atmosphere of distrust and need comes Thomas Cromwell, first as Wolsey's clerk, and later his successor.	Historical	15	672	14/09/2010



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MARSH, Henry	Do No Harm	What is it really like to be a brain surgeon, to hold someone's life in your hands, to drill down into the stuff that creates thought, feeling and reason? How do you live with the consequences of performing a potentially life-saving operation when it all goes wrong? In this powerful, gripping and brutally honest account, one of the country's top neurosurgeons reveals what it is to play god in the face of the life-and-death situations he encounters daily. Henry Marsh gives a rare insight into the intense drama of the operating theatre, the chaos and confusion of a modern hospital, the exquisite complexity of the human brain, and the blunt instrument that is surgeon's knife by comparison	Non-Fiction	15	277	21/1/2015
MAUGHAM, Somerset W.	The Painted Veil	This is the story of Kitty Fane, the adulterous wife of a bacteriologist stationed in Hong Kong. When her husband discovers her deception, he exacts a terrible vengeance: Kitty must accompany him to the heart of a cholera epidemic in China.	Classic	15	212	19/4/2016
MAWER, Simon	Tightrope	Marian Sutro has survived Ravensbruck and is back in dreary 1950s London trying to pick up the pieces of her pre-war life. Returned to an England she barely knows and a post-war world she doesn't understand Marian searches for something on which to ground the rest of her life. Family and friends surround her and a young RAF officer attempts to bring her the normalities of love and affection but she is haunted by her experiences and by the guilt of knowing that her contribution to the war effort helped lead to the development of the atomic bomb. Where, in the complexities of peacetime, does her loyalty lie?	Thriller	15	416	22/4/2016
MAYHEW, Julie	The Big Lie	Jessika Keller is a good girl: she obeys her father, does her best to impress Herr Fisher at the Bund Deutscher Madel meetings and is set to be a world champion ice skater. Her neighbour Clementine is not so submissive. Outspoken and radical, Clem is delectably dangerous and rebellious. And the regime has noticed. Jess cannot keep both her perfect life and her dearest friend. But which can she live without?	Fiction	15	323	04/11/2015
MICHELL, Tom	Penguin Lessons	Tom Michell is in his roaring 20s: single, free-spirited and seeking adventure. He has a plane ticket to South America, a teaching position in a prestigious Argentinian boarding school and endless summer holidays. He even has a motorbike! What he doesn't need is a pet. What he really doesn't need is a pet penguin. Set against Argentina's turbulent years, following the collapse of the corrupt Perónist regime, this is the heart-warming story of Juan Salvador the penguin, rescued by Tom from an oil slick in Uruguay just days before a new term. When the bird refuses to leave Tom's side, he has no choice but to smuggle it through customs, across the border and back to school, where it soon transforms the lives of all they meet.	Non-Fiction	15	224	02/09/2016
MITCHELL, David	Cloud Atlas	A reluctant voyager crossing the Pacific in 1850, and a young Pacific Islander witnessing the nightfall of science and civilization - these and the other narrators of 'Cloud Atlas' hear each other's echoes down the corridor of history, and their destinies are changed in ways great and small.	Fiction	10	529	05/01/2005

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MOGGACH, Deborah	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	When Ravi Kapoor, an over-worked London doctor, is driven beyond endurance by his obnoxious father-in-law, he asks his wife: 'Can't we just send him away somewhere? Somewhere far, far away.' His prayer seems to have been answered when his entrepreneurial cousin, Sonny, sets up a retirement home	Fiction	15	281	24/05/2012
MONTEFIORE, Simon	Sashenka	In the best-selling tradition of 'Dr Zhivago' and 'The Island', this is an epic story of revolution, passion and betrayal - and one woman whose extraordinary secret lies uncovered for half a century.	Historical	15	618	20/06/2016
MORGENSTERN, Erin	The Night Circus	In 1886 a mysterious travelling circus becomes an international sensation. Open only at night, constructed entirely in black & white, Le Cirque des Reves delights all who wander its circular paths. But behind the scenes a dangerous game is being played out by two young magicians, who are forced to test the limits of the imagination & love.	Fiction	15	496	03/12/2013
MORRIS, Heather	The Tattooist of Auschwitz	This novel is based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov, two Slovakian Jews, who survived Auschwitz and eventually made their home in Australia. In that terrible place, Lale was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - literally scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust.	Fiction	15	369	31/10/2018
MOSSE, Kate	The Taxidermist's Daughter	The enthralling new Sunday Times bestselling gothic novel from the author of THE WINTER GHOSTS, CITADEL and LABYRINTH. The clock strikes twelve. Beneath the wind and the remorseless tolling of the bell, no one can hear the scream . . . 1912. A Sussex churchyard. Villagers gather on the night when the ghosts of those who will not survive the coming year are thought to walk. And in the shadows, a woman lies dead. As the flood waters rise, Connie Gifford is marooned in a decaying house with her increasingly tormented father. He drinks to escape the past, but an accident has robbed her of her most significant childhood memories. Until the disturbance at the church awakens fragments of those vanished years...	Fiction	15	432	23/06/2015
MOYES, Jojo	Me Before You	Lou Clark knows lots of things but she doesn't know is she's about to lose her job or that knowing what's coming is what keeps her sane. Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour.	Fiction	15	480	03/12/2013
NEMIROVSKY, Irene	Suite Francaise	'Suite Francaise' is a lost masterpiece written in World War II France, telling the spellbinding story of a group of characters living under Nazi occupation.	Historical	15	403	19/12/2008
NICHOLLS, David	Us	David Nicholls brings to bear all the wit and intelligence that graced 'One Day' in this bittersweet book, which will delight his fans and bring him many new readers. It is a novel about love and family, husbands and wives, and parents and children.	Fiction	15	399	22/01/2015

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NORTH, Claire	The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August	Harry August is on his deathbed, again. Every time he dies, he is reborn in exactly the same time and place, a child with all the knowledge of a life he has already lived a dozen times before. No matter what he does or the decisions he makes, when death comes, he always returns to where he began, and nothing ever changes. He only knows that there are others like him, living with but apart from the rest of us. This is the story of what he does next - what he did before - and how he tries to save a past he cannot change and a future he cannot allow.	Fiction	15	405	22/05/2018
O'BRIEN, Edna	The Little Red Chairs	When a wanted war criminal, masquerading as a healer, settles in a small west coast Irish village, the community are in thrall. One woman, Fidelma McBride, falls under his spell and in this searing novel, Edna O'Brien charts the consequence of that fatal attraction. This is a story about love, the artifice of evil and the terrible necessity of accountability in our shattered, damaged world.	Fiction	15	299	31/08/2016
O'FARRELL, Maggie	I Am, I Am, I Am	'I Am, I Am, I Am' is Sunday Times bestseller and Costa Novel-Award winner Maggie O'Farrell's electric and shocking memoir of the near death experiences that have punctuated her life. A childhood illness she was not expected to survive. A teenage yearning to escape that nearly ended in disaster. A terrifying encounter on a remote path. A mismanaged labour in an understaffed hospital. This is a memoir with a difference: seventeen encounters with Maggie at different ages, in different locations, reveal to us a whole life in a series of tense, visceral snapshots. It is a book to make you question yourself: what would you do if your life was in danger? How would you react? And what would you stand to lose?	Biography	15	290	28/08/2018
O'FARRELL, Maggie	Instructions for a Heatwave	London, July 1976. It hasn't rained for months, and Robert Riordan tells his wife Gretta that he's going round the corner to buy a newspaper. He doesn't come back. The search for Robert brings Gretta's children - two estranged sisters and a brother on the brink of divorce - back home, each with different ideas as to where their father might have gone. None of them suspects that their mother might have an explanation that even now she cannot share	Fiction	15	324	03/12/2013
O'FARRELL, Maggie	This Must Be The Place	A reclusive former film star living in the wilds of Ireland, Claudette Wells thinks nothing of firing a gun if strangers get too close to her house. Why is she so fiercely protective of her privacy and what made her disappear at the height of her cinematic fame? Her husband Daniel, reeling from a discovery about a woman he last saw 20 years ago, is about to make an exit of his own. It is a journey that will send him off-course, far from home. Will his love for Claudette be enough to bring him back?	Fiction	15	486	16/05/2016
PALACIO, R.J.	Wonder	'Wonder' is the funny, sweet and incredibly moving story of Auggie Pullman. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, this shy, bright ten-year-old has been home-schooled by his parents for his whole life, in an attempt to protect him from the stares and cruelty of the outside world.	Fiction	15	315	05/03/2013

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PARRIS, S.J.	Treachery	Perfect for fans of C.J. Sansom and The Name of the Rose, the fourth historical thriller featuring Giordano Bruno, heretic, philosopher and spy. August, 1585. England is on the brink of war. Sir Francis Drake is preparing to launch a daring expedition against the Spanish when a murder aboard his ship changes everything. A relentless enemy. A treacherous conspiracy. Giordano Bruno agrees to hunt the killer down, only to find that more than one deadly plot is brewing in Plymouth's murky underworld. And as he tracks a murderer through its dangerous streets, he uncovers a conspiracy that threatens the future of England itself.	Thriller	15	576	13/04/2017
PATCH, Harry with Richard Van Emden	The Last Fighting Tommy	The life of Harry Patch, the oldest surviving veteran of the trenches. The Last Fighting Tommy' tells the extraordinary and moving story of a man whose life has spanned six monarchs and 20 Prime Ministers.	Non-Fiction	10	238	15/10/2009
PAULL, Laline	The Bees	Born into the lowest class of her society, Flora 717 is a sanitation bee, only fit to clean her orchard hive. Living to accept, obey, and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen. But Flora is not like other bees. Despite her ugliness she has talents that are not typical of her kin. While mutant bees are usually instantly destroyed, Flora is removed from sanitation duty and is allowed to feed the newborns, before becoming a forager, collecting pollen on the wing. She also finds her way into the Queen's inner sanctum, where she discovers secrets both sublime and ominous. But enemies are everywhere, from the fearsome fertility police to the high priestesses who jealously guard the Hive Mind. And when Flora breaks the most sacred law of all her instinct to serve is overshadowed by an even deeper desire, a fierce love that will lead to the unthinkable.	Fiction	15	346	23/06/2015
PEARCE, A.J.	Dear Mrs Bird	London, 1940. Emmeline Lake and her best friend Bunty are trying to stay cheerful despite the Luftwaffe making life thoroughly annoying for everyone. Emmy dreams of becoming a Lady War Correspondent and when she spots a job advertisement in the newspaper she seizes her chance - but after a rather unfortunate misunderstanding, she finds herself typing letters for the formidable Henrietta Bird, the renowned agony aunt of 'Woman's Friend' magazine. Mrs Bird is very clear: letters containing any form of Unpleasantness must go straight into the bin But soon the thought of desperate women going unanswered becomes too much to bear and Emmy decides the only thing for it is to secretly write back.	Fiction	15	308	29/05/2018
PEARSE, Lesley	Till We Meet Again	Beth and Susie grew up together, but after 29 years apart, Susie stands accused of murder and Beth must defend her in court against mounting evidence. As Beth confronts her own demons, the love both women shared as children proves stronger than the traumas of the past	Fiction	15	528	03/05/2005

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PERRY, Sarah	The Essex Serpent	London 1893. When Cora Seaborne's controlling husband dies, she steps into her new life as a widow with as much relief as sadness. Retreating to the countryside with her son, she encounters rumours of the 'Essex Serpent', a creature of folklore said to have returned to roam the marshes. Cora is enthralled, believing it may be an undiscovered species. Setting out on its trail, she collides with local minister William Ransome, who thinks the cure for hysteria lies in faith, while Cora is convinced that science offers the answers. Despite disagreeing on everything, he and Cora find themselves drawn together, changing each other's lives in unexpected ways.	Historical	15	416	16/05/2017
PICOULT, Jodie	Plain Truth	An Amish farmer finds the body of a baby hidden in his barn. When the police are summoned, they discover that the mother is an unmarried 18-year-old, and believe that the baby did not die of natural causes. Can Ellie Hathaway defend the girl?	Fiction	15	451	30/07/2009
PICOULT, Jodie	Small Great Things	When a newborn baby dies after a routine hospital procedure, there is no doubt about who will be held responsible: the nurse who had been banned from looking after him by his father. What the nurse, her lawyer and the father of the child cannot know is how this death will irrevocably change all of their lives, in ways both expected and not.	Fiction	15	506	16/05/2017
POLLEN, Bella	Hunting Unicorns	Maggie is a hard-working and hard-hitting American documentary maker who has just accepted a commission to make a film about the decline of the British aristocracy. This is a witty, sophisticated, romantic comedy full of candid observations on how the other half lives.	Fiction	15	353	28/05/2004
ROBINSON, Marilynne	Housekeeping	A modern classic, 'Housekeeping' is the story of Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, who grow up haphazardly, first under the care of their competent grandmother, then of two comically bumbling great-aunts, and finally of Sylvie, the eccentric and remote sister of their dead mother.	Fiction	15	219	03/11/2015
RODRIGUEZ, Deborah	The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul	In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. As these five women discover there's more to one another than meets the eye, they form a unique bond that will for ever change their lives and the lives of many others.	Fiction	15	380	15/04/2014
ROWLATT, Bee and WITWIT, May	Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad	'Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad' is the story of two women who share laughter and tears, and swap their confidences, dreams and fears. And, between the grenades, the gossip, the jokes and the secrets, they also hatch an ingenious plan to help May escape the bombings of Baghdad.	Non-Fiction	15	370	11/11/2011
ROWLING, J.K.	The Casual Vacancy	When Barry Fairbrother dies unexpectedly in his early 40s, the little town of Pagford is left in shock. The empty seat left by Barry on the parish council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has ever seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations?	Fiction	15	568	03/12/2013

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SANSOM, C.J.	Dominion	At once a startling, sinister reimagining of 1950s Britain and a gripping, humane spy thriller, with 'Dominion' C.J. Sansom once again asserts himself as the master of the historical thriller.	Fiction	15	717	19/09/2013
SENDKER, Jan Philipp	Whispering Shadows	Paul Leibovitz was once an ambitious advisor, dedicated father and loving husband. But after living for nearly 30 years in Hong Kong, personal tragedy strikes and his marriage unravels in the fallout. When he makes a fleeting connection with Elizabeth, a distressed American woman on the verge of collapse, his life is thrown into turmoil. Less than 24 hours later, her son is found dead in Shenzhen, and Paul, invigorated by a newfound purpose, sets out to investigate the murder on his own. As Paul, Elizabeth, and a detective friend descend deeper into the Shenzhen underworld they discover dark secrets hidden beneath China's booming new wealth. In a country where rich businessmen with expensive degrees can corrupt the judicial system, the potential for evil abounds.	Thriller	15	382	13/04/2017
SCHLINK, Bernhard	The Reader	Schlink explores questions of guilt, deceit, betrayal and memory in this novel which traces the relationship between a German lawyer, Michael, and an older woman, Hanna, who was formerly a guard at a satellite camp attached to Auschwitz.	Fiction	15	216	19/12/2008
SHAFFER, Mary-Ann	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	It's January, 1946, and writer Juliet Ashton sits at her desk, vainly seeking a subject for her next book. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from one Dawsey Adams of Guernsey - by chance, he's acquired a secondhand book that once belonged to Juliet - and, spurred on by their mutual love of Charles Lamb, they begin a correspondence.	Fiction	15	248	07/12/2009
SHAMSIE, Kamila	Home Fire	Isma is free. After years spent raising her twin siblings in the wake of their mother's death, she is finally studying in America, resuming a dream long deferred. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London - or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream: to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Handsome and privileged, he inhabits a London worlds away from theirs. As the son of a powerful British Muslim politician, Eamonn has his own birthright to live up to - or defy. Is he to be a chance at love?	Fiction	15	264	30/09/2018

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SHETTERLY, Margot Lee	Hidden Figures	Set amid the civil rights movement, the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program. Before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as 'Human Computers', calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright, talented African-American women. Segregated from their white counterparts, these 'colored computers' used pencil and paper to write the equations that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Moving from World War II through NASA's golden age, touching on the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the women's rights movement, 'Hidden Figures' interweaves a rich history of mankind's greatest adventure with the intimate stories of five courageous women whose work forever changed the world.	Non-Fiction	15	346	22/05/2018
SHREVE, Anita	Pilot's Wife	Marriage to a pilot has taught Kathryn to be ready for emergencies, but nothing prepared her for the news of her husband's fatal crash. Struggling through her grief, she confronts disturbing rumours and becomes torn between her impulse to protect her husband's memory and her desire for the truth.	Fiction	15	293	03/01/2002
SHREVE, Anita	The Stars are Fire	Fires are racing along the coast of Maine after a summer-long drought, ravaging thousands of acres, causing unprecedented confusion and fear. Five months pregnant, Grace Holland is left alone to protect her two toddlers when her difficult and unpredictable husband Gene joins the volunteers fighting to bring the fire under control. Along with her best friend, Rosie, and Rosie's two young children, the women watch in horror as their houses go up in flames, then walk into the ocean as a last resort. They spend the night frantically trying to save their children. When dawn comes, they have miraculously survived, but their lives are forever changed: homeless, penniless and left to face an uncertain future.	Fiction	15	320	01/05/2018
SHRIVER, Lionel	We Need to Talk About Kevin	Who is to blame for teenage atrocity? Narrator, Eva Khatchadourian's son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker, and the much-loved teacher who tried to befriend him. This novel is an examination of the effect tragedy has on a town, a marriage and a family.	Fiction	15	480	30/07/2009
SHULKA, Nikesh	The Good Immigrant	We're told that we live in a multicultural melting pot - that we're post-racial. Yet, studies show that throughout the UK, people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups are much more likely to live in poverty than white British people (Institute of Race Relations). It's a hard time to be an immigrant, or the child of one, or even the grandchild of one. 'The Good Immigrant' brings together twenty emerging British BAME writers, poets, journalists, and artists to confront this issue. In these essays about race and immigration, they paint a picture of what it means to be 'other' in a country that wants you, doesn't want you, doesn't accept you, needs you for its equality monitoring forms and would prefer you if you won a major reality show competition.	Non-Fiction	15	238	23/01/2018

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SIMSION, Graeme, C.	The Rosie Project	Meet Don Tillman. Don is getting married. He just doesn't know who to yet. But he has designed a very detailed questionnaire to help him find the perfect woman. One thing he already knows, though, is that it's not Rosie. Absolutely, completely, definitely not.	Fiction	15	329	15/04/2014
SLATER, Nigel	Toast	This is food writer Nigel Slater's eat-and-tell autobiography. Detailing all the food, recipes and cooking that have marked his passage from greedy schoolboy to great food writer, this is also a catalogue of how the British have eaten over the last decades of the 20th century.	Biography	15	247	24/02/2005
SLIMANI, Leila	Lullaby	When Myriam, a French-Moroccan lawyer, decides to return to work after having children, she and her husband look for the perfect caretaker for their two young children. They never dreamed they would find Louise: a quiet, polite and devoted woman who sings to their children, cleans the family's chic apartment in Paris's upscale 10th arrondissement, stays late without complaint and is able to host enviable birthday parties. The couple and nanny become more dependent on each other. But as jealousy, resentment and suspicions increase, Myriam and Paul's idyllic tableau is shattered.	Fiction	15	207	31/07/2018
SMITH, Ali	Public Libraries and Other Stories	Why are books so very powerful? What do the books we've read over our lives - our own personal libraries - make of us? What does the unravelling of our tradition of public libraries, so hard-won but now in jeopardy, say about us? The stories in Ali Smith's new collection are about what we do with books and what they do with us: how they travel with us; how they shock us, change us, challenge us, banish time while making us older, wiser and ageless all at once; how they remind us to pay attention to the world we make.	Short Stories	11	219	28/04/2016
SMITH, Wilbur	Elephant Song	From the peaks of Ethiopia's Mountains of the Moon and the deep forests where the Nile rises, to the teeming streets of Taiwan and London's city boardrooms, a man and woman fight against the forces of greed, evil and corruption to save a people and a habitat from extinction.	Fiction	15	398	16/07/2016
SMITH, Zadie	NW	Hobbes, Smith, Bentham, Locke and Russell. Five identical blocks make up the Caldwell housing estate in North West London. Caldwell kids Leah, Natalie, Felix and Nathan have all moved on. They occupy separate worlds in an atomized city. Then one afternoon a stranger comes to Leah's door, forcing her out of her isolation	Fiction	15	295	15/08/2013
SMITH, Zadie	Swing Time	Two girls dream of being dancers - but only one, Tracey, has talent. The other has ideas: about rhythm and time, about black bodies and black music, what constitutes a tribe, or makes a person truly free. It's a close but complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties, never to be revisited, but never quite forgotten, either. Dazzlingly energetic and deeply human, 'Swing Time' is a story about friendship and music and stubborn roots, about how we are shaped by these things and how we can survive them.	Fiction	15	453	15/09/2017
STEINBECK, John	Of Mice and Men	The childlike Lennie is lost without his guardian, George, who feels his slow-witted friend has been delivered into his keeping. Bound by their fragile dream of owning land where they will 'belong', their paradisiac future is soon shattered.	Classic	15	120	06/12/2010



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STEDMAN, M.L.	The Light Between Oceans	Would you accept a chance for happiness even if it wasn't yours to have? This is a story about a lighthouse keeper and his wife, who live on a lonely island with just seagulls, stars and buffeting winds for company. It's a story about right and wrong, and how sometimes they look the same.	Fiction	15	460	21/02/2017
STOCKETT, Kathryn	The Help	Aibileen is a black maid, raising her 17th white child, but with a bitter heart after the death of her son. Minny is the sassiest woman in Mississippi. Skeeter is a white woman with a degree but no ring on her finger. Seemingly as different as can be, these women will come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk	Fiction	15	444	27/10/2010
STRAYED, Cheryl	Wild, A Journey From Lost to Found	At 26, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family disbanded and her marriage crumbled. With nothing to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life: to walk 1,100 miles of the west coast of America - from the Mojave Desert, through California and Oregon, and into Washington State - and to do it alone. She had no experience of long-distance hiking and the journey was nothing more than a line on a map. But it held a promise - a promise of piecing together a life that lay in ruins at her feet.	Non-Fiction	15	336	23/01/2018
STROUT, Elizabeth	The Burgess Boys	Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their hometown for New York City as soon as they possibly could. Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a legal aid attorney who idolises Jim, has always taken it in his stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan - the sibling who stayed behind - urgently calls them home.	Fiction	15	384	01/05/2014
TALLEY, Robin	The Lies We Tell Ourselves	In 1959 Virginia, the lives of two girls on opposite sides of the battle for civil rights will be changed forever. Sarah Dunbar is one of the first black students to attend the previously all-white Jefferson High School. Linda Hairston is the daughter of one of the town's most vocal opponents of school integration. She has been taught all her life that the races should be kept 'separate but equal.' Forced to work together on a school project, Sarah and Linda must confront harsh truths about race, power and how they really feel about one another.	Historical	15	368	11/11/2015
TARTT, Donna	The Goldfinch	Aged 13, Theo Decker, son of a devoted mother and a reckless, largely absent father, survives an accident that otherwise tears his life apart. Alone and rudderless in New York, he is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. He is tormented by an unbearable longing for his mother, and down the years clings to one thing that reminds him of her: a small, strangely captivating painting that ultimately draws him into the criminal underworld. As he grows up, Theo learns to glide between the drawing rooms of the rich and the dusty antiques store where he works. He is alienated and in love and his talisman, the painting, places him at the centre of a narrowing, ever more dangerous circle.	Fiction	15	864	11/06/2014

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TARTT, Donna	The Secret History	Under the influence of their charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries.	Fiction	15	659	03/12/2003
TAYLOR, Elizabeth	Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont	On a rainy Sunday in January, the recently widowed Mrs Palfrey arrives at the Claremont Hotel, where she will spend the rest of her days. She encounters the handsome young writer, Ludo, and learns that even the old can fall in love.	Fiction	15	205	22/01/2015
THIEN, Madeleine	Do Not Say We Have Nothing	In Canada in 1990, ten-year-old Marie and her mother invite a guest into their home. She is Ai-Ming, a young woman from China who has fled following the aftermath of the Tiananmen Square incident. As her relationship with Marie deepens she tells the story of her family in revolutionary China.	Fiction	15	473	16/05/2017
THYNNE, Jane	Black Roses	Berlin, 1933. Clara Vine, an attractive young Anglo-German actress, arrives in Berlin to find work at the famous Ufa studios. Through a chance meeting, she is drawn into a circle of Nazi wives, among them Magda Goebbels, Anneliese von Ribbentrop and Goering's girlfriend Emmy Sonnemann. As part of his plan to create a new pure German race, Hitler wants to make sweeping changes to the lives of women. Then she meets Leo Quinn who is working for British intelligence and who sees Clara as the perfect recruit to spy on her new elite friends.	Fiction	15	471	01/10/2014
TOIBIN, Colm	Brooklyn	In a small town in the south-east of Ireland in the 1950s, Eilis Lacey is among many of her generation who cannot find work at home. So when she is offered a job in America, she leaves her family to start a new life in Brooklyn, New York.	Fiction	15	251	14/09/2010
TOIBIN, Colm	Nora Webster	It is the 1960s and Nora Webster is living with her two young sons in a small town on the east coast of Ireland. The love of her life, Maurice, has just died so she must work out how to forge a new life for herself. As Nora returns to memories of the happiness of her early marriage, something more painful begins to intrude: memories of her own mother and what brought about the terrifying distance between them.	Fiction	15	310	24/06/2015
TREMAIN, Rose	Colour	Joseph and Harriet Blackstone, along with Joseph's mother Lillian, emigrate to New Zealand in search of new beginnings and prosperity in the mid-19th century gold rush. This novel tells the story of their quest for the impossible and their attempts to mine the complexities of love.	Fiction	15	366	09/08/04

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TREMAIN, Rose	The Gustav Sonata	It is the tutor who tells the young Gustav that he must try to be more like a coconut - that he needs a hard shell to protect the softness inside. This is what his native Switzerland has perfected - a shell to protect its neutrality, to keep its people safe. But his beloved friend, Anton, doesn't want to be safe - a gifted pianist, he longs to make his mark on the world outside. On holiday one summer in Davos, the boys stumble across a remote building. Long ago, it was a TB sanatorium; now it is wrecked and derelict. Here, they play a game of life and death, deciding which of their imaginary patients must burn. It becomes their secret. 'The Gustav Sonata' begins in the 1930s, under the shadow of the Second World War, and follows the boys into maturity, and middle age, where their friendship is tested as never before.	Fiction	15	308	16/05/2017
TREMAIN, Rose	The Road Home	Lev is on his way to Britain to seek work, so that he can send money back to Eastern Europe to support his mother and little daughter. He struggles with the mysterious rituals of 'Englishness', and the fashions and fads of the London scene. We see the road Lev travels through his eyes, and we share his dilemmas.	Fiction	15	365	17/12/2013
TREMAIN, Rose	Trespass	Set among the hills and gorges of the Cévennes, the dark and beautiful heartland of southern France, 'Trespass' is a novel about disputed territory, sibling love and devastating revenge.	Fiction	15	372	05/07/2011
TREMAYNE, S.K.	The Fire Child	When Rachel marries dark, handsome David, everything seems to fall into place. Swept from single life in London to the beautiful Carnhallow House in Cornwall, she gains wealth, love, and a stepson, Jamie. But then Jamie makes a chilling prediction, and Rachel's perfect life begins to unravel. Haunted by the spectre of David's late wife - Jamie's real mother - Rachel finds herself drawn to the deserted mines where she plunged to her death, three years prior. As Rachel starts digging into the past, she begins to grow suspicious of her husband. Why is he so reluctant to discuss Jamie's behaviour? And what exactly happened to cause his ex-wife's untimely suicide? With December looming, Rachel begins to fear there might be truth in Jamie's words: 'You will die at Christmas'	Thriller	15	390	02/02/2017
TREMAYNE, S.K.	The Ice Twins	A year after one of their identical twin daughters, Lydia, dies in an accident, Angus and Sarah Moorcraft move to the tiny Scottish island Angus inherited from his grandmother, hoping to put together the pieces of their shattered lives. But when their surviving daughter, Kirstie, claims they have mistaken her identity - that she, in fact, is Lydia - their world comes crashing down once again. As winter encroaches, Angus is forced to travel away from the island for work, Sarah is feeling isolated, and Kirstie (or is it Lydia?) is growing more disturbed. When a violent storm leaves Sarah and her daughter stranded, Sarah finds herself tortured by the past - what really happened on that fateful day one of her daughters died?	Thriller	15	400	22/04/2016

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TROLLOPE, Anthony	Barchester Towers	Set in mid-Victorian England, this novel follows the fight for ascendancy among the clergy and dependents of a great English cathedral.	Classic	15	526	22/01/2002
TSIOLKAS, Christos	The Slap	Christos Tsiolkas presents an apparently harmless domestic incident as seen from eight very different perspectives. The result is an unflinching interrogation of our lives today; of the modern family and domestic life in the 21st century, a deeply thought-provoking novel about boundaries and their limits.	Fiction	15	485	30/03/2011
TYLER, Anne	Noah's Compass	This is the story of a year in the life of Liam Pennywell, a man in his 61st year. A classical pedant, he's just been 'let go' from his school teaching job and downsizes to a tiny out-of-town apartment. When he goes to bed early and alone on the first night, he wakes up in hospital unable to recall how he got there.	Fiction	15	277	04/07/2011
TYLER, Anne	A Spool of Blue Thread	'It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon'. This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she and Red fell in love that day in July 1959. The whole family on the porch, relaxed, half-listening as their mother tells the same tale they have heard so many times before. And yet this gathering is different. Abby and Red are getting older, and decisions must be made about how best to look after them and their beloved family home. From that porch we spool back through three generations of the Whitshanks, witnessing the events, secrets and unguarded moments that have come to define who and what they are. And while all families like to believe they are special, round that kitchen table over all those years we see played out the hopes and fears, the rivalries and tensions of families everywhere - the essential nature of family life.	Fiction	15	465	03/11/2015
VERGHESE, Abraham	Cutting For Stone	The unforgettable story of twin brothers born in Ethiopia of the secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a British doctor, and the choices each of them must face as they grow to manhood.	Fiction	15	560	14/09/2010
VICKERS, Sally	Miss Garnet's Angel	Julia Garnet goes to live in Venice. Its beauty overwhelms a lifetime of reserve and caution. Above all, she's touched by the spirit of the Angel, Raphael. Twinned with her journey is that of Tobias, who is determined that his son should recover the family debt and allow his father to die in peace.	Fiction	15	342	19/12/2003
WALTERS, Louise	Mrs Sinclair's Suitcase	Roberta likes to collect the letters she finds in second-hand books. When her father gives her some of her grandmother's belongings, she finds a letter from the grandfather she never knew - dated after he supposedly died in the war. Dorothy is unhappily married to Albert, who is away at war. When a plane crashes in the field behind her house she meets Squadron Leader Jan Pietrykowski, and as their bond deepens she dares to hope she might find happiness. But fate has other plans for them both, and soon she is hiding a secret so momentous that its shockwaves will touch her granddaughter many years later.	Fiction	15	296	01/10/2014

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WALTERS, Minette	The Last Hours	June, 1348: the Black Death enters England through the port of Melcombe in the county of Dorsetshire. Unprepared for the virulence of the disease, and the speed with which it spreads, the people of the county start to die in their thousands. A culture of terror and superstition quickly sweeps across the land as news of the Black Death travels far and wide. In the demesne of Develish, Lady Anne takes control of her people's future - including the lives of two hundred bonded serfs. Strong, compassionate and resourceful, Lady Anne chooses a bastard slave, Thaddeus Thurkell, to act as her steward. Together, they decide to quarantine Develish by bringing the serfs inside the walls. With this sudden overturning of the accepted social order, where serfs exist only to serve their lords, conflicts soon arise.	Historical	15	555	17/08/2018
WATERS, Sarah	The Paying Guests	There came the splash of water and the rub of heels as Mrs Barber stepped into the tub. After that there was a silence, broken only by the occasional echoey plink of drips from the tap. Frances had been picturing her lodgers in purely mercenary terms - as something like two great waddling shillings. But this, she thought, was what it really meant to have paying guests: this odd, unintimate proximity, this rather peeled-back moment, where the only thing between herself and a naked Mrs Barber was a few feet of kitchen and a thin scullery door. An image sprang into her head: that round flesh, crimsoning in the heat	Fiction	15	599	24/06/2015
WATSON, S.J.	Before I Go To Sleep	Memories define us. So what if you lost yours every time you went to sleep? Your name, your identity, your past, even the people you love - all forgotten overnight. And the one person you trust may only be telling you half the story. Welcome to Christine's life.	Thrillers	15	371	06/02/2012
WEIR, Alison	Innocent Traitor	Lady Jane Grey was born into the most dangerous of times. Child of a scheming father & a ruthless mother for whom she was a pawn in a dynastic game with the highest stakes, she lived a life in thrall to political machinations and lethal religious fervour.	Historical	13	320	25/10/2012
WEIR, Andy	The Martian	I'm stranded on Mars. I have no way to communicate with Earth. I'm in a habitat designed to last 31 days. If the oxygenator breaks down, I'll suffocate. If the water reclaimer breaks down, I'll die of thirst. If the hab breaches, I'll just kind of explode. If none of those things happen, I'll eventually run out of food and starve to death. I'm screwed.	Sci-Fi	15	369	04/11/2015
WHARTON, Edith	The House of Mirth	First published in 1905, 'The House of Mirth' portrays the moral, social and economic constraints on a woman who dared to claim the privileges of marriage without assuming the responsibilities	Classic	15	320	24/05/2012

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WHITEHEAD, Colson	The Underground Railroad	Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. All the slaves lead a hellish existence, but Cora has it worse than most; she is an outcast even among her fellow Africans and she is approaching womanhood, where it is clear even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a slave recently arrived from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they take the perilous decision to escape to the North. In Whitehead's razor-sharp imagining of the antebellum South, the Underground Railroad has assumed a physical form: a dilapidated box car pulled along subterranean tracks by a steam locomotive, picking up fugitives wherever it can.	Fiction	15	366	15/09/2017
WILES, Will	Care of Wooden Floors	Oskar has entrusted an old university friend with the task of looking after his cats, and taking care of his perfect, beautiful apartment. Despite the fact that Oskar has left dozens of surreally detailed notes covering every aspect of looking after the flat, things do not go well.	Fiction	15	295	15/08/2013
WILLIAMS, John	Stoner	The son of a midwestern farmer, William Stoner comes to the University of Missouri in 1910 to study agriculture. Stoner tells of love and conflict, passion and responsibility against the backdrop of academic life in the early 20th century	Classic	15	278	03/12/2013
WINMAN, Sarah	A Year of Marvellous Ways	Marvellous Ways is eighty-nine years old and has lived alone in a remote Cornish creek for nearly all her life. Lately she's taken to spending her days sitting on a mooring stone by the river with a telescope. She's waiting for something - she's not sure what, but she'll know it when she sees it. Drake is a young soldier left reeling by the Second World War. When his promise to fulfil a dying man's last wish sees him wash up in Marvellous' creek, broken in body and spirit, the old woman comes to his aid. As an unlikely friendship grows between the two, can Drake give Marvellous what she needs to say goodbye to the world, and can she give him what he needs to go on?	Fiction	15	314	22/04/2016
WINMAN, Sarah	Tin Man	This novel begins with a painting won in a raffle: 15 sunflowers, hung on the wall by a woman who believes that men and boys are capable of beautiful things. And then there are two boys, Ellis and Michael, who are inseparable. And the boys become men, and then Annie walks into their lives, and it changes nothing and everything.	Fiction	15	197	22/05/2018
WINMAN, Sarah	When God Was A Rabbit	This novel is a mesmerising portrait of childhood and growing up; the loss of innocence, eccentricity and familial bonds. Stripped down to its bare bones, it's the story of the unbreakable bond between a brother and sister	Fiction	15	335	24/05/2012
WINTERSON, Jeanette	Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?	This book is the story of a life's work to find happiness. It is the story of how the painful past Jeanette Winterson thought she had written over and repainted returned to haunt her later life, and sent her on a journey into madness and out again, in search of her real mother.	Non-Fiction	15	230	13/08/2012

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WOOLF, Virginia	Mrs Dalloway	Exploring the hidden springs of thought and action in one day of a woman's life, Virginia Woolf is direct and vivid in her account of the details of Clarissa Dalloway's preparation for a party. The novel was first published in 1925 by the same Hogarth press that Woolf and her husband founded.	Classic	15	172	03/12/2009
YANAGIHARA, Hanya	A Little Life	When four graduates from a small Massachusetts college move to New York to make their way, they're broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition. There is kind, handsome Willem, an aspiring actor; JB, a quick-witted, sometimes cruel Brooklyn-born painter seeking entry to the art world; Malcolm, a frustrated architect at a prominent firm; and withdrawn, brilliant, enigmatic Jude, who serves as their centre of gravity. Over the decades, their relationships deepen and darken, tinged by addiction, success, and pride. Yet their greatest challenge, each comes to realise, is Jude himself, by midlife a terrifyingly talented litigator yet an increasingly broken man, his mind and body scarred by an unspeakable childhood, and haunted by what he fears is a degree of trauma that he'll not only be unable to overcome - but that will define his life forever.	Fiction	15	720	22/04/2016
YOUNG, William P.	The Shack	Mackenzie Allen Philips' daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack.	Fiction	15	248	21/05/2009
YOUSAFZAI, Malala	I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai tells her story - from her childhood in the Swat Valley to her shooting, recovery and new life in England. She's a girl who loves cricket, gossips with her best friends, and, on the day of the shooting, nearly overslept and missed an exam. A girl who saw women suddenly banned from public, schools blown up, the Taliban seize control, and her homeland descend into a state of fear and repression. This is the story of her life and her passionate belief in every child's right to education, her determination to make that a reality throughout the world and her hope to inspire others.	Biography	15	289	02/09/2016
ZAFON, Carlos Ruis	The Shadow of the Wind	Hidden in the heart of the old city of Barcelona is a labyrinthine library of obscure & forgotten titles that have long gone out of print. A man brings his 10-year-old son to the library & allows him to choose one book to keep. But as he grows up, several people seem inordinately interested in his find.	Fiction	15	403	05/01/2005
ZUSAK, Markus	The Book Thief	Narrated in the all-knowing matter-of-fact voice of Death, witnessing the story of the citizens of Molching. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling, and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares out her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day, the wail of the sirens comes too late.	Historical	15	533	23/01/2015

