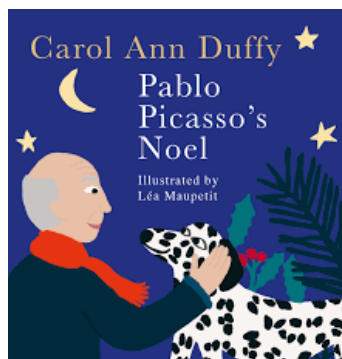


Books of the Month

Seasonal Edition 2017



PABLO PICASSO'S NOEL

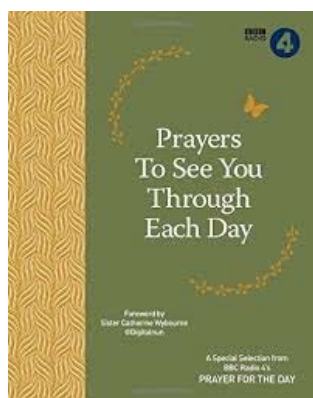
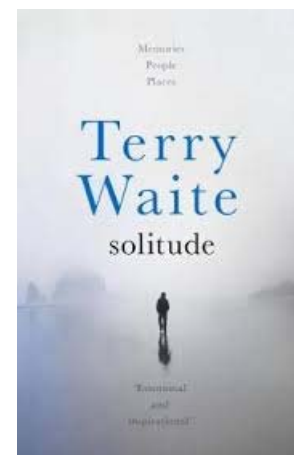
Carol Ann Duffy £7.99

Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy's new Christmas poem, *Pablo Picasso's Noel* follows the famous painter as he moves through a small town in the South of France on Christmas Eve, drawing the residents and the festive scenes he encounters. Accompanied by his small dog, he brings delight as he sketches wherever he goes. Beautifully illustrated and produced in a gorgeous small format, this is a wonderful, moving new poem capturing both the magic of Christmas and is an irresistible festive gift.

SOLITUDE: Memories, People, Places

Terry Waite £16.99

Solitude is something we all experience in different forms at different points in our lives. In this haunting book Terry Waite recalls his encounters with people who have experienced some very different ways of being solitary: among them the peaceful solitude of remote and beautiful places; the unsought and often unnoticed solitude of lonely people living in the midst of busy cities; the enforced solitude of the convict and the prisoner of war; and finally the inescapable solitude of those who are drawing near to death. Through all these encounters, and through the memories and reflections they trigger in the author's mind, we see how solitude shapes the human soul – and how it can be a force for good in our own lives, if we can only learn to use it well.



PRAYERS TO SEE YOU THROUGH EACH DAY

BBC Radio 4 £9.99

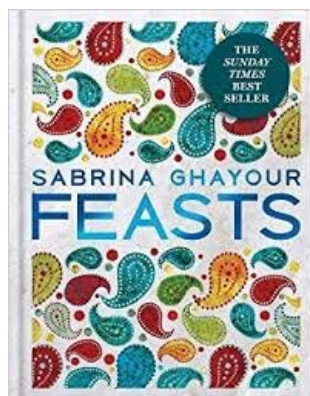
This special edition of some of the most moving, inspiring and comforting meditations and prayers broadcast on BBC Radio 4's Prayer for the Day is designed to be a true companion through our daily routine. In these uncertain and insecure times, these prayers from a broad spectrum of religious traditions show how the faiths are united by a desire to talk with God. And they indicate how, with God's help, our days can be times of healing, belonging, laughter and love, through the ordinary circumstances of our lives.

GREATEST MAGICAL STORIES

Michael Morpurgo £14.99

Former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo has collected his greatest magical stories from all around the world and put them in one place. Here! From tiny heroes to talking frogs, and meddling fairies to mysterious sea creatures, this is a timeless collection to treasure forever. Beautiful colour illustrations bring the magical text to life. Whether you're looking for a quick read or a longer story to lose yourself in, something to read alone or a tale to share, there's a great magical story within for everyone to find. A sumptuous gift edition for young readers to treasure.





FEASTS

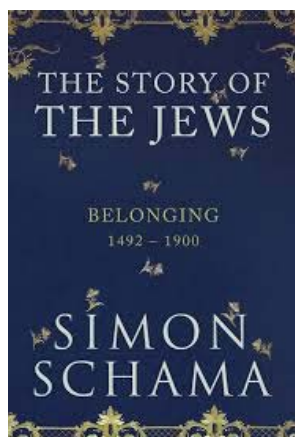
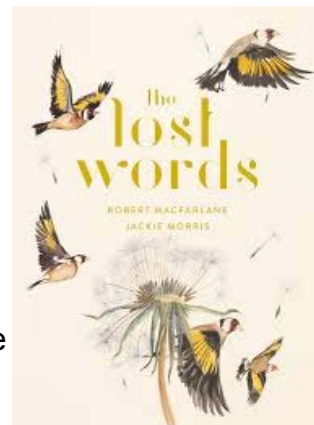
Sabrina Ghayour £20.00

In *Feasts*, Sabrina Ghayour presents a delicious array of Middle-Eastern dishes from breakfasts to banquets and the simple to the sumptuous. Enjoy menus and dozens of recipes for celebrations and occasions with family & friends, such as summer feasts, quick-fix feasts and brunch. Serve up a feast from recipes including whipped ricotta toasts, savoury pork & fennel baklava and spiced rhubarb cake with cinnamon cream. Be adventurous this Christmas!

THE LOST WORDS

Robert MacFarlane & Jackie Morris £20.00

The rich landscape of wild imagination and wild play is rapidly fading from our children's minds. *The Lost Words* stands against this disappearance of wild childhood. It is a joyful celebration of nature words – Dandelion, Otter, Bramble and Acorn – and the natural world they invoke. With acrostic spell-poems by award-winning writer Robert Macfarlane and hand-painted illustrations by Jackie Morris, this enchanting book captures the irreplaceable magic of language and nature for all ages.



BELONGING: The story of the Jews 1492-1900

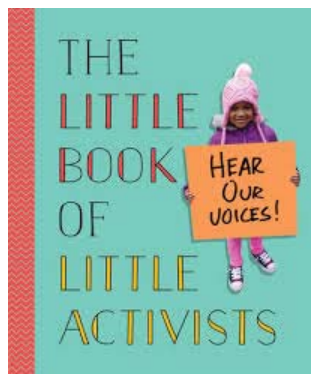
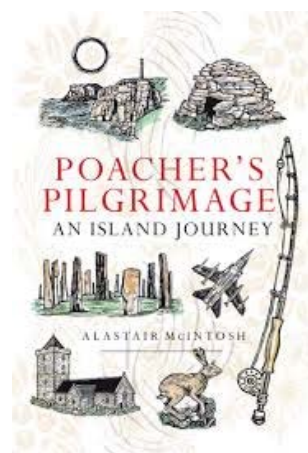
Simon Schama £25.00

Belonging spans centuries and continents, from the Jews' expulsion from Spain in 1492 to the brink of the twentieth century and, it seems, a point of profound hope. It tells the stories not just of rabbis and philosophers but of a poet in the ghetto of Venice, a general in Ming China and an opera composer in nineteenth-century Germany. The story unfolds in Kerala and Mantua, the starlit hills of Galilee and the mining camps of California. It rides the stage coaches and the railways, trudges the dawn streets of London and hobbles along with the remnant of Napoleon's ruined army. Through Schama's passionate telling of this second chronicle in an epic tale, a history emerges of the Jewish people that feels it is the story of humanity.

POACHER'S PILGRIMAGE: An Island Journey

Alastair McIntosh £20.00

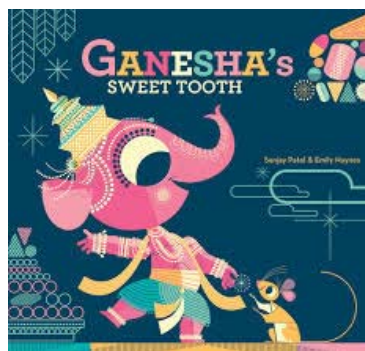
The islands of the Outer Hebrides are home to some of the most remote and spectacular scenery in the world, and host an astonishing range of ancient and mysterious structures. Over a twelve-day pilgrimage, Alastair McIntosh returns to the islands of his childhood and explores the meaning of these places. The book is a walk through space and time, across a physical landscape and into a spiritual one, suffused with the healing power of the land and its communities. This is a powerful reflection not simply of this extraordinary place and its people met along the way, but of imaginative hope for humankind.



THE LITTLE BOOK OF LITTLE ACTIVISTS

Penguin Young Readers £8.99

You're never too young to care about your community or to stand up for your beliefs. Filled with inspiring photos of children at recent demonstrations and rallies and inspirational quotes from kids themselves on topics of equality, diversity and feminism, *The Little Book of Little Activists* is a child's very first introduction to political activism, presented at a level that they can understand and relate to. Perfect for parents who want to raise their kids to become participatory members of a democracy.



GANESHA'S SWEET TOOTH

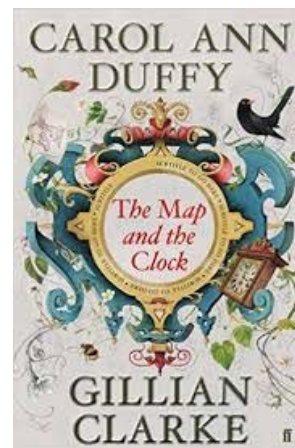
Sanjay Patel & Emily Haynes £5.99

This fresh and funny picture book tells how Ganesha came to help write the epic poem of Hindu literature, the Mahabharata. Ganesha loves sweets, but when he insists on biting into a super jumbo jawbreaker laddoo, his tusk breaks off! With the help of the wise poet Vyasa, and his friend Mr. Mouse, Ganesha learns that what seems broken can be quite useful after all. With vibrant, graphic illustrations, this is a wonderfully inventive rendition of a classic tale.

THE MAP AND THE CLOCK

Carol Ann Duffy & Gillian Clarke (eds) £9.99

The Map and the Clock is a celebration of the most scintillating poems ever composed on our islands. Curated by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and by Gillian Clarke, National Poet of Wales, this anthology gathers fourteen centuries of extraordinary verse, beginning with the first writings from the old languages of England and Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and culminating in some of our most recent poets, speaking in our present-day tongues. This is a stunning and essential treasury of the poems that have moulded our languages and shaped our islands through time.



A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

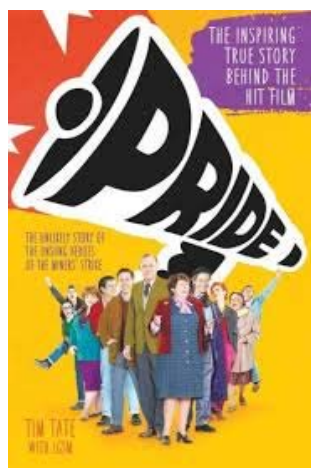
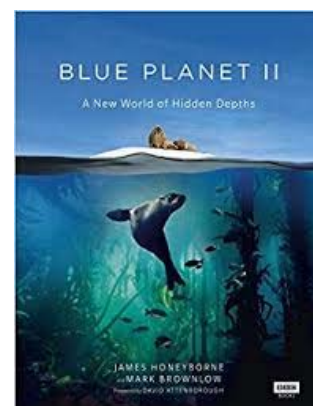
Various £7.99

Featuring top Young Adult authors and introducing a host of exciting new voices, this anthology of stories and poetry from British writers of colour on the theme of change is a long-overdue addition to the Young Adult book canon. From poems reflecting on the difficulties and challenges of leadership, to short stories that explore the future changes that may happen, this collection abounds with honesty and exciting new ideas. In these unstable times we live in, transformation is one of the only certainties. Young adults will see their voices and experiences reflected in this groundbreaking anthology.

BLUE PLANET II: A New World of Hidden Depths

James Honeyborne & Mark Brownlow £25.00

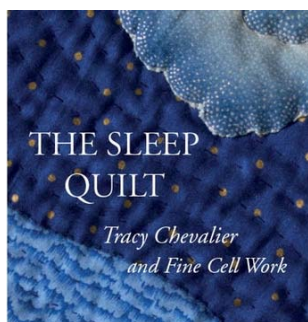
Based on the recent BBC1 series, *Blue Planet II* brings to life the huge variety of the oceanic world. Voyages of migration show how each of the oceans on our planet are connected; coral reefs and arctic ice communities are revealed as thriving underwater cities; while shorelines throw up continual challenges to those living there or passing through. A final chapter explores the science and technology of the Ocean enterprise – not only how they were able to capture these amazing stories on film, but what the future holds for marine life based on these discoveries.



PRIDE: The unlikely story of the true heroes of the miners' strike

Tim Tate & LGSM £8.99

In 1984, in the midst of the bitter and divisive miners' strike and the devastation of the AIDS crisis, a small group of gay men and lesbian women stepped away from the vibrant culture of London's defiant gay scene to befriend and support the beleaguered villages of a very traditional mining community in the remote valleys of South Wales. The alliance kept an entire valley clothed and fed, and led directly to trades unions and the Labour party championing LGBT rights. *Pride* tells the inspiring true story of how two very different communities facing the power of a hostile government and press found common cause against overwhelming odds, and how this one simple but unlikely act of friendship helped change life in Britain – forever.



THE SLEEP QUILT

Tracy Chevalier & Fine Cell Work £14.99

Entirely stitched and quilted by prisoners, each square of the Sleep Quilt explores what sleep means in prison. A moment of escape for some, for others a dark return to all they most regret in life, sleep has a great significance in jail that is only strengthened by the difficulty of finding it in the relentlessly noisy, hot and cramped environment. All royalties from the sales of the books will go to the charity Fine Cell Work.

POETRY PLEASE: the nation's best-loved poems (Audio CD)

BBC Radio 4 £12.98

BBC Radio 4's *Poetry Please* is the longest-running broadcast of verse anywhere in the world. First aired in 1979, the programme has become a unique record of the country's best-loved poems over the decades since its inception. 50 of those poems are read here by Adjoa Andoh and Anton Lesser.



THE CHRISTMAS EVE TREE

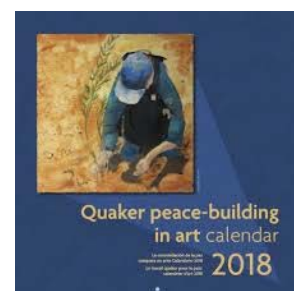
Delia Huddy & Emily Sutton £7.99

When the ugly little fir tree is taken to the city, no one wants to buy him; they prefer the big tall trees. But a homeless boy asks the shopkeeper if he can take the tree, and down by the river in a cardboard box, decorated with a few candles, the tree finds itself at the centre of a magical Christmas Eve it will never forget.

QUAKER PEACE-BUILDING IN ART CALENDAR 2018

FWCC & QAN £10.00

The 2018 *Quaker peace-building in art calendar* celebrates many kinds of peace-building and a variety of artworks by Quakers from around the world. Short inspirational texts in Spanish, French and English accompany the pictures. The calendar is a joint project of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) and the Quaker Arts Network (QAN), based in Britain.



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