





The Hungry Road by Marita Conlon-McKenna - €14.99

Ireland's hopes for freedom are dashed with the arrival of a deadly potato blight that strikes terror in the heart of its people. Skibbereen, 1845. Seamstress Mary Sullivan's dreams of a better future are shattered as she looks out over their ruined crop. Refusing to give in to despair, she must use every ounce of courage and strength to protect her family as they struggle to survive. Dr Dan Donovan is medical officer to the Skibbereen Union. The arrival of 'The Hunger' soon brings starving men, women and children crowding into the town and the workhouse desperate for help .Parish Priest Fr John Fitzpatrick's faith is tested by the suffering that surrounds him as his pleas for help fall on deaf ears. Inspired by true Irish heroes, The Hungry Road is the heartbreaking story of The Great Irish Famine told by one of Ireland's best loved novelists.

ANNE ENRIGHT

Actress by Anne Enright - €15.99

This is the story of Irish theatre legend Katherine O'Dell, as told by her daughter Norah. It tells of early stardom in Hollywood, of highs and lows on the stages of Dublin and London's West End. Katherine's life is a grand performance, with young Norah watching from the wings. But this romance between mother and daughter cannot survive Katherine's past, or the world's damage. As Norah uncovers her mother's secrets, she acquires a few of her own. Then, fame turns to infamy when Katherine decides to commit a bizarre crime. *Actress* is about a daughter's search for the truth: the dark secret in the bright star, and what drove Katherine finally mad.

Brilliantly capturing the glamour of post-war America and the shabbiness of 1970s Dublin, *Actress* is an intensely moving, disturbing novel about mothers and daughters and the men in their lives. A scintillating examination of the corrosive nature of celebrity, it is also a sad and triumphant tale of freedom from bad love, and from the avid gaze of the crowd.

Our Little Cruelties by Liz Nugent - €15.99

Three brothers are at the funeral. One lies in the coffin. Will, Brian and Luke grow up competing for their mother's unequal love. As men, the competition continues - for status, money, fame, women ...They each betray each other, over and over, until one of them is dead. But which brother killed him?

A Thousand Moons by Sebastian Barry - €16.99

Even when you come out of bloodshed and disaster in the end you have got to learn to live. Narrated by Winona - the young Lakota orphan adopted by soldiers Thomas McNulty and John Cole in Days Without End-A Thousand Moons continues Sebastian Barry's extraordinary fictional exploration of late nineteenth century America.

Living with Thomas and John on the farm they work in 1870s Tennessee, educated and loved, Winona is employed by the lawyer Briscoe in the nearby town of Paris, as she tries to forge a life for herself beyond the violence and dispossession of her past. But the fragile harmony of this shared world, in the aftermath of the Civil War, is soon threatened by a further traumatic event, one which Winona struggles to confront let alone understand.







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***** Good Reads 2020 *****



Saving Missy by Beth Morrey - €15.50

Missy Carmichael's life has become small. Grieving for a family she has lost or lost touch with, she's haunted by the echoes of her footsteps in her empty home; the sound of the radio in the dark; the tick-tick-tick of the watching clock. Spiky and defensive, Missy knows that her loneliness is all her own fault. She deserves no more than this; not after what she's done. But a chance encounter in the park with two very different women opens the door to something new. Another life beckons for Missy, if only she can be brave enough to grasp the opportunity. But seventynine is too late for a second chance. Isn't it?



Akin by Emma Donoghue - €13.99

Noah Selvaggio is a retired chemistry professor and widower living on the Upper West Side, but born in the South of France. He is days away from his first visit back to Nice since he was a child, bringing with him a handful of puzzling photos he's discovered from his mother's wartime years. But he receives a call from social services: Noah is the closest available relative of an eleven-year-old great-nephew he's never met, who urgently needs someone to look after him. Out of a feeling of obligation, Noah agrees to take Michael along on his trip. Much has changed in this famously charming seaside mecca, still haunted by memories of the Nazi occupation. The unlikely duo, suffering from jet lag and culture shock, bicker about everything from steak frites to screen time. But Noah gradually comes to appreciate the boy's truculent wit, and Michael's ease with tech and sharp eye help Noah unearth troubling details about their family's past. Both come to grasp the risks people in all eras have run for their loved ones, and find they are more akin than they knew.

Akin is a funny, heart-wrenching tale of an old man and a boy, born two generations apart, who unpick their painful story and start to write a new one together.



<u>Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris -</u>€13.99

Her beauty saved her life - and condemned her.

Cilka is just sixteen years old when she is taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, in 1942. The Commandant at Birkenau, Schwarzhuber, notices her long beautiful hair, and forces her separation from the other women prisoners. Cilka learns quickly that power, even unwillingly given, equals survival.In a Siberian prison camp, Cilka faces challenges both new and horribly familiar, including the unwanted attention of the guards. But when she makes an impression on a woman doctor, Cilka is taken under her wing and taught new skills.

Cilka begins to tend to the ill in the camp, struggling to care for them under brutal conditions. Cilka finds endless resources within herself as she daily confronts death and faces terror. And when she nurses a man called Ivan, Cilka finds that despite everything that has happened to her, there is room in her heart for love.







Ghost Wall by Sarah Moss €11.50

It is high summer in rural Northumberland. Seventeen-year-old Silvie and her parents have joined an encampment run by an archaeology professor with an interest in the region's dark history of ritual sacrifice. As Silvie finds a glimpse of new freedoms with the professor's students, her relationship with her overbearing father begins to deteriorate, until the haunting rites of the past begin to bleed into the present.



The Paper Bracelet by Rachael English €17.50

For almost fifty years, Katie has kept a box tucked away inside her wardrobe. It dates from her time working as a nurse in a west of Ireland mother and baby home in the 1970s. The box contains a notebook with details of the babies and young women she met there. It also holds many of the babies' identity bracelets. Following the death of her husband, Katie makes a decision. The information she possesses could help reunite adopted people with their birth mothers. She decides to post a message on an internet forum.



The Weight of Love by Hilary Fannin €16.00

London, 1995. Robin introduces the woman he loves to his oldest friend. Their attraction is instant. Powerless, Robin is forced to watch on as Ruth and Joseph begin a passionate affair.

Dublin, 2018. Robin and Ruth are married and have a son. Haunted by the ghost of Joseph, the distance between them grows until one day Robin makes a choice, the consequences of which could be devastating.



Elsewhere by Rosita Boland €19.00

Documenting nine journeys from nine different moments in Rosita's life, *Elsewhere* reveals how exploring the world – and those we meet along the way – can dramatically shape the course of a person's life.







Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo €10.99

Welcome to Britain and twelve very different people – mostly women, mostly black – who call it home. Teeming with life and crackling with energy. *Girl, Woman, Other* follows them across the miles and down the years.



The Testaments by Margaret Atwood €21.99

You hold in your hands a dangerous weapon loaded with the secrets of three women from Gilead. They are risking their lives for you. For all of us. Before you enter their world, you might want to arm yourself with these thoughts: *Knowledge is power* and *History does not repeat itself, but it rhymes.*



A Dangerous Man by Robert Crais €10.99

Joe Pike wasn't looking to save someone's life on the day he left the bank. But when he saw Isabel, a young teller, being forced into a car by two men, he had no choice but to chase them down. Not long after they being released on bail, the men are found dead and Isabel is missing. After his handling of the men, Pike is a prime suspect, along with Izzy – was this an abduction gone wrong? Or did it go exactly how she planned?



The Last Voyage of Mrs. Henry Parker by Joanna Nell €18.50

As the wife of retired ship's doctor Dr Henry Parker, Evelyn is living out her twilight years aboard the Golden Sunset. Every night she regales her fellow passengers with stories of a glamorous life travelling the world in luxury. But now Henry is missing and it is up to Evelyn to find him. Donning her 'Finding Henry' shoes and armed with a pocket map, she embarks on an odyssey, searching every part of the grand ocean liner.







I Could be You by Sheila Bugler - €11.95

A life has been taken. But whose life is it? On a stifling hot day, former journalist Dee Doran finds the crumpled body of her friend at the roadside. Katie and her little boy, Jake, have been a light in Dee's otherwise desolate life – now a woman is dead and a child is missing. Katie has been keeping secrets for a long time. Years earlier, she fell for the wrong person. But he was in love with someone else; who he couldn't have but couldn't keep away from. When jealousy and desire spilled over into murder Katie hid the truth, and has been pretending ever since. As Dee assists the police with their enquiries she's compelled to investigate too. She realises Katie wasn't who she claimed to be. Lies are catching up. Stories are unravelling. Revenge is demanded and someone must pay the price. The question is: who?



The Temptation of Gracie by Santa Montefiore €10.50

A cookery course in the heart of Tuscany proves irresistible to Gracie Burton. She decides to plough her life savings into the week-long trip, leaving her daughter and granddaughter baffled by her impulsiveness. But having grown apart over the years, in many ways the three women barely know each other. Travelling together from Devon to the breathtakingly beautiful Italian countryside, they take up residence at a castle belonging to the elusive Count Tancredi. Yet everything is not as it appears, and quickly Gracie's family begin to suspect that this is not Gracie's first visit.



Blue Moon by Lee Child €14.99

Jack Reacher is a former military cop, trained to notice things. He's on a Greyhound bus, watching an elderly man sleeping in his seat, with a fat envelope of cash hanging out of his pocket. Another passenger is watching too ... obviously hoping to get rich quick. When the mugger finally makes his move, Reacher rides to the rescue. The old man is grateful, yet he turns down Reacher's offer to help him home. He's vulnerable, scared, and clearly in big, big trouble.



The Night Fire by Michael Connelly €14.99

An unsolved homicide from a lifetime ago. Harry Bosch is left a missing case file by his mentor who passed away. He was the man who taught Bosch that everybody counts, or nobody counts. Why did he keep the case all these years? To find the truth – or bury it?







The Family Gift by Cathy Kelly €14.99

Freya Abalone has a big, messy, wonderful family, a fantastic career, and a new house. But that's on the outside.

On the inside, she's got Mildred – the name she's given to that nagging inner critic who tells us all we're not good enough. And now Freya's beloved blended family is under threat. Dan's first wife Elisa, the glamorous, manipulative woman who happily abandoned her daughter to Freya and Dan's care and left the country, has elbowed her way back into their lives.







The Scholar by Dervla McTiernan €12.30

been assigned to him. The dead girl is carrying an ID, that of Caroline Darcy, heir apparent to Darcy Therapeutics, Ireland's most successful pharmaceutical company. As Cormac investigates, evidence mounts that the death is linked to a Darcy laboratory and increasingly to Emma herself. Cormac is sure she couldn't be involved, but how well does he really know her? After all, this isn't the first time Emma's being accused of murder.

When Detective Cormac Reilly's girlfriend Emma stumbles across the victim of a hit and run early one morning, he is first on the scene of a murder that would otherwise never have

Night Boat To Tangier by Kevin Barry €19.00

It's late one night at the Spanish port of Algeciras and two fading Irish gangsters are waiting on the boat from Tangier. A Lover has been lost, A Daughter has gone missing, Their world has come asunder. Can it be put together again?

Her Husband's Mistake by Shelia O' Flanagan - €9.50

Roxy's marriage has always been rock solid.

After twenty years, and with two carefree kids, she and Dave are still the perfect couple. Until the day she comes home unexpectedly, and finds Dave in bed with their attractive, single neighbour. Suddenly Roxy isn't sure about anything - her past, the business she's taken over from her dad, or what her family's future might be. She's spent so long caring about everyone else that she's forgotten what she actually wants. But something has changed. And Roxy has a decision to make.

Whether it's with Dave, or without him, it's time for Roxy to start living for herself..





***** What We Are Reading *****



Postscript by Cecelia Ahern €12.99

It's been seven years since Holly Kennedy's husband died – six since she read his final letter, urging Holly to find the courage to forge a new life. She's proud of all the ways in which she has grown and evolved. But when a group inspired by Gerry's letters, calling themselves the PS, I Love You Club, approaches Holly asking for help, she finds herself drawn back into a world she worked so hard to leave behind.







Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens €10.99

For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sands. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life – until the unthinkable happens.

An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pakkanen **68.99**

Seeking women aged 18 to 32 to participate in a study on ethics and morality. *Generous compensation. Anonymity guaranteed.*

When Jessica Farris signs up for a psychology study conducted by the mysterious Dr. Shields, she thinks all she'll have to do is answer a few questions, collect her money and leave. But as the questions grow more and more intense and invasive, and the sessions become outings where Jess is told what to wear and how to act, she begins to feel as though Dr. Shields may know what she's thinking and what she's hiding.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri €10.50

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live happily in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo – until the unthinkable happens and they are forced to flee. But what Afra has seen is so terrible she has gone blind and so they must embark on a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece towards an uncertain future in Britain.





*** NON FICTION ****



The Gaff Goddess by Laura De Barra - €17.99

Laura de Barra is quite simply, a Gaff Goddess. Expanding on her popular online home hacks, Laura will teach you how to handle the problems we all encounter in our homes. Straighttalking and hilarious and packed with Laura's stunning illustrations, her step-by-step guides will prepare you to handle the most common household emergencies with style. From dripping taps to hanging a frame, how best to look after your white goods, how to treat moths, mould and everything in between, and with invaluable design ideas to improve the living spaces in your home, this book is for everyone who has ever wanted to tackle a bit of SHE.I.Y without really knowing how. Ingenious and sure to be an instant household must-have, Gaff Goddess will empower you to make those repairs and rediscover your space saving you time, money and stress in the process.



The Life Audit by Michelle Moroney - €16.99

Michelle Moroney, life coach and owner of The Cliffs of Moher Retreat, has been facilitating retreats for over 15 years, and has recognised the desires that connect us all. We want to be happy. We want to feel better. We want to get the most out of life. And we don't want to feel held back. To live a whole life we need to flourish mentally, physically and emotionally. But when we are caught in the cycle of day-to-day living, we can easily get stuck and find that while we thrive in some of these areas, in others we are badly organised, unbalanced and in need of review. The Life Audit is designed to help you take stock of the key areas of your life. By gently offering space to explore, contemplate and create new intentions that are in line with the life you want to live, it will help you move past blockages, and take you from where you are to where you want to be.



My Name Is Why by Lemn Sissay - €22.50

At the age of seventeen, after a childhood in an adopted family followed by six years in care homes, Norman Greenwood was given his birth certificate. He learned that his real name was not Norman. It was Lemn Sissay. He was British and Ethiopian. And he learned that his mother had been pleading for his safe return to her since his birth. Here Sissay recounts his life story. It is a story of neglect and determination. Misfortune and hope. Cruelty and beauty. Sissay reflects on adoption, self-expression and Britishness, and in doing so explores the institutional care system, race, family and the meaning of home. Written with all the lyricism and power you would expect from one of the nation's best-loved voices, this moving, frank and timely memoir is the result of a life spent asking questions, and a celebration of the redemptive power of creativity.





*** NON FICTION ****

The Hand That Held The Gun by Eoin Shanahan - €25.00

The Hand That Held The Gun; Untold stories of the War of Independence in West Clare' is a meticulously-researched, blow-by-blow chronicle of the many significant, and often controversial, events and personalities of the revolutionary times that shaped Ireland. In spending more than a decade revisiting these events, Eoin Shanahan not only challenges some long-held perceptions, but also reveals the truth behind remarkable tales of intrigue and passion, betrayal and loyalty, revenge and terror ... and courage. As Ireland commemorates the centenary of the Irish War of Independence, The Hand that held the Gun serves as a timely and definitive chronicle of the struggle for freedom in West Clare .'The Hand That Held The Gun' is generously illustrated with more than 70 images, most of which are published here for the first time.

The Way Home by Mark Boyle - €15.50

No running water, no car, no electricity or any of the things it powers: the internet, phone, washing machine, radio or light bulb. Just a wooden cabin, on a smallholding, by the edge of a stand of spruce. In this honest and lyrical account of a remarkable life without modern technology, Mark Boyle, author of The Moneyless Man, explores the hard won joys of building a home with his bare hands, learning to make fire, collecting water from the stream, foraging and fishing.

What he finds is an elemental life, one governed by the rhythms of the sun and seasons, where life and death dance in a primal landscape of blood, wood, muck, water, and fire – much the same life we have lived for most of our time on earth. Revisiting it brings a deep insight into what it means to be human at a time when the boundaries between man and machine are blurring.

Beautiful Affair , a journey in music, food and friendship by Mike Hanrahan €24.99

From the early days of his music with Stockton's Wing to training at Ballymaloe Cookery School, food and music have been parallel lines that have kept Mike Hanrahan on track his entire life.

Mike Hanrahan, cook and teacher, songwriter and musician, takes us back stage and into the kitchens of a bohemian, international and surprisingly foodie group of Irish household names, including Ronnie Drew, Finbar Furey, Maura O'Connell, Pat Shortt, and Sharon Shannon. Mike penned hit singles 'Beautiful Affair' and 'Walk Away' for Stockton's Wing, from which a world of touring and behind-the-scenes escapades began. With affectionate portraits of the legendary personalities he came to know along the way, Beautiful Affair rings with the sheer graft, dedication and serious sense of humour of a life well spent on stage – and in the kitchen.

Beautiful Affair tells tales of the Irish music scene from the 1970s through to today, and wends its way through a lifelong love affair with Irish food.





