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#### Takedown

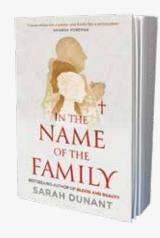
Stephen Leather \$34.99 TPB

An all-action thriller from Stephen Leather, featuring characters from the bestselling Spider Shepherd series, including ex-MI5 controller Charlotte Button.

When a British Special Forces soldier goes rogue, carrying out an attack at a US army base in Syria leading to the death of two men, ex-MI5 controller Charlotte Button is hired to work out what his plan is and to take him down before he can carry it out. When the man returns to the UK it looks like the threat will be a lot closer to home.

Charlotte puts her best man on the case - hitman Lex Harper. It's up to Lex to assemble a crack team and get to the soldier before he carries out what could be a massive terrorist attack. But Charlotte might require Lex's help with a more personal problem too...

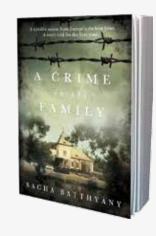
Takedown will be a must-read for fans of Stephen Leather, but is also perfect for new readers who just want to pick up and enjoy a great action story.



## In the Name of the Family Sarah Dunant \$37.99 TPB

1502 and Renaissance Italy is in turmoil. A young diplomat from Florence, Niccolo Machiavelli, is sent to shadow Cesare Borgia to keep track of the danger. While many tremble in the presence of this brilliant unscrupulous man, Machiavelli is entranced and the relationship he forges with Cesare allows him - and us - to witness history in the making.

This is the new book from award-winning writer Sarah Dunant.



### A Crime in the Family

Sacha Batthyány \$37.99 TPB

A memoir of brutality, heroism and personal discovery from Europe's dark heart, revealing one of the most extraordinary untold stories of the WWII.

Told partly through the surviving journals of others from the author's family, *A Crime in the Family* is a moving and revelatory memoir set on the Austrian-Hungarian border in 1945 where a seemingly innocent party took a very nasty turn.



#### Ragdoll

Daniel Cole \$34.99 TPB

A body is discovered with the dismembered parts of six victims stitched together like a puppet, nicknamed by the press as the 'ragdoll'. The 'Ragdoll Killer' taunts the police by releasing a list of names to the media, and the dates on which he intends to murder them.

Ragdoll is the killer debut that everyone is talking about: 'It gripped me from page 1 and didn't let me go.' 'I loved every nerve shredding moment that I spent reading it.' 'Witty, thrilling and suspenseful.' 'A truly awesome gruesome thriller'



#### Lucy's Book

Natalie Jane Prior \$19.99 PB

Lucy loves to read, but there is one special book that she borrows from the library over and over again. The book is shared between friends, dropped in the ocean, flown to China and even made into a banana sandwich. But what will happen when everyone's favourite book goes missing?

This is a picture book perfect for booklovers of any age. It is a story that shows us the magic that that one perfect book can hold. Crime/Thriller Fiction

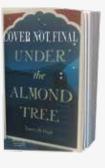


#### **Roanoke Girls**

Amy Engel \$37.99 TPB

Darkly sensual and deeply atmospheric, this is a novel about the twisted secrets families keep - and the fierce and terrible love that both binds them together and rips them apart.

Prepare to be shocked by this taboobreaking new thriller about one family and their dangerous past.



#### **Under the Almond Tree**

Laura McVeigh \$37.99 TPB

With its distinctive time and place and its shifting realities, *Under the Almond Tree* lets us look at the effect of war through the lens of one middle-class family displaced by conflict in Afghanistan in the 1990s, as first the Russians, then the Taliban, turn their lives inside out...



#### **Down the Hume**

Peter Polites \$29.99 PB

A confronting and powerful novel from an exciting new voice.

Polites' writing is unpretentious, spare, sharp. Peter's voice is raw, casual, genuine. This is urban storytelling at its best - Maxine Beneba Clarke

For lovers of Christos Tsiolkas' *Loaded* and Luke Davies' *Candy*.



#### **Expecting to Die**

Lisa Jackson \$34.99 TPB

Reality shows, rumours and real deaths are stalking Grizzly Falls, Montana...

Fans of Karen Rose and Karin Slaughter will love this latest thriller from *New York Times* bestseller Lisa Jackson. But remember, the woods are dark and deep and deadly!



#### Mussolini's Island

Sarah Day \$34.99 TPB

In 1939, a group of gay and bisexual men were rounded up and imprisoned on a tiny Italian island. Based on a true story of 1930s Italy, *Mussolini's Island* is a powerful exploration of wartime life that will appeal to readers of *Early One Morning* and *A Place Called Winter*.



#### A Letter from Italy

Pamela Hart \$34.99 TPB

Inspired by the life of the world's first female war correspondent, Louise Mack, comes the most sweeping love story yet by Pamela Hart. A passionate and poignant love story set on the beautiful Italian coast by the bestselling author of *The Soldier's Wife* and *The War Bride*.



#### Where She Went

B.E. Jones \$34.99 TPB

TV journalist Melanie Black wakes up one morning next to a man she doesn't recognise then, to her horror, Melanie comes to realise that no one can see or her hear her - because she is dead.

Where She Went is a cleverly crafted, dark psychological thriller with a sinister tone and an excellent twist.



#### Spaceman of Bohemia

Jaroslav Kalfar \$34.99 TPB

A dazzling, ambitious, original, funny literary debut spanning duplicitous love, family secrets, political intrigue, a historical riddle and a cloud of spacedust over Venus.

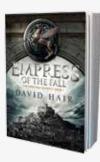
The story is centred on the two things that the author holds most dear, space and his home country of the Czech Republic.



#### The Little Theatre by the Sea

Rosanna Ley \$34.99 TPB

The bestselling author of *The Villa* and *The Saffron Trail* returns with a gorgeous summer read about love and starting over - set in West Dorset and beautiful Sardinia. Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Dinah Jefferies and Harriet Evans.



**Empress of the Fall** 

David Hair \$29.99 TPB

Desperate for the next *Game of Thrones?* Pick up *Empress of the Fall* for your full-on fix of epic fantasy drama and adventure, politicking and romance, blood and guts and power struggles...

The Emperor is dead - long live the Empress!



#### Kings of the Wyld

Nicholas Eames \$24.99 PB

Guardians of the Galaxy meets *Lord of* the *Rings* in this rousing epic fantasy debut in which a retired group of warriors must get the band back together for one last seemingly impossible mission.

Kings of the Wyld plays with classic fantasy tropes in fresh, clever ways and shows you that glory never gets old.



#### **Mastering Civility**

Christine Porath \$37.99 TPB

From the leading authority on workplace incivility, Christine Porath, shows why it pays to be civil and reveals just how to enhance effectiveness in the workplace and beyond by mastering civility. Already set to be a major bestseller in the US, *Mastering Civility* will be the book every workplace will be reading.



#### Lady of the Lake

Andrzej Sapkowski \$37.99 TPB

Geralt and his friends - and enemies! - return in the final volume of the Witcher saga. Read the stories which inspired the computer game *Witcher 3: Wild Hunt.* 

Sapkowski has won every major literary award in Poland and his Goodreads ratings are off the chart. If you like fantasy and haven't tried Sapkowski yet, you're in for a real treat.

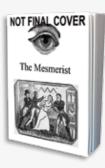


#### **Bane and Shadow**

Jon Skovron \$27.99 PB

In a fracturing empire, two young people from different cultures find common purpose.

Following *Hope and Red* comes the next novel in the Empire of Storms series - a blisteringly paced epic fantasy perfect for fans of Brent Weeks, Brandon Sanderson and Scott Lynch.



#### The Mesmerist

Wendy Moore \$39.99 TPB

In the 1800s, surgery was a brutal affair. Patients were given a stick to bite on and a swig of something strong to handle the pain.

The Mesmerist is the story of two pioneering men of science, hypnotism and a nation in thrall to mesmerism. Wendy Moore is the author of the bestselling Wedlock.



#### Silence Fallen

Patricia Briggs \$34.99 TPB

"I love these books" — Charlaine Harris

This is the next book in the Mercy Thompson series. It is the quality of her writing and the power of her imagination that puts Patricia Briggs at the top of the urban fantasy genre



#### The Greatest

Matthew Syed \$37.99 TPB

What do the All Blacks have in common with improvised jazz musicians? What can Roger Federer teach us about the secret of longevity?

In chapters ranging from 'Icons' to 'Innovation', from 'Culture' to 'Teamwork', Matthew Syed returns with a collection of award-winning writing on the science and psychology of sport.



#### **Goop Clean Beauty**

The Editors of goop \$49.99 HB

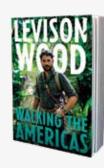
The ultimate guide to clean beauty from the experts at *goop* - Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle brand and trusted online resource for healthy, mindful living. *Goop Clean Beauty* is the guide to all things beauty and clean living related.



#### Fit in 3

Faya Nilsson \$49.99 TPB

The must-have new health and fitness book for 2017, from Instagram sensation Faya Nilsson. Fit In 3 draws on Faya's years of experience working with clients on programmes that will make a real and sustainable difference to their wellbeing.



#### **Walking the Americas**

Levison Wood \$37.99 TPB

From the bestselling author of Walking the Himalayas and Walking the Nile, explorer Levison Wood begins his next challenging adventure - walking 1700 miles along the spine of the Americas from Mexico to Colombia. Both thrilling and emotional, this is the book for anyone with adventure in their heart.





#### Lines in the Sand

A.A. Gill \$37.99 TPB

A.A. Gill's writing: an embarrassment of riches. This selection of some of his recent pieces, sees him at his most perceptive, brilliant and funny. His subjects range from the controversial to the heartfelt and to what it means to be European. He also turns his insightful eye on himself in the terrific article *Life at Sixty*.



#### New Scientist Instant Experts Series: The Quantum World The End of Money Where the Universe Came From How Your Brain Works

Helen Russell \$34.99 PB

New Scientist Instant Expert books are definitive and accessible entry points to the most important subjects in science; subjects that challenge, attract debate, invite controversy and engage the most enquiring minds.





#### **Travelling with Ghosts**

Shannon Leone Fowler \$39.99 TPB

Summer 2002, Shannon Leone Fowler and her fiancé Sean were backpacking in Thailand when a box jellyfish - the most venomous animal in the world - wrapped around Sean's legs, stinging and killing him in minutes. *Traveling with Ghosts* is a beautiful memorial to a great love and a brave survival guide to coming to terms with loss.



#### The Art of Colouring - Moana

Disney \$34.99 TPB

Colour Your Own Wolverine

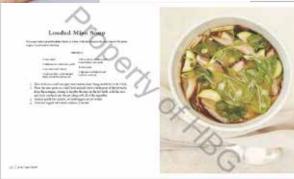
Marvel \$24.99 TPB

**Dot to Dot - Guardians of the Galaxy** 

Thomas Pavitte \$24.99 TPB

Boxing Day sees the release of Disney's first Pacific princess, Moana, and now you can colour along with all these new characters.

2017 will see the release of the muchanticipated sequel to *Guardians of the Galaxy* and the new Woliverine film simply called *Logan*.





# First Baby Days: On the Move Funny Faces

Pat-A-Cake \$16.99 BB

Welcome to Hachette's newest imprint! Pat-a-Cake takes you and your child on a magical journey. From sharing the very first baby book to watching your little one read all by themselves.

The adventure begins here . . .



# Rainbow Magic: Debbie the Duckling Fairy Elodie the Lamb Fairy Penelope the Piglet Fairy Billy the Baby Goat Fairy Daisy Meadows \$14.99 PB

Kirsty and Rachel are going to the Fluttering Fairyland Farm to meet the Baby Farm Animal Fairies. But when nasty Jack Frost casts a spell, farm animals everywhere start behaving very strangely! Join Rachel and Kirsty as they help keep tiny animals safe on farms in both the human and fairy worlds!



#### St Clare's Collection (3 books in 1)

Enid Blyton \$21.99 PB

Schooldays at St Clare's are never dull for twins Pat and Isabel O'Sullivan in Enid Blyton's much-loved boarding school series. Full of adventure, fun and mischief, these compendiums are the perfect way to introduce new readers to Blyton's wonderful world of storytelling.



#### The Lion Inside

Rachel Bright \$16.99 BB

From the Roald-Dahl-Funny-Prize winning artist behind smash hit, *Oi Frog!* comes a feel-good story about one little mouse trying to make himself heard and discovering along the way that even the smallest of us has the heart of a lion. Now in handy board book format.



#### Lego Friends 05: Call of Adventure

Olivia London \$16.99 PB

It's time to hit the beach with Emma, Andrea, Mia, Olivia, and Stephanie! This graphic novel also includes over 20 bonus pages of stories, activities and lessons that will inspire and empower readers of any age.



#### Seven Days of You

Cecilia Vinesse \$19.99 PB

A romantic, wistful and witty contemporary novel set around two teenagers falling in love over seven days in Tokyo, Japan. *Seven Days of You* will make you laugh, cry, ache and squeal with joy. A debut that is perfect for fans of Susin Nielsen and Jennifer E. Smith.



#### Mad about Minibeasts!

Giles Andrea \$16.99 BB

This brilliantly beastly, bouncy rhyming romp from Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz will delight the many fans of this bestselling duo. The bright, bold artwork is full of child appeal and looks fantastic in board book format.



Dark Lord: Headmaster of Doom Jamie Thomson \$19.99 PB

Dirk Lloyd, the Dark Lord trapped in the body of a weedy schoolboy, returns in another darkly hilarious adventure set in the most ghoulish school you'll encounter this side of the Darklands... Brilliantly funny and subversive, this is the awardwinning Jamie Thomson at his best.



#### X-Files Origins: Devil's Advocate Agent of Chaos

Johnathan Maberry, Kami Garcia \$24.99 TPB

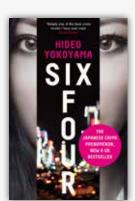
How did Fox Mulder become a believer? How did Dana Scully become a skeptic? The X-Files Origins has the answers in this young adult origin story. Devil's Advocate will explore the teen years of Dana Scully and Agent of Chaos will tell the story of 17 year old Fox Mulder.



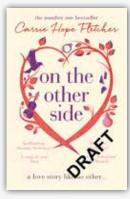
#### The One Thing

Marci Lyn Curtis \$19.99 PB

An unforgettable YA drama-comedy from a debut author with a dazzling contemporary voice. After losing her sight - and the future she dreamed of - Maggie meets the one person with the ability to help her see all the possibilities life still holds.



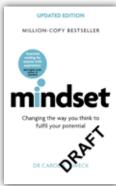




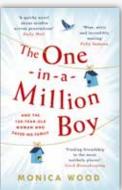






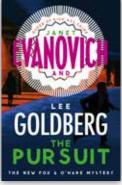














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