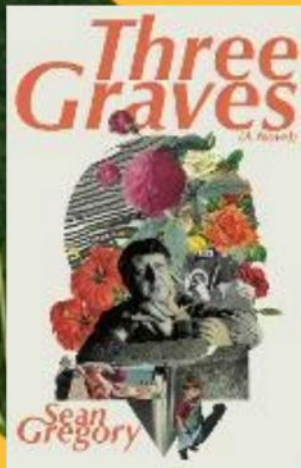
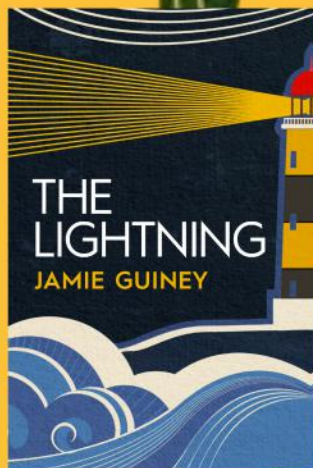
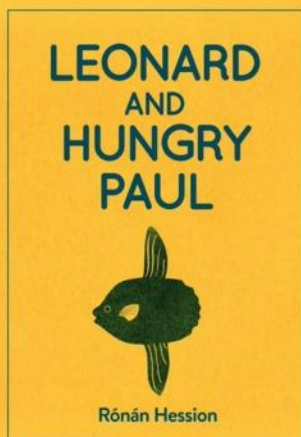
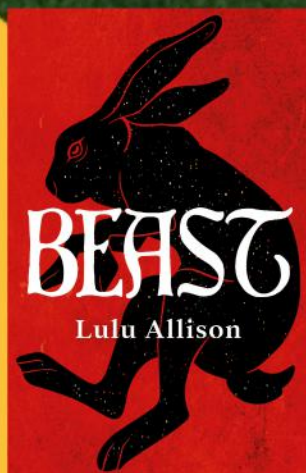
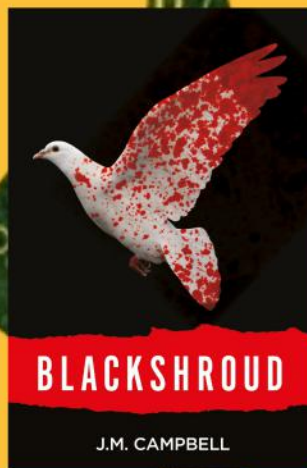


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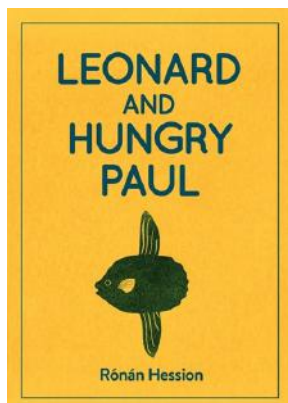
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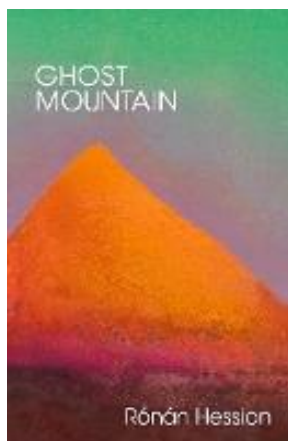


What happens when you suddenly find yourself an unwanted foreigner? Tess and Arlo have made a happy life on St Mira. But the island is not immune to the forces reshaping the world. When a far-right government surges to power, foreigners are their first target. It's time for Tess and Arlo to leave. But what if it's too late? Set on an island that's a mirror image of Britain, *The Accidental Immigrants* is a poignant, prescient tale for our times about the dangers facing us all.

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## **Ghost Mountain**, Rónán Hession

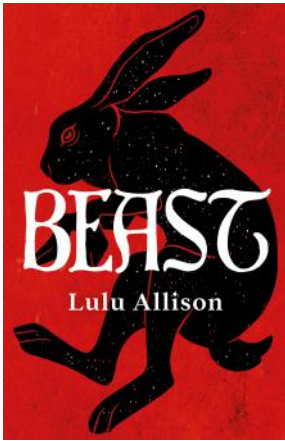
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**Beast**, Lulu Allison

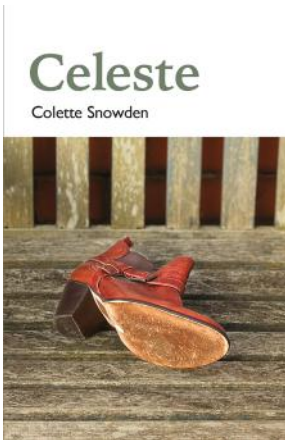
**The hotly anticipated new novel from the Women's Prize for Fiction longlisted author.**

*Beast* explores how dreams and desires can both liberate or confine the dreamer. Eve, a young self-taught musician sits on a bench overlooking the grassy crossroads of a model village. She is dreaming of the power of music. Her dreams reach into the cosmos, summoning Demon and his rabbit familiar. Eve longs to harness the divine in service of her music. But will she instead make a deal with Demon for worldly success? Demon dreads the terrible price he will pay for failure and thus begins a long battle for Eve's soul.

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When Celeste stops to take a stone out of her shoe one night, she's just minutes from home. Her mother drinks tea the next morning, assuming Celeste is asleep upstairs. But Celeste hasn't made it home. Over the course of 24 hours, an urban noir unfolds through the eyes of all those involved, as we discover what might have happened to Celeste and how they are all connected to her story. While panic takes hold Celeste needs help. But will anyone find her?

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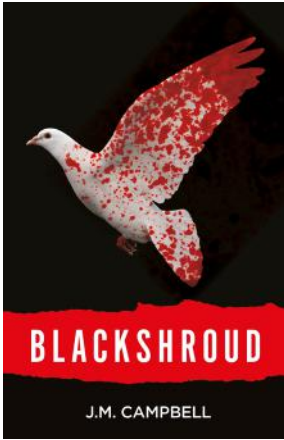
**Orca & Bird**, Anna Chilvers

**A captivating story intertwining nature and human relationships**



Orca is a woodland surveyor, working and sleeping among the trees. When she meets Nadia, a young woman who needs her help, Orca's stable routine is interrupted and her journey begins. She must choose, again and again, to either follow her instructions for the survey or allow a deeper programming to kick in: the imperative to aid and protect human beings.

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An old lighthouse-keeper at the end of his rope, gives an ultimatum to the universe. A grandfather and his grandson from Northern Ireland in 1957 travel to look after a lighthouse in the North Atlantic.

A visitor from Egypt and a pregnant Polish woman arrive and disturb the tranquility of The Lighthouse leading to revelations about all four residents.

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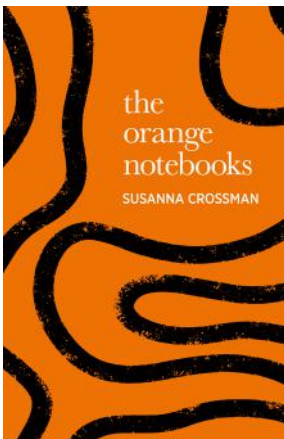
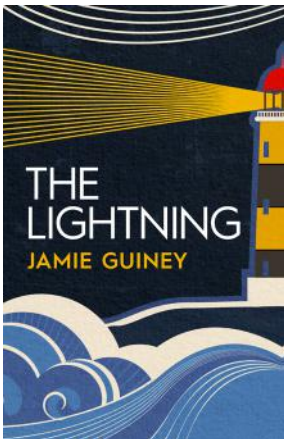
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The siesta hour, France. Bees fly in lavender bushes. Anna has just come home, but something is wrong. She fears nothing will ever be right again.

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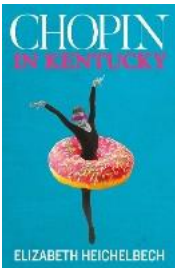
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Growing up in a council house in Leeds, Wes Brown dreamed of becoming a 'real' man like the ones in his ex-pro wrestler dad's tales of heroes and villains. The only problem was he never told him they were fake. In this modern-day Pinocchio story, Wes follows in his father's footsteps in the hope of coming to terms with the fictions that make a man.

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Life is good for Hayden McGlynn: rent-free luxury in Kentish Town, a red-hot new agent, and his autobiographical screenplay sold. The future is success until Wolfe Swift, the greatest actor alive, prepares for the role by becoming Hayden. Worse, Hayden's screenplay may confess to a murder he got away with. Hewbris is a post-postmodern crime anti-thriller proving God's existence via a joke.

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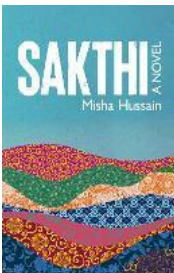
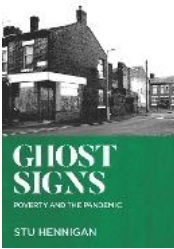
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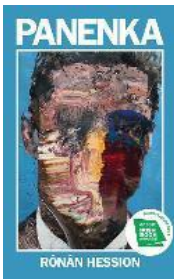
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*I Am Not Your Eve* gives voice to Teha'amana, Tahitian muse and child-bride to Paul Gauguin, as she reflects during the painting of *The Spirit of the Dead Keeps Watch*. Her story intertwines with island gods, animals, origin myths, and distant diary fragments from Gauguin's daughter, reclaiming history, myth, and silenced lives across cultures and time.

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Once known as Joseph, Panenka has lived 25 years in exile within his own town, punished by past mistakes that cost him love and belonging. At 50, he tries to rebuild a fragile family with his estranged daughter and grandson, while battling crippling headaches he calls the Iron Mask. Meeting Esther offers the possibility of connection, healing, and love after loss.

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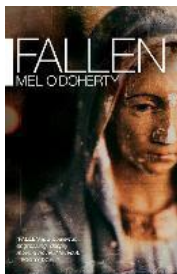


John Wilson dreamt of becoming a renowned composer. John sets aside music for literature, writing under the name Anthony Burgess. Decades later, alone once more in Manchester, he encounters three spectres from his past. They refer to him as Our Jackie, and he senses the facade of Burgess begin to crumble.

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### **Fallen**, Mel O'Doherty

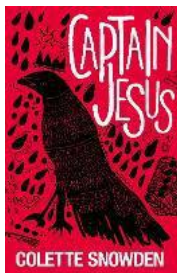


In the 1970s, Michael Connolly's mother tried to tell the truth about what was done to her in a mother and baby home, only to be silenced, dismissed, and disbelieved, even by her own family. Decades later, as revelations emerge, Michael realises she was right. Fallen is a stark, moving reckoning with guilt, denial, and a shameful chapter of Irish history.

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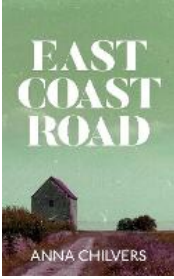
### **Captain Jesus**, Colette Snowden



When three brothers peg a dead magpie to the washing line, its grotesque “resurrection” becomes a dark omen, awakening buried guilt and trauma. As loss fractures their family, a parallel story, seen through their mother's teenage eyes decades earlier, reveals what shaped her faith and grief. Captain Jesus traces pain and healing through love, memory, and the natural world.

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**Should We Fall Behind**, Sharon Duggal

*Should We Fall Behind* is about the passing of time, and the intricate weaves of joy and suffering, love and loss which shape human life along the way. It is about the people who have somehow become invisible, and how their stories make them visible once more.

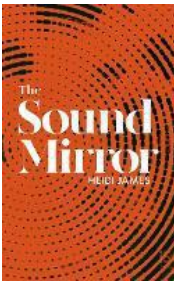


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**The Sound Mirror**, Heidi James

Tamara is going to kill her mother, but she isn't the villain. Tamara just has to finish what began before her birth, and put an end to the damage encoded in her blood. Tamara visits her mother for the last time, accompanied by a chorus of ancestors who reveal the struggles, joys and secrets of women's lives that echo through her own.



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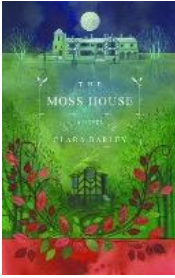
A post-postmodern crime novel set in Dublin's leafiest suburb, *Sloot* features an accidental detective who'd rather write his own Celtic-screwball-noir than solve the crime, and a narrator who loses the plot. Literally. Thanks to a revolutionary structure, *The Inquisitive Bullet*, it's simplicity itself, as the plot bullet speeds inquisitively towards its target.



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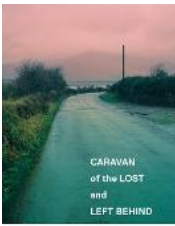


**The Moss House**, Clara Barley

Two hundred years ago, neighbouring Yorkshire landowners Miss Lister and Miss Walker find their lives entwined in a passionate, forbidden relationship and retreat to the Moss House, their private sanctuary. Their tranquillity doesn't last as they're drawn into societal turmoil and family division, testing their love and eventually driving them from their home.

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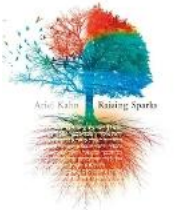
**Caravan of the Lost and Left Behind**, Deirdre Shanahan



Eva and her son Torin have to leave London and move back to Ireland. Eva to find the daughter she left behind and Torin from a life that was threatening his freedom. It is about dislocation and becoming unanchored and the need for a home and belonging and the disturbance when you're wrenched out of your environment.

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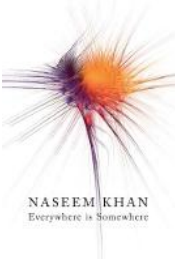
**Seaside Special**, Edited by Jenn Ashworth



Ten startling short stories. Vivid glimpses of lives and landscapes from the North West Coastline of England. Contributions from: Louise Ayre, Pete Kalu, Paul Kingsnorth, Melissa Wan, Bethan Ellis, Kirsty Logan, Lucy Wilkinson Yates, Anita Sethi, Andrew Michael Hurley and Carys Bray.

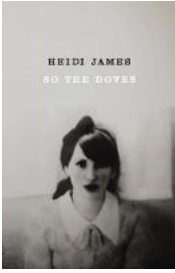
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**Everywhere Is Somewhere**, Naseem Khan



A memoir from **Naseem Khan**, daughter of an Indian father and German mother, whose seminal book *The Arts Britain Ignores* framed the argument that by dismissing 'minority arts', the UK deprived itself of enriching features of its artistic life. By highlighting missed opportunities, Naseem signals hope for the future, written by someone whose gift was bringing people together.

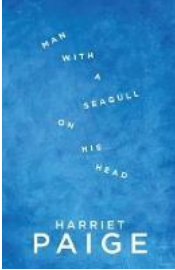
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**So the Doves**, Heidi James

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Under the intense summer sun on the Essex coast a gull falls from the sky and strikes an unassuming local council worker sitting on the beach below. From that moment on he is obsessed, a crazed visionary repeatedly depicting the scene and the unknown figure within it which filled his view at the moment of impact.

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**The Handsworth Times**, Sharon Duggal

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**Tainted Love**, Anna Chilvers



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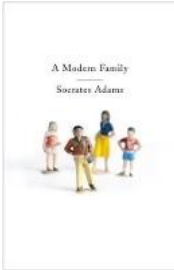
When Malika loses her daughter at birth, the surviving twin, a boy, loses his mother's love. He grows up needing to be the daughter his mother wants, the son his father accepts, with the guilt of being the one who survived. A moving family portrait where history, religion and gender collide in a family scarred by the past.

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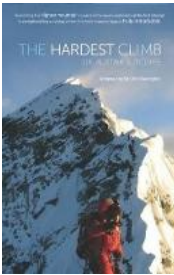
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