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Fly in the Ointment Corgi Childrens

A crowd of siblings gathers in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother in this "stunning" novel by the award-winning author of *Actress* (The Washington Post). The surviving children of the Hegarty clan are gathering for the wake of their wayward, alcoholic brother, Liam, drowned in the sea after filling his pockets with stones. He is the third of the twelve Hegarty siblings to die. His sister, Veronica, collects the body and keeps the dead man company, guarding the secret she shares with him—something that happened in their grandmother's house in the winter of 1968. As prize-winning author Anne Enright traces the line of betrayal and redemption through three generations, her distinctive intelligence twists the world a fraction and gives it back to us in a new and unforgettable light. *The Gathering* is an "wonderfully elegant and unsparing" epic of an Irish family (Los Angeles Times)—a novel about love and disappointment, how memories warp and secrets fester, and how fate is written in the body, not in the stars. "Entrancing...a haunting look at a broken family stifled by generations of hurt and disappointment, struggling to make peace with the irreparable."—Entertainment Weekly "A melancholic love and rage bubbles just beneath the surface of this Dublin clan, and Enright explores it unflinchingly."—Publishers Weekly "Her sympathy for her characters is as tender and subtle as Alice McDermott's; her vision of Ireland is as brave and original as Edna O'Brien's. *The Gathering* is her best book."—Colm Toibin "Hypnotic."—Booklist (starred review)

Jake's Tower Penguin UK

A boy with an abusive father grows up and fears that he has the same potential for violence as his father has.

Daughter of the Blood Random House

'Okay, okay. So slap my teeny little paws. I messed up - big time.' Tuffy can't wait for Ellie and the family to go away on holiday. He and the gang plan to ignore the grumpy new cat-sitter, and run wild all night. But could that furry bundle, suddenly flying through the air, put a stop to all the fun?

Shades of Scarlet Penguin UK

A classic children's story from former Children's Laureate Anne Fine. Gemma doesn't believe a chicken could have written a book. Chickens can't even read! But when Andrew shows her "The True Story of Harrowing Farm", she can't deny that its scratchy pages look, well, chicken-y. It is the story of a chicken who flies millions of miles, reaching the heights of intergalactic superstardom, to try and save us humans. A heart-warming tale about kindness and bravery.

MotherKind Marshall Cavendish

In school, Yuri is taught that the revolution liberated his country. He learns how the new leaders are always working for the greater good. But the truth is that life for his family and those around him is a brutal, poverty-stricken struggle. The government does nothing except punish those who protest. And one day, to his shock and horror, Yuri himself is branded an "enemy of the state" simply for dropping a few careless words. In an author's note,

Anne Fine describes *The Road of Bones* as an adventure-escape story set in "a sort-of Russia, in a sort-of 1930s, under a Stalin-type leader." This chilling political thriller follows the frantic footsteps of a teenager on the run, a criminal who hasn't committed a crime, a young man on a path to discovering the truth about how far he will go in order to survive.

The Gathering David Fickling Books

Kate - whose care for her terminally ill mother coincides with the birth of her first child in the early months of a young marriage - must, in a single year, come to terms with radiant beginnings and profound loss. Kate's everyday world is enveloped by the gradual vanishing of her mother. And as the woman who has been her best friend and mentor disappears, we see Kate deal with timeless, perhaps unanswerable, questions of love and death.

Restoree Penguin UK

'It's good that I've found this secret place . . . No one can get to me up there. It's totally safe.' In real life, Jake is never safe. He lives in constant fear of his mother's violent boyfriend. But in his imaginary tower he can dream up his own father - the stranger who gave him a cuddle and a fluffy duck the day he was born and went away for ever. Jake doesn't believe dreams ever come true. But sometimes they do - in strange and surprising ways.

Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, *Jake's Tower* by Elizabeth Laird is a powerful and moving novel that spotlights the issue of domestic abuse.

Vampire in Distress Pan Macmillan

A classic sci-fi novel from the beloved author of the *Dragonriders of Pern*® series. She was a restoree, kidnapped. Torn from Earth by a bizarre and nameless black force, Sara had no idea where she was or why she was in a beautiful new body. Controlled by brutal guards and tamed by terror, she could not comprehend her role as a nurse for a man who appeared to be an idiot. But once she discovered that the planet she had been brought to was Lothar and that the man she was caring for was its regent, Sara knew the restorees had to escape—and fast. And when they did, they became fugitives on a world of multiple evils—bound together on a daring adventure that would either join them for all time . . . or separate them forever.

The Road of Bones Simon and Schuster

The dark and alluring first novel in New York Times bestselling author Anne Bishop's beloved *Black Jewels* series introduces Jaenelle Angelline, a witch with astonishing power and a dangerous destiny, and Daemon Sadi, the lethal Warlord Prince born to be her lover. Seven hundred years ago, a Black Widow witch saw an ancient prophecy come to life in her web of dreams and visions. Now the Dark Kingdom readies itself for the arrival of its Queen, a Witch who will wield more power than even the High Lord of Hell himself. But she is still young, still open to influence—and corruption. Whoever controls the Queen controls the darkness. Three men—sworn enemies—know this. And they know the power that hides behind the blue eyes of an innocent young girl. And so begins a ruthless game of politics and intrigue, magic and betrayal, where the weapons are hate and love—and the prize could be terrible beyond imagining...

The Tulip Touch Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Daniel is raised as an invalid in isolation by his mother until the

day she is removed to an asylum and Daniel is taken to live with the doctor's family. Soon Daniel begins to uncover secrets about his mother's dark family history, and a sinister doll seems to be at the centre of the mystery. First person recount. Suggested level: intermediate, secondary.

Blood Family Valley Publishing Ltd.

Cass has always been there for Tom, her twin - racing off to laugh with him in the old, abandoned ice house or planning how to foil Jamieson, the farm's creepy pest-killer. But now Cass is a teenager, she is changing - she wants her privacy and feels suffocated by their life on the farm. Bewildered, Tom struggles to regain their former closeness, but only succeeds in alienating both Cass and Jamieson's daughter Lisa. Until the night of the storm . . .

Heart's Blood Random House

It's a dog's life for Anthony. Not only is he lacking the respect he deserves from the neighbourhood dogs and cats, but suddenly all he can do is scratch, scratch, scratch. And now bits of him are dropping off - yeuch! Just when Anthony thinks things can't get any worse, he finds himself on the vet's table. What she has in mind is about to destroy the tiny shred of street cred he has left...

My Little Red Book Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A mysterious stranger changes the lives of a teenage girl and her mother

Step by Wicked Step Penguin

Guilt is in the eye of the beholder ... When her cold and indifferent husband vanishes, so does Lois's old life. Now she is ready to take her chances again. There's only one fly in the ointment: Janie-Gay, ex-partner of the son Lois lost to drugs, and spiteful mother of the small, neglected child she can't get out of her mind. Caring's not something one can lay aside, and Lois is soon tangled in webs of deceit. Worse, she is on a collision course with a remorseless society that claims to support and protect. Now, more than ever, she could use the skills of her once frozen heart...

The Chicken Gave It to Me Linksland Publishing

WARNING - there is some mild swearing and the book has a cliffhanger ending! Who you are on the inside is more important than what you are on the outside... But not when you're fated to be a lab rat for the rest of your life. Sixteen-year-old Tessa, a vampire with weird throwback human genes, is an outsider in both worlds. Always the odd one. Now, imprisoned in a blood farm, she fights to free herself and rejoin her family and friends. Especially one young male vamp. Cody, eighteen and the youngest of the long line of ancient flyer vampires, wants Tessa back at his side where she belongs - even as he struggles with conflicting emotions about his best friend's kid sister-turned-hottie. Jared, the cute human who'd befriended Tessa, is relieved to be rescued and wants to see the trussed-up, drugged humans in the warehouse taken care of. Only he's freaked that the people who rescued him are vampires...and then he finds out the truth

about Tessa... Thankfully, the rescue team comes to take over the warehouse and rescue the victims... or have they?

Blood in the Low Country Penguin UK

'I hate Frozen Billy - his painted, staring wooden eyes, the way his eyelids click when Uncle Len pulls a string, his long thin legs and his bright red wooden mouth . . . ' Clarrie and Will live with their Uncle Len - a brilliant ventriloquist in the nearby music hall. But though Len loves his act almost as much as he loves his beer, Top Billing is out of his grasp until Will thinks up a way to double the drama with a new act and some extraordinary new patter that he and Frozen Billy can share on stage. It's a grand idea, hatched in hope and excitement. But, to Clarrie's horror, soon it begins to turn terribly sour . . . Anne Fine's novel combines her trademark humour, engaging characters and flawless prose to produce a spooky adventure set in the late-Victorian world of the music hall.

Goggle-Eyes Penguin

On a frozen Cornish moor, Ennor lives in a trailer with her dad and little brother. Her mother left years ago - and slowly their world has fallen apart. Now her father's gravely ill, and Ennor knows they're going to take her brother away if things don't pick up soon. So Ennor packs a blanket, a map, a saucepan and a gun into her rucksack, and sets off to find her mum and bring her home, a journey that will change her life for ever.

The Return of the Killer Cat Delacorte Books for Young Readers

When his class of underachievers is assigned to spend three torturous weeks taking care of their own "babies" in the form of bags of flour, Simon makes amazing discoveries about himself while coming to terms with his long-absent father.

A Pack of Lies Random House

When Mum gives her the notebook, Scarlet should be happy. It's beautiful, with its shiny scarlet cover and its blank pages full of promise. But Scarlet is absolutely NOT in the mood for a peace offering. Does Mum really think she can tear their family apart and expect Scarlet to be happy about it? Scarlet decides there's only one thing she can write in the notebook. The truth, about everything . . .

Eating Things on Sticks Twelve

For the millions moved by Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, here at last is Miep Geis's own astonishing story. For more than two years, Miep Gies and her husband helped hide the Franks from the Nazis. Like thousands of unsung heroes of the Holocaust, they risked their lives each day to bring food, news, and emotional support to the victims. She found the diary and brought the world a message of love and hope. It seems as if we are never far from Miep's thoughts...Yours, Anne. From her own remarkable childhood as a World War I refugee to the moment she places a small, red-orange, checkered diary—Anne's legacy—in Otto Frank's hands, Miep Gies remembers her days with simple honesty and shattering clarity. Each page rings with courage and heartbreaking beauty.