

# VENETIA VYVYAN

## Books

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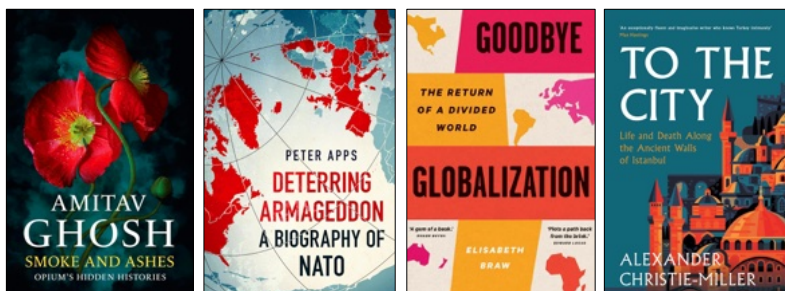
### BIOGRAPHY



- GILL JOHNSON** *Love from Venice* (368pp) £25  
Recollections of a summer spent in Venice in 1957, learning about love & life
- ROBERT HARDMAN** *Charles III* (464pp) £22  
Portrait of a modest, modern monarch: his aspirations, passions & determination
- RANULPH FIENNES** *Around the World in 80 Years* (288pp) £25  
Published to coincide with the legendary explorer's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday
- PAULA BYRNE** *Hardy Women* (656pp) £25  
"He understands the women he invents – the others not at all" (Emma Hardy)
- SIMON SHUSTER** *The Showman* (384pp) £22  
Portrait of the comedian who became the thorn in Putin's side: Volodymyr Zelensky
- ALEXANDRA HARRIS** *The Rising Down* (512pp) £25  
The lives & stories of the men & women who made West Sussex their home
- GARY STEVENSON** *The Trading Game* (432pp) £25  
A city trader's exposé of the strains & stresses he experienced, leading him to quit
- JANE CHOLMELEY** *A Bookshop of One's Own* (384pp) £16.99  
The Silver Moon Bookshop: how three women challenged a male-dominated arena
- SANDY NAIRNE** *Titan of the Thames* (384pp) £25  
Lord Desborough: sporting polymath who served as an MP & entertained 'The Souls'
- CATHERINE COLDSTREAM** *Cloistered: My Years as a Nun* (352pp) £20  
Honest, unsparring memoir of one woman's experience of Roman Catholic convent life

- TOM BALDWIN** *Keir Starmer* (448pp) £25  
 “Not a normal politician”: the authorised biography of the man who would be PM
- NICOLA TALLIS** *Young Elizabeth* (432pp) £25  
 From Princess to bastard to Princess, the uncertainty of Elizabeth I’s upbringing
- SUSANNAH GIBSON** *Bluestockings* (352pp) £25  
 The 18<sup>th</sup>c women who battled misogyny & paved the way for future feminists
- PHILIPPA BERNARD** *A Bookshop in Chelsea* (144pp) £18.50  
 The founding of Chelsea Rare Books on the King’s Road: hard graft & fun
- CHARLES SPENCER** *A Very Private School* (304pp) £25  
 Lord Spencer’s painful memories of boarding school life at eight-years-old
- MAURICE SAMUELS** *Alfred Dreyfus* (224pp) £16.99  
 Drawing on newly accessible family papers, a reappraisal of his life & legacy
- ANNE SOMERSET** *Queen Victoria and Her Prime Ministers* (576pp) £30  
 Draws on unpublished sources to examine Victoria’s deep interest in affairs of state
- HARRIET BAKER** *Rural Hours* (384pp) April £25  
 How rural life transformed three writers: Woolf, Townsend-Warner & Lehman
- CAROL ATHERTON** *Reading Lessons* (400pp) April £18.99  
 Life lessons: a teacher examines the impact of literature on the children she taught
- CITA STELZER** *Churchill’s American Network* (336pp) April £22  
 How Churchill’s adeptness at networking benefited not only him but Britain’s war effort
- PETER HENNESSY** *The Back of an Envelope* (512pp) April £30  
 Anecdote & reflection on Westminster & the establishment
- EILEEN AGAR** *A Look at My Life* (320pp) May £35  
 Artist’s updated autobiography with her choice of illustrations & family photographs

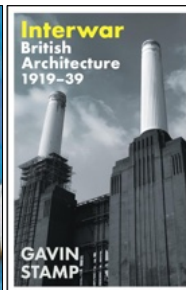
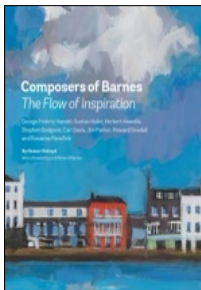
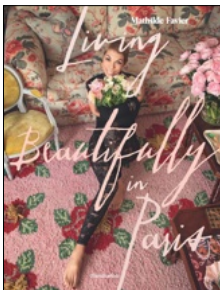
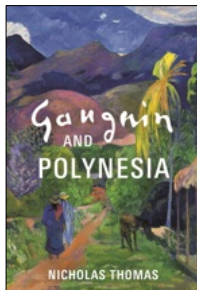
## HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS



- JUDITH FLANDERS** *Rites of Passage* (352pp) £25  
 The Victorian way of death – from sickbed to deathbed (& the right way to mourn)
- JONATHAN CLEMENTS** *Rebel Island* (320pp) £22  
 Taiwan: rogue province or refuge for rebels?

<b>CATHERINE NIXEY</b> <i>Heresy</i> (384pp)	£25
How a uniform story of Jesus emerged from competing sects & apocryphal gospels	
<b>BETTANY HUGHES</b> <i>The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</i> (416pp)	£25
From Babylon to Rhodes, the man-made wonders which fell foul to mother nature	
<b>RORY MUIR</b> <i>Love and Marriage in the Age of Jane Austen</i> (432pp)	£25
Reality of love & marriage in Regency England. Draws on first-hand accounts & novels	
<b>AMITAV GHOSH</b> <i>Smoke and Ashes</i> (416pp)	£22
The reach & influence of the opium trade, from the days of empire to the present	
<b>PETER APPS</b> <i>Deterring Armageddon</i> (624pp)	£25
NATO: born from the wreckage of WWII, the military alliance which defied the odds	
<b>ANDY BURNHAM &amp; STEVE ROTHERAM</b> <i>Head North</i> (272pp)	£22
The mayors of Greater Manchester & Liverpool lay down their manifesto	
<b>GARY J. BASS</b> <i>Judgement at Tokyo</i> (912pp)	£30
How the scale of Japan's wartime atrocities made justice impossible	
<b>JONATHAN GLOVER</b> <i>Israelis and Palestinians</i> (200pp)	£20
Can the cycle of violence be understood by examining the psychology of conflict?	
<b>BARNABY ROGERSON</b> <i>The House Divided</i> (432pp)	£25
The fault line which divides the Middle East: that between Sunni & Shia	
<b>PETER POMERANTSEV</b> <i>How to Win an Information War</i> (304pp)	£20
From WWII to Ukraine: does propaganda really change the tide of history?	
<b>DANIEL SCHULMAN</b> <i>The Money Kings</i> (592pp)	£30
Goldman, Sachs, Warburg, Lehman: the German-Jewish migrants who led Wall Street	
<b>ALEXANDER CHRISTIE-MILLER</b> <i>To the City</i> (416pp)	£25
Istanbul: studying the past, lamenting the present, hoping for a better future	
<b>DAVID TORRANCE</b> <i>The Wild Men</i> (336pp)	£20
Formation of the first Labour administration: would they unlock the forces of revolution?	
<b>ELISABETH BRAW</b> <i>Goodbye Globalization</i> (336pp)	£20
With Russia's exclusion & China's exploitation of global weaknesses, what is the future?	
<b>YAROSLAV TROFIMOV</b> <i>Our Enemies Will Vanish</i> (400pp)	£25
From denial to fierce resistance: a frontline view of the Russian-Ukrainian war	
<b>HARRY FREEDMAN</b> <i>Shylock's Venice</i> (256pp)	£20
Pragmatism that led to the creation of the Ghetto & the 'Jewish Enlightenment'	
<b>REBECCA BOYLE</b> <i>Our Moon: A Human History</i> (336pp)	£22
A cultural-scientific study of the moon's relevance from earliest times to the future	
<b>SATHNAM SANGHERA</b> <i>Empireworld</i> (464pp)	£20
To move forward, the British need to understand the warts & wonders of the Empire	
<b>TOBIAS BUCK</b> <i>Final Verdict</i> (336pp)	£25
2019: how a trial of an ex-SS guard exposed the truth of a largely complicit Germany	

## ART, ARCHITECTURE & EXHIBITIONS



- ELIZABETH CLARK ASHBY** *The Miniature Library* (160pp) **£16.95**  
The literary artistry to be found in Queen Mary's Dolls' House library
- ELEANOR OLDROYD** *The Composers of Barnes* (100pp) **£15 pbk**  
The great eight: Handel, Holst, Howells, Goodall, Dodgson, Davis, Parker & Panufnik
- ROBYNE CALVERT** *The Mack* (208pp) **April £35**  
Rennie Mackintosh's masterwork: the Glasgow School of Art & its global worth
- NICHOLAS ORME** *The History of England's Cathedrals* (320pp) **£20 pbk**  
From mediaeval centres of power to their strength as refuge for all faiths & none today
- GAVIN STAMP** *Interwar* (576pp) **£40**  
British architecture between the wars: a surprisingly rich diversity of styles & tastes
- NICHOLAS THOMAS** *Gauguin and Polynesia* (464pp) **£40**  
Sets Gauguin's troubling brilliance against the context of daily life & local beliefs
- BETTINA BAUMGARTEL** *Angelica Kauffman* (128pp) **£20**  
From child prodigy to one of the founder members of the Royal Academy (Exhibition)
- RICHARD ABDY** *Legion* (320pp) **£45**  
1000 years of Roman military history. Accompanies the British Museum exhibition
- PAUL ROBERTS** *Ancient Rome in Fifty Monuments* (256pp) **April £30**  
Rome's history seen through the construction & destruction wrought by its rulers
- MATHILDE FAVIER** *Living Beautifully in Paris* (280pp) **April £55**  
Intimate tour of the French capital from the PR director at Dior Couture
- ANNE HIGONNET** *Liberty Equality Fashion* (304pp) **April £25**  
How survivors of the Terror revolutionised fashion: Josephine, Terezia & Juliette
- ANA CARDINALE** *Amalfi Houses* (224pp) **April £52.50**  
Coast that charmed Nureyev, Garbo & Callas, & where Gore Vidal made his home
- JEFFREY MILSTEIN** *London from the Air* (228pp) **April £19.95**  
From Buckingham Palace to Trafalgar Square, the aerial delights of our capital city
- CLIVE ASLET** *Sir Edwin Lutyens* (256pp) **May £20**  
Reappraisal of the Edwardian architect, from his country houses to war memorials

## FOOD, GARDENING & NATURAL HISTORY



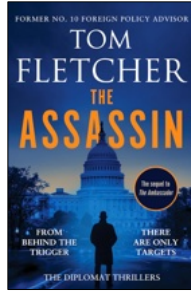
- PAOLA BACCHIA** *At Nona's Table* (272pp) **£26**  
 Celebrates the best of Italian home cooking from the traditional to the contemporary
- SARAH RAVEN** *A Year Full of Pots* (416pp) **£27**  
 Whatever the size of your plot, fill it with year-round inspiration in pots
- ROSIE SYKES** *Every Last Bite* (176pp) **£18.99**  
 Delicious dishes on a budget
- CAROLINE QUENTIN** *Drawn to the Garden* (192pp) **£20**  
 Restorative power of gardening with its unplanned successes & frustrating failures
- SUSIE PASLEY-TYLER** *Gardening with Colour at Coton Manor* (240pp) **£30**  
 Discover the gardens which surround a 17C manor in Northamptonshire
- ALISTAIR MOFFAT** *Between Britain* (320pp) **£20**  
 An examination & history of the Border regions which separate England & Scotland
- DOMINIC COUZENS** *The Hidden Life of Garden Birds* (304pp) **£18.99**  
 From feeding behaviour to territorial conflict, the everyday activities of garden birds
- DEREK GOW** *Hunt for the Shadow Wolf* (256pp) **£20**  
 The sad, violent history of the extermination of the maligned wolves of Britain
- CHANTAL LYONS** *Groundbreakers* (288pp) **£20**  
 Persuasive argument for re-introducing habitat-regenerating wild boar in Britain
- POLLY NICHOLSON** *The Tulip Garden* (272pp) **£29.95**  
 Cultural, historical & practical guide to the varieties found at Blacklands, Wiltshire
- JACK CORNISH** *The Lost Paths* (400pp) **April £20**  
 Call to arms to protect the ancient network of paths that crisscross Britain
- AMBER GUINNESS** *Italian Coastal* (240pp) **April £29.99**  
 Recipes garnered from Tuscany to Sicily: emphasis on flavour & minimal effort
- FRANCES TOPHILL** *A Year in a Small Garden* (256pp) **April £26**  
 Create an oasis in a small space focusing on environmentally friendly principles
- BRIDGET ELWORTHY** *Soil to Table* (256pp) **April £45**  
 Both a celebration of the garden & of the importance of healthy soil to glorious food

## FICTION



- EMILY HOWES** *The Painter's Daughters* (384pp) £20  
Gainsborough's daughters guard secrets as their father's success grows
- HISHAM MATAR** *My Friends* (464pp) £18.99  
A Libyan exile, estranged from his family & his homeland, recounts his story
- VANESSA WALTERS** *The Lagos Wife* (320pp) £16.99  
A young mother goes missing. Her redoubtable aunt travels to find out the truth
- FRANCESCA KAY** *The Book of Days* (288pp) £16.99  
Time of transition as Edward VI becomes King & a woman watches her husband fade
- KATHERINE ARDEN** *The Warm Hands of Ghosts* (400pp) £18.99  
A nurse returns to the trenches to find her brother. Is he protected by the dead?
- FIONA WILLIAMS** *The House of Broken Bricks* (400pp) £14.99  
A family slowly disintegrates under pressure from village life & racial confusion
- JENNIE GODFREY** *The List of Suspicious Things* (464pp) £14.99  
Two school friends face separation & decide to take matters into their own hands
- MARY COSTELLO** *Barcelona* (192pp) £14.99  
The turbulence of everyday life ripples through these Irish short stories
- FLORA CARR** *The Tower* (272pp) £16.99  
1567: Mary, Queen of Scots seeks to escape her imprisonment in Lochleven Castle
- DAISY GOODWIN** *Diva* (336pp) £20  
Maria Callas, the 'ugly duckling' who found fame, but lost the man she loved
- ALBA DE CESPEDES** *Her Side of the Story* (496pp) £20  
A young woman rebels against family & politics in Fascist Italy. Published in 1949
- GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ** *Until August* (144pp) £16.99  
A woman returns to the same place each summer to take a new lover for a night
- DAVID NICHOLLS** *You Are Here* (368pp) April £20  
Two loners are brought together, to battle the weather & complete an expedition
- SARAH PERRY** *Enlightenment* (400pp) May £20  
Two parishioners at the Bethesda Baptist chapel find love a distraction

## ESPIONAGE & CRIME FICTION



- BERNARD O'KEEFFE** *Every Trick in the Book* (354pp) **£9.99 pbk**  
 DI Garibaldi is mystified by an author's murder over the Barnes BookFest weekend
- GIULIANO DA EMPOLI** *The Wizard of the Kremlin* (304pp) **£16.99**  
 What will happen to a Kremlin spin doctor when he decides he wants out?
- ELLY GRIFFITHS** *The Last Word* (352pp) **£22**  
 Shoreham, Sussex: a local writer is found dead. Can Harbinder Kaur solve the case?
- EDWARD WILSON** *Farewell Dinner for a Spy* (368pp) **£20**  
 Catesby goes undercover in Marseille, finding himself caught between the CIA & mafia
- DAVID MCCLOSKEY** *Moscow X* (464pp) **£18.99**  
 Will an intelligence operation to mess with Putin's stolen millions succeed?
- LOUISE WELSH** *To the Dogs* (336pp) **£16.99**  
 Professor Jim Brennan has done well for himself, but success breeds enemies
- PAUL VIDICH** *Beirut Station* (304pp) **£18.99**  
 2006: the CIA & Mossad are on the trail of a Hezbollah terrorist & trust is fading fast
- SIMON MASON** *Lost and Never Found* (352pp) **£16.99**  
 Are the disappearance of a celebrity & a vagrant linked? DI Ryan Wilkins investigates
- ARAMINTA HALL** *One of the Good Guys* (336pp) **£16.99**  
 Two women protesting against male violence go missing. Is a jilted man to blame?
- TANA FRENCH** *The Hunter* (416pp) **£18.99**  
 A Chicago detective looks for a peaceful retirement but others have different plans
- KATE WEBB** *Laying Out the Bones* (480pp) **£22**  
 Is a drug-user's death a case of 'misadventure' or murder? DI Lockyer investigates
- JONNY SWEET** *The Kellerby Code* (384pp) **£14.99**  
 Jealousy: what happens when friendship sours & your noble intentions turn sinister?
- TOM FLETCHER** *The Assassin* (304pp) **£18.99**  
 When Ed Barnes' daughter is kidnapped, it's only the beginning of his troubles
- ALAN JOHNSON** *Death on the Thames* (384pp) **£20**  
 Louise Mangan finds murky waters in the leafy tranquility of Hampton Court

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### CHILDREN'S SPRING LIST 2024

#### 0-4 YEARS OLD



**JUDITH KERR** *Where's Mog?* (10pp) **May £7.99 Board Book**

Where is Mog? Can you find her? Join the hunt for everyone's favourite cat in this charming lift the felt flap board book (0+)

**FIONA WATT** *That's Not My Farm* (10pp) **£12.99 Board Book**

Meet soft cow, fluffy sheep & muddy pig in this large format touch & feel book. Then press the sound button on the final page to hear all those noisy farm animals (0+)

**JANE FOSTER** *I Love Yellow* (24pp) **April £7.99 Board Book**

A celebration of all things yellow with rhyming text & sunshine-bright artwork. Perfect for teaching colour recognition (2+)

**LUCAS ZANOTTO** *Where's My Nose?* (32pp) **£18.99**

Dog wakes up without his nose & sets out to find it. At the seaside, he mistakes a fluffy white cloud for it & underwater it's not his nose but a shiny red fish! (3+)

**MARIESA DULAK** *There's a Tiger on the Train* (32pp) **£7.99 pbk**

A boy & his father board a train for the seaside. Engrossed in his phone the father misses the animals who get on too. Will he even notice when the tiger ROARS? (3+)

**ED VERE** *The Elephant and the Sea* (32pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Gabriel the elephant once had dreams of joining a lifeboat crew. Despite being old, he is still determined & brave enough to set out one stormy day in his little boat (3+)

**EVA ELAND** *Where Is the Cat?* (32pp) **April £12.99**

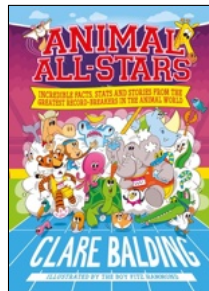
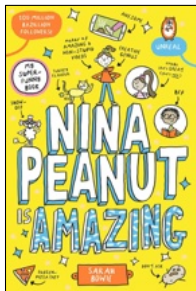
Spot Cat in every scene as he hides from Suzy who is visiting Auntie. She only wants to play unappealing games such as 'dressing up' & 'mummies & babies' (3+)

**JOSEPH COELHO** *Luna Loves Gardening* (32pp) **£12.99**

Luna is captivated by the runner beans, potatoes & tomatoes she finds in her local community garden & learns about their links to the wider world (4+)



## 5-8 YEARS OLD



**AXEL SCHEFFLER** *The Jeweller's Apprentice* (48pp) **£12.99**

When Mr. Peacock hires a shy little chicken as a new apprentice in his jewellery shop little does he realise what transformations will take place (4+)

**ISABELLA TREE** *Wilding* (96pp) **£20**

Story of the rewilding of Knepp Estate in West Sussex, illustrated by Angela Harding. Fun activities & advice on how to bring wildlife back to where you live (5+)

**BEN SANDERS** *Agent Harrier: This Book Will Self-Destruct* (64pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Agent Harrier must follow the red wire & defuse a bomb before it's too late. Will our canine spy extraordinaire save everyone from being blasted to smithereens? (6+)

**JEAN-LUC FROMENTAL** *Miss Cat* (64pp) **£9.99 pbk**

Meet Miss Cat, private eye with ears on her hat & a nose for mystery. A kidnapped canary, crafty crooks & animal magic abound in this new graphic novel series (6+)

**OLE KONNECKE** *Sounds Good!* (112pp) **£16.99**

What does a double bass or a sitar sound like? Which instrument has only one note? Discover fifty instruments from around the world & the sounds they make (7+)

**KAREN INGLIS** *Beyond the Secret Lake* (334pp) **£9.99 pbk**

In 1913 Sebastian is dangerously ill. Can his time-travelling friends save him? Third adventure in the series (8+)

**CLARE BALDING** *Animal All Stars* (192pp) **£10.99 pbk**

The Animal All-Stars compete to become champions in their field. Full of incredible, true animal facts, stats & world records in a sports day like no other (8+)

**SARAH BOWIE** *Nina Peanut* (272pp) **£8.99 pbk**

Nina's cat, Les, wanders into one of Megan's videos by accident & it goes viral. They are suddenly famous! But is stardom as wonderful as Nina always imagined? (8+)

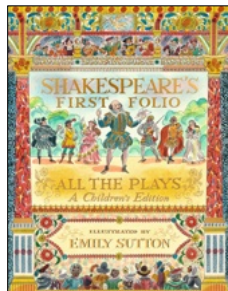
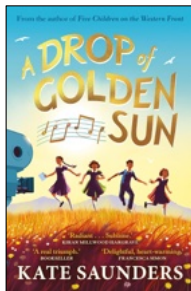
**MAZ EVANS** *Oh Mummy Mia!* (336pp) **April £7.99 pbk**

The Gods Squad is back! Seth, the Egyptian god of war, has kidnapped Ra, the sun god & earth is on the brink of destruction. Can Vesper & Asta save the day? (8+)

**TOM PERCIVAL** *The Wrong Shoes* (336pp) **May £12.99**

Navigating school when you feel different is tough, especially when there is no money for new trainers. Can friends help Will find the confidence to survive shame? (8+)

## 9-11 YEARS OLD



**CHRISTOPHER EDGE** *Black Hole Cinema Club* (240pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Lucas & his friends visit their local cinema, only to be swept up into the film on an epic & perilous adventure. The fate of the world may be at stake.... (9+)

**KATE SAUNDERS** *A Drop of Golden Sun* (336pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Jenny lands herself a plum role in a new film, but her dream-come-true is threatened by a narcissistic famous actor whose tantrums threaten the whole production (9+)

**LISA THOMPSON** *The Mystery of the Forever Weekend* (320pp) **April £7.99 pbk**

Cory wishes weekends would last forever, no Maths test or bullies just TV & pizza galore! But when Sunday begins to repeat itself, what can he do to move life on? (9+)

**ELLE MCNICOLL** *Keedie* (320pp) **April £7.99 pbk**

Keedie, Addie's older sister, stands up to the bullies & paves the way for her little sister to thrive. Prequel to 'A Kind of Spark' (9+)

**ASH BOND** *Peregrine Quinn and the Cosmic Realm* (320pp) **April £12.99**

Peregrine has always enjoyed her godfather's stories, not realising that they were true. Now he's been kidnapped by evil forces. Can she rescue him? First in series (9+)

**RADHIKA SANGHANI** *The Girl Who Couldn't Lie* (304pp) **May £7.99 pbk**

When Priya puts on a bangle left to her by her Ba she finds herself unable to tell a lie. Can she learn to be honest without hurting the people she loves? (9+)

**A.F. STEADMAN** *Skandar and the Chaos Trials* (416pp) **April £14.99**

Skandar, Flo, Mitchell & Bobby are in their third year at the Eyrie, but to progress to their fourth, they must pass The Chaos Trials. Third book in series (10+)

**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** *Shakespeare's First Folio: All the Plays* (416pp) **£30**

Illustrated by Emily Sutton, a children's edition of the First Folio using the Bard's words but abridged so that the plays can be performed by children (10+)

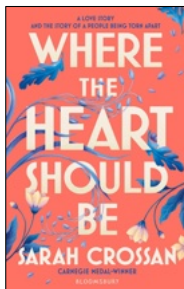
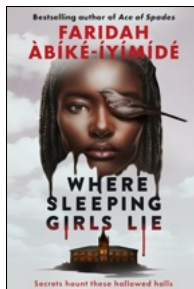
**JORDAN LEES** *The Whisperwicks: Labyrinth of Lost and Found* (432pp) **£14.99**

Benjamin doesn't believe in magic until he is whisked away to the land of Wreathenwold to help Elizabeth find her missing brother. First in a new fantasy series (10+)

**ONJALI Q. RAUF** *The Letter with the Golden Stamp* (320pp) **April £7.99 pbk**

No-one knows that Audrey is her mother's carer. As her mum gets sicker, she must think outside the box to help pay for treatment & keep the family together (10+)

## 12+ YEARS – YOUNG ADULT



**LAURA WOOD** *A Season for Scandal* (512pp) **£8.99 pbk**  
Romantic historical fiction featuring an all-female detective agency righting wrongs at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup>c. Will Marigold find Oliver's missing sister & true love? (12+)

**DJAMILA MORANI** *The Djinn's Apple* (160pp) **£8.99 pbk**  
8<sup>th</sup>c Baghdad: Nardeen's home is ransacked. She alone survives. Will a magical herb & a manuscript help her find justice for her family? Translated from the Arabic (12+)

**BEAR GRYLLS** *Mind Fuel for Young Explorers* (208pp) **£12.99**  
With emotional health advocate Will Van Der Hart, Grylls sets out practical ways to help young people increase their resilience, combat stress & overcome fear (12+)

**AMANDA ADDISON** *Looking for Lucie* (272pp) **April £8.99 pbk**  
Lucie desperately needs to know who she is. With the help of new friend Nav she sets out to uncover her ethnic heritage & family history (13+)

**NATHANAEL LESSORE** *King of Nothing* (320pp) **April £7.99 pbk**  
When troublemaker Anton is signed up by his Mum for the Happy Campers group, can he set his sights on making new friends without resorting to being Mr Cool? (13+)

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