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An embarrassment of riches this spring has made our list even more difficult to compile than usual. So, whilst there is not enough room to include every temptation, we hope that there is something for everyone. If not, do get in touch for further suggestions and we will oblige.

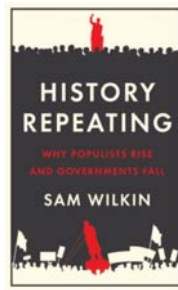
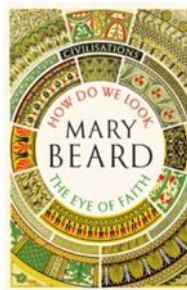
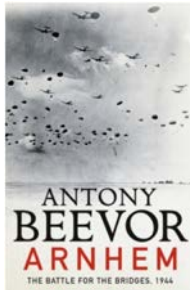
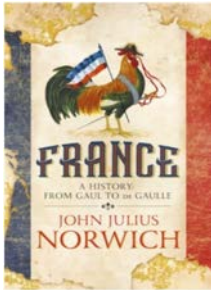
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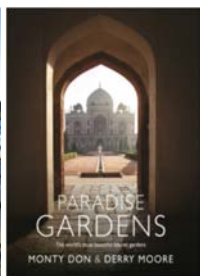
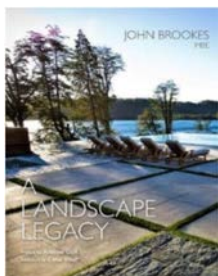


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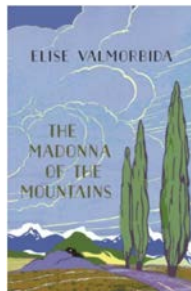
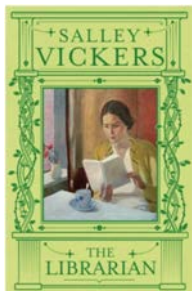
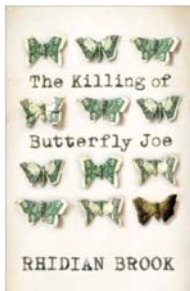
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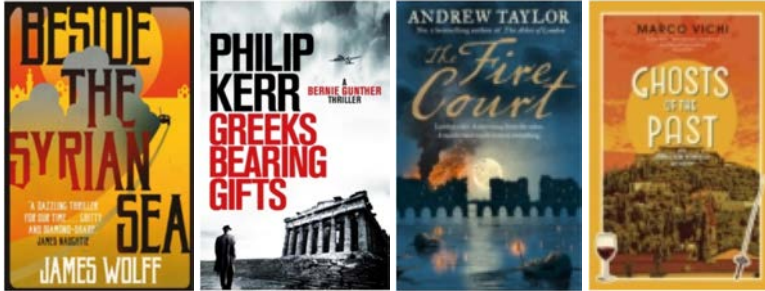
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