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Author	Title
Peter Ackroyd	<p><b>The Clerkenwell Tales</b></p> <p>This clever and colourful novel begins with 'The Prioress's Tale', and continues the 'The Friar's Tale', 'The Merchant's Tale' and 'The Clerk's Tale'. Thus, story by story, Peter Ackroyd builds his portrait of medieval London</p>
Cecelia Ahern	<p><b>PS I love you</b></p> <p>Holly and Gerry have a running joke - that she'd never cope without him. When Gerry dies of a brain tumour, Holly's life falls apart. She cannot see how to go on. But then she receives a package from Gerry - a letter, with a pile of envelopes. Each envelope contains 'to do' lists for each month.</p>
Boris Akunin	<p><b>The Winter Queen</b></p> <p>Set during the 19th century in Russia, Boris Akunin's mystery involves the death of a law student who commits suicide in broad daylight in Moscow's Alexander Gardens. Erast Fandorin is the gentleman sleuth who is called in to investigate what drove the student to do such a terrible thing.</p>
Mitch Albom	<p><b>Five people you meet in heaven</b></p> <p>'The Five People You Meet in Heaven' is a beautifully written first novel that addresses the meaning of life - and life after death.</p>
Alma Alexander	<p><b>Secrets of Jin-Shei</b></p> <p>Set in medieval China, this is the story of a group of women, the Jin-Shei sisterhood, who form a uniquely powerful circle that transcends class and social custom.</p>
Diana Athill	<p><b>Yesterday morning</b></p> <p>In this book, Diana Athill looks back on her 1920s childhood, which was unfashionably filled with happiness - a Norfolk country house, servants, the pleasures of horses, and the unfolding secrets of adults and sex.</p>
Kate Atkinson	<p><b>When will there be good news</b></p> <p>In rural Devon, six-year-old Joanna witnesses an appalling crime. 30 years later the man convicted of the crime gets out of prison. In Edinburgh, 16-year-old Reggie works as a nanny for a doctor. But Dr Hunter has gone missing &amp; Reggie seems to be the only person who is worried. DCI Louise Monroe is also looking for a missing person</p>
Margaret Atwood	<p><b>Handmaid's tale</b></p> <p>The Republic of Gilead allows Offred only one function - to breed. If she deviates, she will, like all dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on whom her future hangs.</p>
Margaret Atwood	<p><b>Cat's eye</b></p> <p>Elaine Ridley, a painter, returns to Toronto to find herself haunted by her past. Memories of childhood - and of unbearable betrayals and cruelties - resurface, forcing her to confront the spectre of Cordelia, once her best friend and tormentor.</p>

John Banville	<p><b>The Sea</b></p> <p>When Max Morden returns to the coastal town where he spent a holiday in his youth he is both escaping from a recent loss and confronting a distant trauma.</p>
Pat Barker	<p><b>Life Class</b></p> <p>When war breaks out in 1914, Paul Tarrant, a student at the Slade School of Art, leaves behind his attempted life as an artist and his beautiful fellow-student Elinor to tend to casualties on the front line</p>
Sebastian Barry	<p><b>Secret scripture</b></p> <p>Nearing her 100th birthday, Roseanne faces an uncertain future, as the mental hospital where she's spent the best part of her adult life prepares for closure. Over the weeks leading up to this upheaval, she talks often with her psychiatrist Dr Grene. This relationship intensifies as he mourns the death of his wife</p>
Michel Benoit	<p><b>Thirteenth Apostle</b></p> <p>When his friend, Father Andrei is killed on a train en route to the Vatican, Father Nil, a Benedictine who teaches the Gospel of St. John to novices, decides to conduct his own investigation</p>
Ray Bradbury	<p><b>Fahrenheit 451</b></p> <p>This hauntingly prophetic novel centres around a not-too-distant future where happiness is allocated on a TV screen, individuals and scholars are outcasts and books are burned by a special task force of firemen</p>
Joanna Briscoe	<p><b>Sleep with me</b></p> <p>Richard and Lelia's child is conceived in a moment of giggling chaos as they dress for a Christmas party. When they arrive, rudely late and still glowing, they barely register a slight, drab woman in the hall - Sylvie. As their baby grows, so too does the presence of that barely noticeable figure.</p>
Christopher Brookmyre	<p><b>Be my enemy</b></p> <p>Journalist Jack Parlabane has been invited to a 'team-building' weekend in the Highlands for lawyers, advertising execs and businessmen. There are stalkers in the forest, power cuts in the night and mass mobile phone thefts. But, when the first body is found, things begin to get a little more serious.</p>
Geraldine Brooks	<p><b>People of the book</b></p> <p>When Hannah Heath gets a call in the middle of the night in her Sydney home about a precious medieval manuscript which has been recovered from the smouldering ruins of wartorn Sarajevo, she knows she is on the brink of the experience of a lifetime</p>
Geraldine Brooks	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>John March is the father of the girls from the classic novel 'Little Women'. Here we see him as abolitionist and idealistic chaplain on the front lines of a war that tests his faith in himself and in the Union. As he recovers from a near-fatal illness, he reassembles his tattered mind and finds a way to reconnect with his family.</p>
Anthony Burgess	<p><b>Clockwork orange</b></p> <p>In a cult classic that rivals Pulp Fiction for its portrayal of violence in the postmodern society, Anthony Burgess's drama is part horror farce, part social prophecy and part penetrating study of human choice between good and evil.</p>
Justin Cartwright	<p><b>The Promise of happiness</b></p> <p>The Judds, formerly of London N1, now scattered, are about to be thrown together again by the eldest child</p>

	Juliet's release from prison in New York. The family is devastated by Juliet's conviction for art theft. The nature of this theft and the reasons for it plague all the protagonists.
Tracy Chevalier	<b>Lady and the unicorn</b> Set over the period 1490 to 1492, Tracy Chevalier's novel moves between a chateau in Lyons and the cities of Paris and Brussels. The story concerns a series of six Flemish tapestries known as The lady and the unicorn tapestries Set over the period 1490 to 1492, Tracy Chevalier's novel moves between a chateau in Lyons and the cities of Paris and Brussels. The story concerns a series of six Flemish tapestries known as The lady and the unicorn tapestries
Susanna Clarke	<b>Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell</b> Long ago when magic still existed in England, the greatest magician of all was the Raven King. Now at the start of the 19th century, the Raven King is only a myth and England no longer believes in magicians. But then Mr Norrell makes his incredible talents known.
Paulo Coelho	<b>The alchemist</b> This is an adventure story about a young shepherd boy who learns how to live his dreams. This is a story which has been compared to the works of Richard Bach, and is aimed at the young and old alike
Louis De Bernieres	<b>Birds without wings</b> The story of the inhabitants of a small coastal town in South West Anatolia in the dying days of the Ottoman empire. When jihad is declared against the Allies, the young men of the town are sent to war. As the great world intrudes, the twin scourages of religion and nationalism lead to forced marches and massacres
Louis De Bernieres	<b>A partisan's daughter</b> 'A Partisan's Daughter' features the relationship between Chris, an unhappily-married, middle-aged Englishman and Roza, a young Yugoslavian woman who tells him of her troubled, adventurous past.
Jennifer Donnelly	<b>A gathering light</b> When Mattie Gokey is given a bundle of letters to burn she fully intends to execute the wishes of the giver, Grace Brown. When Grace Brown is found drowned the next day in Big Moose Lake, Mattie finds that it is not as easy to burn those letters as she had thought. And, as she reads, a riveting story emerges.
Daphne Du Maurier	<b>Rebecca</b> Du Maurier's famous tale of suspense, mystery and love concerns Maxim de Winter's shy new bride and the house she is to inhabit, but that still reverberates to the haunting presence of his previous wife's influence
George Eliot	<b>Middlemarch</b> George Eliot's great novel creates a world and portrays a whole community - tradespeople, middle classes, country gentry - in the rising provincial town of Middlemarch, circa 1830.
Ben Elton	<b>The First Casualty</b> Flanders, June 1917. A British officer and celebrated poet is shot dead, killed not by German fire, but while recuperating from shell shock well behind the lines. A young English soldier is arrested and, although he protests his innocence, charged with his murder.
Anne Enright	<b>The gathering</b> 'The Gathering' is a family epic, condensed and clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye. It is also a sexual history: tracing the line of hurt and redemption through three generations - starting with the grandmother, Ada Merriman - showing how memories warp and family secrets fester

Sebastian Faulks	<p><b>Birdsong</b></p> <p>This is the story of Stephen who arrives in Amiens in 1910. His life goes through a series of traumatic experiences, from the clandestine love affair that tears apart the family with whom he lives, to the unprecedented experience of the war itself.</p>
Sebastian Faulks	<p><b>Engleby</b></p> <p>Mike Engleby says things that others dare not even think. When the novel opens in the 1970's, he is a university student, having survived a 'traditional' school. A man devoid of scruple or self-pity, Engleby provides a witheringly frank account of English education.</p>
Jasper Fforde	<p><b>Big over easy</b></p> <p>Humpty Dumpty, well-known nursery favourite, large egg, ex-convict and former millionaire philanthropist is found shattered beneath a wall in a shabby area of town. Following the careful reconstructing of his shell, DI Jack Spratt and his Seargent Mary Mary are grappling with a sinister plot.</p>
Helen Fielding	<p><b>Olivia Joules and the overactive imagination</b></p> <p>Devoted fans of Helen Fielding and her books on Bridget Jones can breathe a huge sigh of relief. Here's a new novel with a new character - Olivia Joules. Olivia, the heroine of the new novel, is a girl spy who can swing from helicopters while still clutching her Prada bag.</p>
F.Scott Fitzgerald	<p><b>Great Gatsby</b></p> <p>A masterpiece, a dazzling social satire, and a milestone in twentieth century literature, The Great Gatsby peels away the layers of the glamorous twenties in the U.S. to display the coldness and cruelty at its heart.</p>
Susan Fletcher	<p><b>Eve Green</b></p> <p>Following the loss of her mother, eight-year-old Evie is sent to a new life in rural Wales. With a sense of being lied to she sets out to discover her family's dark secret - unaware that there is yet more darkness to come with the sinister disappearance of local girl Rosemary Hughes.</p>
Karen Fowler	<p><b>The Jane Austen book club</b></p> <p>In California's Sacramento Valley, six people meet once a month to discuss Jane Austen's novels. Over the six months they meet marriages are tested, affairs begin, unsuitable arrangements become suitable, and under the guiding eye of Jane Austen, some of them even fall in love.</p>
Jonathan Franzen	<p><b>The Corrections</b></p> <p>From the author of 'Strong Motion', this novel offers a panoramic vision of America at the beginning of the 21st century, as seen through the turbulent lives of the Lambert family</p>
Nicci French	<p><b>Secret Smile</b></p> <p>Miranda Cotton thinks she's put boyfriend Brendan out of her life for good. But two weeks later, he's intimately involved with her sister. Soon what began as an embarrassment becomes threatening - then even more terrifying than a girl's worst nightmare.</p>
Nicci Gerrard	<p><b>Things we knew were true</b></p> <p>At 16 Edie knew that her older sister Stella was the star of the family. In one terrible moment Edie's teenage dreams were torn apart. 20 years on, the sisters come together again, and the truth of what happened all those years ago may finally become clear.</p>
Stella Gibbons	<p><b>Cold Comfort Farm</b></p> <p>When sensible, sophisticated Flora Poste is orphaned, she decides to descend on her relatives at Cold Comfort Farm and put their lives in order.</p>

William Golding	<p><b>Lord of the flies</b></p> <p>A story for adults about small boys, marooned on a coral island. At first it seems as though it is all going to be great fun; but the fun before long becomes furious and life on the island turns into a nightmare of panic and death</p>
Eli Gottlieb	<p><b>Now you see him</b></p> <p>Nick Framingham is still reeling from the recent death of his childhood best friend, the writer Rob Castor, who committed suicide after killing his ex-girlfriend in Manhattan. Rob's death unleashes a series of unexpected revelations in the lives of his friends and family in upstate New York.</p>
Graham Greene	<p><b>The quiet American</b></p> <p>Into the intrigue and violence of Indo-China comes Pyle, a young idealistic American sent to promote democracy through a mysterious 'Third Force'. As his naive optimism starts to cause bloodshed, his friend Fowler finds it hard to stand and watch</p>
Charlotte Greig	<p><b>A girl's guide to modern European philosophy</b></p> <p>Susannah Jones' official boyfriend Jason is the perfect foil to her student lifestyle. He is 10 years older and an antique dealer, so she doesn't have to live in the seedy digs her friends do. Then when she is on campus she can take philosophy seriously and dabble in the social and sexual freedom of a 1970s Sussex University</p>
John Grisham	<p><b>Bleachers</b></p> <p>Neely was once star quarterback for Messina High School's football team but his playing days ended with an injury. For 15 years he's been trying to forget his past as sporting hero but hasn't been able to move on. That is until the man who moulded him, Coach Eddie Rake is dying and Neely returns to Messina.</p>
Mark Haddon	<p><b>The curious incident of the dog in the night-time</b></p> <p>A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey which will turn his whole world upside down</p>
George Hagen	<p><b>The Laments</b></p> <p>When Howard and Julia Lament secretly adopt baby Will, a baby switched at birth in a bizarre hospital debacle, it marks the beginning of a journey that takes them from Rhodesia to the Middle East, Britain to the New Jersey suburbs - for no matter where they set up home, the grass always seems greener on the other side.</p>
Matt Haig	<p><b>Last family in England</b></p> <p>Meet the Hunter family - Adam, a teacher, his wife Kate, and their children Hal, 17, and Charlotte, 13. When a new couple move into their street, Adam is besotted with Emily, the beautiful aromatherapist, while her husband Simon seems to have played a significant part in Kate's past.</p>
Thomas Harris	<p><b>Silence of the lambs</b></p> <p>There's a killer on the loose who knows that beauty is only skin deep, and a trainee investigator who's trying to save her own hide. The only man who can help is locked in an asylum. But he's willing to put a brave face on - if it will help him escape.</p>
Zoe Heller	<p><b>Notes on a scandal</b></p> <p>When Sheba arrives Barbara senses that she will be different from the rest of her staff-room colleagues. Sure enough Sheba starts an affair with a pupil and is caught. When all the dust settles and Sheba's life falls apart, Barbara is there for her even if she can't condone her</p>

	sexual behaviour
Barry Hines	<p><b>Kestrel for a knave</b></p> <p>This is the unsentimental story of the remarkable relationship between the desperate Billy, a friendless boy living in a soulless northern town, and the equally destructive, fierce kestrel, Kes, which he raises from the nest.</p>
Victoria Hislop	<p><b>The island</b></p> <p>On the brink of her own life-changing decision, Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village before moving to London.</p>
Russell Hoban	<p><b>Riddley Walker</b></p> <p>This acclaimed story is set in an England that has suffered a nuclear holocaust. Society has regressed to an Iron Age, semi-literate state represented by the special language that the author created especially for this book</p>
Nick Hornby	<p><b>About a boy</b></p> <p>Will does not want children, but he does see the point of single mothers, especially if they look like Julie Christie. When he meets Marcus, whose parents have split up and who is being persecuted by bullies, Will finds that he has a lot to learn</p>
Khaled Hosseini	<p><b>Kite runner</b></p> <p>Winter, 1975: Afghanistan, a country on the verge of an internal coup. 12 year old Amir is desperate to win the approval of his father, one of the richest merchants in Kabul. He's failed to do so through academia or brawn but the one area they connect is the annual kite fighting tournament</p>
Khaled Hosseini	<p><b>A thousand splendid suns</b></p> <p>'A Thousand Splendid Suns' is a chronicle of Afghan history, and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, and the salvation to be found in love.</p>
Nancy Huston	<p><b>Fault lines</b></p> <p>Reminiscent of Nicole Krauss's 'The History of Love' in its scale and passion, 'Fault Lines' tells the story of one family through four generations, and the scars that mark their shared history</p>
Kazuo Ishiguro	<p><b>Never let me go</b></p> <p>Kathy, Ruth and Tommy were pupils at Hailsham - an idyllic establishment situated deep in the English countryside. The children there were tenderly sheltered from the outside world, brought up to believe they were special, and that their personal welfare was crucial. But for what reason were they really there?</p>
Lloyd Jones	<p><b>Mister Pip</b></p> <p>On a remote South Pacific island, threatened by uprising, Matilda and her classmates find their lives surprisingly intertwined with those of a boy called Pip, and a man named Mr Dickens.</p>
Jesse Kellerman	<p><b>The brutal art</b></p> <p>Ethan Muller is struggling to establish his reputation as a dealer in the cut-throat world of contemporary art when he is alerted to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: in a decaying New York slum, an elderly tenant has disappeared, leaving behind a staggeringly large trove of original drawings and paintings.</p>
Douglas Kennedy	<p><b>State of the union</b></p> <p>Hannah Buchan leads an ordinary life in a small nowhere town in Maine - a schoolteacher, married to a doctor, with two grown up children. However, her past conceals a dark secret. Thirty years ago she had a brief, dangerous fling</p>

	with a high profile student activist.
Sue Monk Kidd	<p><b>The secret life of bees</b></p> <p>Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four. She not only has her own memory of holding the gun, but her father's account of the event. Now 14, she yearns for her mother, and for forgiveness</p>
Barbara Kingsolver	<p><b>The Bean Trees</b></p> <p>Barbara Kingsolver's first novel and a "New York Times" Notable Book, this book features Taylor Greer who has two goals - to avoid pregnancy and get away from her home in rural Kentucky. She buys a 1955 Volkswagen and heads West</p>
Nicole Krauss	<p><b>The History of love</b></p> <p>A young girl, hoping to find a cure for her mother's loneliness, stumbles across a book that changed her mother's life and she goes in search of the author. Soon these and other worlds collide in 'The History of Love', a captivating story of the power of love, of loneliness and of survival.</p>
Marghanita Laski	<p><b>Little boy lost</b></p> <p>This is an emotionally-charged novel about a young Englishman whose French wife was murdered by the Gestapo at the beginning of the Second World War, leaving her child to be taken into hiding. After the war, Hilary Wainwright goes to France to look for his son</p>
Harper Lee	<p><b>To kill a mockingbird</b></p> <p>'Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird'. This is a lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of the story - a black man charged with raping a white girl in the 30s</p>
Andrea Levy	<p><b>Small Island</b></p> <p>Returning to England after the war Gilbert Joseph is treated very differently now that he is no longer in an RAF uniform. Joined by his wife Hortense, he rekindles a friendship with Queenie who takes in Jamaican lodgers. Can their dreams of a better life in England overcome the prejudice they face?</p>
Marina Lewycka	<p><b>A short history of tractors in Ukrainian</b></p> <p>For years, Nadezhda and Vera have had as little as possible to do with each other. But now they find they'd better learn how to get along, because since their mother's death their ageing father has been sliding into his second childhood, and an alarming new woman has just entered his life.</p>
Elinor Lipman	<p><b>Inn at Lake Devine</b></p> <p>Natalie Marx discovers that the Inn at Lake Devine in Vermont operates an anti-semitic policy. In this witty comedy Natalie becomes obsessed with the Inn and the family that owns it and joins a friend on vacation there</p>
Jacqui Lofthouse	<p><b>Bluethroat morning</b></p> <p>Author Alison Bliss walks into the sea on a bluethroat morning and becomes a greater icon in death than in life. However, six years later when her husband Harry returns to the site of her death with 19-year-old Helen, he discovers an unusual mystery.</p>
Colum McCann	<p><b>Dancer</b></p> <p>From the documented facts of a real life, the acclaimed Irish writer Colum McCann has created an extraordinary work of fiction. This history of a life gets under the skin of its hero, into his head, under the skin of the people around him and into the truth of what it means to dance.</p>
Cormac McCarthy	<p><b>No country for old men</b></p>

	Llewelyn Moss, hunting antelope near the Rio Grande, has made a grim discovery - a load of heroin, \$2 million in cash and a lot of dead bodies. But when two more men are found murdered, Moss himself becomes a target - transforming his life and destiny
Colin MacInnes	<b>London novels</b> Bringing together three of Colin MacInnes's most notable novels, this title includes stories which explore another side of London life in the 1950s, featuring the colourful and real characters who defined a city in transition.
Ian McEwan	<b>Atonement</b> Atonement is the novel for which Ian McEwan will always be remembered. Enthralling in its depiction of childhood, love and war, class and England, at its centre is a profound and profoundly moving exploration of shame and forgiveness.
Ian McEwan	<b>On Chesil Beach</b> It is July 1962. In a hotel on the Dorset coast, overlooking Chesil Beach, Edward and Florence, who got married that morning, are sitting down to dinner in their room. Neither is entirely able to suppress their anxieties about the wedding night to come
Ian McEwan	<b>Saturday</b> 'Saturday' is a novel set within a single day in February 2003. Henry Perowne is a contented man, but what troubles him is the state of the world. Following a minor car accident, Perowne is brought into contact with a small-time thug called Miller. This meeting has savage consequences
Andrei Makine	<b>Le testament francais</b> On the edge of the Siberian steppes, a young boy grows up listening to his French grandmother's stories of France before the Great War. Torn between the two cultures, he eventually leaves for Paris, but reality is unlike he imagined.
Gautam Malkani	<b>Londonstani</b> In his debut novel, Gautam Malkani tells of a Britain that has never before been explored in the novel: a country of young Asians and white boys (desis and goras) trying to work out a place for themselves in the shadow of the divergent cultures of their parent's generation
Hilary Mantel	<b>Beyond black</b> Alison is a medium. But what she hears is sometimes just too dark to pass on. She mostly tells her clients what they want to hear. Colette, her manager and side-kick, makes the bookings and gets Alison on stage. And then there's Morris, Alison's foul-mouthed and obscene Spirit Guide.
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	<b>Love in the time of cholera</b> Florentino Ariza has never forgotten his first love. He has waited nearly a lifetime in silence since his beloved Fermina married another man. Following the death of her husband, Florentino has another chance to declare his eternal passion and win her back. Will love that has survived half a century remain unrequited?
Anne Michaels	<b>Fugitive pieces</b> The 1st part of Anne Michaels' novel tells how a young Jakob is rescued from the war by Athos Roussos and moves to Toronto. The 2nd part involves the relationship between the now 60 year old Jakob and a young professor
Mark Mills	<b>Whaleboat House</b> In the small town of Amagansett, perched on Long Island's windswept coast, generations have followed the same calling as their forefathers, fishing the dangerous Atlantic waters. Little has changed in the three centuries since

	white settlers drove the Montaukett Indians from the land. That is until now.
Denise Mina	<b>Dead hour</b> Paddy Meehan, Glasgow's aspiring journalist, is back on the beat, trawling the streets of Glasgow for a story - something to prove she can write. And then she meets the woman with the poodle perm at the door of a wealthy suburb in the north of the city - blood dripping from her chin.
Rohinton Mistry	<b>Family matters</b> Nariman Vakeel is a 79 year-old widower beset by Parkinson's disease and haunted by memories of the past. When his illness is compounded by a broken ankle, he's forced to take up residence with his daughter Roxana, her husband Yezad and their two sons. This pushes Yezad into a scheme of deception - with devastating consequences
Kate Mosse	<b>Labyrinth</b> 'Labyrinth' spans eight centuries to unite the destinies of two women - a modern-day archaeologist who uncovers a tomb in southern France with strange inscriptions on the walls and a pervading atmosphere of evil, and a 13th-century herbalist and healer entrusted with a book that contains great secrets.
Haruki Murakami	<b>Norwegian wood</b> Toru Watanabe is looking back on the love and passions of his life and trying to make sense of it all. As his first love, Naoko, sinks deeper and deeper into mental despair, he is inexorably pushed to find new meanings and new love to survive.
Julie Myerson	<b>Something might happen</b> Julie Myerson's tale of murder in a small Suffolk seaside town includes all of the features of a murder mystery. However the book is really about the effect of the murder on a community and how relationships begin to crumble and unravel.
Audrey Niffenegger	<b>The Time traveler's wife</b> This is the story of Henry and Clare, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was 36, and were married when Clare was 22 and Henry was 30. This is possible only because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with chrono-displacement-disorder.
Joseph O'Connor	<b>Star of the sea</b> During winter 1847, the Star of the Sea sets sail from Ireland for New York. Among the refugees are a maidservant, bankrupt Lord Merridith, an aspiring novelist and a maker of revolutionary ballads. Each is connected more deeply than they know. But a killer is stalking the decks, hungry for vengeance.
Maggie O'Farrell	<b>The Distance between us</b> Stella has fled London to confront the childhood secret which has marked her life. A set of tragic circumstances and a hasty marriage bring Jake from Hong Kong to Britain, where he embarks upon a quest for the father he never knew. When Jake and Stella meet, both of their lives are changed forever.
Maggie O'Farrell	<b>The Vanishing act of Esme Lennox</b> Set between the 1930s and the present, Maggie O'Farrell's novel is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history, and of the secrets that come to light when, 60 years later, she is released from care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had.
Catherine O'Flynn	<b>What was lost</b>

	'What Was Lost' is a poignant tale of changing times at Green Oaks shopping centre, and the balancing of love and loss.
Heather O'Neill	<b>Lullabies for little criminals</b> 'Lullabies for Little Criminals' is Heather O'Neill's first novel about one girl's struggle for survival on the mean streets of Montreal
James Patterson	<b>Sam's letters to Jennifer</b> When Jennifer returns to the village where she grew up, she finds some letters in which a relative reveals a secret she has concealed for years: that her great love is not the man she married. Jennifer herself thinks she could never love again, but before long she is caught up in a flight of exhilaration.
David Peace	<b>The damned united</b> 'The Damned Utd' is a novel that shifts between and across 12 years in the life of a football genius, to tell the story of a world characterised by fear of failure and hunger for success.
Stef Penney	<b>Tenderness of wolves</b> As winter tightens its grip on the isolated settlement of Dove River, a woman steels herself for the journey of a lifetime. A man has been brutally murdered and her 17-year old son has disappeared. To clear her son's name, she has no choice but to follow the tracks leaving the dead man's cabin.
Justine Picardie	<b>Wish I may</b> Kate is in her mid thirties, is a single mother, and has always been in awe of, possibly in love with her domineering cousin, Julian. As she returns to East Anglia for a family weekend she reflects on her childhood.
Terry Pratchett	<b>The Truth</b> William de Worde is the accidental editor of the Discworld's first newspaper. Now, he must cope with the traditional perils of a journalist's life - people who want him dead, a recovering vampire with a suicidal fascination for flash photography, and more people who want him dead in a different way. William just wants to get at the truth.
Philip Pullman	<b>Northern lights</b> Philip Pullman has created a fantasy world, where demons swoop and scuttle along the streets of London and Oxford, where the mysterious Dust swirls invisibly through the air, and where only one child knows secrets the adults would kill for.
Ruth Rendell	<b>Thirteen steps down</b> Living in a decaying house in Notting Hill, loner Mix Cellini is obsessed with the John Christie murders and with a beautiful model who lives nearby. But when reality intrudes into Mix's life, a long pent-up violence explodes
Stella Rimington	<b>At risk</b> Liz Carlyle, an MI5 Intelligence officer, receives a report from MI6 which will test her to the limit and put her life in jeopardy. As she sifts the evidence and gets reports from her agents she realises that there is an imminent terrorist threat.
Michele Roberts	<b>Reader, I married him</b> When Aurora decides to take herself off to Italy to visit her old friend, Nun Leonora, after her third husband's demise, she discovers a rather dangerous lust for sex and food. Could this be the scenario that reveals the real Aurora?
Jose Saramago	<b>The double</b> What happens when Tertuliano Maximo Afonso, a 38 year-old professor of history, discovers that there is a man living

	in the same city who is identical to him in every physical detail, but not related by blood at all. And what happens when each of these men attempt to investigate each other's lives?
Diane Setterfield	<b>Thirteenth tale</b> 'The Thirteenth Tale' is an emotional mystery in the vein of Daphne du Maurier's 'Rebecca', about family secrets and the magic of books and storytelling. Margaret Lea is investigating Angelfield House. As she digs deeper, Margaret discovers tragedy and secrets about her own past.
Anita Shreve	<b>Light on snow</b> The events of a December afternoon on which a father and his daughter find an abandoned infant in the snow will forever alter 11-year-old Nicky Dillon's understanding of the world which she is about to enter and the adults who inhabit it.
Anita Shreve	<b>All he ever wanted</b> It is a fire in a New Hampshire hotel that brings Nicholas Van Tassel and Etna Bliss together - two strangers grateful to have escaped the burning building with their lives. Many years later, Nicholas recounts their courtship, and their time together
Lionel Shriver	<b>We need to talk about Kevin</b> Who is to blame for teenage atrocity? Narrator Eva Khatchadourian's son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker, and the much-loved teacher who tried to befriend him. This novel is an examination of the effect tragedy has on a town, a marriage and a family.
Ali Smith	<b>The Accidental</b> 'The Accidental' is the follow-up novel to 'Hotel World', which was shortlisted for the Booker and Orange prizes in 2002. Ali Smith's other novels include 'Free Love', 'Like', 'Other Stories and Other Stories' and 'The Whole Story and Other Stories'.
Dodie Smith	<b>I capture the castle</b> This is the journal of Cassandra Mortmain. First, there is her eccentric father. Then there is her sister, Rose - and her stepmother, Topaz. Finally, there is Stephen, who is in love with Cassandra. Cassandra records her feelings on all of them
Muriel Spark	<b>The Girls of slender means</b> In a Kensington hostel towards the end of World War 2, a group of well-bred, but impecunious young women, are leading lives of ritual femininity. All is well until their interlude of innocence is destroyed by the horror of the times
Patrick Suskind	<b>Perfume</b> Born in sweaty, fetid eighteenth-century Paris, Grenouille is distinctive even in infancy. He has the finest nose in Paris and no personal odour. Suskind develops this idea into a tale of murder controlled by a loathing of humanity.
Donna Tartt	<b>The little friend</b> Harriet grows up haunted by the murder of her brother. His killer was never identified. Harriet lives largely in the world of her imagination, alone even in company. Then one day she decides to find his murderer and exact her revenge.
Elizabeth Taylor	<b>Angel</b>

	<p>15 year-old Angel knows she is different, that she is destined to become a feted author and the owner of great riches. After reading her first novel the publishers are certain it will be a success. Curious as to who could have written such a book, they are unprepared when Angel steps forward as the author</p>
Joanna Trollope	<p><b>Brother and sister</b>  We all need to know where we come from, where we belong. But for David and Nathalie, this need is more urgent than for most people, because they are adopted. Brought up by the same parents, but born to different mothers, they have grown up, fiercely loyal to one another, as brother and sister.</p>
Lynne Truss	<p><b>Tennyson's gift</b>  In July 1884, a corner of the Isle of Wight is buzzing with literary and artistic creativity. An imaginative cocktail of Victorian seriousness and riotous farce begins to take place.</p>
Salley Vickers	<p><b>Miss Garnet's angel</b>  Miss Garnet's Angel is a voyage of discovery, a novel of Venice but also a rich story of the explosive possibilities of change in all of us at any time</p>
Edith Wharton	<p><b>The age of innocence</b>  Countess Olenska, separated from her European husband, returns to old New York society. She bears with her an independence and an awareness of life which stirs the educated sensitivity of Newland Archer, engaged to be married to May Welland.</p>
Daniel Woodrell	<p><b>Winter's bone</b>  The last time Ree saw her father he promised he would return with a paper sack of cash and a truckload of food. Since he left, she's had to look after her mother and her two brothers. When Ree discovers that their house will be sold if her father doesn't turn up for his trial, she sets out to find him</p>
Jane Yardley	<p><b>Dancing with Dr. Kildare</b>  The day Nina's father dies, she discovers an old music manuscript written in his hand and locked away in a desk. Her father was no musical genius, so where did this symphony come from? The answer lies deep in a web of deceit and scandal that reaches back 50 years. Now Nina is determined to find out the truth.</p>
Richard Yates	<p><b>Revolutionary road</b>  Frank and April Wheeler, a bright, beautiful and talented couple, are desperate to maintain their dreams of greatness and distinction against the inexorable pressure of their suburban life</p>
Carlos Ruiz Zafon	<p><b>The Shadow of the wind</b>  Hidden in the heart of the old city of Barcelona is a labyrinthine library of obscure &amp; forgotten titles that have long gone out of print. A man brings his 10-year-old son to the library &amp; allows him to choose one book to keep. But as he grows up, several people seem inordinately interested in his find.</p>
Markus Zusak	<p><b>The book thief</b>  Narrated in the all-knowing matter-of-fact voice of Death, witnessing the story of the citizens of Molching. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling, and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares out her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day, the wail of the sirens comes too late</p>