

NEW BOOKS SEPTEMBER 2018

NON-FICTION

LANDRETH Jenny Swell: A Waterbiography These days, swimming may seem like an egalitarian pastime, open to anyone with a swimsuit - but this wasn't always the case. In the 19th century, swimming was almost exclusively the domain of men.

BIOGRAPHY

EDEMARIAM Aida The Wife's Tale The extraordinary story of an indomitable 95-year-old woman – and of the most extraordinary century in Ethiopia's history. Aida Edemariam retells her grandmother's stories.

FICTION

ACHERSON Neal The Death of the Fronsac: A Novel This is an unforgettable recreation of life in wartime, and of the tragic fate of Poland in the twentieth century: a novel about sabotage, betrayal and the terrible sadness of exile.

BARNES Julian The Only Story First love has lifelong consequences, but Paul doesn't know anything about that at nineteen. At nineteen, he's proud of the fact his relationship flies in the face of social convention.

CUMMING Charles The Man Between Successful novelist Kit Carradine has grown restless. So when British Intelligence invites him to enter the secret world of espionage, he willingly takes a leap into the unknown.

DUNMORE Helen Girl, Balancing & Other Stories This brilliant collection of Helen Dunmore's short fiction, replete with her penetrating insight into the human condition, is certain to delight and move all her readers.

EVANS Diana Ordinary People South London, 2008. Set against the backdrop of Barack Obama's historic election victory, Ordinary People is an intimate, immersive study of identity and parenthood, sex and grief, friendship and aging, and the fragile architecture of love.

EVANS Lissa Old Baggage It is 1928. Matilda Simpkin is a woman with a thrilling past and a chafingly uneventful present. During the Women's Suffrage Campaign she was a militant. Jailed five times, she marched, sang, gave speeches, smashed windows and heckled Winston Churchill.

GLENDINNING Victoria The Butcher's Daughter It is 1535 and Agnes Peppin, daughter of a West-country butcher, leaves her family home in disgrace to live out the rest of her life cloistered behind the walls of the Shaftesbury Abbey.

HEALEY Emma Whistle in the Dark We meet Jen, mother to 15-year-old Lana - who has just been found after going missing for four desperate days. Lana can't talk about the missing days. As her daughter's life falls apart, Jen turns detective to discover what happened . . .

MARKOVITS Benjamin A Weekend in New York Paul Essinger is a mid-ranking tennis professional on the ATP tour. His girlfriend Dana is an ex-model and photographer, and the mother of their two-year-old son, Cal. Together they form a tableau of the contented upper-middle-class New York family.

MONTEFIORE Santa The Temptation of Gracie When Gracie Burton stumbles upon an advertisement for a week-long cookery course in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, she cannot resist, and ploughs her life savings into the trip.

ONDAATJE	Michael	Warlight	London, 1945. The capital is still reeling from the war. 14-year-old Nathaniel and his older sister Rachel are abandoned by their parents who leave the country on business, and are left in the dubious care of a mysterious figure named The Moth.
PHILLIPS	Caryl	A View of the Empire at Sunset	In the heart of London's Bloomsbury, Gwendolen – not yet truly famous as the writer 'Jean Rhys' – is presented with the opportunity she has been waiting for. Her husband has received an unexpected inheritance; she can, at last, return to the island of her childhood.
SIGURDARDOTTIR	Lilja	Snare (Reykjavik Noir)	Set in a Reykjavík still covered in the dust of the Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption, and with a dark, fast-paced and chilling plot and intriguing characters, Snare is an outstandingly original Nordic crime thriller.
ST AUBYN	Edward	Dunbar	Henry Dunbar, the once all-powerful head of a global corporation, is not having a good day. In his dotage he handed over care of the family firm to his two eldest daughters, Abby and Megan. A retelling of 'King Lear'.
TYLER	Anne	Clock Dance	Willa Drake can count on one hand the defining moments of her life: when she was eleven and her mother disappeared, being proposed to at 21, the accident that would make her a widow at 41. At each of these moments, Willa ended up on a path laid out for her by others.
VICKERS	Salley	The Librarian	Sylvia Blackwell, a young woman in her twenties, moves to East Mole, a quaint market town in middle England, to start a new job as a children's librarian. But the apparently pleasant town is not all it seems.
WAAL de	Kit	The Trick to Time	Mona is a young Irish girl in the big city, with the thrill of a new job and a room of her own in a busy boarding house. On her first night out in 1970s Birmingham, she meets William...
WARE	Ruth	The Death of Mrs Westaway	When Harriet Westaway receives an unexpected letter telling her she's inherited a substantial bequest from her Cornish grandmother, it seems like the answer to her prayers. There's just one problem – her real grandparents died 20 years ago and the letter has been sent to the wrong person.