

Book
of the
month



THE GOOD SISTER

SALLY HEPWORTH

Sally Hepworth is an Australian novelist who writes brilliant, compelling psychological thrillers with complex, honestly drawn characters. Edge-of-your-seat tension combined with a rich, warm heart, this novel is about the uncompromising bond between twins, Rose and Fern. Raised by an emotionally volatile, single mother they endured an unstable childhood stamped by poverty and ultimately defined by a tragedy that they were involved in. The tragedy was the only time Rose couldn't prevent Fern doing something dreadful.

Since, they have clung to one another. Fern isn't neurotypical — she's on the autistic spectrum and craves routine. Disruption can be difficult for her, so naturally Rose is protective. But Rose has issues of her own; her marriage is threatened as she can't get pregnant. There is so much to become embroiled and involved in. Hepworth shifts between the sisters' points of view, serving up incredible twists and revelations that will have you turning pages at the speed of light. An intelligent, emotional and quirky story rooted in a dark, suspenseful thriller about an ugly truth and secret manipulations. Truly unique, possibly my favourite book this year.



WE ARE NOT LIKE THEM

CHRISTINE PRIDE
AND JO PIAZZA

This is an absolute MUST read! Riley and Jen have been best friends since they were children, and they thought their bond was unbreakable. It never mattered that Riley is black and Jen is white. Until Jen's husband, a police officer, is involved in the shooting of an unarmed black teenager. The community splits and the friends find themselves divided. This book is incredibly intelligent, nuanced and moving. The authors refuse to settle into comfortable platitudes but instead educate and challenge, while entertaining. *We Are Not Like Them* is about friendship and love, prejudice and betrayal. I rarely say this, but I think everyone should read this.



NEXT OF KIN

KIA ABDULLAH

Laila Syed is having an ordinary day at work when she receives a call that leaves her her life in two. Her brother-in-law is panicked as his son's nursery has called to ask where little Max is. Laila was supposed to drop off her nephew that morning, but she forgot. Her mistake leads to

an explosive, high-profile trial that will tear the family apart. However, as the case progresses it becomes clear there's more to this than a lapse of memory. Abdullah has handed us another gripping, brave and tense courtroom drama. *Next of Kin* is precisely observed, tense and guaranteed to enthrall until the final, heart-stopping page.

A GREAT READ

BOOK CLUB

AUTHOR **ADELE PARKS** SHARES HER RECOMMENDED GRIPPING READS OF THE MONTH.

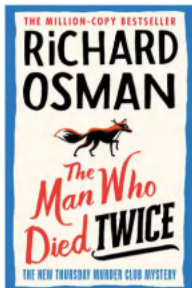


PLATINUM EXPERT
Adele Parks

Multi-million selling author Adele has written 21 novels which have been enjoyed by readers around the world. Her latest book, *Both of You*, is out now. Adele is well followed on social media as she is upbeat, funny and always inspirational.

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Pick up a copy of *Both of You* by Adele Parks, published by HQ.



THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE

RICHARD OSMAN

You'd have to be living on another planet to not be aware of the record-breaking bestselling phenomenon *The Thursday Murder Club*. This is the highly anticipated second in the series; I'm not sure I need to say more! Elizabeth receives a letter from an old colleague, a man with whom she has a long history. He's made a big mistake, and he needs her help. His story involves stolen diamonds, a violent mobster, and a very real threat to his life. As bodies start piling up, Elizabeth enlists Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron in the hunt for a ruthless murderer. This funny, clever, utterly British novel is warm and loud. Pure escapism, you will laugh out loud.



LOVE AFTER 50

FRANCINE RUSSO

This comprehensive guide to finding, keeping, and enjoying love after 50. It suggests that love after 50 is the best kind there is. Journalist Francine Russo interviewed experts and ordinary couples whilst writing this guide, which offers practical advice on how to recover from the emotional damage of divorce, the grief of widowhood or a history of unfulfilling relationships. Practical, unassuming and candid, Russo examines the physical challenges of sex over 50, evaluates financial, emotional, and practical questions of marrying and living apart and offers advice on blending adult families. I think it will be a genuinely useful handbook for many, singles and couples alike.



THREE WORDS FOR GOODBYE

HAZEL GAYNOR AND HEATHER WEBB

This epic coming-of-age novel is set in pre-WWII Europe. Estranged sisters, Clara and Madeleine, agree to fulfil their grandmother's dying wish to travel across Europe together. Constantly at odds, the sisters explore the sites of Europe. The fractious twosome wonder if they can fulfil this wish, until a shocking truth brings them closer together. Their reconciliation is only temporary as political tensions rise, and Europe feels increasingly volatile. This novel is thoroughly researched — it's fun to plunge into these bygone times and places of glamour; and chilling to know history is about to unfold.



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