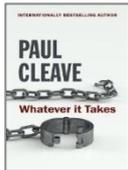


*The big release for March 2020 - Hilary Mantel's **The Mirror and The Light***

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'When I began work on my Thomas Cromwell books back in 2005, I had high hopes, but it took time to feel out the full scope of the material. I didn't know at first I would write a trilogy, but gradually I realised the richness and fascination of this extraordinary life. Since then I have been on a long journey, with the good companionship of archivists, artists, booksellers, librarians, actors, producers, and – most importantly – millions of readers through the world. I hope they will stay with me as we walk the last miles of Cromwell's life, ascending to unprecedented riches and honour and abruptly descending to the scaffold at Tower Hill. This book has been the greatest challenge of my writing life, and the most rewarding; I hope and trust my readers will find it has been worth the wait.' [Buy online](#)



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When seven-year-old Alyssa is kidnapped, Deputy Noah Harper decides he will do what it takes to find her - but that means crossing lines he can never come back from. Now, 12 years later, comes a phone call. Alyssa is missing again and her father wants him to honour the promise he made to her all those years earlier. [Buy online](#)

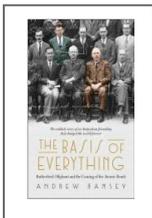


**The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse** By Charlie Mackesy  
'A wonderful work of art and a wonderful window into the human heart' *Richard Curtis*. Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most important life lessons. The conversations of the boy, the mole, the fox and the horse have been shared thousands of times online, recreated in school art classes, hung on hospital walls and turned into tattoos. In Charlie's first book, you will find his most-loved illustrations and some new ones too. [Buy online](#)

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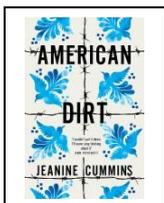


**Life as a Casketeer** is a love story - for whanau, for culture and for each other, full of joy and sorrow, tears and laughter. "People sometimes ask if it is all right to wear bright colours to lighten the mood. And I say, of course, and we will wear something bright too. But that will just be a tie or small item, because there is a good chance the people will turn up in dark colours after all, and you don't want the funeral director to be the only one there in a canary-yellow suit." – Francis Tipene Francis and Kaiora, with their famous humour and big-hearted personalities, are changing the way we think about death and grief. [Buy online.](#)



**The Basis of Everything**, by Andrew Ramsey  
For those with an interest in biography and scientific history, comes a book which combines these perfectly, focussing on Ernest Rutherford and Mark Oliphant, both from the Antipodes, and how their collaboration at Cambridge University's Cavendish Lab led to the splitting of the heavy Uranium atom. This book traverses the personal and professional lives of these two men, but also features a who's who of famous physicists. A story detailing unpredictable experiments, radioactive substances, plasticine, biscuit tins, dangerous amounts of electricity, triumph and disappointment. Against Rutherford's express wishes prior to his sudden death at 66, the results of this work led to the creation of the atomic bomb, given ultimate military importance by the escalation of World War 2. [Buy online](#)

**Review**



**American Dirt**, by Jeanine Cummins  
*This gripping novel was touted as one of this year's highlights long before the backlash forced the cancellation of the author's American book tour over concerns for her safety. Her critics say she has no right to write about the problem of Central and South American migrants. However, the book is a fantastic read, from the harrowing opening scene in Acapulco through to the suspenseful cat-and-mouse chase north to the US border. Bookshop owner Lydia is fleeing from a drug cartel boss with her young son after her journalist husband and the rest of her family are murdered during a family barbeque. The reader is dragged along on their perilous journey as they join other migrants seeking a better life. Very highly recommended. - Steve* [Buy online](#)