

SUMMER 2021 NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

NON-FICTION

Agent Sonya **Ben** **MACINTYRE** Ursula Kuczynski Burton was a spymaster, saboteur, bomb-maker and secret agent during WWII. Codenamed 'Agent Sonya', her story has never been told - until now.

BIOGRAPHY

Around Europe with Leaks and Squeaks **Peter** **LOADER** *"In this slim volume Peter Loader gives us his daily journal of a first holiday abroad in the late summer of 1960. He travelled together with five other first-year Oxford undergraduates through France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium. In a venerable 1934 Alvis saloon car, whose tendency to show its age is reflected in the title. The text is illustrated with photos taken during this memorable journey."*

The Wild Silence **Raynor** **WINN** On returning to civilisation after walking the 630-mile SW Coastal Path, the Winns find that four walls feel like a prison, cutting them off from the sea and sky that sustained them - that had saved Moth's life.

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A Room Made of Leaves **Kate** **GRENVILLE** It is 1788. When twenty-one-year-old Elizabeth marries the arrogant and hot-headed soldier John Macarthur and moves with him to Sydney Town, NSW, she soon realises she has made a terrible mistake. Based on a real life of a remarkable woman.

Islands of Mercy * **Rose** **TREMAIN** In the city of Bath, in the year 1865 Jane Adeane, renowned for her restorative skills, is convinced that some other destiny will one day show itself to her. But when she finds herself torn between a dangerous affair with a female lover and the promise of a conventional marriage to an apparently respectable doctor, her desires begin to lead her towards a future she had never imagined...

Klara and the Sun **Kazuo** **ISHIGURO** Klara and the Sun tells the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her.

Magpie Lane **Lucy** **ATKINS** When the eight-year-old daughter of an Oxford College Master vanishes in the middle of the night, police turn to the Scottish nanny, Dee, for answers. Roaming Oxford's secret passages and hidden graveyards, *Magpie Lane* explores the true meaning of family - and what it is to be denied one.

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Milkman	Anna	BURNS	In an unnamed city, where to be interesting is dangerous, an eighteen-year-old woman has attracted the unwanted and unavoidable attention of a powerful and frightening older man, 'Milkman'. Milkman is persistent, the word is spreading, and she is no longer in control .
Miss Benson's Beetle	Rachel	JOYCE	'A girl's own adventure'. It is 1950. In a devastating moment of clarity, Margery Benson abandons her dead-end job and advertises for an assistant to accompany her on an expedition. She is going to travel to the other side of the world to search for a beetle that may or may not exist. Enid Pretty, in her pink travel suit, is not the companion Margery had in mind.
Mr Wilder and Me	Jonathan	COE	In the heady summer of 1977, a naïve young woman called Calista sets out from Athens to venture into the wider world. On a Greek island that has been turned into a film set, she finds herself working for the famed Hollywood director Billy Wilder, about whom she knows almost nothing. But the time she spends in this glamorous, unfamiliar new life will change her for good.
Murder on Mustique	Anne	GLENCONNER	Mustique is in a state of breathless calm as tropical storm Cristobal edges towards it across the Atlantic. Most villa owners have escaped the island but a few young socialites remain, unwilling to let summer's partying end. American heiress Amanda Fortini is one such thrill-seeker - until she heads out for a morning swim and doesn't return.
One August Night *	Victoria	HISLOP	25th August 1957. The island of Spinalonga closes its leper colony. And a moment of violence has devastating consequences. When time stops dead for Maria Petrakis and her sister, Anna, two families splinter apart and, for the people of Plaka, the closure of Spinalonga is forever coloured with tragedy.
Summerwater	Sarah	MOSS	It is the summer solstice, but in a faded Scottish cabin park the rain is unrelenting. Twelve people on holiday with their families look on as the skies remain resolutely grey. A woman goes running up the Ben as if fleeing; a teenage boy chances the dark waters of the loch in his kayak; a retired couple head out despite the downpour, driving too fast on the familiar bends.
The Bass Rock	Evie	WYLD	Surging out of the sea, the Bass Rock has for centuries watched over the lives that pass under its shadow on the Scottish mainland. And across the centuries the fates of three women are linked: to this place, to each other.

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The Discomfort of Evening	Marieke Lucas	RIJNEVELD	Ten-year-old Jas has a unique way of experiencing her universe: the feeling of udder ointment on her skin as protection against harsh winters; the texture of green warts, like capers, on migrating toads; the sound of 'blush words' that aren't in the Bible. But when a tragic accident ruptures the family, her curiosity warps into a vortex of increasingly disturbing fantasies - unlocking a darkness that threatens to derail them all.
The Fine Art of Invisible Detection	Robert	GODDARD	Umiko Wada has recently had quite enough excitement in her life. With her husband recently murdered and a mother who seems to want her married again before his body is cold, she just wants to keep her head down. As a secretary to a private detective, her life is pleasingly uncomplicated, filled with coffee runs, diary management and paperwork. That is, until her boss takes on a new case.
The Governess	Wendy	HOLDEN	The drama of the Abdication, the glamour of the Coronation, the trauma of World War II - Marion Crawford, affectionately known as Crawfie, stood by the side of the royal family through it all. In 1933, a progressive young teacher became governess to the little Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. Determined to give her pupils a fun and normal childhood, she took them on buses, swimming at public baths and Christmas shopping at Woolworths.
The Island of Sea Women	Lisa	SEE	Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends that come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother. As the girls take up their positions as baby divers, they know they are beginning a life of excitement and responsibility but also danger.
The Secrets we Kept	Lara	PRESCOTT	Secretaries turned spies, love and duty, and sacrifice—inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: <i>Doctor Zhivago</i> .
The Windsor Knot	S. J.	BENNETT	On a perfect Spring morning at Windsor Castle, Queen Elizabeth II will enjoy a cup of tea, carry out all her royal duties . . . and solve a murder.
Trio	William	BOYD	A producer. A novelist. An actress. It is summer in 1968, the year of the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. There are riots in Paris and the Vietnam War is out of control. While the world is reeling our three characters are involved in making a Swingin' Sixties movie in sunny Brighton.

* These books have not yet been published