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with Sally McDonald

# Summer reads

## Literary

### Assembly

Natasha Brown, Hamish Hamilton, £12.99

Set over 24 hours, an unnamed black woman, with a successful banking career, examines her life in the light of a recent diagnosis.

She assesses her experiences of corporate racism, and how far she has come, but for what?



### Sorrow And Bliss

Meg Masson, W&N, £14.99

Martha Friel is on the edge of 40, friendless, practically jobless and the man who was to have loved her for life has left.

Returning to her childhood home, she has a chance to find out if her broken life can be fixed. Deliciously dark and fantastically funny.



### The Secret Keeper Of Jaipur

Alka Joshi, Mira Books, £18.99

This sequel to the bestselling The Henna Artist will whisk you away to India in the late 1960s.

Artist Lakshmi arranges for her protégé Malik to intern at the Jaipur Royal Palace where tragedy ensues.



### The Startup Wife

Tahmima Anam, Canongate, £14.99

The perfect book for the digital revolution.

Computer scientist Asha gets together with Cyrus, her high school crush, to create a revolutionary app. Asha finds herself sidelined and invisible as major decisions are taken without her.



## Feelgood

### The Summer Seekers

Sarah Morgan, HQ, £8.99

Buckle up for the ride of a lifetime. Octogenarian Kathleen craves adventure after a brush with a home intruder.

She decides to take a road trip across the US – much to daughter Liz's dismay.

The perfect route map out of lockdown.



### The Art Of Loving You

Amelia Henry, HarperCollins, £8.99

Libby and Jack are blissfully in love and have just bought their first home with the help of their elderly friend Sid.

But a devastating twist of fate turns things around, and what they loved the most is lost. A breathtakingly touching love story.



### Everything's Perfect

Nicole Kennedy, Head of Zeus, £18.99

To her adoring fanbase, Instamum Cassie Holliday's life is a string of perfect experiences. But in reality her marriage is at breaking point, her finances are failing, and she fears irrelevance.

A refreshing and relatable exploration of on and offline life.



### The Surprising Days Of Isla Pembroke

Tamsin Kelly, Orion, £16.99

If you could turn back time, what would you change?

Isla Pembroke – rocked by her sister's running away, and the death of their mum – has an opportunity to relive those moments and maybe even save those she cares most about.



## Memoir



'Warm, honest and funny, filled with hope and inspiration... a must-read'  
Nilesh Shukla



# Anita Rani

## The Right Sort of Girl

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Anita Rani, Blink, £16.99

In this warm, funny memoir the BBC Countryfile presenter walks us through her coming-of-age story told in a series of essays.

She explores how she fits in as a second-generation British Indian who is also fiercely proud of her Yorkshire heritage.

### Bunnymen: A Memoir

Will Sergeant, Constable, £20

Covering his Liverpool childhood in the 1960s and 70s, and the emerging punk scene, the Echo and the Bunnymen guitarist charts how one of the most influential British bands of the 1980s came to be.

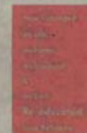


### Re-educated

Lucy Kellaway, Ebury, £16.99

Is it ever too late to start over?

Not for journalist Kellaway who upped sticks, left her home, her husband and her job and retrained to become an economics teacher. Witty and engaging.



### Sunshine & Laughter

Louis Barfe, Head of Zeus, £25

The Ant & Dec of their day, or so much more? Barfe lifts the lid on the lives of TV's most iconic double act, Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise, and gets to the heart of what made them so loved by a nation.

