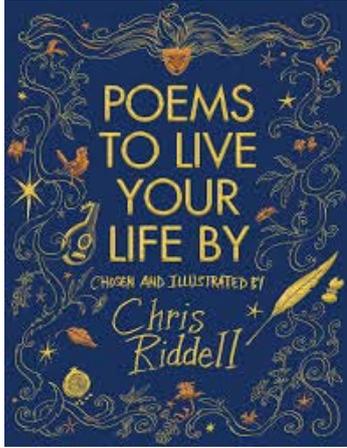


# Books of the Month

## Seasonal Edition 2018

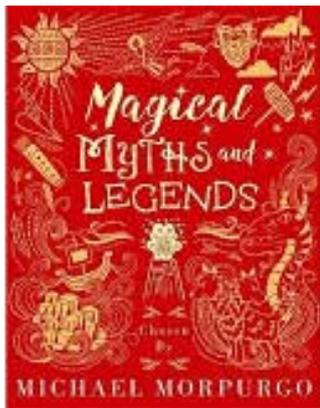


### POEMS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE BY Chris Riddell £10.99

In *Poems to Live Your Life By*, Chris Riddell has selected his very favourite classic and modern poems about life, death and everything in between. This gorgeously illustrated collection of forty-six poems is divided into sections covering musings, youth, family, love, imaginings, nature, war and endings. The perfect gift, it features famous poems, old and new, and a few surprises. Chris brings them all to life with his exquisite, intricate artwork in this beautiful anthology.

### HOW I RESIST: Activism and Hope for a New Generation Maureen Johnson £13.99

Now, more than ever, young people are motivated to make a difference in a world they're bound to inherit. They're ready to stand up and be heard, but with much to shout about, where do they begin? A collection of essays, songs, illustrations and interviews about activism and hope, *How I Resist* is the response, and a way to start the conversation. To show readers that they are not helpless, and that anyone can be the change. In *How I Resist*, readers will find hope and support through voices that are at turns personal, funny, irreverent and instructive. Not just for a young adult audience, this impactful collection will appeal to readers of all ages who are looking for guidance.

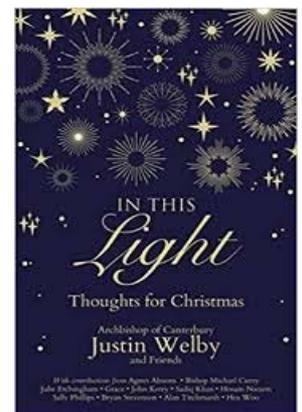


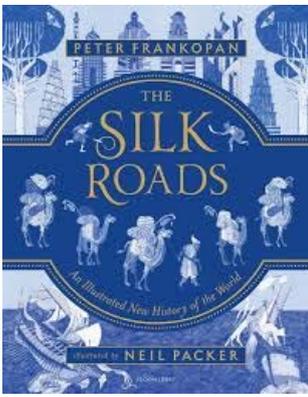
### MAGICAL MYTHS AND LEGENDS Michael Morpurgo £14.99

Michael Morpurgo has collected classic tales of heroism and adventure and put them all in one place. Here! From brave heroes and battling beasts to mighty gods and magic spells, these are timeless tales to treasure forever. Eye-catching colour illustrations bring the magic of these myths and legends to life. There are lots of stories to choose from, so whether you're looking for a quick read or a longer story to lose yourself in, something to read alone or a tale to share, there's an enchanting story within for everyone to find.

### IN THIS LIGHT: Thoughts for Christmas Justin Welby £10.99

Christmas should be a time of peace, togetherness and celebration; yet it can leave all too many of us feeling overwhelmed by loneliness, stress and worry. In *This Light* is a timely collection of thoughtful meditations. Alan Titchmarsh, Afua Hirsch, Bishop Michael Curry and Elif Shafak – among others – offer their thoughts and insights on love, loneliness, belonging and other themes as we reflect on this time of year. In a world that often seems in turmoil, these personal essays invite us to remember and rejoice in the true, timeless spirit of Christmas.





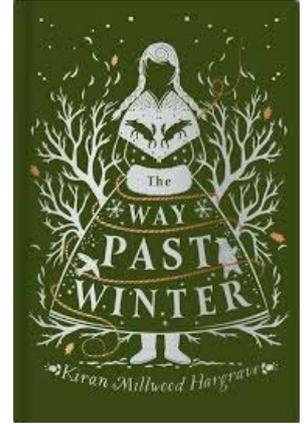
**THE SILK ROADS: A New History of the World**  
**Peter Frankopan, illustrated by Neil Packer £16.99**

Set your sails east with this stunningly illustrated new history of the world. Explore the connections made by people, trade, disease, war, religion, adventure, science and technology in this extraordinary book about how the east married the west with a remarkable voyage at its heart – the journey along the Silk Roads. From the mighty Persian empire to the world of today, this book moves through time and place sewing together the threads from different peoples, empires and continents into a unique history of the globe.

**THE WAY PAST WINTER**

**Kiran Millwood Hargrave £10.99**

Mila and her sisters live with their brother Oskar in a small forest cabin in the snow. One night, a fur-clad stranger arrives seeking shelter for himself and his men. But by the next morning, they've gone – taking Oskar with them. Fearful for his safety, Mila and her sisters set out to bring Oskar back – even if it means going north, crossing frozen wild-lands to find a way past an eternal winter. This gorgeous new novel from the bestselling author of the *The Girl of Ink & Stars* is the perfect read for a cold winter's night.

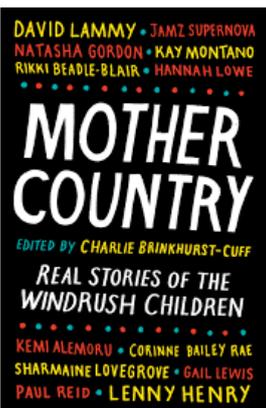
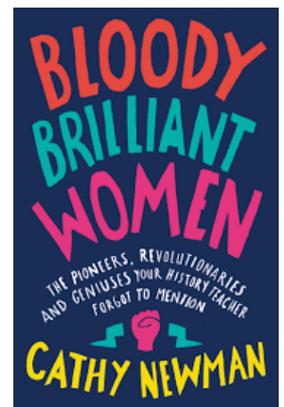


**A SPRING WITHIN US: A Year of Daily Meditations**  
**Richard Rohr £19.99**

In these daily reflections, Richard Rohr invites us to rediscover the spring hidden inside each one of us. He reminds us of God's indwelling presence and that we are inherently beloved. Remembering who we truly are is a gradual, lifelong journey; Richard offers insights to ease the process and lead us back to our Source. Each week of meditations concludes with a unique invitation to contemplative practice. Throughout the book, Richard also calls us to compassionate action: the spiritual journey is not merely for our own transformation, but for the healing of the world.

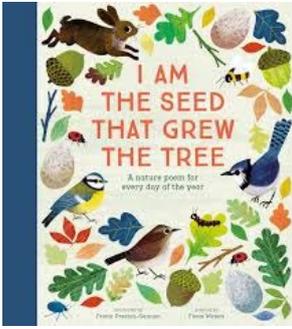
**BLOODY BRILLIANT WOMEN: The Pioneers, Revolutionaries and Geniuses**  
**Your History Teacher Forgot to Mention**  
**Cathy Newman £20**

For hundreds of years we have heard about the great men of history, but what about *herstory*? This book uncovers the pioneering women who defied the odds to make careers for themselves and alter the course of modern history; women who achieved what they achieved while dismantling hostile, entrenched views about their place in society. Blending meticulous research with information gleaned from memoirs, diaries, letters, novels and other secondary sources, *Bloody Brilliant Women* uses the stories of some extraordinary lives to tell the tale of 20th and 21st century Britain. It is a history for women and men. A history for our times.



**MOTHER COUNTRY: Real Stories of the Windrush Children**  
**Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff £20**

For the pioneers of the Windrush generation, Britain was 'the Mother Country'. They made the long journey across the sea, expecting to find a place where they would be welcomed with open arms; a land in which they were free to build a new life, eight thousand miles away from home. This remarkable book explores the reality of their experiences, and those of their children and grandchildren, through 22 unique real-life stories spanning more than 70 years. Featuring writing from David Lammy, Hannah Lowe, Lenny Henry and others.



**I AM THE SEED THAT GREW THE TREE: A nature poem for every day of the year**

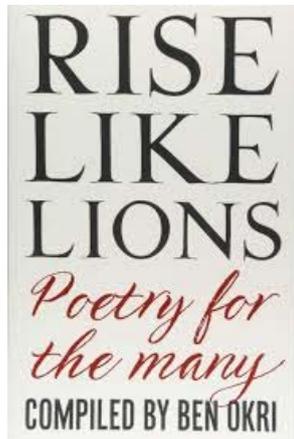
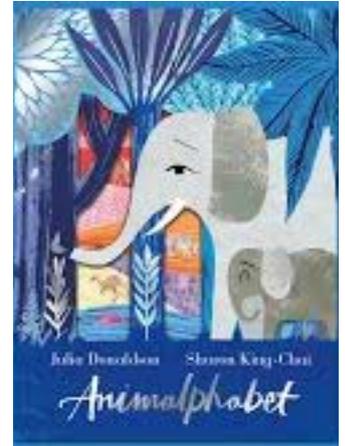
**Selected by Fiona Waters & illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon £25**

*I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree* is a lavishly illustrated collection of 366 nature poems - one for every day of the year, including leap years. Filled with familiar favourites and new discoveries, written by a wide variety of poets, including John Agard, William Blake, Emily Dickinson and many more, this is the perfect book for children (and grown-ups!) to share at the beginning or the end of the day, or just to dip into.

**ANIMALPHABET**

**Julia Donaldson & Sharon King-Chai £9.99**

An exquisite exploration of the animal world with peep-through pages and amazing fold-out flaps. Written as an interactive guessing game, with eye-catching artwork and an exotic array of animals to marvel over, this is a gorgeous book to treasure – can you guess who has more legs than a butterfly? And who is wrinklier than a hedgehog? Each page draws you further into a beautifully vibrant world of huge elephants, slithery snakes and growling tigers, inviting you to compare one animal to another and learn comparison words and adjectives from the natural world.



**RISE LIKE LIONS: Poetry for the many**

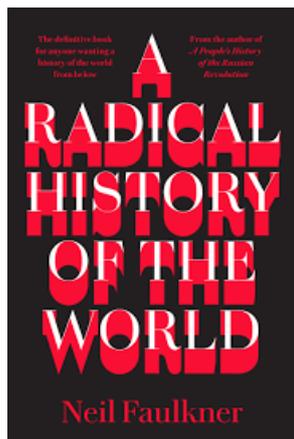
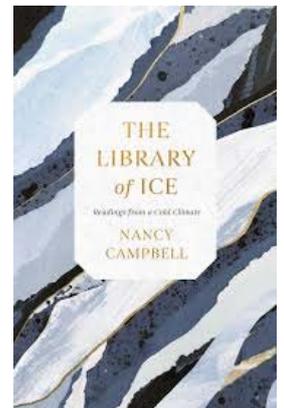
**Compiled by Ben Okri £9.99**

In *Rise Like Lions*, Booker Prize-winning writer Ben Okri has compiled a collection of poems that celebrate the many voices of politics, from polemics and rallying cries to lyrics and meditations. Many of these poems have resonated with readers over lifetimes and through generations, from William Blake to Marvin Gaye. In exploring the impact political poems have on ideas, vision, protest, change and truth, Okri demonstrates how the need for this strand of poetry is as great as it has ever been, and its inspiration just as powerful.

**THE LIBRARY OF ICE: Readings from a Cold Climate**

**Nancy Campbell £14.99**

Long captivated by the solid yet impermanent nature of ice, by its stark, rugged beauty, Nancy Campbell set out from the world's northernmost museum to explore it in all its facets. From the Bodleian Library archives to the traces left by the great polar expeditions, from remote Arctic settlements to the ice houses of Calcutta, she examines the impact of ice on our lives at a time when it is itself under threat from climate change. *The Library of Ice* is a fascinating and beautifully rendered evocation of the interplay of people and their environment on a fragile planet, and of a writer's quest to define the value of her work in a disappearing landscape.



**A RADICAL HISTORY OF THE WORLD**

**Neil Faulkner £14.99**

History is a weapon. The powerful have their version of events, the people have another. And if we understand how the past was forged, we arm ourselves to change the future. This is a history of struggle, revolution and social change: of emperors and slaves; of patriarchs and women; of dictators and revolutionaries. From the ancient empires of Persia and Rome to the Russian Revolution, the Vietnam War and the 2008 Crash, this is a history of greed and violence, but also of solidarity and resistance. Many times in the past, a different society became an absolute necessity. Humans have always struggled to create a better life. This history proves that we have the power to change the world.

