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Autumn 2020 Highlights



CRIME AND THRILLER

THE DARK by Emma Haughton

**Hodder & Stoughton | Jo Dickinson | Autumn 2021 | Pre-empted & lead title for H&S
Rights Available: US & Translation; German auction ongoing**

One dead body. Thirteen suspects. Twenty-four hours of darkness. Do be afraid of THE DARK.

When A&E doctor Kate North is offered the chance to be an emergency replacement at the UN research station in Antarctica, she jumps at the chance. The move seems an ideal solution for Kate: no one knows about her past; no one is checking up on her. All she knows about the previous doctor, Jean-Luc, is that he died in a tragic accident while out on the ice. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect that Jean-Luc's death wasn't accidental at all. And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes for them all...

OTHER PEOPLE'S CLOTHES by Calla Hankel

**Sceptre | Francine Toon | Summer 2021 | Pre-empted by Sceptre & in several markets
Rights Sold: US/Doubleday (pre-empt); France/les Arenes (pre-empt); Italy/Guanda (pre-empt)**

Hoping to escape the pain of the recent murder of her best friend, art student Zoe Beech finds herself studying abroad in the bohemian capital of Europe — Berlin. Zoe relies on the arrangements of fellow exchange student Hailey Mader, who finds them an apartment to rent from eccentric cult crime writer, Beatrice Becks. However, soon strange things start happening and the girls are convinced that Beatrice has a way to watch their every move. The friends decide to play Beatrice at her own game, constructing their own dramatic narrative of wild parties and secrets. Until their lives spiral out of control into much darker territory... A brilliantly plotted and beautifully written book that really gets under your skin.

FICTION

MY SECOND CHANCE LIFE by Charlotte Butterfield

Hodder & Stoughton | Thorne Ryan | Autumn 2021 | Bought at auction, high-concept women's fiction

Rights Available: US & Translation

When Jess stumbles upon a bench that will let you redo any day you choose, it's the opportunity she has been waiting for to fix everything that's wrong with her family. But she begins to wonder whether there isn't more she should change. Deep down, she knows she has been hiding from the deepest agony of her life - but does she have the courage to face her past head-on? Can she and her husband find their way back to each other after all this time? Can anyone really have a second-chance life?

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THE LOST STORYTELLER by Amanda Block

Hodder Studio | Sara Adams | Summer 2021 | Warm and moving by a fresh new voice in fiction

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Rebecca can hardly remember her father Leo Sampson. All she knows is that he was a beloved children's television star who disappeared when she was just six years old. But when Ellis, a journalist, turns up at Rebecca's office asking for information about Leo, she begins to wonder if there is more to the story of her father's disappearance . . . Then Rebecca is given a book of seven fairy tales, written by Leo, just for her. And through the magic of each of these stories, Rebecca has the chance to get one step closer to the father she never knew, to discover who he was and what he went through – and even where he might be now.

NON-FICTION

THE LOST CAFÉ SCHINDLER by Meriel Schindler

Hodder & Stoughton | Rupert Lancaster | May 2021 | Extraordinary and deeply touching memoir bought at pre-empt

Rights Available: Translation

When Meriel came to her father's house to clear out his belongings after his death, she began to discover the truth about her notorious and extraordinary family: Oscar Schindler, Alma Schindler, the composer wife of Gustav Mahler and Walter Gropius, Hitler's Jewish doctor - Dr Bloch, and Franz Kafka. And finally, and perhaps most poignantly of all, her father's actual whereabouts on Kristallnacht when he was said to have witnessed the Nazis beating his father half to death and ransacking the family home. In this fascinating memoir we follow Meriel's deeply personal quest for the truth about her father and his family.

NUTS AND BOLTS: Seven small inventions that changed the world (in a big way) by Roma Agrawal

Hodder & Stoughton | Kirty Topiwala | Spring 2022 | Compelling & accessible, on how things work

Rights available: US & Translation

The world is engineered. Every single human-made object on our planet - every skyscraper, every smartphone, every tiny paperclip - exists because of engineering. Roma Agrawal traces these extraordinary innovations back to their origins - and to seven building-blocks of engineering that have come to underpin our lives: the nail, spring, wheel, lens, magnet, string and pump. Often small, and sometimes hidden, each of these inventions is an example of extraordinary engineering with a fascinating history. Along the way, she'll tell the stories of remarkable scientists and engineers from all over the world, and show how engineering has fundamentally changed the way we live. An ambitious, compelling and yet accessible book by the engineer who designed the Shard. Proposal available with full manuscript due Spring 2021.

THE POWER OF CURIOSITY by Costas Andriopoulos

Yellow Kite | Liz Gough | Spring 2022 | Brilliant big ideas book, bought a pre-empt

Rights sold: US/Basic Books; China/Locus; Taiwan/Beijing Guangchen Culture Communication

This book offers a masterclass in the power of purposeful curiosity to succeed and lead a fulfilled life. Dr Costas Andriopoulos has spent the last five years interviewing the most curious minds working today, focused on people who have harnessed their inquisitive minds and innovative thinking to achieve great things across a variety of fields. In this book he explores the way these special people have channelled and fed their curiosity with purpose and weaves in gripping insights and advice from the interviews along with cutting-edge research from

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psychology, neuroscience, management, history, sociology and anthropology to illuminate the purposefully curious approach. Proposal available with full manuscript due Autumn 2021.

THE HYDROGEN REVOLUTION by Marco Álvera

Hodder Studio | Izzy Everington | Autumn 2021 | Urgent, optimistic voice on climate change

Rights available: US & Translation

This is the book that will pave the way towards marrying climate change activism with business incentives. This book will explore green policies across the globe, examine what our future could look like, and investigate the science behind hydrogen fuel, the missing link in progress towards a zero-emission future. Marco Álvera is a pioneering voice in this field and has travelled almost every thread of the energy web. His goal is to share this optimistic, energising narrative globally.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 12 VOLCANOES by Clive Oppenheimer

Hodder & Stoughton | Anna Baty | April 2022 | Adventure Science with broad appeal

This book will take you to 12 volcanoes across six continents, painting an intimate portrait of how our planet and our societies have been shaped by these extreme forces from the economy to our beliefs and culture, ultimately defining the course of human history. Clive Oppenheimer is a Professor of Volcanology at Cambridge, documentary film maker and a prestigious academic. We travel with him into across the world to read the stories of volcanoes in buried ice, ancient trees and the rocks under our feet. With his unique blend of science, history, exploration and personal experiences from the most remote peaks in the Sahara to the lush islands of the South Pacific, this book will inspire sheer excitement, a sense of awe and make you think about the world in a different way. New title to come, delivery due May 2021.

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