

On The Bookshelf



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We share our pick of the best new fiction paperbacks.

1 Together, Again

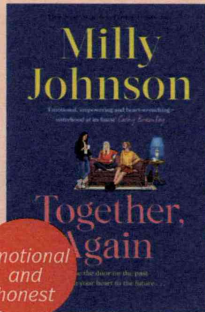
By Milly Johnson
RRP £8.99

When their mother passes away, three sisters return to the family home.

Jolene, the eldest, is a writer of romantic novels (though her own marriage is far from blissful) while middle sister Marsha is head of a successful business.

Annis, the youngest, left home suddenly years ago and has been estranged from the family.

It's a shock, then, to learn that their distant,



unaffectionate mother has left everything in her will to her wayward youngest child.

As the sisters reunite for the first time in years, secrets come to light . . .

2 A Jewish Girl In Paris

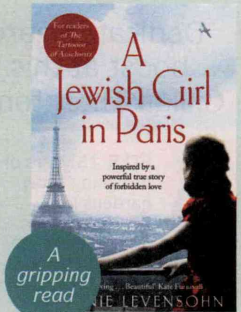
By Melanie Levensohn
RRP £9.99

In Washington DC, a French woman is working for the World Bank.

Béatrice meets Jacobina, who tells her she has been searching for years for Judith, the half-sister she never met.

Béatrice's quest to find Judith takes her back to occupied France in the 1940s and to the story of Judith's forbidden love with the son of a Nazi sympathiser.

Before the couple can



successfully flee Paris, Judith vanishes.

Will the truth of her disappearance be revealed?

This captivating book will carry you with it to the final page.

3 The Hemlock Cure

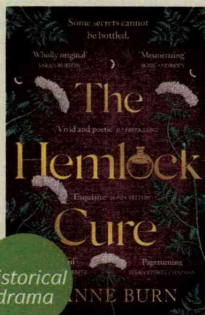
By Joanne Burn
RRP £9.99

In 17th-century Britain, the dark shadow of the Great Plague reaches from London to every village.

In one such village, the inhabitants make the terrible decision to lock themselves away from the rest of the world, thus containing the deadly virus.

The villagers turn to Wulfric, the apothecary, whose daughter Mae strives for his approval until she learns of a dark secret.

She turns to midwife and



family friend Isabel for help.

Based on the actual story of Eyam village, this book imagines beautifully the human stories behind this shocking chapter in our history.

4 Local Gone Missing

By Fiona Barton
RRP £8.99

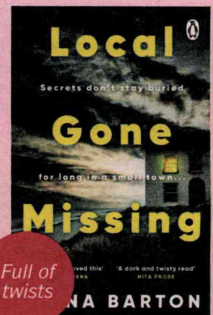
While on sick leave, detective Elise King senses a strange tension in her tiny seaside town.

Could Dee, who cleans several of the inhabitants' houses, know the source?

The disappearance of a well-loved local character, Charlie Perry, is troubling.

The longer he is gone, the more secrets come to light. Despite not being on duty, Elise can't help but delve deeper.

Is affable, good-humoured



Charlie all he claims to be? And could his absence be linked to the music festival which has angered locals?

This gritty, exciting mystery will have you guessing till the end.