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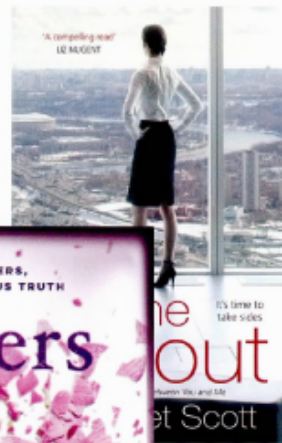
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OUR PICK OF THE NEW RELEASES

SISTERS AND LIES

Bernice Barrington

Irish journalist Bernice's debut novel is about Rachel Darcy, who receives a late-night call from the police. Her younger sister Evie is in a coma after a car accident and Rachel must fly to London immediately. Rachel must try to piece together her sister's life but doesn't like what she hears. Would her sister drive without a licence, and who is the man in Evie's flat claiming to be her boyfriend? Meanwhile, Evie is trapped inside an unresponsive body, desperate to warn Rachel, as both their lives are at stake.



THE FALLOUT

Margaret Scott

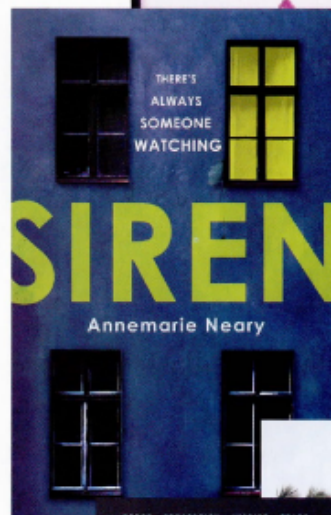
Kildare author of *Between*

You and Me and accountant by day, Margaret Scott is back with a book set in the backdrop of the recession. In October 2011, Kate O'Brien returns to work at a German merchant bank after her maternity leave. Thinking she has picked a safe choice as the country is still gripped by the downturn, she discovers that times have changed. Everyone has an agenda and even though all she wants is a quiet life, she finds herself getting caught up in the drama and plots of those around her. Out 1 April

SIREN

Annemarie Neary

The Irish-born, London-based author has created a psychological thriller that traverses the Atlantic Ocean. Róisín Burns has built a life for herself in New York, a fictional persona to hide her troubled past. But when someone from her Belfast childhood is on the news, Róisín realises only she knows the truth about Brian Lonergan, who has also reinvented himself as an ambitious politician. Róisín travels home to Lamb Island to hunt him down and bring the evidence to light but Lonergan is one step ahead.



VERTIGO

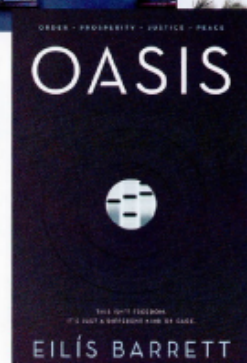
Joanna Walsh

A collection of short stories has been printed by independent Irish publisher Tramp Press. The unique and original stories perfectly encapsulate emotional moments, from a woman in a restaurant overlooking the sea who is contemplating her husband's potential infidelity, to an unsettling hospital visit. This dreamlike book looks at the uncanny in the everyday and is at once mesmerising and unsettling. Walsh's writing is poetic and witty, and a mastery of language.

OASIS

Eilís Barrett

YA fans will appreciate this apocalyptic thriller from young Galway author Eilís. Oasis is the name of the last surviving city in the near future, when a rapidly spreading virus has driven humankind to the brink of extinction. Quincy Emerson is born into that world and lives in the Outer Sector Dorms – institutions for those judged at risk of infection. But outside the walls of Oasis, something is changing, and for Quincy it could completely change her fate.



THEY ARE TRYING TO BREAK YOUR HEART

David Savill

Former BBC Current Affairs journalist David Savill weaves together the 2004 tsunami with the Bosnian civil war to create a gripping story of love and danger. In 1994, a grieving Marko Novak flees from his native Bosnia to England after the death of his best friend. Ten years later, human rights researcher Anya Teal is trying to track down a Bosnian man with blood on his hands. When she holidays in Thailand with her first love Will, they cross paths with Marko as disaster strikes in the Indian Ocean. Out 7 April