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Dear Readers,

Have you changed all your clocks, or are you like us and forgot the one that does the central heating? We didn't notice for nearly a week...until the cold spell. We are loving the lighter evenings and all the springtime activity in the garden. In 2013 we published a book of poetry, for the late Andy McMaster, called *Waiting for Spring*. Andy's observations of nature and the seasons were inspiration for many of his poems. Here is his poem for *Spring*.

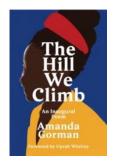


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There is no sound more lovely than the liquid praise of birds singing out life and the joy of being than the sound of a blackbird in spring before light remembers to glimmer. There is no prayer more true to utter praise to the sky, to the earth, another day than the dawn song, the singing away of the dark, the song of a bird in spring.

Blackbird begins, robins join in and from our hedgerow, field and every tree the birds of theirs and our land open out praise, sky-thrown.

We humans see hope, life, love in the ashes, cold-blown, cold making and body weary, mind so to wish all the sullied sadness away. Birds sing, birds sing and then when joy is ringing around rest silent, listen to one another, be... it's cold but put away the old sadness, it's spring.



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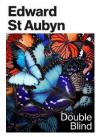
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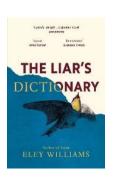
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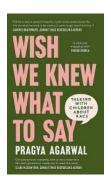
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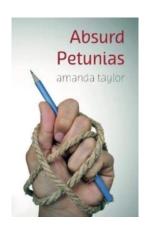
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