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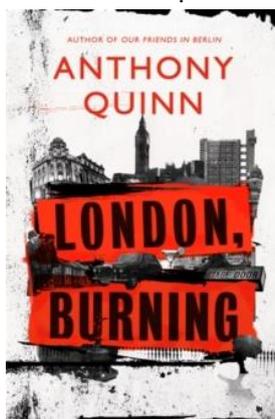
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Dear Reader

In this newsletter, we bring our first book review from a reader who recommends the work of Anthony Quinn.



HB £14.99

Anthony Quinn has a good backlist of other titles, such as **Turncoat £9.99**: The sole survivor of a murderous ambush, a Belfast police detective is forced into a desperate search for a

mysterious informer that takes him to a holy island on Lough Derg, a place shrouded in strange mists and hazy rain, where nothing is as it first appears to be. A keeper of secrets and a purveyor of lies, the detective finds himself surrounded by enemies disguised as pilgrims, and is drawn deeper into the mysteries of the purgatorial island, where he is forced to confront a series of disturbing secrets and ghosts in his own life.

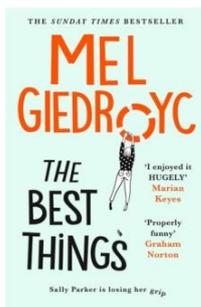
**If you would like to write a book review, we would love to hear from you and include your comments in the next newsletter.**

Mrs Bookworm is currently reading *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. This is one of those stories which starts in reality and moves in the 'otherworld', rather like *The Time Traveller's Wife* or *Her Fearful Symmetry*. It's entertaining, but possibly not as strong as the writing of Audrey Niffenegger.

Mr Bookworm is reading *Catherine the Great* (800 pages...it's taking some time) after being entertained but baffled by the comedic and very historically inaccurate TV series, *Great*.

### **A reader's review**

London, Burning by Anthony Quinn. A world of bombs on the streets of London, an MP murdered within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster and Irish accents treated with suspicion. When women were beginning to assert themselves in professional life, even in the Met, where they were referred to as 'plonks' and sexual violence was ignored. When the children of grammar schools and grants were beginning to doubt the certainties of their working-class childhoods and consider making their cross for Thatcher. Rather than the usual two-dimensional portrayal of The Winter of Discontent, its characters find unlikely compassion and challenge their preconceptions; the pompous, fat cat theatre director wants to risk his life for his West Indian driver and is humbled when a young female police officer does it instead. An Irish lecturer finds unexpected common ground with a hard-line Tory. For someone who came of age in 1978, the sense of impending change and renewal, particularly for women, motivated (rightly or wrongly), the election of Margaret Thatcher, is well portrayed. There is one glaring historical inaccuracy; the Crown Prosecution Service wasn't created until 1986! **Reviewed by Caroline Watson.**



Sally Parker is struggling to find the hero inside herself. All she wants to do is lie down. Her husband Frank has lost his business, their home and their savings, in one fell swoop.

Their bank cards are being declined.

The children have gone feral.

And now the bailiffs are at the door.

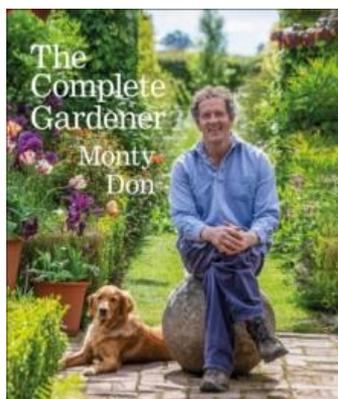
What does an ordinary woman do when the bottom falls out? Sally Parker is about to surprise everybody, most of all herself. A big-hearted story of a family on the brink, *The Best Things* is a life-affirming tale of failing, falling and finding a way back up. **HB £12.99**



Ever since a family tragedy a year ago, Fearne has been searching for her own contentment. When a chance discovery inspires her to start a happiness list, it seems that Fearne might just have found her answer... sometimes the scariest path can be the most rewarding.

So is Fearn ready to take the risk and step into the unknown? And what kind of happiness might she find if she does?

**PB £7.99**



Whether you're a beginner or seasoned gardener, it's time to get your green-fingered hands dirty! A comprehensive gardening guide with an introductory chapter that explains the essentials of organic gardening practice. A structure chapter that shows you how to define space in your garden with hard landscaping and natural options, such as trees, hedges, and topiary. Discover all different types of flowering plants explaining how to design with them, combine, plant, and care for them. How to grow fruits and vegetables with in-depth crop-by-crop explanations and which tried-and-tested varieties to choose from. Packed with beautiful illustrations and practical gardening tips, Monty reveals the secrets of growing vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs while respecting the needs of the environment. Over half of the photos included in this updated edition were shot at his renowned personal garden over the course of a year.

**(£27) our price £24**



The Garden Jungle is about the wildlife that lives right under our noses, in our gardens and parks, between the gaps in the pavement, and in the soil beneath our feet. Dave Goulson gives us an insight into the fascinating and sometimes weird lives of these creatures, taking us burrowing into the compost heap, digging under the lawn and diving into the garden pond. He explains how our lives and ultimately the fate of humankind are inextricably intertwined with that of earwigs, bees, lacewings and hoverflies, unappreciated heroes of the natural world. For anyone who has a garden, or cares about our planet, this book is essential reading. **PB £9.99**

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**Happy Reading from Angela & Paul**