

## Pick of the paperbacks



### **We Learnt About Hitler at the Mickey Mouse Club** by Enid Elliott Linder

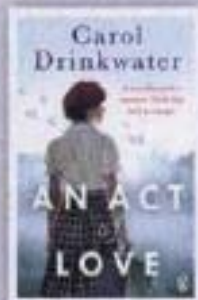
The author, an artist, was the daughter of a butler and a lady's maid who worked 'below stairs' in some of England's grandest country houses in the years leading up to the Second World War. It's a fascinating, unflinching portrait of the brutal realities of pre-war Britain and the pain of separation from loved ones.

Published by Icon

Price £9.99

Pages 288

ISBN 978-1785786099



### **An Act of Love** by Carol Drinkwater

The latest from the actress turned author is a change from her novels based on her experiences running an olive farm; this time she tells the story of a young girl and her family forced to flee war-torn Poland and find refuge in the French Alps, but dark shadows soon fall over a blissful summer and blossoming romance.

Published by Penguin

Price £7.99

Pages 448

ISBN 978-1405933360



### **The Railway Girls In Love** by Maisie Thomas

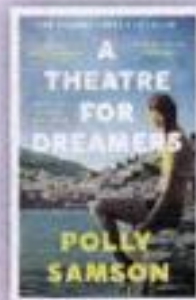
This is the third novel in the Manchester-set Railway Girls series, based on the author's great aunt, who worked as a railway clerk during the First World War. Moving the action to the Second World War the books follow three women working out of the city's Victoria Station, juggling love, family and facing an ever-present danger.

Published by Arrow

Price £6.99

Pages 401

ISBN 978-1787463981



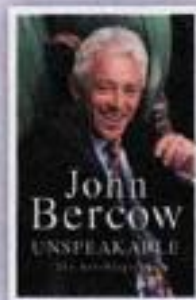
### **A Theatre for Dreamers** by Polly Samson

Set in the summer of 1960 this sensual, immersive novel follows 18-year-old Erica as, seeking answers about the mystery of her dead mother, she becomes involved with the bohemian artistic community on the Greek island of Hydra. Samson beautifully evokes the jealousies, dreams and rivalries of the poets, writers and artists Erica encounters on her personal odyssey.

Published by Bloomsbury

Price £8.99 Pages 368

ISBN 9781526600592



### **Unspeakable** by John Bercow

The former speaker may be a divisive figure but his autobiography may surprise you, delving, as it does, into a troubled past that does much to explain the pugnacious, persona Bercow displayed during the Brexit constitutional crisis. All that seems a world away now but still makes for a fascinating read and Bercow, of course, had a front-row seat.

Published by W&N

Price £10.99

Pages 448

ISBN 978-1474616645



### **The End of Her** by Shari Lapena

You won't want to put down Shari Lapena's latest engrossing thriller, which is chock-full of shocks and twists, blackmail and betrayal, telling the story of a young recently-married couple, Stephanie and Patrick, who, struggling to cope with perpetually tetchy new-born twins, have their lives turned upside down by a figure from the past making a shocking accusation.

Published by Corgi

Price £8.99

Pages 432

ISBN 978-0552177030