The best new books from Scotland’s publishers
Welcome, readers, to our Spring Catalogue, a unique collaboration between the Booksellers Association and Publishing Scotland.

As restrictions begin to lift and the vaccination programme rolls out, we can once again take pleasure in the seasonal changes – longer days, new blooms and (sometimes) a little sunshine – as well as the abundance of new books eager to find themselves in your hands.

We at Publishing Scotland, and our member publishers, are so thankful for the hard work, dedication and support booksellers across Scotland’s publishers both nationally and internationally, to provide support and advice, and to co-ordinate joint initiatives to develop and strengthen the publishing sector in Scotland.

We hope too, that you are excited by the books you will find within these pages. Our independent publishers are dedicated in bringing to you the best in fiction, poetry, non-fiction and children’s books, from well-kent faces and new voices, as well as homegrown talent and international writers. For those who love dystopian thrillers, the latest novel from the Saltire-winning Ewan Morrison, How to Survive Everything, is a must read, and crime fiction fans will be pleased to discover their new favourite detective in novels by Alan Parks, Leela Soma, Diarmid McArthur and Ryan Collett. Nature lovers can delight in the wonderful photography of Andy Howard in The Secret Lives of Otters, and the Kelpie award-winning Hannah Foley is sure to gather an army of fans with her fantastical adventure story The Spellbinding Secret of Avery Buchle.

Whatever your age, interests and tastes, there are books here for every kind of reader. Have a browse and then speak to your local bookseller – they will be thrilled to steer you to your next fantastic read!

Olive, Mabel & Me
Life and Adventures with Two Very Good Dogs
Andrew Cotter
£20 October 20 HB 9781785303227
Black & White Publishing
Witty, warm-hearted and life-affirming, this book is a treat for dog lovers everywhere. A story of the love between Andrew and his two very good dogs.

‘Beautifully written... as funny as you would hope.’

The Times

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Fiction

The Comfort Book
Matt Haig
£16.99 July 21 HB
9781786898296
Canongate

‘I can’t describe how much his work means to me... The king of empathy.’
Jameela Jamil

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Ewan Morrison
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Saraband
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Des Dillon
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The Crown Agent
Stephen O’Rourke
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Sandstone Press
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Leela Soma
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Carlos Alba
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Ringwood
A pacy, powerful tale of a family tragedy that explores what it means to be different, reminding us that neurodiversity always demands empathy and consideration.

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