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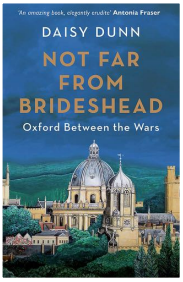

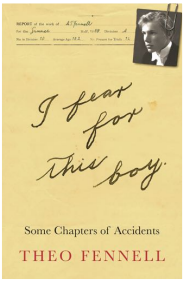

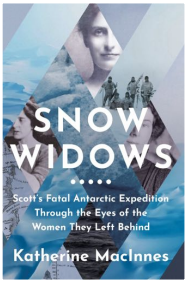

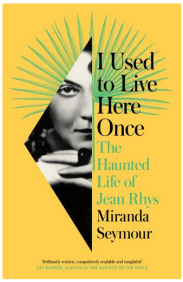

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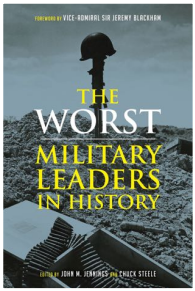

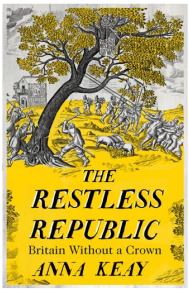

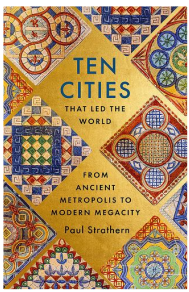

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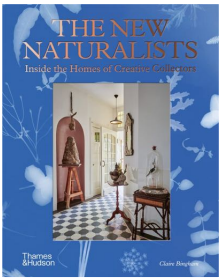

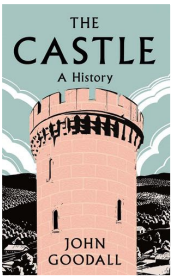

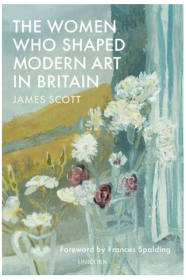

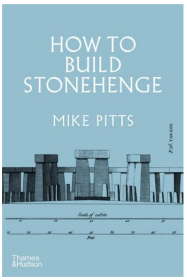

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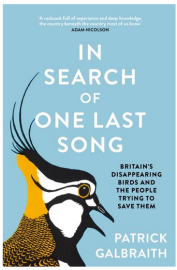

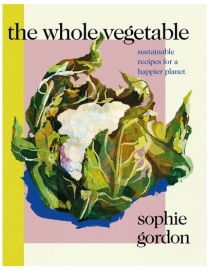

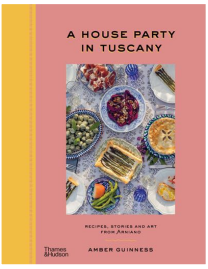

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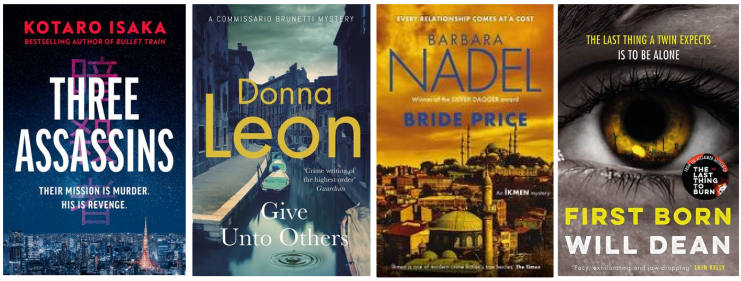

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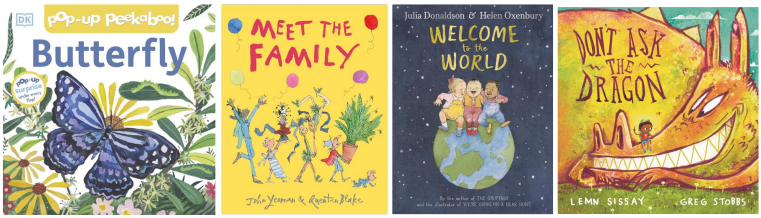

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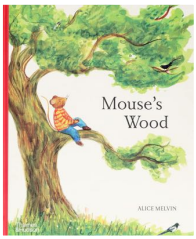

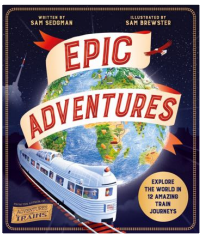

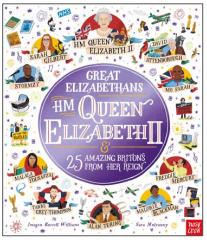

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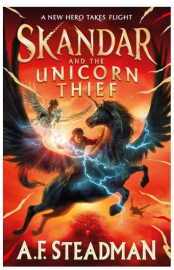

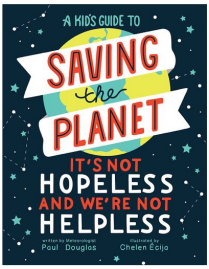

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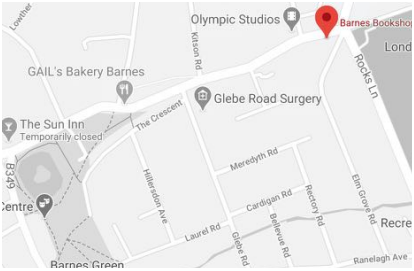

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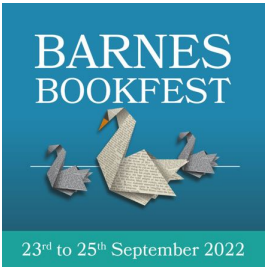

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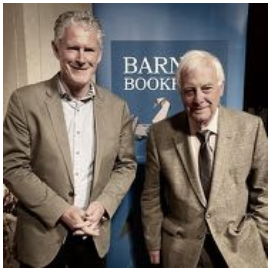
This year the committee is pleased to announce that speakers will include Gill Hornby, Ann Macmillan, Tim Marshall, Jonathon Porritt, Santham Sanghera and Peter Snow with more to follow. So save the date!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