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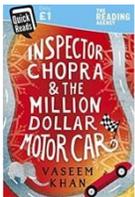
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Inspector Chopra and the Million Dollar Motor Car

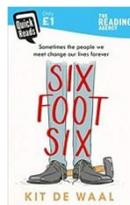
Vaseem Khan



The Premier No.1 Garage is the place to go in Mumbai if you want a luxury car. Even Mumbai's biggest gangster shops there - he's just ordered a classic race car worth millions. But now the car is gone. Stolen from a locked room, in the middle of the night. Inspector Chopra has just days to find the culprit - and the missing car - before its gangster owner finds out ... and takes violent revenge.

Six Foot Six

Kit de Waal



It's an exciting day for Timothy. It's his twenty-first birthday. When Timothy walks to his usual street corner to see his favourite special bus, he meets Charlie, a builder who is desperate for Timothy's help because Timothy is very tall, six feet six inches. Timothy has never had a job before. But when Timothy and Charlie have to collect money from a local thug, things don't go according to plan. Over one day, Timothy's life changes for ever.

The Great Cornish Getaway

Fern Britton



As the sea breeze brings relief to the seaside village of Trevay, a stranger arrives needing safe haven. The stranger is a Hollywood heartthrob, which makes Penny and Dorrie even keener to help. They know what it's like to need a break from life, and they unite the village to keep the stranger's secret. It's not long before he's helping the villagers find answers to their own problems. In return, they find a place for him in their hearts.

The Beach Wedding

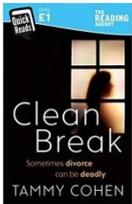
Dorothy Koomson



Tessa Dannall is excited and happy when her daughter, Nia, arrives at their family's tropical beach resort to get married. Tessa is also trying to forget the last time she went to a wedding on this beach and how that day changed her life for ever. But as the big day draws near, Tessa realises she must face the deadly ghosts from her past – or they may ruin her daughter's future...

Clean Break

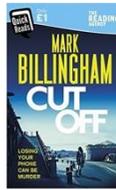
Tammy Cohen



Marriage is complicated, especially for Kate. Her husband Jack has a temper on him, and has been an absent father for years. Kate knows it's time for a divorce. The trouble is, Jack refuses. And now that he has found out Kate has met another man, his jealous rages escalate. Can Kate rid herself of her jealous husband before it's too late?

Cut Off

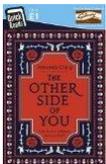
Mark Billingham



It's the moment we all fear: losing our phone, leaving us cut off from family and friends. But, for Louise, losing hers in a local café takes her somewhere much darker. After many hours of panic, Louise is relieved when someone gets in touch offering to return the phone. From then on she is impatient to get back to normal life. But when they meet on the beach, Louise realises you should be careful what you wish for...

The Other Side of You

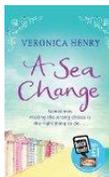
Amanda Craig



Will must run, or die. He's seen a murder, and the gang on his estate are after him. Hurt, hungry and afraid, he comes to an abandoned house in a different part of the city. Behind its high fences is a place of safety. He can find food, and healing - and learn how to do more than survive. But when Will meets Padma, he must choose between his good side and his bad one. How can he live without becoming a killer? How can he love without being a thief? Exciting, fast-paced and different, this is a story that keeps you reading until the last line.

A Sea Change

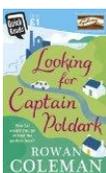
Veronica Henry



Jenna is known as The Ice Cream Girl. She doesn't mind the name one bit. It's a happy name, and there are far worse jobs than selling ice creams on Everdene beach. Craig spends as much time as he can at his beach hut in Everdene. As a policeman, it is a restful change from his daily life, and he's surfing mad. One weekend he notices a girl on the beach. He's young, free and single and she catches his eye. But on this particular summer weekend, both Jenna and Craig's lives are about to change.

Looking for Captain Poldark

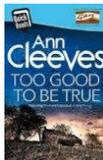
Rowan Coleman



Lisa has sworn off love and relationships after a really bad experience, but lately she's been tempted to take a chance on a more exciting life. First she meets other fans of the TV show *Poldark* online. Then she proposes a very special road trip to Cornwall, in search of where their favourite show is being filmed. But can four strangers find friendship, as well as a certain sexy hunk on their trip south?

Too Good To Be True

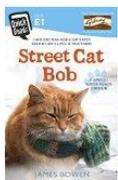
Anne Cleeves



When Anna Blackwell is found dead in her home, the police think it was suicide or an accident. But Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez soon arrives from Shetland when his ex-wife, Sarah, asks him to look into the case. Gossips are saying that her new husband, Tom, was having an affair with Anna. Could Tom have been involved with her death? Anna had been a teacher and loved kids. Would she kill herself with nobody to look after her daughter? She seemed happier than ever before she died. And to Perez, this suggests not suicide, but murder.

Street Cat Bob

James Bowen

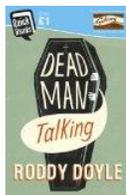


When James Bowen found an injured, street cat in the hallway of his sheltered housing, he had no idea how much his life would change. James had been living on the streets of London and the last thing he needed was a pet.

Yet he couldn't resist the clever tom cat, whom he named Bob. Soon the two were best friends, and their funny and at times dangerous adventures would change their lives, healing the scars of each other's troubled pasts.

Dead Man Talking

Roddy Doyle



Pat had been best friends with Joe Murphy since they were kids. But years ago they had a fight. A big one and they haven't spoken since --- till the day before Joe's funeral. *What?* On the day before his funeral Joe would be dead,

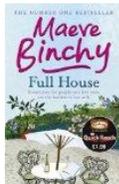
wouldn't he?

Yes, he would...

Roddy Doyle's book is fast, funny and just a tiny bit spooky.

Full House

Maeve Binchy

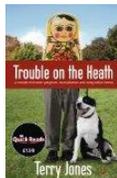


Dee loves her children, but now they are all grown up, shouldn't they leave home? Rosie moved out when she got married, but it didn't work out, so now she is back. Helen is a teacher, and doesn't earn enough for a place

of her own. Anthony writes songs, and is waiting for the day when someone will pay him for them. All three are happy at home. It doesn't cost them anything, and surely their parents like having a full house? When a crisis occurs, Dee decides things have to change, whether they like it or not.

Trouble On The Heath

Terry Jones

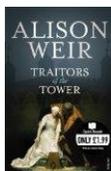


Malcolm Thomas is not happy. The view he loves is about to be blocked by an ugly building. He decides to take action and forms a protest group. Then things go wrong and Malcolm finds himself running for his life. Along the way

he gets mixed up with depressed town planners, violent gangsters and a kidnapped concert pianist. Malcolm starts to wonder if objecting to the building was such a good idea when he finds himself upside down with a gun in his mouth.

Traitors Of The Tower

Alison Weir

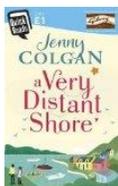


A short, sharp shot of royal revenge. More than 400 years ago, seven people - five of them women - were beheaded in the Tower of London. Three had been queens of England. The others were found guilty of

treason. Why were such important people put to death? Alison Weir's gripping book tells their stories: from the former friend betrayed by a man set on being king, to the young girl killed after just nine days on the throne.

A Very Distant Shore

Jenny Colgan

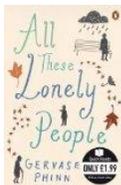


Lorna lives on the Scottish island of Mure, a peaceful place where everyone helps each other. But the GP is retiring, and nobody wants his job. Mure is too small and remote. Far away, in a crowded camp, Saif is

treating a boy with a cut hand. He is a refugee and a doctor. He is welcome in Mure, but can he forget his past? Over a summer, Saif finds a home and Lorna's life changes forever.

All These Lonely People

Gervase Phinn



Even with a huge problem to worry about, Father McKenzie still manages to see the good in everyone. His job is made more difficult by his nosy housekeeper and the gossips from the shop down the road. Will they succeed in spoiling things, or will Father McKenzie's advice win the day? This charming tale shows the ups and downs of everyday life in a truly heart-warming way

A Cool Head

Ian Rankin



Gravy worked in the graveyard - hence the name. He was having a normal day until his friend Benjy turned up in a car Gravy didn't recognise. Benjy had a bullet hole in his chest, but lived long enough to ask Gravy to hide him and look after his gun. In the car he found blood, a balaclava and a bag stuffed with money. Gravy wants to help his friend. So he is caught up in a robbery gone wrong, a woman who witnessed a murder, and unpleasant men who will do anything to get the money Benjy stole...

The Double Clue & Other Hercule Poirot Stories

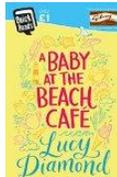
Agatha Christie



Four of the best Hercule Poirot stories, chosen for their readability and adventure. A man is found shot through the head in a locked room. A wealthy banker vanishes while posting a letter. A thief disappears with a haul of rubies and emeralds. And, in the golden sands of Egypt, the men who discovered an ancient tomb are dying one by one.

Baby at the Beach Cafe

Lucy Diamond



Evie loves running her beach cafe in Cornwall but with a baby on the way, she's been told to put her feet up. Let someone else take over. Helen's come to Cornwall to escape city living. She hopes a seaside life will be the answer. When she sees a job at the cafe it sounds perfect. But the two women clash. Then events take a dramatic turn. Can they put aside their differences in a crisis?

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