**January**

The 100 year old man who climbed out of a window – Jonas Jonasson -

 After living a long and colourful life, Allan Karlsson finds himself stuck in a nursing home. On his 100th birthday, he leaps **out a window** and begins an unexpected journey.

**February**

 Wide Sargasso Sea - Jean Rhys.

explores the origins of Antoinette, the heroine of Jane Eyre, and the themes of colonialism and feminism

**March**

 Bournville – Jonathan Coe

explores the history of postwar Britain through the eyes of a Birmingham family.

**April**

Elemental -Amanda Curtin.

Nearing the end of her life, **Meggie Tulloch** takes up her pen to write a story for her granddaughter, Laura. It begins in the first years of the twentieth century, in a place where howling winds spin salt and sleet sucked up from ice floes. A place where lives are ruled by men, and men by the witchy sea

**May**

Remains of the Day- Kazuo Ishiguru

The protagonist, Stevens, is a [butler](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=f2d51d62374fffacJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTU5NQ&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPUJ1dGxlciUyMHdpa2lwZWRpYSZmb3JtPVdJS0lSRQ&ntb=1) with a long record of service at Darlington Hall, a stately home near [Oxford, England](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=80d9ef7d6478195bJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTU5Ng&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPU94Zm9yZCUyQyUyMEVuZ2xhbmQlMjB3aWtpcGVkaWEmZm9ybT1XSUtJUkU&ntb=1). In 1956, he takes a road trip to visit a former colleague, and reminisces about events at Darlington Hall in the 1920s and 1930s

**June**

The Return of the Soldier - Rebecca West.

 The novel recounts the return of the [shell shocked](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=7edd6a415d9a4ffcJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTg3NA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPVNoZWxsJTIwc2hvY2tlZCUyMHdpa2lwZWRpYSZmb3JtPVdJS0lSRQ&ntb=1) Captain Chris Baldry from the trenches of the [First World War](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=db54a79bca6cdc8eJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTg3NQ&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPUZpcnN0JTIwV29ybGQlMjBXYXIlMjB3aWtpcGVkaWEmZm9ybT1XSUtJUkU&ntb=1) from the perspective of his cousin Jenny. The novel grapples with the soldier's return from [World War I](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=749e1be43ea4a0b0JmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTg3Ng&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPVdvcmxkJTIwV2FyJTIwSSUyMHdpa2lwZWRpYSZmb3JtPVdJS0lSRQ&ntb=1) with mental trauma and its effects on the family, as well as the light it sheds on their fraught relationships

**July**

Rose Tremain.  The Gustavia Sonata

 explores the passionate love of childhood friendship as it is lost, transformed, and regained over a lifetime. Moving between the 1930s and the 1990s, this fierce and beautifully orchestrated novel explores the vast human issues of racism and tolerance, flight and refuge, cruelty and tenderness.

**August**

‘Notes from an exhibition - Patrick Gale

 delves into the psychologically troubled life of an acclaimed abstract painter.

**September**

Deception Point – Dan Brown

The novel follows [White House](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=44489162cf05189dJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTYwMw&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPVdoaXRlJTIwSG91c2UlMjB3aWtpcGVkaWEmZm9ybT1XSUtJUkU&ntb=1) intelligence analyst Rachel Sexton's involvement in corroborating [NASA](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=df7db5af2aabd4efJmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTYwNA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPU5BU0ElMjB3aWtpcGVkaWEmZm9ybT1XSUtJUkU&ntb=1)'s discovery of a [meteorite](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=f52c94fcabc03ef0JmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTYwNQ&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPU1ldGVvcml0ZSUyMHdpa2lwZWRpYSZmb3JtPVdJS0lSRQ&ntb=1) that supposedly contains proof of [extraterrestrial life](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=4855a8707a467bd5JmltdHM9MTcwNDc1ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wYTQzNWRhYi0yZmM2LTZjMjYtMzA4Ni01NjkyMmUxNTZkZDImaW5zaWQ9NTYwNg&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=0a435dab-2fc6-6c26-3086-56922e156dd2&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPUV4dHJhdGVycmVzdHJpYWwlMjBsaWZlJTIwd2lraXBlZGlhJmZvcm09V0lLSVJF&ntb=1)

**October**

 One Day I shall astonish the world - Nina Stibbe.

 A frank, tender, and poignantly funny story about the ebb and flow of female friendship over half a lifetime.

**November**

Evelyn Waugh.  A Handful of Dust

It tells the story of rich characters living in England who have tragically comic lives.