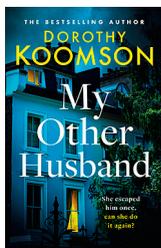


## THE BOOKSHELF

Make some time to relax with a riveting read. Here are six of our favourite titles to inspire...

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."*

Charles Dickens,  
author



### SUSPENSEFUL FICTION

**My Other Husband** by Dorothy Koomson  
(£16.99 HB, *Headline Review*)

Cleo and Wallace are a happily married, successful couple living in Brighton. Cleo is an author and screenwriter. Her books are based around a 'baking detective' who manages to become embroiled in murder cases and has a quirky knack for solving crimes. But when a series of murders take place emulating the crimes she's written about, she knows someone is trying to frame her but cannot provide an alibi without revealing a dark secret. The perfect holiday read!



### FAMILY SAGA

**The Halfways**  
by Nilopar Uddin  
(£12.99 HB, HQ)

When their father dies suddenly, sisters Nasrin and Sabrina rush from their respective homes in London and New York to be with their mother at their family home and restaurant in Wales. Immediately stifled by the conventions of their upbringing, the sisters are dealt a devastating blow when a shocking secret is revealed in their father's will that makes them question everything they thought they knew about the man they loved. This beautifully crafted family epic spans four decades and will captivate until the very last page.



### PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

**One Last Secret**  
by Adele Parks  
(£14.99 HB, HQ)

Dora is an escort – beautiful, confident and unashamedly honest about her profession. But when she's badly beaten by a client, the violence of the attack renders her terrified and vulnerable. When her best friend, Evan, proposes to her and asks her to give up her job, she gladly accepts. But while Evan is away, she accepts one last job to act as the girlfriend of an influential guest at a stunning French chateau. However, on meeting the client, she is horrified. This tense thriller is filled with twists and turns and has a cracking ending.



### ROMANTIC FICTION

**The Second Time We Met** by Frances Mensah Williams  
(£8.99, *Lake Union*)

Sparks fly when Cara and Henry meet for the first time, but Cara accepts that she'll probably never see him again. However, the mismatched couple do meet again at a work event and it's clear that Cara's drama-filled family couldn't be more different from Henry's rich and affluent clan. The couple will have to overcome many obstacles if they are to find their happy ever after. With lovable characters, this heartwarming, humorous, romantic story will resonate with anyone who's path to finding love hasn't exactly been smooth.



### UPLIFTING FICTION

**The Museum of Ordinary People**  
by Mike Gayle  
(£16.99 HB, *Hodder*)

Following the death of her mum, Jess is faced with the task of clearing her childhood home so that it can be sold. Trying to find a place for the treasures she cannot keep, Jess comes across the mysterious Alex who has a house-clearing business. His quirky 'museum' is full of items representing the lives of ordinary people and Jess jumps at the opportunity to be the curator of The Museum for Ordinary People. This is a tale of loss and friendship by an author who has a way of making the ordinary things in life seem extraordinary.



### WOMEN'S FICTION

**Other People's Husbands** by Elizabeth Noble  
(£12.99 HB, *Michael Joseph*)

Harry Booth began to steal when he was nine while his mother was battling cancer. She dies when Harry is a teenager and he and his aunt leave Chicago to start afresh. But Harry has to keep up his 'nightwork' to pay for college – until he falls for Miranda. But when Carter LaPorte asks Harry to steal for him and subsequently blackmails him, he must abandon Miranda without explanation and disappear. A beautifully observed story of love, life and hope.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

### *Quomodocunquizing (adjective)*

Making money by any possible means.