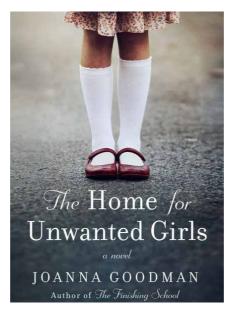
# **LITERATURE** BOOK REVIEWS

## 10 BOOKS TO READ THIS MONTH

Happy April. We have an interesting selection of books for you this month: stories of fictional love and physic powers and real stories of unexpected pregnancy. No doubt with Stephen Hawking's sad passing last month you will have been inundated with articles and programmes celebrating his life. Why not pick up a copy of one of his books if you have not already done so and see what he dedicated his life to. A book I'm really looking forward to is a memoir from a Boston Globe advice columnist, its not often we get a look inside the person dispensing the advice. Happy reading!



## The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman

Published April 17. Based on a true story of a teen mother forcibly separated from her daughter at birth. When Maggie gets pregnant at 15 her parents force her to give baby Elodie up for adoption. Elodie is raised in Qubec's orphanage system and is sadly declared mentally unstable when it is found that more funding is provided to psychiatric hospitals than to orphanages. Eldoie is bright and perseveres, leaving the system at 17. Maggie and Elodie fail to cross paths until Maggie finally goes in search of her long lost daughter.



### The House of Tomorrow by Peter Bognanni

Get your hands on this book before the movie adaption is released at the end of April. Sebastian Prendergast lives with his eccentric grandmother in a geodesic dome. She has home-schooled him, teaching him about futurist philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller but little about being a teenage boy. When fate casts him out of the dome he meets Jared, a chain-smoking sixteen-year-old heart transplant recipient. Jared teaches him about girls, angry music and rebellion. But when his grandmother calls him back to her futurist life, he must decide to go back or pursue a future of his own.

## Paris by the Book by Liam Callanan

A love story set in a small bookshop in Paris. After her husband disappears, Leah takes her daughters and follows a clue that leads her to Paris. Another clue leads to a bookshop where the owner is eager to sell. Working in the center of Paris they continue to search for him, but begin to wonder do they even want to uncover this family secret? Hitting bookshops April 3.



#### A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking

After Stephen's sad passing last month, we have heard a lot about this brilliant man. He not only taught the world about cosmology but also about overcoming life's adversities. Read Stephen's research into everything from the big bang to black holes.



#### Every Other Weekend by Zulema Renee Summerfield

Set in 1988, our narrator of the time is a nervous 8 year old girl who thinks up imaginary dangers in the wake of her parent's divorce. But her imaginary fears such as ghosts, earthquakes and home invasions, can't prepare her for when real tragedy strikes. Coming to bookshops April 17.



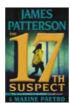
## Can't Help Myself: Lessons & Confessions from a Modern Advice Columnist by Meredith Goldstein

Every day, Boston Globe advice columnist Meredith Goldstein takes on the relationship problems of thousands of readers. Meredith realises as she answers others questions about relationships that she discovers a lot of answers about herself. After her mother was diagnosed with cancer she truly realised how special her Love Letters community was and how the column has enriched her life as much as it has for its readers. Published April 3.



## Hollywood: Photos and Stories from Foreverland by Keegan Allen

A photographic tour of the different sides of Hollywood by a bestselling author, actor and photographer, who is a Hollywood native. 250 black and white photos capture the beauty and glamour of Hollywood as well as the darker side of those who's dreams are never realised. Published April 24.



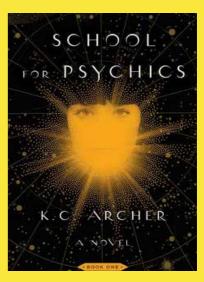
#### The 17th Suspect by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

Pick up a copy of this new thriller April 30. A series of shootings exposes San Francisco to a systematic yet unpredictable killer. A confidential informant's tip leads Sergeant Lindsay Boxer to some disturbing deductions, including that something has gone horribly wrong inside the police department itself. Lindsay takes these crimes to heart and her investment draws her to increasingly dangerous situations.



## And Now We Have Everything: On Motherhood Before I Was Ready by Meaghan O'Connell

When Meghan accidently got pregnant in her twenties, she couldn't find the advice she needed in a book. So she decided to write one. Meghan's memoir cuts out the BS as she takes you on her journey from getting unexpectedly pregnant to the delivery room where she shatters the fantasy of childbirth as simply a truly magical experience and describes it in all its gore and glory. Get your hands on a copy from April 10.



#### The School for Psychics by K.C. Archer

Published April 3. Teddy Cannon isn't your typical young woman, she can read people with a strange precision, in fact she has physic powers. A stranger invites her to apply to the School for Psychics, hidden facility where students learn, telepathy, telekinesis, investigative skills, and SWAT tactics. But strange things start happening at the facility, break-ins, missing students, and more. It leads Teddy to accept a dangerous mission.

By Sarah Talty