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# GREAT ESCAPES

It's time to give your shelves a change of scenery – we've rounded up the international bestsellers that are about to make it big over here

## YOU-JEONG JEONG



**Who?** South Korea's answer to Stephen King. She trained as a nurse, which explains the detailed fascination with gore and medical institutions.

**Famous for...** Gripping – and often gruesome – psychological thrillers that we *don't* recommend for your lunch break.

**Biggest hit?** *Shoot Me In The Heart* – two twenty-somethings meet in a psychiatric facility and plot their escape. It was turned into a film in 2015.

**What's next?** Gory thriller *The Good Son*, a disturbing story of the events that unfold after Yu-jin, 26, wakes up to find his mother in a pool of blood (we did warn you). It's being optioned for a film version, so get involved before Twitter's full of spoilers. **£13.99, Little, Brown**



## LAURA LINDSTEDT



**Who?** Finnish literary icon who has become a national treasure since starting out a decade ago. Her latest novel is set to be translated into at least 12 languages.

**Famous for...** Experimental, genre-hopping books about womanhood that sound flash at dinner parties but won't bore you to tears.

**Biggest hit?** *Sakset* (or 'Scissors' in English), a novel about adoption that won her a nomination for Finland's most prestigious literary award.

**What's next?** *Oneiron*, a piece of speculative fiction (librarian-chat for anything with futuristic vibes), in which seven women from different countries meet up in a blindingly white afterlife. It's super-readable, but buckle up – things get a bit *Black Mirror* at times. **£14.99, Oneworld**



## DENIS THERIAULT



**Who?** Québécois novelist and TV screenwriter making literary ripples across the pond. Savvy book reviewers in the UK are already mad about him.

**Famous for...** Bittersweet stories serving up enough heartbreaking loveliness to rival a John Lewis Christmas advert.

**Biggest hit?** A two-part novella series, *The Peculiar Life Of A Lonely Postman* and *The Postman's Fiancée*, which won global praise after its English translation.

An interest in the actual postal service? Not essential.

**What's next?** The long-awaited English version of *The Boy Who Belonged To The Sea*, Theriault's dreamy, nautical debut from 2003, which blurs reality and fantasy in a heartbreaking story of boyhood friendship. **£8.99, Oneworld**



## YRSA SIGURDARDOTTIR



**Who?** Iceland's favourite crime writer and local literary sensation. Her crime-fiction debut, *Last Rituals*, was translated into more than 30 languages.

**Famous for...** Scandi-noir detective sagas and stand-alones full of creepy mysteries you'll be trying to solve in your sleep.

**Biggest hit?** It's hard to pick, but her horror novel *I Remember You* was widely championed within the Nordic literary scene, and even made into a film.

**What's next?** Whodunnit novel *The Reckoning* follows detective-and-psychologist duo Huldar and Freyja as they unravel criminal mysteries about killers and time capsules. It's addictive, bleak, and will give you thrills and chills in equal measures. **£16.99, Hodder & Stoughton**

