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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**

