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Amsterdam by Ian McEwan

[Amsterdam](#) A Novel Written by [Ian McEwan](#) eBook, 208 pages | Knopf Group E-Books | Fiction - Literary | **\$13.95** | 978-0-307-43479-1 (0-307-43479-6)

On a chilly February day, two old friends meet in the throng outside a London crematorium to pay their last respects to Molly Lane. Both Clive Linley and Vernon Halliday had been Molly's lovers in the days before they reached their current eminence: Clive is Britain's most successful modern composer, and Vernon is editor of the newspaper *The Judge*. Gorgeous, feisty Molly had other lovers, too, notably Julian Garmony, Foreign Secretary, a notorious right-winger tipped to be the next prime minister.

In the days that follow Molly's funeral, Clive and Vernon will make a pact with consequences that neither could have foreseen. Each will make a disastrous moral decision, their friendship will be tested to its limits, and Julian Garmony will be fighting for his political life. A sharp contemporary morality tale, cleverly disguised as a comic novel, **Amsterdam** is "as sheerly enjoyable a book as one is likely to pick up this year" (*The Washington Post Book World*).

From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Solar by Ian McEwan

[Solar](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Hardcover, 304 pages | Nan A. Talese | Fiction - Literary | **\$26.95** | 978-0-385-53341-6 (0-385-53341-1)

The literary event of the summer: a new novel from Ian McEwan, as surprising as it is masterful.

Michael Beard is a Nobel prize-winning physicist whose best work is behind him. Trading on his reputation, he speaks for enormous fees, lends his name to the letterheads of renowned scientific institutions, and half-heartedly heads a government-backed initiative tackling global warming. While he coasts along in his professional life, Michael's personal life is another matter entirely. His fifth marriage is crumbling under the weight of his infidelities. But this time the tables are turned: His wife is having an affair, and Michael realizes he is still in love with her.

When Michael's personal and professional lives begin to intersect in unexpected ways, an opportunity presents itself in the guise of an invitation to travel to New Mexico. Here is a chance for him to extricate himself from his marital problems, reinvigorate his career, and very possibly save the world from environmental disaster. Can a man who has made a mess of his life clean up the messes of humanity?

A complex novel that brilliantly traces the arc of one man's ambitions and self-deceptions, *Solar* is a startling, witty, and stylish new work from one of the world's great writers.

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[Solar](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 486 pages | Random House Large Print | Fiction - Literary | \$27.00 | 978-0-7393-7778-9 (0-7393-7778-7)

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On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

[On Chesil Beach](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 224 pages | Anchor | Fiction - Literary | \$13.95 | 978-0-307-38617-5 (0-307-38617-1)

In 1962, Florence and Edward celebrate their wedding in a hotel on the Dorset coast. Yet as they dine, the expectation of their marital duties weighs over them. And unbeknownst to both, the decisions they make this night will resonate throughout their lives. With exquisite prose, Ian McEwan creates in **On Chesil Beach** a story of lives transformed by a gesture not made or a word not spoken.

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[On Chesil Beach](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) eBook | Anchor | Fiction - Literary | **\$13.95** | 978-0-307-45582-6 (0-307-45582-3)

A novel of remarkable depth and poignancy from one of the most acclaimed writers of our time.

It is July 1962. Florence is a talented musician who dreams of a career on the concert stage and of the perfect life she will create with Edward, an earnest young history student at University College of London, who unexpectedly wooed and won her heart. Newly married that morning, both virgins, Edward and Florence arrive at a hotel on the Dorset coast. At dinner in their rooms they struggle to suppress their worries about the wedding night to come. Edward, eager for rapture, frets over Florence's response to his advances and nurses a private fear of failure, while Florence's anxieties run deeper: she is overcome by sheer disgust at the idea of physical contact, but dreads disappointing her husband when they finally lie down together in the honeymoon suite.

Ian McEwan has caught with understanding and compassion the innocence of Edward and Florence at a time when marriage was presumed to be the outward sign of maturity and independence. *On Chesil Beach* is another masterwork from McEwan—a story of lives transformed by a gesture not made or a word not spoken.

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Atonement (Movie Tie-in Edition) by Ian McEwan

[Atonement \(Movie Tie-in Edition\)](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 368 pages | Anchor | Fiction - Literary | **\$14.95** | 978-0-307-38715-8 (0-307-38715-1)

On a summer day in 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives and her precocious imagination bring about a crime that will change all their lives, a crime whose repercussions *Atonement* follows through the chaos and carnage of World War II and into the close of the twentieth century.

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On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

[On Chesil Beach](#) A Novel **Written by Ian McEwan Hardcover**, 208 pages | Nan A. Talese | Fiction - Literary | **\$22.00** | 978-0-385-52240-3 (0-385-52240-1)

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[On Chesil Beach](#) **Written by Ian McEwan Hardcover**, 304 pages | Random House Large Print | Fiction - Literary | **\$25.00** | 978-0-7393-2726-5 (0-7393-2726-7)

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[On Chesil Beach](#) **Written by Ian McEwan**

Read by Ian McEwan **Unabridged Compact Disc** | Random House Audio | Fiction - Literary | **\$29.95** | 978-0-7393-4371-5 (0-7393-4371-8)

BONUS FEATURE: Exclusive interview with the author!

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[On Chesil Beach](#) **Written by Ian McEwan**

Read by Ian McEwan **Unabridged Audiobook Download** | Random House Audio | Fiction - Literary | **\$14.00** | 978-0-7393-4372-2 (0-7393-4372-6)

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Saturday by Ian McEwan

[Saturday](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 304 pages | Anchor | Fiction | **\$14.95** | 978-1-4000-7619-2 (1-4000-7619-6)

In his triumphant new novel, Ian McEwan, the bestselling author of *Atonement*, follows an ordinary man through a Saturday whose high promise gradually turns nightmarish. Henry Perowne—a neurosurgeon, urbane, privileged, deeply in love with his wife and grown-up children—plans to play a game of squash, visit his elderly mother, and cook dinner for his family. But after a minor traffic accident leads to an unsettling confrontation, Perowne must set aside his plans and summon a strength greater than he knew he had in order to preserve the life that is dear to him.

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[Saturday](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Book | Anchor | Fiction | **\$14.95** | 978-0-307-27701-5 (0-307-27701-1)

From the pen of a master - the #1 bestselling, Booker Prize-winning author of *Atonement* - comes an astonishing novel that captures the fine balance of happiness and the unforeseen threats that can destroy it. A brilliant, thrilling page-turner that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

Saturday is a masterful novel set within a single day in February 2003. Henry Perowne is a contented man - a successful neurosurgeon, happily married to a newspaper lawyer, and enjoying good relations with his children. Henry wakes to the comfort of his large home in central London on this, his day off. He is as at ease here as he is in the operating room. Outside the hospital, the world is not so easy or predictable. There is an impending war against Iraq, and a general darkening and gathering pessimism since the New York and Washington attacks two years before.

On this particular Saturday morning, Perowne's day moves through the ordinary to the extraordinary. After an unusual sighting in the early morning sky, he makes his way to his regular squash game with his anaesthetist, trying to avoid the hundreds of thousands of marchers filling the streets of London, protesting against the war. A minor accident in his car brings him into a confrontation with a small-time thug. To Perowne's professional eye, something appears to be profoundly wrong with this young man, who in turn believes the surgeon has humiliated him - with savage consequences that will lead Henry Perowne to deploy all his skills to keep his family alive.

From the Hardcover edition.

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Saturday by Ian McEwan

[Saturday](#) A novel | Written by [Ian McEwan](#) | Hardcover, 304 pages | Nan A. Talese | Fiction | **\$26.00** | 978-0-385-51180-3 (0-385-51180-9)

From the pen of a master - the #1 bestselling, Booker Prize-winning author of **Atonement** - comes an astonishing novel that captures the fine balance of happiness and the unforeseen threats that can destroy it. A brilliant, thrilling page-turner that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

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Atonement by Ian McEwan

[Atonement](#) A Novel Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Book | Knopf Group E-Books | Fiction - Literary | **\$14.95** | 978-1-4000-7555-3 (1-4000-7555-6)

The novel opens on a sweltering summer day in 1935 at the Tallis family's mansion in the Surrey countryside. Thirteen-year-old Briony has written a play in honor of the visit of her adored older brother Leon; other guests include her three young cousins -- refugees from their parent's marital breakup -- Leon's friend Paul Marshall, the manufacturer of a chocolate bar called "Amo" that soldiers will be able to carry into war, and Robbie Turner, the son of the family charlady whose brilliantly successful college career has been funded by Mr. Tallis. Jack Tallis is absent from the gathering; he spends most of his time in London at the War Ministry and with his mistress. His wife Emily is a semi-invalid, nursing chronic migraine headaches. Their elder daughter Cecilia is also present; she has just graduated from Cambridge and is at home for the summer, restless and yearning for her life to really begin. Rehearsals for Briony's play aren't going well; her cousin Lola has stolen the starring role, the twin boys can't speak the lines properly, and Briony suddenly realizes that her destiny is to be a novelist, not a dramatist.

In the midst of the long hot afternoon, Briony happens to be watching from a window when Cecilia strips off her clothes and plunges into the fountain on the lawn as Robbie looks on. Later that evening, Briony thinks she sees Robbie attacking Cecilia in the library, she reads a note meant for Cecilia, her cousin Lola is sexually assaulted, and she makes an accusation that she will repent for the rest of her life.

The next two parts of **Atonement** shift to the spring of 1940 as Hitler's forces are sweeping across the Low Countries and into France. Robbie Turner, wounded, joins the disastrous British retreat to Dunkirk. Instead of going up to Cambridge to begin her studies, Briony has become a nurse in one of London's military hospitals. The fourth and final section takes place in 1999, as Briony celebrates her 77th birthday with the completion of a book about the events of 1935 and 1940, a novel called **Atonement**.

In its broad historical framework **Atonement** is a departure from McEwan's earlier work, and he loads the story with an emotional intensity and a gripping plot reminiscent of the best nineteenth-century fiction. Brilliant and utterly enthralling in its depiction of childhood, love and war, England and class, the novel is a profoundly moving exploration of shame and forgiveness and the difficulty of absolution.

From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Atonement by Ian McEwan

[Atonement](#) A Novel Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 368 pages | Anchor | Fiction - Literary | **\$14.95** | 978-0-385-72179-0 (0-385-72179-X)

Ian McEwan's symphonic novel of love and war, childhood and class, guilt and forgiveness provides all the satisfaction of a brilliant narrative and the provocation we have come to expect from this master of English prose.

On a hot summer day in 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant and Cecilia's childhood friend. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives-together with her precocious literary gifts-brings about a crime that will change all their lives. As it follows that crime's repercussions through the chaos and carnage of World War II and into the close of the twentieth century, **Atonement** engages the reader on every conceivable level, with an ease and authority that mark it as a genuine masterpiece.

Atonement by Ian McEwan

[Atonement](#) A Novel Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Hardcover, 368 pages | Nan A. Talese | Fiction - Literary | **\$30.00** | 978-0-385-50395-2 (0-385-50395-4)

On the hottest day of the summer of 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis sees her older sister Cecilia strip off her clothes and plunge into the fountain in the garden of their country house. Watching Cecilia is their housekeeper's son Robbie Turner, a childhood friend who, along with Briony's sister, has recently graduated from Cambridge.

By the end of that day the lives of all three will have been changed forever. Robbie and Cecilia will have crossed a boundary they had never before dared to approach and will have become victims of the younger girl's scheming imagination. And Briony will have committed a dreadful crime, the guilt for which will color her entire life.

In each of his novels Ian McEwan has brilliantly drawn his reader into the intimate lives and situations of his characters. But never before has he worked with so large a canvas: In *Atonement* he takes the reader from a manor house in England in 1935 to the retreat from Dunkirk in 1941; from the London's World War II military hospitals to a reunion of the Tallis clan in 1999.

Atonement is Ian McEwan's finest achievement. Brilliant and utterly enthralling in its depiction of childhood, love and war, England and class, the novel is at its center a profound-and profoundly moving-exploration of shame and forgiveness and the difficulty of absolution.

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The Daydreamer by Ian McEwan

[The Daydreamer](#) Written by [Ian McEwan](#) Trade Paperback, 160 pages | Anchor | Fiction - Literary | **\$11.95** | 978-0-385-49805-0 (0-385-49805-5)

From the inexhaustible imagination of Ian McEwan--a master of contemporary fiction and author of the Booker Prize-winning national bestseller *Amsterdam*--an enchanting work of fiction that appeals equally to children and adults.

First published in England as a children's book, **The Daydreamer** marks a delightful foray by one of our greatest novelists into a new fictional domain. In these seven exquisitely interlinked episodes, the grown-up protagonist Peter Fortune reveals the secret journeys, metamorphoses, and adventures of his childhood. Living somewhere between dream and reality, Peter experiences fantastical transformations: he swaps bodies with the wise old family cat; exchanges existences with a cranky infant; encounters a very bad doll who has come to life and is out for revenge; and rummages through a kitchen drawer filled with useless objects to discover some not-so-useless cream that actually makes people vanish. Finally, he wakes up as an eleven-year-old inside a grown-up body and embarks on the truly fantastic adventure of falling in love. Moving, dreamlike, and extraordinary, **The Daydreamer** marks yet another imaginative departure for Ian McEwan, and one that adds new breadth to his body of work.

