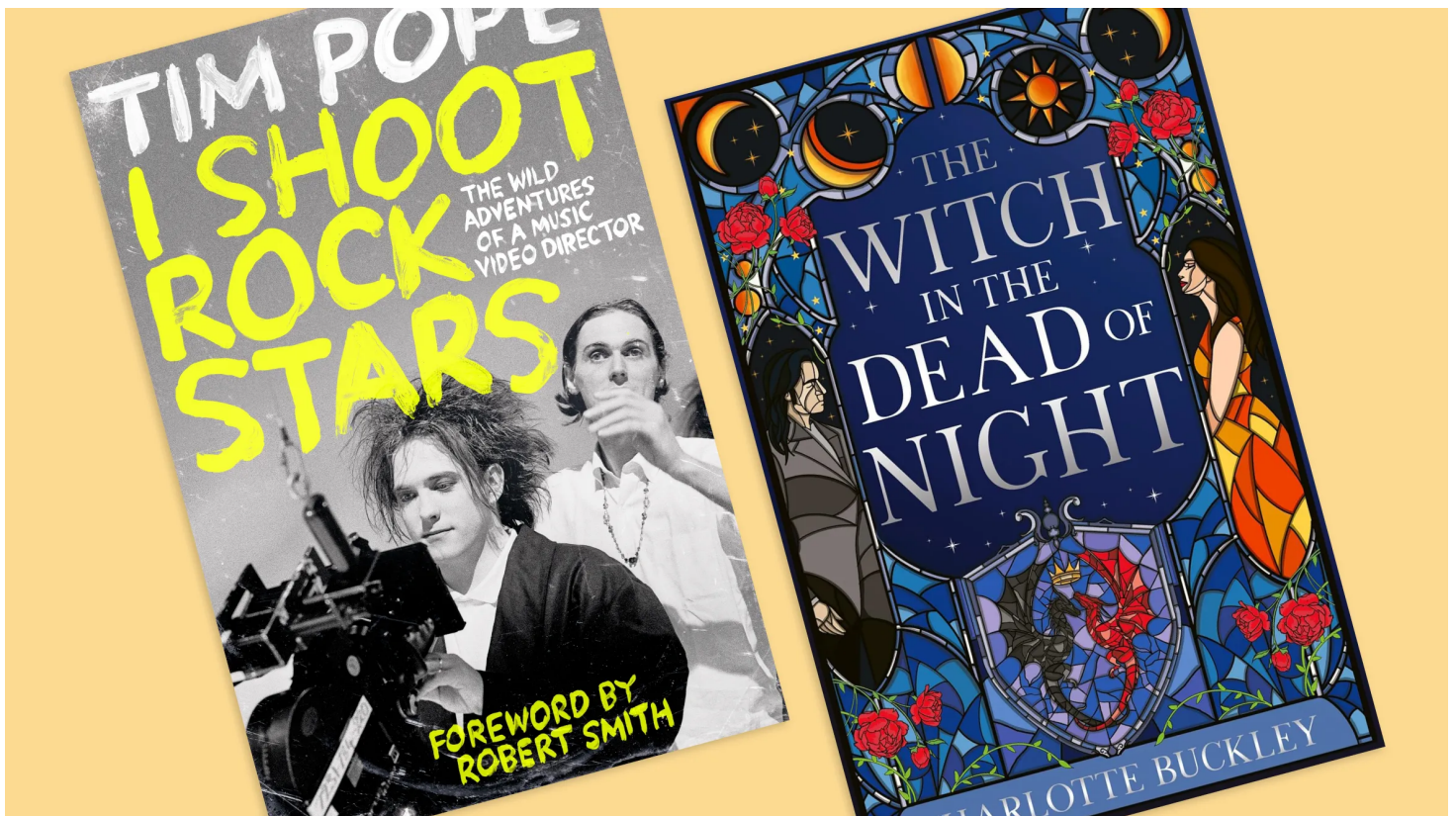


# The Sunday Times Bestsellers List — the latest UK book charts

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- A warm welcome back to Danielle Steel, whose latest novel, *The True Meaning of Love*, is No 8 in hardback fiction. It's her 158th Sunday Times bestseller.
- Several older novels have returned to the charts as well. Susanna Clarke's *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell* hasn't been seen since 2005, while Lee Child's *Gone Tomorrow* (newly popular thanks to the latest series of *Reacher*) last appeared in 2010.

## General hardbacks

### 1. *London Falling* by Patrick Radden Keefe (Picador £22)

The mystery behind a teenager's deadly fall from a luxury apartment building (3,745)

[\*London Falling and the death of our son, by Zac Brettler's parents\*](#)

### 2. *How Lucky Am I* by Christian Watson (Ebury £20)

Discover illustrated life lessons on letting go and finding beauty with Mr Skelly (2,135)

### 3. *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins (Hay House £22.99)

Stop wasting your time and energy on the things that you can't control (1,985)

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**5. I Shoot Rock Stars by Tim Pope (Wildfire £25)**

The video director's career, including his relationships with many music icons (960)

[\*David Bowie, Soft Cell and a 'sex dwarf' — my career making music videos\*](#)

**6. Regime Change by Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan (Simon & Schuster £28)**

The inside story of the first year of Donald Trump's second presidency (955)

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**7. The Little Things in Life by Catherine Hapka and Mike Wall (Studio £14.99)**

Illustrated mindful moments and affirmations from Disney's Winnie the Pooh (945)

**8. The Four Wives of Windsor by Simon Vigar (Century £22)**

A joint biography of four women who have shaped the modern royals (840)

**9. To the Women by Donna Ashworth (Black & White £12.99)**

Poetry collection celebrating the beauty, strength and joy of being a woman (835)

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**10. Always Remember by Charlie Mackesy (Ebury £22)**

Wisdom from the author of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* (795)

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## General paperbacks

[Read our review of \*Careless People\*](#)

**2. My Dear Kabul by Untold Narratives CIC (Hodder £10.99)**

A group of female writers living under the Taliban share their collective diary (3,170)

**3. The Courage to Be Disliked by Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga (Allen & Unwin £12.99)**

A philosopher and a student discuss lasting happiness (3,105)

**4. Fake News by Mike Graham (Free Speech £8.99)**

Stories from Fleet Street and the unseen side of news broadcasting (2,370)

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**5. Atomic Habits by James Clear (Random House Business £18.99)**

The minuscule changes that can result in life-altering outcomes (2,255)

**6. The Psychology of Money by Morgan Housel (Harriman House £16.99)**

Essays examining the strange ways people think about money (2,225)

**7. Nobody's Girl by Virginia Roberts Giuffre (Penguin £10.99)**

The author's account of her abuse by Jeffrey Epstein and his associates (2,095)

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**8. Moonlight Express by Monisha Rajesh (Bloomsbury £10.99)**

Adventures aboard night trains across the world, from Finland to Peru (1,900)

[Read our review of \*Moonlight Express\*](#)

**9. A Mind of My Own by Kathy Burke (Gallery £10.99)**

The comedian and actress on doing things her own way from childhood to now (1,850)

[What happened when Caitlin Moran met her heroine Kathy Burke](#)

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**10. Mother Mary Comes to Me by Arundhati Roy (Penguin £12.99)**

How Roy became who she is and her relationship with her mother (1,760)

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## Fiction hardbacks

**1. Steelborn by Taylor J LaRue (Wayward TxF £22)**

A notorious thief and an immortal warrior team up to seek the cure for a curse (14,596)

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**5. Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell by Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury £25)**

In 1806 a reclusive magician is challenged by a younger new magician (3,250)

**6. May We Feed the King by Rebecca Perry (Granta £14.99)**

A curator becomes fascinated by the past reign of an almost forgotten king (2,765)

[Read our review of \*May We Feed the King\*](#)

[Read our review of \*The Things We Never Say\*](#)

**8. The True Meaning of Love by Danielle Steel (Macmillan £22)**

How the lives of four women change during the Russian invasion of Ukraine (2,250)

**9. Invitation from a Dictator by Rory Clements (Viking £16.99)**

In Munich 1937 Seb Wolff escorts two royals on a historic meeting with Hitler (2,105)

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**10. Land by Maggie O'Farrell (Tinder £25)**

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## Fiction paperbacks

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**2. The Names by Florence Knapp (Phoenix £10.99)**

Three versions of a life unfold after a mother hesitates when naming her baby (11,825)

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**3. The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown (Penguin £9.99)**

While in Prague, the symbologist Robert Langdon's lover Katherine disappears (10,640)

[Read our review of \*The Secret of Secrets\*](#)

**4. It's Not What You Think by Clare Mackintosh (HarperCollins £9.99)**

Expecting to catch her husband cheating, his wife finds him dead instead (7,980)

[Read our review of \*It's Not What You Think\*](#)

**5. The Family Friend by Claire Douglas (Penguin £9.99)**

A woman discovers a dark history behind the country house that she has inherited (7,860)

(6,995)

**7. The Divorce by Freida McFadden (Poisoned Pen £9.99)**

A woman becomes fixated on her husband's new girlfriend (6,250)

[Read our review of \*The Divorce\*](#)

**8. The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman (Penguin £9.99)**

The Thursday Murder Club assemble when the best man at a wedding disappears

(5,975)

[Richard Osman: 'Cosy crime is a reductive term for what I do'](#)

**9. My Husband's Wife by Alice Feeney (Pan £9.99)**

An artist returns home to find an eerily similar woman claiming her life as her own

(5,815)

**10. So, I Met This Guy... by Alexandra Potter (Pan £9.99)**

A woman teams up with a reporter after a man steals her life savings (5,555)

## Children's

**1. Sunrise of the Reaping by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic £9.99)**

The fifth novel and second prequel in the bestselling *Hunger Games* series (10,225)

**2. Sticker Dolly Dressing K-POP by Lesley Sims and Sandrine Lamour (Usborne £7.99)**

Follow aspiring K-pop stars as they record a single, meet fans and shop for outfits

(5,205)

**3. Bunny vs Monkey: Intergalactic Monkey Business by Jamie Smart (DFB Phoenix £9.99)**

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**4. Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2 by Jeff Kinney (Puffin £14.99)**

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**5. Lottie Brooks vs The Ultra Mean Girls by Katie Kirby (Puffin £8.99)**

Lottie battles mean girls, increased chores and embarrassing pets (4,225)

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