

# High Fidelity Nick Hornby

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Villages Dec 30 2019 In this wry novel of sentimental education and sexual pursuit, we follow Owen Mackenzie, a representative man of the author's generation, from cradle to grave, and from bed to bed. His life and relationships are shaped by three villages, warm-lit communities that keep the darkness at bay from within and without. In Willow, Pennsylvania, the young Owen is transfixed by his first glimpses of female beauty. In Middle Falls, Connecticut, he marries, becomes a first-wave computer programmer, and discovers the very grownup pleasures of serial adultery. Finally, married for a second time, he retires with his memories, illusions, and fantasies to the somewhat geriatric community of Haskells Crossing, Massachusetts. John Updike turns Owen's personal odyssey into a radiant, sensual fable of the seasons of a man's life—and of the getting of wisdom in America. More Baths Less Talking Jul 05 2020 "Read what you enjoy, not what bores you," Nick Hornby tells us. That simple, liberating, and indispensable directive animates each installment of the celebrated critic and author's monthly column in the Believer. In this delightful

and never-musty tour of his reading life, Hornby tells us not just what to read, but how to read. Whether tackling a dismayingly bulky biography of Dickens while his children destroy something in the next room, or getting sucked into a serious assessment of Celine Dion during an intensely fought soccer match featuring his beloved Arsenal, or devouring an entire series of children's books while on vacation, Hornby's reviews are rich, witty, and occasionally madcap. These essays capture the joy and ire, the despair and exhilaration of the book-lover's life, and will appeal equally to both monocle-wearing salonnières and people, like him, who spend a lot of time thinking about Miley Cyrus's next role. **High Fidelity** Apr 13 2021 Der Kultroman von Nick Hornby Der 35-jährige Robert Fleming ist Besitzer eines mehr schlecht als recht laufenden Plattenladens und soeben von seiner beruflich erfolgreichen Freundin Laura wegen seiner Antriebs- und Orientierungslosigkeit verlassen worden - weil er sich weigert, erwachsen zu werden. Rob hat grundsätzlich Probleme mit Veränderungen, in seinem Geschäft werden ausschließlich Schallplatten aus Vinyl verkauft, neumodische CDs kommen nicht infrage. In

seinem Leben dreht sich alles um Popmusik. Wer nicht mindestens 500 Schallplatten besitzt, dem verweigert er jeglichen Respekt. Nach Lauras Auszug sucht er erst einmal Trost darin, seine Plattensammlung neu zu sortieren, und zwar nicht chronologisch, nicht alphabetisch, sondern autobiografisch. Rob unternimmt den Versuch, sein Leben zu bilanzieren, und geht der Frage nach, warum seine Beziehungen immer scheitern. Um die Frage zu beantworten, versucht er die fünf Frauen, die ihm am meisten Liebeskummer zugefügt haben, ausfindig zu machen und zu treffen. Immer wieder versucht er sich einzureden, dass Liebeskummer in seinem Alter nicht mehr wirklich bedeutend sei, sondern nur lästig wie ein Schnupfen oder Geldmangel, und dass das Singleleben durchaus viele Vorzüge biete. Doch auch das Herumhängen mit seinen Angestellten Dick und Barry im Plattenladen, zwei Geschmacksfundamentalisten, die er allerdings mehr als tragische Gestalten und weniger als wirkliche Freunde begreift, und eine Affäre mit einer Sängerin füllen ihn nicht aus. Als er reflektiert, dass seine Exfreundin Laura mit ihrer Kritik nicht immer ganz falsch lag und sich Schallplatten und Frauen nicht ausschließen, hat er nur noch eins im Sinn: sie wieder zurückzugewinnen. Nick Hornbys literarische Bearbeitung der eigenartigen Beziehung von Männern zu Schallplatten wurde rasch zum Erfolgsroman und war monatelang auf den Bestsellerlisten. Die Verfilmung des Romans im Jahre 1999 durch Stephen Frears trug darüber hinaus zur Popularität von *High Fidelity* bei.

*Not a Star and Otherwise Pandemonium* Mar 13 2021 In these two stories from bestselling author Nick Hornby revelations are at hand. In "Not a Star", Lynn has always thought her son, Mark, was a little, well, unremarkable. Until the day a neighbor drops off a porn video at her house, with a note telling her to watch it. Turns out, Mark is rather remarkable in one specific area of his life (and anatomy). Lynn and her husband, Dave, don't quite know what to think. The revelation of their son's talent ripples through Lynn's life as she alternately encounters humor, horror, and unexpected emotional reactions. What do you do in the face of impending doom? In "Otherwise, Pandemonium," you lose your virginity with the hottest girl in the

Little Berkeley Big Band... Here, the world is a different place; the future is uncertain; the choices one makes are the only thing standing between a semblance of order or utter chaos. And the TV's been acting funny. This is a story that makes you think and feel, and reminds us of the fleeting nature of time.

**About a Boy** Dec 22 2021 Nick Hornby's second bestselling novel is about sex, manliness and fatherhood. Will is thirty-six, comfortable and child-free. And he's discovered a brilliant new way of meeting women - through single-parent groups. Marcus is twelve and a little bitnerdish: he's got the kind of mother who made him listen to Joni Mitchell rather than Nirvana. Perhaps they can help each other out a little bit, and both can start to act their age.

*Nick Hornby's High Fidelity* Mar 25 2022 This is part of a new series of guides to contemporary novels. The aim of the series is to give readers accessible and informative introductions to some of the most popular, most acclaimed and most influential novels of recent years - from 'The Remains of the Day' to 'White Teeth'. A team of contemporary fiction scholars from both sides of the Atlantic has been assembled to provide a thorough and readable analysis of each of the novels in question.

*Dickens and Prince* Feb 21 2022 In Nick Hornby's completely joyous and original new book two great figures share the stage. Charles Dickens and Prince. Two wildly different artists who caught fire and lit up the world in ways no others could. Where did their magic come from? How did they work so hard and produce so much? How did they manage or give in to the restlessness and intensity of their creativity? How did they use it, and did it kill them? With wit, curiosity and deep admiration Nick Hornby traces their extraordinary lives - from their difficult beginnings to the women they fell for to their limitless energy for work, to their money and the movies - and brilliantly illuminates their very particular kind of genius. 'I love this. It's smart and funny and elegantly persuasive' Robert Douglas-Fairhurst, author of *Becoming Dickens*

*The Glamshack* Oct 20 2021 A lyrical and bold debut from Iowa Writers' Workshop and Pushcart Press Editor's Book Award nominee Paul Cohen.

Slam Jul 17 2021 At the age of fifteen, Sam Jones's girlfriend Alicia gets pregnant and Sam's life of skateboarding and daydreaming about Tony Hawk changes drastically, so Sam turns to Hawk's autobiography for answers.

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**The Road to Wellville** Feb 09 2021 Will Lightbody is a man with a stomach ailment whose only sin is loving his wife, Eleanor, too much. Eleanor is a health nut of the first stripe, and when in 1907 she journeys to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's infamous Battle Creek Spa to live out the vegetarian ethos, poor Will goes too. So begins T. Coraghessan Boyle's wickedly comic look at turn-of-the-century fanatics in search of the magic pill to prolong their lives--or the profit to be had from manufacturing it. Brimming with a Dickensian cast of characters and laced with wildly wonderful plot twists, Jane Smiley in the *New York Times* Book Review called *The Road to Wellville* "A marvel, enjoyable from beginning to end."

**A Long Way Down** Apr 01 2020 A wise, affecting novel from the beloved, award-winning author of *Dickens* and *Prince*, *High Fidelity*, and *About A Boy*. *New York Times*-bestselling author Nick Hornby mines the hearts and psyches of four lost souls who connect just when they've reached the end of the line. *A Long Way Down* is now a major motion picture from Magnolia Pictures starring Pierce Brosnan, Toni Collette, Aaron Paul, and Imogen Poots. Meet Martin, JJ, Jess, and Maureen. Four people who come together on New Year's Eve: a former TV talk show host, a musician, a teenage girl, and a mother. Three are British, one is American. They encounter one another on the roof of Topper's House, a London destination famous as the last stop for those ready to end their lives. In four distinct and riveting first-person voices, Nick Hornby tells a story of four individuals confronting the limits of choice, circumstance, and their own mortality. This is a tale of connections made and missed, punishing regrets, and the grace of second chances. Intense, hilarious, provocative, and moving, *A Long Way Down* is a novel about suicide that is, surprisingly, full of life.

**Love Is a Mix Tape** Mar 01 2020 "The happiest, saddest, sweetest book about rock 'n' roll that I've ever experienced."—Chuck Klosterman *Mix*

*tapes*: We all have our favorites. Stick one into a deck, press play, and you're instantly transported to another time in your life. For Rob Sheffield, that time was one of miraculous love and unbearable grief. A time that spanned seven years, it started when he met the girl of his dreams, and ended when he watched her die in his arms. Using the listings of fifteen of his favorite mix tapes, Rob shows that the power of music to build a bridge between people is stronger than death. You'll read these words, perhaps surprisingly, with joy in your heart and a song in your head—the one that comes to mind when you think of the love of your life. Praise for *Love is a Mixtape* "A memoir that manages, no small feat, to be funny and beautifully forlorn at the same time."—*The New York Times* Book Review "Humorous, heartbreaking, and heroic."—*Entertainment Weekly* "The finest lines ever written about rock 'n' roll . . . Like that song on the radio, every word of Rob's book is true. *Love is a mix tape*."—*Rolling Stone* "Many of us use pop culture as a mirror of our emotional lives, but Sheffield happily walks right through the looking glass."—*Los Angeles Times* "Sheffield writes with such aching remembering, you feel like you are invading his privacy . . . and it's the truth of those details that make this memoir so touching."—*Newsweek*

**A Piece of My Heart** Jun 23 2019 Robard Hewes has driven across the country in search of a woman named Buena who, twelve years ago, infused him with a feeling that has now turned into obsession. Sam Newel has travelled from Chicago seeking the missing piece of himself. They both find themselves on an uncharted hunting island in the Mississippi owned by an old man named Lamb. When these men converge on this strange land, each discovers the thing he's looking for yet triggers a conflagration of inevitable violence in this tense and brutal yet moving tale.

Good People Nov 28 2019 THE STORY: Welcome to Southie, a Boston neighborhood where a night on the town means a few rounds of bingo, where this month's paycheck covers last month's bills, and where Margie Walsh has just been let go from yet another job. Facing eviction and

**Family and Friends** Jan 29 2020 In an ambitious departure from her usual form, Anita Brookner expands her canvas in *Family and*

Friends to create a richly textured novel about the life of a wealthy Jewish family in London, focusing on the generation that came to maturity between the two World Wars. Presiding over the Dorn household is the formidable Sofka, an elegant and circumspect widow who watches as her four children find their way into adulthood. Frederick, the sybaritic eldest son, escapes to the comforts of the Riviera while stern, dutiful Alfred runs the family business and burns with unrealized longings; Betty—pleasure-loving, vain, and selfish—makes her ambitious way from Paris to Hollywood, leaving her dreamy, passive sister Mimi to languish at home. A brilliant social novel of lost innocence and the complex nature of family bonds, *Family and Friends* meticulously portrays the emotional cost of everyday life.

**The Music Shop** May 03 2020 "An unforgettable story of music, loss and hope. Fans of *High Fidelity*, meet your next quirky love story."—People NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE TIMES (UK) AND THE WASHINGTON POST It is 1988. On a dead-end street in a run-down suburb there is a music shop that stands small and brightly lit, jam-packed with records of every kind. Like a beacon, the shop attracts the lonely, the sleepless, and the adrift; Frank, the shop's owner, has a way of connecting his customers with just the piece of music they need. Then, one day, into his shop comes a beautiful young woman, Ilse Brauchmann, who asks Frank to teach her about music. Terrified of real closeness, Frank feels compelled to turn and run, yet he is drawn to this strangely still, mysterious woman with eyes as black as vinyl. But Ilse is not what she seems, and Frank has old wounds that threaten to reopen, as well as a past it seems he will never leave behind. Can a man who is so in tune with other people's needs be so incapable of connecting with the one person who might save him? The journey that these two quirky, wonderful characters make in order to overcome their emotional baggage speaks to the healing power of music—and love—in this poignant, ultimately joyful work of fiction. Praise for *The Music Shop* "Captures the sheer, transformative joy of romance."—The Washington Post "Love, friendship, and especially the healing powers of music all rise

together into a triumphant crescendo. . . . This lovely novel is as satisfying and enlightening as the music that suffuses its every page."—The Boston Globe "Magnificent . . . If you love words, if you love music, if you love love, this [novel] will be without question one of the year's best."—BookPage (Top Pick in Fiction) "Joyce has a knack for quickly sketching characters in a way that makes them stick. [*The Music Shop*] will surprise you."—Minneapolis Star Tribune "Rachel Joyce has established a reputation for novels that celebrate the dignity and courage of ordinary people and the resilience of the human spirit. . . . But what really elevates *The Music Shop* is Joyce's detailed knowledge of—and passion for—music."—The Guardian

**Just Like You** Aug 30 2022 "[A] charming, funny, touching, and relevant comedy." —The Boston Globe "A provocative yet sweet romantic comedy." —People, Best of Fall 2020 From the beloved author of *Dickens* and *Prince*, *About A Boy*, and *High Fidelity*, this warm, wise, highly entertaining twenty-first century love story is about what happens when the person who makes you happiest is someone you never expected Lucy used to handle her adult romantic life according to the script she'd been handed. She met a guy just like herself: same age, same background, same hopes and dreams; they got married and started a family. Too bad he made her miserable. Now, two decades later, she's a nearly divorced, forty-one-year-old schoolteacher with two school-aged sons, and there is no script anymore. So when she meets Joseph, she isn't exactly looking for love—she's more in the market for a babysitter. Joseph is twenty-two, living at home with his mother, and working several jobs, including the butcher counter where he and Lucy meet. It's not a match anyone one could have predicted. He's of a different class, a different culture, and a different generation. But sometimes it turns out that the person who can make you happiest is the one you least expect, though it can take some maneuvering to see it through. *Just Like You* is a brilliantly observed, tender, but also brutally funny new novel that gets to the heart of what it means to fall surprisingly and headlong in love with the best possible person—someone you didn't see coming.

**Ten Years in the Tub** Nov 20 2021 "How often

do you begin reading a book that makes you—immediately, urgently, desperately—want to read more books?” (Booklist). Nick Hornby has managed to write just such a book in this hilarious, insightful, and infectious volume. Ten Years in the Tub chronicles Hornby's journey through a decade's worth of books, as related in his wildly popular Believer column “Stuff I've Been Reading.” Ten Years in the Tub is a one-way ticket into the mind of one of the most beloved contemporary writers on his favorite pastime, but it's also a meditation on what Celine Dion can teach us about ourselves, a warning about how John Updike can ruin our sex lives, and a recommendation for the way Body Shop Vanilla Shower Gel can add excitement to our days. This “decade-long addiction for many... makes standing in line at the bank a blessed interval for snorting another page.” (the New York Times Book Review)

**No Plot? No Problem!** Oct 08 2020 Chris Baty, motivator extraordinaire and instigator of a wildly successful writing revolution, spells out the secrets of writing—and finishing—a novel. Every fall, thousands of people sign up for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), which Baty founded, determined to (a) write that novel or (b) finish that novel in—kid you not—30 days. Now Baty puts pen to paper himself to share the secrets of success. With week-specific overviews, pep “talks,” and essential survival tips for today's word warriors, this results-oriented, quick-fix strategy is perfect for people who want to nurture their inner artist and then hit print! Anecdotes and success stories from NaNoWriMo winners will inspire writers from the heralding you-can-do-it trumpet blasts of day one to the champagne toasts of day thirty. Whether it's a resource for those taking part in the official NaNo WriMo event, or a stand-alone handbook for writing to come, No Plot? No Problem! is the ultimate guide for would-be writers (or those with writer's block) to cultivate their creative selves.

Triple Platinum Aug 18 2021 FEVER PITCH, winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award, stands as the definitive statement on the obsessive nature of football fandom. It's triumph is that, without glossing over its large-scale stupidities and discomforts, he makes terrace life seem not just plausible but

sometimes near-heroic in its single minded vehemence, its heart shaking highs and lows. Independent on Sunday HIGH FIDELITY hilariously and movingly explains men to women and to themselves. It is rare that a book so hilarious is also so sharp about sex and manliness, memory and music. Many men and, certainly, all addictive personalities will find in these pages shadows of themselves. And most of us will hear, in Hornby's acoustic prose, the obsessive chords of the past that more often lock up than liberate our hearts. New Yorker ABOUT A BOY explores the connections people make when the so-called ideal family model does not apply. An almost perfect book, hugely entertaining and on the side of the angels . . . About a Boy is laughter in the dark. The Times **Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl** Aug 25 2019 From the guitarist of the pioneering band Sleater-Kinney, the book Kim Gordon says “everyone has been waiting for” and a New York Times Notable Book of 2015-- a candid, funny, and deeply personal look at making a life--and finding yourself--in music. Before Carrie Brownstein became a music icon, she was a young girl growing up in the Pacific Northwest just as it was becoming the setting for one the most important movements in rock history. Seeking a sense of home and identity, she would discover both while moving from spectator to creator in experiencing the power and mystery of a live performance. With Sleater-Kinney, Brownstein and her bandmates rose to prominence in the burgeoning underground feminist punk-rock movement that would define music and pop culture in the 1990s. They would be cited as “America's best rock band” by legendary music critic Greil Marcus for their defiant, exuberant brand of punk that resisted labels and limitations, and redefined notions of gender in rock. HUNGER MAKES ME A MODERN GIRL is an intimate and revealing narrative of her escape from a turbulent family life into a world where music was the means toward self-invention, community, and rescue. Along the way, Brownstein chronicles the excitement and contradictions within the era's flourishing and fiercely independent music subculture, including experiences that sowed the seeds for the observational satire of the popular television series Portlandia years later. With

deft, lucid prose Brownstein proves herself as formidable on the page as on the stage. Accessibly raw, honest and heartfelt, this book captures the experience of being a young woman, a born performer and an outsider, and ultimately finding one's true calling through hard work, courage and the intoxicating power of rock and roll.

**The Dream of Scipio** Sep 06 2020 Three narratives, set in the fifth, fourteenth, and twentieth centuries, all revolving around an ancient text and each with a love story at its centre, are the elements of this brilliantly ingenious novel, a follow-up to the international bestseller *An Instance of the Fingerpost*. Now Ian Pears returns with a greatly anticipated novel, so expertly imagined and perfectly constructed the author himself describes it as "a complexity." The centuries are the 5th (the final days of the Roman Empire); the 14th (the years of the Plague — the Black Death); and the 20th (World War II). The setting for each is the same — Provence — and each has at its heart a love story. The narratives intertwine seamlessly, and what joins them thematically is an ancient text — "The Dream of Scipio" — a work of neo-Platonism that poses timeless philosophical questions. What is the obligation of the individual in a society under siege? What is the role of learning when civilization itself is threatened, whether by acts of man or nature? Does virtue lie more in engagement or in neutrality? "Power without wisdom is tyranny; wisdom without power is pointless," warns one of Pears's characters. *The Dream of Scipio* is a bona fide novel of ideas, a dazzling feat of storytelling, fiction for our times.

**High Fidelity (TV Tie-in)** Nov 01 2022 A wise and hilarious novel about love, heartbreak, and rock and roll from the bestselling author of *About a Boy* and *Dickens and Prince* Now a Hulu series starring Zoë Kravitz! "I've always loved Nick Hornby, and the way he writes characters and the way he thinks. It's funny and heartbreaking all at the same time."—Zoë Kravitz Rob is a pop music junkie who runs his own semi-failing record store. His girlfriend, Laura, has just left him for the guy upstairs, and Rob is both miserable and relieved. After all, could he have spent his life with someone who has a bad record collection? Rob seeks refuge in the

company of the offbeat clerks at his store, who endlessly review their top five films; top five Elvis Costello songs; top five episodes of *Cheers*. Rob tries dating a singer, but maybe it's just that he's always wanted to sleep with someone who has a record contract. Then he sees Laura again. And Rob begins to think that life with kids, marriage, barbecues, and soft rock CDs might not be so bad.

**Juliet, Naked** May 15 2021 Annie and Duncan are a mid-thirties couple who have reached a fork in the road, realising their shared interest in the reclusive musician Tucker Crowe (in Duncan's case, an obsession rather than an interest) is not enough to hold them together any more. When Annie hates Tucker's 'new release', a terrible demo of his most famous album, it's the last straw - Duncan cheats on her and she promptly throws him out. Via an internet discussion forum, Annie's harsh opinion reaches Tucker himself, who couldn't agree more. He and Annie start an unlikely correspondence which teaches them both something about moving on from years of wasted time. Nick Hornby's compelling new novel, four years after *A Long Way Down*, is about the nature of creativity and obsession, and how two lonely people can gradually find each other.

**A Long Way Down** Apr 25 2022 "One New Year's Eve, four people with very different reasons but a common purpose find their way to the top of a fifteen-story building in London. None of them has calculated that, on a date humans favor for acts of significance, in a place known as a local suicide-jumpers' favorite, they might encounter company. *A Long Way Down* is the story of what happens next, and of what doesn't." —The New York Times Book Review A wise, affecting novel from the beloved, award-winning author of *Dickens and Prince*, *Funny Girl* and *High Fidelity* Nick Hornby mines the hearts and psyches of four lost souls who connect just when they've reached the end of the line. In four distinct and riveting first-person voices, Hornby tells a story of four individuals confronting the limits of choice, circumstance, and their own mortality. This is a tale of connections made and missed, punishing regrets, and the grace of second chances.

**Come Join Our Disease** Jul 25 2019 Why be

healthy when the world is so sick? From the author of *Perfidious Albion*, a darkly comic and profoundly affecting novel about resistance, radicalism and redemption. 'Bold, unflinching. exceptional.' Observer 'Unforgettable...' Times Literary Supplement 'Outstanding...' Irish Times 'Enthralling. a blistering critique of 21st century life.' Financial Times 'Byers's mastery of tone and attentiveness to every psychological shift confirms him as one of the most accomplished novelists of his generation.' Sunday Times

**Whisky Charlie Foxtrot** Aug 06 2020 Whisky and Charlie are identical twins, but everything about them is polar opposite. Their relationship reaches a point where Charlie can't even bear to talk to his brother anymore, until a freak accident steals Whisky from his family. Filled with suspense and family drama, this novel follows Charlie as he copes with the fact he may never speak to his brother again.

**The Best A Man Can Get** Nov 08 2020 Michael Adams shares a flat with three other men in their late twenties. Days are spent lying in bed, playing computer games and occasionally doing a bit of work. And then, when he feels like it, he crosses the river and goes back to his unsuspecting wife and children. For Michael is living a double life - he escapes from the exhausting misery of babies by telling his wife he has to work through the night or travel up north. And while she is valiantly coping on her own, he is just a few miles away in a secret flat, doing all the things that most men with small children can only dream about. He thinks he can have it all, until is deception is inevitably exposed... The Best a Man Can Get is written with the hilarious eye for detail that sent John O'Farrell's first book, *Things Can Only Get Better*, to the top of the bestseller lists. It is a darkly comic confessional that is at once compelling, revealing and very, very funny.

*Authorship in Film Adaptation* Sep 18 2021 Authoring a film adaptation of a literary source not only requires a media conversion but also a transformation as a result of the differing dramatic demands of cinema. The most critical central step in this transformation of a literary source to the screen is the writing of the screenplay. The screenplay usually serves to recruit producers, director, and actors; to attract capital investment; and to give focus to the

conception and production of the film project. Often undergoing multiple revisions prior to production, the screenplay represents the crucial decisions of writer and director that will determine how and to what end the film will imitate or depart from its original source. Authorship in Film Adaptation is an accessible, provocative text that opens up new areas of discussion on the central process of adaptation surrounding the screenplay and screenwriter-director collaboration. In contrast to narrow binary comparisons of literary source text and film, the twelve essays in this collection also give attention to the underappreciated role of the screenplay and film pre-production that can signal the primary intention for a film. Divided into four parts, this collection looks first at the role of Hollywood's activist producers and major auteurs such as Hitchcock and Kubrick as they worked with screenwriters to formulate their audio-visual goals. The second part offers case studies of *Devil in a Blue Dress* and *The Sweet Hereafter*, for which the directors wrote their own adapted screenplays. Considering the variety of writer-director working relationships that are possible, Part III focuses on adaptations that alter genre, time, and place, and Part IV investigates adaptations that alter stories of romance, sexuality, and ethnicity.

**Hangover Square** Sep 26 2019 The seventy-fifth anniversary edition, with a new introduction by Anthony Quinn. 'I recommend Hamilton at every opportunity, because he was such a wonderful writer and yet is rather under-read today. All his novels are terrific' Sarah Waters 'If you were looking to fly from Dickens to Martin Amis with just one overnight stop, then Hamilton is your man' Nick Hornby Patrick Hamilton's novels were the inspiration for Matthew Bourne's new dance theatre production, *The Midnight Bell*. London, 1939, and in the grimy publands of Earls Court, George Harvey Bone is pursuing a helpless infatuation. Netta is cool, contemptuous and hopelessly desirable to George. George is adrift in a drunken hell, except in his 'dead' moments, when something goes click in his head and he realises, without a doubt, that he must kill her. In the darkly comic *Hangover Square* Patrick Hamilton brilliantly evokes a seedy, fog-bound world of saloon bars, lodging houses and boozing philosophers,

immortalising the slang and conversational tone of a whole generation and capturing the premonitions of doom that pervaded London life in the months before the war.

*How to be Good* Jul 29 2022 How to be Good is Nick Hornby's hilarious bestselling novel on life, love and charity 'I am in a car park in Leeds when I tell my husband I don't want to be married to him any more. . . ' London GP Katie Carr always thought she was a good person. With her husband David making a living as 'The Angriest Man in Holloway', she figured she could put up with anything. Until, that is, David meets DJ Goodnews and becomes a good person too. A far-too-good person who starts committing crimes of charity like taking in the homeless and giving their kids' toys away. Suddenly Katie's feeling very bad about herself, and thinking that if charity begins at home, then maybe its time to move. . . This laugh-out-loud novel, from the bestselling author of *About a Boy* and *High Fidelity*, will have you gripped from start to finish and will appeal to fans of David Nicholls and Jonathan Coe, as well as readers in need of a moral compass everywhere. 'Pins you in your armchair ad won't let go . . . How to be Good? How to be bloody marvellous, more like' Mail on Sunday 'It does exactly what it says on the cover. Hornby's prose is artful and effortless, his spiky wit as razored as a number-two cut' Independent 'The writing is so funny, and the set-pieces so brilliant...Hornby's best book since *Fever Pitch*' Lynn Truss, *The Times*

**Not Famous** Oct 27 2019 For fans of Nick Hornby and Mike Gayle, a heartwarming and humorous tale of love, music, and the unexpected. Nick Forrester thought he would spend the rest of his life with his girlfriend, Lauren--until he proposed. Instead of engaged, he ends up humiliated and alone. Then he meets Alli Conwell, a socially awkward nineteen-year-old barista, and Nick has hope again. Alli is trying to make a name for herself as a singer/songwriter and might just be the next Taylor Swift. She's ambitious, talented, and determined to succeed on her own terms. But all is not what it seems. Alli has secrets about her life before moving to the city, and her innocence has left her unprepared for the temptations of Boston's indie music scene. As their relationship blossoms, so do the tensions created by the past

she's trying to hide and the heartbreak he's trying to forget. Is Alli "The One" or just "Another One" who will break his heart?

*Fever Pitch* Jun 27 2022 A famous account of growing up to be a fanatical football supporter. Told through a series of match reports, *FEVER PITCH* has enjoyed enormous critical and commercial success since it was first published in 1992. It has helped to create a new kind of sports writing, and established Hornby as one of the finest writers of his generation.

*Utopia Avenue* Jun 03 2020 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The long-awaited new novel from the bestselling, prize-winning author of *Cloud Atlas* and *The Bone Clocks*. New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice • "Mitchell's rich imaginative stews bubble with history and drama, and this time the flavor is a blend of Carnaby Street and Chateau Marmont."—*The Washington Post* "A sheer pleasure to read . . . Mitchell's prose is suppler and richer than ever . . . Making your way through this novel feels like riding a high-end convertible down Hollywood Boulevard."—*Slate* NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *The Washington Post* • *NPR* • *USA Today* • *The Guardian* • *The Independent* • *Kirkus Reviews* • *Men's Health* • *PopMatters* *Utopia Avenue* is the strangest British band you've never heard of. Emerging from London's psychedelic scene in 1967, and fronted by folk singer Elf Holloway, blues bassist Dean Moss and guitar virtuoso Jasper de Zoet, *Utopia Avenue* embarked on a meteoric journey from the seedy clubs of Soho, a TV debut on *Top of the Pops*, the cusp of chart success, glory in Amsterdam, prison in Rome, and a fateful American sojourn in the Chelsea Hotel, Laurel Canyon, and San Francisco during the autumn of '68. David Mitchell's kaleidoscopic novel tells the unexpurgated story of *Utopia Avenue's* turbulent life and times; of fame's Faustian pact and stardom's wobbly ladder; of the families we choose and the ones we don't; of voices in the head, and the truths and lies they whisper; of music, madness, and idealism. Can we really change the world, or does the world change us?

*Funny Girl* May 27 2022 A brilliant novel from the bestselling author of *High Fidelity*, *About a Boy*, and *A Long Way Down*. Set in 1960's London, *Funny Girl* is a lively account of the adventures of the intrepid young Sophie Straw

as she navigates her transformation from provincial ingénue to television starlet amid a constellation of delightful characters. Insightful and humorous, Nick Hornby's latest does what he does best: endears us to a cast of characters who are funny if flawed, and forces us to examine ourselves in the process.

State of the Union Jun 15 2021 A heartbreaking, funny, and honest look inside of a marriage falling apart and the lengths a couple would go to in order to fix it from the bestselling author of *About a Boy* and *High Fidelity* Now an Emmy award winning SundanceTV series starring Rosamund Pike and Chris O'Dowd Tom and Louise meet in a pub before their couple's therapy appointment. Married for years, they thought they had a stable home life--until a recent incident pushed them to the brink. Going to therapy seemed like the perfect solution. But over drinks before their appointment, they begin to wonder: what if marriage is like a computer? What if you take it apart to see what's in there, but then you're left with a million pieces? Unfolding in the minutes before their weekly therapy sessions, the ten-chapter conversation that ensues is witty and moving, forcing them to look at their marriage--and, for the first time in a long time, at each other.

*Invisibles* Jan 23 2022 *Invisibles* spans two cities by the sea and four decades of music, torture, and romance. From the streets of Brighton to the bars of Rio, Ed Siegle weaves the rhythms of Brazil and the troubles of his characters into an absorbing story of identity, love, and loss. Joel Burns has always believed his father is still alive. His mother Jackie has long been glad to know Gilberto is dead. When a sighting on a news report from Rio de Janeiro suggests Joel might be right, he travels to Brazil determined to find his long-lost father. Nelson, a down-and-out musician guided by the spirits of Jesus, Yemanjá,

and his late Aunt Zila, helps Joel retrace his childhood steps—and face up to the contrast between his rosy memories of Gilberto and his mother's accounts of the man's cruelty and the violent times following his arrest and imprisonment by the military authorities. At once familiar and foreign, this sweet, sad, and compulsively readable first novel throngs with visceral memory and unbreakable ordinary heroes.

**Songbook** Jan 11 2021 “All I have to say about these songs is that I love them, and want to sing along to them, and force other people to listen to them, and get cross when these other people don't like them as much as I do.” —Nick Hornby, from *Songbook* A wise and hilarious collection from the bestselling author of *Just Like You*, *Funny Girl*, *About a Boy*, and *High Fidelity*. Songs, songwriters, and why and how they get under our skin... *Songbook* is Nick Hornby's labor of love. A shrewd, funny, and completely unique collection of musings on pop music, why it's good, what makes us listen and love it, and the ways in which it attaches itself to our lives—all with the beat of a perfectly mastered mix tape.

Speaking with the Angel Dec 10 2020 A dozen of the most successful and popular writers today including: Helen Fielding, Robert Harris, Patrick Marber, Zadie Smith, John O'Farrell, Roddy Doyle, Melissa Bank and Irvine Welsh have written 6000-word fictional monologues along the lines of Alan Bennet's *Talking Heads*. And Colin Firth makes his début as a fiction writer. The result is a book of completely original stories that have heart, soul and wit. All the writers have given their work free, and Penguin is giving £1 per copy sold to the TreeHouse Trust, a charity which is setting up a unique school for autistic children