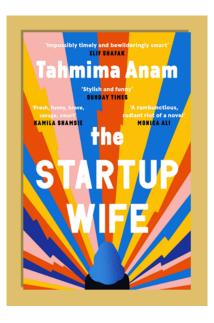


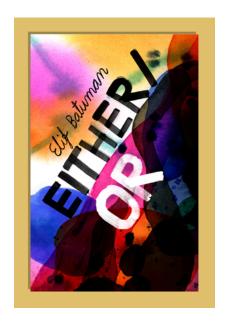


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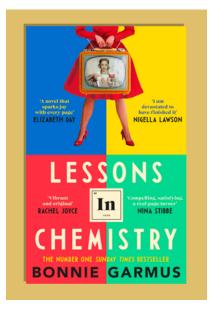




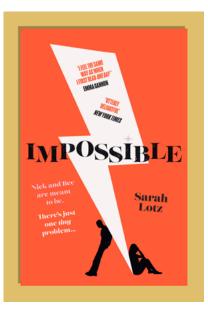


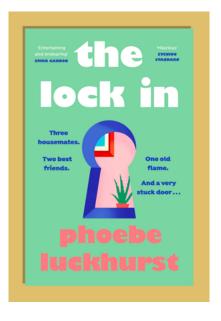


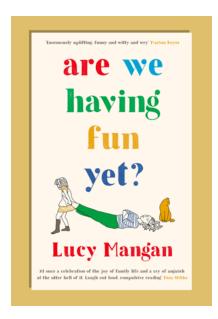




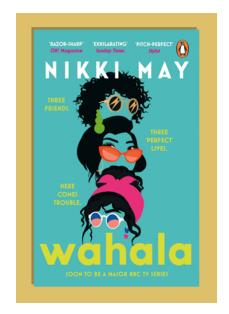


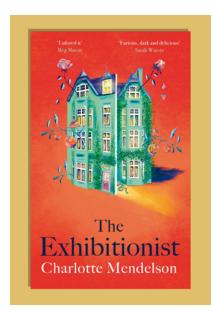


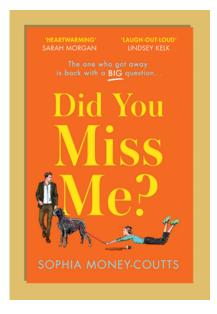


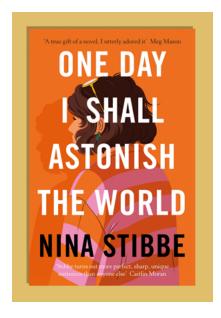






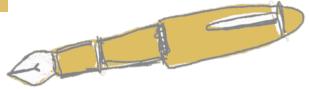








These 16 titles were selected from an abundance of witty, hilarious, diverse, and compelling submissions. Evidence that witty writing is stronger than ever. The selection felt impossible and yes, painful, especially as one person's humour is another person's pain! But the judges' dedication to the cause of witty writing and to providing a wideranging platform of comedic talent, was unwavering. From rom coms to queer fiction, YA to sci-fi, these gloriously unapologetic books take in science, millennials, parenting, self-sabotage, the bizarre and the weird, self-delusion, and friendship. These writers gave pleasure, laughter, recognition, surprise, connection, and so much more.... we salute them.



Unpublished Longlist

While He Looked at the Moon

Christina Carty

Of Goats and Ghosts

Fiona Cooper

Death and Her Life

Veronika Dapunt

From Me, To You

Alison Hitchcock

The Second Adolescence

Miranda Horn

Miss Merriman Regrets

Louise Jensen

Swiping At 60

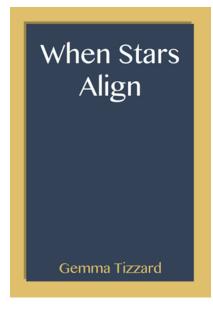
Niloufar Lamakan

Pull yourself together, Rachel James!

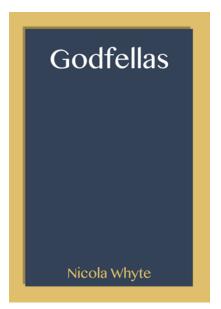
Eleanor Massey

Happy Above Us

Silvia Saunders

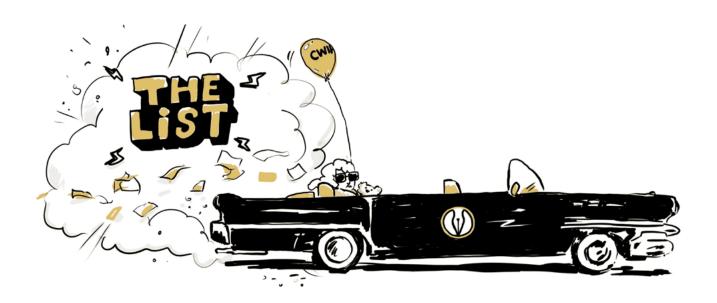






These 12 manuscripts were chosen by Harper Collins for their potential to be published. We thank the writers for trusting us with their manuscripts. The breadth, detail and pleasure in comedic storytelling shone through. All these manuscripts demonstrated a joy of witty storytelling and the fact that one, if not more, will soon be in print thanks to CWIP is very exciting. Martha Ashby is editorial director of commercial fiction at Harper Fiction.





Short Story Longlist

Go Your Own Way

Nothing Compared to You

Annemarie Cancienne

Shopping for England

Kim Clayden

Blue Skies

Maureen Cullen

Unbound

Jean Ende

Horsing Around

Jane English

Care Home Capers

Wendy Hood

Bride and Joy

Clair Humphries

The Lost Slipper

Judi James

Sharp Pains

Sadie Kaye

Scenarios to
Avoid for
Budding
Crime
Writers

Sorry, Delivery

Paula Lennon

Poets Rise Again

Josie Long

Hapless

Rita Malik

You Can't Get There From Here

Jacqueline Saville

Glue

Clare Shaw

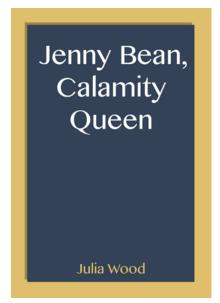
Ways with Mince

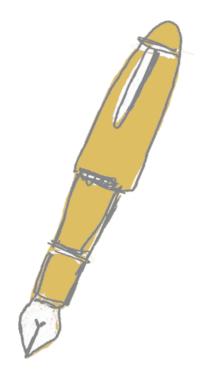
Kathryn Simmonds

The Murder at Taj Grand Hotel

Anupama Spencer







The longlist of 20 stories for this inaugural award were selected by the Farrago panel from a frankly mind-boggling number of submissions. They ranged across a multitude of genres and themes. Yet time and again we experienced the ability of a carefully crafted short story to disarm, tickle, entertain, or simply reduce us to helpless piles of laughter... We wish to extend a thank you to everyone who submitted, and for providing emphatic proof of the power of the short story form.

