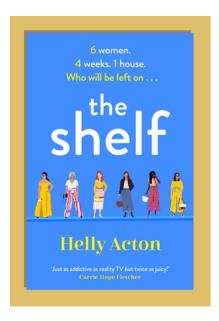
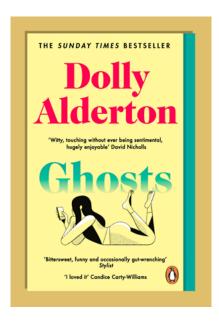


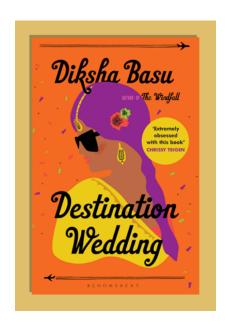


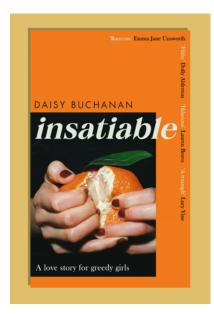
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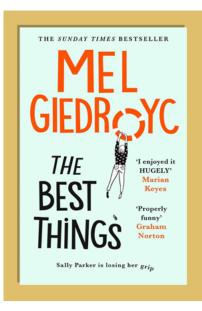


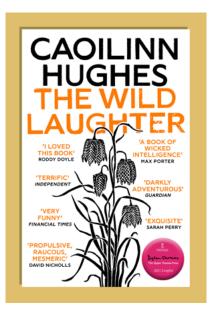


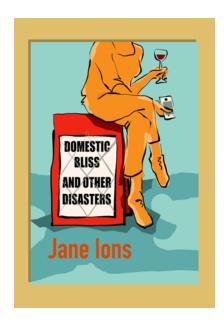


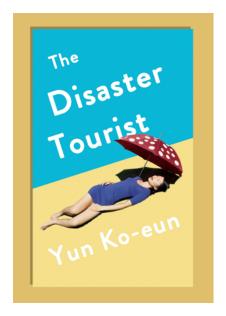


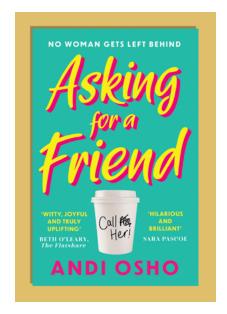


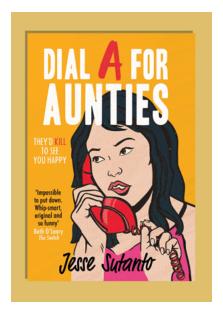


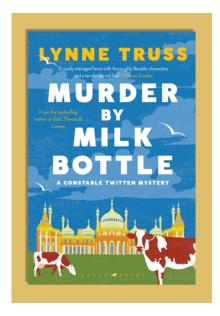












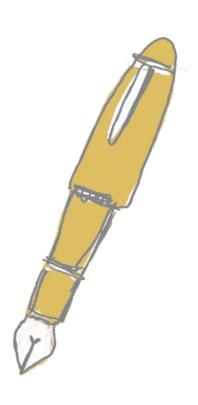


The 14 witty novels of 2021 chosen for the longlist, were selected from a huge number of submissions. We were treated to the comedic joys of domestic disharmony, satirical invention, parodied media delights, social convention gone up in smoke, as well as original irreverent truth-telling about friendship, hope, lust, and failure. Nothing was off limits. We were inspired.

An impossible task of selection one might think - but the judge's dedication to the cause of witty writing resulted in these witty titles!

All fourteen novels gifted a glorious sweep of subjects offering laugh out loud moments and recognition as well as the joy of comedic surprise and clever constructs.

This year's entries are as mind blowing in their differences as they are united in their wit and feistiness. We never needed wit on the page more and these authors were the cavalry.



Unpublished Longlist

The World is Your Lobster

The Lady Detective

The Lake House

Fools Rush In

Six Months to Find a Husband

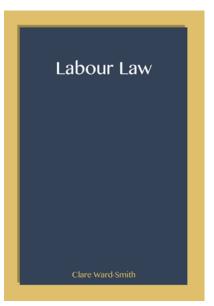
What Would Joan Jett Do?

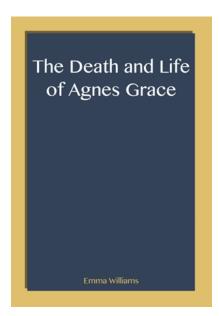
The **Purgatory Poisoning**

The NCT Murders

Life Lessons







The twelve manuscripts were chosen for their potential to become published by Harper Collins.

We thank the writers for trusting us with their manuscripts and for sharing their inner funny bone with us on the CWIP Blog.

The breadth and accuracy of comedic storytelling took our breath away. All these manuscripts positively sing with the funny.

Marsha Ashby is editorial Director of commercial fiction at Harper Fiction 'The longlist demonstrated we can find humour in almost any situation and across the generations: What united them all was a sense of fun, originality and a certain je ne sais quoi that proved irresistible to the panel'

