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FICTION

JIM CRACE
All That Follows

All That Follows is set in the meat belts of Texas and the suburbs of England. Unusually for Jim Crace, this is a novel of splendid optimism in which tender, unheroic qualities triumph over the more strident and aggressive responses of our age.

Picador to be published April 2010
Manuscript available
Rights sold: US (Doubleday) Canada (Doubleday)
Italy (Guanda), Spain (Aleph)

MIRZA WAHEED
The Valley of the Yellow Flowers

The Valley of Yellow Flower is the story of the erosion of a Kashmiri community as the young men enter Pakistan to train as militants. Mary Mount from Penguin UK says of the book “This is the heartbreaking and shocking story of what happens to a community, and a family, that must live through a conflict that is all too real. It is one of the most urgent pieces of fiction I have read.”

Viking to be published early 2011
Manuscript being revised at present

ARAVIND ADIGA
Last Man in the Tower

A novel set in a tower block in Mumbai. This is the first novel from Aravind Adiga since his Booker prize winning book *The White Tiger*.

Manuscript not yet available

HELON HABILA
The River

A gripping literary novel that deals with modern Nigeria in an exceptionally new and original way. The story is set in South Eastern Nigeria – in the oil producing Niger Delta Region. Corruption and corner-cutting by the oil companies have turned this once green and fecund land into an ecological nightmare. The story uses this complex and explosive milieu to address issues of the environment, survival, and humanity.

Hamish Hamilton to be published June 2010
Manuscript available

SARITA MANDANNA
Tiger Hills

Tiger Hills is an epic Indian novel that traces the story of a Coorg family in India from the 1870s to the Second World War. The book is set in the dramatic Coorg landscape of hills and coffee estates shrouded in mist, sparkling streams, grasshopper green valleys and clear, starlit nights. The story focuses on Devi, a Coorg girl, her family, and the men who mark the important milestones of her life.

Weidenfeld & Nicholson to be published May 2010

Manuscript available

US (Grand Central), Canada (Penguin)
Brazil (Record), Catalan (Grup 62), France (Flammarion), Holland (De Kern), Hungary
(Athenaeum), India (Penguin), Israel (Yediot), Italy (Piemme), Russia (AST), Spain
(Salamandra)

ALAN WARNER
Stars in the Bright Sky

The Stars in the Bright Sky is a novel about a holiday from hell. Six young women planning to go away together find themselves repeatedly thwarted by a series of unlikely events. The overbearing and dominant Manda manipulates, embarrasses, amuses and terrorises the group, whilst her friends wrestle with the complex web of their friendships: of loyalty, love, hate, and collective history.

Jonathan Cape to be published May 2010

Manuscript available

NON-FICTION

FATIMA BHUTTO

Songs of Blood and Stone

Through the story of the generations of the Bhutto family, Fatima tells nothing less than the whole tumultuous history of Pakistan. At times terrifying, at times moving, in this book Fatima will uncover four generations of Bhuttos to try to understand how the family became so tragically fractured and like so many political dynasties, how it became characterized by a potent mix of idealism, passion, corruption, wealth, power, glamour and assassination.

Jonathan Cape to be published Spring 2010

Manuscript available

France (Bouchet-Chastel)

JAMES MCCONNACHIE

Nightmares: A Journey into the Dark

An assured and brilliantly original book about nightmares. This will be an exploration through psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, art and fiction, of an intensely personal nature, scholarly but accessible, for the general reader not the academic. James's previous book was *The Book of Love: In Search of the Kamasutra* which was nominated for the 2008 Sunday Times Writer of the Year.

Proposal available

ADRIAN LEVY AND CATHY SCOTT CLARK

The Meadow

A true-life account of the Kashmiri hostage crisis in 1995, when six backpackers were captured and held to ransom for six months by a nationalistic Kashmiri jihadi group. Adrian and Cathy are award-winning journalists and this is the fourth book they have written together. The book is the culmination of an enormous amount of research, extensive travel, and wide-ranging interviews, supported by hours of security force intercepts from the period, which have never been heard before.

Proposal available

ABDELBASET ALI AL-MEGRAHI

Untitled autobiography

The story of the man wrongly committed for the Lockerbie bombing.

Synopsis in preparation

MARK GEVISSER

Inheritance

Inheritance is a book about the making of South Africa told through the story of Gevisser's family, immigrant Jews from Russia, Ireland and the Levant, as they became South Africans through the 20th Century. The book will trace from the darkest years of apartheid through to the triumphs and deceptions of transition to democracy following the release from jail of Nelson Mandela. From the vantage point of a gay man in a racially mixed marriage; a socially and politically engaged writer; a sometimes fearful and sometimes exhilarated resident of Johannesburg, Gevisser will try to make sense of his inheritance.

Atlantic to be published 2013

Proposal available

US (FSG)