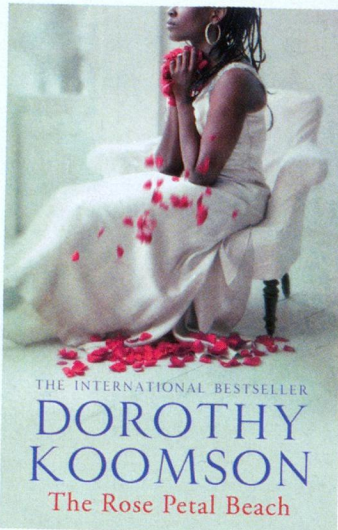


## Autumn reads

### THE ROSE PETAL BEACH, DOROTHY KOOMSON

Out September 6th

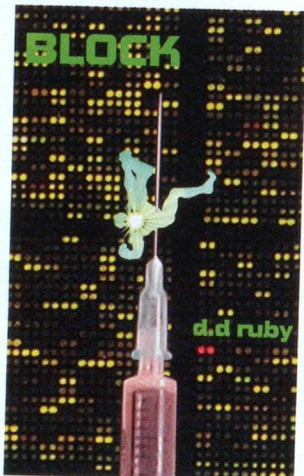
Happily married, Tami Challey has two children and a husband she adores. One evening, a knock at the door changes everything and threatens the stable family she once had. Horrified, she watches her husband, Scott, get arrested for a terrible crime – but how will Tami find out who his accuser is? Scared and confused, the life she built for herself implodes. She unearths one new revelation after another and as the hidden lives of those around her are exposed, Tami is forced to make a tough choice. This compelling thriller is filled with the complex emotions of when the lines between family and friends get blurred.



### BLOCK, D.D RUBY

Out now

D.D Ruby's first novel tells the stories of five unique characters, each on individual quests that are heavily influenced by politics, science and misfortune. Inspired by her own experience of living in appalling conditions in a neglected block of London flats, D.D Ruby's authentic storytelling in 'Block' is razor sharp. The theme of power and the damning consequences that its misuse can have on society are prominent throughout the narrative. Speaking about the book Ruby said: "I wanted to highlight the devastating effect that local council mismanagement, drug crime and a flawed legal system can have upon some of society's most vulnerable people." This has resulted in a part dystopian sci-fi, part crime offering that will engage with your thoughts whilst remaining a captivating read.



## New films/DVDs

### SPARKLE

Out October 5th, Nationwide



Back in 2001 it was decided that R&B songstress, Aaliyah, would play the lead role in Whitney Houston's 'Sparkle.' But after the singer's untimely death Houston shelved the project only deciding to proceed with its production several years later. 'Sparkle' marks her return to the big screen after her lead role in 1996's 'The Preacher's Wife.' The music icon, whose sudden death in February shook the entertainment industry, plays the role of Emma, the mother of lead character, Sparkle, played by American Idol winner Jordin Sparks. Speaking earlier this year about why she chose to appear in the film, Houston said: "I just felt that passion for it." With a promising cast that boasts the likes of Mike Epps, Derek Luke and Cee Lo Green, 'Sparkle' is a must-see that is set to light up cinema screens across the UK.

# What's NEWS

*The weather may be cooling down but we continue to deliver the heat with our guide to the hottest in entertainment.*

### CHINA MCCLAIN, A.N.T SEASON, DISNEY CHANNEL

Out Now on DVD

China McClain is the star of the Disney Channel's latest programme; A.N.T Farm Season 2. China plays Chyna Parks in the news series; a young student who is part of 'The A.N.T Farm' – an Advanced Natural Talents club for kids that are talented in acting and music. Although she isn't one of the popular girls in school, China says her character is 'very confident and happy about her life.'

China McClain grew up in a musical family; her mother is a singer, and her father is a music producer, so her acting and musical career seemed inevitable. Having been home-schooled since she was in the third grade, China has a lot of fun with the other members of the cast on set, and enjoys acting in a school environment.

Perfect for keeping the kids occupied during half-term.

