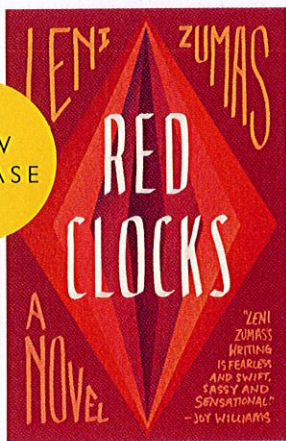


SHELF LIFE

THIS WEEK: Leni Zumas' book exists in an America where abortion is illegal – and we rediscover other books that tackle women's reproductive rights



Red Clocks

Leni Zumas

(£16.99, THE BOROUGH PRESS)

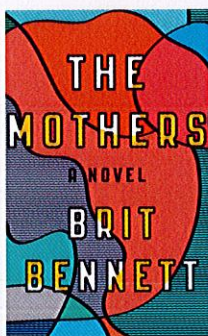
Timing is everything – and the release of *Red Clocks* couldn't be more apt. Set in a near-future USA, where abortion is now illegal, it centres around five women's stories and asks, 'What is a woman for?' Every embryo has been granted rights of life, liberty and property. IVF is banned, and unmarried women are about to be prohibited from adopting children. With both US and UK politicians openly discussing abortion rights and the Irish referendum on the horizon, the book doesn't feel like a dystopian piece, more a thought-provoking essay.

West Cork

Lauded as the new true crime podcast to get addicted to – but instead of being set in America, this one lies closer to home, in Ireland. It surrounds the **unsolved murder** of Sophie Toscan du Plantier, who was killed outside her holiday home in a small Irish town. You'll be gripped.



MORE NOVELS STIRRING UP ABORTION DEBATE

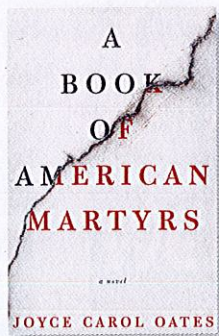


The Mothers

Brit Bennett

(£11.99, RIVERHEAD)

Mourning her mother's suicide, and about to leave high school, 17-year-old Nadia Turner starts a relationship with the local pastor's son. But the pregnancy that results from their teenage romance – and the cover-up around it – impacts on the rest of their lives.

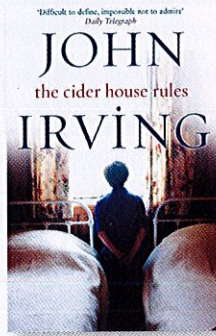


A Book Of American Martyrs

Joyce Carol Oates

(£9.99, HARPER COLLINS)

Over more than 700 pages, Oates weaves together the lives of two families – an evangelical preacher who assassinates an abortion provider, and the wife and children he leaves behind. The great US abortion debate – and how it tears people apart – is at the centre of the narrative.



The Cider House Rules

John Irving

(£9.99, TRANSWORLD PUBLISHERS)

Telling the story of Homer Wells and Dr Wilbur Larch – who runs the orphanage that takes young Homer into its care and later trains him as a doctor. But the revelation that Dr Larch also provides abortions drives a wedge between the two men.

You, Me And The Big C

You, Me And The Big C is the coolest club you never want to be a part of. The brand new podcast by BBC Radio 5 live **explores life with cancer** through the eyes of three 30-something women who are too busy living to worry about dying.

GrownUpLand

From the team behind The Guilty Feminist comes BBC Radio 4's GrownUpLand. Each week, comedians Mae Martin (below), Bisha K Ali and Ned Sedgwick consider **the adult world**, tackling topics such as tattoos, childhood ambitions, social etiquette and living arrangements, exploring what they can learn

from one another and what tidbits of advice they can pick up from across the Radio 4 schedule.

