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1THE MISSING

CLTAYLOR (AVON,£7.99)

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2 NOTWORKING

LISA OWENS (PICADOR, £12.99)

gh-out-loud hilarious e of a girl trying not to fail at life. ****



WHEN SHE WAS BAD

TAMMY COHEN

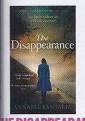
(BLACK SWAN, £6.99)
Brilliantly tense and geniously sharp thriller tin an office.



HE MISSING HOURS

EMMA KAVANAGH
(CENTURY, £16.99)
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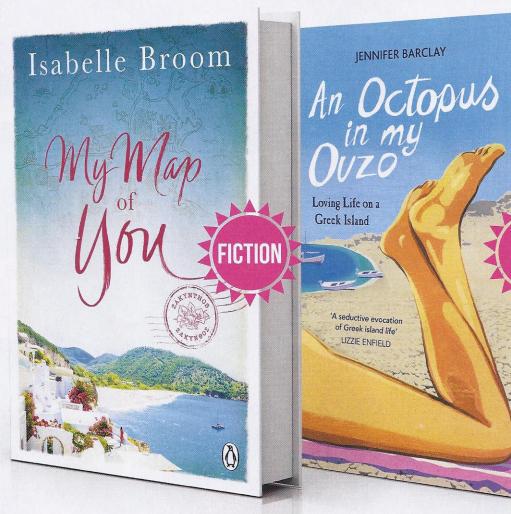
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(MIRA, £7.99) Achingly smart and

Achingly smart and ripping drama set on cruise ship. ***

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HEAD OFF ON HOLIDAY WITHOUT EVER LEAVING YOUR SOFA...

My Map Of You

Isabelle Broom (PENGUIN, £7.99)

Written by heat's own Books Editor, this is the story of Holly, who goes to the Greek island of Zakynthos after inheriting ahouse from an aunt she never knew existed. There, Holly starts to discover a lot about her past - and herself -as she travels around the island with a map drawn by her mother over 20 years ago. Helping her retrace her mum's footsteps is hot next-doorneighbour Aidan, which would be fine and dandy if a) Holly didn't fancy the pants off him, andb) she didn't already have a boyfriend at home.

Anyone who's been to Greece will recognise the cast of locals that Holly encounters, and the descriptions of Zakynthos will have you instantly looking for holidays there. Holly's not an entirely likeable character - in fact she's downright annoying at times - but that's just one of the reasons this book is more than a cut above the usual chick-lit offerings. With its flawed central character, beautifullywritten descriptions of Greece and spot-on depictions of everyday dilemmas, My Map Of You should be top of your holiday reading list. **** JULIE EMERY

An Octopus In My Ouzo Jennifer Barclay

(SUMMERSDALE, £8.99)

Two years ago, Jennifer Barclay wrote a book entitled Falling In The Honey Pot, which told the true story of how one rubbish relationship too many persuaded her to leave London behind and create a new life for herself on the tiny Greek island of Tilos. This follow-up charts the next stage of her adventure, and is every bit as vibrant, humorous, honest and fascinating as the original tale. If, like us, you're drawn to the rugged natural beauty of the

Greek islands and the unique charm of the folk living there, then this memoir will be a pure joy -we laughed out loud in delighted recognition many times. But, having said that, this book isn't simply a collection of amusing anecdotes involving rogue goats, it's also a touching love story-one that grows increasingly poignant as the author and her gentle Greek boyfriend begin to try for a baby. Proving that running off into the sunset is just the start of a happily ever after, this inspiring true story is an unforgettable gem. ★★★★ ISABELLEBROOM