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Illustrations	**N/A**
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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Book locale	**Spain**
Author born in	**USA**
Author living in	**USA**

Previous Titles

Novels
Damsel (2023)
The Hundred Loves of Juliet (2023)
One Year Ago in Spain (2024)

Crown's Game
1. The Crown's Game (2016)
2. The Crown's Fate (2017)

Circle of Shadows
1. Circle of Shadows (2019)
2. Cloak of Night (2019)

Princess Private Eye
1. Princess Private Eye (2023)
2. Princess Private Eye and the Missing Robo-Bird (2024)

1st Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
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Audio	**Headline Publishing Group**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Headline Publishing Group**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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One Year Ago in Spain
A gorgeously sweeping high concept love story from the author of The Hundred Loves of Juliet!

Evelyn Skye

Keynote

***One Year Ago in Spain* is a gorgeous, sweeping high concept love story with a speculative twist, for the fans of Ashley Poston, Rebecca Serle, and Sophie Cousens.**

Description

'Evelyn Skye has written an utterly romantic, infinitely lovely story about second chances, opposites complementing each other, and the power of love. Her writing is beautiful, uplifting, and full of heart-every romance reader will adore this novel!' **Ali Hazelwood, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

'A sumptuous love story full of what-ifs and second chances' J**ulie Soto, *USA Today* bestselling author**

'Effervescent and romantic, a novel that gives hope and credence to the concept of 'ever after' **Tif Marcelo, *USA Today* bestselling author**

'Sparkling with wit and humor, *One Year Ago in Spain* is the perfect combination of charm and depth. Skye draws you in and keeps you reading until the very last word' **Addie Woolridge**

'*One Year Ago in Spain* is a feast for the hopeless romantic. Evelyn Skye's beautiful storytelling reaches for your heart and captures your soul. Sweeping, smart, and utterly magical' **Dana Elmendorf**

A woman must woo her lover's soul back into his body to wake him from a coma-or risk losing him forever-in this moving novel from the author of *The Hundred Loves of Juliet*.

Claire Walker has always had her life in perfect order, including her high-powered job at one of Manhattan's top corporate law firms. Yet the one thing she cannot seem to find is a perfect love to complete it, until fate pushes Matías de León into her path. Matías is a Spanish artist who is everything that Claire is not: free-spirited and creative, chaos to her order. She falls for him, hard-and he for her.

A year later, however, Claire begins to question everything about their relationship. How can they possibly work long-term when they're so different? Might it be best to end it before they are both in too deep?

Then tragedy strikes while Matías is visiting family, leaving him gravely wounded in a Madrid hospital. And when Claire drops everything to race to his side, she finds she is the only one who can see and talk to Matías's soul, detached from his comatose body. But that soul has no memories of his year in New York, of her, or of their relationship. Claire soon realizes that in order to lure Matías back to his body, she will have to convince him to fall in love with her all over again. But can lightning strike twice? Can the same magic that brought them together once do so again?

Sales Points

- **ROMANTIC FICTION WITH A HIGH-CONCEPT HOOK:** This is wonderfully speculative high-concept love story in the vein of Sophie Cousens, Ashley Poston, and Josie Silver, dealing with deeply relatable themes of love, second chances, and how you know when someone's "the one".
- **AN AUTHOR WITH PROFILE:** Evelyn Skye is a No. 3 *New York Times* bestselling author of YA fantasy fiction. All four titles have ended up on numerous *Most Anticipated* and *Best of Year* lists. This is her adult fiction debut but sure to be crossover in her readership. She is collaborating with the team behind the upcoming Netflix film *Damsel*, starring and executive produced by Millie Bobby Brown and also starring Angela Bassett and Robin Wright
- **THE PERFECT FOLLOW UP TO *THE HUNDRED LOVES OF JULIET:*** *One Year Ago in Spain* combines everything readers loved from Evelyn's previous book - fate, heartbreak, a speculative twist, and a love that transcends reality.

Author Biography

Evelyn Skye is the *New York Times* bestselling author of eight novels, including *Damsel* (which will soon be a Netflix film starring Millie Bobby Brown, Robin Wright, and Angela Bassett) and *The Crown's Game*. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, and she lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and daughter. To find out more, visit **evelynskye.com**.



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BIC 2.1	**Second World War (HBWQ)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**London**
Author living in	**Kent**

Previous Titles
The Air Raid Book Club

1st Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
2nd Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
Audio	**Headline Publishing Group**
Dramatisation and documentary	**United Agents**
Electronic	**Headline Publishing Group**
Film and TV	**United Agents**
Large print	**Headline Publishing Group**
Podcast	**United Agents**
Translation	**United Agents**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Headline Publishing Group**
US	**HarperCollins US**

A Girls' Guide to Winning the War
The most heartwarming, uplifting novel of courage and friendship in WW2

Annie Lyons

Keynote

An emotional and uplifting novel set in WW2 London, of female friendship and the remarkable power of writing and community spirit to bring hope in dark times, from the *USA Today* bestselling author.

Description

'A heart-warming tale about resilience, friendships and family, and the inestimable power of the written word' RUTH HOGAN

'A heart-warming depiction of strong female friendships tested by suffering - Annie Lyons really is the queen of the wartime saga' CLARE CHAMBERS

<h3>Can two young women and one book change the course of war . . .?</h3>

1940. Whip-smart **librarian Peggy Sparks** is determined to make sure that her brother Joe returns from the frontline to their London home, which they share with their beloved mother and grandmother. So when she is offered a once-in-a-lifetime job at the heart of the war effort, Peggy jumps at the prospect of making a real contribution to her country.

But when she finds herself working under the fanciful **socialite Lady Marigold Cecily**, Peggy discovers that those around her are more keen on dancing at the Café de Paris than on ending the war. Writing accounts of her daily life is the only thing keeping Peggy's hopes alive. But when she finds her inner-most thoughts accidentally published by the Ministry of Information, Peggy realises she needs Marigold's help to save her job, and to bring her brother home . . .

From the author of *The Air Raid Book Club* comes a powerful tale of unexpected friendship, community and two remarkable women who change the course of the war. Full of heart, emotion and drama, it is the perfect uplifting story for fans of Kate Thompson and Natasha Lester.

'Annie Lyons writes with compassion and heart, leaving the reader feeling like there is always hope, even in the darkest times' KATE STOREY

'This book is a delight! A warm hug of a story with gorgeous characters who felt like friends... Loved it! KERRY BARRETT

WHAT EARLY READERS ARE ALREADY SAYING ABOUT *A GIRLS' GUIDE TO WINNING THE WAR*:

'I loved every page of it... I found myself just wanting to get back to read it. I love, love, loved it' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ Real reader review

'Annie Lyons writes amazing historical fiction... So many emotions, fabulous writing and a thoroughly enjoyable read!' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ Real reader review

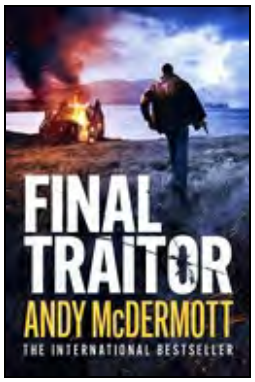
'My favourite thing about her books is the way a tight community is formed throughout the story, and they always include strong female characters both young and old. Did I mention there are libraries?' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ Real reader review

Sales Points

- **International rights to *The Air Raid Book Club* snapped up worldwide at auction:** US rights - William Morrow, HarperCollins; Portugal - Bertrand; Germany - Rowohlt (at auction); Italy - Garzanti (pre-empt); Holland - Xander (pre-empt); Finland - Aula (pre-empt); Spain - Planeta Mexico (at auction); Brazil - Rocco (at auction)
- **For fans of THE LITTLE WARTIME LIBRARY by Kate Thompson**, THE PARIS LIBRARY by Janet Skeslien Charles and THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, in times like these this story offers hope and demonstrates how a small community can give shelter and warmth in dark times.
- **THE BRILLIANT LIFE OF EUDORA HONEYSETT** by Annie Lyons was a *USA Today* bestseller and #1 on Audible and #5 on Kindle.com (UK title was EUDORA HONEYSETT IS QUITE WELL, THANK YOU)

Reviews

- '**Praise for *The Air Raid Book Club***' - :



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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Alex Reeve**
Exclusively for Sale	**Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**UK and Europe**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**Bournemouth, UK**
1st Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
2nd Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Final Traitor

Andy McDermott

Keynote

An explosive, action-packed thriller about a deadly government assassin framed as a traitor - perfect for fans of Lee Child, Gregg Hurwitz, Vince Flynn and **James Swallow**.

Description

'A writer of almost cinematic talent' DAILY EXPRESS

EVERY OPERATIVE KNOWS THE RULES.
The mission comes first. You are a deniable asset. Betrayal is punished by death.

Alex Reeve - OPERATIVE 66 - is a former special-ops soldier and one of the UK's most deadly weapons. Once a member of SC9, a covert assassination unit, Reeve was framed for treason and now works as a mercenary - while the cold-blooded killers he trained with continue their ruthless pursuit.

To be reunited with the woman he loves, Reeve must bring down SC9 - but only a lone British politician can help expose them. As SC9's Operatives close their lethal net, Reeve and those he has to protect are plunged into terrible danger.

Reeve must rely on his instincts and expert training to have any chance of survival. But if there's one man that can never be underestimated . . . it is Operative 66.

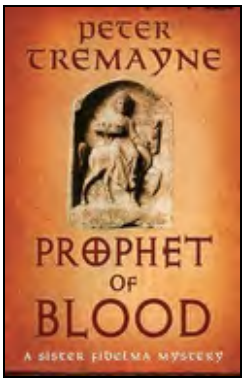
Sales Points

- **AN INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR** Andy McDermott's books have sold over three million copies worldwide and been translated into twenty languages.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF ACTION-PACKED, BRAND AUTHOR THRILLERS** This explosive series will grip not just Andy's loyal fanbase but readers of massive hits like Lee Child's Jack Reacher series and Gregg Hurwitz's *Orphan X* books.
- **AN ACCLAIMED AND ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR** Andy has been widely praised, from national newspapers('A writer of rare, almost cinematic talent' - *Daily Express)* to bestselling authors *(*'Action, adventure and mayhem aplenty' - Scott Mariani).

Author Biography

Andy McDermott is the bestselling author of the Nina Wilde & Eddie Chase adventures, which have been sold in over 30 countries and 20 languages. His debut novel, *The Hunt For Atlantis*, was his first of several *New York Times* bestsellers. He has also written the explosive spy thriller *The Persona Protocol*. His latest thriller series began with *Operative 66*, about government assassin Alex Reeve, who finds himself hunted by his own side.

A former journalist and movie critic, Andy is now a full-time novelist. Born in Halifax, when not travelling the world researching locations for his novels he lives in Bournemouth with his wife and son.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£22.00/Rs.1799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781472296092**
BIC 2.1	**Fiction & related items (F)** **Crime & mystery (FF)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**7th-century Ireland**
Author born in	**Coventry, England**
Author living in	**London, England**

Previous Titles
Revenge of the Stormbringer (9781472296054)
Death of a Heretic (9781472265449)
The House of Death (9781472265401)
The Shapeshifter's Lair (9781472265371)
Blood in Eden (9781472238757)
Bloodmoon (9781472238726)
Night of the Lightbringer (9781472238702)
Penance of the Damned (9781472208385)
The Second Death (9781472208347)
The Devil's Seal (9781472208323)
Atonement of Blood (9780755377541)
The Seventh Trumpet (9780755377510)
And many more...

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Euan Thorneycroft**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

Prophet of Blood
Sister Fidelma Mysteries Book 35

Peter Tremayne

Keynote
The thirty-fifth mystery in Peter Tremayne's long-standing and much-loved series, featuring 7th-century Irish super-sleuth Sister Fidelma.

Description
Autumn, AD 672.

While out walking, Abbot Brocc was shocked to encounter the sinister apparition of a young woman, cloaked entirely in grey, who foretold his impending death. Dismissing the soothsayer's words, Brocc nevertheless felt concerned enough to ask for Sister Fidelma's advice on the matter.

But by the time Fidelma and her companions arrive at the remote abbey of Dair Inis, Brocc has been found dead in the abbey's sweat house - as the mysterious prophetess had predicted.

Plunged into a world of uncertainty, where believers of the Old and New Faiths are violently opposed, Fidelma, Eadulf and Dego embark on a journey fraught with danger, in a puzzling and perilous quest for the truth behind Brocc's murder . . .

Praise for the Sister Fidelma mysteries:

'A challenging and unusual but deeply satisfying and enjoyable historical thriller' *Booklist*

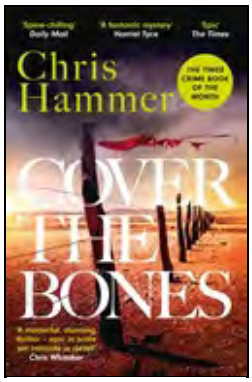
'The background detail is brilliantly defined...wonderfully evocative' *The Times*

'Tremayne expertly incorporates historical and legal details of the time into the suspenseful plot. This impressive volume bodes well for future series entries' *Publishers Weekly*

Sales Points
- The Sister Fidelma series has been in print for nearly thirty years, and continues to go from strength to strength
- This meticulously plotted historical series will be loved by fans of Ellis Peters, Anne Perry and Susanna Gregory
- There is an official Sister Fidelma fanclub (The International Sister Fidelma Society) and an annual conference in Cashel devoted entirely to the series
- Peter Tremayne is the pseudonym of Peter Berresford Ellis who is an established authority on the ancient Celts. Television rights to the Sister Fidelma series have been sold

Reviews
- 'A challenging and unusual but deeply satisfying and enjoyable historical thriller' - *Booklist*
- 'The background detail is brilliantly defined...wonderfully evocative' - *The Times*
- 'Tremayne expertly incorporates historical and legal details of the time into the suspenseful plot. This impressive volume bodes well for future series entries' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'Tremayne's super-sleuth is a vibrant creation, a woman of wit and courage who would stand out in any era, but brings a special sparkle to the wild beauty of medieval Ireland' - Morgan Llywelyn
- 'This is masterly storytelling from an author who breathes fascinating life into the world he is writing about' - *Belfast Telegraph*
- 'The detail of the books is fascinating, giving us a vivid picture of everyday life at this time...the most detailed and vivid recreations of ancient Ireland' - *Irish Examiner*
- 'One of the best cases for the complex, enchanting Fidelma' - *Kirkus Reviews*

Author Biography
Peter Tremayne is the fiction pseudonym of a well-known authority on the ancient Celts, who has utilised his knowledge of the Brehon law system and 7th-Century Irish society to create a new concept in detective fiction.



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Series	**Detective Nell Buchanan**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex ANZ); EU; Ire; UK**
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Author born in	**Australia**
Author living in	**Canberra, Australia**

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9781472295668 Dead Man's Creek
9781472272966 Opal Country
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Cover the Bones
the masterful new Outback thriller from the award-winning author of Scrublands

Chris Hammer

Keynote

The ensnaring new thriller from award-winning Chris Hammer, author of Sunday Times Crime Book of the Year Scrublands and Times Crime Book of the Month Opal Country.

Description

NO ONE IS EVER INNOCENT IN PARADISE.

****THE TIMES* CRIME BOOK OF THE MONTH****

A small town.
A closely guarded secret, stretching back decades.
And blood in the water.

'A masterful, stunning thriller. A twisting mystery epic in scale yet intricate in detail. Irresistible.' Chris Whitaker

'Epic. Shakespearean in depth and range' *The Times*

'Fierce, gripping and spine-chilling.' *Daily Mail*

A body has washed up in an irrigation canal, the artery running through Yuwonderie, a man-made paradise on the border of the Outback. Stabbed through the heart, electrocuted and dumped under cover of night, there is no doubt that detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan are dealing with a vicious homicide.

The victim is Athol Hasluck, member of one of the seven dynasties who have controlled every slice of bountiful land in this modern-day Eden for generations.

But this is not an isolated incident. Someone is targeting the landed aristocracy of this quiet paradise in the desert. Secrets stretching back decades are rising to the surface at last - but the question remains, who stands to gain most from their demise?

Can Ivan and Nell track down a killer before the guilt at the heart of these seven families takes the entire town down with it?

Praise for Chris Hammer:
'My favourite Australian detective is Nell Buchanan.' - Ann Cleeves

'Hammer is a great writer - a leader in Australian noir' Michael Connelly

'Shimmers . . . A tortured tale of blood and loss' Val McDermid

'Stunning - a page-turner which stays long in the memory' *Sunday Times*

'Utterly brilliant, a darkly simmering mystery.' - Dervla McTiernan

'Chris Hammer is at the height of his power here.' - William Shaw

'This novel is Hammer's best work yet.' *The Times*

'This may well be Hammer's best work yet. Atmospheric and thrilling. I was gripped.' Victoria Selman

'A vivid and gripping thriller' Gytha Lodge

'A complex, twisty thriller, with nuanced characters and a winding plot all set in the oppressive Australian heat.' Lisa Hall

'This slice of Australian noir sparkles like an opal in the blistering sun.' Lisa Gray

'Top-notch Aussie Noir with real heat coming off the pages.' Christopher Fowler

***Scrublands* was named *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Year 2019 and won the CWA John Creasey Dagger Award in the same year.**

***Dead Man's Creek* was named the *Times* Crime Book of the Year in 2023.**

Sales Points

- **Third book in acclaimed series with a strong female lead detective:** COVER THE BONES follows on directly from the events of *Times* and *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Month DEAD MAN'S CREEK, an exhilarating series featuring Detective Nell Buchanan from bestselling author Chris Hammer.
- **#1 Australian bestseller:** SCRUBLANDS, the first book in the Martin Scarsden series, was a major launch for Allen and Unwin in Australia and became a number 1 fiction bestseller there. SILVER, the second book in the series, also became an instant bestseller. TRUST, the third and final entry, was published to critical acclaim in January 2021. OPAL COUNTRY was published as the first book in the Lucic and Buchanan series in January 2022.
- **AWARDS**: SCRUBLANDS won the CWA John Creasey Dagger for Best Debut Crime Novel 2019; and was shortlisted for Best Debut Fiction at the Indie Book Awards and Best General Fiction at the ABIA Awards. SILVER has been shortlisted for Best General Fiction at the ABIA Awards.
- **TV RIGHTS**: SCRUBLANDS television rights have been acquired by Easy Tiger (a production company under the FremantleMedia banner)

Reviews

- '**A masterful, stunning thriller. A twisting mystery epic in scale yet intricate in detail. Irresistible.**' - *Chris Whitaker*
- '**A hefty thriller that is Shakespearean in depth and range. Epic.**' - *The Times - Crime Book of the Month*
- '**Fierce, gripping and spine-chilling.**' - *Daily Mail*
- '**A commanding, consuming and outright thrilling mystery. Chris Hammer's first-class series goes from strength to strength.**' - *Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of We Begin at the End*

Author Biography

Chris Hammer was a journalist for more than thirty years, dividing his career between covering Australian federal politics and international affairs. For many years he was a roving foreign correspondent for SBS TV's flagship current affairs program Dateline. He has reported from more than thirty countries on six continents.

Chris's non-fiction book, *The River*, published in 2010 to critical acclaim, was the recipient of the ACT Book of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the Walkley Book Award. *Scrublands*, his first novel, was published in 2018 and won the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award, as well as being shortlisted for Best Debut Fiction at the Indie Book Awards, and Best General Fiction at the ABIA Awards. It has also been longlisted for the Ned Kelly Best Crime Novel of the Year. *Scrublands* is in post-production for television by Easy Tiger (a FremantleMedia company).

Chris has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Charles Sturt University and a master's degree in international relations from the Australian National University. He lives in Canberra with his wife, Dr Tomoko Akami. The couple have two children.

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THE STOLEN CROWN (9781472297341)

THE STONE ROSE, 2022 (9781786157447)
THE DAMASK ROSE, 2021 (9781786157690)
THE SILKEN ROSE, 2020 (9781786157270)

MISTRESS CROMWELL, 2017 (9781472280039)

THE 'DAUGHTERS OF HASTINGS' TRILOGY:
THE HANDFASTED WIFE, 2013 (9781786157324)
THE SWAN-DAUGHTER, 2014 (9781472283894)
THE BETROTHED SISTER, 2015 (9781786157317)

1st Serial	**Headline Publishing**
2nd Serial	**Headline Publishing**
Audio	**Headline Publishing**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Lisa Eveleigh**
Electronic	**Headline Publishing**
Film and TV	**Lisa Eveleigh**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Headline Book**

The Lost Queen

Carol McGrath

Keynote

From the author of the digital bestselling **THE ROSE TRILOGY** comes a **stunning new historical novel** of the **Third Crusade** two strong women - one a wife, one a mother, and their forgotten roles in the Third Crusade

Description

'**Well researched, elegantly written,** with **a deft touch for both romance and historical detail**. *The Lost Queen* is **a gripping historical drama to be savoured**' ANNE O'BRIEN

'An **excellent read**, **meticulously researched, beautifully told**. **Berengaria is a delicious heroine**, thoroughly engaging, a refreshingly unusual viewpoint for this epic tale' JANE JOHNSON

1191 and the Third Crusade is underway . . .

It is 1191 and King Richard the Lionheart is on crusade to pitch battle against Saladin and liberate the city of Jerusalem and her lands. His mother, the formidable Eleanor of Aquitaine and his promised bride, Princess Berengaria of Navarre, make a perilous journey over the Alps in midwinter. They are to rendezvous with Richard in the Sicilian port of Messina.

There are hazards along the way - vicious assassins, marauding pirates, violent storms and a shipwreck. Berengaria is as feisty as her foes and, surviving it all, she and Richard marry in Cyprus and continue to the Holy Land. England needs an heir. But first, Richard and his Queen must return home . . .

***The Lost Queen* is a thrilling medieval story of high adventure, survival, friendship and the enduring love of a Queen for her King.**

Acclaim for Carol McGrath's ROSE trilogy:

'Powerful, gripping and beautifully told' KATE FURNIVALL on *The Silken Rose*
'A tour de force of gripping writing, rich historical detail and complex, fascinating characters' NICOLA CORNICK on *The Stone Rose*
'A beautifully narrated novel' K J MAITLAND on *The Damask Rose*

What readers love about Carol McGrath's novels:

'Brilliant historical fiction brought to life'
'Brilliant. You feel you are lost in a bygone time'
'Wonderfully enjoyable'
'Page-turning and gripping'
'A feast for the senses'

Sales Points

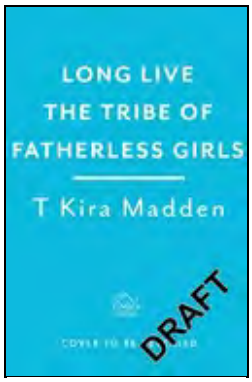
- From the author of THE ROSE TRILOGY comes a superb historical novel of the THIRD CRUSADE
- Well respected and prolific author with a big digital following in the US - backlist constantly refreshed for digital promotion
- Carol McGrath is well connected, runs her own newsletter available from her website carolcmcgrath.co.uk and is popular with bloggers and readers of historical fiction
- For readers of Elizabeth Chadwick, Nicola Cornick, Joanna Hickson

Reviews

- 'An excellent read, meticulously researched, beautifully told. Berengaria is a delicious heroine, thoroughly engaging - a refreshingly unusual viewpoint for this epic tale' - *Jane Johnson*
- '**Well researched, elegantly written,** with **a deft touch for both romance and historical detail**. *The Lost Queen* is **a gripping historical drama to be savoured**' - *Anne O'Brien*
- 'A **rich, tightly-woven tale** of a fascinating and under-told period through the eyes of two intriguing heroines. **A must-read for medieval history lovers**' - *Joanna Barnden*
- 'A **rich, tightly-woven tale** of a fascinating and under-told period through the eyes of two intriguing heroines. **A must-read for medieval history lovers**' - *Joanna Courtney*

Author Biography

Carol McGrath is the author of the acclaimed *Rose Trilogy - The Silken Rose, The Damask Rose* and *The Stone Rose.* Born in Northern Ireland, she fell in love with historical fiction at a young age, when exploring local castles, such as Carrickfergus, and nearby



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Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls

T Kira Madden

Keynote

Acclaimed literary essayist T Kira Madden's raw and redemptive debut memoir is about coming of age and reckoning with desire as a queer, biracial teenager - 'The book I wish I'd had growing up' (Chanel Miller)

Description

'Utterly gorgeous'
Lauren Groff, author of *Fates and Furies*

'Sad, funny, juicy and prickly with deep and secret thoughtful places'
Mary Gaitskill, author of *This is Pleasure*

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As a child, Madden lived a life of extravagance, from her exclusive private school to her equestrian trophies and designer shoe-brand name. But under the surface was a wild instability. The only child of parents continually battling drug and alcohol addictions, Madden confronted her environment alone. Facing a culture of assault and objectification, she found lifelines in the desperately loving friendships of fatherless girls.

With unflinching honesty and lyrical prose, spanning from 1960s Hawai'i to the present-day struggle of a young woman mourning the loss of a father while unearthing truths that reframe her reality, *Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls* is equal parts eulogy and love letter. It's a story about trauma and forgiveness, about families of blood and affinity, both lost and found, unmade and rebuilt, crooked and beautiful.

Sales Points

- **PUBLISHED IN THE US TO CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** a best book of 2019 in Esquire O, The Oprah Magazine, Variety Lit, Hub, Book Riot, Electric Literature, Autostraddle; New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice Selection; Paste Best Memoirs of the Decade; Elle Best Books of the Season; Washington Post Best Books of the Month; Indie Next Pick Indies Introduce Pick
- **FOR FANS OF**: Crying in the M Hart, Carmen Maria Machado, Tara Westover

Author Biography

T Kira Madden is an APIA writer, photographer, and amateur magician. She is the founding editor in chief of No Tokens, and facilitates writing workshops for homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals. A 2017 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow in nonfiction literature, she has received fellowships from The MacDowell Colony, Hedgebrook, Tin House, DISQUIET, Summer Literary Seminars, and Yaddo, where she was selected for the 2017 Linda Collins Endowed Residency Award. She lives in New York City and teaches at Sarah Lawrence College.

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EAN\ISBN-13	**9781035420148**
BIC 2.1	**Sweden (1DNS) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**

Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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2nd Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Headline Publishing Group**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Headline Publishing Group**
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Big in Sweden
The most hilarious and unforgettable feel-good escape of 2024!

Sally Franson

Keynote

For fans of *Really Good, Actually*, *Nora Goes Off Script* and *Amazing Grace Adams,* a quirky, heart-warming and uplifting reading group novel.

Description

'Full of quick insight and charming detail . . . absolutely packed with one-liners. Sally Franson is a brilliant comic writer' **KATHERINE HEINY, author of *Games and Rituals***

'A flat out delight . . . I laughed out loud, I ugly cried, and I never, ever wanted it to end' **MEG RYAN**

I would go to Sweden and everything would be different. I'd be surrounded by tens of hundreds of Alexander Skarsgårds. They'd put flower crowns in my hair . . . carry IKEA furniture instead of guns . . . go to museums instead of football games, wear interesting shoes . . .

Paulie Johansson is lost: on the brink of midlife, all she's got to show for herself is a dead-end job and some serious family baggage. Maybe that's why, drunk and sure it's a fool's errand, she agrees to audition for *Sverige och Mig*, a Swedish reality show where Americans compete to win an unusual prize - a reunion with long-lost Scandinavian family.

To everyone's surprise (and her boyfriend Declan's disapproval) Paulie makes the final cast, dropping everything to jump on a plane to Sweden - armed only with a copy of *Pippi Longstocking* and a sense of possibility.

At first, it seems clear she has nothing in common with her fellow American contestants. But amid increasingly absurd challenges and on-camera meltdowns, followed at all times by a distractingly handsome Swedish cameraman, Paulie finds herself rethinking everything she thought she knew about her country, her family, and herself.

Sometimes you have to leave it all behind, to find what you've always been looking for . . .

More than just a hilarious fish-out-of-water tale, *Big in Sweden* is a love story: love for family, friends, country, and - most importantly - oneself.

'What a great, fun, witty summer read. You don't want to miss this one!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Super cute book with a main character that will steal your heart' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Praise for Sally Franson

'A wry, observant take' ***New York Post***

'Reading this hilarious, heartfelt book was even more fun than watching reality television. I absolutely loved it!' **Jessica Anya Blau**

'Wickedly funny' ***Bustle***

'Imagine Ancestry.com meeting the Great British Bake-Off . . . with ABBA and karaoke. *Big in Sweden* is a *very* funny novel about the families we inherit and the ones we ultimately create for ourselves' **Julie Schumacher**

Sales Points

- **AN EXCITING NEW VOICE:** Sally's first novel A LADY'S GUIDE TO SELLING OUT is **currently in development by Meg Ryan with Netflix and Anonymous Content** attached - Sally is a well-connected journalist, whose work has appeared in **the *Guardian,* the *New York Times*, and NPR.**
- **BASED ON A TRUE STORY:** Sally herself was a **2022 cast member of a hit Swedish reality TV show** *Allt for Sverige*, which **inspired the events in BIG IN SWEDEN**, making this warm and funny satire of reality TV especially well-informed.
- **QUIRKY LAUGH-OUT-LOUD WOMEN'S FICTION**: Perfect for readers of **darkly funny, charming reading group** novels with casts of eccentric characters - anyone who loved ***Sorrow & Bliss, Really Good Actually, Amazing Grace Adams* or Sara**



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£14.99/Rs.1199**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781802795189**
BIC 2.1	**Family & relationships (VFV)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Coping with drug & alcohol abuse (VFJK)** **Northern Ireland (1DBKN)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**London, Northern Ireland, California**
Author born in	**Derry, Northern Ireland**
Author living in	**Hove, UK**

Previous Titles
The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober
The Unexpected Joy of the Ordinary
The Unexpected Joy of Being Single

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Versions of a Girl
'A wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride' Daisy Buchanan

Catherine Gray

Keynote
The irresistible debut novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Catherine Gray, about growing up and trying not to become our parents - 'I LOVED this book; a wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride' (Daisy Buchanan)

Description
'No other writer has ever made me laugh and cry as much as Catherine Gray' Daisy May Cooper

'Compulsive, edible, I devoured it' Holly Whitaker, *New York Times* bestelling author of *Quit Like A Woman*

Do we become who we are because of our parents, or in spite of them?

Fern's mother is a social climber and a former ballet dancer who lives a plush life in a London townhouse.

Fern's father only climbs if there's a bottle at the top, has an IQ of 133 and lives hand-to-mouth in Californian motels.

Aged fourteen, Fern has spent equal time with each of her parents. That is, until an unexpected visitor triggers a life-changing dilemma: whether she should get on a plane to London to be with her mother, or stay in California with her father. Here, Fern's narrative splices in two.

Two possible lives, one person. Each Fern will grow in wildly different, but eerily similar directions. Both must determine who they want to be - and how they deal with a thorny problem which threatens to undo them all: a murder.

Warm and brilliantly wise, this is the irresistible fiction debut from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober.*

Sales Points
- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** this is the debut novel from Catherine Gray, whose non-fiction books, such as THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF BEING SOBER (which was a Sunday Times bestseller), have **sold over 500,000 copies**
- **FOR READERS OF:** big-hearted family stories - Meg Mason, Emma Straub, Cathy Rentzenbrink
- **A CONVERSATION STARTER WITH A CLEVER HOOK:** uses the Sliding Doors device - one decision changes her whole life - to tell a story about growing up, addiction and parental love, and to ask important questions about nature vs nurture
- **WILL APPEAL TO FANS OF AUTHOR'S NON-FICTION:** the novel deals with subjects of addiction and alcoholism, as well as the road to recovery - just as Catherine Gray's bestselling non-fiction does

Author Biography
Catherine Gray is a *Sunday Times* Bestselling author, who has over sold half a million books in English-speaking territories alone. Her books have been translated into ten languages and received acclaim in the likes of the *New York Times*, BBC Breakfast and Radio 2.

With a background in journalism, Catherine has been a guest columnist at *Grazia*, is a regular guest on the Woman's Hour, and her writing has been published everywhere from the *Guardian* to *Stylist.*
Catherine was born in Northern Ireland, and lived there until she was ten. When not writing, she can be found running to soothe her catastrophizing brain, being socially awkward, or oversharing because she can't do small talk. She lives in a little house by the sea with a high-maintenance dog, a medium-maintenance partner and a low-maintenance toddler. *Versions of a Girl* is her debut novel.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£14.99/Rs.1199**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781802793772**
BIC 2.1	**Classic fiction (pre c 1945) (FC) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**World (ex UK)**
Not for Sale	**UK**

Previous Titles
The Honeymoon

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Summer Party
the most explosive and addictive summer thriller to keep you hooked in 2024

Kate Gray

Description

PRE-ORDER NOW! Your invitation for the hottest summer thriller of 2024 has arrived . . .

It's the event of the year - the company summer party. Mel can't wait. Sun, sea, cocktails, her sights set on her work crush, and letting her hair down with her colleagues. One big happy family. What could go wrong?

But as the Champagne flows and the sun begins to set, cracks in the team start to appear. Secrets, lies, revenge. No one is as innocent as they seem.

But could someone be guilty of *murder*? Mel soon realises someone is orchestrating a deadly plan. And she needs to uncover the truth if she's going to get out alive . . .

A twisty and sun-soaked locked-room thriller that will leave you breathless. Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley, Catherine Cooper and T.M. Logan.

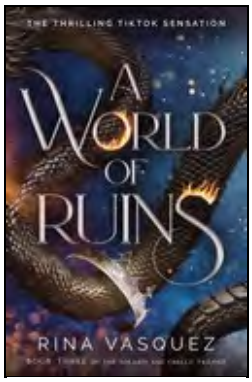
Praise for Kate Gray:
'Deliciously **addictive**. The **perfect summer thriller'** Chris Whitaker
'**Tense**, pacy, **twisty** and ingeniously plotted' Isabelle Broom
'A **nerve-jangling** tale of tension, suspicion and betrayal' T.M. Logan
'Gripping. Atmospheric. **Couldn't put it down**' Imran Mahmood
'An addictive, **jaw-dropping** read' Claire Douglas
'Fantastically **atmospheric** and **suspenseful**' L.V. Matthews

Sales Points

- **THE HOTTEST SUMMER THRILLER OF THE YEAR:** Set in an exclusive hotel resort and against a backdrop of sun and glamour, *The Summer Party* is the new addictive and page-turning new thriller from Kate Gray. Perfect for holiday reading, it's the ideal accompaniment to your summer travels, or wishing you were away in the sun.
- **A NEW BRAND AUTHOR IN THRILLER WRITING:** Kate Gray launched on to the thriller scene with her debut, *The Honeymoon*, in summer 2023. Publishing to critical acclaim from press, real readers, and authors such as Louise Candlish and T.M. Logan, it was an unmissable hardback launch. Kate is incredibly well-connected with the crime community, a brilliant speaker on panels and at events, and beloved by booksellers.
- **A COMPELLING, RELATABLE, AND TERRIFYING HOOK:** *What if there was a killer at your work party?* Kate brilliantly captures the terrifying possibilities of everyday life, and all the people you meet who could have hidden, murderous motives. *The Honeymoon* asked if you can trust your husband. *The Summer Party* asks if you can trust your colleagues.

Author Biography

Kate Gray lives in Warwickshire, England. She juggles her love of writing around her two young children and is obsessed with who-dunnits, page-turner plot twists and novels that make you want to keep the light on. Before becoming a full-time author, Kate worked in public relations and was a freelance journalist. Her work has been featured in *Stylist, Marie Claire*, and national newspapers. Her debut thriller *The Honeymoon*, published to critical acclaim in 2023 and *The Summer Party* will publish in 2024.



Publication date	**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**
Price	**£10.99/Rs.899**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781035414413**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)** **Romance (FR)** **Fantasy (FM)** **Humour (WH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**432 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**N/A**
Author born in	**London**
Author living in	**Bedfordshire**

Previous Titles
A City of Flames (Book 1 of the Solaris and Crello trilogy)
A Kingdom of Shadows (Book 2 of the Solaris and Crello trilogy)

1st Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
2nd Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
Audio	**Headline Publishing Group**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Headline Publishing Group**
Electronic	**Headline Publishing Group**
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A World of Ruins

Rina Vasquez

Keynote

The epic finale to the Solaris and Crello trilogy - TikTok's sensational slow-burn fantasy romance. Perfect for fans of Rebecca Yarros, Leigh Bardugo, Sarah J Maas; with mischief, dragons and a bit of spice.

Description

THE THRILLING EPIC FINALE TO THE SOLARIS AND CRELLO TRILOGY BY TIKTOK SENSATION RINA VASQUEZ

Zerathion was once a beacon of hope.
Now it is a world in ruins . . .

After the events that led to Darius's capture, Nara resolves in her determination to do whatever it takes to rescue him from the clutches of Aurum Rivernorth.

As Aurum's powers continue to grow, his control over Zerathion spreads even faster.

The powers of the Isle of Elements - the very essence that sustains life on Zerathion - is slowly fading.

Time is running out.

Nara will need to navigate treacherous alliances, devious double-crossers, and the perils of a broken world in order to protect those she holds dear.

Will she be the saviour her world desperately needs?

The fate of the kingdom rests on her shoulders.

Sales Points

- **TIKTOK SENSATION:** Book 1 of the series, **A CITY OF FLAMES,** is a hit with BookTokkers worldwide, earning close to **1 MILLION VIEWS ON TIKTOK** and counting!
- **PACKAGE AND TARGETED READERSHIP:** With an aesthetic that matches other comp titles in the market, we want to use the book's genre tropes such as **fated lovers**, **closed proximity** and **destined prophecy**, to create a package-led campaign that draws in even more readers who love the fantasy romance genre.
- **UK-BASED AUTHOR:** Rina Vasquez is a young debut author based near London, she is engaging, enthusiastic and will be a huge asset to the campaign.
- **WORLD RIGHTS**: Wildfire has World rights, including film and television, for this trilogy and will be submitting it during all major international book fairs.

Author Biography

Karina Natalia Vasquez is a fantasy romance author based in England. She is of Peruvian and Spanish descent and adores anything that has dulce de leche in it. When she isn't writing, she is reading fantasy, romance and fangirling over *Star Wars*. You can usually find her holed up in her room, cuddling her two dogs, collecting crystals for her superstitious mind or daydreaming in the hope that she will magically end up in a Fae kingdom one day.



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BIC 2.1	**Historical fiction (FV)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Sagas (FT)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Can; Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**Blackburn**
Author born in	**Blackburn**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
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Vagabonds
A gripping saga of love, hope and determination (Emma Grady trilogy, Book 3)

Josephine Cox

Keynote

Beauty and spirit are Molly's inheritance from her mother, in this outstanding and gripping bestselling novel.

Description

The stunning final book in the classic Emma Grady trilogy by *Sunday Times* bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Twenty-two years ago Emma Grady was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to transportation to Australia. Just before her departure she bore and lost her baby daughter - conceived during a passionate affair with Marlow Tanner. It is now 1885, and Emma has returned to Blackburn. Reunited with Marlow, she has a loving family, yet she is still haunted by the past, unable to forget how her uncle Caleb Crowther ignored her desperate plea to save her and her tragic first-born.

Crowther curses his niece's return and also hounds Molly, Emma's lost daughter. Molly and her children run away and, contending with hunger, exhaustion and the unwelcome attentions of the men who are drawn to Molly's dark beauty, their life at times is almost unbearable. But Molly has inherited Emma's indomitable spirit...

Sales Points

- Josephine Cox has been a No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and her most recent novels published by HarperCollins have all achieved the top ten bestseller list.
- This attractive refreshed package of the backlist paperbacks will appeal to fans of Josephine Cox's bestselling frontlist titles.
- Josephine Cox remains one of the nation's best-loved storytellers. Her dramatic sagas of North Country life have all been hugely successful and continue to enthral new readers throughout the world.

Reviews

- 'Driven and passionate' - *The Sunday Times*
- 'Cox's talent as a storyteller never lets you escape' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Josephine Cox's novels satisfy the romantic in us all and yet still provide a life-is-never-easy, gritty read. This is a heartstring puller' - *Next Magazine*
- 'A surefire winner' - *Woman's Weekly*

Author Biography

Josephine Cox was born in a cotton-mill house in Blackburn, one of ten children. At the age of sixteen, Josephine met and married her husband Ken, and had two sons. When the boys started school, she decided to go to college and eventually gained a place at Cambridge University. She was unable to take this up as it would have meant living away from home, but she went into teaching - and started to write her first full-length novel. Her strong, gritty stories are taken from the tapestry of life.



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Price	**£10.99/Rs.899**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781035417254**
BIC 2.1	**Historical fiction (FV)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Sagas (FT)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Can; Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**Blackburn; Australia**
Author born in	**Blackburn**
Author living in	**Deceased 2020**

Previous Titles
Outcast
Vagabonds
Her Father's Sins
Let Loose the Tigers
Angels Cry Sometimes
Love Me or Leave Me
Miss You Forever
Somewhere, Someday
The Gilded Cage
Tomorrow the World
Let It Shine
Looking Back

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Alley Urchin
A thrilling saga of love, resilience and revenge (Emma Grady trilogy, Book 2)

Josephine Cox

Keynote

The bestselling classic story of a woman determined to overcome the brutality of life as a convict to return to the man she loves

Description

** To return to those she loves, she must also return to the past... **

In the second instalment of her Emma Grady trilogy, bestselling author Josephine Cox brings us *Alley Urchin*, a gripping saga of a woman determined to overcome the brutality of life as a convict to return to the man she loves. Perfect for fans of Kitty Neale and Rosie Goodwin.

By 1870 Emma Grady has spent seven years of servitude as a convict in Australia. Emma lives for the day when she will return to England, to face those who cheated and betrayed her. And to Marlow Tanner, the man she loves - and whose tragic child she had borne and then lost.

Emma struggles to make something of her life in Australia despite the sinister presence of her employer's evil son, Foster. His determination to 'have' Emma leads to dark and terrifying consequences. As Emma battles against adversity, she is unaware that in England the child she has given up for dead is being lovingly raised by Marlow's sister Old Sal, who teaches Emma's daughter Molly to be an expert pickpocket.

Will Emma ever be reunited with Marlow? Even if she finds him, will he still love her? And what of the child lost to both of them? Emma is plagued with fears but her love for Marlow never weakens - and can never be forgotten...

** What readers are saying about *Alley Urchin*: **

'Josephine Cox has the **unique talent** of writing books which provoke every emotion in the reader. This book in the Emma Grady trilogy has all this - and more. We feel for the characters as if we know them and, as with all Josephine Cox books, it is very **hard to put down** the book once started... You will find yourself impatient to get to the end!'

'Another **great, thrilling** book which keeps you guessing till the end. The story is **well written** with some great twists'

'**Totally absorbing. Unputdownable**!'

Sales Points

- *Alley Urchin* is the second instalment in the unforgettable Emma Grady trilogy, which began with *Outcast* and concludes with *Vagabonds*. It is a story of a woman's desperate struggle to survive from one of the nation's favourite storytellers.
- Josephine Cox has been a No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and her most recent novels published by HarperCollins have all achieved the top ten bestseller list
- This attractive refreshed package of the backlist paperback will appeal to fans of Josephine Cox's bestselling frontlist titles
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Let Loose the Tigers
Passions run high when the past releases its secrets (Queenie's Story, Book 2)

Josephine Cox

Keynote

Passions run high when the past releases its secrets in this stunning novel by *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestselling Josephine Cox

Description

Queenie's past threatens more than one person's future

Queenie Bedford fled her native Blackburn and the bitter knowledge that she and Rick Marsden, the man she loved, could never marry. But in 1965 she returned north again to stand by her friend Sheila Thorogood, imprisoned for running a brothel with her mother Maisie. Though Rick had vowed to find her, Queenie took care that he should not know of her whereabouts.

The magnificent Edwardian house in Blackpool was sadly neglected - but Queenie moved in with the ailing Maisie, and set about transforming it into a sparklingly clean, highly respectable guesthouse. Meanwhile, Queenie was to meet the frail and confused Hannah Jason, locked away years ago for murder, and desperate for news of her long-lost son. As Rick continued his dogged search for Queenie, she set out to find Hannah's son. But both their enquiries threatened to unlock the cage where crucial secrets had long been held captive.

Sales Points

- *Let Loose The Tigers* is the breathtaking, bestselling sequel to *Her Father's Sins,* which tells the unforgettable story of Queenie and her struggle to escape her past.
- Josephine Cox has been a No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and her most recent novels published by HarperCollins have all achieved the top ten bestseller list.
- This attractive refreshed package of the backlist paperback will appeal to fans of Josephine Cox's bestselling frontlist titles.
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Word Count	
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Author born in	**Blackburn**
Author living in	**Deceased 2020**

Previous Titles

Alley Urchin
Vagabonds
Her Father's Sins
Let Loose the Tigers
Angels Cry Sometimes
Love Me or Leave Me
Miss You Forever
Somewhere, Someday
The Gilded Cage
Tomorrow the World
Let It Shine
Looking Back

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Outcast
The past cannot be forgotten... (Emma Grady trilogy, Book 1)

Josephine Cox

Keynote

Outcast* is an extraordinarily powerful story of passionate love in danger of ending in tragedy from one of the nation's favourite storytellers. It is the first instalment in the Emma Grady trilogy, which includes *Alley Urchin* and *Vagabonds.

Description

** As history threatens to repeat itself, the actions of one young woman lead to tragic consequences... **

In the first instalment of the Emma Grady trilogy, Josephine Cox's *Outcast* is an extraordinarily powerful saga of a passionate, yet impossible, love. Perfect for fans of Cathy Sharp and Kitty Neale.

On a fateful night in 1860, Thadius Grady realises, too late, that he has made a grave mistake. In blind faith he has put himself and his daughter Emma at the mercy of his sister and her conniving husband, Caleb Crowther - for he has entrusted to them his entire fortune and the daughter he adores. With his dying breath he pleads to see his daughter one last time - but Caleb's heart is made of stone.

A feared Lancashire Justice, Caleb Crowther is a womaniser and a gambler, and now the inheritance due to Emma is as much in his hands as is the beautiful Emma Grady herself. But Caleb lives in fear of the past, for how did Emma's mother mysteriously die? And what made Thadius and Caleb hate the river people so intensely? History seems likely to repeat itself when Emma falls helplessly in love with Marlow Tanner, a young bargee. For Marlow and Emma, it is an impossible love - a love made in Heaven, but which could carry them both to Hell...

** What readers are saying about *Outcast*: **

'A dark and somewhat disturbing tale of **intrigue, mystery and romance**; of treacherous relatives and doomed love affairs'

'**I loved this story**. You can **really feel the emotions of the characters** and the threats they face. The actions and settings are **so vividly described** that you could almost be in the scenes yourself'

'**One of the best books I've ever read**'

Sales Points

- *Outcast* is the first novel in the unputdownable Emma Grady trilogy, which includes *Alley Urchin* and *Vagabonds,* and tells an unforgettable and passionate story of love and loss from one of the nation's favourite storytellers.
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An extraordinary saga of hope against the odds (Queenie's Story, Book 1)

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Keynote

In this classic novel by *Sunday Times* bestseller Josephine Cox, can Queenie's strength win out to grasp love and happiness?

Description

Queenie must fight against the suffering caused by her father

Queenie seemed born to suffer. Her mam died giving birth to her, her drunken father George Kenney either ignored her or cursed her, and only beloved Auntie Biddy provided an anchor for the little girl. Growing up in post-war Blackburn, life could be tough when Biddy had to take in washing to make ends meet - at a time when the washing machine began to gain popularity. After Auntie Biddy's death there was only Queenie to care for the home and to earn money, and no one to protect her from the father who blamed his daughter for her mother's death.

But Queenie was resilient. And in spite of hardship, she grew up tall and strikingly beautiful with her deep grey eyes and her abundant honey-coloured hair. Love, in the shape of Rick Marsden, might have released her from the burden of the drink-sodden George. But the sins of the fathers would not be easily forgotten . . .

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A SWEET MESS, THE DATING DARE, BOOKED ON A FEELING

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That Prince is Mine
A sweet and sexy royal rom-com

Jayci Lee

Keynote

A love-averse Korean royal court cuisine instructor is waylaid by a gorgeous professor - and prince in disguise - who will do anything to prove to her that love and happily ever after can be theirs.

Description

'A fairy-tale romance that is both dreamy and grounded, sweet but also fan-yourself sexy' MIA SOSA

'Tantalizing wit, delectable treats, sweet and steamy swoons, and a love that's worth fighting for' TAJ MCCOY

'Royally delicious . . . This is a love story for people who love love stories' DENISE WILLIAMS

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Love is a dish best served hot . . .

Emma Yoon dreams of opening a culinary school in Los Angeles. To that end, she teaches Korean royal court cuisine to hopeful brides of upper-crust Korean families. Thanks to her godmother, a renowned matchmaker, business is booming. But when rival matchmakers plot against her godmother using Emma's single status, she must save her godmother's reputation and her dreams by finding a perfect-on-paper husband - even if she's not ready for love. Meeting the gorgeous and irresistible Professor Michel Chevalier is not part of her plan.

Prince Michel Chevalier refuses to marry a woman handpicked by his elders. If he must spend the rest of his life in service to his country, he wants to do so with someone he loves by his side. With only three months left until his arranged engagement is formally announced, Michel escapes to Los Angeles to find a bride of his choosing, someone who loves him for himself rather than his crown. Serendipity leads him right to Emma Yoon, who might just be the woman of his dreams.

'A tender and sexy romance that [readers] will absolutely devour' Library Journal, starred review

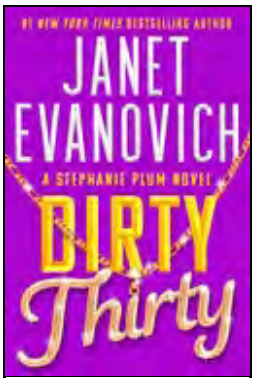
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Author Biography

Jayci Lee writes poignant, sexy, and laugh-out-loud romance every free second she can scavenge and is semi-retired from her fifteen-year career as a defense litigator. She loves food, wine, and travelling, and incidentally so do her characters. Jayci lives in sunny California with her tall-dark-and-handsome husband, two amazing boys with boundless energy, and a fluffy rescue whose cuteness is a major distraction.

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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Stephanie Plum**
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Author living in	**New Hampshire, USA**

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Dirty Thirty
Stephanie Plum 30

Janet Evanovich

Keynote

THE INSTANT NO. 1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER!

The 30th Stephanie Plum Mystery

Description

The irresistible new Stephanie Plum mystery from the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich.

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Stephanie Plum, Trenton's most underappreciated bounty hunter, is on the trail of a stolen cache of dirty diamonds.

Stephanie's new assignment seems simple enough. A local jeweller wants her to locate his former security guard, who he is convinced has stolen a fortune in diamonds. Stephanie is also looking for another man arrested for robbing the same jewellery store on the same day.

With her boyfriend Morelli away on police business, Stephanie is taking care of Morelli's giant orange dog, who will devour anything, including the upholstery in Stephanie's car. Morelli's absence means the inscrutable, irresistible security expert Ranger is front and centre in Stephanie's life when things go sideways. And he seems determined to stay there.

An overnight stakeout with Stephanie's mother and Grandma Mazur reveals three generations of women with nerves of steel and driving skills worthy of the most daring stock-car champions.

As the body count rises and witnesses disappear, it's not easy for Stephanie to keep herself clean when everyone else is playing dirty. It's a good thing Stephanie isn't afraid of getting a little dirty, too.

Praise for Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum novels

'Plum remains outspoken, brave, and definitely one-of-a-kind... a hilariously madcap, action-packed caper filled with crazy twists and some nail-biting suspense' *Booklist*

'Romantic and gripping' *Good Housekeeping*

'A laugh-out-loud page-turner' *Heat*

Sales Points

- **DIRTY THIRTY went straight to No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list in hardback in November 2023**
- **The 30th Stephanie Plum mystery - a landmark moment for one of the most beloved and bestselling sleuths in publishing history!**
- **Janet Evanovich is one of the world's bestselling brand authors, with many millions of copies of her books in print.**
- **Headline has sold 3.8 million Janet Evanovich books**

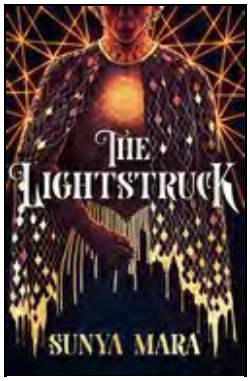
Author Biography

Over the last twenty-six years, Janet Evanovich has written a staggering forty-three *New York Times* bestsellers. Her bestselling Stephanie Plum novels include *Going Rogue, Game On, Fortune and Glory* and *Twisted 26.*

Janet has won several major crime fiction awards, including the CWA John Creasey Award, the Dilys Award and the Silver Dagger.

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The Lightstruck
The action-packed, gripping sequel to The Darkening

Sunya Mara

Keynote

The captivating sequel to *The Darkening,* Vesper and Dalca face their fiercest battle yet to save their besieged city from the Great King and his ominous army in the epic conclusion to the thrilling duology.

Description

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'Will ensnare you from the first page' Chloe Gong on *The Darkening*

Vesper Vale sacrificed everything to save her city. But when she awakens after three years as a vessel of The Great Queen, she finds her home beset by sinister forces - and herself revered as a goddess.

The Great King and his army of lightstruck - once regular citizens who are now controlled by an ominous light - have besieged the city. And as she fights to rescue them, a chasm is growing between her and Dalca, the prince she swore never to love.

To save her city again, Vesper will have to face the power most outside her control - the goddess within.

PRAISE FOR SUNYA MARA

'A thrilling adventure' Emily Thiede

'Enchanting' Ayana Gray

'Thrilling, fast-paced' Adalyn Grace

Sales Points

- **This is #ownvoices diverse fantasy, with an Indian-inspired world, has a fantastic story, which feels like a mixture of Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* and Holly Black's *The Cruel Prince*.**
- With an enemies-to-lovers-to-enemies romance, fantastic worldbuilding, an evocative and menacing threat, as well as murky moral decisions and a desperate fall into darkness, this is perfect for the young adult fantasy audience.

Reviews

- '**** PRAISE FOR SUNYA MARA ****'
- '**An enchanting and wildly clever debut . . . a true masterclass in young adult fantasy**' - *Ayana Gray, New York Times bestselling author of Beasts of Prey*
- 'A thrilling, fast-paced adventure by an exciting new voice' - *Adalyn Grace, New York Times bestselling author of All the Stars and Teeth*
- '*The Lightstruck* is the kind of sequel I'd hoped it would be: **exciting, surprising, at times heart-breaking and always engaging**. It's a novel that never loses its essential sense of hope, even when the situations and characters themselves feel utterly hopeless. It also credits readers with the intelligence they're owed' - *Culturefly*

Author Biography

Sunya Mara grew up in six different cities across five different states and now calls Los Angeles home. She studied film and business at the University of Southern California and went on to write and illustrate at Kobe Bryant's Granity Studios. When not telling stories, she spends her time haunting old movie theaters and staring at museum walls. sunyamara.com Twitter: @sunyamara Instagram: @sunyamara

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Author living in	**Australia**

Previous Titles
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Never a Hero
The sequel to captivating YA fantasy novel, Only a Monster

Vanessa Len

Keynote
The sequel to the unmissable and hugely romantic young adult fantasy *Only a Monster*, set in London, will take Joan deeper into the monster world, where treacherous secrets and danger await.

Description
Not every fight is won by heroes. Sometimes, you need a monster.

Joan has achieved the impossible.

She reset the timeline, saved her family - and destroyed the hero.

But success has come at a terrible cost. She alone remembers what happened. Aaron, her hard-won friend - and maybe more - is now her enemy. And Nick, the boy she loved, doesn't even know her name.

Then an attack forces Joan back into the monster world as a fugitive, where she discovers a secret that threatens everyone she loves.

Now Joan must re-gather her allies to face down a deadly enemy, and save the timeline itself . . .

Sales Points
- Morally grey, set in a secret London where time-travelling families fight for dominance, this young adult fantasy is perfect for fans of Cassandra Clare, *This Savage Song* and *Passenger.*
- This is an #ownvoices fantasy with an Asian mixed-race main character.
- Filled to the brim with action, adventure, and emotion, this deeply imaginative series ticks every young adult fantasy box: a star-crossed romance, beautiful monsters with untold powers, deadly secrets, and a rich and immersive world.

Reviews
- '**** Praise for the Only a Monster series ****'
- 'Mind-bending, heart wrenching, and unputdownable' - *Stephanie Garber, Sunday Times bestselling author of Once Upon a Broken Heart*
- '**An exciting, original and complex fantasy about monsters, heroes, and all the people in between**' - *Naomi Novik, New York Times bestselling author of Uprooted and A Deadly Education*
- 'An absolute page-turner' - *Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights*

Author Biography
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Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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Translation	**Jim Gill**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Best Revenge

Gerald Seymour

Keynote

Jonas Merrick returns, this time to frustrate the efforts of the Chinese espionage network in the UK. Unbeknownst to him however, his previous activities are catching up to him as a Russian hit is put out against him.

Description

On the Mongolian steppes a general in the People's Liberation Army stakes his career, and his life, on a GPS-free missile guidance system that will change the balance of power on the battlefield.

In Bath a young Chinese woman has secured the affections of a young brainiac working on that very problem.

In Leamington Spa a deep cover operative has given himself away.

And in London Jonas Merrick watches all, assessing, planning. A moment, perhaps, for him to strike a blow to China's espionage network in the UK.

One thing he does not see, however, is in Moscow. An order given: 'bring me his head'.

Tautly plotted and frighteningly authentic *Best Served Cold* cements Jonas Merrick as one of the great figures of modern spy fiction.

Sales Points

- Gerald Seymour is a veteran author, a master of the thriller genre, with an amazing track record and extensive backlist.
- *Harry's Game* is listed in *The Times* best 100 novels since 1945.
- *The Best Revenge* is the third book in the Jonas Merrick series. *The Crocodile Hunter*, the first book in the series, was a *Times* book of the week in PB in 2021.

Reviews

- 'Praise for Gerald Seymour' - -----
- 'You don't read Gerald Seymour, you commit to it totally. His stories have amazing detail, yet you still fly through them. And your effort is well rewarded' - *Sun*
- 'Seymour's finger is always on the current socio-political pulse, and the new book is a welcome return for his curmudgeonly MI5 man Jonas Merrick' - *i news*
- 'Even after thirty-seven novels [Seymour] has lost none of his talent for thrilling plots and creating credible and sympathetic characters, nor his journalist's eye for modern espionage tradecraft and techniques' - *Shots Magazine*

Author Biography

Gerald Seymour exploded onto the literary scene in 1975 with the massive bestseller HARRY'S GAME. The first major thriller to tackle the modern troubles in Northern Ireland, it was described by Frederick Forsyth as 'like nothing else I have ever read' and it changed the landscape of the British thriller forever.

Gerald Seymour was a reporter at ITN for fifteen years. He covered events in Vietnam, Borneo, Aden, the Munich Olympics, Israel and Northern Ireland. He has been a full-time writer since 1978.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 11, 2024**
Price	**£9.99/Rs.799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399716123**
BIC 2.1	**Crime & mystery (FF)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Shady Hollow series**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Twilight Falls
Shady Hollow

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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Summers End
Welcome back to Shady Hollow in the all new fun cosy mystery set in your favourite village

Juneau Black

Keynote
The exciting fifth book in the Shady Hollow mystery series sees Vera Vixen caught up in a dark academia case after they unearth a dead body on a school trip.

Description
A unique take on dark academia, featuring everyone's favourite vulpine sleuth, Vera Vixen.

'Billed as Agatha Christie meets Beatrix Potter . . . Sometimes you just need an entertaining, escapist read to while away the hours' ♥□♥□♥□♥□♥□ *CULTURE FLY*

It's late August in Shady Hollow, and intrepid reporter Vera Vixen agrees to chaperone the school's annual field trip to Summers End, an ancient tomb built by an early woodland culture. Naturally, her good friend Lenore Lee comes along to help her.

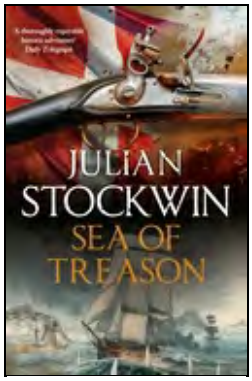
But when the group enters the tomb one morning, they find a corpse that is distinctly more. . . modern than expected. Digging deeper, Vera and Lenore discover that the deceased was involved in the recent excavation at the site, and very unpopular with their colleagues-including Lenore's sister, Ligeia. Now the fox and raven must delve into the dark world of academia and archaeology to clear Ligeia's name.

Some creature at Summers End thought they were clever enough to get away with the perfect murder. Can Vera and Lenore unearth the truth in time?

Sales Points
- Think Agatha Christie and Beatrix Potter: US acquiring editor says they made him feel just as he did when he found *No 1 Ladies Detective Agency* many years ago, and the appeal (if not the books) is similar
- Publishing on Vintage Crime's Black Lizard list, with big publicity plans
- Cosy crime is an ever expanding part of the market and these occupy a unique space in the genre

Reviews
- 'Billed as Agatha Christie meets Beatrix Potter . . . Sometimes you just need **an entertaining, escapist read** to while away the hours, and Juneau Black (the pen name of authors Jocelyn Cole and Sharon Nagel) certainly delivers all the small-town cosy crime vibes, with the animal quirkiness of Wes Anderson's Fantastic Mr Fox . . . **a perfect long weekend binge read**' - *Culture Fly*
- 'It sounds daft - it is daft - but it's also **lots of fun**' - *The People's Friend Magazine*

Author Biography
Juneau Black is the pen name of authors Jocelyn Cole and Sharon Nagel. They share a love of excellent bookshops, fine cheeses, and a good murder (in fictional form only). Though they are two separate people, if you ask either of them a question about their childhood, you are likely to get the same answer. This is a little unnerving for any number of reasons.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£9.99/Rs.799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399716758**
BIC 2.1	**Historical adventure (FJH) Historical fiction (FV)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Thomas Kydd**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Bermuda**
Author born in	**Hampshire**
Author living in	**Dorset, England**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Isobel Dixon**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Sea of Treason
Thomas Kydd 26

Julian Stockwin

Keynote

The 26th Kydd adventure from veteran writer Julian Stockwin.

Description

Following his recovery after a savage wounding in America, Kydd returns to England to re-assume command of his ship-of-the-line, *Thunderer*, which is sent to the remote station of Bermuda.

'Paints a vivid picture of life aboard the mighty ship-of-the-line' *Daily Express*

Sales Points

- Julian Stockwin is Hodder's most digitally pre-ordered author in the US
- Julian Stockwin has sold over 185,000 eBooks
- Hodder have sold over 500,000 Thomas Kydd books
- There's a vast appetite among reader for expert researched and accurate historical fiction adventure in the vein of Hornblower and Master and Commander
- The Kydd series is in the top 1.5% of most borrowed books from UK libraries

Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR THE KYDD SERIES:'
- 'A very readable and enjoyable story . . . I can only recommend that you got out, beg, borrow or buy, and enjoy' - *Bernard Cornwell*
- 'In Stockwin's hands the sea story will continue to entrance readers across the world' - *Guardian*
- 'This heady adventure blends fact and fiction in rich, authoritative detail' - *Nautical Magazine*

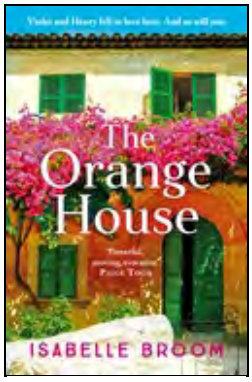
Author Biography

Julian Stockwin was sent at the age of fourteen to *Indefatigable*, a tough sea-training school. He joined the Royal Navy at fifteen before transferring to the Royal Australian Navy, where he served for eight years in the Far East, Antarctic waters and the South Seas. In Vietnam he saw active service in a carrier task force.

After leaving the Navy (rated Petty Officer), Julian practised as an educational psychologist. He lived for some time in Hong Kong, where he was commissioned into the Royal Naval Reserve. He was awarded the MBE and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He now lives in Devon with his wife Kathy. More information can be found on his website at www.julianstockwin.com.

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EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399721127**
BIC 2.1	**Adult & contemporary romance (FRD) Europe (1D) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) France (1DDF)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**Majorca**
Author born in	**Cambridge, UK**
Author living in	**Suffolk, UK**

Previous Titles
Hello Again; The Getaway; The Summer Trip; The Beach Holiday

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Alice Lutyens**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Orange House
Escape to Mallorca with this page-turning romantic summer read from the award-winning author

Isabelle Broom

Keynote
The new heart-warming and heart-breaking family drama from bestselling author Isabelle Broom - full of romance and nostalgia, for fans of *The Paper Palace* or Veronica Henry and Cathy Bramley.

Description
HENRY AND VIOLET FELL IN LOVE IN THE ORANGE HOUSE. AND SO WILL YOU.

Henry and Violet first met in the garden of The Orange House on the beautiful island of Mallorca. They promised their lives to each other, poured their love into restoring the house and built the foundations of their marriage within its walls. First it was their private idyll, then a place to escape with their son, Luke - but now it has become a battleground.

For, as the years have passed, cracks have appeared and secrets have built barriers between them. Finally, on the brink of divorce, they have come back to Mallorca to sell up. Will this final summer together be the end - or a new beginning?

Sales Points
- **BOLD NEW PACKAGE:** An elegant and eye-catching new look for Isabelle Broom, re-positioning her in the market to reach new readers.
- **PERFECT SUMMER READING:** Isabelle researches her novels in detail and delivers escapist and emotional novels and characters to appeal across the generations.
- **AUDIENCE:** Extensive audience research and focus on early reader reviews to build on Isabelle Broom's loyal audience of existing readers.
- **CAMPAIGN:** A carefully-targeted, high-profile campaign across women's media, brand partnerships and book clubs to delight women's fiction readers.
- **STRATEGIC BACKLIST PROMOTION:** We have used Isabelle's backlist through the year to drive awareness and build pre-orders.

Reviews
- 'A beautifully written, thought-provoking novel of love lost and gained' - *Milly Johnson*
- 'Powerful, moving, evocative' - *Paige Toon*
- 'Deeply moving and full of heart' - *Lucy Diamond*
- 'You can feel the warmth coming off the pages . . . the most immersive, evocative love story' - *Daisy Buchanan*
- 'An achingly beautiful book, so poignant yet full of hope . . . stays with you long after you've read the last page' - *Emily Kerr*
- 'A rich family drama, suffused with sunshine and hope. Isabelle Broom is a wonderful storyteller' - *Lucy Clarke*
- 'Beautifully evocative . . . the perfect summer read' - *Alex Brown*
- 'Soaked in Mallorcan sun, this is a vivid and gripping love story with characters I will remember for ever' - *Katie Marsh*

Author Biography
Isabelle Broom was born in Cambridge nine days before the 1980s began and studied Media Arts at university in London before a 12-year stint at *Heat* magazine. When she is not travelling all over the world seeking out settings for her escapist novels, Isabelle can mostly be found in Suffolk, where she shares a home with her two dogs and more books than she could ever hope to read in a lifetime.

Market
For fans of Rachel Hore, Catherine Alliott and Lucinda Riley.

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Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
Price	**£9.99/Rs.799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399710305**
BIC 2.1	**Thriller / suspense (FH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Hampshire**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**Hampshire and France**

Previous Titles
The Prisoner

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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The Guest
a thriller that grips from the first page to the last, from the author of global phenomenon Behind Closed Doors

BA Paris

Keynote
Suspense. Secrets. Suspicion. Scandal. Storytelling that will keep you guessing until the very end. ***THE GUEST* is the nerve-shredding new novel from the author of global bestseller *BEHIND CLOSED DOORS*.**

Description
Iris and Gabriel have just got home from a make-or-break holiday. But a shock awaits them. One of their dearest friends, Laure, is in their house - sleeping in their bed, wearing Iris' clothes, even rearranging the furniture. She has walked out on her husband - and their good friend - Pierre over his confession of an affair.

Iris and Gabriel want to be supportive. But as Laure's mood becomes more unpredictable, her presence begins to unravel secrets in all their pasts - until things reach breaking point...

Sales Points
- **NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER:** *The Prisoner* was a number one ebook bestseller. B.A. Paris's first novel, *Behind Closed Doors*, sold over 3 million copies worldwide and continues to find new readers, especially via Book Tok.
- **TV SOON TO AIR:** TV in production for two backlist titles, The Therapist and Behind Closed Doors - both are due to air in 2025.
- **STRONG INTERNATIONAL SALES AND PROFILE:** B.A. Paris is a number one bestseller in Poland and a top ten bestseller in Germany and The Netherlands. Her sales are growing swiftly in the US.
- **AUDIENCE:** Extensive audience research and focus on early reader reviews to build on B.A. Paris's loyal audience of existing readers.
- **CAMPAIGN:** A carefully-targeted, high-profile campaign across Crime & Thriller media, brand partnerships and book clubs to delight crime fiction readers. B.A. Paris is also swiftly building her newsletter base.

Reviews
- 'Another gripping psychological thriller from BA Paris' - *Hello!*
- 'A mesmeric, tense and twisting nightmare. Suffocating, controlled and hugely entertaining' - *Chris Whitaker*
- 'Expertly plotted and compellingly told . . . I raced through it' - *Harriet Tyce*
- 'B. A. Paris is a mistress at weaving family with fear, suspense and subterfuge' - *Jane Corry*
- 'Packing with tension and nail-bitingly real, I couldn't put it down!' - *Lauren North*
- 'Deliciously creepy and gripping' - *Woman's Own*
- 'Addictive, gripping . . . with a twist that will knock your socks off!' - *Heat*

Author Biography
B.A. Paris' first novel, *Behind Closed Doors*, was a publishing phenomenon, selling over 3.5 million copies and published in 40 territories. The film rights have been optioned by Stone Village Productions. B.A. Paris lived in France for many years, she and her husband now live in the UK. She worked in finance, and as a teacher, before beginning her writing career.

Market
For fans of Claire Douglas, Jane Corry and Frieda McFadden's *The Housemaid.*



Publication date	**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**
Price	**£9.99/Rs.799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399722384**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (Teenage) (YFHR)** **Fantasy (FM)** **Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC)**
CBMC	**E3N79**
Age	**12+ years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**464 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**House of the Dead**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Penny Moore**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Bonesmith
The thrilling Sunday Times bestseller

Nicki Pau Preto

Keynote

***A* dark young adult fantasy about a disgraced ghost-fighting warrior who must journey into a haunted wasteland to rescue a kidnapped prince.**

Description

THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER

Ready your blade. Defeat the undead.

***Gideon the Ninth* meets the *Game of Thrones* White Walkers in this dark young adult fantasy about a disgraced ghost-fighting warrior who must journey into a haunted wasteland to rescue a kidnapped prince.**

In the Dominions, the dead linger, violent and unpredictable, unless a bonesmith severs the ghost from its earthly remains. For bonesmith Wren, becoming a valkyr - a ghost-fighting warrior - is a chance to solidify her place in the noble House of Bone and impress her frequently absent father. But when sabotage causes Wren to fail her qualifying trial, she is banished to the Border Wall, the last line of defence against a wasteland called the Breach where the vicious dead roam unchecked.

Determined to reclaim her family's respect, Wren gets her chance when a House of Gold prince is kidnapped and taken beyond the Wall. To prove she has what it takes to be a valkyr, Wren vows to cross the Breach and rescue the prince. But to do so, she's forced into an uneasy alliance with one of the kidnappers - a fierce ironsmith called Julian from the exiled House of Iron, the very people who caused the Breach in the first place...and the House of Bone's sworn enemy.

As they travel, Wren and Julian spend as much time fighting each other as they do the undead, but when they discover there's more behind the kidnapping than either of them knew, they'll need to work together to combat the real danger: a dark alliance that is brewing between the living and the undead.

'Filled with magic, betrayal, and undead horrors' Jodi Meadows

'I've been dying for a YA novel with unique magic, and *Bonesmith* delivered it on a ghostly-green platter' Tricia Levenseller

'Packed with action and betrayal' Rebecca Schaeffer

'A dark fantasy thrillride' Amélie Wen Zhao

Sales Points

- ***Gideon the Ninth* meets *The Cruel Prince*:** an epic YA fantasy with a strong enemies-to-lovers romance, a unique bone and necromancy-adjacent magic system, a bold heroine, and plenty of action - this is one the YA fantasy market will love!
- **Nicki Pau Preto** is an established author in the YA fantasy space with her previous Crown of Feathers series, and **Bonesmith** takes her writing to new heights

Reviews

- 'I've been dying for a YA novel with unique magic, and *Bonesmith* delivered it on a ghostly-green platter. With a fascinating world, absolutely delightful characters, and enemies-to-lovers romance - this book is one readers will devour before begging for more.' - *Tricia Levenseller*
- '**[An] eerie atmospheric read packed with action and betrayal**' - *Rebecca Schaeffer*
- 'Gripping and action-packed in its plot, tender yet fierce in its romance, haunting and gritty in its worldbuilding, *Bonesmith* is a dark fantasy thrillride from start to finish. Wren Graven is the perfectly stubborn, witty, and courageous heroine to navigate a world of ghosts and undead that will remain with readers long after the last page' - *Amélie Wen Zhao*
- '**Action-packed from the start ... not for the faint hearted**' - *ReadingZone*

Author Biography

Nicki Pau Preto is a fantasy author living just outside of Toronto - though her dislike of hockey, snow, and geese makes her the worst Canadian in the country. She studied art and art history in university and worked as a graphic designer before becoming a writer full-time. She is the author of the *Crown of Feathers* trilogy and the *Sunday Times* bestselling novel *Bonesmith*.



Publication date	**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**
Price	**£9.99/Rs.799**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399724722**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)** **Of specific Gay interest (5SG)** **Fantasy (FM)** **Role-playing, war games & fantasy sports (WDHW)** **Rural communities (JFSF)** **Crime & mystery (FF)** **Gay & Lesbian studies (JFSK)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Fantasy World**
Author born in	**Southampton**
Author living in	**Bath**
1st Serial	**Fan**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Rebecca Podos**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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Til Death Do Us Bard
A heart-warming tale of marriage, magic, and monster-slaying

Rose Black

Keynote

***Legends & Lattes* meets *Kings of the Wyld* in this queer cosy fantasy, in which a grumpy ex-adventurer must come out of retirement to save the kingdom... after he saves his sunshiny bard husband.**

Description

Marriage isn't always sunshine and unicorns . . . sometimes it's monsters and necromancy.

It's been almost a year since Logan 'The Bear' Theaker hung up his axe and settled down with his sunshiny bard husband, Pie. But when Pie disappears, Logan is forced back into a world he thought he'd left behind.

Logan quickly discovers that Pie has been blackmailed into stealing a powerful artifact capable of creating an undead army. With the help of an old adversary and a ghost from his past, Logan sets out to rescue his husband.

But the further the quest takes him, the more secrets Logan uncovers. He'll need all his strength to rescue his husband - but can he save their marriage?

Sales Points

- **Commercial cosy fantasy with an LGBTQ+ romance:** A refreshing queer light fantasy with lots of feelings and heart. TIL DEATH DO US BARD is a mixture of the sweet, queer love story popularised by shows like Our Flag Means Death and the D&D inspired world of Travis Baldree's *Legends & Lattes*.
- **ON TREND**: This is a sweet uplifting fantasy all about found family, love, monsters, and belonging. It fits perfectly in that growing area of cosy fantasy.
- Rose Black is a #Pitchwars alum

Reviews

- '**This is an absolute bear-hug of a book! A grumpy ex-adventurer, a hilarious necromancer, a queernormative world, and delightfully cosy Dungeons & Dragons vibes-what more could you ask for??**' - *Sangu Mandanna, bestselling author of The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*

Author Biography

Rose Black is a combination of anxiety and dyslexia in a hoodie, bi, a professional computer wrangler, and mother to the world's wiggliest child. She's lucky enough to live in the historic city of Bath and is capable of eating her weight in sushi.

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BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)** **Romance (FR)** **Fantasy (FM)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**432 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Series	**Cursed Stars Series**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**Fantasy World**
Author born in	**Indiana, USA**
Author living in	**Indiana, USA**

Previous Titles
THESE HOLLOW VOWS
THESE TWISTED BONDS

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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Beneath These Cursed Stars
The unmissable NEW series from the author of TikTok sensation THESE HOLLOW VOWS

Lexi Ryan

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *These Hollow Vows* comes a romantic fantasy in which a human princess armed with death's kiss and a fae shifter on the run become unlikely allies when a mission to assassinate an evil king collides with a fatal prophecy.

Description

When the stars promise ruin, will love be worth the risk?

Princess Jasalyn seeks revenge.
Armed with an enchanted ring bestowing death's kiss, she's been sneaking away at night to assassinate her enemies.

Felicity needs a miracle.
Fated to kill her father, she's been using her ability to shape-shift to evade a fatal prophecy.

But when rumours begin circling that the evil king Mordeus is still alive, Jasalyn teams up with the handsome Kendrick - a rebel once imprisoned alongside her. While Felicity must take Princess Jasalyn's form, and her place at court - drawing irresistibly closer to the Wild Fae King, Misha.

Soon, their mission is at risk right alongside their hearts.

The future of the human and fae realms hangs in the balance. Between perilous tasks, grim secrets, and forbidden romances, Jasalyn and Felicity find that perhaps their stars are the most cursed of all.

Sales Points

- **RETURN TO THE WORLD OF *THESE HOLLOW VOWS*:** This new duology brings new and old readers into the mystical world of fae, with the conspiracy, conflict, and court politics of the *These Hollow Vows* duology and even more romance.
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Lexi is a #1 *NYT* bestselling author of over 25 self-published adult romance novels. Both *These Hollow Vows* and *These Twisted Bonds* were *New York Times* bestsellers. She has over 26K followers on Facebook, over 12K subscribers to her newsletter, over 19.8K followers on Instagram, and nearly 5K followers on Twitter.
- **TIKTOK BUZZ:** TikTok loved the romance and shocking moments of *These Hollow Vows*, with the great word of mouth spurring continuous sales for the series. They are sure to love this next duology which delivers Lexi's signature twists and steamy scenes!

Reviews

- '**Sexy, surprising, and full of secrets. *These Hollow Vows* is a lot like the world of Faerie - seductive, enthralling, and dangerous. With two very different love interests, lots of heated moments, and a spectacular ending, this is the fantasy romance I have been craving!**' - *Stephanie Garber on These Hollow Vows*
- '**A beautifully broken and epic fantasy that completely blew me way. Complete with twisted fae, love triangles that make my heart pound, and exceptional world building, *These Hollow Vows* is a must read for fans of Sarah J Maas and Jennifer L Armentrout. I highly recommend and am in dire need for the next book!**' - *Carrie Ann Ryan on These Hollow Vows*
- '**A sexy new take on fae fantasy, *These Hollow Vows* swept me away from the very first page and left me breathless and impatient for the next instalment . . . Prepare to fall for your newest book boyfriend!**' - *Lisa Maxwell on These Hollow Vows*
- '**An enchanting story of magic, adventure, and the lengths we will go to for the ones we love. Lexi Ryan takes readers on a rollercoaster ride we won't forget and leaves us begging for more of this story and world!** ' - *Catherine Cowles on These Hollow Vows*

Author Biography

Lexi Ryan is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over thirty romance titles and the 2018 recipient of the Romance Writers of America® RITA® award for Best Contemporary Romance: Long. She lives with her husband and two children in Indiana, where you can find her writing her next book and thanking her lucky stars. Find her on her website at



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Price	**£8.99/Rs.699**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399738651**
BIC 2.1	**Humour (WH)** **Gift books (WZG)** **Puzzles & quizzes (WDK)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**line drawings**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Turdle
2024's hilarious MURDLE parody - solve these funny toilet humour-themed logic puzzles

Ivanna Dump

Keynote

Completed MURDLE? It's time to try your luck with TURDLE, the parody that will see you joining Detective Poupe to solve a whole slop of lavatorial puzzle games.

Description

'Bound to be a **number two** bestseller!' - Lou Crapper

A fiendishly difficult collection of logic puzzles for squatting sleuths everywhere. Join Detective Poupe and pit your wits against a slew of dastardly villains to discover:

WHO DID THE POO?
WHERE DID THEY DO IT?
WHAT HAD THEY EATEN??

It's the ultimate poodunnit.

Sales Points

- **SPOOF OF A PUBLISHING SENSATION**: It's the perfect time for a *Murdle* parody, after huge success in 2023 that is showing no sign of slowing down this year
- **TOILET HUMOUR IS A WINNER**: Comps include *Things to Do While You Poo on the Loo* (111k TCM), *The SHIIT Workout* (35k TCM) and *The Little Book of Toilet Jokes* (30k).
- **PARODIES HAVE A STRONG AND STEADY MARKET**: Mackesy spoof *The Panda, the Cat and the Dreadful Teddy* (45k invoiced); *Spare Us* (13.5k TCM); *Humans* (44k total) and *Vladimir Putin: Life Coach* (40k).
- **ATTRACTIVE PRICE POINT AND GIFTY PACKAGE**: An easy gift for a puzzle/Murdle fan

Author Biography

Ivanna Dump first decided to create puzzle books after spending an inordinate amount of time bored on the toilet, and assumed there must be others similarly afflicted. Inspired by an unsolved case of the 'mysterious crapper' at her old workplace (who would leave logs floating in the bowl for unwitting colleagues to find), she started jotting down ideas on spare toilet paper and had soon used up an entire roll! Now published for the first time, she hopes this collection will keep idle hands busy, and that the wealth of eccentric defecators she has created will delight readers of all ages.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
Price	**£14.99/Rs.1199**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399719810**
BIC 2.1	**Espionage & spy thriller (FHD)** **Crime & mystery (FF)** **War & combat fiction (FJM)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Spider Shepherd Thrillers**
Exclusively for Sale	**Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**London**
Author living in	**Thailand**

Publishing History
Publishes the Spider Shepherd series. Also three books in the Matt Standing series, plus standalones.

Previous Titles
20 previous Spider Shepherd novels, most recently Clean Kill

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Stephen Leather**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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First Strike

Stephen Leather

Keynote

The brand new, action-packed Spider Shepherd thriller from bestselling novelist Stephen Leather.

Description

'Enthralling' *Financial Times*
'Explosive' *The Sun*
'Grabs the reader by the throat' *Daily Mail*

Spider Shepherd must face his most dangerous mission yet in the unforgettable new thriller from Stephen Leather.

'From the geopolitical concerns of African conflicts all the way to the sociological study of prisons in UK, there's so much in this book to entice your curiosity and your enthusiasm for knowledge in addition to offering the excitement of reading a fast-paced thriller. You can't afford to sit this one out. Brilliance personified' **Best Thriller Books**

Sales Points

- Hodder has sold over a million copies of Stephen Leather's books.
- Book 20 in the series, Clean Kill, reached number 11 in the hardback chart.
- Huge digital bestseller in both ebook and audio.
- All backlist Shepherd titles have been repackaged to bring them in style with the new books. There is a rolling list of promotions to ensure we are always targeting new readers.

Author Biography

Stephen Leather is one of the UK's most successful thriller writers, an ebook and *Sunday Times* bestseller and author of the critically acclaimed Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series and the Jack Nightingale supernatural detective novels. Before becoming a novelist he was a journalist for more than ten years on newspapers such as *The Times*, the *Daily Mirror*, the *Glasgow Herald*, the *Daily Mail* and the *South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong. He is one of the country's most successful ebook authors and his titles have topped the Amazon Kindle charts in the UK and the US. His bestsellers have been translated into fifteen languages and he has also written for television.

You can learn more from Stephen's website, www.stephenleather.com, and find him on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/stephenleatherofficial/.

Stephen also has a website for his Spider Shepherd series, www.danspidershepherd.com, and for his Jack Nightingale series, www.jacknightingale.com.

Market

For fans of Andy McNab, Damien Lewis, Lee Child and MW Craven.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 25, 2024**
Price	**£14.99/Rs.1199**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781529389906**
BIC 2.1	**Short stories (FYB) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Crime & mystery (FF)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can, ANZ); EU; Ire**
Not for Sale	**ANZ; Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**Australia, Rome, Texas**
Author born in	**Sydney**
Author living in	**San Francisco**

Previous Titles
The Night Guest (2014), The High Places (2016), The Sun Walks Down (2023)

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Stephanie Cabot**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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Highway Thirteen

Fiona McFarlane

Keynote

A gripping collection of linked short stories about the reverberations of a serial killer's crimes in the lives of everyday people.
From the acclaimed author of *The Sun Walks Down* and *The High Places*.

Description

In 1998, an apparently ordinary Australian man is arrested and charged for a series of brutal murders. The news shocks the nation, bringing both horror and resolution to the victims' families, but its impact travels even further: into the past, as the murders rewrite personal histories, and into the future, as true crime podcasts and biopics tell the story of the crimes.

From the killer's childhood town to Texas, Rome and beyond, from the mid-twentieth century to the near-future, *Highway Thirteen* asks how do communities make sense of such atrocities? How does the mourning of families sit alongside the public fascination with terrible crimes? And can we tell true crime stories without centring the killers?

Sales Points

- **TIMELY AND GRIPPING.** The stories range in time from 1950 to 2028, uncovering lives affected by the crimes of a serial killer, all without ever showing the killer himself. *Highway Thirteen* asks hard questions of the contemporary fascination with true crime through sharp portraits of everyday life.
- **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR**. *The Sun Walks Down* was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction and longlisted for Best Fiction at the Australian Indie Book Awards. Fiona's debut novel, *The Night Guest,* was shortlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award, and in Australia it won multiple prizes, including the Voss Literary Prize. *The High Places* won the Dylan Thomas Prize.
- **FOR FANS OF** Emma Cline, Eliza Clark's *Penance* and Megan Nolan's *Ordinary Human Feelings*. As well as anyone who has ever been drawn to true crime stories, or listened to one of the many true crime podcasts...

Reviews

- '**PRAISE FOR FIONA MCFARLANE'S *THE SUN WALKS DOWN***

  'Steinbeckian Majesty'
  SUNDAY TIMES

  'Moving and masterful'
  DAILY MAIL

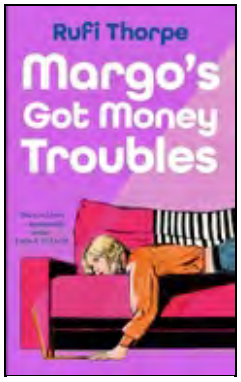
  'A thrilling success . . . full of mystery and wonder'
  WALL STREET JOURNAL

  'Brilliant, fresh and compulsively readable'
  ANN PATCHETT

  'I can't think of another writer working today who I admire more'
  KEVIN POWERS'

Author Biography

Fiona McFarlane's first novel, *The Night Guest*, won several prizes including the Voss Literary Prize and New South Wales Premier's Award, and was shortlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award, *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for First Fiction and Miles Franklin Literary Award, among others. She is also the author of the short story collection *The High Places*, which won the International Dylan Thomas Prize, and *The Sun Walks Down*, which was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize. Her stories have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Zoetrope: All-Story*, and *Best Australian Stories*. McFarlane grew up in Sydney and now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she teaches at the University of California, Berkeley.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£16.99/Rs.1450**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399732505**
BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Demy**
Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**California, USA**
Author born in	**Texas, USA**
Author living in	**California, USA**

Previous Titles
The Girls from Corona del Mar
Dear Fang, with Love
The Knockout Queen

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
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US	**Refer to Publisher**

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Margo's Got Money Troubles

Rufi Thorpe

Keynote

A blisteringly funny and heartwarming novel about a young woman - navigating a desperate lack of funds, new motherhood and becoming an adult - who gets creative on OnlyFans.

Description

'A hilarious novel about making the most of what you've got.'
Emma Straub, author of *All Adults Here*

**** *Big Little Lies* creator David E. Kelley is to adapt for A24 - a TV show starring Nicole Kidman and Elle & Dakota Fanning ****

Margo Millet's got money troubles. As the child of a Hooter's waitress and an ex-Pro-Wrestler, she's always known she'd have to make it on her own. When she finds herself pregnant by her college professor - who is very keen not to be involved - she realizes she will need cash fast.

At twenty, alone with a baby, what Margo lacks in options she makes up for in ingenuity, and soon she has a plan: she'll start an OnlyFans as an experiment, producing content and writing storylines unlike anything else out there. Help arrives in the form of her live-action role-playing flatmate Suzie, and her father, Jinx - a recovering addict and veteran of the wrestling world, who has experience of making an audience fall in love.

Before she knows it, Margo is an online phenomenon. Could this be the answer to all of Margo's problems, or does internet fame come with too high a price?

'**Damn funny, but also touching and smart and surprising and beguiling and just completely bad ass**'
Deesha Philyaw, author of *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies*

Sales Points

- **FOR FANS OF JUNO AND LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE**: lots of laughs here, but also an emotional message about family, the gift of unconditional love, and how society is rigged against many of us.
- **A BIG LAUNCH IN THE US**: Sold to the US editor of REALLY GOOD ACTUALLY and THE LIST - a new home for the author and an energetic launch.
- **COMPLEX THEMES WITH A LIGHT TOUCH:** Thorpe brings fun, heart, and humor to a story about financial struggles, complicated families, sex work, and self-discovery.
- **TV RIGHTS SOLD IN HEATED 11-WAY AUCTION:** *Big Little Lies* creator David E. Kelley is to adapt for A24 - a TV show starring Nicole Kidman and Elle Fanning - who will also read the audio book.

Reviews

- '**When I finished it, I couldn't quite believe it was over, that is how much I was completely rapt by *Margo's Got Money Troubles*.** A brilliantly unique story, fallible and lovable characters and moments so human and hilarious that I laughed out loud *multiple* times.' - Ore Agbaje-Williams, author of The Three of Us
- '**An audacious, wildly funny, completely unpredictable novel** by a writer so singular that it's hard to compare her to anyone else . . . An absolutely brilliant book.' - Kevin Wilson, New York Times bestselling author of Nothing to See Here
- 'Sharp and funny by turns, this is **an exceptionally tender look at young motherhood and love that also involves professional wrestling, and yes, OnlyFans.** I gobbled it up.' - Emma Straub, author of All Adults Here
- 'Long after the last page of *Margo's Got Money Troubles*, I think of certain lines and bust out laughing. In public. This novel is **damn funny, but also touching and smart and surprising and beguiling and just completely bad ass**. Rufi Thorpe is truly one of one!' - Deesha Philyaw, author of The Secret Lives of Church Ladies

Author Biography

Rufi Thorpe received her MFA from the University of Virginia. She is the author of three previous novels, has been longlisted for the International Dylan Thomas Prize, and shortlisted for the Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize and the PEN/Faulkner award. She currently teaches for The Book Incubator, and lives in California with her husband and two sons.

Jacket Coming Soon



The Second Son

Adrienne Tooley

Publication date	**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**
Price	**£14.99/Rs.1199**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781399714020**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (Teenage) (YFHR) Of specific Lesbian interest (5SL) Witches & ghosts (Children's / Teenage) (YNXW)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Third Daughter**
Exclusively for Sale	**Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East**
Not for Sale	**Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; UK; USA**
Book locale	**Fantasy**
Author born in	**California, USA**
Author living in	**Brooklyn NY, USA**

Publishing History
Sweet & Bitter Magic - March 9, 2021
Sofi and the Bone Song - April 19, 2022

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
Translation	**Jim McCarthy**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Keynote

An epic clash of deities explores the two facets of pain - rage versus sadness - in this rousing conclusion to the Betrayal Prophecies, a dark crown fantasy duology with a sweeping sapphic romance.

Description

'Subtly vicious and achingly tender ... romance and intrigue simmer, and betrayals abound' Allison Saft, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Far Wilder Magic*

The centuries-old prophecy has been fulfilled at last: the New Maiden has returned to Velle. Unfortunately, so has a malicious demi-god, whose elusive prophet is intent on converting the New Maiden's followers. The Second Son is a vengeful, angry deity, whose psalm resonates with the disenfranchised.

With Elodie on the throne and Sabine in her own unique position of power, it should be easy enough to track down the culprit. Yet even as they're falling in love, both girls are keeping dangerous secrets from each other. While the cult of the Second Son threatens to overthrow not only the Church of the New Maiden but also Velle's monarchy, Elodie and Sabine must navigate impossible odds to dismantle the root of his power, all while their lives hang in the balance.

A must-read for fans of the BookTok sensations *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard, *Night of the Witch* by Sara Raasch and Beth Revis, and *These Violent Delights* by Chloe Gong.

Sales Points

- **Perfect for the YA fantasy market**: a brilliant second book and conclusion of this young adult romantic fantasy duology. Featuring a sapphic undercurrent, *The Second Son* features the full spectrum of irresistible fantasy tradition (an ambitious, scorned heir to the throne, a conniving network of murderous chaplains, a unique magic system, and divided families), alongside a rich world, and a ruthless protagonist you can't help but cheer for - and fear - from page to page.
- **Hugely commercial**: with sleek, immersive writing, this is perfect for fans *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendra Blake, *Dance of Thieves* by Mary Pearson and *Girl, Serpent Thorn* by Melissa Bashardoust.
- **Adrienne Young** has published young adult fantasies before, but this duology is an opportunity to launch her in earnest: as a gifted storyteller and must-read in contemporary fantasy - combining themes of power, matriarchy, subverting inheritance, prophecy, magic, emotion, family, and conspiracy, all with a slow-burning lesbian romance.

Reviews

- '**** PRAISE FOR ADRIENNE TOOLEY ****'
- '**Thoughtful, ambitious, and unexpected**' - *Kirkus Reviews*
- 'High stakes and a wonderfully developed romance' - *School Library Journal*

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BIC 2.1	**Self-help & personal development (VS) Humour (WH) Gift books (WZG)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**London**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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Oh Miriam!
Stories from an Extraordinary Life

Miriam Margolyes

Keynote

Award-winning actress, bestselling author of *This Much is True,* and Britain's naughtiest national treasure is back, and she's as outrageous as ever.

Description

***'Oh Miriam!* risks the curse of the sequel, and pulls it off . . . A force of nature, a tour de *farce.* Bold, brave and bright, but also revealing, shocking and touching. Miriam is an icon, a cocksucker - and the star of her show'** ROBERT McCRUM, *Independent*

'Our naughtiest national treasure . . . famously filthy, funny and phlegmatic . . . *Oh Miriam!* is Margolyes's manifesto for a fulfilled life . . . She loves to tell it straight. And the older she gets, the straighter she tells it' SIMON HATTENSTONE, *Guardian*

'Irrepressible . . . A life-enhancing rollercoaster of a ride . . . this book is like Margolyes herself - outspoken, ebullient and unexpectedly wise' EMMA LEE-POTTER, *Daily Express*

'Snortingly funny . . . deliciously unbridled . . . There is something **heroic** in her unruliness. **Let Miriam take the lead and enjoy the show'** RHIK SAMADDER, *Observer*

'Insanely interesting, full of profanity and profundity, *Oh Miriam!*'s title comes from all the people who have ever exclaimed her name in every tone from horror to hilarity; and **her unfiltered personality leaps off the page - honesty, kindness, generosity, sanity, erudition, outspokenness'** SUZANNE HARRINGTON, *Irish Examiner*

'Endearingly eccentric' WOMEN'S WEEKLY

From declaring my love to Vanessa Redgrave to being fed cockroaches by Steve Buscemi, from turnip-based comedy with Blackadder to being farted on by Arnold Schwarzenegger, from Graham Norton's sofa to Alan Cumming's camper van, my life has been (and continues to be) an uproarious adventure.

Oh Miriam! has been such a constant refrain in my life, said in all kinds of tones - laughs, surprised gasps and orgasmic sighs (I'm hoping for all of those from you as you read on!) - that it *had* to be the title of this book. And with a cast list that stretches from Churchill to DiCaprio, Dahl to Dietrich, Princess Margaret to Maggie Smith, I've so much more to tell you and so much more to say.

My chapters range from 'How to Stay Married' to 'Don't Let the Bastards Get You Down'. Discover how to break the thickest conversational ice; why swearing is actually good for you (though not on the *Today* programme); the unexpected things I learned at school and what my Spice Girl name would be. Not to mention my Tale of the Unexpected and my very own Vagina Monologue.

Buckle up and join me on another unforgettable adventure, but this time through my heart and head . . .

Sales Points

- **Publicity**: whenever Miriam appears on TV, sparks fly. From her recent appearance on the Today programme to her regular visits to the *This Morning* and *Graham Norton* sofas, she never fails to get the nation talking, and remind us all just how much we love her.
- **Bestseller:** Miriam's memoir This Much is True sold over 200,000 copies in HB, and over 100,000 in PB, and the sales show no signs of slowing. She is adored and people want to hear from her.

Author Biography

Born in Oxford, England in 1941 & educated at Newnham College, Cambridge, MIRIAM MARGOLYES OBE is an award-winning veteran of the stage and screen, and an internationally acclaimed voice-artist and documentarian. Winner of the BAFTA Best Supporting Actress award for *The Age of Innocence*, she received an OBE in 2002 for Services to Drama. *This Much is True,* her long-awaited award-winning autobiography, was in the top ten for over a year. This is her second book.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
Price	**£22.99/Rs.1850**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781473694965**
BIC 2.1	**Biblical commentaries (HRCG1) Christianity (HRC) Criticism & exegesis of sacred texts (HRLC1)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Depth	**38mm**
Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Hodder Bible Commentary**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
Podcast	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Hodder Bible Commentary: Acts

Martin Salter

Keynote

A fresh Bible commentary on the book of Acts for preaching, teaching and personal study.

Description

The book of Acts tells the story of God's unstoppable mission as the good news of the gospel reaches the nations. Acts invites us to become the next generation of witnesses, attesting to the transforming power of the risen Lord.

Martin Salter's commentary shows how we can be confident that wherever we are and whatever we face, the one enthroned in heaven is still at work, through his people, empowered by his Spirit, to transform lives.

About the Hodder Bible Commentary:

The Hodder Bible Commentary is a comprehensive 50-volume Bible commentary series. Doctrinally sensitive and globally aware, its goal is to encourage a deepened knowledge and understanding of Scripture.

Accessible and insightful expository commentary explores the timeless message of the Bible and applies it to the challenges of today's world. Written by a range of authors and supported by consultant editors from around the world, it represents a diversity of church and cultural contexts.

With the full text of the NIV Bible interspersed with the commentary for easy reference, this series is ideal for preaching, teaching and personal study.

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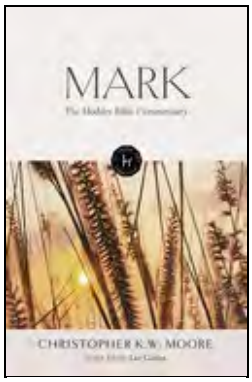
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Chris Moore

Keynote

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Reviews

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Author Biography

Chris Moore ministers in the Church of England, in rural Herefordshire, and sits on General Synod. He is a Director of Wider Church Engagement for Church Society, and has a long ecumenical engagement with Eastern Orthodoxy, serving as the Chair of the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius and being part of the Lausanne Orthodox Initiative. His doctoral research examined the Old Testament roots of Christology in the Gospels of Mark and John.



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The Hodder Bible Commentary: Luke

David Peterson

Keynote

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There are many ways to be lost in life, but the most serious is to be lost to God. Luke's Gospel introduces us to the people who met Jesus, understood his message, and experienced his saving power.

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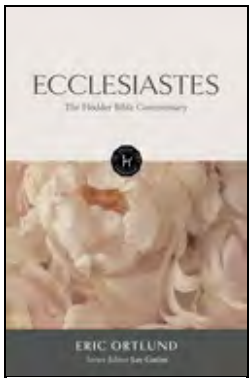
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Author Biography

David G. Peterson teaches at Cornhill Sydney and Moore College in Sydney, Australia. Formerly Principal of Oak Hill Theological College in London, he is the author of commentaries on Romans (BTCP), Hebrews (Tyndale) and Acts (Pillar), and other books including *Engaging with God* (a biblical theology of worship) and *Possessed by God: A New Testament Theology of Sanctification and Holiness* (NSBT).

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The Hodder Bible Commentary: Ecclesiastes

Eric Ortlund (Edited By Lee Gatiss)

Keynote

A fresh Bible commentary on Ecclesiastes for preaching, teaching and personal study.

Description

How can we live well in a world that can feel meaningless? Ecclesiastes invites us to face the hard truth that our lives are very brief and mostly out of our control. But that doesn't mean God leaves us to despair.

In this searching and uplifting commentary, Eric Ortlund helps us see that our earthly lives are gifts from God. This life may be brief and frustrating, but it is good - and deeply worth treasuring.

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Reviews

- 'What is good for human beings? Eric Ortlund helps readers perceive Qohelet's answer to this perennial question. With skill and unusual clarity, he demystifies the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, inviting readers to embrace both the frustrations and the joys of earthly life within divinely imposed limits. Like Qohelet's observations, Ortlund's readings of and reflections on Ecclesiastes are penetrating, painful, and healing. Ortlund refuses to sugar-coat the vanity and frustrations of life. And he refuses to minimize Qohelet's recognition of the giftedness of life in God's good creation. I cannot wait to share Ortlund's wise reading of Ecclesiastes with my students.' - Christopher B. Ansberry, Associate Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies, Grove City College, USA
- 'Eric Ortlund has given us a precious gift in this new commentary on Ecclesiastes. Page after page is full of deep insight into both the text and the world around us. He combines the kind of a scholar with the heart of a pastor and-more than that-a friend. This will help us profoundly understand Ecclesiastes, and therefore life itself.' - Sam Allberry, Associate Pastor of Immanuel Nashville and author of James For You.
- 'This is a delightful commentary on a book of Holy Scripture which so many find incomprehensible at best and disheartening at worst, and for this Eric Ortlund deserves our gratitude. You will find in here not only a clear path through the riddles and conundrums of Ecclesiastes but also a faithful guide to wisdom and joy in life with Christ east of Eden. The attention to the text is close and profound, the awareness of our finitude as human creatures is deeply felt in the heart, and so the result is a help to reading Ecclesiastes that is as absorbing and rich as it is pastoral and edifying. I learned a great deal and expect to return to these pages to keep doing so.' - David Gibson, Minister of Trinity Church, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Author Biography

Eric Ortlund is Lecturer in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at Oak Hill Theological College in London. He has written commentaries on Esther and Malachi, and two books on Job: *Suffering Wisely and Well: The Grief of Job and the Grace of God* (Crossway), and *Piercing Leviathan: God's Defeat of Evil in the Book of Job* (NSBT).

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Alter Ego

Helen Heckety

Keynote

Just as heartbreaking as it is heartwarming, this is gripping and totally unique page-turner is for anyone who has wanted to disappear for a little while, and is about learning to love yourself instead of trying to fit in.

Description

'Every now and then a book comes along that changes the way you see the world, and this is one of them . . . I absolutely adored it' Freya Sampson, author of *The Last Library*

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'Sharp, witty and raw . . . This is a book everyone should pick off the shelves' Rebecca Netley, author of *The Whistling*

Sometimes you just need to get a little lost before you find your way back again...

Six months ago, something happened that changed everything for Hattie. The next morning, she came up with The Plan. It was time for a whole new life. That's how Hattie ends up in a little cabin in the middle of nowhere, where the woodland stretches for miles and stars light up the night sky. Here, Hattie can be whoever she wants to be.

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But it's not long before she's caught in her lies - trapped between who she really is, and who she so desperately wants to be. When everything falls apart, can she piece herself back together?

If you've ever felt a little lost, wanted to hide, or struggled to accept yourself, you will see yourself in the pages of this book. Perfect for fans of Kirsty Capes and Daisy Buchanan, this unputdownable, hilarious and achingly relatable page-turner will break your heart, mend it anew and leave you with a smile on your face.

Sales Points

- Disability in commercial fiction is sorely missing, and we believe that this book could do for the disabled community what Matt Haig and Bryony Gordon have done for stories about mental health.
- We genuinely believe that this book can make the world a better place. It's an important, much-needed, boundary-smashing story but, beyond that, it is a total page-tuner - just as heartwarming as it is heartbreaking, properly hilarious and achingly relatable. If you've ever felt a little lost, wanted to hide, or struggled to accept yourself, you will see yourself in the pages of this book.
- Helen Heckety is the perfect advocate for this novel. She's a disabled writer who is proud to be contributing to a more diverse arts and literature scene.

Reviews

- 'Every now and then a book comes along that changes the way you see the world, and this is one of them. Uplifting and angry, hilarious and heartbreaking, it's a story about toxic friendship, self-acceptance and the challenges of finding one's place in the world. I absolutely adored it' - Freya Sampson, author of The Last Library
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- 'Sharp, witty and raw, Heckety's novel exploring a young woman's experience of living with a hidden disability makes a compulsive and ultimately uplifting read. This is a book everyone should pick off the shelves' - Rebecca Netley, author of The Whistling

Author Biography

Helen Heckety is a writer and performer from Kent. She is also disabled. She has written and toured two solo plays, one called *To Helen Back* and another called *Helen Highwater* which premiered at the Southbank London Lit Festival 2019. She has also written a poetry collection called *The Underlook*, which explores medical trauma, bad



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Blood Debt
The non-stop danger-filled new Victor thriller

Tom Wood

Keynote

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Description

They want an eye for an eye. He'll fight until the last drop is spilled.

The incredible latest novel in the most visceral, action-packed series around sees the assassin Victor fighting enemies on all sides, with no allies in sight.

To make amends for past mistakes, the enigmatic assassin known only as Victor is now in servitude to the world's most dangerous criminal enterprise, the Russian Mafia. Although a hired gun without loyalties, Victor never picks a fight he cannot win so he intends to pay off his debt, however long it takes.

Yet when his new employer is shot dead in London, Victor has both the means and the motive to make him the most likely suspect. With a turf war breaking out in the power vacuum, and enemies on all sides, either Victor discovers who the real murderer is or suffer the full wrath of the Mafia's vengeance.

Sales Points

- Previous book TRAITOR saw a sizeable uplift in sales, up 10% book on book.
- Little, Brown UK has sold more than 550,000 Tom Wood novels - he is a major player in the thriller scene
- Tom is highly acclaimed by both critics and his bestselling peers, including Gregg Hurwitz, author of *Orphan X* (128,775 UK Bookscan) and James Swallow, author of *Nomad* (116,198 UK Bookscan)
- The Victor series has been optioned by Gaumont (NARCOS, HANNIBAL, LUPIN)
- The entire Tom Wood backlist was reissued across 2021 with a beautiful new modern look

Reviews

- 'Terrifically fun and explosively propulsive' - *Gregg Hurwitz*
- 'Great, page-turning, with a hard edge' - *James Swallow*
- 'Each plot twist is unexpected and well timed' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Great insights into tradecraft and psychology' - *Sunday Times*

Author Biography

Tom Wood is a full-time writer born in Burton-on-Trent who now lives in London. After a stint as freelance editor and film-maker, he completed his first novel, *The Hunter*, which was an instant bestseller and introduced readers to a genuine antihero, Victor, an assassin with a purely logical view on life and whose morals are deeply questionable. Like Victor, Tom is passionate about physical sport, being both a huge boxing fan and practising Krav Maga martial arts, which has seen him sustain a number of injuries. He has not, however, ever killed anyone.

Tom also publishes standalone psychological thrillers, including *A Knock at the Door*.



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A Secret Cornish Wish

Ali McNamara

Keynote

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The brand-new escapist summer romance from bestselling author Ali McNamara. Return to the Cornish shores of St Felix and fall in love . . .

What if one summer could change your life?

For Frankie and her five best friends growing up on the glorious beaches of Cornwall's St Felix, life couldn't get any better. Late one night, the friends discover an old box washed up on the shores and they learn the tale of the St Felix mermaid who grants wishes to those who find her treasure. Even though they know it's just Cornish folkore, the friends decide to make a wish for what they each want out of life - most importantly, they want to always be together . . .

Over the course of the next few decades, as weddings, funerals, birthdays and more bring the friends back together, lost loves, broken promises and buried secrets just as quickly tear them apart. But when they reunite one last time in St Felix, will it be for good? And will their wishes finally be revealed?

Praise for Ali McNamara:
An enchanting escape. Pure magic!' Heidi Swain
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'Perfect easy reading' *Sun*
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'Funny and light-hearted' *Heat*

Sales Points

- THE BRAND: we are investing time, money and energy into developing Ali McNamara into a must-read women's fiction brand with ambitious growth plans to broaden her readership and increase sales across retailer accounts and formats.
- THE MARKET: Ali McNamara consistently outsells her peers, including Heidi Swain, Holly Hepburn, Jo Thomas, Phillipa Ashely and Milly Johnson.
- THE CAMPAIGN: we'll put together a blanket digital marketing campaign to encourage new readers to 'take a chance with Ali McNamara' as well as speaking directly to her established readership. We'll also be partnering with well known brands for stickered competitions on the paperback.

Reviews

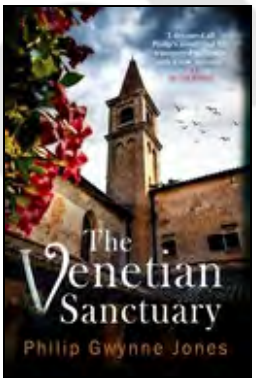
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- 'Fun and endearing' - Katie Fforde

Author Biography

Ali lives in Cambridgeshire with her family and her beloved dogs. In her spare time she likes antique shopping, people watching, and daydreaming, usually accompanied by a good cup of coffee!

Ali has two chronic illnesses: M.E./CFS and UCTD and is a disability and invisible disability advocate.

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The Venetian Sanctuary

Philip Gwynne Jones

Keynote

The latest gripping thriller featuring Nathan Sutherland, set against the background of the most beautiful city on earth: Venice. The perfect atmospheric crime novel for fans of Joseph Kanon, Donna Leon and Abir Mukherjee. Previous title was a huge success (The Venetian Game) and was a Waterstones CBOTM in 2019.

Description

'I devoured all Philip's novels and felt transported to Venice with a new intimacy' Val McDermid

'An unputdownable thriller' Gregory Dowling

'It is no surprise to find that Philip Gwynne Jones lives in Venice... art and architecture interweave into a story that builds to an almost surreal climax' *Daily Mail*

'Gwynne Jones's talent for evoking place and atmosphere is clear as ever' *Literary Review*

What lies beneath?

Venice, June 2020.
The city has returned to the Venetians during a merciful pause in the Covid pandemic, and few overseas visitors are to be seen. Yet Dominic Vicari, a British private investigator haunted by loss, has travelled across Europe to the tiny island of San Francesco del Deserto. The ancient monastery there, it is said, was founded by St Francis himself in the 13th century. Its population now consists of five Franciscan brothers and three pilgrims on retreat. Or, rather, two pilgrims and a dead man.
Nathan Sutherland is called in when Vicari's broken body is found at the base of the *campanile*, his death seemingly nothing more than a terrible accident. But Nathan isn't so sure and sets out on an investigation that will reunite him with an old friend and an old adversary, and the discovery of a terrible secret hidden at the heart of the lagoon.

Praise for Philip Gwynne Jones

'Superb - always gripping, beautifully constructed and vivid' Stephen Glover

'Clever and great fun' *The Times*

'Sinister and shimmering, *The Venetian Game* is as haunting and darkly elegant as Venice itself' L.S. Hilton, bestselling author of *Maestra*

'The Venetian setting is vividly described... good, fluid writing makes for easy reading' *Literary Review*

'Un-put-downable . . . If you love Venice, you'll love this because you'll be transported there in an instant. If you've not been to Venice, read this book and then go. If you like intrigue, and a clever plot, you'll love this book' Amazon reviewer, 5*****

'The lively, colourful narrative scuds along as briskly as a water taxi...you'll enjoy the ride' Italia Magazine

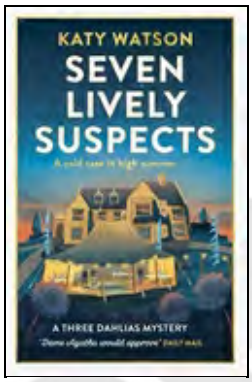
Sales Points

- March 2019 The Venetian Game was Waterstones Crime Book of the Month and sold over 60,000 copies through its stores
- In the tradition of crime novels set in beautiful European city locations
- Author is ideally located - he himself moved to a flat in Venice
- An absolutely charming crime novel where Venice is the real star - this book is a holiday in a book and will have you yearning for Prosecco and olives once you have finished reading
- His first book, "The Venice Project", was published in 2013 and spent several months at number 1 in Amazon's "Italian Travel" section.

Author Biography

Philip Gwynne Jones was born in South Wales in 1966, and lived and worked throughout Europe before settling in Scotland in the 1990s. He first came to Italy in 1994, when he spent some time working for the European Space Agency in Frascati, a job that proved to be less exciting than he had imagined.

He spent twenty years in the IT industry before realising he was congenitally unsuited to



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Seven Lively Suspects

Katy Watson

Keynote

The third sleuthing outing for the Three Dahlias, and this time they have to investigate a cold case and a more recent murder at a crime fiction festival in the picturesque Cotswolds...

Description

It's a baking hot British summer, and the sleepy town of Market Foxleigh is staging a crime writing festival... with the three Dahlias as guests of honour.

After all, not only have Rosalind King, Caro Hooper and Posy Starling each played fictional detective Dahlia Lively on screen, but they're also making a name for themselves solving real-life murders too.

The Dahlias are anticipating a weekend of cream teas, awards dinners and warm white wine... but before long they're sleuthing together once again - this time helping a true crime podcast investigate a local cold case with a personal connection for one of the Dahlias.

It's been five years since Dahlia Lively fan Scott Baker was arrested for a murder that had eerie echoes of one of Dahlia's fictional cases. It seemed like an open and shut case at the time, but the podcast team are convinced that the police got the wrong man.

Can the three Dahlias help prove them right - and find the real killer?

Praise for Katy Watson:

'An absolute treat of a read with all the ingredients of a vintage murder mystery: a country house, mysterious dead bodies and three actresses all keen to catch the killer. Perfect weekend reading!' **Janice Hallett, author of *The Appeal***

'Celebrates and gently satirises Golden Age crime novels in a hugely entertaining country house mystery' ***The Times***

'Dame Agatha would approve' ***Daily Mail***

'A wonderful celebration of Golden Age crime. . . a read you can sink into, just like the perfect country house weekend. You will definitely love Dahlia in all her guises by the end' **S.J. Bennett, author of *The Windsor Knot***

'I loved it - witty, engaging and hugely enjoyable. A must for fans of classic mysteries' **Frances Brody**

'An affectionate homage to the Golden Age of Detective Fiction and a wry nod to our continuing fascination with it. Great fun. Warm, ingenious and. . . lively!' **L C Tyler**

'A sprightly offering. . . a pleasant summer read' ***The Critic***

'A pleasure to read from beginning to end' ***Shots***

'A fun, 1930s style murder-mystery, which makes for perfect holiday reading' ***Woman's Weekly***

'Perfect Holiday Read' ***Woman & Home***

'Smartly executed with wit and a cunning plot' ***Peterborough Telegraph***

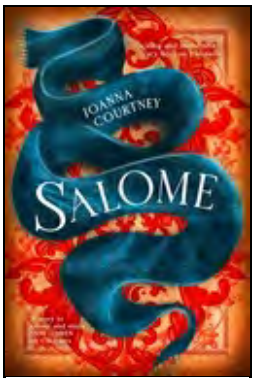
'A cosy whodunnit told with modern flair' ***Yours***

Sales Points

- The first in the series, *The Three Dahlias*, sold over 40,000 copies in paperback
- Perfect for fans of Janice Hallett, Anthony Horowitz and the Rev Richard Coles
- Author Katy Watson is gathering quite a following herself as she tirelessly visits bookstores and libraries, building up the Three Dahlias fanbase - her What Would Dahlia Do Next? badges went down a storm with booksellers, librarians and the people buying her books!

Author Biography

Katy Watson grew up in North Wales, as part of a family of folk singers, storytellers and murder mystery addicts. An avid reader and notebook collector, her dream was to combine the two hobbies by becoming an author and, after spending her teenage years reading paperback Christies on rainy Welsh caravan holidays, it seemed inevitable that



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The *Shakespeare's Queens* trilogy:
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Salome
The woman behind the dance

Joanna Courtney

Keynote

An evocative, unputdownable novel about the infamous Salome. Discover the woman behind the myth . . .

Description

An evocative, unputdownable novel about the infamous Salome. Discover the woman behind the myth, in this epic and opulent novel, perfect for fans of Jennifer Saint, Madeline Miller, Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir.

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A dutiful royal daughter.

At age fourteen, Princess Salome knows she will soon be ready for marriage - one that will satisfy the ambitions of her mother Herodias. But it is Herodias's own sudden remarriage that will change Salome's life in a way she did not expect.

A girl who loved to dance.

Uprooted to Judea, Salome finds herself in a land full of strange people - none more so than the prophet John 'the Baptiser', who condemns her mother and stepfather for their respective divorces. When John is imprisoned for inciting rebellion, Herodias forces Salome to ask for his head as a gift for her dancing.

A woman ready to fight.

Haunted by her part in John's death, Salome is a very different woman when, a year later, John's protégé, Jesus of Nazareth, begins to gain prominence with his anti-establishment teachings and, thanks in a large part to her own mother, meets a rebel's fate. Now Salome is prepared to stand up for what she believes in - whatever the cost.

Beautiful, brave and strong, it's time for Salome to redefine her story.

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Praise for Joanna Courtney:

'Exciting and immersive! A compelling story that crackles with intrigue, passion and humour' TRACY REES

'Beautifully researched, emotionally charged, elegantly told, this is a story to savour and enjoy' ANNE O'BRIEN

'A novel to savour, a story as rich as fine Roman wine' CAROL MCGRATH

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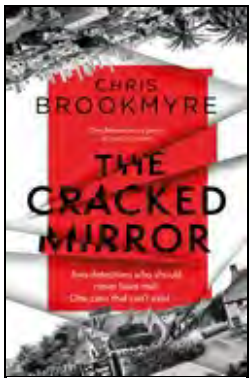
Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF HISTORICAL FICTION:** Writing in the tradition of Philippa Gregory, Anne O'Brien and Alison Weir, Joanna Courtney tells evocative, epic and utterly irresistible stories of the women who shaped our history.
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Author Biography

Joanna Courtney is a bestselling author of historical fiction, who discovered her passion for ancient history while studying medieval literature at Cambridge.

Find out more by visiting her website **www.joannacourtney.com** or find her on Facebook/**joannacourtneyauthor** or Twitter **@joannacourtney1**.



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The Cracked Mirror
The exceptional brain-twisting mystery

Chris Brookmyre

Keynote

A completely unique crime novel that plays with genre and reality, while still being an incredible mystery, this is multi-award-winner Brookmyre's most ambitious and best book yet

Description

FORGET WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW
THIS IS NOT *THAT* CRIME NOVEL

You know Penny Coyne. The little old lady who has solved multiple murders in her otherwise sleepy village, despite bumbling local police. A razor-sharp mind in a twinset and tweed.

You know Johnny Hawke. Hard-bitten LAPD homicide detective. Always in trouble with his captain, always losing partners, but always battling for the truth, whatever it takes.

Against all the odds, against the *usual* story, their worlds are about to collide. It starts with a dead writer and a mysterious wedding invitation. It will end with a rabbit hole that goes so deep, Johnny and Penny might come to question not just whodunnit, but whether they want to know the answer.

A cross-genre hybrid of Agatha Christie and Michael Connelly, The Cracked Mirror *is the most imaginative and entertaining crime novel of the year, a genre-splicing rollercoaster with a poignantly emotional heart.*

Sales Points

- A truly daring and original crime novel that plays with genre - and readers' minds - this is multi-award-winner Brookmyre's best novel to date, a true one-off with strong awards potential
- For fans genre-defying crime fiction such as EIGHT DETECTIVES by Alex Pavesi (3,418 C ABM), THE SEVEN DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE by Stuart Turton (16,418 C ABM), THE MAGPIE MURDERS by Anthony Horowitz (10,285 C ABM), and EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE by Benjamin Stevenson (32,316 C ABM)
- Chris Brookmyre has won many awards, including the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, the McIlvanney Prize and the CWA Dagger in the Library, as well as receiving numerous nominations
- Chris Brookmyre's books, both under his own name and as Ambrose Parry, have sold twon million copies in the UK

Reviews

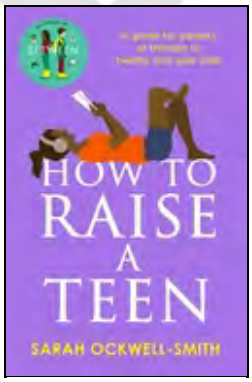
- 'Chris Brookmyre is a genius' - *Richard Osman*
- 'In the pantheon of great crime writers' - *Elly Griffiths*
- 'There's nothing he can't do' - *Mick Herron*
- 'Chris Brookmyre is a storytelling mastermind' - *Chris Whitaker*

Author Biography

Chris Brookmyre (Author)
Chris Brookmyre was a journalist before becoming a full-time novelist with the publication of his award-winning debut *Quite Ugly One Morning*, which established him as one of Britain's leading crime writers. His 2016 novel *Black Widow* won both the McIlvanney Prize and the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award. Brookmyre's novels have sold more than two million copies in the UK alone.

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How to Raise a Teen
A guide for parents of thirteen to twenty-one-year-olds

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

Keynote

The new book from parenting expert and mother of four Sarah Ockwell-Smith, *How to Raise a Teen* is an essential guide for parents struggling to navigate the tricky teenage years.

Description

Raising a teenager can be challenging, exhausting and, at times, infuriating for parents. In *How to Raise a Teen*, parenting expert and mother of four young adults Sarah Ockwell-Smith provides advice and guidance for parents, carers, and anybody else who works with teenagers and their families on how to navigate this tricky period.

Using her unique blend of practical parenting advice, neuroscience and psychology, Sarah explores key issues encountered by families during the teenage years, including:

*Common causes of difficult behaviour and conflict, and how to handle them
*How to help your teen to grow into a young adult with good mental health
*Issues at school such as homework, exams, behaviour and other common education related struggles
*How to manage and keep your teen safe when using screens, the internet, alcohol, drugs and vaping
*Relationships including friendships and sibling relationships and how these change during the teen years
*Romantic relationships and how to guide your teen through their first sexual experiences
*Increasing independence, including learning to drive and 'next steps' concerning education and work.
*Understanding your own feelings about being a parent to a teen and preparing for the next stage in your life

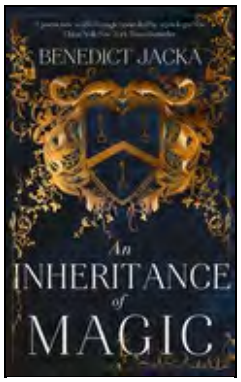
Parents and young people need more support than ever during this stage of development. *How to Raise a Teen* will show you how to work through the unique challenges of the teen years *with* your child, rather than working *against* them, to support, guide and prepare you both for their next chapter in life

Sales Points

- HOW TO RAISE A TEEN will be for the parents who have followed Sarah's parenting guides from the beginning, as their children will be hitting the teen years around publication.
- HOW TO RAISE A TEEN is a companion volume to BETWEEN, Sarah Ockwell-Smith's popular guide to parenting eight to thirteen year olds, which has sold over 25,000 copies across all formats.
- We have now sold more than 500,000 copies of Sarah Ockwell-Smith's books.
- Sarah Ockwell-Smith's bestselling books are approachable, accessible, evidence-based and cover a wide range of subjects relevant to parents with young children. Sarah's advice is underpinned by her 'gentle' parenting ethos where parenting choices are informed, educated, based on realistic expectations of a child's behaviour and on respect and empathy for children and their parents.

Author Biography

Sarah Ockwell-Smith is the mother of four children. She has a BSc in Psychology and worked for several years in Pharmaceutical Research and Development. Following the birth of her first child, Sarah re-trained as a Paediatric Homeopath, Antenatal Teacher and Birth and Postnatal Doula. She has also undertaken training in Baby Massage, Hypnotherapy and Psychotherapy. Sarah specialises in gentle parenting methods and is co-founder of the GentleParenting website (www.gentleparenting.co.uk). Sarah writes a parenting blog (www.sarahockwell-smith.com) which is read by 3 million parents per year, and is the author of *BabyCalm*, *ToddlerCalm, The Gentle Sleep Book, The Gentle Parenting Book, The Gentle Discipline Book, The Gentle Potty Training Book, The Gentle Eating Book, The Second Baby Book, The Starting School Book Between: A guide for parents of eight to thirteen-year-olds, How to Be a Calm Parent* and *Beginnings*. She frequently writes for magazines and newspapers, and is often called upon as a parenting expert for national television and radio.



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An Inheritance of Magic
Book 1 in a new dark fantasy series by the author of the million-copy-selling Alex Verus novels

Benedict Jacka

Keynote
Book one in a new fantasy series of super rich magical dynasties and warring heirs - from the author of the million-copy-selling Alex Verus series. For readers of contemporary fantasy who enjoy the methods and magicians of dark academia...

Description
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Dangerous enemies await the Oakwood heir, and even more dangerous allies: if Stephen cannot master his magic quickly and learn to distinguish friend from foe, his name may end up on the missing persons list, just like his father.

Sales Points
- This is the start of a brand new fantasy series by Benedict Jacka, the author of the hugely successful Alex Verus series
- Benedict's previous series has sold almost 400,000 copies via Hachette UK, and a million copies worldwide
- This is Benedict's first hardback publication - a must for fans in a fantasy readership that is gravitating towards hardbacks and special editions. We will create a beautiful first edition with a rich, luxurious looking cover
- This idea of a world where magic can be bought is new and exciting - think *Succession* meets Harry Potter

Reviews
- 'Jacka has drawn a potent new world of magic controlled by a privileged few, and Stephen Oakwood is the sigl-wielding rebel we didn't know we needed' - New York Times bestselling author Chloe Neill
- 'Harry Dresden would like Alex Verus tremendously - and be a little nervous around him. I just added Benedict Jacka to my must-read list' - Jim Butcher
- 'The new master of magical London' - Charles Stross on Benedict Jacka
- 'A deft, thrill-ride of an urban fantasy - a stay-up-all-night read' - Patricia Briggs on FATED

Author Biography
Benedict Jacka is the author of the Alex Verus series, which began in 2012 with *Fated* and ended in 2021 with *Risen*. He's studied philosophy at Cambridge, taught English in China, and worked at everything from civil servant to bouncer before becoming a full-time writer. For information about his books, settings, and releases, check his website at benedictjacka.co.uk or his Twitter at @benedictjacka.

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The Jasad Heir
The Egyptian-inspired enemies-to-lovers fantasy and Sunday Times bestseller

Sara Hashem

Keynote

In a world of scorched kingdoms, forbidden magic, and cunning royals, a fugitive queen strikes a deadly bargain with her fallen kingdom's greatest enemy and soon finds herself embroiled in a political game that could resurrect her scorched kingdom or leave it in ashes forever in this stunning debut epic fantasy.

Description

At ten years old, the Heir of Jasad flees a massacre that takes her entire family.

At fifteen, she buries her first body.

At twenty, the clock is ticking on Sylvia's third attempt at home. Nizahl's armies have laid waste to Jasad and banned magic across the four remaining kingdoms. Fortunately, Sylvia's magic is as good at playing dead as she is.

When the Nizahl Heir tracks a group of Jasadis to Sylvia's village, the quiet life she's crafted unravels. Calculating and cold, Arin's tactical brilliance is surpassed only by his hatred for magic. When a mistake exposes Sylvia's magic, Arin offers her an escape: compete as Nizahl's Champion in the Alcalah tournament and win immunity from persecution. In exchange, Arin will use her as bait to draw out the Jasadis he's hunting.

To win the deadly Alcalah, Sylvia must work with Arin to free her trapped magic, all while staying a step ahead of his efforts to uncover her identity. But as the two grow closer, Sylvia realizes winning her freedom as Nizahl's Champion means destroying any chance of reuniting Jasad under her banner. The scorched kingdom is rising again, and Sylvia will have to choose between the life she's earned and the one she left behind.

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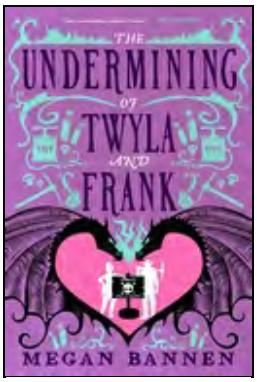
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Author Biography

Sara Hashem is the Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Jasad Heir*. An American-Egyptian writer from California, she spent many sunny days holed up indoors with a book. Sara's love for fantasy and magical realms emerged during the two years her family lived in Egypt. When she isn't busy naming stray cats in her neighbourhood after her favourite authors, Sara can be found buried under coffee-ringed notebooks.

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The Undermining of Twyla and Frank

Megan Bannen

Keynote

From the author of *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*, comes a delightful fantasy with a best friends-to-lovers rom com twist-*When Harry Met Sally*, but with dragons! Perfect for readers of *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* and *Legends and Lattes.*

Description

'Megan Bannen has created a world that you'll never want to leave and characters that will carve a spot into your heart. This series is playfully unique, delightfully steamy, utterly romantic, and overall unmissable!' Ali Hazelwood

From the author of *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*, comes a delightful fantasy with a best friends-to-lovers rom com twist, imagine *When Harry Met Sally*, but with dragons!

The town of Eternity was shocked when widowed, middle-aged Twyla Banneker partnered up with her best friend, Frank Ellis, to join the Tanrian Marshals. Eight years later, her career remains a welcome change from the domestic grind of mum life.

Fortunately (or unfortunately) the job is a lot safer these days. . . and a lot less exciting. So when Twyla and Frank find a glitter-covered body near a dragon-sized footprint, they're ready to be back in action.

Soon, a handsome scientist arrives to assist with the investigation. To Twyla's delight and Frank's consternation, Dr. Quill Vanderlinden finds Twyla as fascinating as the newly discovered dragons.

As Twyla and Frank are drawn deeper into a nefarious plot with more twists than a Tanrian mineshaft, danger closes in on all sides. Will their easy friendship survive the adventure or is it about to ignite into something more?

Praise for Megan Bannen:

'Deeply adorable and heartbreakingly hilarious . . . a bear hug of a book full of wonders and pink dragons' Jayci Lee, author of *Nine Tailed*

'A truly outstanding romantic fantasy' India Holton, author of *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels*

'Megan Bannen remains the queen of swoons upon swoons upon swoons! *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* is a playful, quirky gem-full of feels and guaranteed to deliver the perfect grumpy/sunshine fix!' Sierra Simone

'Seamlessly blends fantasy, romance, and modern family dynamics, all while making you laugh until you (literally) cry. . . I love this book so much that I would bury bodies for Twyla and Frank so deep no one would ever find them' Lish McBride, author of *Rough Around the Hedges*

'Romantic, wildly creative, and utterly charming, *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* is a fantasy unlike any I've read before' Lana Harper, author of *Payback's a Witch*

'*The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* broke my heart, put it back together, then tucked me into bed with a forehead kiss. Packed with earnest characters, wit, action, and reluctant yearning, this is easily my favourite fantasy romance of the year' Jen DeLuca, author of *Well Met*

'A uniquely charming mixture of whimsy and the macabre that completely won me over' Helen Hoang, author of *The Kiss Quotient*

'Megan Bannen remains the queen of swoons upon swoons upon swoons! *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* is a playful, quirky gem-full of feels and guaranteed to deliver the perfect grumpy/sunshine fix!' Sierra Simone

'An unabashedly offbeat adventure' Freya Marske, author of *A Marvellous Light*

'A lovely, macabre fantasy romance about life, death, and Actually Living. I cried twice and smiled plenty' Olivia Atwater, author of *Half a Soul*

'Megan Bannen broke me, made me laugh, then put me back together again. . . *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* is one of those books you'll be thinking

about long after you've read the last page' Manda Collins

'**A little sweet, a little spicy, a little sharp and entirely moreish!**' Davinia Evans, author of *Notorious Sorcerer*

'I showed up for the fantastic, fun fantasy setting but it was Hart and Mercy that kept me reading' Ruby Dixon, author of *Ice Planet Barbarians*

'Megan Bannen has found her voice with this incredibly smart, and hilariously weird debut. A must read' Nisha Sharma, author of *Dating Dr. Dil*

'Warm, compassionate and compelling' Vivian Shaw, author of *Strange Practice*

Sales Points

- *The Undermining of Twyla and Frank* is a standalone novel set in the same charming world as *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*. Romance readers love standalone stories that follow beloved characters, and they will love Twyla and Frank's best friends-to-lovers story-think When Harry Met Sally, but with baby dragons! This novel serves as a great entry point for new readers while satisfying return readers by expanding on the utterly delightful world of Tanria.
- The protagonist of *The Undermining of Twyla and Frank* is a badass woman in her fifties (an underrepresented age group in romance) and is sure to stand out amongst fantasy romance readers.
- Romantic fantasy is hugely popular at the moment, and we wanted to capitalise on the success of comfort fantasy reads like THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA, with this enchanting and quirky rom-com fantasy
- TikTok Breakout Potential: we will be sharing this with our TikTok influencer list to reach both romance and fantasy fans.
- With the electric romance and quirky fantasy setting this will appeal to both fantasy and romance fans.

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Reviews

- 'A l**ovely, macabre fantasy romance about life, death, and Actually Living.** I cried twice and smiled plenty' - Olivia Atwater, author of HALF A SOUL
- 'This book is **a gooey (and hot!) romance immersed in a tasty layer of quirky fantasy,** like some decadent chocolate treat. **A little sweet, a little spicy, a little sharp and entirely moreish**! I delighted in every lived-in detail of the **vibrant world**, and relaxed into Bannon's confident wielding of romance beats that made me laugh, cry and exult in true victory. **She played my emotions like a harp, and it was beautiful**' - Davinia Evans, author of NOTORIOUS SORCERER
- 'With its wonderfully unique setting, lovable characters, and engaging mix of humour and spice, *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* is **a truly outstanding romantic fantasy.** I loved both its kookiness and its deep authenticity. **An instant favourite!**' - India Holton, author of THE WISTERIA SOCIETY OF LADY SCOUNDRELS
- 'A uniquely charming mixture of whimsy and the macabre that completely won me over. If you ever wished for an adult romance that felt like *Howl's Moving Castle*, THIS IS THAT BOOK' - Helen Hoang, author of THE KISS QUOTIENT

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Author Biography

Megan Bannen is a former librarian and a full-time writer. While most of her professional career has been spent behind the reference desk, she has also sold luggage, written grants, collected a few graduate degrees from various Kansas state universities, and taught English at home and abroad. She lives in the Kansas City area with her husband, two sons, and a lot of pets.

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A Rose by Any Other Name

Mary McMyne

Keynote

***A Rose by Any Other Name* is the queer, magical story behind Shakespeare's sonnets as told by one of his most famous subjects - the incendiary and mysterious 'Dark Lady', perfect for fans of historical retellings with a twist.**

Description

From the author of *The Book of Gothel* comes the queer, magical story behind Shakespeare's sonnets, as told by one of his most famous subjects - the incendiary and mysterious Dark Lady.

England, 1603. Rose Rushe's passion for life runs deep-she laughs too loudly, meddles with astrology and music, and pays no heed to her mother's warnings to guard her reputation. When Rose's father dies and a noble accuses her and her best friend Cecely of witchcraft, they flee to London and make their way as occultists, secretly selling love charms and astrological advice. Their thriving underground business leads them to young noble Henry and playwright Will Shakespeare, and so begins a brief, tempestuous, and powerful romance - one filled with secret longings and deep betrayals.

Praise for The Book of Gothel:

'Mary McMyne is a magician' Gregory Maguire, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wicked*

'McMyne's shimmering debut gives a fresh, exciting backstory to one of the most famous villains in fairy tale lore . . . the result is a sprawling epic, full of magic, love, and heartbreak. Fans of *Circe* and *The Wolf and the Woodsman* will devour this taut, empowering fairy tale' *Publishers Weekly*

Sales Points

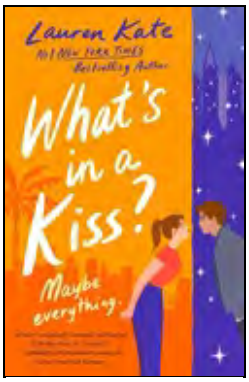
- Famous stories or figures retold with a feminist or queer twist are increasingly popular, and this beautifully rendered take will fit in perfectly with the crossover historical speculative fiction market
- For fans of women-centred historical fiction and reimaginings of famous historical figures with magical elements, such as *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell and *Sistersong* by Lucy Holland
- Mary's writing is lush, lyrical, and she has a real eye for historical detail

Reviews

- 'Smart, swift, sure-footed and fleet-winged, *The Book of Gothel* launches its magic from a most reliable source: the troubled heart. **Mary McMyne is a magician**. Her take on the Rapunzel tale glows like a cloisonné gem set against a fist of dark soapstone' - Gregory Maguire, NYT bestselling author of Wicked
- 'McMyne's shimmering debut gives a fresh, exciting backstory to one of the most famous villains in fairy tale lore: the witch who put Rapunzel in her tower . . . the result is **a sprawling epic, full of magic, love, and heartbreak. Fans of *Circe* and *The Wolf and the Woodsman* will devour this taut, empowering fairy tale**' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY on THE BOOK OF GOTHEL
- '*The Book of Gothel* is **wonderfully rich with historical detail**, and sparkles with the intermingled magic of gods and goddesses, seers and wisewomen. Haelewise is a memorable heroine, worthy of legend. Readers will see the story of Rapunzel in a new and refreshing light' - Louisa Morgan, author of A SECRET HISTORY OF WITCHES
- 'McMyne's debut is a reinvention of the Rapunzel fairy tale, **a luscious origin story from the witch's point of view** . . . McMyne melds folklore with actual historical figures and cleverly bookends the narrative with opening and closing chapters set in the twenty-first century' - BOOKLIST on THE BOOK OF GOTHEL

Author Biography

Mary McMyne has won the Faulkner-Wisdom Prize for a Novel-in-Progress, a National Endowment for the Arts Parent Fellowship to Vermont Studio Center, and an award from the Sustainable Arts Foundation, which allowed Mary to travel to Germany to conduct research. She has widely published stories and poems in venues like *Redivider*, *Gulf Coast*, *Strange Horizons*, and *Apex Magazine*, and her debut fairytale poetry chapbook, *Wolf Skin* won the Elgin Chapbook Award. She is a graduate of the New York University MFA Program and currently an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at Lake Superior State University.



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What's in a Kiss?
An absolutely magical enemies to lovers rom-com!

Lauren Kate

Keynote

From No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Kate comes an enemies-to-lovers 'what if' romance about a prom kiss that never was, and one woman's magical chance to live what might have been . . .

Description

'**A heart-stoppingly romantic exploration of all the what-ifs. I loved it!**' ANNABEL MONAGHAN

From No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Kate comes an enemies-to-lovers 'what if' romance about a prom kiss that never was, and one woman's magical chance to live what might have been . . .

This is not how Liv wanted to see Jake Glasswell for the first time in ten years. Once her high school rival and the prom date who humiliated her, now a successful TV personality, he's more attractive than he has any right to be. And he's her Lyft passenger.

Since the prom night kiss that never was, Liv's life has not gone to plan. She deferred Julliard to be with her mom during a crisis, and now swears she's happy as a recently furloughed drama teacher going on no-strings dates. This weekend she's maid of honour to her best friend, Masha, and, of course, Jake is the best man. But when Liv glares into Jake's eyes as Masha says, 'I do', the universe turns on its axis and Liv is suddenly living a version of her life where prom night was the beginning of her and Jake, not the end, and it turns out he's the love of her life. The catch? Her mom and Masha hate her now. What's in a kiss? Maybe everything.

'**A sexy and romantic delight about parallel lives, what-ifs and kisses that cross a multiverse**' ABBI WAXMAN

'**Funny and sexy, *What's in a Kiss?* spins a slip of fate into an utterly charming romcom**' EMILY WIBBERLY and AUSTIN SIEGEMUND-BROKA

'**The perfect read for anyone who adores swoon-worthy romance with a touch of magic**' LILY CHU

'**[A] completely captivating, heartfelt and humorous rom com that explores the ever-present question of what-if**' FALON BALLARD

Sales Points

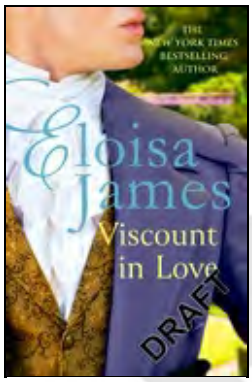
- A HIGH-CONCEPT PREMISE TO HOOK AUTHOR'S YA FANS: Lauren Kate is a No. 1 *New York Times*-bestselling YA author of paranormal romance. This high-concept premise will take much better advantage of her robust, now-grown-up paranormal-loving audience. With this completely new direction, we have a fresh opportunity to reach Kate's many fans, including her 217k Facebook followers, 73k Twitter followers, and 49K Instagram followers.
- ENEMIES TO LOVERS MEETS A 'WHAT IF' LOVE STORY: This book hits two evergreen tropes - enemies to lovers and 'what if' love stories. In the tradition of millennial film classics like *Freaky Friday*, *13 Going on 30*, and *17 Again*, this book is poised to make rom com readers fall in love with Lauren Kate.

Reviews

- 'A heart-stoppingly romantic exploration of all the what ifs - told with so much humour and heart that you will lose yourself in the fantasy. Beneath the joy ride of electric tension is a thoughtful commentary on friendship and the consequences of our choices. I loved it!' - *Annabel Monaghan, bestselling author of Same Time Next Summer*
- '[A] completely captivating, heartfelt and humorous rom com that explores the ever-present question of what if. With her signature wit and characters I want to be best friends with, Kate will make you believe in soul mates . . . I loved every second!' - *Falon Ballard, author of Just My Type*
- 'A sexy and romantic delight about parallel lives, what-ifs and kisses that cross a multiverse' - *Abbi Waxman, author of The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*
- 'Heartfelt and appealing, What's in a Kiss? is the perfect read for anyone who adores swoon-worthy romance with a touch of magic' - *Lily Chu, author of The Stand-In and The Comeback*

Author Biography

Lauren Kate is the No. 1 *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of nine novels for young adults, including *Fallen*, which was made into a major motion picture. Her books have been translated into more than thirty languages and have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. She is also the author of *The Orphan's Song*, her debut adult novel, and *By Any Other Name.* Kate lives in Los Angeles with her family.



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Viscount in Love

Eloisa James

Keynote

A captivating opposite-attract romance by *New York Times* bestselling author Eloisa James.

Description

Two eccentric orphans bring together a grumpy viscount and the free-spirited heroine who steals his heart in the first novel in Eloisa James's new Accidental Brides series, in which haughty aristocrats find themselves married to the wrong women.

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He wants a nanny, not a bride . . .

Suddenly guardian to twins, Viscount Dominic Kelbourne is luckily betrothed to a suitable lady - until she elopes. With no time to woo, Dominic decides to marry his fiancée's unconventional sister. Torie isn't perfect, but their kisses are so passionate that society thinks he's actually chosen her.

She wants to marry for love . . .

Torie has never been able to make sense of words on a page, so she has turned her talents to art. She longs for a man who values her as she is . . . but marries for the sake of the twins. She doubts Dominic is capable of love, let alone respect, but as their heated debates turn into something more, Torie begins to imagine a life as a wife, not a nanny.

But when the arrogant viscount finds that his viscountess has stolen his heart, he'll have to give all he has to win her love.

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Praise for Eloisa James:

'Eloisa James writes with a captivating blend of charm, style, and grace that never fails to leave the reader sighing and smiling and falling in love. Her style is exquisite, her prose pure magic' Julia Quinn

'The romance galaxy is filled with luminous stars, but few twinkle as brightly as James, who . . . once again dazzles readers with superbly conceived characters, a sublimely sensual love story, and sparkling wit' *Booklist* (starred review)

Sales Points

- A brand-new series begins from bestselling Regency Romance author Eloisa James!

Author Biography

Eloisa James is a *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author and professor of English literature, who lives with her family in New York, but can sometimes be found in Paris or Italy. She is the mother of two and, in a particularly delicious irony for a romance writer, is married to a genuine Italian knight. Visit her at www.eloisajames.com.

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Suzanne Wright

Keynote
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What readers are saying about Suzanne Wright:

'The chemistry **sizzles** off the page' Netgalley review

'Hot as hell . . . explosive' Netgalley review

'It's been two minutes since my last fix and I need Suzanne Wright to give me more' Edgy Reviews

'No words to describe how much I **ADORE** this extraordinary and magical read!!!' Gi's Spot Reviews on Burn

'Sarcastic banter, a **sexy alpha demon** and his smart-mouthed heroine, an intense, highly passionate romance . . . I devoured this book from start to finish!' The Escapist Book Blog on Burn

'**Unique**, original and very entertaining' Ramblings from this Chick
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If you love this book, make sure you check out the rest of The Dark In You series - discover how this sizzling hot story began . . .

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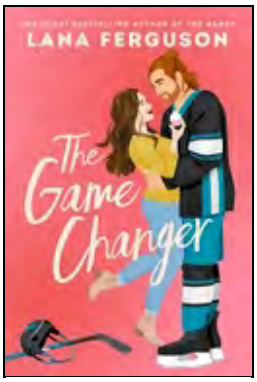
Sales Points
- Edgy paranormal romance with a witty, sarcastic tone - perfect for viewers of Jessica Jones, and fans of Kresley Cole & Thea Harrison
- We've now sold almost 350,000 copies of Suzanne Wright's *The Dark in You* series.
- #SuzanneWright has 12.2 MILLION views on TikTok

Author Biography
Suzanne Wright lives in England with her husband and two children. When she's not spending time with her family, she's writing, reading or doing her version of housework - sweeping the house with a look.

She's worked in a pharmaceutical company, at a Disney Store, at a primary school as a voluntary teaching assistant, at the RSPCA and has a First Class Honours degree in Psychology and Identity Studies.

As to her interests, she enjoys reading, writing, reading, writing (sort of eat, sleep, write, repeat), spending time with her family, movie nights with her sisters and playing with her two Bengal kittens.

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The Game Changer

Lana Ferguson

Keynote

Brand new hockey romance from Lana Ferguson, bestselling author of *The Nanny* and *The Fake Mate*

Description

A hockey player and a baker shoot their shot in this steamy new romance by Lana Ferguson, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Nanny*.

This time they're both playing for keeps . . .

When a very public breakup becomes a PR nightmare for Ian Chase's team, he hopes to focus on his game, but that suddenly seem less likely than a hat trick. With his career and the team's image in jeopardy, Ian is surprised to find a solution through none other than Delilah Baker, his best friend and teammate's little sister . . . who isn't so little anymore.

Delilah Baker is known as 'the darling of baking' on her local cable show, and being in the public eye is her bread and butter. But with her numbers dwindling and her producers turning up the heat, Delilah offers up the half-baked idea to collaborate with her brother's team to entice the hockey fans of Boston to tune in to her show. Delilah thinks it will be a piece of cake - until the team sends Ian Chase, her brother's best friend and the object of a decade-long crush that she's never quite gotten over.

Delilah's and Ian's teams think it's a true win-win situation - gaining higher numbers for Delilah's show and casting Ian in a more positive light. And viewers are eating them up like a cupcake, sparking the idea to play up their relationship for the goal of good press. With more than just their careers on thin ice, the line between what's real and what's for show begins to blur, but one thing's for certain: This PR stunt will either be a total game changer - or leave them both totally pucked.

Praise for Lana Ferguson

'**Addictive, epically smutty and the breath of fresh air the romance genre didn't know it needed**' ELENA ARMAS

'Like if Ali Hazelwood and Tessa Bailey had a smutty baby. I devoured every page' RUBY DIXON

'**Smart, fun, sexy, and sizzling with romantic tension**' SARA DESAI

'**Rosie Danan fans should snap this up**' *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

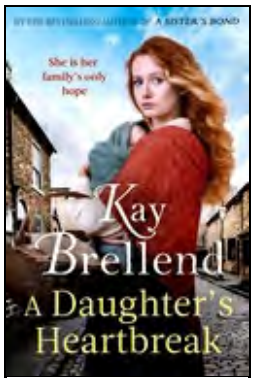
'**Funny, sweet, and very hot**' Shondaland

Sales Points

- Lana Ferguson is a really fun, sex positive author who writes contemporary romance and paranormal romcoms - perfect for fans of Rosie Danan, Tessa Bailey, Elle Kennedy, Ali Hazelwood, Ruby Dixon
- This is Lana's new hockey romance - there has been a resurgence of passion for sports romance and this perfectly fills that space
- Tropes: hockey player hero, fake dating/PR relationship, brother's best friend, baking heroine, opposites attract, forced proximity, spicy

Author Biography

Lana Ferguson is a sex-positive nerd whose works never shy from spice or sass. A faded Fabio book cover found its way into her hands at fifteen, and she's never been the same since. When she isn't writing, you can find her randomly singing show tunes, arguing over which Batman is superior, and subjecting her friends to the extended editions of *The Lord of the Rings*. Lana lives mostly in her own head but can sometimes be found chasing her corgi through the coppice of the great American outdoors.



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A Daughter's Heartbreak
A captivating, heartbreaking World War One saga, inspired by true events

Kay Brellend

Keynote
A captivating and heartbreaking new saga from Kay Brellend, beloved author of *A Workhouse Christmas.*

Description
The beginning of a brand-new trilogy from bestselling author Kay Brelland, featuring the Silvertown Explosion, the rise of women's football, and East End suffragettes.

She is her family's only hope.

1916. East London. When sixteen-year-old Clover Cooper's mother, Iris, calls her home from work one day, the last thing Clover expects is to find that her mother has given birth to another baby. After all, Clover's unpleasant father, Sidney, has been in France for longer than nine months. Banned from questions, and bound to secrecy by her beloved mother, Clover leaves her infant brother at a nunnery for safekeeping, despite her heartbreak at parting with him.

But when Sidney unexpectedly returns from the Western Front, life at home suddenly feels more dangerous than a battlefield. Strained by keeping such a secret, Clover turns to her fiercely protective grandmother, Elsie, for advice. But Elsie has her own life-changing decision to make. Then tragedy strikes, and Clover will have to find a way to keep her family together and safeguard all that she holds dear.

Praise for Kay Brellend:

'Vividly rendered' *Historical Novel Society*

'A fantastic cast of characters' *Goodreads*

'Thoroughly absorbing' *Goodreads*

Sales Points
- **TALENTED SAGA AUTHOR:** Kay Brellend is a well-established saga author, who delivers a powerful, emotional and captivating read every time. Fans of Rosie Hendry, Glenda Young and Nadine Dorries will adore her new trilogy.
- **WORLD RIGHTS ACQUISITION:** With sales now close to 50,000 copies across all formats, we've seen particularly good US audiobook sales so will be aiming to achieve the same for this new trilogy.
- **READERS CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF WORLD WAR STORIES BASED ON TRUE EVENTS:** Appetite continues apace for sagas set around the World Wars and Kay's has the added appeal of being grounded in little-known true events, including here, the tragedy of the The **Silvertown explosion**, a blast at a munitions factory manufacturing explosives for Britain's First World War military effort which killed 73 people and injured 400 more

Author Biography
Kay Brellend was born in north London and her first saga, based in the early twentieth century slums of Islington, was published in 2011. The opening novel in the *Bittersweet Legacy* trilogy came out in 2017. Published by Piatkus, this series was set in a London sweet factory and on the Somme battlefields.

Kay's *Workhouse to War* trilogy was also set during the Great War, beginning in the Whitechapel Union Workhouse and moving to the bustling markets of East London, between 1914 and 1918. Now she's beginning a new trilogy with *A Daughter's Heartbreak*, inspired by true wartime events in the Silvertown area of East London. Kay writes with all the heart, grit and personal connection that distinguishes her as one of the most exciting voices in the saga genre.



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BIC 2.1	**Dating, relationships, living together & marriage (VFVG) Memoirs (BM) Separation & divorce (VFVS) Self-help & personal development (VS) Family law: marriage & divorce (LNMB) Gender studies: women (JFSJ1) Feminism & feminist theory (JFFK)**

Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	**70000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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In Pursuit of Happiness
Mating, Marriage, Motherhood, Money, Mayhem

Stacey Duguid

Keynote

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LOVE for the over 30s meets HOW TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART in this honest, raw, funny book about divorce, dating and the right to pursue your own happiness.

Description

'Engaging, honest and funny...Stacey could write about Farrow & Ball paint drying - not to mention the breakdown of a marriage and a lifetime's dreams - and make it funny. Whatever happens next in her life, I want to read it.' *The Sunday Times*

Hello, my name's Stacey Duguid and I'm a reformed fashion editor. Oh, wait. Wrong meeting.

I once worked for British *ELLE* magazine and wore expensive clothes, whereas I'm now a single mother, divorcee and love addict (wearing expensive clothes I never should've bought). I spent my entire twenties, and, err, alright, thirties, in nightclubs. Dabbling occasionally with the odd recreational drug (or five), I shopped hard, loved hard and tried *very* hard to find a man who could save me. From the stuff we pick-up as little girls to an ingrained internalisation of gender roles we're left to unpack for a lifetime, I'd spent a lifetime pursuing a dream marriage which, in the end, left me shattered. Who suggested 'happily ever after' was even given thing?

This collection of essays tells the story of a life that, until my marital breakdown, looked absolutely f-ing fabulous. I'll talk about everything that is taboo in today's society, some of which you may have gone through, too: miscarriage, abortion, debt, affairs, divorce, single parenting, post-natal depression, sex and dating in mid-life. The cracks in my life were glossed over with a big smile, a large wine and an outfit I definitely couldn't afford.

Had someone told me not to worry about meeting a man, and to stop blowing money on credit cards just because the 'spirits' (as in dead people, not vodka) told me I needed 'a new wider-shoulder jacket', despite it being a week before payday and not having enough money in my account to pay rent, would I have listened? I'm not sure. Had someone (or a spirit) mentioned that the so-called 'happily ever after' might not end up so happy, would my life be any different now? I doubt it, but in writing my story, I hope you'll feel less alone in yours.

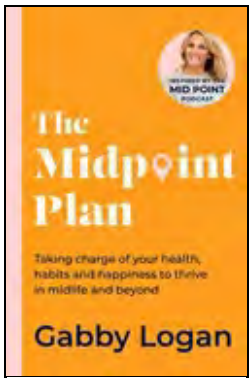
You are not alone on this journey of womanhood and we all have the right to pursue our own happiness, or perhaps our own contentment. Because happy endings, not the type you pay for but the state of mind, are they possible to ever really find? Have you?

Sales Points

- Stacey is a well-known journalist and has written for ELLE, VOGUE, STYLIST, SUNDAY TIMES STYLE, the TELEGRAPH and many others.
- Sunday Times Style has called her a 'divorce influencer'
- Stacey has 35k very engaged followers.

Author Biography

Stacey Duguid is a journalist and fashion editor. She frequently writes for the *Telegraph, The Times* and the *Sunday Times Style*. In 2004, Stacey joined British *ELLE* as Executive Fashion Editor and during this time, she wrote the award-winning column 'Mademoiselle, Confessions of an *ELLE* Girl'. Featuring on the back cover of *ELLE* for over half a decade, the column was a fictionalised version of her life as a single woman living in London. Whilst heavily pregnant with her second child, she resigned the position and began freelancing for Matches Fashion, Net-A-Porter and many more fashion retailers. Following her marital breakdown, she poured a broken heart into 'The Midlife Dating Diaries', a column that ran for two years in the *Saturday Telegraph*. Leaving the column to write this book (and thereby not leaving bed for several months) and growing tired of being in meetings where people chirp 'we can churn out seventy blogs using AI', Duguid is currently gently stewing in a career-crisis casserole dish of her own making. Other future career options include renting herself out as an Emily Blunt lookalike or selling her knickers online.



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The Midpoint Plan
Taking charge of your health, habits and happiness to thrive in midlife and beyond

Gabby Logan

Keynote
it doesn't have to be downhill from here! How to make the second half of your life even better than the first

Description
Not ready for elastic waist bands and beige slacks just yet? Do you want to thrive in, not just survive, your midlife years?

Gabby Logan is middle-aged and unashamed. But what does it mean to be at the halfway stage of your life?

Inspired by her hit podcast, *The Mid-Point Plan* is your midlife survival kit - an indispensable guide to reflecting on where you are and creating a new narrative for your second half.

Designed to help you navigate the biggest challenges that midlife can throw at you - mental performance, midlife crises, sex/relationships, family, illness, grief, fitness, nutrition, sleep and more - *The Mid-Point Plan* is packed full of life lessons from successful people and draws on the advice of a range of experts to help you get the most out of your mid-life. Containing all the tips and tricks, habits and practices you need for a positive mindset, a healthy body and a happy life, it's a must-have manual for all mid-life men and women.

It's time to reclaim your life, embrace change, increase your confidence and tackle your second half.

Sales Points
- Gabby is a much-loved tv broadcaster, known by millions for hosting a wide variety of mainstream programming from sport to Saturday night entertainment
- Gabby's podcast - The Midpoint - has been running for seven seasons now, has had an amazing array of guests (including Elizabeth Day, Gary Lineker, Martin Lewis, Caroline Hirons, Jurgen Klopp) and already surpassed over 3 million downloads
- Comparison titles include: High Performance/Jake Humphrey (67K), How to Fail/Elizabeth Day (57K), Parenting Hell/Rob Beckette & Josh Widdicombe (44K), Table Manners/Jessie Ware (11K), Shagged Married Annoyed/Chris & Rosie Ramsey (93K). NB All sales UK TCM
- The latest series of the Midpoint podcast has consistently ranked in the Top Ten Mental Health podcasts on Apple UK and Top 20 on Spotify

Author Biography
Dedicated and professional with a fantastic sense of humour, Gabby is one of the UK's leading broadcasters and has recently been recognised with an MBE. The honour is for services to sports broadcast and promoting women in sport. A former international gymnast, Gabby began her broadcasting career in radio straight out of university. She soon joined Sky Sports, establishing herself as one of their key presenters. Her success at Sky, ITB and, now, the BBC has helped to pave the way for a new generation of female sports presenters.



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The Wasp Factory

Iain Banks

Keynote

A new edition to celebrate 40 years since the first publication of Iain Banks' classic debut novel, with an introduction by Neil Gaiman

Description

<h3>40th anniversary edition of Iain Banks' classic debut novel THE WASP FACTORY, with an introduction by Neil Gaiman</h3>

'A gothic horror story of quite exceptional quality' *Financial Times*

'Two years after I killed Blyth I murdered my young brother Paul, for quite different reasons than I'd disposed of Blyth, and then a year after that I did for my young cousin Esmerelda, more or less on a whim. That's my score to date. Three. I haven't killed anybody for years, and don't intend to ever again. It was just a stage I was going through.'

Enter - if you can bear it - the extraordinary private world of Frank, just sixteen, and unconventional, to say the least.

Praise for Iain Banks:

'The most imaginative novelist of his generation' *The Times*

'His verve and talent will always be recognised, and his work will always find and enthral new readers' Ken MacLeod, *Guardian*

'His work was mordant, surreal, and fiercely intelligent' Neil Gaiman

'An exceptional wordsmith' *Scotsman*

Sales Points

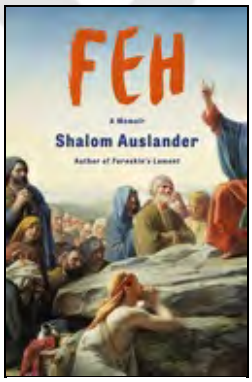
- Iain Banks' debut novel, *The Wasp Factory*, caused a storm of controversy when it was first published in 1984 and became an immediate classic
- A new hardback edition to mark the 40th anniversary of the publication of *The Wasp Factory*, with an introduction by Neil Gaiman

Reviews

- 'A gothic horror story of quite exceptional quality... **macabre, bizarre and... quite impossible to put down.** There is a control and assurance in the book, an originality rare in established writers twice the author's age. This is an outstandingly good read' - *Financial Times*
- 'Iain Banks has written **one of the most brilliant first novels I have come across for some time**. His study of an obsessive personality is extraordinary, written with a clarity and attention to detail that is most impressive. One can only admire a truly remarkable novel' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'If you are squeamish or easily frightened, then leave *The Wasp Factory* severely alone. The novel is saved from sheer beastliness by its black humour and its message. **Read it if you dare**' - *Daily Express*
- '**One of the top 100 novels of the century**' - *Independent*

Author Biography

Iain Banks came to widespread and controversial public notice with the publication of his first novel, *The Wasp Factory*, in 1984. He gained enormous popular and critical acclaim for both his mainstream and his science fiction novels. Iain Banks died in June 2013.



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FEH
A Memoir

Shalom Auslander

Keynote

A memoir of Shalom Auslander's attempt to escape the biblical story he'd been raised on and his struggle to construct a new story for himself and his family.

Description

'Hurrah for one of our most merciless humorists. Auslander's prose isn't just laudable, it's frightening' *David Sedaris*

From the acclaimed author of *Foreskin's Lament*, a memoir of the author's attempt to escape the biblical story he'd been raised on and his struggle to construct a new story for himself and his family.

Shalom Auslander was raised like a veal in a dysfunctional family in the Orthodox community of Monsey, New York: the son of an alcoholic father; a guilt-wielding mother; and a violent, overbearing God. Now, as he reaches middle age, Auslander begins to suspect that what plagues him is something worse, something he can't so easily escape: a story. The story. One indelibly implanted in him at an early age, a story that told him he is fallen, broken, shameful, disgusting, a story we have all been told for thousands of years, and continue to be told by the religious and secular alike, a story called "Feh."

Yiddish for "Yuck."

FEH follows Auslander's midlife journey to rewrite that story, a journey that involves Phillip Seymour Hoffman, a Pulitzer-winning poet, Job, Arthur Schopenhauer, GHB, Wolf Blitzer, Yuval Noah Harari, and a pastor named Steve in a now-defunct church in Los Angeles.

Can he move from feh to merely meh? Can he even dream of moving beyond that? Auslander's recounting of his attempt to exorcize the story he was raised with-before he implants it onto his children and/or possibly poisons the relationship of the one woman who loves him-isn't sacred. It is more-than-occasionally profane. And like all his work, it is also relentlessly funny, subversively heartfelt, and fearlessly provocative.

Sales Points

- With his fresh persepctive on religious upbringing, Auslander has won/been nominated for several awards including the Koret Award for writers under thirty-five.

Reviews

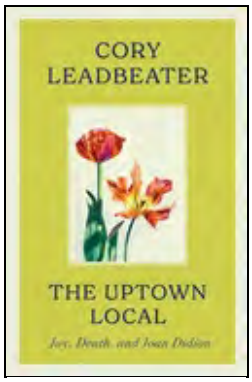
- ''**Hurrah for one of our most merciless humorists. Auslander's prose isn't just laudable, it's frightening**'' - *David Sedaris*

Author Biography

Shalom Auslander was raised in Monsey, New York. Nominated for the Koret Award for writers under thirty-five, he has published articles in *Esquire*, The *New York Times* Magazine, *Tablet* magazine, *The New Yorker*, and has had stories aired on NPR's *This American Life*. Auslander is the author of the short story collection *Beware of God*, the memoir *Foreskin's Lament*, and the novels *Hope: A Tragedy* and *Mother for Dinner*. He is the creator of Showtime's *Happyish*. He lives in Los Angeles.

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The Uptown Local
Joy, Death, and Joan Didion

Cory Leadbeater

Keynote

A brilliant debut memoir about a young writer-struggling with depression, family issues, and addiction-and his life-changing decade working for Joan Didion

Description

As an aspiring novelist in his early twenties, Cory Leadbeater was presented with an opportunity to work for a well-known writer whose identity was kept confidential. Since the tumultuous days of childhood, Cory had sought refuge from the rougher parts of life in the pages of books. Suddenly, he found himself the personal assistant to a titan of literature: Joan Didion.

In the nine years that followed, Cory shared Joan's rarefied world, transformed not only by her blazing intellect but by her generous friendship and mentorship. Together they recited poetry in the mornings, dined with Supreme Court justices, attended art openings, smoked a single cigarette before bed.

But secretly, Cory was spiraling. He reeled from the death of a close friend. He spent his weekends at a federal prison, visiting his father as he served time for fraud. He struggled day after day to write the novel that would validate him as a real writer. And meanwhile, the forces of addiction and depression loomed large.

In hypnotic prose that pulses with life and longing, The Uptown Local explores the fault lines of class, family, loss, and creativity. It is a love letter to a cultural icon-and a moving testament to the relationships that sustain us in the eternal pursuit of a life worth living.

Sales Points

- An exquisite literary memoir sold for a huge auction in the US
- Cory's is a truly unique story that will appeal directly to a book-reading audience, those who love Joan Didion or who love insight into the publishing world. This is also a story of trying to make it in a world completely outside of your own - with shades of books such as EDUCATED or HILLBILLY ELEGY
- Cory is very engaged with publication in all markets and willing to do interviews and down-the-lines, we've already had strong interest from press

Author Biography

Cory Leadbeater received his MFA in fiction from Columbia in 2014, where he was the recipient of the Jacob P. Waletzky Fellowship. Before that, he attended Trinity College, where he was the recipient of the Fred Pfeil Memorial Prize in Creative Writing, the John Curtis Underwood Memorial Prize in Poetry, and the Ruel Crompton Tuttle Prize in Scholarship. He lives in New Jersey with his family.



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Book locale	**San Francisco**
Author born in	**South Korea**
Author living in	**San Francisco**

Previous Titles
9780349011882 The Incendiaries

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Exhibit

R. O. Kwon

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *The Incendiaries*, a powerful, blazing-hot novel about a woman caught between her desires and her life.

Description

From bestselling author R. O. Kwon, a powerful, blazing-hot novel about a woman caught between her desires and her life.

'Haunting and powerful' Madeline Miller

'Brisk, jolting, brilliant, beautiful, true' Andrew Sean Greer

'I tore through this' Raven Leilani, author of *Luster*

At a lavish party in the hills outside of San Francisco, Jin Han meets Lidija Jung and nothing will ever be the same for either woman. A brilliant young photographer, Jin is at a crossroads in her work, in her marriage to her college love Phillip, and in who she is and who she wants to be. Lidija is an alluring, injured world-class ballerina on hiatus from her ballet company under mysterious circumstances. Drawn to each other by their intense artistic drives, the two women talk all night.

Cracked open, Jin finds herself telling Lidija about an old familial curse, breaking a lifelong promise. She's been told that if she doesn't keep the curse a secret, she risks losing everything; death and ruin could lie ahead. As Jin and Lidija become more entangled, they realize they share more than the ferocity of their ambition, and begin to explore hidden desires. Something is ignited in Jin: her art, her body, and her sense of self irrevocably changed. But can she avoid the specter of the curse? Urgent, bold, and deeply moving, this novel asks: how brightly can you burn before you light your life on fire?

Sales Points

- **A fierce, bold, beautiful novel about art, life and love from one of the most original and exciting young American writers** - a favourite of Andrew Sean Greer and Garth Greenwell
- **With Garth Greenwell, RO Kwon co-edited *Kink,* an acclaimed anthology of stories about kink, featuring starry writers like Roxane Gay, Chris Kraus and Carmen Maria Machado** - and this novel returns to that thorny but compelling subject
- ***The Incendiaries* was a National Bestseller in the US,** compared to Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*, and won Reese many fans and admirers in the UK too

Reviews

- 'In prose at once sharp and lush, Kwon crafts a gripping tale of a woman wrestling with the past, while boldly making her own future. **A haunting and powerful exploration of art, racism, feminism, and desire**, this novel will stay with me a long time' - *Madeline Miller, author of Circe*
- '***Exhibit* is sensational - a novel that's both intimate and operatic, singular and world-encompassing**. Kwon's prose is soulful and piercing, chronicling the many ways we lose and find ourselves, blending love and sex and fables between the infinite folds that encompass desire. *Exhibit* is entirely captivating, and Kwon is truly masterful; it's a book for the mind and the heart and the body, an actual tour de force' - *Bryan Washington, author of Family Meal and Memorial*
- '*Exhibit* is extraordinary: brisk, jolting, brilliant, beautiful, true. **A ghost story, a tale of passion, a captivating portrait of how art is made, it turns myths upside down, assumptions inside out, all in the most exquisite prose in the bookstore**. Kwon is one of the finest American writers, and her latest is a must for all readers' - *Andrew Sean Greer, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Less is Lost*
- 'I tore through this. *Exhibit* explores how obliteration can be a kind of rebirth, how the nuances of that are complicated by the constraints of chosen and socially imposed identities. Kwon writes about art and ardor with urgency' - *Raven Leilani, author of Luster*
- '**A rare jewel of a book, at once forceful and unrepentant, delicate and shimmering**. R. O. Kwon carves language into a wondrous, jagged thing, revealing facets of desire usually hidden. To read *Exhibit* is to feel time slow down' - *C Pam Zhang, author of How Much of These Hills Is Gold and Land of Milk and Honey*

Author Biography

R. O. Kwon is the author of the bestselling novel *The Incendiaries*, which was named a best book of the year by more than forty publications and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard Award. With Garth Greenwell, Kwon coedited the bestselling *Kink*, a *New York Times* Notable Book. Her writing has appeared in the *Guardian, New York Times, New Yorker, Vanity Fair,* and elsewhere. Born in Seoul, Kwon



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Extent	**320 pages**
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A Well-Earned Death

L.C.Tyler

Keynote

The eighth in the critically acclaimed historical crime fiction series set at the time of the Restoration and featuring magistrate John Grey, Aminta, his playwright wife, and a colourful cast of extras ranging from the royal palace to the gutters of London

Description

"How can you lose money growing a crop everyone wants with labour that costs next to nothing?"

In the 1670s there are fortunes to be made in Barbados, owning slaves and planting sugar cane. But drought, floods, locusts and his own incompetence have brought Hubert Umfraville down and caused him to flee the island in the most humiliating fashion. Now back in England, he hopes to restore his fortunes through extortion. In Barbados he has discovered a secret that people here may pay him to keep quiet about.

When his body is found in the orchard of the house he has just rented in Essex, there is no shortage of suspects. Has his intended blackmail victim preempted him? Or has one or other of his old crimes caught up with the failed plantation owner?

John Grey, Essex magistrate and husband of a famous London playwright, finds himself investigating what seems to be the well-merited death of a former slave owner. But as the list of suspects grows, and even encompasses a member of his own family, Grey is forced to question the nature of justice and what any of us is entitled to do to gain our freedom.

Sales Points

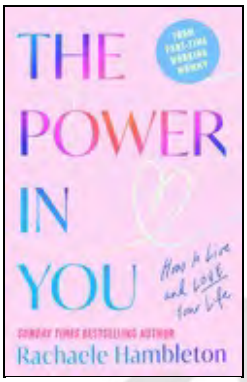
- The latest in L C Tyler's John Grey historical mystery series, set at the time of the Restoration
- Deft, gripping historical fiction, perfect for fans of Robert Harris and C J Samson
- L C Tyler's previous novels from this series have been shortlisted for the CWA's Historical Dagger Award

Author Biography

L. C. Tyler was born in Essex and educated at Jesus College Oxford and City University. His comic crime series featuring author-and-agent duo Ethelred Tressider and Elsie Thirkettle has twice been nominated for Edgar Allan Poe Awards and he won the Goldsboro Last Laugh Award with *Herring in the Library*. His latest crime series is set in the seventeenth century and features lawyer John Grey.

He has lived and worked all over the world, but has more recently been based in London and Sussex.

To find out more about L. C. Tyler visit www.lctyler.com or follow him on twitter @lenctyler.



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Depth	**22mm**
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The Power in You

Rachaele Hambleton

Keynote

The inspirational guide to finding self-belief, harnessing your strength and building a life you love.

Description

Your guide to finding your inner power and leading a life you love.

Finding light in the dark can be hard when life takes you on a rollercoaster of highs and lows, but no one understands this better than Rachaele Hambleton.

From being brought up in an troubled home as a child to being placed into foster care; from spending years in an abusive relationship to finding the strength to flee with her two young daughters, Rachaele's life has been filled with trying times. Now, she's ready to share how she found her strength, and built a beautiful life for her and her family.

In *The Power in You*, Rachaele reveals her transformative life lessons to empower you to live your best life too. Focusing on three important areas, 'You', 'Your Relationships' and 'Your Family', this book will guide you to strengthen and nurture the things that matter most. Including deeply personal stories, inspirational advice and practical tips and prompts, this is the helping hand you need to gaining positivity, power and confidence in all areas of your life.

It's time to find *The Power in You* . . .

Sales Points

- Rachaele is a triple *Sunday Times* bestselling author - this book will appeal again to her core online following (over 800k) but also breaks her out more squarely in the lifestyle/inspirational space, alongside titles such as *You Do You* by Charlotte Greedy and *The Secret to Happy* by Vicky Pattison.
- Rachaele Hambleton is an exciting brand author, and the campaign will be heavily focused on audience-building and establishing her in the lifestyle space (including events and increased profile outreach). Two fiction titles will follow.
- Rachaele's followers will pre-order the book far in advance, and they will be excited to have the chance to hear new insights into her life and how they can implement some of her advice into their own life.
- Rachaele has an incredible track record for selling thousands of copies across both editions of her works. The Patchwork Family sold over 6,700 copies in Hardback with the paperback due to come out later this year, and Rachaele's previous books, A Patchwork Life sold over 37k, and A Different Kind of Family sold over 7,800 copies.

Author Biography

Rachaele Hambleton, aka Part-Time Working Mummy, is a double *Sunday Times* bestselling author and one of the most popular parenting personalities online. She is a mum to three daughters and one baby boy, step-mum to two boys and is married to her 'bird-boy' Josh. Her successful blog documents the highs and lows of life as a family of eight . . . with a dog and some chickens thrown in for good measure. As well as blogging and bringing up six humans, Rachaele fights hard for awareness of domestic violence and is an ambassador for Kidscape and a Patron of Trevi, Plymouth. In 2021 Rachaele opened Torbay's first women's centre, which is a safe hub to support women and children. She is trying to make the world a better place by creating a wonderful community of over 778, 000 people that support and empower one another.

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Echoes
A memoir continued . . .

Will Sergeant

Keynote

The follow-up memoir to *Sunday Times* bestseller, *Bunnyman*, from legendary guitarist Will Sergeant.

Description

THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER

Scenic Wye Valley isn't the typical place for a rock story to begin, but when Echo & the Bunnymen hit the studio to record their ground-breaking debut album, *Crocodiles*, it was anything but ordinary. The album was the making of the band - cultivating a cult following which would soon evolve into staggering mainstream success. Their lives would never be the same again.

In *Echoes*, legendary guitarist and founding member of Echo & the Bunnymen, Will Sergeant, recounts the band's whirlwind rise to stardom with his trademark wryness and intelligence. Sharing never-before-told anecdotes - including the heady Rockfield Studio sessions and touring across the US, playing sold-out shows at Whisky a Go Go and experiencing the iconic New York club scene from dusk 'til dawn - and accompanied by snapshots of the cultural, social and political scene at the time, this is a memoir to remember.

Sales Points

- Will's previous book, *Bunnyman*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, having sold 7.6 TCM
- With the success of Johnny Cooper, Bobby Gillespie and Stephen Morris, we've seen that the appetite for music memoirs is never-ending; this is a brilliant gifting opportunity in the lead up to Christmas.

Author Biography

Will Sergeant is a founding member of iconic rock band Echo & the Bunnymen. He has been cited as an influence for many bands and artists from around the world, including U2, Moby, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Coldplay, Richard Hawley, Radiohead and many others. He has 30K followers on Twitter and still tours across the world with Echo & the Bunnymen today.



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Heroines
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The Light Room

Kate Zambreno

Keynote

A moving account of art and caretaking in a time of uncertainty and loss

Description

'Kate Zambreno has invented a new form. It is a kind of absolute present, real life captured in closeup'
Annie Ernaux, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature

'*The Light Room* is both a gift and a beacon'
Sinéad Gleeson, author of *Constellations*

'Kate Zambreno has performed a miracle, capturing real, lived time from within the exhaustion of pandemic-era parenthood. *The Light Room* reminded me of that fundamental magic of writing - that the details of another person's life, so precisely and honestly rendered, can instantly loosen the edges of your own life and make you feel less alone'
Jenny Odell, bestselling author of *How to Do Nothing*

In *The Light Room*, Zambreno offers her most profound and affecting work yet: a candid chronicle of life as a mother of two young daughters in a moment of profound uncertainty about public health, climate change, and the future we can expect for our children. Moving through the seasons, returning often to parks and green spaces, Zambreno captures the isolation and exhaustion of being home with a baby and a small child, but also small and transcendent moments of beauty and joy. Inspired by writers and artists ranging from Natalia Ginzburg to Joseph Cornell, Yuko Tsushima to Bernadette Mayer, Etel Adnan to David Wojnarowicz, *The Light Room* represents an impassioned appreciation of community and the commons, and an ecstatic engagement with the living world.

How will our memories, and our children's, be affected by this time of profound disconnection? What does it mean to bring new life, and new work, into this moment of precarity and crisis? In *The Light Room*, Kate Zambreno offers a vision of how to live in ways that move away from disenchantment, and toward light and possibility.

Sales Points

- The UK launch of a previously unpublished, hugely ambitious US feminist writer with a distinguished body of work, championed by the likes of Annie Ernaux, Sheia Heti, Maggie Nelson, Chris Kraus, Sinead Gleason
- Zembreno's breakthrough commercial and critical moment: *The Light Room* can be considered alongside *A Field Guide to Getting Lost*, *The Lonely City*, *The Cost of Living* - it is about motherhood, art and care

Reviews

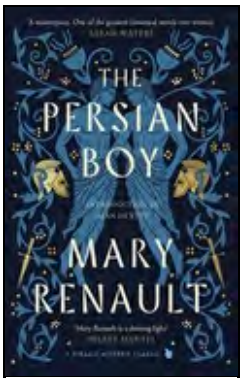
- ''Early reviews called this book a miracle between two covers. In *The Light Room*, Zambreno writes about the intersections of catastrophes that unfold on a global scale... Zambreno writes with a sense of hope that will especially resonate with anyone who's soldiered through pandemic-era parenting'' - *Harper's Bazaar*
- '**Kate Zambreno has invented a new form. It is a kind of absolute present, real life captured in closeup** ' - —Annie Ernaux, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature
- '**One of our most formally ambitious writers**' - *Esquire*
- '**Kate Zambreno has performed a miracle, capturing real, lived time from within the exhaustion of pandemic-era parenthood. *The Light Room* reminded me of that fundamental magic of writing-that the details of another person's life, so precisely and honestly rendered, can instantly loosen the edges of your own life and make you feel less alone**' - —Jenny Odell, New York Times bestselling author of How to Do Nothing

Author Biography

Kate Zambreno is the author of nine books, most recently *The Light Room*, a meditation on art and care. *Tone,* a collaborative study with the writer and scholar Sofia Samatar*,* under The Committee to Investigate Atmosphere*,* is forthcoming from Columbia University Press. Zambreno's fiction and reports have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *Granta*, *VQR*, *Astra*, *BOMB*, and more. Zambreno's books have been translated into seven languages. Kate Zambreno is the Strachan Donnelley Chair in Environmental Writing at Sarah Lawrence College and teaches graduate nonfiction at Columbia University. Zambreno is a 2021 Guggenheim Fellow in Nonfiction.

Market

Readers of Annie Erneaux, Olivia Laing, Deborah Levy, Rachel Cusk, Maggie Nelson



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Extent	**496 pages**
Word Count	
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The Persian Boy
A Novel of Alexander the Great: A Virago Modern Classic

Mary Renault

Keynote

A stunning new hardback edition of Mary Renault's masterpiece: a groundbreaking queer classic and 'one of the greatest historical novels ever written' (Sarah Waters). Perfect for fans of Madeline Miller, Natalie Haynes and Pat Barker.

Description

'One of the greatest historical novels ever written'
SARAH WATERS

'I love to find queer representation in historical fiction. . . Renault's eye for intimacy is amazing'
DOUGLAS STUART

'Fierce, complex and eloquent'
MADELINE MILLER

'Mary Renault is a shining light'
HILARY MANTEL

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A groundbreaking queer classic and powerful reimagining of the last years of Alexander the Great, told through the eyes of his lover.

I thought, There goes my lord, whom I was born to follow. I have found a king.
And, I said to myself, looking after him as he walked away, I will have him, if I die for it.

Bagoas, abducted as a boy and sold as a eunuch, has been transported to the heart of the Persian court as courtesan to King Darius. But when the Macedon army conquers his homeland, Bagoas finds freedom at the hands of their golden young commander, whose name is already becoming a legend: Alexander.

Their encounter sparks a passionate devotion that shapes the Persian boy's future - and deepens into a relationship that will sustain them both through assassination plots, political intrigue and the threat of Alexander's own restless ambition. This is a spellbinding tale of power, loyalty and loss - a vision of history transfigured by love.

'Nowhere else in fiction have Alexander's beauty and charisma blazed with such potency'
TOM HOLLAND

'Passionate and captivating'
SEÁN HEWITT

'All my sense of the ancient world - its value, its style, the scent of its wars and passions - comes from Mary Renault'
EMMA DONAGHUE

'*The Alexander Trilogy* stands as one of the most important works of fiction in the 20th century'
ANTONIA SENIOR, *THE TIMES*

Sales Points

- **Stunning new hardback for fans of classic retellings:** Mary Renault is the original queen of historical fiction set in the ancient world, and readers who loved *The Song of Achilles*, *Circe*, *Ariadne* and Natalie Haynes will adore Renault's immersive world-building and unforgettable depiction of Alexander the Great and his lover, Bagoas.
- **A groundbreaking queer love story:** First published in 1972, the classical setting of the Alexander trilogy gave Renault the freedom to write about queer identities - at its heart *The Persian Boy* is a story about love, and the tender relationship between two very different men.
- **An author favourite:** Mary Renault's many admirers include Hilary Mantel, Sarah Waters, Kate Mosse, Tom Holland, Sarah Dunant and Madeline Miller.
- **A moving new introduction:** Seán Hewitt, prize-winning author of *All Down Darkness Wide, 300,000 Kisses* and *Rapture's Road* has written a beautiful new introduction to the novel, with a focus on its power as a story of queer identity, which will position the novel for a fresh generation of readers.

Reviews

- 'Renault's masterpiece. One of the greatest historical novels ever written' - *Sarah Waters*
- 'Mary Renault is a shining light to both historical novelists and their readers. She does not pretend the past is like the present, or that the people of ancient Greece were just like us. She shows us their strangeness; discerning, sure-footed, challenging our values, piquing our curiosity, she leads us through an alien landscape that moves and delights us.' - Hilary Mantel
- 'The Alexandriad is one of the twentieth century's most unexpectedly original works of art' - Gore Vidal
- 'The Alexander Trilogy stands as one of the most important works of fiction in the 20th century . . . it represents the pinnacle of [Renault's] career . . . Renault's skill is in immersing us in their world, drawing us into its strangeness, its violence and beauty. It's a literary conjuring trick like all historical fiction - it can only ever be an approximation of the truth. But in Renault's hands, the trick is so convincing and passionately conjured. Nowhere is this more evident than in *The Persian Boy* . . . Bagoas is a brilliant narrator. Rendered unreliable by his passion, he is always believeable and sympathetic . . . His Persian background allows him to see the king and his Macedonians through the questioning eyes of an alien'' - Antonia Senior*, The Times*

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Author Biography

Mary Renault (1905-1983) was born in London and educated at St Hughs, Oxford. She trained as a nurse at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary, where she met her lifelong partner, Julie Mullard. Her first novel, *Purposes of Love*, was published in 1937. In 1948, after *North Face* won a MGM prize worth $150,000, she and Mullard emigrated to South Africa. There, Renault was able to write forthrightly about homosexual relationships for the first time - in her masterpiece, *The Charioteer* (1953), and then in her first historical novel, *The Last of the Wine (1956)*. Renault's vivid novels set in the ancient world brought her worldwide fame. In 2010 *Fire From Heaven* was shortlisted for the Lost Booker of 1970.

Market

Historical fiction readers; fans of Madeline Miller, Pat Barker and Jennifer Saint; readers of LGBTQ+ fiction; fans of modern classics;

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The Last Reich

Brian Klein

Keynote

An alternative-history scenario of Nazi leader Hitler secretly surviving World War Two to establish a dynasty that would, one day, deliver on his despicable mission . . .

Description

A heinous, co-ordinated plot to attack a series of prominent synagogues, located across five different continents, is scheduled to take place on Yom Kippur - the Jewish Day of Atonement. For that one day of the year, celebrated prayer houses will be packed to the rafters with Jewish worshippers and the results could prove to be devastating. The mastermind behind the attacks is a direct blood descendant of Adolf Hitler - his grandson, former Republican presidential candidate, John Franklin. Artfully manipulating a number of fanatical, Neo-Nazi para-military groups across the globe, Franklin is looking to fulfil his grandfather's legacy and land a major blow against Jews located across the world.

But in reality, the attacks are nothing more than an ingenious smokescreen for a far more sinister plot, which if successful, could severely unbalance geo-politics in the Middle East, sparking a global war between the Superpowers.

Chief Inspector Nicholas Vargas of The Buenos Aires Police Department and Troy Hembury, the Head of Internal Security for the White House combine forces with senior colleagues at the FBI and Mossad, in a race against time to try to uncover the truth behind "Operation Atonement" and thwart the plan, as the consequences of failure could be disastrous for world peace.

Sales Points

- Brian has sold 60,000 units of his counter-factional novels (The Counterfeit Candidate and The Führer's Prophecy) to date, self-published.
- The author is very well connected, and has secured plaudits from Jeremy Clarkson, Peter James amongst others.

Author Biography

Brian Klein is an award-winning television director, with over twenty-five years' experience in the industry. His work regularly appears on Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC and Sky. Amongst his directing credits are twenty-five seasons of the iconic car show, TOP GEAR and five seasons of A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN ROADTRIP, Sky One's highest rating entertainment show. He has also directed two feature-length films for BBC Worldwide and five entertainment specials for Netflix. THE COUNTERFEIT CANDIDATE is his debut novel.



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Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**448 pages**
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Series	**Detective Lottie Parker**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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Little Bones

Patricia Gibney

Keynote

In the tenth instalment of the million-copy bestselling Detective Lottie Parker series , Lottie is in a race against time to save the life of an innocent child before it's too late . . .

Description

She lifted up her granddaughter from the cot, clutched her to her chest and, without looking at her beautiful daughter lying dead on the floor of her bedroom, ran from the house. Only when she was outside did she let a wail escape her lips, frightening the baby who joined in her screams.

When **Isabel Gallagher** is found murdered on the floor of her baby's nursery by her mother, a gruelling case begins for **Detective Lottie Parker**. Isabel's pyjamas have been ripped, her throat cut and an old-fashioned razor blade placed in her hand. Lottie can't understand who would want to hurt this innocent family.

That very same day she receives a call with devastating news. Another young mother, Joyce Breslin, has gone missing, and her four-year-old son Evan abducted from daycare. Lottie is sure that this case is linked, and when she finds a bloody razor blade in Joyce's house, her worst fears are confirmed.

Desperate to find little Evan, Lottie leaves no stone unturned as she delves into Isabel and Joyce's pasts, and when she realises the two women have been meeting in secret, she knows she must find out why.

But when Joyce's body is found in a murky pond and some little bones are found on a windy hillside, it feels as if this merciless killer will stop at nothing. The bones aren't Evan's but can they give Lottie the final clue to find the innocent child before more lives are taken?

What everyone's saying about *Little Bones*:

'**Wow ! Wow ! Wow ! Just Brilliant !!! This book is a REAL kick in the belly!** A disturbing and heartbreaking story that you won't soon forget ! Loved it and highly recommend!' Netgalley reviewer, FIVE STARS

'Patricia Gibney's books never disappoint and this one is a really gripping story. **The suspense builds and builds** until the shocking conclusion, **I don't think I drew breath for the last couple of chapters**' Goodreads reviewer, FIVE STARS

'Twisty and fast **paced and had me guessing throughout.**..I found the story **absolutely gripping**. Highly recommend' Netgalley reviewer, FIVE STARS

Sales Points

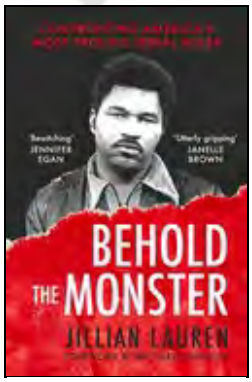
- Perfect for fans of *Our Little Cruelties* by Liz Nugent (C format ICM 18k) and *The Killing Kind* by Jane Casey (C format ICM 7k)
- Huge Irish success: Patricia's books are consistent top ten Irish bestsellers, spending a cumulative 25 weeks in the Irish chart
- An incredible ebook bestseller: Patricia has sold over 1.8 million copies since 2017 across the Detective Lottie Parker series
- A brilliant series character: D.I. Lottie Parker is a detective, a mother, and a woman on the edge haunted by her tragic past, and was shortlisted for a Dead Good Reader Award alongside Lee Child's Jack Reacher and Elly Griffiths' Ruth Galloway
- Award recognition: Patricia's second book, *The Stolen Girls*, was shortlisted for an Irish Book Award (RTÉ Radio 1's The Ryan Tubridy Show Listeners' Choice Award 2018) and she has nominated for a Dead Good Reader Award two years running

Reviews

- '**PRAISE FOR THE LOTTIE PARKER SERIES**' - -
- 'An addictive crime series . . . Her skilfully plotted narrative is driven by the brilliantly complex, utterly relatable Lottie Parker who is the beating heart of all Gibney's novels' - *Irish Independent*
- 'An action-packed, twisty tale of murder' - *Sunday Independent*
- 'Gibney expertly ratchets up the tension, making this exceptionally hard to put down . . . You won't be able to help rooting for our flawed heroine' - *Heat*

Author Biography

Patricia Gibney is the million-copy bestselling author of the **DI Lottie Parker** series. She always yearned to be a writer but between her full-time work and raising a family she could never find the time or commitment to fulfil that ambition. However, tragedy was to intervene which caused a major shift in her life.



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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**512 pages**
Word Count	**120000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
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Behold the Monster
Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer

Jillian Lauren

Keynote

New York Times bestselling author Jillian Lauren's personal, shocking account of confronting serial killer Samuel Little - and the untold stories of his victims.

Description

'Fearless and fierce … transcends a crime story to be a story that threatens social order' - Michael Connelly

'Bewitching . . . a tale of horror that is also humane and self-aware' - Jennifer Egan

'[Lauren] writes in film-noir … American prose, so you feel you're in the seamy backstreets in the Rust Belt' - *Daily Mail*, Book of the Week

'Wildly original… true crime fans will find this a unique and disturbing thrill ride' - *Publishers Weekly*

'Blending gruesome forensic details with tender domestic moments . . . a panoramic tale of America's worst serial killer' - *Daily Telegraph*

'Chilling' - the *Sun*

Jillian Lauren set out to research a serial killer for a novel. Instead, she put one at the centre of her life.

Months of exchanging letters with Samuel Little in prison landed her a face-to-face meeting - and the trust of a monster. In the hours of harrowing interviews that followed, Little confessed to the murders of ninety-three women, making him America's most prolific serial killer. As the investigations escalated, the disturbing relationship took its toll on Lauren, both psychologically and legally - but she couldn't stop.

Conversations with a psychopath, intertwined with intensely personal experience and the stories of those killed told for the first time, result in an unforgettable true crime account. *Behold the Monster* is a journey into a mind and murderer that shocked the world, but one that ultimately lifts the lives of the victims with such grace that we cannot look away.

Sales Points

- Includes an incredible introduction from bestselling crime author **Michael Connelly** - 'Lauren chooses to tell the true story with such grace and dignity, a story that cuts into the cancer of what is wrong in our world'.
- A true crime classic in the making, for fans of *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* (35k TCM) and bestselling *The Stranger Beside Me.*
- Author had exclusive access to Little (hours of face-to-face interviews, phone calls and letters) and this is the first definitive book on US's worst serial killer and his victims.

Author Biography

Jillian Lauren is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the memoirs EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED and SOME GIRLS: MY LIFE IN A HAREM, as well as the novel PRETTY. She has an MFA in creative writing from Antioch University and her writing has appeared in THE PARIS REVIEW, THE NEW YORK TIMES, VANITY FAIR, ELLE, THE RUMPUS, THE DAILY BEAST and others. In addition to being a regular storyteller at The Moth and a Tedx speaker, her work has been widely anthologised including THE MOTH ANTHOLOGY and TRUE TALES OF LUST AND LOVE.



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BIC 2.1	**Coping with eating disorders (VFJJ) Eating disorders & therapy (MMZD) Personal & social issues: body & health (Children's / Teenage) (YXA) Self-help & personal development (VS)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**496 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Illustrations	**c. 25 b/w illustrations**
Series	**Helping Your Child**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Oxford**
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Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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Overcoming Worries About Body Image and Eating A Self-help Guide for Teenagers

Anne Stewart, Caz Nahman and Joanna Adams

Keynote

Being a teenager isn't easy, and there are lots of challenges that you may have to face. Many young people feel worried about food and eating and the effect it has on their bodies, but this book can help.

Description

Most teenagers worry about their body and appearance at some point, and some may try to alter their eating in order to change their weight or shape.

If you are spending a lot of time worrying about how you look or what you are eating, it can become overwhelming and have a big impact on your life. The aim of this book is to help you to understand a bit more about these worries, what you can do about them and, most importantly, how you can develop a healthy relationship with your body and with food.

If these worries take hold, there is a risk of developing an eating disorder or becoming depressed. Eating disorders can have a huge and negative impact on your physical health, your emotional wellbeing, your relationships and social life. They can take control of your mind and body, which makes it difficult to feel motivated to recover, and it can be a long and difficult journey to get back on track, so it's better to tackle these worries early on.

Written by clinicians with many years of experience working in specialist eating disorder services for children and adolescents, this book follows an approach called cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), which is a really useful way of helping us to make sense of our experiences and overcome the difficulties that we face. CBT is an evidence-based approach, which means that lots of research has been done to evaluate it and show that it can be helpful.

The book includes help and support on:
· Adolescent development, how we make sense of our experiences, healthy eating and how to look after yourself during the teenage years.
· How you can stop body image and eating difficulties taking hold including ideas for feeling good about yourself, dealing with stress and managing social media. There is a chapter which focuses on issues for boys/young men.
· How to get help from family, friends or professionals if you are struggling. There is also a chapter for parents/carers and families with suggestions on how they can help.

Overcoming for Teenagers is a series to support young people through common mental health issues during adolescence, using scientific techniques that have been proven to work.

Series editors: Associate Professor Polly Waite and Emeritus Professor Peter Cooper

Sales Points

- Part of a new strand of titles within our Overcoming spin-off series, Helping Your Child, that are pitched directly and teenagers and deal with emotional problems during adolesence.
- A unique book by clinical experts that aims to tackle body image problems at an early stage before they can develop into crippling eating disorders.

Author Biography

Anne Stewart (Author)
Anne Stewart is an experienced consultant psychiatrist who has set up services for young people who struggle with eating, as well as doing teaching and research at the University of Oxford. Anne has lots of experience doing CBT with young people as well as training others in CBT. She is keen to help young people deal with worries about eating and body image early on so that they can get on with their lives.

Caz Nahman (Author)
Caz Nahman is a consultant psychiatrist who has worked with young people with an eating disorder both in the community and in hospital. She has an interest in athletes with eating disorders, boys who are struggling with eating difficulties and young people who have problems with their body image. She is keen on helping young people build a healthy relationship with exercise.

Joanna Adams (Author)
Joanna Adams is a clinical psychologist with lots of experience of working with young people with eating disorders, both individually and with their families. As well as doing



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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**256 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**Global**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**UK**
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Fix Your Dog in Three Easy Steps
Be Your Own Dog Behaviourist

Leon Towers

Keynote

Celebrity dog behaviourist Leon Towers gives owners a plan for training out any canine challenging behaviour in three easy steps.

Description

Fix any problem and become your own dog behaviourist in three simple steps.

Does your dog have a rogue recall? Is your garden a canine race track? Are you fed up with your pup barking every time you open the door?

By looking at **three** things: **environment**, **mental stimulation**, and **diet**, qualified dog behaviourist and nutritionist, Leon Towers, promises to transform any challenging canine behaviour - from biting to barking, and aggression to separation anxiety.

Drawing on science-backed strategies and decades of experience, Leon's approach has improved the lives of over 16,000 dogs so far. In this stress-free guide, he puts himself in your living room, and offers readers a personalised, easy-to-follow training plan, covering diet, exercise, mental stimulation, and more.

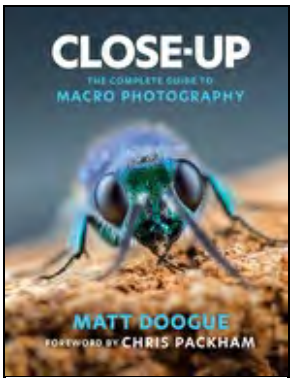
Including real-life case studies, a breakdown of all the theory, and a treasure trove of handy dos and don'ts, you'll not only shape up your four-legged friend, but also, sustain lasting, life-long results. Grab some treats, a squeaker, and a long (ish) lead, and let Leon turn you into the ultimate dog behaviourist, right from the comfort of your own den!

Sales Points

- **Comparative Titles:** *Perfect Puppy* by Gwen Bailey has sold over 146,000 copies in the UK alone. *It's Me Or The Dog* by Victoria Stilwell has sold over 77,000 copies. *Perfectly Imperfect Puppy* by Graeme Hall has sold almost 12,000 copies in the past year.
- **Growing Demand For Pet Behaviourists:** There's been a rise in pet behaviourists over recent years. They cost £300 for an initial visit and follow-up fees thereafter. A book is a far cheaper approach, hence the title.
- **Increasing Number Of Dog Owners:** There are 13 million dogs in the UK, with 34% of households owning one. Ownership has jumped 33% since lockdown.
- **Tv Personality:** Leon is the host for Channel 4's hit shows 'Embarrassing Pets' and 'My Gay Dog'. He reported on Crufts in 2019 and he's in discussions with Channel 5 for more shows. Leon is personable, good with media, and is happy to promote the book in any way he can.

Author Biography

Leon Towers is a qualified dog behaviourist, nutritionist, and hydrotherapist who has spent the last 12 years improving the lives of over 16,000 dogs. He reported on Crufts in 2019 and is the host for Channel 4's hit shows 'Embarrassing Pets' and 'My Gay Dog'. 'Meet the PAW-rents: Celebrities and Their Dogs' is his latest project with Channel 5.



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Format	**SSN (246x189)**
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Not for Sale	**None**
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Author born in	**Uk**
Author living in	**Manchester**
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Close-Up
The Complete Guide to Macro Photography

Matt Doogue

Keynote

The complete guide to macro-photography by a top professional in the field. Learn how to capture awe-inspiring close-up shots and unlock the beauty of the miniature world with this comprehensive guide.

Description

'Brilliant... Complete... Concise... Matt's innovative and imaginative approach makes celebrities and heroes out of the everyday, the downtrodden and the overlooked.' Chris Packham.

Macro is one of the fastest-growing genres in photography, and with this comprehensive and easy-to-follow guide, macro expert Matt Doogue invites you to discover a whole new world of creative image-making.

- Go from **complete novice** to **confident macro shooter**
- Learn from **a top professional** sharing tips & tricks for success
- Discover an **exciting new genre** of photographic practice
- **Connect with nature** and develop a deeper understanding of wildlife
- **Master key techniques** for **pro-level macro photography results**
- Experience a more **mindful approach** to taking photos

From understanding the optimal lens, to the shooting environment, advanced techniques and post-processing, unlock the beauty of the miniature world with this detailed guide.

Sales Points

- **Trending Topic:** Macro is one of the fastest-growing genres in photography .
- **Comparative Titles:** *Digital Macro & Close-up Photography* by Ros Hoddinott sold over 1,000 copies, and *Mastering Macro Photography* by David Taylor has sold over 1,400 copies.
- **Author Credentials:** Written by a leading professional in the field.
- **Key Features:** The most comprehensive guide to macro photography, including information on essential gear, best camera settings, the shooting environment, advanced techniques, editing and more.

Author Biography

Matt Doogue is a conservationist, outreach teacher, mental health public speaker and macro photographer. With over a decade of experience, Matt uses varied techniques, including advanced focus stacking to achieve his photographs. Matt has collaborated with BBC Earth, *National Geographic*, Canon and the top UK photography magazines.



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BIC 2.1	**Origami & paper engineering (WFTM)**

Binding	**Paperback**
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Extent	**128 pages**
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Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

Author living in	**London, UK**

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Say It With Paper: Fun papercraft projects to cut, fold and create (9781781575314)

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Papercraft
Unique projects in paper to cut, fold, and create

Hattie Newman

Keynote

Discover paper's true potential with this book full of exciting projects.

Description

There are many things you can do with paper but what can paper do for you?

One of the most versatile materials ever invented, paper is readily available, easy to work with, and can be transformed into exquisite works of art.

Discover how to make decorations for your home and gifts for your friends and family with this inspiring, accessible book. Make your way through simple step-by-step instructions to create a range of projects, from skyscrapers to silhouettes and letters to lanterns, with plenty of expert tips to give your creations a professional finish. Master fundamental papercraft shapes that you can adapt to a variety of uses, and ensure your accuracy by using the handy templates provided.

Projects include:
- Animal masks
- Strawberries
- Toy theatre
- Fantasy tropical island
- Moving ferris wheel
- Adorable geometric pig
- Pop-up greeting cards

and many more...

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Hattie is one of the leading practitioners of papercraft in the world, making paper displays, landscapes, animations and ad campaigns for big clients such as Google and *Vogue*.
- **FRESH IDEAS:** This book gives you Hattie's key techniques along with fresh, inspirational projects that are a million miles away from old fashioned, tired paper-craft and origami titles.
- **ON TREND TOPIC:** Addresses the current and growing trend for papercraft and paper making, following on from the success of Ilex title *The Papercraft Ideas Book* (7858 LT TCM).

Author Biography

Hattie Newman has earned an international reputation for her inimitable creations in the field of set design and papercraft. Found in advertisements, animations, physical spaces and books, her colourful work is loved by children, publishers and photographers alike.

Based in London, Hattie has also worked in New York, Paris, Valencia, and Milan with clients such as Lacoste, the *Guardian*, *Vogue*, NSPCC, Canon and Google. She is also active in design education, giving frequent talks and workshops to adults, students, and children. Guest lectures include Brief Design Festival in Madrid, Papier Hier in Amsterdam and Nicer Tuesdays in London. In the UK, Hattie is a guest lecturer at the University of the West of England, where she gained her first class degree in Illustration in 2008.

Exhibitions showcasing Hattie's work include Pick Me Up in Somerset House, London, The Paper Convention in Sydney, and The Paper Cut Festival in Amsterdam.

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Binding	**Paperback**
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Dancing on Eggshells
Kitchen, ballroom & the messy inbetween

John Whaite

Keynote

A fascinating memoir from the *Bake Off* Winner, *Strictly* Runner Up and popular TV Baker

Description

'We come for the glitter, but instead we get the grit, in stories told with insight, tenderness and joy.' - Russell T Davies

With a foreword by Steph McGovern

'I never thought I'd write a memoir. I never thought I'd do a lot of the things I have done in my thirty-four years, but life has a wonderful way of surprising us.'

Well-known as the winner of the third series of *The Great British Bake Off* and runner up of *Strictly Come Dancing* with his same-sex dance partner Johannes Radebe, John Whaite's personal story is a complicated narrative of contradictions, highs and lows, told with tenderness, joy, insight and wit, but also unflinching honesty.

A shy little boy from rural Lancashire, who was sacred to sleep alone and danced a little 'too gay' at family weddings, he was also an unruly teen who shaved a checkerboard pattern into his hair and refused to conform.

From childhood his life has revolved around food - his parents owned a fish and chip shop where John worked in the back peeling potatoes - but for long periods he has been haunted by bulimia and body dysmorphia and not a day goes by when he doesn't worry about what or how much he eats.

He achieved TV fame but then seemingly wilfully chose to self-destruct, before finding the strength to pull back when he woke up in a car with half a kebab at his feet and chilli sauce on his shoes.

Through it all, his essential optimism has meant that he has chosen to take every step back as a chance to reassess and begin again, finally arriving at the realisation that external validation and fulfilment is transient - a distraction from the sometimes painful pilgrimage we make as we gain wisdom from our experiences.

Sales Points

- **LARGE AUTHOR PLATFORM.** John appears regularly on television and radio in the UK and America, including on Channel 4's *Steph's Packed Lunch* and *Food Unwrapped.* The first live show of 2021 *Strictly Come Dancing*, on which John was a favourite contestant, was watched by 7.9 million viewers.
- **FOLLOWS PREVIOUS BOOKS' SUCCESS.** John's cookbook *Comfort: Food to Soothe the Soul* was chosen as Book of the Year by BBC Radio 4's *Food Programme*.
- **BESTSELLING COMPS.** The autobiography of John's strictly partner,Johannes Radebe, has TCMd 27,499.
- **BRAND NEW CONTENT FOR PAPERBACK.** New text in the paperback edition will cover John's diagnosis of ADHD in the summer of 2023.

Author Biography

John Whaite won the third series of *The Great British Bake Off* and was runner up of the 2021 series of BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing* on which he was the first all-male pairing in the show's history. He is the author of five cookery books, *John Whaite Bakes: Recipes for Every Day and Every Mood, John Whaite Bakes At Home* (published by Headline), *Perfect Plates in 5 Ingredients*, *A Flash in the Pan* (published by Kyle Books) and *Comfort: Food to Soothe the Soul*, which was chosen as Book of the Year 2017 by BBC Radio 4's *Food Programme*.

John was a resident chef on ITV's *Lorraine* for 4 years and is currently resident chef and guest presenter on Channel 4's *Steph's Packed Lunch*. He is also a presenter on *Food Unwrapped* and is a regular chef for Waitrose online.

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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Z (210x149)**
Extent	**176 pages**
Word Count	**52408 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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70 Easy Card Tricks
A beginner's guide to magic

Peter Arnold

Keynote

70 tricks that are easy to learn and will astound your friends and family.

Description

Learn 70 tricks that are easy to master and hundreds of techniques that are essential for every budding magician.

Easy Card Tricks includes mathematical dupes, sleights of hand,'mind-reading' stunts, expert shuffles, and card predictions that will seem impossible to an observer. Some of these tricks need no special skills at all, some need simple equipment such as a pen and paper, and some need simple conjuring skills to make the false shuffles, double lifts and glides look effortless. But all of the tricks are impressive and, with a little repetition in private, you will soon be a master of illusion.

Sales Points

- *Easy Card Tricks* has already sold over 34,500 copies worldwide.
- Excellent value package, with 70 tricks in total.
- Tricks are simple but impressive, and clear explanations make them accessible to all budding magicians.

Author Biography

Peter Arnold has written over 40 books on football, cricket, boxing, gambling, snooker, darts and cards. He was the co-author of the successful Complete Book of Card Games and General Editor on The Official Rules of Sports and Games. He lives in London, England and Spain.

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Baby Massage
Proven techniques to calm your baby and assist development: with step-by-step photographic instructions

Peter Walker

Keynote

Give your baby the best start in life with this expert guide to baby massage, featuring massage techniques and relaxation methods

Description

Learn how to soothe your baby with this essential guide to baby massage

Touch is the newborn baby's first form of communication and a crucial part of their development. Regular massages are proven to have a number of physiological benefits. You will find that massaging your baby will help:

- relax your infant when stressed
- relieve wind and constipation
- improve muscular coordination and flexibility
- facilitate longer and deeper sleeps

This book is designed to help you perfect this essential parenting skill. Written by the international baby massage specialist, Peter Walker, this comprehensive guide demonstrates vital new massage techniques and sequences for young babies.

Featuring easy-to-follow, step-by-step photographic instructions, this book will guide you through baby massage and relaxation methods and help strengthen your bond with your little one.

Sales Points

- 'Baby massage' is a fast-growing trending topic with over 400 million views on TikTok
- Baby massage taps into the 'gentle parenting' trend, which has over 5 billion views on TikTok
- 'Baby massage' expert-led parenting courses are in great demand: the International Association of Infant Massage have trained over 13,000 baby massage instructors in the UK alone, and its curriculum is taught in over 70 countries
- The several health and wellbeing benefits of baby massage are a consistently popular topic on various parenting blogs, including *Johnson's Baby, Healthline* and *Pampers*. Baby massage has also been linked to improving babies' sleep patterns - another staple topic in the parenting market
- Previous editions of *Baby Massage* have sold over 11k copies via TCM

Author Biography

Peter Walker is the world's foremost authority on baby massage. A trained physical therapist, he offers a certificated teacher training course in baby massage directed at midwives, health visitors, neonatal nurses as well as parents. He has written a number of books on the subject.

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Auschwitz – A Mother's Story
How I fought to survive and see my daughter again

Rosa de Winter-Levy

Keynote

The unforgettable, heart-breaking story of a mother who survived Auschwitz and fought to be reunited with her daughter once again.

Description

Suddenly there is a blow to my face, I am hurled to one side. 'My child, I have to go with her!' I scream. But Dr Mengel is standing before me, whip raised. 'Maul halten, shut up!' His eyes gleam. Filled with fear I cower down.

In 1943, as the Nazi power swept across central Europe, Rosa, her husband Emanuel and their daughter, Judy, were forced into hiding. But after a year and a half of living a terrifying, day-by-day existence, they were betrayed. As they arrived in Auschwitz, Rosa was torn from her husband and her only daughter. Could she dare to hope she would see either of them again?

Somehow, Rosa fought the horror and humiliation of the camp, on occasion coming dangerously close to death. In nursing the people trapped beside her, she helped others survive, but tragically she also watched them die - including a mother she had met before, with a similar story and a daughter the very same age. Her name was Edith Frank.

Written immediately in the months after the war, *Auschwitz - A Mother's Story* tells Rosa de Winter-Levy's unique and heart-breaking personal story - from the atrocities of the camp to her journey out of hell. Powerful and affecting, it is the testimony of a mother, and the pain she will endure for the chance to hold her child again.

It's night. The door opens and along with 500 other women I am taken to the so-called Krätzeblock, the scabies block. Mice and rats run over us, the women scream and cry, it's almost unbearable. There's no chance of sleep, we're all consumed by the same thought: tomorrow our final hour will have come.

Sales Points

- **SIMPLY WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EVENTS:** Rosa de Winter-Levy left Auschwitz in March 1945, a few months after it was liberated in January, and wrote her memoir in the Summer. As a result, it is an incredibly immediate, moving account of her survival, direct and powerful in the style of the very best books in the Auschwitz survivor genre.
- **INCLUDES A FOREWORD AND AFTERWORD**: The book includes a foreword that sketches Rosa and her family's life before their arrest in 1944 and after their return from the concentration camp; Rosa suffered from hallucinations in her later life and passed away in a mental institute in 1985. The foreword also explains the links between the Frank family and Rosa and Judy in further detail, while the afterword is based on interviews with Rosa's grandchildren.
- **ANNE FRANK LINK**: Rosa and her family met Edith and Anne Frank in Camp Westebork and became close friends, and the mothers met again in Auschwitz, where Rosa nursed Edith. Ultimately, Edith died in Rosa's arms, and Rosa met Anne's father, Otto - who published her diaries - in Poland after the liberation.
- **CONSISTENTLY STRONG MARKET**: *The Twins of Auschwitz* (2020) has sold just under 115k copies TCM and *A Gypsy in Auschwitz* (published two years later in 2022) has now sold 52k copies TCM, so the market for Auschwitz survivor memoirs is still very big. Central to this title is the relationship between mother and daughter, which is a key feature of other comps *Born Survivors: The Incredible true story of three pregnant mothers* (2015) 45k paperback TCM and *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Daughter of Auschwitz*. The link to Anne Frank also makes *My Friend Anne Frank* (Jun 2023 - 8k hardback) a comparative title.
- **INCLUDES BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS OF THE FAMILY**

Author Biography

Rosa de Winter-Levy was born in Germany in 1905. When both of her parents died of the Spanish flu, she moved to the Netherlands at the age of 19. She married Emanuel de Winter and in 1928, they welcomed a daughter, Judy. After the war, she lived once again in the Netherlands and passed away in 1985.



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The Duke at Hazard

KJ Charles

Keynote

A gorgeously romantic Regency romp between a duke and a disgraced gentleman.

Description

Don't miss the second thrilling standalone Regency romance in the Gentlemen of Uncertain Fortune series by KJ Charles…

The Duke of Severn is one of the greatest men in Britain.

He's also short, quiet, and unimpressive. And now he's been robbed, after indulging in one rash night with a strange man who stole the heirloom Severn ring from his finger. The Duke has to get it back, and he can't let anyone know how he lost it. So when his cousin bets that he couldn't survive without his privilege and title, the Duke grasps the opportunity to hunt down his ring-incognito.

Life as an ordinary person is terrifying... until the anonymous Duke meets Daizell Charnage, a disgraced gentleman, and hires him to help. Racing across the country in search of the thief, the Duke and Daizell fall into scrapes, into trouble-and in love.

Daizell has been excluded from polite society, his name tainted by his father's crimes and his own misbehaviour. Now he dares to dream of a life somewhere out of sight with the quiet gentleman who's stolen his heart. He doesn't know that his lover is a hugely rich public figure with half a dozen titles. And when he finds out, it will risk everything they have...

Pre-order now!

Sales Points

- REGENCY'S REIGN CONTINUES: with the third and fourth seasons of Bridgerton confirmed by Netflix, the Regency romance sensation is set to stay.
- **ALL THE TROPES:** this book is a modern romcom reader's dream. Enemies to lovers, Regency, a tsundere male lead. It has everything you'd want, plus a MM romance to die for.
- **SAVVY SELF-PUBLISHED AUTHOR**: KJ Charles is an ex-editor who has been writing queer historical romances for years. She has a very loyal follower base that we can build on with 16.8k followers on Twitter and 3.3k members on her Facebook group.

Author Biography

KJ Charles is an editor and RITA-nominated author. She lives in London with her husband, two kids, an out-of-control garden and a cat of absolute night. She writes mostly historical queer romance, some paranormal. Smut, skulduggery, and swashbuckling may occur.

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Hot Girl Summer

Sophie Gravia

Keynote

The brand new, laugh-out-loud standalone novel from *Times* bestselling author Sophie Gravia.

Description

Ava, Rebeka and Grace have been best friends forever.

Ava has hit rock bottom since she split up with her husband. It's hard enough being a Scot in London without being broke to boot!

Photographer for a women's magazine, **Rebeka** is tired of working on the fluff pieces. She knows her affair with the boss is going nowhere, so why can't she stop herself?

Grace was top of her class in law school, but for a long time now has settled for being a barrister's wife. Her life may seem outwardly perfect... but if she's honest, it's also SO boring.

When a reunion brings them together, they realise it's time to shake things up... and have some fun again!

From the breakout bestselling author of *A Glasgow Kiss*, *Hot Girl Summer* is the laugh-out-loud, uplifting standalone novel about three women who realise that when life gets messy, it's time to turn to your friends. Available to pre-order now.

Sales Points

- **EXCITING NEW STANDALONE**: The first standalone novel from the breakout Scottish bestselling author. While Sophie's sales have always been localised to Scotland, we think this will be the book that will expand her readership. Set in London (but with a Glaswegian girl as one of the three friends) this features an all new group of three friends who are figuring out life in London.
- Bridget Jones for the millennial generation: Hilarious, rude and full of sexual misadventures, this is *Fleabag*/*Girls* meets Lucy Vine

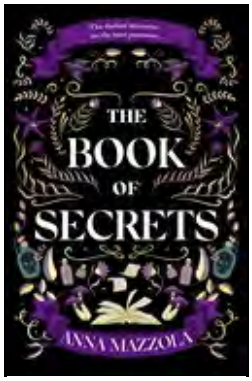
Author Biography

Sophie grew up in a town just outside Glasgow and has always had a love for the English language. At a young age, she found herself writing funny stories or poems to friends and family for special occasions, and after high school she undertook a performing arts diploma, flourishing in her creative writing class. Sophie now works full time as a nurse in a busy city hospital.

In 2020, Sophie started writing again as a distraction from the ongoing pandemic, cheered on by fans of her hilarious blog, 'Sex in the Glasgow City'. *A Glasgow Kiss*, her debut novel, shot straight to number one in the erotic charts and has been a word-of-mouth sensation ever since.

Market

Looking Out for Love by Sophia Money-Coutts, Lovestruck by Laura Jane Williams and Not in a Million Years by Sophie Ranald



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The Book of Secrets
The dark and dazzling new book from the bestselling author of The Clockwork Girl!

Anna Mazzola

Keynote

The chilling, mesmerising and darkly delicious new novel from Anna Mazzola, author of *The Clockwork Girl* and *The House of Whispers*, inspired by the Acqua Tofana poisonings in 17th century Italy. Perfect for fans of **Jessie Burton**, **Laura Purcell** and **Stacey Halls**.

Description

The thrilling and unputdownable new novel from bestselling author of *The Clockwork Girl*, Anna Mazzola!

'Vividly alive with menace, magic, and mystery' **ESSIE FOX**

'A vivid and atmospheric historical adventure' ***DAILY MAIL***

'A writer of great variety and inventiveness. A haunting, complex work' **THE TIMES**

Rome, 1659.

Some secrets are worth dying for...

Girolama Spana lives west of the river Tiber in a house marked by a lily and a garden full of herbs. Many women in Rome seek her help - although they would never admit it - eager for her mysterious balms, her love potions, and her ability to predict their futures.

Even against the splendour of the Eternal City, Giroloma's secret recipes are the women's most precious possessions - and their husbands' most feared. So when men are reported dying in unnatural numbers, the gaze of Stefano Bracchi, prosecutor for the papal authorities, falls quickly on Girolama and her suspected sorcery.

Soon she will be faced by the greatest danger she has ever known - but Girolama has always vowed that in life there are secrets we write down, secrets we pass on, and some that we carry to our deaths...

***The Book of Secrets* is inspired by real events that took place in 17th century Italy.**

Praise for *The Book of Secrets*:

'Exceptional. Anna Mazzola's finest work yet' **ELODIE HARPER**

'Dark, viscerally-atmospheric and richly-imagined' **TAMMY COHEN**

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'Deeply unsettling in all the best ways. Absolutely loved it!' **JAMES OSWALD**

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'Rich and satisfying... another superb historical thriller from Anna Mazzola' **CAROLINE GREEN**

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D V BISHOP

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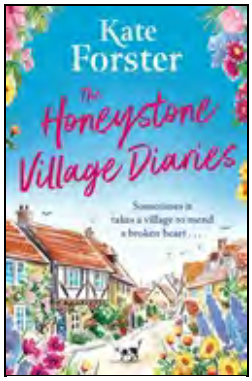
- IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING: Anna Mazzola will brilliantly evoke 17th century Italy, months after the plague ravaged the country. Inspired by a true story, *The Book of Secrets* will introduce readers to an astonishing cast of characters, a gripping tale of revenge and a touch of magic, too!
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- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: Anna's debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award in the US and was nominated for the Historical Writers' Association's Debut Crown in the UK. Her second novel, *The Story Keeper*, was nominated for the Highland Book Prize.

Author Biography

Anna Mazzola is an award-winning and critically acclaimed novelist. Her debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award, and her third novel, *The Clockwork Girl*, was a *Sunday Times* historical fiction pick for 2022.

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The Honeystone Village Diaries

Kate Forster

Keynote

For fans of Helen Rolfe and Heidi Swain, The Honeystone Village Diaries is the enchanting new novel about the lives and loves of a sleepy English village by Kate Forster.

Description

A mile outside the Cotswolds, everyone knows everyone in Honeystone, and for many years the villagers have lived quiet, steady lives. But a wind of change is here...

Anthea is the new owner of Spindle Hall. A renowned perfumer who lost her sense of smell, she's not interested in making new friends. Yet somehow that seems impossible in this idyllic village.

Years ago, Peony left Honeystone with a broken heart, and now she has returned with it freshly bruised. Her single father, Robert, is struggling with slow business at the Hare and Thistle pub. Perhaps this time they can help each other?

Izzy has never known what she wants to do in life other than be at Raspberry Hill Farm and care for her little niece, Clover. But when a new doctor shows up in town, she starts to wonder...

A story about the magic of ordinary people, no one does heartwarming stories like Kate Forster. Welcome to Honeystone, you can rest here.

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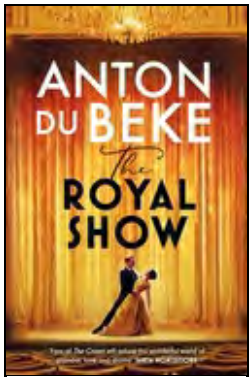
- **GAP ON THE LIST:** Kate is our answer to Helen Rolfe and Heidi Swain with heartwarming village stories that never stop being in demand with readers in the UK.
- **ESTABLISHED EBOOK BRAND:**Over her last three books, Kate has sold over a quarter of a million copies. She gets thousands of strong reviews for every book thanks to the quality of her writing and for her loveable true-to-life characters.
- **Heartwarming stories**: Kate's uplifting novels are perfect for fans of Heidi Swain, Trisha Ashley, Holly Martin and Helen Rolfe.

Author Biography

Kate Forster is the bestselling author of *Starting Over at Acorn Cottage, The Perfect Retreat*, *Finding Love at Mermaid Terrace* and many more books that she would want to read herself, so she wrote them. When not writing, Kate loves hanging out with family, friends, and her dogs. A dedicated houseplant lover, Kate also enjoys outdoor gardening and is the founder and moderator of one of largest online women's writing support groups on Facebook.

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The Royal Show
A brand new series from the nation's favourite entertainer, Anton Du Beke

Anton Du Beke

Keynote

The brand-new historical novel from the nation's favourite entertainer, Anton Du Beke

Description

By Royal invitation, join us to celebrate The Royal Show!

Prodigal son and loyal daughter...

The Forsyth Variety Company has been given the opportunity of a lifetime - to entertain Her Majesty at 1962's Royal Variety Performance.

Keen to rehearse, the company heads to the Seagate Theatre under the tutelage of the company's owner, Ed Forsyth. This is Ed's last hoorah before retiring and he's keen to leave on a high. But his son, Cal, has absconded, leaving his twin sister, Evie, to help manage the company after their mother's death. Hoping to display her best trapeze performance ever, she's also desperate that the entire troupe should succeed. If only her father hadn't brought in another old-timer... Billy Rich has come all the way from Hollywood, invited to be their main star. Billy is full of bluster and ego and his much younger wife, the mysterious Magdalene, doesn't help.

Can this troupe of old-time crooners, dancing girls and magicians possibly pull this off? Especially when they must compete with the 1960's rebellious new bands and revolutionary music? Abandoned by her brother, Evie has no idea if she'll ever be able to wrestle the troupe into a show fit for a queen.

But as the theatrical group heads towards a royal deadline like no other, Cal returns out of the blue to introduce a song that could change the world. Is he here to help, or are his motivations darker? As the company descends into illicit romance, family intrigue and foul crimes, rehearsals begin to unravel. Can they really do this?

Cal thinks he has the answer, if only the troupe can believe in him.

Because the queen's show must go on...

Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES**: Anton Du Beke's novels have sold over 150,000 copies across the UK market to date, in physical format alone. His debut novel, ONE ENCHANTED EVENING, was a *Sunday Times bestseller*, and there is a huge amount of revenue still to be tapped from his publishing.
- **AUTHOR PROFILE**: Anton is a household name, the 'King of the Ballroom', and hugely beloved by the British public, having appeared in every series of the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing* since its inception. He has just been made a permanent judge on the show, and his profile has never been higher.
- **STRICTLY FEVER:** *Strictly* viewing figures remain astonishingly high. In 2022, 9.2 million tuning in to watch the finale.

Author Biography

Anton Du Beke - the King of Ballroom, *Strictly Come Dancing* royalty, and household name - is one of this generation's all-round entertainers. In 2018, he realised his boyhood ambition and published the first in a series of bestselling novels set in the 1930s world of the exclusive Mayfair hotel, The Buckingham.



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Author living in	**Princes Risborough, UK**

Previous Titles
Love on the Island

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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Love at First Sight

Jessica Gilmore

Keynote

Hilarious, sexy and escapist, *Love at First Sight* is *While You Were Sleeping* meets Emily Henry with a dash of *Married at First Sight.*

Description

'A lovely warm escapist read' **KATE EBERLEN**

She's in love. Just with the wrong man...

Nora is done with dating, but still dreams of finding the one. So when a handsome stranger comes to her rescue one night and vanishes leaving only a business card, it's like a scene out of a movie...

It doesn't take long for the two to 'bump' into each other again, and Nora falls for the perfect-on-paper Gabe. Only a few weeks later, he invites her to Sicily, and she cannot believe her luck!

Until Gabe is forced away for work, leaving her alone with his big and warm family in gorgeous Sicily who welcome her with open arms. Everyone but Luca, his older and distrustful brother, who is always around.

Soon Nora finds herself on a dreamy, romantic getaway-just with the wrong brother...

Sales Points

- **THE PERFECT SUMMER READ:** Hilarious, steamy and delightfully escapist, *Love at First Sight* follows Nora, who is swept up in a whirlwind romance, and is planning the dream Italian wedding. But when Nora meets her fiancé's friend, she wonders if she is marrying the right man after all!
- **REALITY DATING SHOW INSPIRED:**Shows like *Married at First Sight* and *Love Island* are always highly anticipated and dominate pop culture. We'd like to tap into a lot of the fun games and tasks that happen on these shows, such as a commitment ceremony and intimacy tasks.
- **GORGEOUS, ESCAPIST SETTING:** *Love at First Sight* will be set in a gorgeous villa in Italy. A few scouts have mentioned how they are after *Emily in Paris,* if it were set in Italy, so hopefully there might be some opportunity there.
- **ESTABLISHED ROMCOM AUTHOR:** Jessica Gilmore has over 25 romance novels to her name and is published all around the world with Harlequin Mills & Boons. She stepped outside of Mills & Boons with *Love on the Island,* following in the likes of Sarah Morgan, Fiona Harper, Anne O'Brien and Julie Cohen.
- **GLOBAL & BROAD APPEAL:** There are 24 versions of *Married at First Sight* and there are 8 spin-offs.

Author Biography

A charity-working, dog-walking, child-wrangling, dust-ignoring bookworm, Jessica lives in the beautiful and historic city of York with one patient husband, one daughter, one very fluffy dog, two dog-loathing cats and a goldfish called Bob.
As day dreaming is her very favourite hobby and she loves a good happy-ever-after Jessica can't believe she's lucky enough to write romance for a living. Say hi on Twitter at @yrosered or visit sprigmuslin.blogspot.com

Market

Not in a Million Years by Sophie Ranald; Happy Place by Emily Henry; The Lucky Escape by Laura Jane Williams



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The Final Score

Carys Jones

Keynote

A super commercial thriller with a twist you won't see coming

Description

It's never too late for revenge...

Connie Winchester was once a celebrated music prodigy... but those days are long behind her. So when Daniel Layton shows up on her doorstep to interview her about her career, Connie Winchester is flattered to be remembered.

But as he moves through her story, it all comes back. Robin. Her friends. The drugs. What happened that final night. The lies she told.

Connie has been running from her past for years. But now there's nowhere left to run...

Sales Points

- BIG TWISTS AND TURNS: Carys always keeps you guessing, with several twists and turns throughout this pacy and easy-to-devour thriller
- HARD-WORKING AUTHOR: Carys is a brilliant writer with a number of digital books already published by HQ and Aria, and lots of fantastic ideas in the psychological thriller space to appeal to fans of Lucy Foley and Ruth Ware.

Author Biography

Carys Jones is a thriller writer based in Shropshire where she lives with her husband, daughter and dog. When she's not writing she can often be found indulging two of her greatest passions - either walking round the local woodland or catching up on all things Disney related. For more information about Carys please visit www.carys-jones.com or follow her on Twitter @CarysJAuthor

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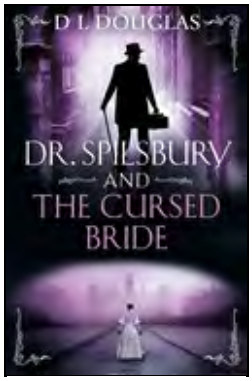
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Author born in	**East End, London**
Author living in	**York**

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DR SPILSBURY AND THE CAMDEN TOWN KILLER

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Dr. Spilsbury and the Cursed Bride

D.L. Douglas

Keynote

The brand-new book in the Dr Spilsbury mysteries, a gripping historical crime series inspired by real life events

Description

September 1920. A young bride is discovered dead at a country house on her wedding day. Has she fallen victim to the deadly Withington curse, which strikes down any woman who marries into the family? Forensic Pathologist Dr Bernard Spilsbury doesn't believe in such superstitions, and suspects a more earthly reason for Theodora Tupper's death. But as he and his trusty assistant Violet investigate, they soon discover that there are indeed ghosts at Withington Hall. And they, too, have a story to tell...

Sales Points

- SALES TRACK: DL Douglas is the pen-name for Donna Douglas, who has sold over half a million copies through the TCM
- FIRST CRIME SERIES TO SHINE A LIGHT ON SPILSBURY: Dr Spilsbury is the father of modern forensics, and involved in a number of high profile murder trials
- TV POTENTIAL: strong TV potential with agent in conversation with production companies
- PERFECT FOR TRUE CRIME FANS: each novel is inspired by a real life gruesome case, and the case files of the real Dr Spilsbury

Author Biography

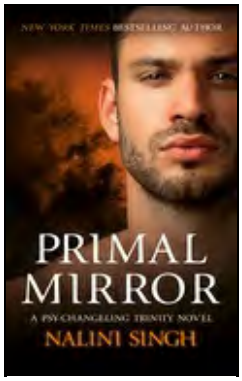
D. L. Douglas has been fascinated by true crime ever since she came face to face with Dr Crippen in the Chamber of Horrors at Madame Tussaud's. So it's fitting that her new series features Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the forensic pathologist who helped send him to the gallows. A Londoner born and bred, D. L. Douglas now lives in York with her husband and family.

Market

Readers of cosy crime and historical crime. For fans of Ann Granger and Anne Perry

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Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Psy-Changeling Trinity Series**
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Previous Titles

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Primal Mirror
Book 8

Nalini Singh

Keynote

New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh returns to her spectacular Psy-Changeling Trinity series which will challenge the bonds of blood . . .

Description

Daughter of two ruthless high-gradient telepaths, Auden Scott is not the child her Psy parents wanted or expected, even before her brain injury. Her thoughts are scattered, her memories fuzzy-or just terrifyingly blank. The only thing she knows for certain is that she must protect her unborn baby...a baby she has no recollection of conceiving and who draws an abnormal intensity of notice from her dead mother's closest associates.

Leopard alpha Remi Denier is a man driven by the primal instinct to protect. Protect his pack, protect his allies... and protect the mysterious woman who has become a most unlikely neighbor. With eerie eyes that see too much and a scent that alters in ways disturbing and impossible, Auden Scott is the enemy...but nothing about this strange Psy is what it seems, Remi's feline heart as fascinated by her as the human half of his soul.

Then Auden asks Remi to help her shatter the wall of secrets that is the Scott bloodline. What they unearth will reveal a nightmare beyond imagination. This time, the battle is to the death...

Praise for Nalini Singh's Psy-Changeling Trinity Series

'Singh's talent for lush, expansive worldbuilding is on full display' *Publishers Weekly*

'Another hands-down winner that expands Singh's brilliantly conceived world' *Library Journal* (starred review)

'Truly one of the best storytellers in the business' *Romantic Times*

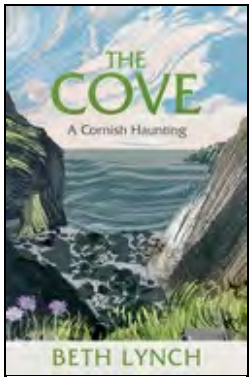
Sales Points

- A *New York Times* bestselling series
- Nalini Singh is an internationally bestselling paranormal romance author
- Perfect for fans of J. R. Ward
- Sexy, romance, paranormal fiction is making a comeback on TikTok

Author Biography

Nalini Singh was born in Fiji and raised in New Zealand. She spent three years living and working in Japan, and travelling around Asia before returning to New Zealand now - although she's always plotting new trips. She has worked as a lawyer, a librarian, a candy factory general hand, a bank temp and an English teacher, not necessarily in that order. Some people might call that inconsistency, but she calls it grist for the writer's mill.

You can learn more by visiting www.nalinisingh.com or by following @NaliniSingh on twitter.



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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Cornwall**
Author born in	**Sussex**
Author living in	**Northamptonshire**

Previous Titles
9781474606905 Where the Hornbeam Grows

1st Serial	**Orion**
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The Cove
A Cornish Haunting

Beth Lynch

Keynote
A stunning literary memoir about the author's relationship with a cove in Cornwall

Description
For over five decades Beth Lynch has been drawn back, over and again, to a rocky spot on the North Cornwall coast. Her earliest memories of the cove are bound up with idyllic family holidays; as she grows older, however, her sense of connection with the place grows deeper and more complicated. This slippery interface of land and sea - a site of sheer edges and ledges, strange rock formations and eroding, tumbling slate - becomes her place of safety from childhood anxiety and school bullying.

Around the time of her parents' deaths, strange things start to happen in and around the cove, and Lynch is left wondering how well she really knows this minute section of coast that draws her so ineluctably. Is it the cove, or is it her? What secrets does the cove have to share? Is she safer staying away?

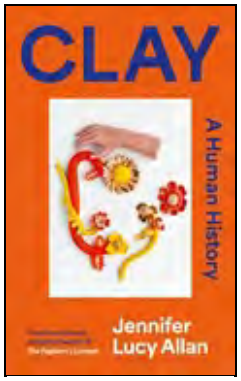
Unfolding through a medium of salt and slate, the elemental indifference of Atlantic Cornwall, *The Cove* is a lyrical meditation on being a revenant, on haunting and being haunted. Through encounters with quarrymen, wartime women and a enigmatic archaeologist - along with JMW Turner, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Anthony Trollope, and Thomas and Emma Hardy - Lynch contemplates what happens when our deepest fears materialise, reflecting on mortality and the nuanced ways in which we take leave of our dead. She explores the profound impacts of change - in ourselves, in places and in the transformative dance between the two.

Sales Points
- **LYRICAL HYBRID MEMOIR:** Beth is a beautiful, lyrical writer and skilfully blends elements of nature writing, life writing and local and literary history (including the work of Thomas Hardy, Tennyson, Wilkie Collins and Trollope)
- **AN ODE TO CORNWALL:** This is a book about a cove on the Cornish coast that also embraces the wider history of the county. Along with the 600k residents, there are an estimated 5 million visitors to Cornwall every year
- **EXISTING FANS:** Beth's previous book, *Where the Hornbeam Grows*, attracted glowing reviews along with stunning endorsements from Robert Macfarlane and Olivia Laing

Reviews
- 'I loved Beth Lynch's tender, wise meditation on grief, home, and the restorative magic of making a garden' - OLIVIA LAING on WHERE THE HORNBEAM GROWS
- 'Beth Lynch's subtle and moving book is about the heart-work of finding and making a place for oneself in the world . . . what flourishes in the several gardens of this book is, in the end, hope' - ROBERT MACFARLANE on WHERE THE HORNBEAM GROWS
- 'A lyrical but also fiercely funny account of how having green fingers can cure your soul' - MAIL ON SUNDAY on WHERE THE HORNBEAM GROWS

Author Biography
Beth Lynch grew up in Sussex. She holds a doctorate in seventeenth-century literature, and taught English at Cambridge University before training in garden design. For several years she lived and gardened in Switzerland, the subject of her first book *Where the Hornbeam Grows* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2019). She now lives in Northamptonshire.

Market
For nature writing fans - including books by Raynor Winn, Robert Macfarlane and John Lewis Stempel - and anyone with an interest in Cornwall.



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Format	**Short Royal**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**World (ex USA)**
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Author living in	**London, E17 8QX**

Publishing History
The Foghorn's Lament (2021)

Previous Titles
The Foghorn's Lament (2021)

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Clay
A Human History

Jennifer Lucy Allan

Keynote

A human history told through clay, from the critically acclaimed author of *The Foghorn's Lament*.

Description

'Clay contains infinite possibilities in its transmutations, evidenced on the shelves of our homes, our galleries and museums. Every time we make something with clay, we engage with the timelines that are in the material itself, whether it was dug from a clifftop, riverbed or pit. In firing what we make, we bestow the material with function, meaning, or feeling, and anchor its form in a human present... Objects made from clay contain marks of our existence that collectively tell the story of human history more completely than any other material. There is a reason there are so many pots in museums: because fired clay is one of the most effective keepers of stories we have.'

This book is a love letter to clay, the material that is at the beginning, middle and end of all of our lives; that contains within it the eternal, the elemental, and the everyday.

People have been taking handfuls of earth and forming them into their own image since human history began. Human forms are found everywhere there was a ceramic tradition, and there is a ceramic tradition everywhere there was human activity. The clay these figures are made from was formed in deep geological time. It is the material that God, cast as the potter, uses to form Adam in Genesis. Tomb paintings in Egypt show the god Khum at a potter's wheel, throwing a human. Humans first recorded our own history on clay tablets, the shape of the characters influenced by the clay itself. The first love poem was inscribed in a clay tablet, from a Sumerian bride to her king more than 4000 years ago.

Born out of a desire to know and understand the mysteries of this material, the spiritual and practical applications of clay in both its micro and macro histories, *Clay: A Human History* is a book of wonder and insight, a hybrid of archaeology, history and lived experience as an amateur potter.

Sales Points

- **THE SUBJECT AND MARKET:** there is a real appetite for books about crafts and histories through new lenses. So many people love pottery and ceramics, and this should be an easy sell into that market.
- **A RANGE OF SOURCES AND INTERVIEWS:** people interviewed for the book include: archaeologists, historians, architects, artists, studio potters, sculptors, glaze chemists, an extraterrestrial geologist, and a witch.
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM FOR PREVIOUS BOOK:** THE FOGHORN'S LAMENT was a success - it was Caught By the River's Book of the Month for May 2021, a Guardian book to look out for in 2021 and an editor's pick in the Bookseller. We received blurbs from Brian Eno, John Higgs, Amy Liptrot, Laurie Anderson, Cosey Fanni Tutti and Vashti Bunyan.
- **HANDSELL POTENTIAL:** the kind of book that can be handsold by indies and passionate booksellers.

Author Biography

Jennifer Lucy Allan is an author, journalist and broadcaster with a PhD in foghorns. Her first book, *The Foghorn's Lament*, was published in May 2021. She is a presenter on BBC Radio 3's long running music show, Late Junction, and presented *Life, Death and the Foghorn*, and *Oh Yoko!* for BBC Radio 4. As a journalist she has written on underground and experimental music for over 15 years, and also co-ran the record labels Arc Light Editions and Good Energy.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *The Secret Lives of Colour* and *The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History* by Kassia St Clair; *The Foghorn's Lament* by Jennifer Lucy Allan; *Salt: A World History*, and *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*, by Mark Kurlansky



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The Woods of Arcady

Michael Moorcock

Keynote

A wild desert crossing, a secret island paradise, a hidden underground civilization, plus London and Paris. The multiverse expands as pulp adventure mixes with unreal memoir in the second volume in The Sanctuary of the White Friars series

Description

In the 1970s, Michael Moorcock, a writer of genre fiction, attempts to save his failing marriage by taking his wife and daughters to Paris. One night in a bar he is amazed to find himself drinking with heroes of story and history. The next day he awakens aboard a sailing ship, kidnapped into another reality by a French highwayman and the four Musketeers, who know Moorcock well from adventures in London's Alsacia...but that was another Moorcock, from another world.

Soon after they reach Africa, the company are rescued from ambush by Antara, a poet-adventurer who offers to lead them across the desert and through several realities to the estate of Lord and Lady Blackstone. The trip is full of wonders Moorcock has read, dreamed, or written: an underground civilization of nonhuman creatures; a magical oasis where the lion lies down with the lamb; a lush garden inhabited by miniature dinosaurs.

They are pursued by the notorious Jacob Nixer, who also remembers the Alsacia and is determined to destroy Moorcock and his companions.

The Woods of Arcady is punctuated by episodes from the story of the Blackstones and by spirited, freewheeling appearances by Captain Buggerly Otherly and his companions from the Second Ether. As readers move deeper into Moorcock's multiverse, it rises up on all sides, ready to astound and delight.

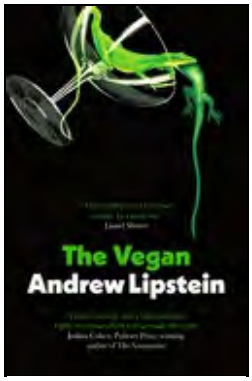
Sales Points

- Michael Moorcock is a critically-acclaimed fantasy novelist, who has won every major award going in SFF.
- Michael is a writer with a massive backlist and a loyal fanbase - old fans will be excited to find his new works, and new fans will find plenty more to read when they love THE WOODS OF ARCADY
- Michael's ELRIC novels are an incredibly famous fantasy brand, with the character first appearing in 1961. His novels have been continuously in print since the 1970s.

Author Biography

Michael Moorcock (1939-)

Michael Moorcock is one of the most important figures in British SF and Fantasy literature. The author of many literary novels and stories in practically every genre, his novels have won and been shortlisted for numerous awards including the Hugo, Nebula, World Fantasy, Whitbread and Guardian Fiction Prize. In 1999, he was given the World Fantasy Life Achievement Award; in 2001, he was inducted into the SF Hall of Fame; and in 2007, he was named a SFWA Grandmaster. Michael Moorcock is also a musician who has performed since the seventies with his own band, the Deep Fix; and, as a member of the prog rock band, Hawkwind, won a gold disc. His tenure as editor of *New Worlds* magazine in the sixties and seventies is seen as the high watermark of SF editorship in the UK, and was crucial in the development of the SF New Wave. Michael Moorcock's literary creations include Hawkmoon, Corum, Von Bek, Jerry Cornelius and, of course, his most famous character, Elric. He has been compared to, among others, Balzac, Dumas, Dickens, James Joyce, Ian Fleming, J.R.R. Tolkien and Robert E. Howard. Although born in London, he now splits his time between homes in Texas and Paris.



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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Brooklyn, NY.**

Previous Titles
LAST RESORT (9781474620123)

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The Vegan

Andrew Lipstein

Keynote

From the critically acclaimed author of *Last Resort* comes a brilliant tale of guilt, greed and how far we'll go to be good.

Description

'A meaty comedy with a bleeding heart, highly recommended for all animals who read'
Joshua Cohen, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Netanyahus*

Herschel Caine is a soon-to-be master of the universe. His hedge fund, built on the miracle of machine learning, is inches away from systematically extracting obscene profits from the market.

But on the night of 12 May, at his elegant Brooklyn townhouse, he has something else on his mind - the dinner party he and his wife have devised to woo their new A-list neighbours. When the evening fizzles, Herschel indulges in a devilish prank that goes horrifically awry, plunging him into a tailspin of guilt and regret. As his tightly constructed world starts to unravel, he clings to the moral clarity he finds in the last place he'd expect: a sudden connection with a neighbourhood dog.

In *The Vegan*, Andrew Lipstein challenges our notions of virtue with a brilliant tale of guilt, greed, and how far we'll go to be good.

Sales Points

- **AN IRRESTITABLY WEIRD NOVEL**: *The Vegan* is a propulsive tale of greed, ambition and human unravelling, told in electric prose and with enormous flair. It's totally weird and totally unforgettable.
- **AN EXCITING AUTHOR:** Andrew Lipstein is one of the most exciting voices in contemporary American fiction and a vital part of W&N.
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** *Last Resort*, Andrew's previous novel, was rapturously reviewed and critically acclaimed. It was shortlisted for the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction and selected by the *New Yorker* as one of the best books of 2022.

Reviews

- '**Skewers capitalism, consumerism, and milquetoast morality in its pointed teeth**' - *Elle*
- '**Strange, hilarious, whip-smart, exacting, upending and constantly surprising, I loved this novel**' - Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, author of THE NEST
- '**A pig in a blanket of irony, subversion and humour**' - *New York Times*
- '**The weirdest novel I've read in ages. In a good way**' - Lionel Shriver
- '**I ignored house and home to read this propulsive story of impulse, guilt and resolve**' - Julia May Jonas, author of VLADIMIR

Author Biography

ANDREW LIPSTEIN is a writer based in Brooklyn. He works on the product design team at Kabbage, a fintech startup, and was previously at Meural, an art tech startup. He founded and runs the digital bookstore *0s&1s*. He graduated from Haverford College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is the author of the critically-acclaimed novel LAST RESORT.



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Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**London, SE13**

Previous Titles
The Dying Squad (MMP)
9781473230767
The Generation Killer (HB)
9781473230781

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The Ungrateful Dead

Adam Simcox

Keynote

LINE OF DUTY meets RIVERS OF LONDON - a supernatural crime series about a dead detective investigating crimes the living aren't equipped to solve . . .

Description

The gripping third instalment in Adam Simcox's supernatural crime DYING SQUAD series.

A MISSING DETECTIVE

Detective Joe Lazarus is missing. The Dying Squad are on the case, but following reports of his sighting, signs suggest he may have fallen back into his criminal ways.

A DEATH IN A NIGHTCLUB

A new drug is taking the world by storm. Spook allows the living to see the dead, but its effects are often fatal. The Dying Squad's visit to a Berlin nightclub quickly turns their search into an entirely more sinister case.

TWO WORLDS COLLIDE

Because the invention of Spook has another purpose. One that's been decades in the planning. Two worlds are on a collision course - the living and the dead's - and the Dying Squad must summon all their investigatory cunning to stop a plot that could change people's (after)lives for ever.

Sales Points

- **TWISTY AND WITTY:** With great mysteries at their core, Simcox's writing is full of energy and wit, making these books incredibly accessible and readable
- **REGIONAL BRITISH STORIES:** This series showcases Britain widely, taking place in locales such as Lincolnshire and Manchester
- **ACCESSIBLE GENRE:** This series is fantastically digestible for a traditional crime audience, similar in tone to RIVERS OF LONDON

Reviews

- 'The Generation Killer cements this supernatural crime series as one to watch' - *Love Reading*
- 'A great crime noir . . . dark and twisted' - *SFBook*
- 'Fizzes with life' - *Stuart Turton, Costa Award winner*
- 'Grim, wry and inventive, a twisting tale with both guts and heart' - *David Wragg, author of The Blackhawks*

Author Biography

Adam is a London-based filmmaker who's shot commercials for brands such as McLaren, Primark and Vice, and music videos for Britpop veterans as well as fresh on the scene alt-country stars. He began his film career by writing and directing three features: the first sold to Netflix; the second and third won awards and critical acclaim at festivals worldwide. A graduate of the Curtis Brown Creative novel writing course, *The Dying Squad* is Adam's debut novel.

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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**304 pages**
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First Comes Marriage
The perfect slow-burn romcom you won't be able to put down in 2024!

Laila Rafi

Keynote

Heartwarming and achingly romantic, First Comes Marriage is just the slow-burn, grumpy-sunshine romance you need to read in 2023. Perfect for fans of Sara Desai, Sonali Dev and Talia Hibbert!

Description

<h2>Zafar and Reshma might be husband and wife.
But now it's time to fall in love...</h2>

Zafar is the perfect son. After all, he does spend his head buried in the family business and sets the right example for his younger brothers. But being the perfect husband doesn't come so easily to him...

Reshma didn't expect romance when she agreed to marry Zafar. And definitely not love. But there's something just about Zafar Saeed that makes her long for the romance she reads in her books, so falling for him was easy. The only issue is that he barely acknowledges her!

And when Zafar and Reshma are reluctantly swept away to beautiful Mombasa for a family wedding, avoiding each other becomes even trickier. Forced to be in close proximity, Zafar and Reshma are about to discover that sometimes falling in love comes after saying 'I do'.

Heartwarming and achingly romantic, *First Comes Marriage* is just the slow-burn, grumpy-sunshine romance you need to read in 2023. Perfect for fans of Sara Desai, Sonali Dev and Talia Hibbert!

Sales Points

- STRONG INTEREST IN DIVERSE CHARACTERS: *Ayesha at Last* and *Take a Hint, Dani Brown* have proven that readers have a strong interest in reading romcoms with diverse characters.
- TROPES: *First Comes Marriage* blends some of the most popular TikTok tropes from slow-burn romance to a marriage of convenience.

Author Biography

Laila Rafi has a degree in Criminology, which is gathering dust because she would rather spend her days dreaming of her characters falling in love. She has dabbled in Finance and Education, but realised her real calling was putting pen to paper, or more accurately fingers to keyboard and getting lost in a world of happily ever afters.

She lives in the heart of London with her boisterous family and when she's not writing or reading romance, she can be found watching almost any sport - though her preference is Formula 1.

Her first novel, *From Fake to Forever,* was shortlisted for the 2023 Katie Fforde Debut prize. *First Comes Marriage* is her second novel.



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Format	**Royal**
Extent	**512 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Iowa City, Iowa**

Previous Titles
The Most Fun We Ever Had

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Same As It Ever Was
The immersive and joyful new novel from the author of Reese's Bookclub pick THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD

Claire Lombardo

Keynote
The new novel from the author of the Women's Prize longlisted *The Most Fun We Ever Had*

'Witty and insightful. A powerful exploration of marriage, motherhood, and self' Bonnie Garmus, author of *Lessons in Chemistry*

Description
At fifty-seven, Julia Ames has found herself with an improbably lovely life. Despite her inclination towards self-sabotage, she has a husband she loves, two happy children and a quiet, contented existence in the suburbs. But, out of the blue, things begin to change.

Her always well-behaved son, Ben, is acting strangely, and will soon make a shocking announcement.
Her beloved but belligerent teenage daughter is about to depart for college, leaving Julia unexpectedly terrified of an empty nest.

And, in the local grocery store, Julia encounters a woman she hasn't seen for 20 years - a woman whose friendship was once both her lifeline and, very nearly, her downfall.

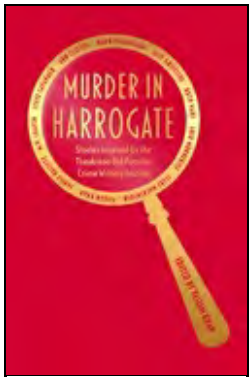
Consumed with her checkered past and the chaos of her present, Julia starts to spin out of control, at risk of destroying all she most loves. Following Julia over the course of a few tumultuous months, bookended by a birthday party and a wedding, and examining the fifty-plus years before, *Same as It Ever Was* examines the complete and complicated trajectory of one woman's life and asks what it takes to make - and to not break - a family.

Sales Points
- **FROM THE AUTHOR OF *THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD*:** Claire Lombardo's debut was longlisted for the Women's Prize and selected for Reese Witherspoon's book club, selling over 63,500 copies across all editions
- **TV POTENTIAL**: Amy Adams and Laura Dern are producing an adaptation for HBO of *The Most Fun We Ever Had*. This book has similar potential for TV
- **MOTHERHOOD:** This is a novel about the emotional turmoil of two moments in motherhood - first the period with very young babies and the shrinking of your freedom; secondly the moment when your children leave home and your freedom beckons terrifyingly
- **FAMILY STORY:** This is a story of one woman and her ever-expanding family. It has all the pleasures of the best family novels and TV shows like *This is Us* or *Brothers and Sisters*

Reviews
- '**Lombardo has a wry, often spiky humour and tightly written style that should appeal to fans of Maria Semple, Emma Straub and Jennifer Egan**' - *Sunday Times (about The Most Fun We Ever Had)*
- '**A literary love child of Jonathan Franzen and Anne Tyler**' - *Guardian (about The Most Fun We Ever Had)*
- '**Lombardo juggles a huge cast of characters with seeming effortlessness, bringing each to life with humour, vividness and acute psychological insight**' - *Madeline Miller (about The Most Fun We Ever Had)*
- '**An exploration of the complex tapestry that is family life, full of delights and difficulties**' - *Cosmopolitan (about The Most Fun We Ever Had)*

Author Biography
CLAIRE LOMBARDO earned her MFA in fiction at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her debut novel, THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD, debuted on the New York Times Bestseller List, and has been translated or is forthcoming in over a dozen languages. Claire has worked as a social worker and currently teaches fiction writing. She was born and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, and now lives in Iowa City, Iowa.
THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD is currently being adapted as a series to be produced by Laura Dern and Amy Adams and written by Lombardo.

Market
FOR FANS OF: Anne Patchett, Meg Wolitzer, Anne Tyler, Jonathan Franzen, Celeste Ng



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Murder in Harrogate
Stories inspired by the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival

Vaseem Khan (Edited By Vaseem Khan)

Keynote
A collection of short stories from Britain's best crime writers, in partnership with the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival.

Description
For one weekend every July, thousands of readers descend on the historic English town of Harrogate, Yorkshire in pursuit of mysteries, mischief and murder. In *Murder in Harrogate*, ten of the world's best known crime and thriller writers come together in honour of the world's largest festival of crime writing, the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival.

From a missing person case inspired by Agatha Christie's infamous disappearance at the Old Swan Hotel to a murdered Macbeth to a vicious parkrun assault, these razor sharp stories are a testament to the festival's rich history, stretching over two decades.

Curated and edited by former festival chair and award-winning author Vaseem Khan, contributors include Ann Cleeves, Mark Billingham, M.W. Craven, Elly Griffiths, Abir Mukherjee, Clare Mackintosh, Steve Cavanagh, Janice Hallett, Vaseem Khan, and Ruth Ware.

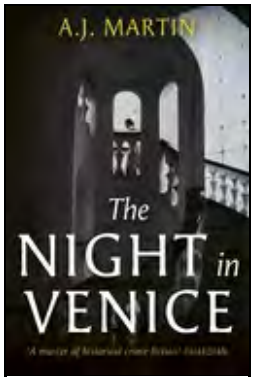
Sales Points
- PARTNERSHIP WITH PRESTIGIOUS WRITING FESTIVAL: Harrogate is growing year on year and remains one of the most popular writing festivals around. With their support we can reach many more readers.
- OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SOME OF BRITAIN'S BEST CRIME WRITERS: we hope to get well-known crime writers on board who will help promote the book on their own channels.
- POTENTIAL TO RUN A CRIME WRITING COMPETITION: our idea is for the final story in the collection to be from an unknown debut writer who we will find through a writing competition.

Author Biography
Crime writers to come.

Market
Short story fans, crime and thriller readers, existing readerships of each of the authors.

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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**336 pages**
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Author living in	**London, UK**
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The Night in Venice

A.J. Martin

Keynote

***The Talented Mr Ripley* meets *A Room with a View* in this dark and irresistible historical novel featuring Monica: a fourteen-year-old girl with a disturbing imagination . . .**

Description

'A master of historical crime fiction' *Guardian*
'A writer in full command of his subject' *Mail on Sunday*
'Martin's novels are works of literature, not simply puzzles' *Financial Times*

The Talented Mr Ripley meets *A Room with a View* in this dark and irresistible historical novel featuring Monica: a fourteen-year-old girl with a disturbing imagination . . .

Venice, 1911. Monica is a fourteen-year-old with a wild imagination and an unbearably dull governess named Rose Driscoll. She was supposed to be entering the most exciting time of her life but, with her parents and uncle now dead, she has been forced to leave leafy Hampstead and move to a flat on the busy Holloway Road with a woman who is living proof that an exciting life is not guaranteed.

Driscoll has dutifully planned this trip to Venice, as directed by a 'letter of wishes' in a will, but on the very first morning, as the sunlight streams through the curtains of their Palazzo, Monica wakes up to a horrible realisation: has she killed her only guardian?

Too scared to find out the truth, Monica flees her room and immerses herself in the mysterious streets, canals and squares of Venice, all the while her thoughts spinning back to a dark childhood in London and her fear of what the future holds.

Sales Points

- **EXTRAORDINARY VOICE:** Monica is a deeply compelling character with an unforgettable voice. Feisty, vulnerable, whip-smart and with a very dark streak. She is totally believable . . . and totally irresistible.
- **1911 VENICE & LONDON:** A wonderfully nostalgic setting. Like stepping inside a classic novel with English people behaving badly while on their grand tour. Think *Room with a View* meets *Death in Venice* meets *The Talented Mr Ripley*
- **AUTHOR OPPORTUNITY:** A.J. Martin is that rare and exciting thing: a fantastic author with a great track record who is in need of a bit of reinvention and who has written the perfect novel to make a big comeback

Reviews

- 'There is no one else who is writing like Martin today . . . Unique and important' - *Guardian*
- 'Martin's virtuosity in creating his characters and their milieu is a delight' - *Evening Standard*
- 'Martin's wry, amused tone is a constant joy' - *Irish Times*

Author Biography

A.J. Martin is the critically-acclaimed author of numerous fiction and non-fiction books, and has written and presented TV documentaries. He lives in North London. His latest novel, THE NIGHT IN VENICE, publishes in July 2024.

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BIC 2.1	**True crime (BTC)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Woking, Surrey**

Previous Titles

Hard Time (2011)
Party Time (2013)
Prison Time (2014)
Life Lesson (2015)
Pablo Escobar: Beyond Narcos (2016)
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Pablo Escobar's Story 3: Narcos Demise (2020)
Sitdowns with Gangsters (2023)

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Sitdowns with Female Gangsters
Up close and personal with the world's most dangerous women

Shaun Attwood

Keynote

Up close and personal with the world's most dangerous women

Description

Featuring an introduction from one of the UK's bestselling true crime authors, Kerry Daynes.

Shaun Attwood, former ecstasy kingpin in Arizona turned author and podcast-host, has gained a reputation for earning the trust of some of the world's most dangerous people, including gangsters, serial killers, and mafia enforcers.

Drawing on his many hours of interview material, along with new content exclusive to the book, Shaun collates a collection of hard-hitting conversations with ten of the most dangerous female gangsters he's met. With fascinating insights and gripping narratives, it includes interviews with Black Widow, a female gangster who previously worked for the Krays, a gang member turned prison rights activist, and the criminal mastermind at the heart of one of the UK's most sprawling county lines operations.

For readers of *Talking with Female Serial Killers* by Christopher Berry Dee, *Gangs* by Tony Thompson and *The Dark Side of the Mind* by Kerry Daynes, *Sitdowns with Female Gangsters* is a pulsating, edge-of-your-seat read that exposes the most fearsome women working in the criminal underworld today.

Sales Points

- **AUTHOR WITH INCREDIBLE PLATFORM AND EXPERIENCE**: Shaun runs a bi-weekly podcast via his YouTube channel of 805k subscribers (up from 600k when we acquired). The audience is 72% male (perfect for these more hard-hitting true crime narratives) and with most viewers between 25-34 and 35-44 years. Average viewing time for the UK audience is 17 minutes, which shows brilliant engagement on this platform. This is a great place for Shaun to market his books to dedicated fans and followers. He brings his own personal experience of being a former Ecstasy trafficker and an inmate at the Maricopa County Jail, plus his journey of retribution. He now aims to educate and interview other ex-cons with the hope of helping them to stay free of the prison system.
- **A PROVEN MARKET & A CLEAR PROPOSITION**: There are a number of successful authors in this space, the most notable being Christopher Berry-Dee, but with true crime now more popular than ever and insatiable appetite of fans of this genre, with Shaun Attwood we have the opportunity for an exciting new brand in this space.
- **BROAD AUDIENCE**: With the surge in true crime podcasts, documentaries and dramas, this genre is more popular than ever right now. There have been more than 9 billion uses of the #truecrime on TikTok, with dedicated accounts sharing true crime cases in bitesize clips. #truecrimecommunity has 1.4 billion views, #truecrimebooks has more than 1 million and #truecrimestory has over 200k. This combined with the well-established more traditional true crime market in audio, ebook and supermarkets gives us an enormous potential audience to target.

Author Biography

Shaun Attwood is an activist, speaker, YouTuber, host of the *Shaun Attwood True Crime Podcast* and *Attwood Unleashed* and the author of multiple true crime books. He is also a former trafficker who ran an international ecstasy ring in Arizona, before he was arrested in May 2002, and served six-years in prison.

Market

Talking with Female Serial Killers by Christopher Berry-Dee; *Gangland UK* by Christopher Berry-Dee; *Gangs of Britain* by Wensley Clarkson; *Line of Duty* by Wensley Clarkson; *Gangs* by Tony Thompson; *Gangland Britain* by Tony Thompson; *What Lies Buried* by Kerry Daynes; *The Dark Side of the Mind* by Kerry Daynes; *The Prison Doctor* by Dr Amanda Brown.



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Our Country in Crisis
Britain's Housing Emergency and How We Rebuild

Kwajo Tweneboa

Keynote

The game-changing book from activist and campaigner Kwajo Tweneboa (@kwajotweneboa) that investigates and exposes our housing emergency, and the steps we can take to rebuild with stronger foundations.

Description

This may be the most important book you read this year.

On 14 June 2017, Grenfell went up in flames and seventy-two people lost their lives. Three years later, two-year-old Awaab Ishak would die from a respiratory condition caused by mould. And in 2023, it was reported that we are seeing record levels of children experiencing homelessness. This is twenty-first century Britain, where millions are trying to build their lives on crumbling foundations.

Britain's in a housing emergency.

Campaigner and activist, Kwajo Tweneboa has been on the frontline of this housing crisis, highlighting the shocking conditions so many are forced to live with. He knows better than anyone the brutal realities the UK is facing, from the decimation of our welfare services to the rising poverty rates as the cost-of-living crisis continues.

This is how we rebuild.

Our Country in Crisis looks back at decades of poor decisions and highlights the modern-day the impact of the loss of social housing as a safety net. This housing emergency cuts across generations, class and education, and is devastating our health, destroying communities and ruining lives.

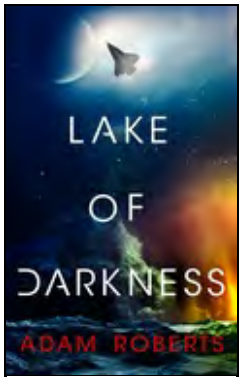
But it is not irreversible. Radical action is possible and Kwajo Tweneboa and his urgent, ground-breaking book are leading the way. For readers of manifestos for change such as *It's Not That Radical* by Mikaela Loach, *Poverty Safari* by Darren McGarvey and *Tenants* by Vicky Spratt, this is the fresh new voice and perspective we need.

Sales Points

- **RISING STAR, ACTIVIST AUTHOR**. Kwajo Tweneboa has been tirelessly campaigning for the past few years and has met with government officials from all sides of the political spectrum. In his documentary with Channel 4, *Help! My Home is Disgusting* Kwajo worked with tenants in disrepair and helped them tell their stories. Kwajo has been highlighted by the *Big Issue* as a changemaker. He has 21.9k Instagram followers and 76.5k Twitter followers as @kwajohousing.
- **A FRESH TAKE ON A SOCIAL ISSUE WE SHOULD ALL KNOW MORE ABOUT.** Recent statistics have shown that the social housing sector owns 4.4 million homes across England and that over 1 million households are on the wait list for social homes. Kwajo will dig into the details of what social housing tells us about our welfare state and society on a larger scale and aim to make the personal political.
- **CONVERSATION-STARTING, HEARTFELT AND EMOTIVE.** Exploring Kwajo's personal story of social housing to many other case studies (including Grenfell and the first exclusive interview with Awaab Ishak's parents), this book will aim to make the political more personal.
- **ENDORSEMENT AND REVIEW POTENTIAL.** We could get endorsements and reviews from many of Kwajo's supporters, including: Kelechi Okafor, Beth Ashley, Tanya Compass, Ash Sarkar, Jason Okundaye, Candice Carty-Williams, Owen Jones, David Olusoga, Mo Gilligan, Afua Hirsch and Caitlin Moran.
- **STRONG AREA OF THE MARKET.** Disrepair would sit alongside books like Skint Estate by Cash Carraway (8k copies), Brit-ish by Afua Hirsch (50k+ copies across formats), It's Not that Radical by Mikaela Loach (4k copies), What White People can do Next by Emma Dabiri (22k copies), Chavs by Owen Jones (100k+ copies across formats), Poverty Safari by Darren McGarvey (100k+ copies across formats) and Tenants by Vicky Spratt (4k copies).

Author Biography

Social housing activist Kwajo Tweneboa has been tirelessly campaigning against poor social housing conditions. He travels up and down the country shining a light on the conditions housing providers and governments have kept hidden, helping make meaningful change one home at a time, rallying his audience to lobby government officials and housing associations. He is passionately campaigning for change, having met with government officials from all sides of the political spectrum including Sadiq Khan and Michael Gove. He has appeared on Sky News, Good Morning Britain, GB News and featured in the *Guardian* and the *Independent*. Kwajo has been highlighted by the Big Issue as a changemaker and has been described as "Britain's brightest social housing



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Lake of Darkness

Adam Roberts

Keynote

***Event Horizon* meets *Brave New World* in this extraordinary new science fictional thriller from Adam Roberts**

Description

Good is a construct. Evil is a virus.

The Starship *Sa Niro* and the Starship *Sß Oubliette* were in orbit around a black hole, one afternoon... by the end of the day, the crews of both starships were dead, victims of a single killer: Captain Alpha Raine.

Raine claims he's acting under the command of a voice emanating from the black hole: Mr Modo. No one believes him.Everyone knows that things go into black holes; nothing comes out.

But something inexplicable has been happening to Raine, and whatever it is seems to be spreading. An historian studying serial killers from the 21st century interviews him... and then nearly kills someone herself. It becomes increasingly undeniable that there's *something* inside that black hole... and it's found a way out...

Sales Points

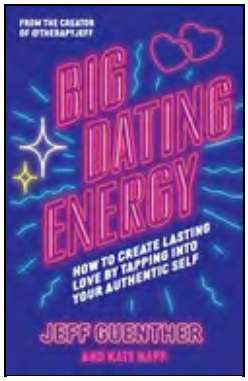
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Author Biography

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Big Dating Energy
How to Create Lasting Love by Tapping Into Your Authentic Self

Jeff Guenther and Kate Happ

Keynote

A road map to healthy relationships in the modern dating landscape from TikTok's favourite therapist, Therapy Jeff

Description

***Big Dating Energy* is the must-have, straight talking guide to the wild world of dating, from TikTok's favourite therapist, Jeff Guenther.**

If you are equipped with the tools and the mindset to do it right, dating is so much more than a joyless trudge from one bad date to the next. In fact, it's an excellent way to learn more about your needs, your desires, and what you're really looking for in a partner - so that when you find the exact right person who ticks all your boxes, you are ready to snap that gem right up. And in the meantime? Think of the hilarious stories with which you can delight your friends, family, and therapist.

Covering everything from first dates to red flags, ideal partner checklists and knowing when and how to end things, this book harnesses the charm and easy-to-follow advice that nearly four million followers come to the @therapyjeff platform for daily.

Big Dating Energy will set you up to not only succeed at dating, but maybe even enjoy it and learn something about yourself along the way.

Sales Points

- HUGE GROWING PLATFORM: Over 3million followers across platforms
- SUBJECT MATTER ALIGNS WITH JEFF'S MOST SUCCESSFUL CONTENT: Jeff's followers ask him constantly for dating advice and this book delivers it all
- HIGHLY QUALIFIED AUTHOR: Jeff is able to speak with authority having been a therapist for twenty years as well as navigating his own divorce and dating life
- JOINED UP APPROACH WITH VORACIOUS HBGUS

Author Biography

Jeff Guenther is a licensed professional therapist with twenty years of experience in private practice. He's helped thousands of couples and individuals overcome romantic obstacles and go on to thrive in relationships. He is the creator of the TherapyJeff account, hosts the "Big Dating Energy" podcast, and co-hosts the "This Changes Everything" podcast. He has been interviewed for NPR, Time, CNN, Rolling Stone, Business Insider, Morning Brew and Slate, among others, and his content has been promoted by outlets like Daily Mail, New York Post, Buzzfeed, BoingBoing, and Yahoo.

Kate Happ, a writer and editor, is Jeff's long-time collaborator.



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All That We've Got

Jendella Benson

Keynote

Over one relentlessly hot summer, two young women's lives are about to collide in the most unexpected ways.

Description

'*There are very few people who can write the way Jendella does*' - **Kelechi Okafor, author of *Edge of Here***
'All That We've Got *is simply brilliant*' - **Dorothy Koomson, author of *Every Smile You Fake***
'A heart-warming...story about the sheer strength of young Black women' - T**aylor-Dior Rumble, author of *The Situationship***
'Simultaneously thought-provoking, heartrending and uplifting' - Onyi Nwabineli, author of *Someday, Maybe*

Over one relentlessly hot summer, two women's lives are about to collide in the most unexpected ways.
Mimi is a single mum in her twenties, looking to break free from her family's judgements and her church's oppressive, hypocritical gossip to establish who she is on her own. But a dangerous new romance could lead her into trouble...

Meanwhile, fifteen-year-old Abi dreams of emulating the life she sees through social media and helping her mother with the bills. When she's offered the chance to make money fast by helping a group of local boys, she and her friends jump at it. But soon they're crossing county lines, and Abi finds she's in over her head...

Could Mimi and Abi forge a bond that could free them both, at the heart of a community they've taken for granted?

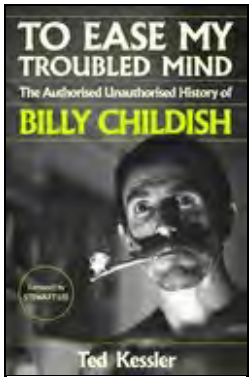
A powerful commentary on the city we don't always see, this is the stunning new novel from Jendella Benson, the author of the acclaimed *Hope & Glory.*

Sales Points

- **TOPICAL SUBJECT-**the subject of county lines drug running in the UK, involving the use of young teens to move and sell drugs, is regularly in the news and a topic not often tackled in fiction.
- **AUTHOR WITH CONNECTIONS-**as a journalist and the head of Black Ballad, an online forum for Black British women, Jendella Benson is well connected and able to bring this book to her audience and beyond.
- **STORY WITH HEART-**this novel deals with the parts of urban environments that can be overlooked by many, but with a warmth and relatability in the characters that will draw readers in and root for them.

Author Biography

Jendella Benson is the author of *Hope & Glory* and head of Editorial at Black Ballad - the award-winning digital platform for Black British women. She has written for The Guardian, The Sunday Times STYLE Magazine, The Telegraph and The Independent.
Her short story 'Kindling' was published in The Book of Birmingham, and she was a judge for the 2023 AKO Caine Prize for African Writing. Jendella is member of the advisory board for the award-winning, Brixton-based bookshop, Round Table Books and an accomplished public speaker.



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To Ease My Troubled Mind
The Authorised Unauthorised History of Billy Childish

Ted Kessler

Keynote

The story of Billy Childish, the most famous artist you have never heard of, by legendary music journalist Ted Kessler

Description

In 1977, 17-year-old Steven Hamper was a stonemason in the dockyards of Chatham, Kent. His heart, however, beat in sync with the punk rock tremors of the era, seduced by its celebration of amateurism. So, in a gesture of revolutionary defiance, he took a 3lb club hammer and smashed his hand, vowing to never work again. In doing so, Steven Hamper metamorphosed into Billy Childish, a true renaissance man.

Childish has since remained steadfastly true to punk's DIY cred, becoming one of the most recognisable and authentic voices in whichever artistic endeavour he undertakes. He has released over one hundred and fifty albums of raw rock and roll, punk, blues and folk, written many volumes of searing poetry as well as several autobiographical novels. But what he is perhaps best known for in recent years is his painting, for which he is now critically, commercially and internationally feted. He hasn't changed course in any of his disciplines, though. The world just caught up with the sheer volume of his brutally honest work.

To Ease My Troubled Mind is a mosaic portrait collated over a year of interviews with Childish, as well as with close family, ex-girlfriends, bandmembers past and present, friends, foes, collaborators, even his therapist. It is an unflinching, yet frequently spiritual and funny portrait of an artist whose obstacle-strewn upbringing formed the backbone of his work: raised in a broken home and abused as a child, Childish was an undiagnosed dyslexic in remedial class at school who is nevertheless now Britain's most prolific and uncompromising creative force.

Sales Points

- **THE STORY:** The extraordinary story of one of the most influential underground artists of his generation, as accomplished as a painter, musician and poet. The Patron Saint of the East London fashion scene in the 21st century.
- **INTERNATIONAL PROFILE:** Billy Childish has a huge and growing international audience for his art. There will be big retrospectives in South Korea and China in spring 2024. This gives the book enormous global potential, as well as a cult UK audience.
- **NEW AND EXCLUSIVE CONTENT:** the book contains three 8-page plate sections of photographs, Billy's artwork, and facsimile prose drafts
- **LIMITED EDITION:** the book will also be published in deluxe limited edition format, including a signed and numbered record store edition in a slipcase with an exclusive art print, and a D2C edition with the same features, plus a 7-inch vinyl and an exclusive broadsheet and poem.
- **KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT:** the book has been written with the full collaboration of Billy Childish, his family and his peers.

Author Biography

Ted Kessler was on the staff at *NME* as a writer and editor between 1993 and 2003, before joining *Q* magazine's staff, working there for 16 years. He was *Q*'s editor for four years, until it closed in 2020. He also devised and edited the acclaimed *My Old Man: Tales of Our Fathers,* published in 2016 by Canongate. His first book, *Paper Cuts: How I Destroyed the British Music Press and Other Misadventures*, was published by White Rabbit in 2022.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *Paper Cuts*, by Ted Kessler; Paul Gorman; Dylan Jones; Jude Rogers

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One Girl, One Summer

Isabel Ashdown

Keynote

The brand-new twisty family drama from Top 5 bestseller Isabel Ashdown

Description

Some summers cast long shadows...

On a peaceful hilltop campsite in the heat of summer, a private plane crash-lands. Several are killed, and many more lives are shattered - including those of the Gale family who own the site. For single parent Cathy Gale, her everyday struggles are eclipsed by the tragedy, as her boy Albie is one of the victims. He hangs onto life, while 18-year-old sister Nell, who was meant to be looking after him, is overcome with guilt.

As DS Ali Samson leads the investigation, locals are scandalised to learn that the amnesiac pilot has plans to stay on in the community. As dark secrets come to light, teenager Nell goes into freefall. What is it she's so desperate to conceal? And exactly who is the Unknown Pilot?

Isabel Ashdown returns with her latest heart-stopping thriller

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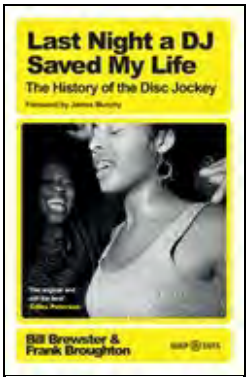
- **STRONG DIGITAL TRACK:** Isabel Ashdown has a strong sales track in digital, with over 500 5 star reviews across her backlist
- **BOOK CLUB POTENTIAL:** This story has a number of themes and issues that will spark conversation amongst readers and encourage word-of-mouth
- **AUTHOR CONNECTIONS:** Isabel is a well-liked and well-connected author who has secured blurbs in the past from a range of crime and thriller, and women's fiction authors

Author Biography

With several critically acclaimed novels already to her name, Isabel Ashdown first burst onto the thriller scene in 2017 with her Amazon bestseller LITTLE SISTER. She has since seen two of her thrillers shortlisted in the prestigious Dead Good Reader Awards, and her dark family dramas continue to hook readers across the globe.

Market

THE LAST RESORT by Heidi Perks, THE GIRLS WHO DISAPPEARED by Claire Douglas,



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Last Night a DJ Saved My Life
The History of the Disc Jockey

Bill Brewster, Frank Broughton

Keynote

The first comprehensive history of the disc jockey

Description

FOREWORD BY JAMES MURPHY

'Literally changed the course of my life' **James Murphy**

When someone says, 'You have to know your history...' this is it. A pop culture classic for over two decades, now fully refreshed and updated as part of White Rabbit's Deep Cuts series, *Last Night a DJ* ... is the whole unruly story of dance music in one volume. It recreates the dancefloors that made history, conjuring their atmosphere with loving detail and bringing you the voices of the DJs and clubbers at their heart - from grime, garage, house, hip hop and disco, to techno, soul, reggae, rock'n'roll, and EDM. Whether musical outlaw, obsessive crate-digger or overpaid superstar, the DJ has been at the spinning centre of nightlife for a century, making parties wilder, pushing clubbers harder, and driving music into completely new shapes and styles.

'The chapter on Larry Levan alone transformed me into wanting to be your favoUrite DJ' **Questlove**

'We can't tell the story of dance music without speaking the names of Sharon White and Judy Weinstein, so I welcome this vital update' **The Blessed Madonna**

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLER:** the book has sold well over 100,000 copies in its lifetime in the UK
- **WHITE RABBIT IDENTITY:** This is one of the top 30 literary music books ever written. It is an indication of how strong our identity and intent is in this specialised area
- **THE AUTHOR:** Bill Brewster is the global authority on clubs and DJing

Author Biography

Bill Brewster is a former editor of *Mixmag* USA. His writing has appeared in *The Face*, the *Guardian*, Red Bull Music Academy and still regularly writes for *Mixmag*.
Frank Broughton has written for *i-D*, *The Face*, *Mixmag*, *DJ*, *Hip-Hop Connection*, *Details*, *NME*, *Rolling Stone* and many other publications and is Creative Director at music and culture agency Pitch And Sync.



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Unheard
The Medical Practice of Silencing

Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan

Keynote

With true stories of silencing, neglect and injustice, Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan opens the lid on the real-life, devastating impact of medical bias and offers a new way forward.

Description

Have you ever felt unheard by your doctor? Been frustrated that they haven't understood your symptoms, that they have neglected your concerns?

When Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan was admitted to hospital as a patient she didn't receive the pain medication that she told them she needed, despite her having been a doctor for 20 years. It was in that moment she understood that something was deeply wrong with our healthcare system. Doctors aren't listening, and it is making us ill.

In *Unheard*, Dr Dhairyawan takes us on a journey through history to show how not listening to patients has been ingrained in medicine from its inception. Western medicine has been built on the assumption that power should always lie with the doctor, and that patients should be powerless to decisions made about their body if it is done to make them well. This, alongside the prejudices of society, has led to dramatic gaps in medical knowledge because for centuries people have not been heard.

Dr Dhairyawan offers a way to reshape our health system for a future where active and engaged listening is the new frontier in a timely, shocking and engaging exposé of the medical world.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR.** Rageshri qualified as a doctor in 2004 and has been an NHS Consultant in Sexual and HIV Medicine since 2012. She is an inaugural Wellcome Collection x Spread the Word awardee 2022, has written for many publications and has over 8000 followers on twitter.
- **CLEAR PREMISE: WHY DON'T DOCTORS LISTEN?** Dr Rageshri writes from the perspective of being both a doctor and a patient. Rageshri's own experiences of being unheard as a patient with endometriosis and her work with minoritised communities, have inspired her to speak up about injustice in healthcare.
- **AMBITIOUS LONG-LENS SCOPE.** With an impactful campaign that taps into the current conversations around healthcare systems and underfunding, this book has the potential to both appeal to the *right now* but also have real longevity due to it being rooted in human stories and history.
- **STRONG AREA OF THE MARKET.** This book sits happily alongside authors such as Atul Gawande, Elinor Cleghorn and Eric Topol. Some clear comps are: *Unwell Women* by Elinor Cleghorn (selling 22k copies across formats), *Checklist Manifesto* by Atul Gawande (selling over 65k copies across formats), *Listen* by Kathryn Mannix (selling over 13k copies across formats).

Reviews

- 'In *Unheard*, Dr Dhairyawan's experience and wisdom as both doctor and patient are brought to bear on one of the most pressing subjects of our day: how to access vital care and how to deliver it, and the often devastating consequences of silencing and misdirected power. This is a timely, necessary, indignant and ultimately compassionate book that should become required reading for medics, politicians and the public.' - *Sarah Perry, author of THE ESSEX SERPENT and MELMOTH*
- 'A powerful book that made me reflect on my own clinical practice. A must read to break the cycle of silence and shame that perpetuates to widen the knowledge gap and keep a nation sick.' - *Dr Nighat Arif, author of THE KNOWLEDGE*

Author Biography

Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan is a doctor, researcher and science communicator. Her clinical work, research and advocacy focus on improving health equity particularly at the intersections of gender and ethnicity.

Rageshri qualified as a doctor in 2004 and has been an NHS Consultant in Sexual and HIV Medicine since 2012. She led the HIV service at Barking, Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust from 2013-17 when it was awarded 'Clinic of the Year for Ethnic Minority Patients' by the charity, Naz.

Rageshri is an experienced science communicator for general and specialist audiences. She is an inaugural Wellcome Collection x Spread the Word awardee 2022, where she has been supported to write this book proposal. She has written for *The Lancet*, *BMJ Leader*, *Media Diversified*, *Discover Society* and *Cost of Living*. She has appeared on The Victoria Derbyshire Show, Channel 5 News, BBC Woman's Hour, BBC World Service, BBC Sounds, BBC Asian Network, Masala Podcast, Global Health Lives and Race and Health podcasts.



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On Some Faraway Beach
The Life and Times of Brian Eno

David Sheppard

Keynote

Authorised biography of influential musician/producer/cultural commentator Brian Eno - the 'Father of Ambient Music'.

Description

FOREWORD BY ALAN WARNER

'A book that sets new standards for rock biography' *Guardian*

Reissued as part of White Rabbit's Deep Cuts series, *On Some Faraway Beach* is the first and only ever comprehensive and authoritative biography of Brian Eno, featuring interviews with many of his key collaborators over the years: from Bryan Ferry to David Byrne and Robert Wyatt. First published in 2008, it has been fully revised and updated to cover Eno's life and creative output since, with brand new material and a new introduction by Alan Warner.

'This exceptionally well-written biography duly celebrated [Eno's] great achievements with Roxy, Bowie, Talking Heads and his own solo work in compelling detail' *Uncut*

'[An] honourable, authorised attempt to do justice to a mind-bogglingly restless and prolific subject' *Sunday Times*

Sales Points

- **DEEP CUTS:** Available as part of White Rabbit's prestigious DEEP CUTS series, reissuing out-of-print classics in literature about music and popular culture. The series will have a distinctive look and will be available in record shops across the UK, as well as high-street shops and independents.
- **ICONIC AUTHOR AND STORY:** Brian Eno is often considered the founding father of ambient music and this was the first book ever to be written about his life story. Eno's 1995 diary, A YEAR WITH SWOLLEN APPENDICES, sold over 20,000 copies - so there is clear interest and a clear market for this book.
- **IMPRESSIVE INTERVIEW ACCESS:** Alongside plenty of sex, drugs and ambient music are interviews with all his top collaborators over the years: from David Bowie and Bryan Ferry to David Byrne and Damien Hirst - Eno's vast address book was at David Sheppard's disposal.
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** *On Some Faraway Beach* has received fantastic reviews which we would hope to build on with the reissue, sending to key music press, authors and musicians

Reviews

- '[A] meticulously researched biography... an engaging read' - *INDEPENDENT*
- 'ON SOME FARAWAY BEACH provides an extensive introduction to a lifetime of constructive, and very English, pottering' - *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH*
- '[An] honourable, authorised attempt to do justice to a mind-bogglingly restless and prolific subject' - *SUNDAY TIMES*
- 'An accomplished and sprawling biography' - *BIG ISSUE*

Author Biography

David Sheppard is a well-respected music journalist. He's written for numerous publications, including MOJO, Q, UNCUT and the OBSERVER. He's the author of two previous biographies of Leonard Cohen and Elvis Costello.

Market

FOR READERS / FANS OF: John Peel Man and beyond; Roxy Music fans, U2 fans, David Bowie fans; anyone interested in cultural affairs, cultural commentary and music



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Hit So Hard
A Memoir

Patty Schemel

Keynote

A stunningly candid portrait of the Seattle grunge scene of the '90s and a memoir of an addict during the last great era of rock 'n' roll excess, by Hole drummer Patty Schemel

Description

FOREWORD BY AUDREY GOLDEN, AUTHOR OF *I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU SPEAK*

Hit So Hard is a memoir of renewal and hope; a window onto the 90s Seattle grunge scene, and a testament to the enduring power of the music Patty helped create as drummer in Hole with Courtney Love. With a brand new introduction by Audrey Golden to cast a new light on the book today, and published for the first time in the UK as part of White Rabbit's Deep Cuts series, *Hit So Hard* documents her life in the band, battle with addiction and descent into homelessness on the streets of LA; and her rewarding path to sobriety and happiness.

'Though *Hit So Hard* is ultimately a deeply personal story, it's also the story of one of the most successful bands of the '90s: Hole...Schemel describes her years with the band with the same unflinching honesty and eye for telling detail that she brings to all parts of her life' LA Weekly

'Not a book one should approach lightly or 'just' for the behind the scenes tales. If you want them, you'll certainly get them, but they're not why you should read...[Schemel's] voice is an engaging one throughout, honest but not tendentious, often vivid in her sense of exact detail'
The Quietus

Sales Points

- **DEEP CUTS:** Available as part of White Rabbit's prestigious DEEP CUTS series, reissuing out-of-print classics in literature about music and popular culture. The series will have a distinctive look and will be available in record shops across the UK, as well as high-street shops and independents.
- **CLASSIC BOOK:** *Hit So Hard* provides an insider's look at the grunge scene in Seattle in the 90s from a member of an iconic band, as well as stark and revealing portrait of addiction; when first published, it garnered huge critical acclaim. It will be a landmark text on the White Rabbit list.
- **POPULARITY OF THE BAND:** Hole are one of the most successful and iconic alt-rock bands of the 90s, and are one of the most successful bands in history comprised of / fronted by a woman. They have sold millions of albums worldwide and have legendary status - fans of the band will be eager to purchase this reissued classic by a former member.

Reviews

- 'A deeply personal story... unflinching honesty' - *LA Weekly*
- 'A heartbreaking memoir... a must-read for any grunge fan'' - *Publishers Weekly*
- '[Schemel] gives readers an intimate look into her experience as a member of Hole, one of the most iconic bands of the '90s' - *Nylon*
- 'Patty Schemel has lived a million lives and come out the other side. An amazing story, amazing book' - *Mark Lanegan*

Author Biography

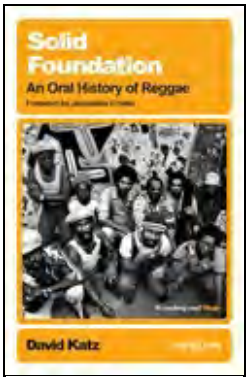
Patty Schemel is an American drummer, songwriter, and comedian best known for her work with the platinum-selling band Hole. She is on the board of the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls in California, a non-profit organization that teaches girls all over the world that it's okay to be loud. She continues to perform, teach, and tour, currently with the band Upset, and lives in Los Angeles with her wife and daughter.

Market

FOR FANS / READERS OF: Hole the band, as well as bands like Nirvana, L7, Bikini Kill, Babes in Toyland, Sonic Youth; readers of female memoir by writers such as Patti Smith, Michelle Zauner, Viv Albertine, Miki Berenyi, Tracy Thorn, Kim Gordon; readers of literature about music, including books such as *Meet Me in the Bathroom* by Lizzie Goodman, or Dylan Jones, etc.

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Solid Foundation
An oral history of reggae

David Katz

Keynote

Out of print for a decade, David Katz's classic history is reborn in the White Rabbit Deep Cuts series.

Description

FOREWORD BY JACQUELINE CROOKS

Solid Foundation is the definitive history of Jamaica's holy music: reggae in all its forms, from the earliest ska and rock steady pioneers to the dancehall and reggae revival stars of the 21st century. Woven together into an engrossing narrative, this is an extensive history charting the progression and development of the music, with all the glorious highlights and the controversies and feuds in between. First published in 2003 and including interviews with over 200 of the genre's key artists, Solid Foundation has been revised and updated with abundant new material and an introduction by award-winning novelist, Jacqueline Crooks, reissued as part of White Rabbit's Deep Cuts series.

'The definitive history of reggae told through exclusive interviews with the genre's greatest innovators.' - Sunday Herald

'Solid Foundation goes the extra yard to become a defining text, with Katz interviewing virtually every survivor from the island's 60s and 70s music scenes...it is a necessary work.' - The Wire

'Solid Foundation is a welcome addition to the narrow shelf of books that move beyond simplistic views of reggae.' - Record Collector

Sales Points

- **DEEP CUTS:** Available as part of White Rabbit's prestigious DEEP CUTS series, reissuing out-of-print classics in literature about music and popular culture. The series will have a distinctive look and will be available in record shops across the UK, as well as high-street shops and independents.
- **CLASSIC BOOK:** the classic oral history of reggae, back in print for the first time, and fully updated, in over a decade
- **EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW ACCESS:** Contains original interview material with all the giants of reggae, including the Skatalites, the Wailers, Jimmy Cliff, and Lee 'Scratch' Perry, dub legends such as Augustus Pablo, Prince Jammy, and Scientist, as well as dancehall giants like Elephant Man, Beenie Man, and Buju Banton
- **PROLIFIC, WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** David Katz has been a journalist for 25 years and has written for publications ranging from the *Guardian*, to *Mojo*, to *The Wire*, and many more; we would expect support and review coverage from the wider industry on publication

Author Biography

DAVID KATZ has written about the sounds and culture of Jamaica since 1984. His work has appeared in the *Guardian*, *Newsweek*, *Mojo*, *Q*, *Wax Poetics*, and *The Wire*, and in various music books. He has produced documentaries for radio, contributed to documentaries and feature films, and remains active as a vinyl DJ. Originally from San Francisco, he currently lives in London.

Market

FOR FANS/ READERS OF: fans of Reggae music and the history of Reggae in general; David Katz's other book, *People Funny Boy: the Genius of Lee 'Scratch' Perry*; books on the genre in general, including *Positive Vibrations: Politics, Politricks and the Story of Reggae*, by Stuart Borthwick, or *Bass Culture: When Reggae Was King*, by Lloyd Bradley



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The Family
The gripping new page-turner from the million-copy bestselling Queen of Manchester crime

Mandasue Heller

Keynote
The brand new gripping page-turner from the million-copy bestselling Queen of Manchester Gangland crime

Description
<h2>HER BOYFRIEND'S A DREAM. HIS FAMILY'S A NIGHTMARE.</h2>
Since her mother died of an overdose, kind-hearted Cheryl's always had to look out for herself. **Until Dale Moran walks into her life.**

Dale and his family have just bought the house across the street, and within a day, he's chased off the violent thugs who've been threatening Cheryl for her ex-boyfriend's debts.

Dale is devastatingly handsome and a fierce protector. It's no wonder Cheryl falls fast and hard. But when Cheryl finally meets the family; when she notices that they go quiet as she enters rooms; **when she hears gunshots in the middle of the night on their estate, she has to wonder whether her new romance has taken her out of the frying pan and into the fire...**

Cheryl's not sure how wrapped up Dale is in his family's secrets. But she's certain of one thing: The Morans are hiding something. **And unfortunately for Cheryl, finding the truth could mean losing her life...**

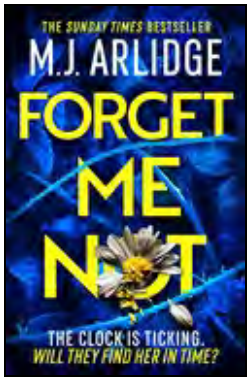
Don't miss out on the thrilling and unputdownable new read from million-copy-bestselling author Mandasue Heller - order a copy of *The Family* NOW! Perfect for fans of Kimberley Chambers, Jessie Keane and Martina Cole.

Sales Points
- **STELLAR SALES TRACK:** Mandasue Heller has sold over 1 million copies through the TCM, and ranks in the top 3 gangland crime authors alongside Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers
- **STRONG REGIONAL SETTING:** Mandasue sets all her thrillers in gangland Manchester, and has a strong and impassioned local fanbase
- **MAJOR BRAND RELAUNCH:** we are reinvigorating Mandasue Heller's brand with dynamic new cover style and marketing campaign

Author Biography
I wrote my first book when I was taken ill and had to quit singing for a while. I based it in the Hulme Crescents, where I had spent 10 of some of the best and absolute worst years of my life. It was a squatters paradise when I moved in, and a notorious no-go zone for the police. Violent crimes were commonplace and drugs were rife. I saw a fair few friends get sucked into the hell of addiction - and lost too many of them because of it. Those were the bad times, but then the musicians and artists started moving in. A friend once described it as being like Glastonbury all year round, and it really was. I wanted to capture the spirit of the place in my writing - the good and the bad; but I quickly discovered that I couldn't write about real people. I'd start, but then I'd become conscious of what they might think of it and that would inhibit me. So I decided to take a stab at inventing characters instead, using the Crescents as the backdrop for their stories. And, guess what? It worked!

The Front, Forget Me Not and The Game were all set in the Crescents, but I expanded into different areas after that; some areas real, others fictitious. I took Brutal even further afield by setting it in a farmhouse in a remote part of Yorkshire. But I'm back on the mean streets of Manchester with the one I'm working on right now.

So that's me . . . From professional singer to full-time writer, with various other jobs in between: TV extra, barmaid, waitress, pharmacy assistant, phone-line tarot card reader, to name just a few. My children and grandchildren are my world, and my books come from the other-world that lives and breathes inside my twisted mind.



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Forget Me Not
The Brand New Helen Grace Thriller

M. J. Arlidge

Keynote

Gripping, disturbing, and nail-biting - *Forget Me Not* is an unforgettable thriller from the million-copy bestseller M. J. Arlidge.

Description

<h2>**A city on the brink.**
A mother on the edge.
A nightmare that only DI Helen Grace can end.
Sometimes, the darkest secrets hide in plain sight...</h2>

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A gang war grips the city, and the police force is under fire from all sides. But Detective Inspector Helen Grace defies direct orders as she becomes drawn to the case of a missing teenager.

LOST BUT NOT ALONE

Naomi's mother is desperate for help - and Helen is her only hope. Keeping the investigation secret, she finds a disturbing trail of questions - and more who have vanished off the streets...

WILL THEY FIND HER IN TIME?

Sometimes, the truth hides in plain sight. But proving it is another matter entirely. The clock is ticking - and the only person looking for Naomi is about to meet her match.

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PRAISE FOR THE MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER M.J. ARLIDGE

'Chilling'
THE TIMES

'Addictive'
EXPRESS

'Truly excellent'
THE SUN

'Nobody does chilling suspense quite like M.J. Arlidge'
B.P. WALTER

Sales Points

- **REPEAT BESTSELLER**: Every single one of his DI Helen Grace thrillers has been a *Sunday Times* and eBook bestseller.
- **INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED:** He is also an international bestseller in various international territories, and his books have sold in well over 20 languages
- **A BLOCKBUSTER BRAND AUTHOR:** MJ Arlidge has sold **over 1.5 Million** copies of his books in the UK alone.
- **INCREDIBLE SALES GROWTH:** Arlidge's most recent book was a whopping **+55%** up in volume from ALL FALL DOWN, and **+122%** up on DOWN TO THE WOODS, making it his **biggest paperback for five years**.

Author Biography

M.J. Arlidge has worked in television for the last twenty years, specialising in high-end drama production, including prime-time crime serials *Silent Witness*, *Torn*, *The Little House* and, most recently, the hit ITV show *Innocent*. In 2015 his audiobook exclusive Six Degrees of Assassination was a number-one bestseller. His debut thriller, *Eeny Meeny*, was the UK's bestselling crime debut of 2014 and has been followed by ten more DI Helen Grace thrillers - all Sunday Times bestsellers.



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Married to the Black Widow
A chilling true story of lies and deception

Rob Parkes

Keynote

The chilling true story of the man who survived decades of abuse at the hands of his ex-wife, culminating in her taking a hit out on his life, before she was finally imprisoned.

Description

WINNER OF BEST NEW AUTHOR AT THE TRUE CRIME AWARDS 2024

*AS FEATURED ON CHANNEL 4's *24 HOURS IN POLICE CUSTODY**

'*Not many people know how much their life is worth. I do.*

'*The value of my life, or more specifically the cost of ending it, can be measured on a sliding scale based on method, reliability and efficiency. Fifteen thousand pounds would buy you plausible deniability and a brick across the back of the head from a London-based professional hitman. Or, if you're on a budget, five grand for "some nutter" to come down from Glasgow.*'

Rob and his now ex-wife, Victoria, met at university. Their relationship started off happily, they married and moved to Falmouth in Cornwall. However, it quickly descended into a nightmare marriage of psychological manipulation, coercive control and emotional abuse - all from the woman who was supposed to love him.

Rob's life was gradually destroyed as Victoria extended a web of lies around him, manipulating, suffocating and isolating him from the outside world. It was only through his baby daughter, Grace, that he found the courage to leave Victoria. But even then, Rob could never really escape, and Victoria continued to haunt and torment his life. In fact, her actions became more and more extreme, culminating in approaches to at least six different men with requests to help her murder Rob.

As featured in Channel 4's *24 Hours in Police Custody, Married to the Black Widow* is both a bone-chilling, real-life, psychological thriller and a powerful and honest true story of a father's unrelenting battle for freedom and justice.

Sales Points

- **AN AMAZING STORY**: This is the story behind *Black Widow,* a special feature-length 2021 episode of Channel 4's *24 Hours in Police Custody,* which secured the programme's highest ever viewing figures. But this episode simply documented the culmination of a pattern that began more than two decades before. This book will tell the story of the unbelievable course of Rob and Victoria's relationship that led to this point, a marriage that quickly descended into coercive control, psychological manipulation and emotional abuse - and ultimately ended with the attempted murder of the author.
- **DIFFERENT ANGLE:** Domestic violence is rarely considered from the male perspective and the sensitivity with which Rob recounts his experience has the potential to open up new conversations around fathers' rights and the challenges of the current custodial court system.
- **COMMERCIAL WRITING & PACKAGE:** Rob writes honestly and courageously about his experiences, not shying away from raw material and sensitive subjects. Objective and vivid, his story is perfect for a commercial audience. The final package aims to reflect this and will target a mass, commercial readership.
- **KEY DIGITAL TITLE**: We envision this title to be a key ebook and audio title for the Seven Dials true crime list, and we will boost visibility with targeted price promotions.
- **STRONG TV POTENTIAL**: TV rights are under option - more details to follow.

Reviews

- 'This book is a highly emotional and brutally honest look at a terrifying story ... Emotional, affecting, honest, careful with humour and humanity. Insight into male domestic abuse is rarely discussed so it feels like an important topic ... It's also very brave to reveal oneself in such a way on what is a rarely spoken about topic' - *Judges' comments at the CrimeCon UK True Crime Awards 2024*
- 'A gripping, fascinating, close-up portrait of what coercive control really looks like - and how easily it can escalate into life-threatening danger' - *Hannah Maguire & Suruthi Bala, RedHanded Podcast*
- 'Rob's compelling and terrifying story throws the curtains wide open to what really can go on behind closed doors. A must-read for anyone wanting to truly understand the ordeal of men suffering the horrors of domestic abuse' - *Mark Brooks OBE, Chair Mankind Initiative (domestic abuse charity for men)*

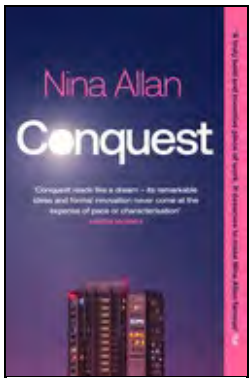
Author Biography

Born in 1980, the youngest of four brothers, Rob Parkes grew up in and has subsequently

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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
In-House Editor	**Jon Riley**
Author living in	**Isle of Bute**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Conquest

Nina Allan

Keynote

An investigation of the human need to make connections, to find causes and effects, however fantastic, *Conquest* is the story of a disappearance, and of the mystery that follows.

Description

Rachel's boyfriend Frank is different from other people. His strangeness is part of what she loves about him: his innocence, his intelligence, his passionate immersion in the music of JS Bach. As a coder, Frank sees patterns in everything, but as his theories slide further towards the irrational, Rachel becomes increasingly concerned for his wellbeing. There are people Frank knows online, people who share his view of the world and who insist he has a unique role to play. In spite of Rachel's fears for his safety, Frank is determined to meet them face to face.

When Frank disappears, Rachel is forced to seek help in the form of Robin, a private detective who left the police force for reasons she will not reveal. Like Frank, Robin is obsessed with the music of Bach. Like Frank, she has unexplained connections with the criminal underworld of southeast London.

An obscure science fiction story from the 1950s appears to offer clues to Frank's secret agenda, but not to where he is. As Robin and Rachel draw closer in their search for the truth, they are forced to ask themselves if Frank's obsession with an alien war, against all logic, might have a basis in fact.

Nina Allan's new novel is a work of the greatest imaginative power, an investigation of the human need to make connections, to find causes and effects, however fantastic. Conquest is the story of a disappearance, and of the mystery that follows.

Sales Points

- For readers of Emily St. John Mandel's *Station 11,* Don Dellilo's *The Names* and Richard Powers's *The Gold Bug Variations.*
- A novel that combines the themes of neurodiversity, architecture, conspiracy and classical music.

Author Biography

Nina Allan is a novelist and short story writer. Her previous fiction has won several prizes, including the British Science Fiction Award for Best Novel, the Novella Award and the Grand Prix de L'Imaginaire for Best Translated Work. She lives and works in Rothesay, on the Isle of Bute. *The Dollmaker* is her third novel.

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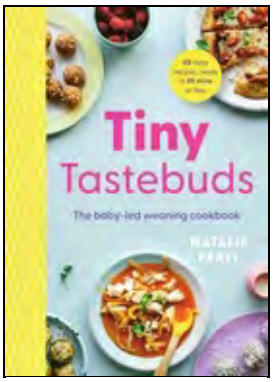
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BIC 2.1	**Cooking for/with children (WBQ) Quick & easy cooking (WBF) Pregnancy, birth & baby care (VFXB)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**210x150**
Extent	**208 pages**
Word Count	**35000 words**
Illustrations	**30-35 colour photographs**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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In-House Editor	**Nicole Thomas**

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Tiny Tastebuds
The baby-led weaning cookbook

Natalie Peall

Keynote

Part cookbook, part guide to baby-led weaning.

Description

From the creator behind the popular *Baby-led Weaning Cookbook* app and mum of three , Natalie Peall, comes *Tiny Tastebuds* - a definitive guide and cookbook to baby-led weaning, filled with 60 nutritious recipes all suitable from 6 months old and above.

Whether you're a new parent or not, *Tiny Tastebuds* will give you the expert help you need to safely guide your little ones to discover new tastes and textures, all while developing those all-important self-feeding skills. Packed full with up-to-date guidance on when to introduce solids, overcoming common challenges and hacks for introducing essential nutrients, Natalie will empower you to take this exciting next step in your baby's journey with ease and confidence.

Best of all, each recipe is easily adaptable for the whole family to enjoy and ready to eat in 20 minutes or less, so you can cook just once for you and your baby.

Recipes include:

o **Berry Oat Yoghurt Cups**
o Hulk Pancakes
o Cheese and Tomato Mini Muffins
o Broccoli Lemon Chicken
o Courgette Tarts
o No-effort Naan Pizza
o One-Pan Cod Curry
o Crispy Cinnamon Sticks

& much more!

Sales Points

- **SUCCESSFUL APP** - Natalie is the founder of the popular Baby-led Weaning Cookbook app (No.1 in Apple's Lifestyle app charts). Her app has received over 165k+ downloads and has a customer review rating of 4.6/5 (over 1.4k+ reviews).
- **ESTABLISHED AND ENGAGED PLATFORM** - As well as Natalie's app users, she has built an online following over 500k followers across Instagram and TikTok, sharing regular recipe content and app updates.
- **WELL CONNECTED** - Natalie's followed by and connected popular content creators in the parenting and lifestyle space i.e. Mrs Hinch, Olivia Bowen, Luisa Zissman, Claire Potter, Kate Ball and Zoe Hardman/Georgia Dayton of *Made by Mamas* podcast. She also has relationships with brands such JimJams, Fearne and Rosie and BambooBamboo.

Author Biography

Natalie Peall is mum of three, weaning expert and founder of the *Baby-led Weaning Cookbook* app, the UK's #1 lifestyle app.

When weaning her eldest daughter Annabelle, who had a cows milk protein allergy, she struggled to find recipes the whole family could enjoy that took into account her daughter's dietary needs. This was her main driver for developing her online recipe series, educational course and resources to help parents every step of the way during baby-led weaning and beyond.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**464 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Dunbridge Academy**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Author born in	**Lake Constance, south Germany**
Author living in	**Lake Constance, south Germany**

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Anyone
a friends-to-lovers romance set in the Scottish Highlands

Sarah Sprinz
Translated by Rachel Ward

Keynote
A New Adult romance for fans of dark academia, set in an ancient boarding school in Edinburgh

Description
'An addicting read for anyone desiring a chance to escape on a journey of young love and finding out who you are in the process . . . If Dunbridge Academy is taking applications, let me know!' ANNA TODD

Charles Sinclair is Victoria Belhaven-Wynford's best friend. Ever since primary school, he's been the one Tori can confide in. The only thing she can't tell him about is the pit in her stomach that just won't fade since she started dating her crush, Valentine. Deep down, Tori suspects that whatever she has with Valentine, it's nothing like what she feels for her best friend.

But her classmate Eleanor has claimed Sinclair's attention, the Juliet to his Romeo in Dunbridge Academy's annual theatrical performance. Not that Tori would mind. If she weren't the one who's supposed to write the script for the love story between the star-crossed lovers . . .

I don't know who I'm kissing. Romeo or Sinclair. Sinclair or Charles. The boy I fell in love with all those years ago, or the man who has been driving me mad for the last few weeks. Whoever it is - it feels better than anything.

READERS LOVE SARAH SPRINZ

'I couldn't put it down' **5* reader review**

'I loved this story' 5* reader review

''Sarah Sprinz has done it again' **5* reader review**

'What an amazing book!' 5* reader review

18+ content

Sales Points
- Fantastic author platform with 32k Instagram and 38k TikTok followers
- A chart-topping bestseller in Germany with over 300k copies sold, *Anywhere* was the second-bestselling paperback in Germany in 2022

Reviews
- 'An **addicting** read for anyone desiring a chance **to escape on a journey of young love** and finding out who you are in the process. **Sarah Sprinz creates a world that I enjoyed getting lost in. If Dunbridge Academy is taking applications, let me know!**' - *Anna Todd*

Author Biography
Sarah Sprinz was born in 1996. After studying medicine in Aachen, she returned to her hometown by Lake Constance in southern Germany. When she's not writing, Sarah finds inspiration for new stories during long walks along the lake shore and enjoys planning her next trips to Canada and Scotland.



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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**480 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The DI Lockyer Mysteries**
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In-House Editor	**Florence Hare**
Book locale	**Wiltshire**
Author born in	**Hampshire**
Author living in	**Bath**

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9781529421248 STAY BURIED

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Laying Out the Bones

Kate Webb

Keynote

The second twisty and atmospheric Wiltshire-set crime novel in the DI Lockyer Series. Perfect for fans of Ann Cleeves and Val McDermid.

Description

A TERRIBLE CRIME WAITS TO BE UNEARTHED.

The second twisty and atmospheric Wiltshire-set crime novel in the DI Lockyer Series. Perfect for fans of Ann Cleeves and Val McDermid.

A long, hot summer in Wiltshire is broken by a sudden downpour. Flash floods bring something sinister to the surface - a human skeleton. When forensic testing matches the bones to a man named Lee Geary, reported missing nine years earlier, the case is passed to DI Matt Lockyer.

Geary was a known drug user, so it could be a simple case of misadventure, but Lockyer isn't so sure. Geary was a townie, and had learning disabilities, so what was he doing out on the Plain all alone? Lockyer soon learns that the year he disappeared, Geary was questioned in relation to another crime - the murder of a young woman named Holly Gilbert.

With the help of DC Gemma Broad, Lockyer begins to dig deeper, and discovers that two other persons of interest in the Holly Gilbert case have also either died or disappeared in the intervening years. A coincidence? Or a string of murders that has gone undetected for nearly a decade...?

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Praise for *Laying Out The Bones*

'Compassionate, transporting and intricately plotted . . . I'm a huge fan' Emylia Hall, author of *The Shell House Detectives*

'Unputdownable . . . I didn't want it to end' Jenny Ashcroft, author of *The Echoes of Love*

'Twisty and satisfying' Kate Riordan, author *of Summer Fever*

Sales Points

- Kate has previously written bestselling historical fiction under the name Katherine Webb. Her first novel, *The Legacy*, sold 135K paperbacks through TCM.
- Perfect for fans of Ann Cleeves, Val McDermid and the TV series *Unforgotten.*
- Atmospheric and beautifully written regional crime from an exciting new voice in the genre. *Laying Out the Bones* is full of twists, heart, and characters you care about.

Reviews

- 'This is **quality stuff**: a well-written, **deftly plotted whodunnit** . . . **More, please** ' - *GUARDIAN on STAY BURIED*
- 'A **wonderful addition to contemporary crime**: clear, assured story-telling, insightful, engaging characters, and **absolutely brilliant plotting** ' - *ANN CLEEVES on STAY BURIED*
- 'An **intriguing plot** and a **gloriously atmospheric setting**' - *ELLY GRIFFITHS on STAY BURIED*
- 'A **stunning new voice** in crime fiction . . . your next **must-read**' - *LUCY FOLEY on STAY BURIED*

Author Biography

Kate Webb grew up in Hampshire before reading History at Durham University. She has since spent time living in London and Venice, and now lives in the countryside near Bath, UK. She has written several historical novels under the name Katherine Webb. *Stay Buried* was her first crime novel.



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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
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Author living in	**Crete**

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9781529403824 Destroy Me
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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What She Did

Karen Cole

Keynote

The twisty, addictive new thriller from Karen Cole. For fans of KL Slater and Samantha Downing.

Description

What would you do to protect the ones you love?

Single-mother Emma is at her limit, with two children to look after, a demanding job and an ex-husband who doesn't pull his weight.

Mostly she manages, but when her teenage son, Jack, calls her in the middle of the night saying that he needs help, her life is thrown into chaos. She finds him in a state of panic. His ex-girlfriend, Zoe, is lying on the floor, dead. They'd been at a party, drinking too much and taking drugs, and Jack has no memory of how they got there.

Emma's instinct is to protect her son at all costs, so she helps him hide Zoe's body. But can she handle keeping their secret, or will it break her?

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What readers are saying about Karen Cole

'Absolutely amazing!' *5* Reader Review*

'Great storyline and suspense' *5* Reader Review*

'One of my go to authors' *5* Reader Review*

'I am a huge fan' *5* Reader Review*

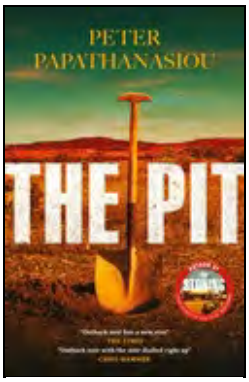
'Gripping. Can't wait to read another' *5* Reader Review*

Sales Points

- Karen Cole writes smart psychological thrillers with unforgettable twists
- *Deliver Me*, Karen's debut novel was a kindle five top five bestseller.
- Karen Cole has now sold over 200,000 EBooks.

Author Biography

Karen Cole grew up in the Cotswolds and got a degree in psychology at Newcastle University. She spent several years teaching English around the world before settling in Cyprus with her husband and two sons, where she works at a British army base as a primary school teacher. She recently completed the Curtis Brown writing course where she found her love of writing psychological thrillers.



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Author living in	**Canberra, Australia**
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The Pit
By the author of THE STONING, "The crime debut of the year"

Peter Papathanasiou

Keynote
A third outback noir from Peter Papathanasiou, following Special Constable Sparrow as he investigates a cold case in a barren mining region of Western Australia

Description
"Outback noir has a new star" Mark Sanderson, *The Times*

With DS Manolis on leave in Greece, Senior Constable Sparrow receives a phone call from a man who wants to turn himself in.

Bob is sixty-five years old, confined to a Perth nursing home. But thirty years ago, he killed a man in the remote northern Kimberley mining region. He offers to show Sparrow where the body is, but there's a catch: Sparrow must travel north with him under the guise of being his carer.

They are accompanied on the drive by another nursing home resident: Luke, thirty years old, paralysed in a motorbike accident. As they embark on their road trip through the guts of Western Australia, pursued by outback police and adrenaline-soaked miners, Sparrow begins to suspect that Bob's desire to head north may have sinister motivations. Is Luke being held against his will? And what lies in store for them when they reach their goal?

Sales Points
- *The Pit* is at once a crime thriller, a buddy story, a road trip, a journey into a country's badlands, and an expose of how vast sums of money and opportunity can change a country and its people for good and bad
- Peter's first two crime novels in the series, *The Stoning* and *The Invisible*, have been critically acclaimed in the UK and Australia
- *The Pit* gives the floor to the most striking secondary character in *The Stoning*: Senior Constable Sparrow, a First Nations police officer who has moved to the big city from an outback town

Reviews
- 'Darkly immersive Aussie Noir at its very best' - *Irish Independent*

Author Biography
Peter Papathanasiou was born in northern Greece and adopted as a baby to an Australian family. His writing has been published internationally by *The New York Times*, *Guardian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *The Canberra Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, The ABC, SBS, *Huffington Post*. He also holds an MA in Creative Writing from City University, London, and a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from the Australian National University. His first book, a memoir *Son of Mine* was published in 2019 by Salt.



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The Lost Story
The gorgeous, heartwarming grown-up fairytale by the beloved author of The Wishing Game

Meg Shaffer

Keynote

Narnia meets *All The Birds in the Sky* in *The Lost Story*, the new novel by the author of the bestselling novel *The Wishing Game.*

Description

<h3> '**This wildly imaginative book speaks to every reader who yearns for a more magical world' - THAO THAI, author of *Banyan Moon***

'If you'd like to dream instead of a parallel world where love and loyalty and friendship are the magic that transforms the least of us into genuine heroes, then Meg Shaffer's *The Lost Story* is the book you've been waiting for' - **RICHARD RUSSO, author of *Empire Falls*** </h3>

From the author of the bestselling novel *The Wishing Game* comes a Narnia-inspired fairy tale for grown-ups who still knock on the back of wardrobe doors . . . just in case.

Once upon a time, two boys went missing in the woods. Six months later, they reappeared, with no explanation for where they'd been or how they'd survived.

Fifteen years on, Rafe is a reclusive artist with no memory of what happened during those months, despite the scars he bears. Meanwhile, Jeremy is a famed missing persons investigator. With his uncanny abilities, he is the one person who can help vet tech Emilie Wendell find her long-lost sister, who vanished in the very same forest as Rafe and Jeremy.

Jeremy also keeps a secret: the fantastical truth about the magical realm they made home for those six months. And it's there they may find Emilie's sister.

Alongside Emilie, Rafe and Jeremy must return to the enchanted world they left behind - for only then can they get back everything and everyone they've lost.

'Wholly moving . . . reminded me that even as an adult, if you look hard enough, you can find the child still inside you' - **Jodi Picoult, author of *Mad Honey*, on *The Wishing Game***

'A heartwarming, page-turning story of found family [and] love triumphing over indifference' - **Melissa Albert, author of *The Hazel Wood*, on *The Wishing Game***

'A dreamy, inventive novel . . . Full of the power of imagination, it's one of my favourite books of the year' - **Sarah Addison Allen, author of *Other Birds*, on *The Wishing Game***

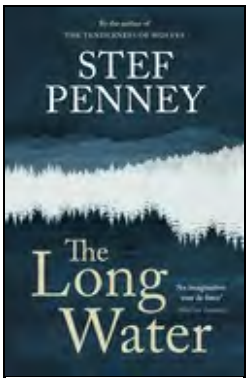
'A meditation on the power of hope when all else seems lost' - ***Kirkus Reviews* on *The Wishing Game***

Sales Points

- From the author of the bestselling novel *The Wishing Game*, which garnered over 45,000 reviews and ratings on Goodreads in its first five months of publication.
- Meg Shaffer is the pseudonym of *New York Times* bestselling author Tiffany Reisz.
- Inspired by C.S. Lewis's The Chronicles of Narnia, *The Lost Story* is a feel-good fairy tale for grown-ups which examines what happens when the children who have escaped to fantasy worlds come home - and then have to go back.

Reviews

- 'Meg Shaffer's *The Lost Story* is one of those **extraordinary** novels that **nestles its way right into your heart**. With all the elements we love in a **timeless** tale-mystery, adventure, romance, a **lushly beautiful** setting-this **wildly imaginative** book speaks to every reader who yearns for a world more magical than any they've experienced. Shaffer's **warm and wry** prose lures a reader right in, inviting them into a land where unlikely heroes and villains roam, where unfinished stories might finally find their endings. If you've ever been lost-and haven't we all?-***The Lost Story* will make you feel as if you've come home**' - *Thao Thai, author of BANYAN MOON*
- 'If our sad, brutal, cynical, cowardly, unkind, exhausting world is too much for you, if you'd like to dream instead of a parallel world where **love and loyalty and friendship are the magic that transforms the least of us into genuine heroes**,



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The Long Water
Gripping literary mystery set in a remote Norwegian community

Stef Penney

Keynote

Author of the Costa-prizewinning, world-wide bestseller *The Tenderness of Wolves*, Stef Penney, returns to her heartland in this tense mystery set in a small Scandinavian town.

Description

Author of the Costa-prizewinning, world-wide bestseller *The Tenderness of Wolves*, Stef Penney, returns to her snow-covered heartland in this tense mystery set in a small Scandinavian town.

Nordland. A region in the Norwegian Arctic; a remote valley that stretches from the sea up to the mountains and glaciers.

It is May in what was once a prosperous mining community. The snows are nearly gone and it's a time of spring and school-leavers' celebrations - until Daniel, a popular teenage boy, goes missing. Conflicting stories circulate among his friends, of parties and wild behaviour.

As the search for Daniel widens, the police open a disused mine in the mountains. They find human remains, but this body has been there for decades, its identity a mystery.

Everyone in this tight knit, isolated community is touched by these events: misanthropic Svea, whose long life in the area stretches back to the heyday of the mines, and beyond. She has cut all ties with her family, except for her granddaughter, Elin, an outsider like her grandmother. Elin and her friend Benny, both impacted by Daniel while he was alive, become entangled in the hunt for answers, while Svea has deep, dark secrets of her own.

Sales Points

- An atmospheric literary mystery set north of the Arctic Circle
- Stef Penney returns to the remote northern landscapes she loves so well
- Bodo in north Norway is European Capital of Culture in 2024

Reviews

- 'Stef Penney is **a mesmerising storyteller**' - *Amanda Craig*
- 'One of the **best storytellers** we have' - *The Scotsman*

Author Biography

Stef Penney grew up in Edinburgh. She is the author of the international bestseller, *The Tenderness of Wolves,* winner of the overall Costa Award; *The Invisible Ones; Under a Pole Star,* shortlisted for the Costa, and the historical epic, *The Beasts of Paris*. Stef lives in London, E.8.

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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
In-House Editor	**Stefanie Bierwerth**
Book locale	**British Virgin Islands; London**
Author living in	**London, UK**
1st Serial	**Quercus Publishing**
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Look in the Mirror
the addictive new thriller from the author of Something in the Water

Catherine Steadman

Keynote

The brand new gripping thriller from the author of *Something in the Water* and *The Family Game*.

Description

<h4>In this paradise you won't like what you see . . . </h4>

When Nina's father dies, she inherits a gleaming dream vacation home in a balmy tropical paradise - one she had no idea existed. The house is extraordinary: state-of-the-art, all glass and marble. How did her sensible father ever have enough money for this? And why not tell her about it? Desperate to uncover why he hid such a big secret, she decides to visit.

Maria, once an ambitious medical student, is now a nanny for the super-rich. The money's better, and so are the destinations - like this new assignment in the British Virgin Islands. But when her wards never show, Maria begins to make herself at home, spending her days luxuriating by the pool. There's just one rule: Don't go in the basement. But her curiosity might just get the better of her. And soon, she'll wish her only worry was not getting paid.

As both women's timelines intertwine, dark secrets start to unravel and one thing quickly becomes clear - nothing could have prepared them for what they are about to encounter.

READERS LOVE CATHERINE STEADMAN

***** '**Love, love, love** this book'
***** '**Can't wait** for her next one' 5* reader review
***** 'Literally **couldn't put it down**' 5* reader review
***** 'Absolutely **gripping**' 5* reader review
***** 'So many **twists and turns**' 5* reader review

PRAISE FOR CATHERINE STEADMAN

'Stylish, riveting, hugely atmospheric - I couldn't put it down' **Lucy Foley**
'Engrossing and unputdownable' **Caroline Kepnes**
'A dazzling, gasp-inducing plunge-pool of a novel that grips your heart and mind and refuses to let go' **BP Walter**
'I loved it' **TM Logan**
'Another page-turning winner from Catherine Steadman. Ingenious and intriguing' **BA Paris**
'Original, ingenious and utterly gripping' **JP Delaney**
'A thriller for our times' **Louise Candlish**
'A proper page-turner' ***New York Times***
'Had me racing through the pages' **Sarah Vaughan**
'An enjoyable, nail-biting ride' ***Observer***
'Perfectly paced with an exciting race to the end' ***Woman's Weekly***

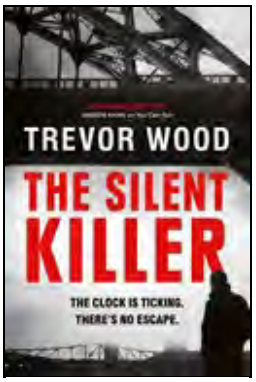
Sales Points

- Catherine Steadman is an internationally bestselling author of psychological thrillers loved by readers, reviewers and authors alike - including the Reese Book Club pick *Something in the Water*

- Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley, JP Delaney and Sarah Vaughan
- Part destination thriller, part survival drama, part locked room mystery, *Look in the Mirror* is an addictive, twisty, heart-in-your-mouth read
- A major acquisition for Quercus, we are launching Catherine with a new brand look and ambitious, year-round sales, marketing and publicity campaign plan

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BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Thriller / suspense (FH)** **Crime & mystery (FF)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**464 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**DCI Jack Parker**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
In-House Editor	**Jane Wood**
Book locale	**Newcastle**
Author living in	**Newcastle**

Previous Titles
9781529414868 You Can Run
9781529414813 Dead End Street
9781787479173 One Way Street
9781787478374 The Man on the Street

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Silent Killer

Trevor Wood

Keynote

The first in a police procedural series with a twist. Jack Parker, a Newcastle DCI, has a secret. He has Early Onset Dementia and will do *anything* not to show it.

Description

The first in a Newcastle-set police procedural series with a twist. DCI Jack Parker has a secret. He has Early Onset Dementia and he will do anything and everything to hide it from his peers and the people he's investigating.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING. THERE'S NO ESCAPE.

DCI Jack Parker has faced down hardened villains and raving, drug-addled lunatics. He's disarmed a machete-wielding psychopath and broken devastating news of a loved one's death more times than he can remember.

With a serial killer stalking the Newcastle streets and one of his closest colleagues lying in the mortuary following a hit and run he thinks things are about as tough as they've ever been. But he should know that trouble always comes in threes.

Jack is about to face the biggest challenge of his life, one that will end his career and destroy his family: Early Onset Dementia.

As he does everything he can to hide his deteriorating condition from his family and colleagues, Jack believes that the serial killer is haunted by his childhood while his own memories are built on increasingly shifting sands.

The race against time to save lives, including his own, has begun.

Whilst staying within the realms of the police procedural genre, this cracking thriller will explore character in depth and with sensitivity, as well as with the author's trademark dark humour.

Sales Points

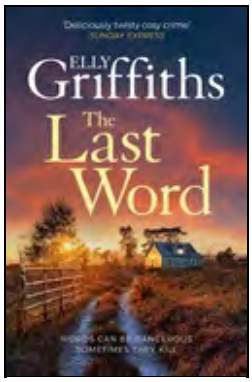
- The start of a brilliant new series from a popular and prize-winning author
- Trevor's debut novel *The Man on the Street* won the coveted CWA New Blood Dagger and was shortlisted for the Theakston's Book of the Year
- Atmospheric Newcastle setting will encourage strong local support from the book trade and Trevor's peers: he is a well connected and popular author in the north east
- A full local publicity campaign will highlight the strong regional connection

Reviews

- 'Fast-paced and gripping but with **a heart of solid gold**. Great Stuff' - *Harriet Tyce on You Can Run*
- 'I raced through it. **I loved the characters and the dark humour**. A cracking, pacy read' - *Patricia Gibney on You Can Run*
- 'Begins at the speed of a runaway train. **A propulsive page-turner**' - *Vaseem Khan on You Can Run*
- '**Another cracker of a book.** A different cast of characters from his previous trilogy but equally engaging ... I loved it' - *Nikki Smith on You Can Run*

Author Biography

Trevor Wood has lived in Newcastle for thirty years and considers himself an adopted Geordie. He's a successful playwright who has also worked as a journalist and spin-doctor for the City Council. Prior to that he served in the Royal Navy for sixteen years. Trevor holds an MA in Creative Writing (Crime Fiction) from UEA. His acclaimed Jimmy Mullen trilogy included *The Man on the Street, One Way Street* and *Dead End Street*. This was followed by a high praised standalone thriller, *You Can Run*.



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BIC 2.1	**Crime & mystery (FF)** **Thriller / suspense (FH)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
In-House Editor	**Jane Wood**
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Author living in	**Brighton**

Previous Titles

THE DR RUTH GALLOWAY MYSTERIES
9781786481863 The Crossing Places
9781786482129 The Janus Stone
9781786482136 The House at Sea's End
9781786482143 A Room Full of Bones
9781786482150 A Dying Fall
9781786482167 The Outcast Dead
9781786482174 The Ghost Fields
9781848663374 The Woman In Blue
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9781786487315 The Stone Circle
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THE BRIGHTON MYSTERIES
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9781784290283 Smoke and Mirrors
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9781784297022 The Vanishing Box
9781786487360 Now You See Them
9781787477582 The Midnight Hour

STANDALONE BOOKS
9781786487414 The Stranger Diaries
9781787477636 The Postscript Murders
9781529409970 Bleeding Heart Yard

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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Last Word
A twisty new mystery from the bestselling author of the Ruth Galloway Mysteries

Elly Griffiths

Keynote

A cosy, twisty standalone mystery from the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries.

Description

<h4> THE INSTANT *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER </h4>

'Cosy crime of a superior order' *Sunday Times*

Words can be dangerous. Sometimes they kill...

Natalka and Edwin are running a detective agency in Shoreham, Sussex. Despite a steady stream of minor cases, Natalka is frustrated, longing for a big juicy investigation to come the agency's way.

Then a murder case turns up. Local writer, Melody Chambers, is found dead and her family are convinced it is murder. Edwin, a big fan of the obit pages, thinks there's a link to the writer of Melody's obituary who pre-deceased his subject.

The trail leads them to a slightly sinister writers' retreat. When another writer is found dead, Edwin thinks that the clue lies in the words. Seeking professional help, the amateur investigators turn to their friend, detective Harbinder Kaur, to find that they have stumbled on a plot that is stranger than fiction.

The unmissable new novel from the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries.

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Praise for *The Last Word*

'Outstanding and hugely entertaining' *Irish Independent*

'Twisty' *Crime Monthly*

'The characters show real light and shade and there are ample comedic one-liners' *Belfast Telegraph*

'This mystery will have you hooked' *Candis*

'Kept me guessing to the end' *Saga*

Sales Points

- Elly is a consistent bestseller with all her mysteries and hit the coveted No 1 slot with *The Last Remains*
- Starring Elly's most lovable cast of characters, first met in *The Postscript Murders*
- Cosy crime is having a massive moment and no one does it better than Elly Griffiths who mixes twisty plotting with sharp wit
- Also features DI Harbinder Kaur, Elly's popular queer Sikh detective

Reviews

- 'As ever, Griffiths skilfully blends **complex plotting** with a cast of **wonderfully vivid characters**' - *Mail on Sunday on Bleeding Heart Yard*
- 'A **page-turner** with an **engaging cast of characters**' - *Sunday Express on Bleeding Heart Yard*
- 'Once again Griffiths has created an **ingenious mystery** with **hidden depths**' - *The Times on Bleeding Heart Yard*
- 'The **characters show real light and shade** and there are **ample comedic one-liners**. I hope Elly brings the foursome back to our pages very, very soon' - *Belfast Telegraph*

Author Biography

Elly Griffiths is the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries and the Brighton Mysteries. She has won the CWA Dagger in the Library, has been shortlisted six times for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, and longlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger for *The Lantern Men*. Her series featuring Detective Harbinder Kaur began with

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**DI Wilkins Mysteries**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Lost and Never Found
the twisty third book in the DI Wilkins Mysteries

Simon Mason

Keynote

***Lost and Never Found* is a novel that shows Simon Mason taking his Oxford crime series to a new level of accomplishment.**

Description

'Ryan and Ray go from strength to strength, and this, their third outing, is the best yet. Simon Mason has created crime fiction's most entertaining double act in decades' Mick Herron

Oxford, city of rich and poor, where the homeless camp out in the shadows of the gorgeous buildings and monuments. A city of lost things - and buried crimes.

At three o'clock in the morning, Emergency Services receives a call. 'This is Zara Fanshawe. Always lost and never found.' An hour later, the wayward celebrity's Rolls Royce Phantom is found abandoned in dingy Becket Street. The paparazzi go wild.

For some reason, news of Zara's disappearance prompts homeless woman Lena Wójcik to search the camps, nervously, for the bad-tempered vagrant known as 'Waitrose', a familiar sight in Oxford pushing his trolley of possessions. But he's nowhere to be found either.

Who will lead the investigation and cope with the media frenzy? Suave, prize-winning, Oxford-educated DI Ray Wilkins is passed over in favour of his partner, gobby, trailer-park educated DI Ryan Wilkins (no relation). You wouldn't think Ray would be happy. He isn't. You wouldn't think Ryan would be any good at national press presentations. He isn't.

And when legendary cop Chester Lynch takes a shine to Ray - and takes against Ryan - things are only going to get even messier.

Sales Points

- THE THIRD BOOK IN THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED DI RYAN WILKINS MYSTERIES.
- ATMOSPHERIC OXFORD SETTING THE PLOT EXPLORES THE WEALTH DIVIDE IN THE CITY THROUGH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A WEALTHY SOCIALITE.

Reviews

- 'This moody, atmospheric novel is full of surprises.' - *Sunday Times (Crime Book of the Year 2022)*

Author Biography

SIMON MASON has pursued parallel careers as a publisher and an author, whose YA crime novels *Running Girl, Kid Got Shot* and *Hey, Sherlock!* feature the sixteen-year-old slacker genius Garvie Smith. A former Managing Director of David Fickling Books, where he worked with many wonderful writers, including Philip Pullman, he has also taught at Oxford Brookes University and has been a Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Exeter College, Oxford.

Lost and Never Found is the third book in the DI Ryan Wilkins Mysteries. The first book, *A Killing in November*, received widespread critical acclaim and was shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger. The Second book, *The Broken Afternoon*, was a Times Audio Book of the Week and a *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Month.

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BIC 2.1	**Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)** **Of specific Gay & Lesbian interest (5S)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**432 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
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Making It

Laura Kay

Keynote

The heartwarming new novel from Laura Kay, author of *Wild Things* and *The Split.*

Description

***The latest must-read romcom about friendship, love and finding yourself, perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Bolu Babalola*.**

Issy is an artist but the world doesn't know it yet.

As someone who self-identifies as 'gay and depressed', Issy keeps her life in Margate small: her mum, her chinchilla, her reliable routine.

So when she is offered her dream job at an artist's studio, Issy knows it's time to open herself up to more.

Moving to East London, Issy has a lot of firsts to catch up on - navigating a crush on her gorgeous housemate, dating, sex, and obsessing over her boss who she just can't seem to figure out.

As pressure mounts, people keep telling Issy she can do anything she sets her mind to. But what if her mind refuses to cooperate. . .?

Praise for Laura Kay:

'A totally gorgeous read' - Beth O'Leary on *Wild Things*

'Joyous, funny, sexy and romantic. . . real Emily Henry vibes' - Kate Sawyer on *Wild Things*

'The comedic timing was pitch-perfect' -Lizzie Damilola Blackburn on *Wild Things*

'Hilarious and life-affirming' - Emma Hughes on *Tell Me Everything*

'I adored this wonderful book' - Malinda Lo on *Tell Me Everything*

'A warm, funny, comforting read' - Ruth Jones on *The Split*

Sales Points

- Laura's comedic timing balances a much more emotional, nuanced storyline in this, her 4th novel
- Fans of Elizabeth Day and Dolly Alderton will love this book, as well as younger, more booktok focussed readers who like a lot of depth to their romance
- Key tropes and themes: workplace romance, crafting, late coming-of-age, self-discovery, mental health, friendship/housemates and mistaken love triangles
- Left Bank (*The Crown*, *Outlander*) have optioned *Wild Things*, with Laura Kay requested in the writing room

Reviews

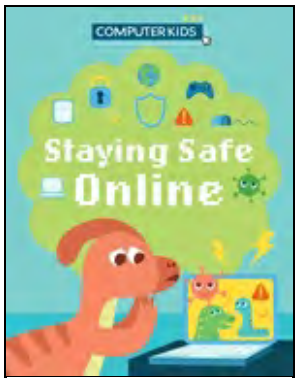
- 'Heartbreaking, hopeful, funny. Rarely have I rooted so hard for a character. I loved it!' - *Suzi Ruffell*
- '**I adored *Making It.* Brilliantly and truthfully rendered** friendships, flirtations and workplace dramas. . . But it's also a **truly nuanced, sensitive and warm-hearted** portrait of living with mental illness' - *Emma Hughes, author of It's Complicated*

Author Biography

Laura Kay is a writer living in East London. Her journalism and personal essays have been published in *The Guardian*, *DIVA Magazine*, *Stylist*, the *Metro* and *The Bookseller*, among others. In 2018 she was selected for the PRH WriteNow scheme where she developed her first novel The Split, which was longlisted for the Polari First Novel Prize. *Making It* is her fourth novel.

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Computer Kids: Staying Safe Online

Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Michael Buxton)

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Price	**£12.99/Rs.1050**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781445188393**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: IT & computing, ICT (YQTU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Computer Kids**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

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Keynote

A fun first series explaining to young readers how they can stay safe online

Description

A fun first series explaining to young readers how they can stay safe online

Going online can be great fun, but you need to look after yourself and your device. **Computer Kids: Staying Safe Online** will show you the best ways to do so, from setting strong passwords to spotting a scam to knowing when to ask for help.

These positive, friendly guides aim to explain to young readers the learning potential and fun of digital
devices, websites and (age-appropriate) media and games, but also how to stay well and protect
themselves and their projects when they're online. Simple, fun on- and off-line activities on every spread
reinforce readers' understanding and allow them to explore the digital world safely, while the character
'Max Computer' offers practical advice and hands-on tips.

Contents:
Have fun, stay safe
Safe space
Keeping it private
There's a limit
Pick your password
Computer viruses
Meet more malware
No entry!
Spam and scams
Help!
Stranger danger
Cyberbullies
If in doubt
Max Computer recommends
Griz's quiz
Glossary
Find out more!
Index

Books in the series:
Being Healthy Online
Coding Online
Going Online
Having Fun Online
Learning Online
Staying Safe Online

Sales Points

- Excellent introductions to the basics of computing, supporting the KS1 National Curriculum
- Includes simple on and off-line activities to reinforce understanding
- Dinosaur guides add humour, while Max Computer character offers practical advice and hands-on tips

Summary of Contents

Have fun, stay safe / Safe space / Keep it private / Act your age / Pick your password / Computer viruses / Meet more malware / No entry! / Spam and scams / Help! / Stranger danger / Cyberbullies / Do tell and recommended websites / Glossary / Griz's quiz / index

Author Biography

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CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
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Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Computer Kids**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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May 2024
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Computer Kids: Being Healthy Online

Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Michael Buxton)

Keynote

A fun first series explaining to young readers how they can be healthy online

Description

A fun first series explaining to young readers how they can be healthy online

Just like in real life, it's important to be healthy online. Find out how to take care of your body and mind while you're online, from taking micro-breaks and stretching to dealing with cyberbullies.

These positive, friendly guides aim to explain to young readers the learning potential and fun of digital
devices, websites and (age-appropriate) media and games, but also how to stay well and protect
themselves and their projects when they're online. Simple, fun on- and off-line activities on every spread
reinforce readers' understanding and allow them to explore the digital world safely, while the character
'Max Computer' offers practical advice and hands-on tips.

Contents:
Staying healthy and happy
Get comfortable
Input and output
Keeping your device healthy
Take a break!
Stretch for success
Your digital footprint
Spreading the word
Careful sharing
Trolls, griefers and cyberbullies
Screen time
IRL (In Real Life)
Max Computer recommends
Griz's quiz
Glossary
Find out more!
Index

Books in the series:
Being Healthy Online
Coding Online
Going Online
Having Fun Online
Learning Online
Staying Safe Online

Sales Points

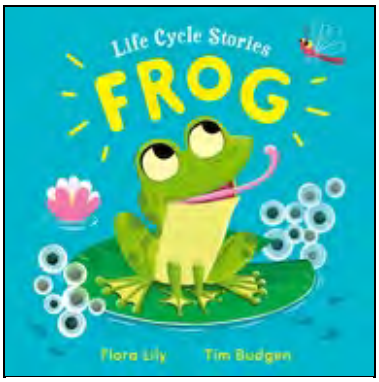
- Excellent introductions to the basics of computing, supporting the KS1 National Curriculum
- Includes simple on and off-line activities to reinforce understanding
- Dinosaur guides add humour, while Max Computer character offers practical advice and hands-on tips

Summary of Contents

Staying healthy and happy / Get comfortable / Input and output / Keeping your device healthy / Take a break! / Stretch for success / It's not all true / Your digital footprint / Spreading the word / Used against you / Trolls, griefers and cyberbullies / Screen time / IRL (In Real Life) and recommended websites / Glossary / Griz's quiz / Index

Author Biography

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Life Cycle Stories: Frog

Flora Lily (Illustrated By Tim Budgen)

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EAN\ISBN-13	**9781526365743**
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CBMC	**A5M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**250x250**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Life Cycle Stories**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Magic Pet Shop series (illustrator)

Keynote
Get to know the life stages of frogs in this fun and colourful picture book about life cycles.

Description
Meet Frog. Frog likes splashing in the pond, leaping from her lily pad and catching insects on her long, curly, whirly tongue. And she loves to RIBBITTTTT.

But Frog has a secret . . . Before she could do ANY of these things, she was just one of a million teeny, tiny eggs in the furthest corner of the pond. So how did that little egg come to be Frog?

Join Frog on an adorable adventure in the pond, full of facts about the different life stages of frogs - from **egg** to **tadpole** to **froglet** to **frog** - and watch the life cycle begin all over again.

Sales Points
- A fun and funny story to introduce little ones to the early years STEM topic of life cycles.
- Narrative, character-led approach is a more engaging, and accessible approach to the life cycles topic, which has typically been done in quite an educational, straight-forward way.
- We plan to extend the series to include other high-interest and/or cute animals and insects, such as Chick, Bee, Spider, Penguin, Shark, Bunny etc.
- Fun and colourful pictures from Tim Budgen, illustrator of the Magic Pet Shop series

Author Biography
Flora Lily (Author)
FLora Lily loves to be out in nature. She lives in the Midlands with her brood of chickens and her marmalade cat.

Tim Budgen (Illustrator)
Tim Budgen is a freelance illustrator and Art teacher. He's illustrated Pugicorn and the Magic Pet Shop series, the Lizzie and Lucky series by Megan Rix, 20 Dinosaurs at Bedtime by Mark Sperring and many more amazing children's books. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island, England, with his wife Julia.

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Simple Technology: Wheels

Liz Lennon (Illustrated By Ellie O'Shea)

Publication date	**Thursday, July 25, 2024**
Price	**£8.99/Rs.699**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781526323576**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**210x190**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Simple Technology**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Levers
Pulleys
Slopes
Wheels

Keynote

Find out about the science of how wheels and cogs work with fun illustrations and simple diagrams

Description

Explore the science of wheels and cogs, which are key physical science concepts. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way. For children progressing through book bands, it is suitable for children at Book Band 7: Turquoise.

The book is part of the *Simple Technology* series for children aged 5+, which is perfect for Science and Design and Technology learning. Titles in the series:
Levers
Pulleys
Slopes
Wheels

Sales Points

- A great resource for KS1 Design and Technology learning, where children learn to make simple machines using technology such as levers, pulleys, wheels and slopes
- The book encourages children to look at the human-constructed world around them and think about how things work
- The illustrations add fun and humour to the topic

Summary of Contents

What are wheels? / Wheels and axles / Moving things / Different types of wheel / Turning and steering / Making a toy car / Tyres / Tractor / Working wheels / Spinning wheels / Gears / Machines with gears / Wheels and people / Useful words / Index

Author Biography

Liz Lennon (Author)
Liz Lennon is a writer who specialises in children's non-fiction. She lives in Hertfordshire with her husband and young daughter, who is the best critic of her mum's work.

Ellie O'Shea (Illustrator)
Ellie is a coffee addict, an avid snowboarder and bad joke-teller. She completed her degree in Illustration in Plymouth and now lives in Worcester with her (equally bad joke-telling) boyfriend. They both love lazy Sundays watching cartoons all day, Ellie's biggest inspiration for drawing! She has always loved watching cartoons and when she was around 8 she decided, "Hey, I want to draw like that!" So she picked up her pencil, and here we are. Ellie loves writing and illustrating children's books, starting with scribbles before drawing and colouring up in Illustrator and Photoshop. When she's not doodling or drinking coffee, you will usually find her shopping for makeup, binge-watching cartoons or watching pug videos online. "Yes, I am an adult, why do you ask?"

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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**8mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Super Tech**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles

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Super Tech: Space

Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Chelen Ecija)

Keynote

Explore weird, wonderful and mind-blowing tech and discover the tech breakthroughs that are shaping the future

Description

Did you know the James Webb Space telescope is so powerful it can spot a football 550 kilometres away? Would you like to live on a future Mars colony? Find out how the technology works and become an expert in all things space - from cobots to solar powered probes and inflatable space modules.

Super Tech explores the cutting-edge technology in your home, up in space and even inside your body, and gives you a glimpse into the tech of the future. Informative, accessible facts are combined with a mix of photography and playful illustration that's perfect for readers aged 7 and up.

Sales Points

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Chelen Écija (Illustrator)
CChelen was born in sunny Spain with a silver crayon in her mouth. She started drawing on restaurant placemats at age two and now she can't stop illustrating. She finished her Fine Arts degree at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and then she worked in Chicago as the art director of a toy company. Now she is back in Europe, working as a freelance illustrator where she has specialized in her true passion: hand lettering and childrens illustration. Her style is witty and upbeat. Chelen is the representative of Spain at the European Illustrators Forum and she enjoys giving lectures about illustration that help other illustrators that are starting out. She also sits on the board at APIM, the Association of Professional Illustrators of Madrid.



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CBMC	**D5N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Stupendous and Tremendous Technology**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

Clever and Crafty Computers: 9781526316011
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Stupendous and Tremendous Technology: Clever and Crafty Computers

Claudia Martin

Keynote

Core technology topics are explored through an entertaining mix of facts, photos and artwork

Description

Welcome to the clever world of computers with this fast-fact-packed exploration of micro-chipped marvels. It's the perfect way for children aged 9+ to brush up on their S.T.E.M. stats and cement what they have learned in class with this fun book.

Computers explores the most interesting, amazing and awe-inspiring facts about all kinds of computer in bite-sized chunks of text so readers won't be overwhelmed with information.. Funny illustrations and photos will hold their interest, and help them engage with S.T.E.M. topics.

Computers takes a look at the early invention of computers, hardware and software, the Internet and the World Wide Web, games and virtual reality. There is also a fun activity to try out unplugged artificial intelligence coding skills for budding STEMsters to try out!

The *Stupendous and Tremendous Technology* series is ideal for all children aged 9+ who are studying S.T.E.M. topics at school or who are fascinated by how things work. It covers all the core topics in a fun and accessible way.

Title in the series:
Clever and Crafty Computers
Mega and Mighty Machines
Remarkable and Roving Robots
Terrific and Trailblazing Transport

Also available is *Stupendous and Tremendous Science:*
Ecstatic and Excellent Energy
Happy and Healthy Human Body
Powerful and Pongy Plants
Soaring and Spectacular Space

Sales Points

- Humorous photos and illustrations, accompanied by bite-sized chunks of text, help to engage the reader
- Includes a practical activity at the back of the book
- Part of an extended series of books where each series looks at a S.T.E.M. discipline

Summary of Contents

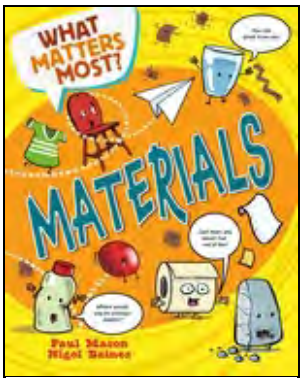
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Author Biography

Claudia Martin has worked in book publishing for 17 years. She is the author of several books and websites for children and young people. Her favourite subjects are history, current affairs and technology.

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Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**12mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**What Matters Most?**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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What Matters Most?: Materials

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Nigel Baines)

Keynote
Learn about materials by meeting some hilarious characters who are keen to explain why *they* are the most important!

Description
Learn about materials by meeting some hilarious characters who are keen to explain why *they* are the most important!

This book makes science learning fun and engaging for children aged 7 plus. Meet Wood, who has been used throughout history to build things so must be the MOST important material. But, Paper, Concrete, Plastic and many other characters are sure *they* are much more useful. So which material really matters most?

What Matters Most is a series of humorous books for children that explain science processes with lively comic artwork and show why variety is important.

Titles in the series: Body Bits / Energy and Power / Gravity and other Forces / Materials / Plant Parts / The Sun, the Moon and the Planets

Sales Points
- The illustrator is a comic book specialist and makes the pages a visual treat
- Full of funny characters that make science learning accessible
- Covers key curriculum science topics

Summary of Contents
Which material matters most? / Wood: Material from trees / Paper: Endlessly useful / Rock: Material from the earth / Concrete: Rock you can pour / Plastic: The shapeshifting material / Wool: Material from nature / Human-made fabric: Material from chemicals / Glass: See-through sand? / Hard metal: The strongest material? / Soft metal: Metal you can shape / Rubber: Soft and stretchy / And the winner is ... / Glossary / Materials and the environment

Author Biography
Paul Mason (Author)
Paul's books cover a wide range of subjects, from whether the Romans ate crisps to how to build the world's best skatepark, but he writes mostly about sport. Whether you are interested in swimming, cycling, snowboarding, surfing or another sport, Paul has probably written something that will inspire you to get out and give it a try. Paul writes in a shack by the beach, which he shares with his one-eyed surf dog, Daisy.

Nigel Baines (Illustrator)
Nigel Baines is an experienced illustrator and book designer who has worked for various trade publishing houses. He is a keen walker and would like to spend half the year living on top of the Andes. His other great loves are Grantham Town Football Club and any kind of travel.



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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**What Matters Most?**
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What Matters Most?: The Sun, Moon and Planets

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Nigel Baines)

Keynote

Learn about the solar system by meeting some hilarious characters who are keen to explain why *they* are the most important!

Description

Learn about the solar system by meeting some hilarious characters who are keen to explain why *they* are the most important!

This book makes science learning fun and engaging for children aged 7 plus. Meet the Sun, everything in the solar system revolves around her, so surely she is most important? But what about Earth, the perfect place for people? Meanwhile Mars is sure red is best and Jupiter thinks being the biggest rules. So which really matters most?

What Matters Most is a series of humorous books for children that explain science processes with lively comic artwork and show why variety is important.

Titles in the series:
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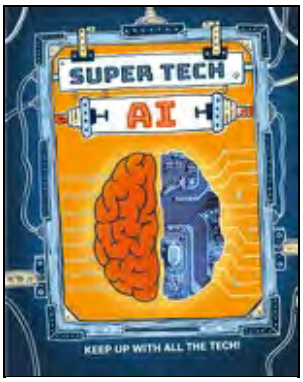
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Which matters most? / The Sun: The big, hot one / Mercury: Hot ... and cold / Venus: Greenhouse gone wrong / Earth: Home / The Moon: Earth's friend / Mars: The red planet / Jupiter: Huge gas giant / Saturn: The ringed planet / Uranus: The frozen giant / Neptune: Diamond rain? / Comets and asteroids: Ice and rock / And the winner is ... / Glossary / Solar system fact file / Index

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Age	**7-9 years**
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Series	**Super Tech**
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Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Chelen Ecija)

Keynote

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Description

Did you know artificial intelligence has been used to decode rat squeaks? It can also play games with you, make art and recognise your face! Find out how the technology works and become an expert in all things AI from neural networks to intelligent agents and deep learning.

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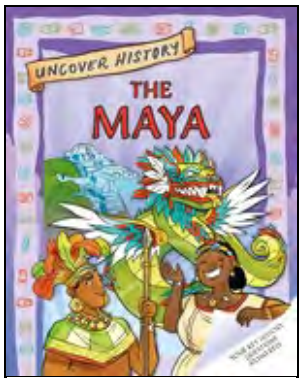
Sales Points

- A mix of photographs and humorous blueprint style illustrations bring the tech to life, showing it in action and in context
- Short snappy text pulls out essential and exciting information about the showcased tech

Author Biography

Clive Gifford (Author)
Clive Gifford is the author of more than 150 children's books including *Eye Benders*, winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, Royal Society-nominated *Out of This World* and *Cool Technology* which won the School Library Association Information Book Award. His book, *The Colours of History*, won the Blue Peter Book Awards' Best Book With Facts. He has travelled through 70 countries, run a computer games company and taken part in all manner of sports from parachuting and gliding to Ultimate Frisbee. Clive's official website can be found at www.clivegifford.co.uk

Chelen Écija (Illustrator)
CChelen was born in sunny Spain with a silver crayon in her mouth. She started drawing on restaurant placemats at age two and now she can't stop illustrating. She finished her Fine Arts degree at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and then she worked in Chicago as the art director of a toy company. Now she is back in Europe, working as a freelance illustrator where she has specialized in her true passion: hand lettering and childrens illustration. Her style is witty and upbeat. Chelen is the representative of Spain at the European Illustrators Forum and she enjoys giving lectures about illustration that help other illustrators that are starting out. She also sits on the board at APIM, the Association of Professional Illustrators of Madrid.



Uncover History: The Maya

Clare Hibbert

Publication date	**Thursday, July 11, 2024**
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EAN\ISBN-13	**9781526322098**
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CBMC	**D5N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**14mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Uncover History**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Keynote

Uncover history and see how people lived during Mayan times with this fun and humorous guide

Description

Uncover History and find out about the Mayan civilisation with this fun and humorous guide.

Who were the Mayans? Read about their daily lives, what jobs they did and why they built pyramids. Find out about their gods, why they stargazed and what happened to their civilisation. Find out the answer to questions such as 'who ruled the Maya?', 'what was Mayan writing like?' and 'what art did the Maya make?'

Using fun, humorous illustrations, this book tells the story of Mayan people, from farmers to leaders.

Ideally suited for readers age 8+.

Read the other titles in the series: Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, the Vikings, the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age, and the Shang Dynasty

Sales Points

- A question and answer format is an ideal way to develop enquiry skills while studying a range of historical periods.
- Full of facts and information about the food, clothes, battles, buildings and the general way of life for people in the past.

Summary of Contents

Who were the Maya?; / What did Mayan farmers grow?; / How many city-states were there?; / Who ruled the Maya?; / Who were the Mayan gods?; / Why did the Maya build pyramids?; / What was Mayan writing like?; / Why did the Maya stargaze?; / How did the Maya dress?; / What art did the Maya make?; / What did Mayan merchants trade?; / What happened to the Maya?; / What to do next; / Glossary; / Find out more; / Index;

Author Biography

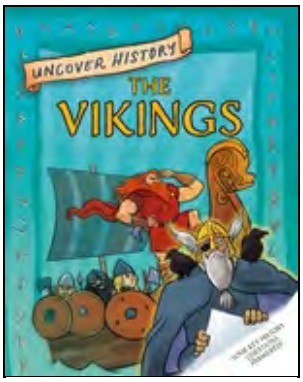
Clare specializes in non-fiction books for children of pre- and primary school age. Her favourite subjects are animals, history, art and culture. She has been shortlisted for the prestigious Aventis Junior Science Prize, and won a dozen Practical Pre-School Gold Awards. When she's not writing, Clare likes spending time with her family, taking long walks, going to the theatre and watching contemporary dance - her favourite dancer is Akram Khan.

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CBMC	**D5N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**12mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Uncover History**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Uncover History: The Vikings

Clare Hibbert

Keynote

Uncover history and see how people lived during Viking times with this fun, humorous guide

Description

Uncover History and find out about Viking times with this fun and humorous guide.

Who were the Vikings? Read about where they came from, the lands they invaded and settled in and their daily lives. Find out about their trading, longships and intricate craftwork. Find out the answer to questions such as 'were the Vikings good at fighting?', 'what was it like on board a Viking boat?' and 'who were the Viking gods?'

Using fun, humorous illustrations, this book tells the story of Viking people, leaders and gods and offers an insight into the daily life of ordinary Vikings.

Ideally suited for readers age 8+

Read the other titles in the series: Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, the Maya, the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age, and the Shang Dynasty

Sales Points

- A question and answer format is an ideal way to develop enquiry skills while studying a range of historical periods.
- Full of facts and information about the food, clothes, battles, buildings and the general way of life for people in the past.

Summary of Contents

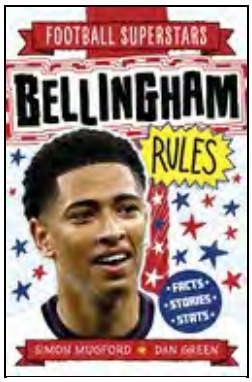
Who were the Vikings; / Why did the Vikings travel so much?; / Who were the Viking leaders?; / Why were the Vikings good at fighting?; / What were Viking farms like?; / What were Viking towns like?; / What was it like on board a Viking boat?; / What did the Vikings eat and drink?; / What did Vikings do for fun?; / Who were the Viking gods?; / What art did the Vikings make?; / What happened to the Vikings?; / What to do next; / Glossary; / Find out more; / Index;

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BIC 2.1	**Football / soccer (Children's / Teenage) (YNWA)** **People & places (Children's / Teenage) (YNM)** **Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**128 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**B&W illus**
Series	**Football Superstars**
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Football Superstars: Bellingham Rules

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

Fully illustrated, unofficial story of England and Real Madrid star Jude Bellingham. The *Football Superstars* series is aimed at building a love of reading from a young age, especially among reluctant readers

Description

Is Jude Bellingham your ultimate football hero? The 20-year-old midfielder has been taking the soccer world by storm, building a reputation in the German Bundesliga and making his England debut at just 17. He is now playing his club football at Real Madrid, the most prestigious club in world football, where he has quickly become a fan-favourite. *Bellingham Rules* tells his inspiring story so far, featuring lots of fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

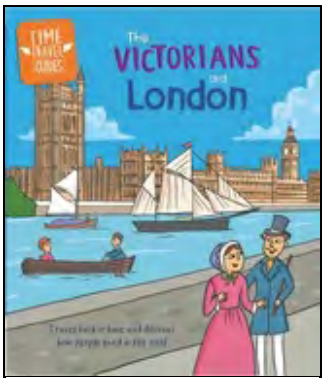
Sales Points

- 1. The successful *Football Superstars* series presents Jude Bellingham's rise to the top using Dan Green's action-packed, comic artwork and Simon Mugford's fun storytelling skills - ideal for reluctant readers.
- The narrative is relatable and inspirational for young fans, and covers the biggest moments in Bellingham's career to date, including his amazing performances for England and his move to Real Madrid in 2023, where he is playing the best-ever football.
- Currently regarded as one of the world's best footballers, Bellignham is the player that most kids want to emulate. After a run of top-class performances, the Spanish media recently compared him to the legend Diego Maradona.
- Bellingham is the current poster boy of English football and one of the most marketable players around. He signed a $3m sponsorship deal with adidas in 2023. He also signed a $15m-a-year deal to promote Qatar around the time of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. His talent, marketability and growing success has the potential to make him a global celebrity.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)
Simon once worked at the Science Museum in London, where he flew paper aeroplanes and made giant bubbles for children. Now he writes and edits books about things like dinosaurs, ice hockey, thunderstorms and llamas. He lives in Kent with his wife and daughter, a cat and two tortoises.

Dan Green (Illustrator)
Dan Green has drawn silly pictures since he could hold a crayon. Then he grew up and started making books about stuff like trucks, space, people's jobs, Doctor Who and Star Wars. Dan lives in Suffolk with his wife, son, daughter and dog that takes him for very long walks.



Time Travel Guides: The Victorians and London

Tim Cooke

Keynote

Step back in time to discover life in London during the reign of Queen Victoria with this handy time travel guidebook

Description

Step back in time to discover life in London during the reign of Queen Victoria with this handy time travel guidebook

Travel back in time to Victorian London and find out all about life and culture there. Get ready to visit a cotton mill, drink coffee in one of new coffee houses and watch the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace!

Like modern travel guides, the books in this series highlight must-see features and explain local culture. Each highlighted destination contains an explanation of what took part in these areas, as well as a look at important artefacts found there providing a bigger picture of life in the past. Typical travel guide notes include, 'best time to visit', 'what to eat' and 'where to stay'. Perfect for the KS2 history curriculum, and for readers aged 7 and up.

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Stroll along the river
Victorian children
Health and medicine
Booming Britain
Time off
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The Stone Age and Skara Brae
Viking Britain and Jorvik
The Ancient Greeks and Athens
The Shang Dynasty and Yin
The Victorians and London
The Ancient Egyptians and Thebes

Sales Points

- Looks at key periods and civilisations from the history curriculum
- Focuses in on specific settlements that are often used within class-based study
- Styled as fun travel guides, with advice on must-see places to visit, what to eat and when to visit

Summary of Contents

London / Putting London on the map / Out and about / Victorian homes / Christmas / The East End / Stroll along the river / Victorian children / Health and medicine / Booming Britain / Time off / Buckingham Palace / Visit quick! / Glossary / Further information / Index

Author Biography

Tim Cooke is a graduate of Oxford University. He has worked in children's publishing for over 20 years, and has written or contributed to dozens of books on a wide range of subjects. Among his publications as writer or editor are numerous sets about military history, particularly the American Revolution, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Vietnam War. He has also written extensively about general history, both ancient and modern.

Publication date	**Thursday, July 25, 2024**
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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**226x192**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Time Travel Guides**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**210x190**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Simple Technology**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles
Levers
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Simple Technology: Slopes

Liz Lennon (Illustrated By Ellie O'Shea)

Keynote

Find out about the science of how slopes and wedges work with fun illustrations and simple diagrams

Description

Explore the science of slopes and wedges, which are key physical science concepts. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way. For children progressing through book bands, it is suitable for children at Book Band 6: Orange.

The book is part of the *Simple Technology* series for children aged 5+, which is perfect for Science and Design and Technology learning. Titles in the series:
Levers
Pulleys
Slopes
Wheels

Sales Points

- A great resource for KS1 Design and Technology learning, where children learn to make simple machines using technology such as levers, pulleys, wheels and slopes
- The book encourages children to look at the human-constructed world around them and think about how things work
- The illustrations add fun and humour to the topic

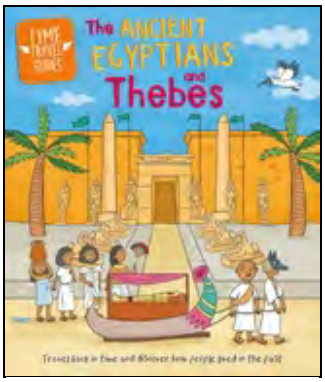
Summary of Contents

What is a slope? / Effort and slopes / Gentle or steep? / Going down / Slope experiment / Helping us / Fun ramps / Screws / Using screws / Wedges / Doorstopper / Wedges in nature / Slopes in the past / Useful words / Index

Author Biography

Liz Lennon (Author)
Liz Lennon is a writer who specialises in children's non-fiction. She lives in Hertfordshire with her husband and young daughter, who is the best critic of her mum's work.

Ellie O'Shea (Illustrator)
Ellie is a coffee addict, an avid snowboarder and bad joke-teller. She completed her degree in Illustration in Plymouth and now lives in Worcester with her (equally bad joke-telling) boyfriend. They both love lazy Sundays watching cartoons all day, Ellie's biggest inspiration for drawing! She has always loved watching cartoons and when she was around 8 she decided, "Hey, I want to draw like that!" So she picked up her pencil, and here we are. Ellie loves writing and illustrating children's books, starting with scribbles before drawing and colouring up in Illustrator and Photoshop. When she's not doodling or drinking coffee, you will usually find her shopping for makeup, binge-watching cartoons or watching pug videos online. "Yes, I am an adult, why do you ask?"



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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
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Time Travel Guides: Ancient Egyptians and Thebes

Sarah Ridley

Keynote

Explore the past and discover life in the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes with this time travel guidebook

Description

Travel back in time to the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes and find out all about ancient Egyptian life and culture.

Travel back in time to Thebes and find out all about life and culture there. Sail down the River Nile, visit the awe-inspiring pyramids and temple complex at Karnak and Luxor and join in the fun at a festival!

Like modern travel guides, the books in this series highlight must-see features and explain local culture. Each highlighted destination contains an explanation of what took part in these areas, as well as a look at important artefacts found there providing a bigger picture of life in the past. Typical travel guide notes include, 'best time to visit', 'what to eat' and 'where to stay'. Perfect for the KS2 history curriculum, and for readers aged 7 and up.

Contents:
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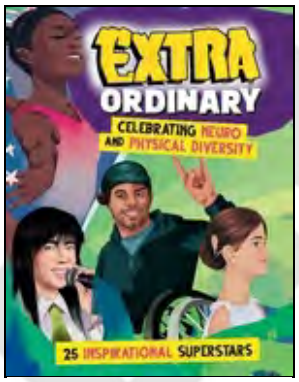
- Looks at key periods and civilisations from the history curriculum
- Focuses in on specific settlements that are often used within class-based study
- Illustrated maps highlight key areas to visit

Summary of Contents

Thebes / Putting Thebes on the Map / Sail Down the Nile / Stop Off at the Pyramids / Where To Stay / Dress Like An Ancient Egyptian / A Quick Guide To Gods and Goddesses / Visit Some Temples / Go To a Festival / Death and Mummies / Watch a Funeral Procession / Tutankhamun / Visit Quick! / Glossary / Further Information / Index

Author Biography

Sarah Ridley has an enduring interest in history, the natural world and many other topics which has made her work as an editor and writer of children's information books endlessly fascinating. Some of her books have been shortlisted or longlisted for information book awards, including *Dear Jelly Family Letters from the First World War* and *Suffragettes and the Fight for the Vote*. Sarah lives in Colchester with her husband and her student daughter's guinea pigs.



EXTRA-Ordinary

Alicia Williamson (Illustrated By Violet Tobacco)

Keynote

Inspirational stories of famous folk who didn't let society's reaction to their mental and physical differences hold them back!

Description

Be inspired by these stories of famous neurodiverse and disabled famous people who managed to overcome the boundaries set by society and become successful in all sorts of fields. In a world where mental and physical differences can be a barrier to success, these stars never gave up and forged their own unique path.
Many of these names are familiar, but you might not have realised that they all had their own challenges to overcome. Famous people such as Simone Biles haven't let anxiety stop them from achieving. Stars like Billie Eilish, who has Tourette's, and Millie Bobbie Brown, who has partial hearing loss, are also included. And the book includes many celebrities who have physical differences, all of whom have become super successful in their fields. Together, they show that no matter the challenges that society throws out, there's nothing that can't be overcome!

Sales Points

- An accessible way into talking about mental and physical difference
- Full of life-affirming, positive stories about famous people who overcame barriers to success
- Features original art of recognisable stars from films, TV, politics, art, and more

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Age	**7-9 years**
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Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
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BIC 2.1	**General fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFB)** **Television & film (Children's / Teenage) (YNF)**
CBMC	**B3N68**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Character**
Tie In	**TV / Film Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**192 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex ANZ); Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**ANZ; Can; USA**

Despicable Me 4 Story of the Movie

Despicable Me

Keynote

Gru, Lucy and their girls are back in a brand-new adventure in this fun novelisation of the action-packed *Despicable Me 4*.

Description

Gru, Lucy and their girls are back in a brand-new adventure in this fun novelisation of the action-packed *Despicable Me 4*.

Gru, Lucy, Margo, Edith and Agnes welcome a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad. However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru. When the family is forced to go on the run, is there anything Gru can do to restore peace?

Sales Points

- *Minions and Despicable Me* Franchise is a global phenomenon with over $1 billion in sales of consumer products in the UK and Ireland since 2010.
- Popular toy line including dolls, puzzles and activity sets
- Anticipated movie release date: October 2023
- The Minions franchise is the biggest animated movie franchise of all time, having made £160 million at the UK box office and over £4 million in DVD sales
- The franchise has 41+ million followers across social media with 87% UK brand awareness and 64% fanship

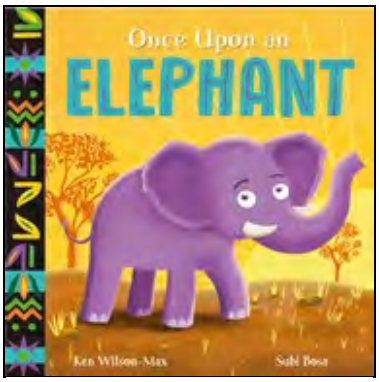
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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Africa**
Author born in	**Zimbabwe**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles

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African Stories: Once Upon an Elephant

Ken Wilson-Max (Illustrated By Subi Bosa)

Keynote

Inspired by traditional African stories, find out WHY Elephant has a long trunk in this vibrant animal adventure!

Description

Inspired by traditional animal stories from Africa, find out WHY Elephant has a long trunk!

Once upon a time, Elephant had a short stumpy nose. Until he had a TUG-OF-WAR with a hungry crocodile that lasted for hours and hours!

A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones. Written by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max and illustrated by Subi Bosa.

Also available in African Stories series: *Once Upon a Zebra, Once Upon a Lion, Once Upon a Giraffe* and *Once Upon a Hippo.*

Sales Points

- Inspired by traditional African tales, find out WHY animals came to be the way they are today
- Authentic stories told with wit and charm by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max who was born and raised in Zimbabwe
- Vibrant, commerical artwork by Subi Bosa who lives in South Africa
- Five books in this exciting new series - Lion, Giraffe, Hippo, Elephant and Zebra
- With overall themes of friendship and community

Author Biography

Ken Wilson-Max (Author)
Ken Wilson-Max is an award-winning author, illustrator and publisher of children's books. He was born and raised in Zimbabwe. He trained to be a graphic designer in Zimbabwe before coming to the UK. He now lives in London.

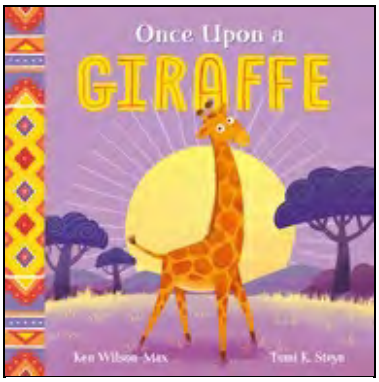
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Ken has over 70 children's books published by over 15 international publishers in many languages worldwide.

Subi Bosa (Illustrator)
Throughout his life in South Africa, Subi has been known for drawing fun pictures and comics. After studying Architecture he realised his passion was in illustration and became a freelancer, working with authors worldwide while studying graphic design at the Academy of Digital Arts in Cape Town. In 2020, Subi was awarded a Mo Siewcharran Publisher's Prize for Illustration. Subi lives in Cape Town, South Africa, producing picture books, comics and graphic novels.

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African Stories: Once Upon a Giraffe

Ken Wilson-Max (Illustrated By Tumi K Steyn)

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CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
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Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**African Stories**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Africa**
Author born in	**Zimbabwe**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles

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TUMI: You Are a Wish, The Day the Dragon Came

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Keynote

Inspired by traditional African stories, find out WHY Giraffe has a long neck in this vibrant animal adventure!

Description

Inspired by traditional animal stories from Africa, find out WHY Giraffe has a long neck.

Once upon a time, Giraffe's neck was quite short. Until the hartebeests wouldn't share their lunch, so Giraffe had to STRETCH to reach the juiciest leaves!

A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones. Written by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max and illustrated by Tumi Steyn.

Other titles in the African Stories series: *Once Upon a Lion, Once Upon a Zebra, Once Upon an Elephant* and *Once Upon a Hippo.*

Sales Points

- Find out WHY Giraffe has a long neck!
- Inspired by traditional African tales, find out WHY animals came to be the way they are today
- Authentic stories told with wit and charm by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max who was born and raised in Zimbabwe
- Vibrant, commerical artwork by Tumi Steyn who lives in Johannesburg
- With overall themes of friendship and community

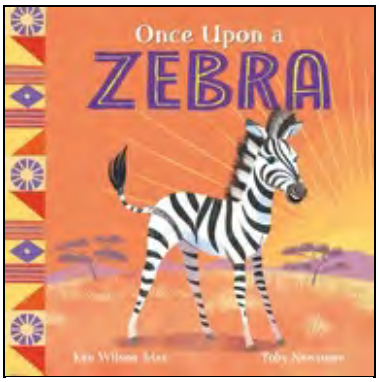
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Tumi Katrien Steyn (Illustrator)
Tumi K Steyn is a self taught artist who lives in Johannesburg, South Africa. She enjoys reading and collecting picture books; and delights in dreaming up new characters.



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Price	**£7.99/Rs.599**
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BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP)** **Africa (1H)** **For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)** **Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**African Stories**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Africa**
Author born in	**Zimbabwe**
Author living in	**London**

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African Stories: Once Upon a Zebra

Ken Wilson-Max (Illustrated By Toby Newsome)

Keynote

Inspired by traditional African stories, find out WHY Zebra has stripes in this vibrant animal adventure!

Description

Inspired by traditional animal stories from Africa, find out WHY Zebra has stripes!

Once upon a time, Zebra was white all over. Until he went HEAD-TO-HEAD with a big, angry baboon and became the stripy zebra we know today!

A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones. Written by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max and illustrated by Toby Newsome.

Also available in the African Stories series: *Once Upon an Elephant, Once Upon a Lion, Once Upon a Giraffe* and *Once Upon a Hippo.*

Sales Points

- A vibrant animal adventure about WHY Zebra has stripes!
- Inspired by traditional African tales, find out WHY animals came to be the way they are today
- Authentic stories told with wit and charm by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max who was born and raised in Zimbabwe
- Vibrant, commerical artwork by the award-winning Toby Newsome who lives in Cape Town
- Five books in this exciting new series - Lion, Giraffe, Hippo, Elephant and Zebra

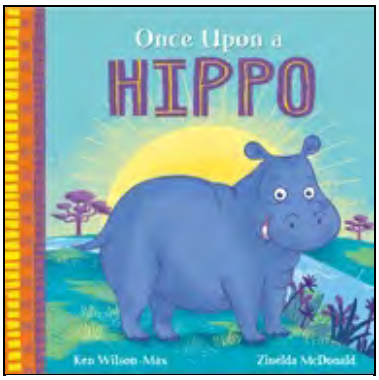
Author Biography

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Toby Newsome (Illustrator)
Toby Newsome is an award-winning illustrator working in Cape Town, South Africa. He has worked for some of the leading publishers and advertising agencies in South Africa and abroad. Toby was selected to take part in the 2017 Chen Bochui International Children's Literature Award Exhibition in Shanghai. His book, *Grandma's List* written by Portia Dery and published by African Bureau won the 2018 Children's Africana Book Award in the USA.



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BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP)** **Africa (1H)** **For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)** **Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**African Stories**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Africa**
Author born in	**Zimbabwe**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles

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ZINELDA MCDONALD: Let's Play, We Are One, I Am You, Pumpkin Finds Her Queen, Pumpkin Finds Her Beat

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African Stories: Once Upon a Hippo

Ken Wilson-Max (Illustrated By Zinelda McDonald)

Keynote

Inspired by traditional African stories, find out WHY Hippo has no fur in this vibrant animal adventure!

Description

Inspired by traditional animal stories from Africa, find out WHY Hippo has no fur!

Once upon a time, Hippo had lots and lots of hair. Until, one very hot day, a SPARK from the campfire catches the end of her hairy tail!

A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones. Written by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max and illustrated by Zinelda McDonald.

Also available in the African Stories series: *Once Upon an Elephant, Once Upon a Lion, Once Upon a Giraffe* and *Once Upon a Zebra.*

Sales Points

- Find out WHY Hippo has no fur!
- Inspired by traditional African tales, find out WHY animals came to be the way they are today
- Authentic stories told with wit and charm by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max who was born and raised in Zimbabwe
- Vibrant, commerical artwork by Zinelda McDonald who lives in Wellington, South Africa
- Five books in this exciting new series - Lion, Giraffe, Hippo, Elephant and Zebra

Author Biography

Ken Wilson-Max (Author)
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Ken has over 70 children's books published by over 15 international publishers in many languages worldwide.

Zinelda McDonald (Illustrator)
Zinelda McDonald is an award-winning South African illustrator who lives in Wellington in the Western Cape of South Africa. She has illustrated numerous children's books and is also a well-known designer and illustrator of children's book covers. Awards for her work include the Alba Bouwer Prize and the Exclusive Books IBBY SA Award.



DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse: MerCat's Mermaid Adventure

Official Gabby's Dollhouse

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CBMC	**A3M68**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Character**
Tie In	**TV / Film Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse**
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Not for Sale	**ANZ; Can; USA**

Previous Titles

Gabby's Dollhouse series publishing 2023-2024:

Picture books:
- *The Sparkliest Day of the Year*
- *A Fairy-tastic Sleepover*
- *The Gabby Cats Save the Day*
- *The Easter Kitty Bunny*
- *Merry Christmas, Gabby Cats*

Activity books:
- *Crafty-rific Sticker Activity Book*

Keynote

Grab your cat ears and join Gabby, Pandy Paws and their dollhouse friends for a mermaid adventure in the book series based on the top-ranking Netflix preschool show and bestselling toy range, Gabby's Dollhouse!

Description

All aboard the mermaid cruise ship! Gabby Girl and Pandy Paws set sail with MerCat and their friends for an adventure at sea.

Join the friends as they get crafty making mermaid crowns, kitty mermaid treats and even get their very own mermaid fins! Will the Gabby Cats get to put their new tails to the test and go for a swim?

Featuring the main themes of Gabby's Dollhouse including crafting, kindness and friendship, this mermaid adventure is sure to delight readers and fans of the show!

Based on an episode of the top-ranking Netflix preschool show.

Sales Points

- Top-rated preschool show with 6 seasons on Netflix and free-to-air on Tiny Pop - with more seasons coming soon!
- 370+ million global views on YouTube; 20 million music content downloads; 9 million app downloads
- Ranked in the top 5 preschool brands and is the #3 fastest growing brand in the UK since launch
- Top-selling toy range from SpinMaster; *Adventures with Gabby's Dollhouse* magazine also available (Signature Publishing)
- Promotes imagination, crafting, kindness and friendship

Author Biography

DreamWorks' **Gabby's Dollhouse** is a top-rated Netflix preschool show full of imagination, kindness and friendship. Gabby uses her kitty ears to get tiny and join her friends on a-meow-zing adventures in the dollhouse.

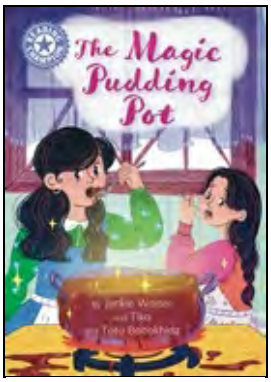
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Reading Champion: The Magic Pudding Pot Independent reading Purple 8

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Tika and Tata Bobokhidze)

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EAN\ISBN-13	**9781445190853**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: English language: readers & reading schemes (YQCR) Traditional stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFJ) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B3N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**210x148**
Extent	**24 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Reading Champion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands to encourage independent reading skills, developed with Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)

Description

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Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds.

Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

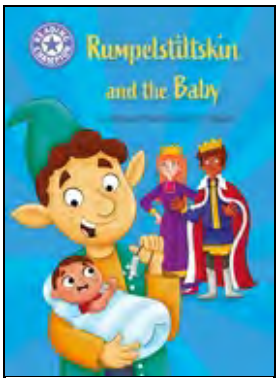
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Reading Champion: Rumpelstiltskin and the baby Independent Reading Purple 8

Damian Harvey (Illustrated By Tom Heard)

Keynote

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Sales Points

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- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

Author Biography

Damian Harvey lives in North Wales with his lovely wife, Vicky. He has three wonderful daughters, one brilliant boy and a cat called Polly. He has written more than 130 books for primary school aged children and is busy writing more. When he isn't writing, Damian loves visiting schools, libraries, bookshops, festivals and anywhere that will have him, where he shares stories, talks about writing and gets people excited about books and reading. You can find out more about Damian by visiting http://www.damianharvey.co.uk and follow him on Twitter @damianjharvey

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CBMC	**B3N79**
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Reading Champion: The Beast and Beauty Independent Reading Gold 9

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Ma Pe)

Keynote

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In this twist on the original fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast*, the Beast tells his side of the story.

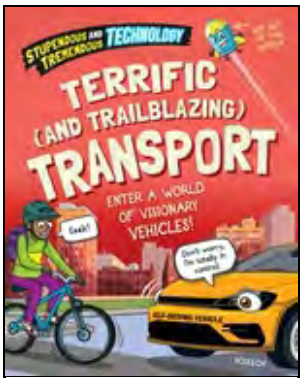
Sales Points

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- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)
Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

Ma Pe (Illustrator)
Ma Pe is an Italian cartoonist and illustrator. She started drawing as a child. She tried to devote herself to other things, but the love for drawing was too strong. She loves cats (for now she only has two, but there are always more) and flowers, and both elements are never missing from her illustrations. Although she always wears black, she has an inordinate passion for pink.
She has been working in the world of illustration since 2019.



Stupendous and Tremendous Technology: Terrific and Trailblazing Transport

Claudia Martin

Publication date	**Thursday, July 11, 2024**
Price	**£8.99/Rs.699**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781526316264**
BIC 2.1	**Transport (Children's / Teenage) (YNTR)** **For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)** **Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)**
CBMC	**D5N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**8mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Stupendous and Tremendous Technology**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Clever and Crafty Computers: 9781526316011
Mega and Mighty Machines: 9781526316059
Remarkable and Roving Robots: 9781526316080
Terrific and Trailblazing Transport: 9781526316134

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Keynote
Core technology topics are explored through an entertaining mix of facts, photos and artwork

Description
Welcome to the jet-set world of transport with this fast-fact-packed exploration of ways to travel. It's the perfect way for children aged 9 plus to brush up on their S.T.E.M. stats and cement what they have learned in class with this fun book.

Transport explores the most interesting, incredible and awe-inspiring facts about all kinds of transport in bite-sized chunks of text, so readers won't be overwhelmed with information. Funny illustrations and photos are designed to hold their interest, and help them engage with S.T.E.M. topics.

Transport takes a look at the early forms of transport and the invention of the wheel, bicycles, trains, planes, cars, rockets and more! There is also a fun activity to design your own machine of the future for budding STEMsters to try out!

The *Stupendous and Tremendous Technology* series is ideal for all children aged 9+ who are studying S.T.E.M. topics at school or who simply have a fascination with how things work. It covers all the core topics in a fun and accessible way.

Title in the series:
Clever and Crafty Computers
Mega and Mighty Machines
Remarkable and Roving Robots
Terrific and Trailblazing Transport

Also available is *Stupendous and Tremendous Science:*
Ecstatic and Excellent Energy
Happy and Healthy Human Body
Powerful and Pongy Plants
Soaring and Spectacular Space

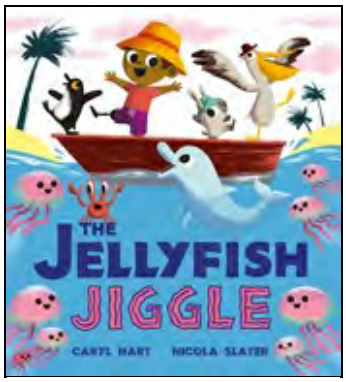
Sales Points
- A mix of humorous photos and illustrations, accompanied by bite-sized chunks of text, helps to engage the reader
- Includes a practical activity at the back of the book
- Part of an extended series of books where each series looks at a S.T.E.M. discipline

Summary of Contents
Getting moving / Brilliant bikes! / Steaming ahead / Cool cars / Driving into the future / No wheels! / Terrific trains / Sail away! / Diving deep / Up in the air / Powerful planes / Spectacular spacecraft / Astonishing activity: Design a vehicle / Glossary / Further reading / Index

Author Biography
Claudia Martin has worked in book publishing for 17 years. She is the author of several books and websites for children and young people. Her favourite subjects are history, current affairs and technology.

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The Jellyfish Jiggle

Caryl Hart (Illustrated By Nicola Slater)

Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
Price	**£7.99/Rs.599**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781408366554**
BIC 2.1	**Early learning: verse & rhymes (YBLB1)** **Poetry (Children's / Teenage) (YDP)** **For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)** **Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)** **Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **Early learning: rhyming & wordplay books (YBLB)** **Wildlife (Children's / Teenage) (YNNR)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**275x250**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Sheffield**

Previous Titles
Safari Stomp

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Keynote

Prepare to **scuttle, swim, wiggle** and **jiggle** in this delightful seaside rhyming story that will get children reading and moving along! From award-winning creators Caryl Hart and Nicola Slater.

Description

Get ready to scuttle, swim, wiggle and jiggle in this delightful rhyming story which gets children reading and moving along!

When we were at the beach today, a little crab came by.
"Come scuttle with me," said the crab. "Scuttling's fun, let's try!"

Whirl and wiggle! Whirl and wiggle!
Let's SCUTTLE and SNAP to the Jellyfish Jiggle!

Learn to move like your seaside friends at the beach and under water! Dive with the penguin, rock the pelican's boat and wiggle, jiggle and giggle with the jellyfish! Everyone can join the fun in or out of the water!

Features a main character with a prosthetic limb showing all the fun exercise moves.

This fantastic water-themed story from Caryl Hart and Nicola Slater, the duo behind *The Safari Stomp*, is perfect for getting little ones excited about swimming.

Sales Points

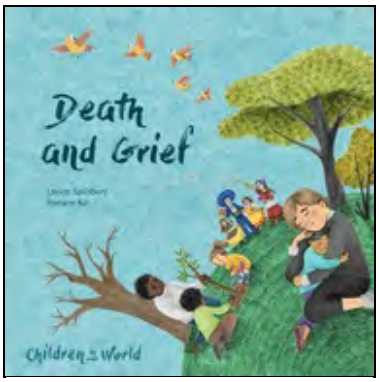
- A joyful rhyming underwater follow-up to The Safari Stomp, with an equally fun active element to it, from bestselling author Caryl Hart and award-winning illustrator Nicola Slater
- Get little ones excited about swimming with an introduction to animals that live in and by the sea
- Includes fun and safe exercises to mirror (in or out of the water) which they can do to keep active without even knowing that they are
  - Scuttling like a crab
  - Diving (arms above head and bending knees movement)
  - Swimming (arms out/breaststroke movement)
  - Tipping side to side with arms stretched out
  - Wiggling
- Features a main character with a prosthetic limb showing all the exercise moves

Author Biography

Caryl Hart (Author)
Caryl Hart is an award-winning children's author who writes picture books and young fiction. She runs creative literacy workshops for schools, libraries, communities and festivals. *The Girl who Planted Trees* won Teach Early Years' Best Picture Book Award, 2022 and was chosen as one of the best books of 2022 by the U.K Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho.
Meet the Oceans was one of Waterstones' Best Books for Babies and Toddlers and Books for Topics' Best EYFS Curriculum Support in 2021, and *Girls Can Do Anything* was shortlisted for the Independent Bookshop Week Book Award in 2019.
Her best-selling *Princess* series has sold over a quarter of a million copies, and her books are published in numerous languages all over the world.
Caryl lives in Sheffield with her family and loves walking in the hills, cycling and wild swimming.

Nicola Slater (Illustrator)
Nicola Slater has been an illustrator for over 15 years. She has worked extensively in advertising, web and print with clients including Eurostar, Aviva and *The Times*. She has produced a broad array of picture books and fiction covers, including the hugely successful 'Princess Diaries' and the classic Enid Blyton series 'Malory Towers'.

Nicola Lives in Manchester with her partner and son, with the occasional appearance of an ill-tempered cat.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 25, 2024**
Price	**£8.99/Rs.699**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781526321787**
BIC 2.1	**Personal & social issues: death & bereavement (Children's / Teenage) (YXG) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**220x220**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Children in Our World**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Children in Our World: Death and Grief

Louise Spilsbury (Illustrated By Hanane Kai)

Keynote

A beautifully illustrated picture book that sensitively explores death and grief in an appropriate manner for children

Description

This beautifully illustrated picture book about death and grief is a compassionate and informative book that helps young children navigate the complexities of loss. With gentle language and relatable examples, this fact-filled guide sensitively explores death, grief and coping strategies and is useful guide to share either with a child who has experienced loss, or with a child who simply has questions about this difficult topic.

The *Children in Our World* picture book series helps children make sense of the larger issues and crises that dominate the news in a sensitive and appropriate manner. With relatable comparisons, carefully researched text and striking illustrations, children can begin to understand why people have different cultures, what are customs and traditions and why understanding people from other cultures is important.

Where issues aren't appropriate to describe in words, Hanane Kai's striking and sensitive illustrations help children visualise the issues with images that are suited to their age.

Sales Points

- Large issues and serious topics explained in a straightforward and appropriate manner for young children
- Illustrated by award-winning Lebanese artist Hanae Kai, who creates beautiful throught-provoking illustrations
- Age appropriate content for children to learn about larger issues in a safe environment

Summary of Contents

What is Death? / When Do People Die? / What Happens After Someone Dies? / Funerals / Burial, Cremation and Reincarnation / How People Grieve / Talking about Death / Remembering Loved Ones / Coping With Grief / Find Out More / Glossary / Index

Author Biography

Louise Spilsbury (Author)
Award-winning author Louise Spilsbury, who also writes under the name Louise Kay Stewart, has written over 250 books for young people on a wide range of exciting subjects. She loves writing children's books as it gives her the chance to keep learning about new stuff. She lives and works near the coast in South Devon and loves to walk on the beach and swim in the sea after work. Louise won The English Association Margaret Mallett Award for Children's Non-Fiction 2019 for *Rebel Voices: the rise of votes for women*.

Hanane Kai (Illustrator)
Hanane is obsessed with colours, textures and lighting. What she loves doing the most is creating worlds where the tactile melts with the digital. Her favourite colour is turquoise, and Hanane loves tea, cooking, and gardening - she dreams of a turquoise plant.

Based in Lebanon, Hanane first ventured off as a Graphic Designer (with a BA degree from NDU), then pursued her passion for illustration, photography and miniature set design. She expresses herself through the visuals she creates, and hopes with every illustration to touch her audience, leaving them with a certain feeling or message. In 2016, *Tongue Twisters,* written by Fatima Sharafeddine and illustrated by Hanane Kai, won the prestigious Bologna Ragazzi New Horizons award, which celebrates excellence in children's publishing in developing countries.

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CBMC	**B3N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**210x148**
Extent	**24 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Reading Champion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

The Beast and Beauty, 9781445191003
Felix and the Pied Piper, 9781445191065
Gerda's Journey, 9781445191096
Mole and Thumbelina, 9781445191126
The Nightingale and the Emperor, 9781445191157

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Reading Champion: Dear Cinderella Independent Reading Gold 9

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Holly Bushnell)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands to encourage independent reading skills, developed with Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)

Description

This story is part of Reading Champion, a series carefully linked to book bands to encourage independent reading skills, developed with Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)

Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds.

In this twist on the original fairy tale *Cinderella*, the stepsisters write to Cinderella to say sorry for being unkind. Will she forgive them?

Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

Author Biography

Sue Graves (Author)
Sue Graves has been a freelance children's author for more than 17 years. She has written over two hundred books for children from pre-school up to 15+ years. She writes fiction and non-fiction, plays and poetry across the age ranges.

Sue loves reading all sorts of books and is at her happiest when she has a book in her hand. She also loves painting in watercolours, playing tennis and badminton and going for long walks in the country with her husband and children.

Holly Bushnell (Illustrator)
Holly is an illustrator and mural artist living near the sea in Liverpool, UK. She has always loved children's books and thinks they can be enjoyed by everyone, not just children. Holly has a masters degree in Illustration but has also worked as a bookshop assistant and barista (a fancy name for someone who makes coffee). Holly is vegetarian and loves animals - her favourite animals include cats, dogs and hedgehogs.



Reading Champion: Hare and Tortoise Have a Race Independent Reading Green 5

Katie Woolley (Illustrated By Marcin Poludniak)

Publication date	**Thursday, July 25, 2024**
Price	**£6.99/Rs.550**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781445189277**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: English language: readers & reading schemes (YQCR) Traditional stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFJ) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B3N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**210x148**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**24 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Reading Champion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

The Enormous Potato, 9781445189192
The Bear who Cried Wolf, 9781445189215
The Pirates' Three Wishes, 9781445189239
The Tiger and the Monkey, 9781445189291
The Big, Hungry Pancake, 9781445189314

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Keynote

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Description

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Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds.

In this twist on the traditional Aesop fable *The Hare and the Tortoise*, Hare and Tortoise decide to have a race. Hare has a fast car and Tortoise has a slow bike. Hare is sure he will win!

Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

Author Biography

Katie Woolley (Author)
Katie Woolley is a creative and versatile editor and writer who has worked on children's books for all age levels, from board books, novelty books and picture books to non fiction, licensed publishing and educational books and apps. Katie has more than 10 years' publishing experience; she has written, commissioned, edited and project managed a variety of titles for some of the biggest children's publishers, such as Ladybird Books and Hachette Children's Books.

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Subject	**Fiction**
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Reading Champion: The Pirates' Three Wishes Independent Reading Green 5

Katie Woolley (Illustrated By Valentina Bandera)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands to encourage independent reading skills, developed with Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)

Description

This story is part of Reading Champion, a series carefully linked to book bands to encourage independent reading skills, developed with Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)

Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds.

In this twist on the traditional tale *The Three Wishes*, two pirates receive three wishes from a fairy, but they do not use them wisely.

Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
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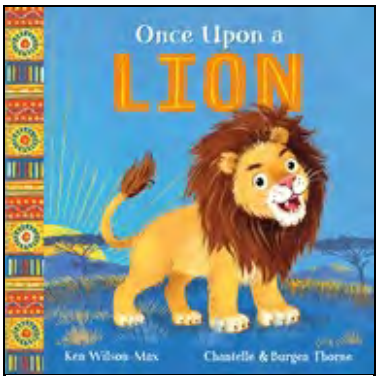
Author Biography

Katie Woolley (Author)
Katie Woolley is a creative and versatile editor and writer who has worked on children's books for all age levels, from board books, novelty books and picture books to non fiction, licensed publishing and educational books and apps. Katie has more than 10 years' publishing experience; she has written, commissioned, edited and project managed a variety of titles for some of the biggest children's publishers, such as Ladybird Books and Hachette Children's Books.

Valentina Bandera (Illustrator)
Valentina was born in 1980.
Since her childhood she has loved drawing with pencils and she is a cartoon lover with great interest
in arts and illustrations.
She loves trying new tools and new techniques.
Her website |entART| promotes all her creative services showing a collection of colour illustrations with various themes and subjects.
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BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP)** **Africa (1H)** **For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)** **Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**African Stories**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Africa**
Author born in	**Zimbabwe**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles

KEN: Eco Girl, Astro Girl, Where's Lenny? Lenny in the Garden, Lenny & Wilbur, Lenny Goes to Nursery School, Lenny has Lunch, Max Paints the House, Baby Ruby Bawled, Max

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African Stories: Once Upon a Lion

Ken Wilson-Max (Illustrated By Chantelle and Burgen Thorne)

Keynote

Inspired by traditional African stories, find out WHY Lion roars! A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones.

Description

Inspired by traditional animal stories from Africa, find out WHY Lion roars!

Once upon a time, Lion hardly made any sound at all. Until he bit off more than he could chew with a prickly porcupine and found his ROAR!

A vibrant animal adventure perfect for curious little ones. Written by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max and illustrated by the multi award-winning Chantelle and Burgen Thorne.

Also available in the African Stories series: *Once Upon an Elephant, Once Upon a Zebra, Once Upon a Giraffe* and *Once Upon a Hippo.*

Sales Points

- A vibrant animal adventure about how Lion found his ROAR!
- Inspired by traditional African tales, find out WHY animals came to be the way they are today
- Authentic stories told with wit and charm by the award-winning Ken Wilson-Max who was born and raised in Zimbabwe
- Vibrant, commerical artwork by the multi-awarding team Chantelle and Burgen Thorne who live in South Africa
- Five books in this exciting new series - Lion, Giraffe, Hippo, Elephant and Zebra

Author Biography

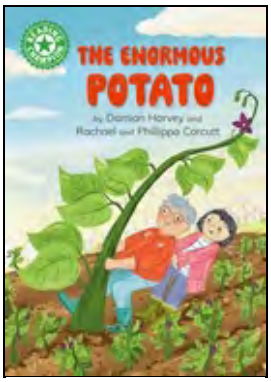
Ken Wilson-Max (Author)
Ken Wilson-Max is an award-winning author, illustrator and publisher of children's books. He was born and raised in Zimbabwe. He trained to be a graphic designer in Zimbabwe before coming to the UK. He now lives in London.

In 2020 his book, *Astro Girl,* won the STEAM award for early years picture books. *Where's Lenny?* was listed in 50 Best Culturally Diverse Children's Books by The Guardian and *Max Paints the* House is listed in 150 Important Children's Books by the African American Literature Book Club.

Ken has over 70 children's books published by over 15 international publishers in many languages worldwide.

Chantelle and Burgen Thorne (Illustrators)
Multi-award winning illustration team Chantelle and Burgen Thorne are eclectic bookworms who delight in the magic of stories. In the rolling green hills of their rural home, they spend their days creating children's book art... and sometimes writing a story or two themselves. As career illustrators, they learned to draw really, really fast and have become deft wielders of the digital brush. What they love about working digitally - no eraser mess, no waiting for paint to dry, and the infinite possibilities it offers.

They're at their happiest drawing kids' stories with a bit of humor and a ton of animals. When not at their desks, they can be found being towed around the countryside by their two girly dogs.



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Reading Champion: The Enormous Potato Independent Reading Green 5

Damian Harvey (Illustrated By Rachael and Phillippa Corcutt)

Keynote

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In this twist on the traditional tale *The Enormous Turnip*, Grandpa grows an enormous potato, and everyone will need to help him pull it up.

Sales Points

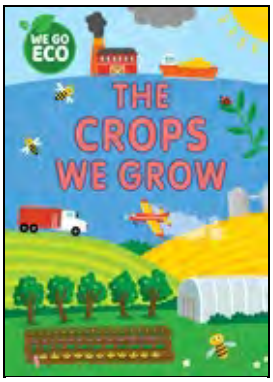
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Author Biography

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WE GO ECO: The Crops We Grow

Katie Woolley (Illustrated By Sophie Foster)

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Keynote

Guides to eco-friendly living and how the choices we make about crops and farming can help sustain Earth's future.

Description

Guides to eco-friendly living and how the choices we make can help sustain Earth's future.

In *The Crops We Grow, explore what crops are, how they are harvested and the effects on them from climate change. Discover fair farming and some of the measures being taken to ensure we can grow crops economically.*

The *We Go Eco* series is a child-friendly introduction to eco-living and understanding the world through the choices we make and the shared responsibilities we have. As well as scientific learning, "Go Eco" panels throughout the books make practical suggestions on what we can all do to help make a difference in our daily lives. An activist spread at the back of each book takes a look at inspiring young people from around the world who have already made a difference in a particular environmental theme.

Informative, approachable text is supported by buzzing, bold artwork - perfect for children aged 5-7 or those reading at book band 6 Orange.

Titles in the series:
The Journeys We Make
The Planet We Share
The Climate We Change
The Energy We Use
The Crops We Grow
The Food We Eat
The Cities We Live In
The Homes We Build
The Animals We Save
The Things We Recycle

Sales Points

- Scientific learning combines with social responsibility and citizenship
- Introduces environmental themes in a child-friendly way
- Features fun 'Go Eco' panels with practical suggestions on how we can all help make a difference in our daily lives
- Each book also contains a spread on inspirational young activists from around the world

Summary of Contents

What are crops / How do crops grow? / Farming today / Climate change / Farming and wildlife / Plan your planting / Healthy, happy crops! / Watering / Harvesting / Fair farming / What can we do to help? / Become an eco warrior / Earth Activitst: John Paul Jose

Author Biography

Katie Woolley is a creative and versatile editor and writer who has worked on children's books for all age levels, from board books, novelty books and picture books to non fiction, licensed publishing and educational books and apps. Katie has more than 10 years' publishing experience; she has written, commissioned, edited and project managed a variety of titles for some of the biggest children's publishers, such as Ladybird Books and Hachette Children's Books.

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Keynote

Guides to eco-friendly living and how reusing and recycling can help sustain Earth's future.

Description

Guides to eco-friendly living and how the choices we make can help sustain Earth's future.

In *The Things We Recycle.*, learn about the effects of litter, pollution and waste on our planet and the ingenuis ideas for reuse and recycling. Discover how everyday materials like glass, metals, plastic and paper can be made into new prodcuts and how we can reduce the impact of waste on the planet.

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A lot of rubbish / What is recycling? / How are things recycled? / Paper / Glass / Metal / Plastic / Plastic in the wild / Clothes and toys / Upcycling / What can we do at home? / Become an eco warrior / Earth activist: Lilly Platt

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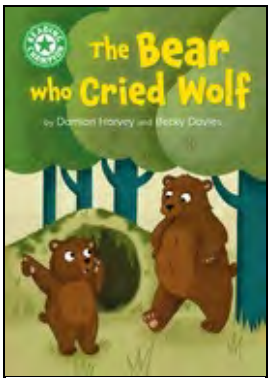
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In this twist on the traditional Aesop fable *The Boy who Cried Wolf*, Baby Bear is bored waiting for his mother to return and decides to trick her by pretending a wolf has come...

Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
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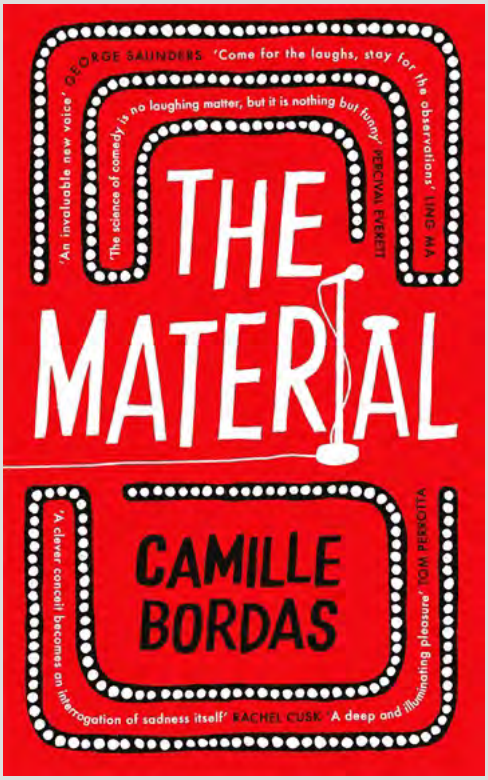
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REVIEWS

'A novel about an MFA program for stand-up comics better be damned funny, and *The Material* is definitely that. It's also profound, deeply engrossing, dark and generous, a great novel about humans making art right now' - Sam Lipsyte

'The comedian as the aptest illustration of contemporary morality... What begins as a clever conceit becomes an interrogation of sadness itself.' - Rachel Cusk, author of Outline

'This novel is so smart. The science of comedy, it turns out, is no laughing matter, but it is nothing but funny. Camille Bordas has exposed the "material" of stand-up by making stand-up her material. Writing comedy is difficult enough, but writing comedy bits that fail and comedy bits that succeed requires some brilliance. That brilliance is on display here' - Percival Everett

'Utterly charming...moving, witty, funny, and especially wonderful for the mature kind-heartedness of its view of humanity. Bordas is an invaluable new voice' - *George Saunders*

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The Material

CAMILLE BORDAS

KEYNOTE

A literary star ascending makes her UK debut with a novel about the funniest people's saddest stories

SALES POINTS

- A brilliant examination of the world of stand-up comedy and the bitter psyches of its practitioners, as well as a fraught and funny look at cancel culture
- A young literary star who published her first two prize-winning novels in France before the age of twenty-five. She moved to the US in 2012 and has published six stories in *The New Yorker* that have won influential endorsements from Zadie Smith and George Saunders
- Stylish and witty literary fiction that is a joy to read: for readers of Zadie Smith, Paul Murray, George Saunders, Lorrie Moore, Patricia Lockwood and Katherine Heiny

DESCRIPTION

Can comedy be taught? Someone, at some point, seemed to think so.

The teachers and students at the Chicago Stand-Up school all know how to make people laugh - in theory. They know the line between sharp and cruel, that sad becomes funny at the right angle, and that any moment of your life is a punchline waiting to happen. They're all afraid of that. Artie may be too handsome for stand-up, Olivia reluctant to examine her own life, and Phil afraid to cause harm. Kruger concentrates more on commanding his father's respect than his students', Ashbee is too detached. And then we have Dorothy - the only woman on the faculty - who, though preparing to launch a comeback tour, can't tell whether she's too abiding, ambitious, or ambivalent. Will the arrival of visiting professor - the freshly cancelled comedian, Manny Reinhardt - help or harm their cause?

Riffing keenly across an array of perspectives, *The Material* examines life through the eyes of a band of outsiders bound together by whatever it is about themselves that makes them so desperate to make others laugh.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Camille Bordas is the author of three previous prize-winning novels. The third, *How to Behave in a Crowd*, was the first she wrote in English. The earlier two, *Partie Commune* and *Les Treize Desserts*, were written in her native French. Her short stories regularly appear in the *New Yorker*. Born in France, raised in Mexico City and Paris, she currently lives in Chicago.

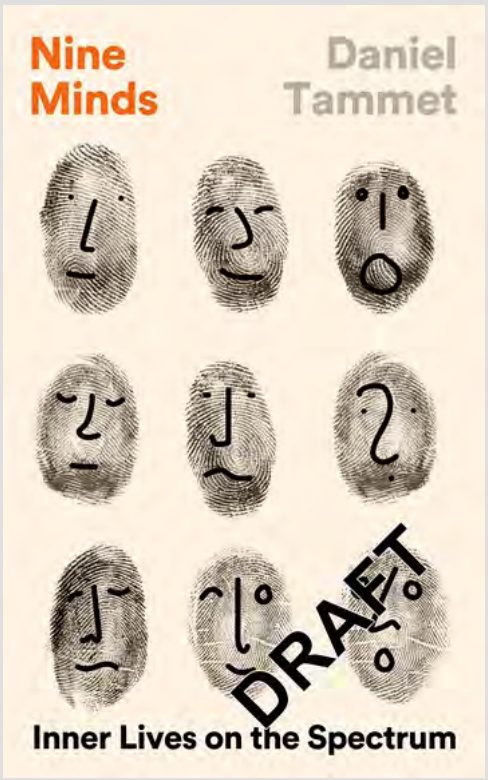
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Nine Minds

Inner Lives on the Spectrum

DANIEL TAMMET

KEYNOTE

Meet nine extraordinary people on the autism spectrum

SALES POINTS

- Creative nonfiction meets memoir in the vein of a neurodiverse *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls*.
- Daniel Tammet has personal connections to both Naoise Dolan and Cédric Villani, both prominent public faces of Asperger's who will feature in the book.
- Tammet's previous title *Born on a Blue Day* sold over 50,000 copies, while *Every Word is a Bird We Teach to Sing* was a *Booklist* Editors' Choice winner.
- Daniel has an existing profile due to his previous books and has high-profile admirers in the literary world, such as Amy Tan and David Mitchell.
- Unique among memoirs about autism in that it's not just about one person - by presenting several portraits the book shows us how varied the lived experience of neurodivergence can be.

DESCRIPTION

From one of Hollywood's most beloved comedians to a homicide detective, a pioneering surgeon to a bestselling novelist, *Nine Minds* delves into the unique lived experiences of nine neurodivergent men and women. Each is remarkable in their field and each is challenging how the world sees those on the spectrum.

Exploding the tired stereotypes of autism, Daniel Tammet - an autistic savant himself - reaches across the divides of age, gender, sexuality and nationality to draw out the inner worlds of his subjects. Portraying a range of experiences as richly diverse as the spectrum itself, this illuminating, life-affirming work of narrative nonfiction celebrates the power and beauty of the neurodivergent mind, and the daring freedom with which these people have built their lives.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Tammet is the subject of the award-winning television documentary, *The Boy with the Incredible Brain*, as well as a BBC Radio 4 documentary, *Two Poets* (with Les Murray) and the Kate Bush song, *Pi*. He is the author of nine books, including the memoir *Born on a Blue Day*. His writing has appeared in *Esquire*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Guardian*, *Aeon* and *Quadrant*, and his books have been translated into thirty languages. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2012, and awarded an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, The Open University, in 2023. Daniel Tammet lives in Paris.

REVIEWS

'Praise for Daniel Tammet' - *:*

'Remarkable ' - *IndependentonSunday*

'Tammet's writing is eloquent and moving but always uncomplicated ' - *RadioTimes*

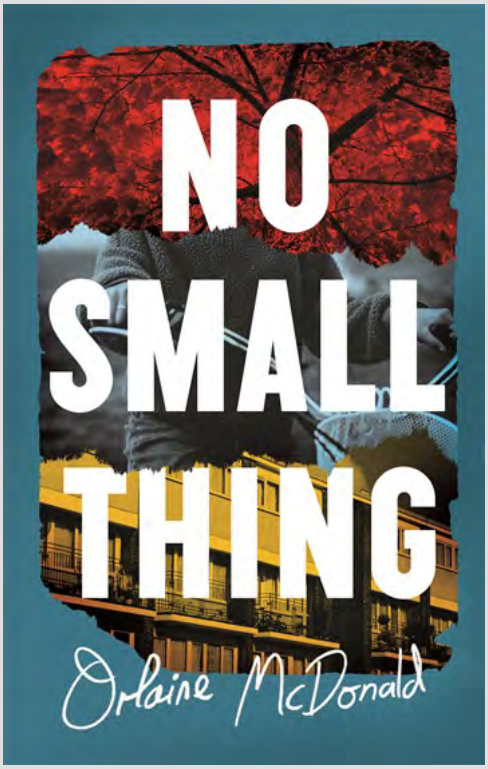
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No Small Thing

ORLAINE MCDONALD

KEYNOTE

An exceptional Black British debut filled with desire and jeopardy and set on a south London estate

SALES POINTS

- Three generations of Black women reckon with inequalities of race and class and inherited trauma over a year when they find themselves living together on a South London estate
- In the vibrant joy and pain of its depiction of Black and working-class life in urban Britain, this is a book for readers of Zadie Smith, Bernadine Evaristo and Kit de Waal
- The author lives in South London and has children and grandchildren. She works with children, and her life experience has helped her create such a moving and powerful novel

DESCRIPTION

Three women. For a year they live in the flat below Earl's on Blossom View Estate. Then there are two.

The Runner
Livia's been running for long enough to think her past might never catch up with her. But now she's been forced to stop, catch her breath and face the daughter she left behind.
The Firecracker
Mickey is angry about a lot of things: having a mother who left and a father who didn't fight hard enough to make her stay. And with no other place to go, she's forced to need the very person who abandoned her.
The Child
Summer has a new grandmother, but she is strange and now her mum is either angry, sad or out looking for men to distract her. Summer hates school but is good at making friends: with the boy from around the corner, with Earl from upstairs in his flat filled with plants, and with the nice friend of her mum's who starts to pick her up from school.

Spanning a year, this is a novel of hope, desire and loss which explores the damage we do to the people we claim to love the most. Told with music and grace, *No Small Thing* reveals tender truths about motherhood, the intersection of class and race, and the history we inherit.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Orlaine McDonald is a writer of mixed Jamaican and Irish heritage, and lives in London. This is her first novel.

REVIEWS

'A moving story of maternal love, desire and damage. Orlaine McDonald explores the destructive and redeeming power of this defining relationship when the lives of grandmother, daughter and granddaughter collide over the course of a life changing summer. A bold debut, beautifully written' - Marie-Claire Amuah, author of One for Sorrow, Two for Joy

'Raw and beautiful: the joys and the torments of the mother-daughter bond, cascading down three brilliantly-observed generations' - Francis Spufford, author of Light Perpetual

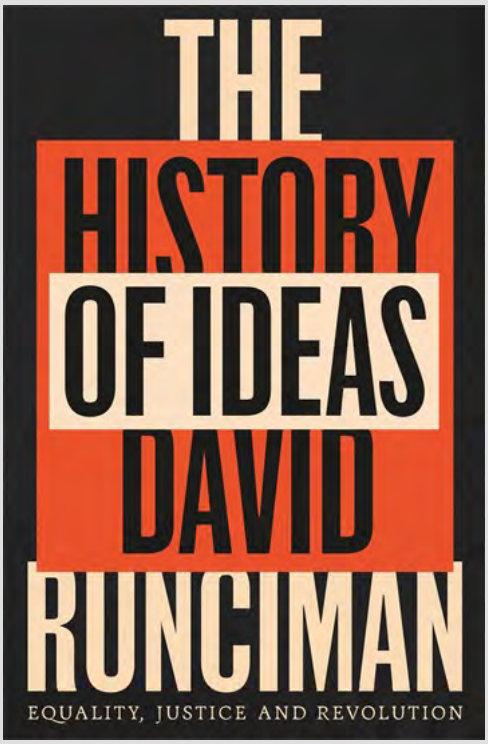
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Profile Books



REVIEWS

'Praise for *Confronting Leviathan* and David Runciman: 'Bracingly intelligent ... a wonderful read' - Mark Mazower, *Guardian*

'Incredibly timely ... wonderful elegance and clarity through which complex ideas are presented ... That the book helps make thinking about the state enjoyable is just the least of its many exceptional qualities' - Pascal Donohue, *Irish Times*

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The History of Ideas

Equality, Justice and Revolution

DAVID RUNCIMAN

KEYNOTE

What is the history of ideas - and how has it shaped our world today?

SALES POINTS

- A companion edition to *Confronting Leviathan*, based on the second series of the *Talking Politics* podcast with listener numbers in the eight figures
- Far from back-to-basics, this is a genius distillation of some of the biggest concepts in philosophy: a dynamic and essential tour through the history of ideas for anyone interested in politics
- The author is an absolute authority as a Cambridge professor, bestselling author and host of the *Past Present Future* podcasts
- David Runciman's books have sold over 50,000 copies for Profile, including *How Democracy Ends* and most recently *The Handover*

DESCRIPTION

In this bold new follow-up to *Confronting Leviathan,* David Runciman unmasks modern politics and reveals the great men and women of ideas behind it.

What can Samuel Butler's ideas teach us about the oddity of how we choose to organise our societies? How did Frederick Douglass not only expose the horrors of slavery, but champion a new approach to abolishing it? Why should we tolerate snobbery, betrayal and hypocrisy, as Judith Shklar suggested? And what does Friedrich Nietzsche predict for our future?

From Rousseau to Rawls, fascism to feminism and pleasure to anarchy, this is a mind-bending tour through the history of ideas which will forever change your view of politics today.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

David Runciman is Professor of Politics at the University of Cambridge and the former Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies. His previous books for Profile include *The Handover*, *Confronting Leviathan*, *Where Power Stops* and *How Democracy Ends.* He writes regularly about politics for the *London Review of Books,* created the widely acclaimed weekly podcast *Talking Politics* and is the current host of *Past Present Future*.

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Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
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Hurricane
The Plane that Won the War

Jacky Hyams

Keynote

Britain's first-ever wartime fighter plane, the Hawker Hurricane, shot down more enemy planes than any other fighter. It was the true aviation hero of the Battle of Britain, and fought in all the major missions of the Second World War.

Description

Britain's first-ever wartime fighter plane, the Hawker Hurricane, shot down more enemy planes than any other fighter. It was the true **aviation hero** of the Battle of Britain.

Often eclipsed by the legend and aerial heroics of the Spitfire, the Hurricane was the **authentic warhorse** of aviation history. Stable, rugged, less expensive to build – and far more easily repaired and maintained than the Spitfire – the 'Hurri' as it was affectionately known, proved to be the **most fearsome fighter plane** in aerial combat – at a time when Britain's survival was at stake like never before.

In 1940 the Hurricane made its mark: more than half of the 1,200 German aircraft that were shot down in the war were taken down by Hurricanes**.** At the time, the RAF could call on 32 squadrons of Hurricanes and 19 Spitfires: the Hurricane was, in fact, the dominant British fighter plane, developing a reputation as a plane that could take more than a few hits from the enemy – and continue to fly. The Spit was the aviation thoroughbred, superb until damaged. The Hurri was much **stronger**. The skilled airmen came from all over the world; one of them from RAF 80 Squadron would later become a very famous author – Roald Dahl.

Using **documents, letters and first-hand accounts**, this is the historic untold story of the Hawker Hurricane and the lives of the men and women who flew, helped design and construct, fit and worked behind the scenes of the 'Hurri', all contributing in ways big and small, to its outstanding success as a **legend of the Second World War**.

Sales Points

- Features first-hand accounts, letters and documents from the people who designed, built and flew this remarkable plane
- The Hawker Hurricane, though eclipsed in popularity by the Supermarine Spitfire, featured in many and varied operations, and proved itself the true aviation hero of the Battle of Britain
- Sturdy and rugged, the Hurri outnumbered Spitfires three to one, and downed many more enemy aircraft
- The author has written the bestselling *The Spitfire Story*, also published by Michael O'Mara Books

Reviews

- 'This excellent book ... relates the aircraft's fascinating history' - *Royal Air Force News*
- 'Jacky Hyams' book is engaging, easy to read, poignant, and informative in turn ... a book about the countless human stories of quiet courage, sacrifice, hard work, and emotional strain that the factory workers, pilots, and ground crews endured throughout the Second World War' - *theWarYears.co.uk*

Author Biography

Jacky Hyams has written several bestselling non-fiction books, among them *The Female Few: Spitfire Heroines of the Air Transport Auxiliary* and *Bomb Girls: Britain's Secret Army*, a history of Britain's female munitions workers. She has written for many newspapers and magazines, including *The Times*, the London *Evening Standard*, *Rolling Stone* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. She lives in Brighton.

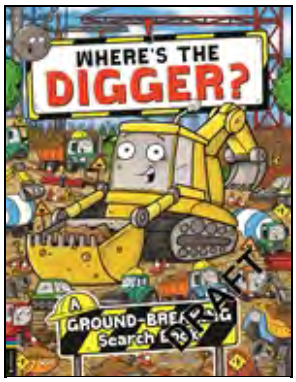
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Character	**Non-character**
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Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**Full colour**
Series	**Search and Find Activity**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
In-House Editor	**Susannah Bailey**

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Where's the Digger?
A Ground-breaking Search and Find Book

James Cottell

Keynote

***Where's the Digger?* is a ground-breaking search and find book perfect for young children interested in all things construction.**

Description

This search and find book is packed full of fun facts and friendly, colourful scenes showing diggers, trucks, loaders, trimmers and tons of other awesome pieces of machinery.

Find the paver busy building a road, search high in the sky for the tower crane lifting heavy materials and look for the combine harvester cutting crops on the field. With over 140 things to spot across 18 scenes, accompanied by information about what each individual machine does, this is the perfect book for kids who love diggers and trucks. Illustrated in a bright, humorous style by James Cottell.

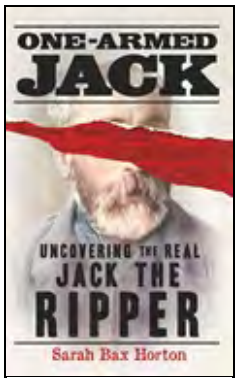
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Where's the Dinosaur? 9781780556994

Sales Points

- The follow-up title to the hugely successful *Where's the Dinosaur?* (over 100,000 copies sold in the UK alone), using the same appealing illustrator
- An interactive and engaging introduction to the world of diggers and other construction vehicles, perfect for children in Key Stage 1 (ages 5–7)
- Each search item is accompanied by a fact about it, meaning children can really dig deep into the specifics of different types of machinery
- Featuring over 140 things to spot, with all the answers at the back of the book

Author Biography

James graduated from Falmouth University with a BA (Hons) in Illustration in 2007. James creates his humorous, detailed cartoon illustrations using dip pen, ink, watercolour, pencils, elements of digital colour and a cheeky sense of humour. He has a real strength for observation, characterisation and a strong use of line. He loves illustrating animals, especially dinosaurs! Follow him on Instagram and Twitter @jamescottell.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
Price	**£10.99/Rs.975**
ISBN-13	**9781789296808**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**198 x 129 mm**
Depth	**23mm**
Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**8pp plate section**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
In-House Editor	**Lucy Stewardson**

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One-Armed Jack
Uncovering the Real Jack the Ripper

Sarah Bax Horton

Keynote

Bringing a completely new analytical approach to the identity of the most notorious murderer in history, Sarah Bax Horton presents compelling evidence and names the real Jack the Ripper.

Description

This highly revelatory book, based on original research and completely new analysis, presents a compelling new suspect as the most notorious serial killer of all time: Jack the Ripper.

Using a different analytical approach, for the first time, Sarah Bax Horton identifies a **named perpetrator** as Jack the Ripper by linking eye-witness accounts of the killer's distinctive physical characteristics to his official medical records. It argues that his broken left arm, which left him unable to work in early 1888, was one of his triggers to kill as part of a serious physical and mental decline caused by severe epilepsy.

This new perpetrator fits the profile as stated by the police of the day: a local man of low class of whom they became aware after the final murder, when they launched an unsuccessful surveillance operation against him. As has never been done before, the author – an experienced former government researcher with specific expertise in research and analysis – formulates a **complete analysis** of **the killer and his methodology**, including how he accosted his victims, where he took them to their deaths, his unique modus operandi of a blitz-style attack, and how he escaped from each crime scene without detection.

Each of the six murders – from Martha Tabram to Marie Kelly – is discussed and reconstructed as perpetrated by this man, with his escalating violence clearly demonstrated.

Sales Points

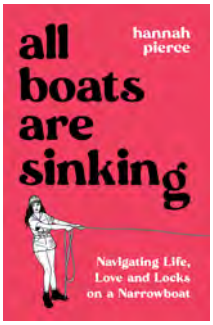
- It debunks a commonly held misidentification of this perpetrator, who was formerly on the 'long list' of Ripper suspects
- The author establishes a previously unknown connection between the perpetrator and an eyewitness in the Catherine Eddowes case
- As has never been done before, the perpetrator is specifically linked to the crimes through his distinctive physical characteristics as described by multiple eyewitnesses
- Draws on previously unpublished material from the London Metropolitan Archive, the Metropolitan Police and Home Office records at the National Archives, Kew, City of London Police records, and other sources originating from civilians and officials who had direct contact with the police investigation
- The mainstream popularity of true crime is reflected in the success of podcasts such as *Serial* and Netflix documentaries such as *Dahmer – Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story* and *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile.* This book comes at a time when the success of the true crime genre is at an all time high.

Reviews

- 'We have waited three decades for a book-length examination of Hyam Hyams and thankfully Sarah Bax Horton has given us one - and what an excellent job she has done. This is a well-researched, well-written, and long-needed book-length examination of a likely suspect. If you have an idea of the sort of man Jack the Ripper might have been, Hyam Hyams could be it.' - *Paul Begg*
- 'A book that has been too long coming...her book is well researched and written. *One-Armed Jack* should be on the bookshelf of everyone interested in the Whitechapel Murders...Buy it now' - *Adam Wood, Ripperologist and editor of Crime Through Time*

Author Biography

Sarah Bax Horton is an experienced former civil servant for the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office. She has an MA Honours degree in English and Foreign Languages (German) from Somerville College, Oxford. Her interest in genealogy and a family member related to the Jack the Ripper case inspired her to research the lives of personalities involved and to establish the previously unknown connection between the perpetrator and an eyewitness in the Catherine Eddowes case.



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Price	**£10.99/Rs.899**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781837994014**
BIC 2.1	**Travel writing (WTL)** **Narrowboats & canals (WGGN)** **Boating (WSSN)** **Memoirs (BM)** **Ships & boats: general interest (WGG)**

Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	**80000 words**
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All Boats Are Sinking
Navigating Life, Love and Locks on a Narrowboat

Hannah Pierce

Description

***All Boats Are Sinking* is a memoir of love, life and chaos on a narrowboat, perfect for fans of Dolly Alderton, Helen Fielding and Phoebe Waller-Bridge**

"All boats are sinking, Hannah, just at different rates."

After a break-up, some hit the gym; some cut their hair; others have a one-night stand. In the aftermath of her break-up, Hannah bought a narrowboat.

Newly single and plunged into life on the water, Hannah had to learn quickly how to grapple with exploding toilets, disappearing hulls, and the curious glances and questions from pedestrians on the towpath. But when career burn-out, a global pandemic and an ill-advised rebound relationship threatened to sink her, Hannah felt the need to escape. In a bid to let go of the past and restore her sense of self-worth, she embarked on a narrowboat odyssey which took her from the bustling streets of London to the tranquil yet dramatic waterways of West Yorkshire.

Suffering from an apparent magnetism to drama but buoyed by her brilliant friends, Hannah tells of the challenges of off-grid life as a single 30-something on the water. All this as she tries to balance the tension between owning her singledom and giving in to a deep desire to find love.

Peppered with lists, recipes, maps, footnotes and diagrams, and spanning hundreds of miles of the British waterways, it's an uplifting and often hilarious story of adventure and personal growth, and of a woman trying to keep her boat and life afloat. And to answer that perennial question: yes, it's cold on the boat in winter.

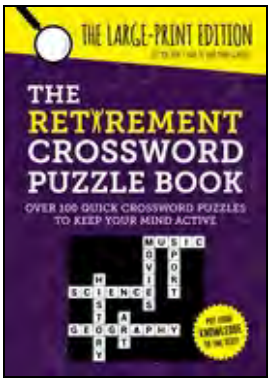
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- Narrowboating is more popular now than it has ever been thanks to the zeitgeist of looking for a more stripped-back existence or going off-grid, and liveaboard numbers across the UK are rising exponentially. In the UK, an estimated 15,000 people live on the water, many on narrow barges along Britain's 3,000-mile network of canals and rivers. In London, the boating community is a thriving subculture in the centre of the city.
- Public interest in life on the canals is shown in the success of Timothy West and Prunella Scales's *Great Canal Journeys*, and other TV shows like *Canal Boat Diaries* and *Britain By Narrowboat.*
- Written candidly, with sharp millennial humour and irreverence, this book will appeal to fans of Elizabeth Day, Dolly Alderton, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Helen Fielding.

Author Biography

Hannah Pierce has worked as an actor, pub manager, events promoter and live music programmer. She wrote, produced and performed in several theatre shows for young people and adults. Her one-woman theatre show on the valiant adventures of an online dater received critical acclaim. Hannah currently lives on a narrowboat, somewhere on the British waterways. This is her first book.

Find her on Instagram at @hannahonthewater.



The Retirement Crossword Puzzle Book
Over 100 Quick Crossword Puzzles to Keep Your Mind Active

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Publication date	**Thursday, July 11, 2024**
Price	**£10.99/Rs.899**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781837993413**
BIC 2.1	**Puzzles & quizzes (WDK)** **Gift books (WZG)** **Retirement (VSR)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**260mm x 185mm**
Extent	**128 pages**
Word Count	**5000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Description

Test your knowledge, stimulate your mind and enjoy your retirement with this refreshing collection of over 100 crossword puzzles

Welcome to your retirement! You've earned your freedom and now you have the time, the knowledge and this book to start solving entertaining, creative and clever crossword puzzles.

With more than 100 crossword puzzles of varying difficulty, plus clues and solutions, this activity book will help to keep your mind active as you enjoy your retirement.

Topics span across subjects, from Sport to Music to History and beyond, offering the perfect way to spend your new-found free time.

With this stress-busting large-print compendium, not only will you be exercising your critical thinking skills, increasing your knowledge base and improving your memory, but you'll also be saving your eyes!

Whether you're a recent retiree, approaching the big day or have been enjoying your freedom for years, you'll discover a challenge, a companion and a stimulating collection of crosswords in *The Retirement Crossword Puzzle Book*.

Sales Points

- An entire book dedicated to crossword puzzles, covering a range of subjects and varying in complexity.
- Contains over 100 crossword puzzles to keep you occupied for hours.
- Perfect for a retirement or birthday gift.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Retirement Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781800078390); *The Senior Moments Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781787835597); *The Grumpy Old Git's Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781800071056); *For the Love of the Archers: The Unofficial Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781787830271).

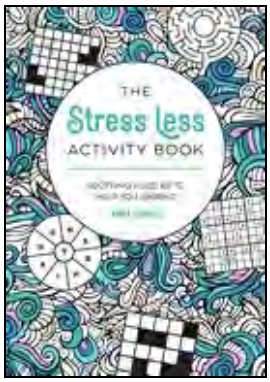
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BIC 2.1	**Mind, body, spirit: meditation & visualisation (VXM)** **Puzzles & quizzes (WDK)** **Gift books (WZG)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**210mm x 148mm**
Extent	**160 pages**
Word Count	**7000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

The Stress Less Activity Book
Soothing Puzzles to Help You Unwind

Anna Barnes

Description

Alleviate your worries with this calming activity book, designed to soothe your mind, help you unwind and make you stress less

We could all do with a little less stress in our lives, and this comforting collection of activities, colouring pages, mantras and breathing exercises can help you achieve exactly that!

Colouring and puzzle-solving are two of the best paths to relaxation. This book will guide you through therapeutic activities and light-hearted games designed to shift your focus and reclaim your calm.

Discover dot-to-dots, sudoku, crosswords, mazes and much more, each providing the perfect break from your day-to-day stresses. Whether you prefer climbing down word ladders, spotting the difference, searching for words or coupling up pairs, this soothing puzzle and colouring book has over 100 activities designed to help you decompress.

If you're craving a moment of peace, a distraction from your daily worries and the satisfaction of solving a challenge, turn to *The Stress Less Activity Book* to ease anxiety and help you unwind.

Sales Points

- Packed with calming puzzles such as word searches, sudoku, crosswords, anagrams, word wheels and much more!
- Contains beautiful colouring pages, breathing exercises and mantras to help the reader decompress and to reduce feelings of stress.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Mindfulness Activity Book* (ISBN: 9781800076792); *Stress Less* (ISBN: 9781837990818); *How to Understand and Deal with Stress* (ISBN: 9781800074248); *How to De-Stress* (ISBN: 9781786857798).

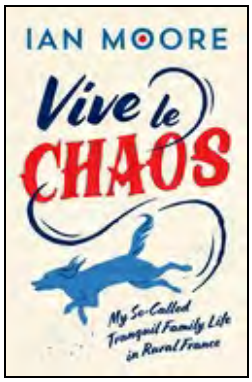
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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	**88000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Vive le Chaos
My So-Called Tranquil Family Life in Rural France

Ian Moore

Description

Follow the hilarious misadventures of Ian Moore and his family as their search for serenity in rural France leads them on a journey of chaos, commotion and comedy

Comedian, mod and professional grump Ian Moore has had enough. Tired of being unable to park anywhere near his cramped house in a noisy town he doesn't like, he hatches a plan to move his wife and young son to a remote corner of the Loire Valley in search of serenity and space.

Several years later, Ian finds himself up to his neck in bilingual offspring, feral cats, promiscuous horses, dysfunctional spaniels and needy hens; he's wrestling with electric fences, a foreign language, a mountain of animal waste and a wife who collects livestock like there's a biblical flood on the horizon, all while trying not to dirty his pristine loafers.

But despite the ups, downs and increasing demands of Ian's showbiz career, the Moore family persevere in true Brit style to create a unique, colourful and ultimately rewarding life in their new home - à la campagne!

Sales Points

- This is a revamp of *A la Mod* (ISBN: 9781849533997).
- In this honest, hilarious memoir, Ian Moore offers a real-life account of giving up the relentless pace of London for the serene landscapes of the Loire Valley, all in true mod style.
- Will appeal to readers of Ian Moore's Follet Valley fiction series as well as those enjoying the "rural revival", which is driving many to seek out the idyll and serenity of countryside living.

Author Biography

Ian Moore is a stand-up comedian in the UK and a husband, father of three boys, farmhand and chutney-maker in France. He is a mod in both walks of life and most of his time is spent travelling grumpily between the two.

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BIC 2.1	**Psychology of ageing (JMD)** **Humour (WH)** **Retirement (VSR)** **Gift books (WZG)** **Dictionaries of quotations (GBCQ)**
	Hardback
	136x101
Binding	**160 pages**
Format	**2500 words**
Extent	**1 two-colour illustration recurring throughout.**
Word Count	
Illustrations	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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You're Not Old, You're Vintage
Joyful Quotes for the Young At Heart

Summersdale Publishers

Description

Just like a valuable antique, your smooth finish may have become a little lined and your legs may creak from time to time. But don't worry: even if you no longer have all your original parts and nobody can find your instruction manual, it's great to be vintage!

Whether you're a silver surfer or a golden oldie, you've still got what it takes (it just takes a little longer than it used to). Yes, there's the memory loss, wrinkles and the receding hairline but you're worldly-wise and have a lifetime of anecdotes to show for it all. And besides, we'll all be old-timers one day - but today it's your turn!

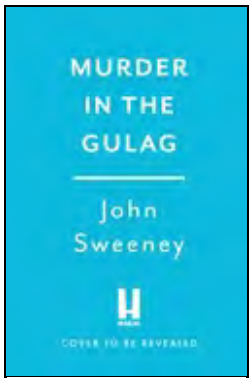
Full of senior sagacity and elderly erudition, this spirited and joyful collection of quotes and musings about our latter years celebrates the lighter side of ageing. Encouraging you to laugh, embrace and love the ride, this book will show you that it really is the life in your years that counts.

Sales Points

- This joyful collection of quotes about our latter years celebrates the lighter side of ageing and would make the perfect retirement or milestone birthday gift.
- A refreshed edition of *You're Not Old, You're Vintage* (ISBN: 9781849535335), which has sold over 47,000 copies.
- The UK census of 2021 showed that over 11 million people were aged over 65. This number is expected to rise to 15.5 million by 2030.
- Similar Summersdale titles include *The Little Instruction Book for Retirement* (ISBN: 9781787835726); *The Retirement Handbook* (ISBN: 9781787836983); *The Little Book of Senior Moments* (ISBN: 9781849537896); *Officially Retired* (ISBN: 9781837992126).

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BIC 2.1	**Politics & government (JP)** **Political corruption (JPZ)** **True crime (BTC)** **Biography: historical, political & military (BGH)** **Russia (1DVUA)** **21st century (3JM)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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Murder in the Gulag
The Life and Death of Alexei Navalny

John Sweeney

Keynote

An exploration of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny's life and death, told by straight-talking journalist John Sweeney

Description

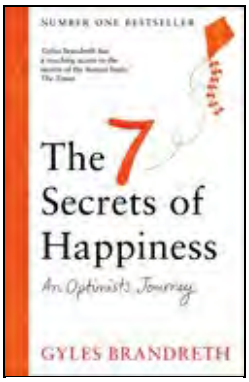
Beginning with the mystery of Alexei Navalny's murder in the Arctic Wolf penal colony in a remote part of Siberia, the book will tell the life story of the Russian opposition leader who was a perpetual thorn in the side of Vladimir Putin. It will be a warts-and-all biography of Navalny, a highly charismatic but controversial figure who flirted with far-right Russian nationalists at one point, told by a larger-than-life journalist, based in London and Kyiv, who met Navalny twice. The book contains an important message. Navalny made a fatal misjudgement in returning to Russia after his poisoning by Novichok in 2020, betting that Putin wouldn't kill him. But as Putin has gained in strength, with the death of Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin and the fortunes of war slowly turning in Russia's favour, Navalny lost that bet. John argues that if the West fails to stand up more forcefully to Putin, we are in danger not just of betraying Ukraine but our own security too.

Sales Points

- The first book on the market about the death of the Russian opposition leader, Alexei Navalny.
- Sweeney's *Killer in the Kremlin* was the first, and most commercially successful, trade book to be published in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.
- *Murder in the Gulag* resonates in a fraught geopolitical climate, arguing that if the West fails to stand up more forcefully to Putin, we are in danger not just of betraying Ukraine but our own security too.

Author Biography

John Sweeney is a fearless reporter and a legend among journalists. During his many years at the BBC, he challenged dictators, despots, cult leaders, con artists and crooked businessmen. He has covered wars in around 100 countries and has been undercover in the danger zones of Chechnya, North Korea and Zimbabwe. The author of 15 books, including the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Killer in the Kremlin*, he has challenged both Donald Trump and Vladamir Putin in person. He regularly appears on *Good Morning Britain* to report on life in Kyiv, where he has lived on and off since the Russian invasion.



Publication date	**Thursday, July 04, 2024**
Price	**£12.99/Rs.1050**
EAN\ISBN-13	**9781780726397**
BIC 2.1	**Self-help & personal development (VS) Mind, Body, Spirit (VX)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**144 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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The 7 Secrets of Happiness
An Optimist's Journey

Gyles Brandreth

Keynote

Brimming with wisdom and wit, this illustrated and updated edition of *The 7 Secrets of Happiness* features new research, anecdotes and stories from national treasure and advocate for joy, Gyles Brandreth.

Description

ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF *THE 7 SECRETS OF HAPPINESS*

Ten years on, Gyles Brandreth has learnt yet more about happiness... featuring a new introduction and charming illustrations, this little book attempts to answer a big question: How can we be happy?

'Marvellous, brilliant, wonderful, best thing I've ever heard, transformational...'

That was the response from a total stranger when Gyles Brandreth delivered the Happiness Lecture at Birmingham University. Someone else in the thousand-strong audience tweeted: 'The 7 Secrets of Happiness are amazing. Thank you Gyles Brandreth, wherever you are.'

Well, Gyles Brandreth is here now with those 7 Secrets of Happiness. The secrets are simple rules, easy to remember, but challenging to achieve. Gyles Brandreth found them when he set out on a journey looking for happiness and ended up in the psychiatrist's chair - with Dr Anthony Clare.

What *is* happiness? Who gets to be happy? And how?

These are the big questions that Gyles Brandreth aims to answer in this little book. Research shows that happy people live up to ten years longer than unhappy people. This is a book that won't simply enhance your life: it will extend it.

Sales Points

- **HUGE PR:** Gyles plans to plug the book on Lorraine, as well as Dermot O'Leary's show - and he also plans to change This Morning's weekly 'thank you' calls from viewers to a 'secrets of happiness' call in. Essentially, he will become Mr Happiness to help us promote!
- **FESTIVAL TIE-INS:** Gyles is already planning to champion the book with the Festival of Ideas in Chester (books sold by Waterstones) and will be on-hand to promote during the summer
- **BEAUTIFUL GIFTY PACKAGE:** The new edition will be the first hardback version of the book, with a new jacket and charming illustrations to make it perfectly giftable.
- **Publishing on Independence Day:** It was the American Declaration of Independence that introduced the idea of "**Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness**" as unalienable rights. 4th July is the date when the modern idea of a right to happiness was born. It's the perfect publication date and we can use it as a peg for publicity.

Reviews

- 'Gyles Brandreth has access to the secrets of the human heart.' - *The Times*

Author Biography

Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster, former MP and Government Whip, now Chancellor of the University of Chester and best known as a regular on ITV's *This Morning* and Radio 4's *Just A Minute.* On stage he has appeared as Malvolio, Lady Bracknell and in his own musical revue in London's West End. On TV he has featured in *Have I Got News For You, QI, Would I Lie to You?, Pointless, Countdown* and *Celebrity Gogglebox*. His novels include seven Victorian murder mysteries featuring Oscar Wilde as his detective and he has published two acclaimed volumes of diaries, an autobiography, *Odd Boy Out,* and two best-selling royal biographies. His podcasts include *Something Rhymes With Purple*, all about words and language, which he presents with Susie Dent, and *Rosebud*, in which he talks to famous people about their early memories. He is married to writer and publisher Michele Brown and has three children, six grandchildren and a cat called Nala.

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BIC 2.1	**Quick & easy cooking (WBF)** **Cookery dishes & courses (WBV)** **TV / celebrity chef cookbooks (WBB)** **General cookery & recipes (WBA)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**NQ (174x131)**
Extent	**64 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Little Leon: Breakfast & Brunch Naturally Fast Recipes

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Author Biography

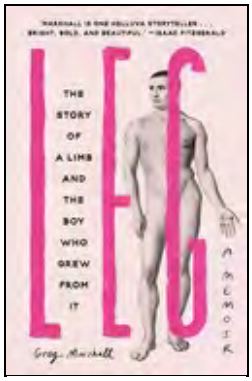
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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
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Leg
The Story of a Limb and the Boy Who Grew from It
Greg Marshall

Keynote
A hilarious and poignant memoir grappling with family, disability, and coming of age in two closets-as a gay man and as a man living with cerebral palsy

Description
Greg Marshall's early years were pretty bizarre. Rewind the VHS tapes (this is the nineties) and you'll see a lopsided teenager limping across a high school stage, or in a wheelchair after leg surgeries, pondering why he's crushing on half of the Utah Jazz. Add to this home video footage a mom clacking away at her newspaper column between chemos, a dad with ALS, and a cast of foulmouthed siblings. Fast forward the tape and you'll find Marshall happily settled into his life as a gay man only to discover he's been living in another closet his whole life: he has cerebral palsy. Here, in the hot mess of it all, lies Greg Marshall's wellspring of wit and wisdom.

Leg is an extraordinarily funny and insightful memoir from a daring new voice. Packed with outrageous stories of a singular childhood, it is also a unique examination of what it means to transform when there are parts of yourself you can't change, a moving portrait of a family in crisis, and a tale of resilience of spirit. In Marshall's deft hands, we see a story both personal and universal-of being young and wanting the world, even when the world doesn't feel like yours to want.

Sales Points
- Selected as Buzzfeeds Most Anticipated LGBTQ+ Book of 2023 and a Most Anticipated Book of 2023 from LitHub.
- For fans of *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris and Netflix's *Special.*
- This is a big book for Abram's in the US and Greg will be doing extensive press and will be available for interview in the UK as well.

Reviews
- 'This hilarious and wholly unique memoir by Greg Marshall tackles many subjects: disability, family relationships, and coming out (twice). With signature wit and humor, Marshall takes material that could be morbid in the hands of a lesser writer, and dares his readers not to laugh. He knows he's had an unconventional life, but there's no self-pity here. Instead, he embraces the absurdity of it all and leans into it, making one hell of an entertaining book.' - *Buzzfeed, Most Anticipated LGBTQ+ Book of 2023*
- 'Smart and heartfelt ... His honesty and clarity in writing about disability makes this debut one to watch.' - *LitHub, Most Anticipated Books of 2023*
- 'Greg Marshall's Leg has all the ingredients of an addictive memoir. But what separates this book from the pack is Marshall's rich and rare perspective navigating the world as a queer disabled person. Marshall delves into his unique life experiences to illustrate the all-too-relatable struggle to be your authentic self and he does it with unflinching honesty. He's one of the most exciting new voices in non-fiction. I could get lost in his brilliant brain forever.' - *RYAN O'CONNELL, author of Just by Looking at Him*

Author Biography
Greg Marshall was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. A National Endowment for the Arts Fellow in Prose, Marshall is a graduate of the Michener Center for Writers. His work has appeared in The Best American Essays and been supported by MacDowell and the Corporation of Yaddo. *Leg* is his first book.

Publication date	**Thursday, July 18, 2024**
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BIC 2.1	**Christian life & practice (HRCV) Criticism & exegesis of sacred texts (HRLC1) Theology (HRLB)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Demy**
Extent	**208 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Author born in	**Brooklyn, NYC**
Author living in	**Queens, NYC**
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	**Penguin Random House LLC (New York) Publisher**
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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Narrow Path
How the Subversive Way of Jesus Satisfies Our Souls

Rich Villodas

Keynote

Bestselling author of *The Deeply Formed Life*, Rich Villodas, writes compellingly on The Sermon on the Mount - for readers interested in their own spiritual formation and living out the countercultural way of Jesus.

Description

'This is Rich Villodas at his pastoral best. His writing shimmers with grace, reflecting the radiance of a kingdom vision of the good life.'
-**GLENN PACKIAM**

'This book is a much-needed heart checkup for every Jesus follower.'
-**CHRISTINE CAINE**

'A book for all who are interested, intrigued, and deeply drawn to the possibility of Jesus and his narrow way.'
-**JOHN MARK COMER**, author and founder of PRACTICING THE WAY

'In *The Narrow Path*, Rich is telling a biography of Jesus - the Divine One who not only clears the way, teaches the way, and shows the way, but is the Way. The path is narrow because it is only as wide as the person of Christ. But it is big enough for everyone's unique journey of life because he is the saviour of all.'
-**JUSTIN WELBY, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

We live in a culture that wants it all. More is seen as better - whether it's more money, social media fame, more choices, or power. For those chasing this way of life, 'narrow' seems negative. Who wants to narrow their options, or be seen as narrow-minded? Which is why the most well-known talk in history - the Sermon on the Mount - is also the most paradoxical. In it, Jesus holds up the narrow path as the most spacious ... and the broader path as the more confining one.

Rich Villodas, bestselling author of *The Deeply Formed Life*, helps us to diagnose whether we are following the broad or narrow path, in order to help us pursue the way of Jesus more deeply. *The Narrow Path* reintroduces the counterintuitive wonder of Jesus's timeless wisdom for this age, one fraught with anxiety, depression, polarizing politics, and online vitriol. The path of Jesus is most certainly narrow, but it is the only one filled with the ever-expanding life of God . . . and it is available now for all who want it!

Sales Points

- RESPECTED VOICE ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION: As the lead pastor of New Life Fellowship-a church that launched the hugely successful Emotionally Healthy Discipleship movement-Rich is a widely recognized authority on contemplative spirituality. His previous two books, The Deeply Formed Life and Good and Beautiful and Kind, continue to garner a growing audience interested in spiritual formation.
- ADDRESSES URGENT ISSUE OF EMOTIONAL HEALTH: Increasingly, people want to know how to be emotionally healthy, especially as followers of Jesus. Despite reading their Bible and going to church, people recognize their inner life is struggling. They wonder why there's so much division in the church-in their own hearts. This book offers practical wisdom to help readers find true freedom.
- PRAISE FOR THE DEEPLY FORMED LIFE: "The Deeply Formed Life is a book for our time. Honest, wise, insightful, funny, and -above all else-deep."-John Mark Comer, author of The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry.
- As well as strong positioning in the US, including Good Morning America appearances and national conference speaking events including Q Ideas, Rich has a growing UK readership, having appeared at the HTB Focus event in 2023 as keynote speaker, at the Elim Leadership Summit and at SAINT and Kensington Temple in London.

Author Biography

Rich Villodas is the bestselling author of The Deeply Formed Life (winner of the Christianity Today Book Award) and Good and Beautiful and Kind. He is the lead pastor of New Life Fellowship, a large



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Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
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Author living in	**Hertfordshire**
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The Beach Hut
the most new gripping summer crime thriller - perfect for your holiday this year!

Leah Pitt

Keynote

A gripping summer thriller from new talent Leah Pitt - perfect for fans of *Broadchurch.*

Description

THEY TOLD THE POLICE IT WAS THE PERFECT SUMMER. THEY WERE LYING.

August, 1997. Matilda is killed in a tragic accident on the Dorset rocks, leaving her best friend Sophie alone, wracked with guilt.

Decades later, Sophie is back for the first time since that terrible summer, to sell her family's old beach hut and bury the memories forever.

But on clearing out the hut, she finds evidence that Matilda's death was no accident. What really happened the night she died?

As Sophie edges closer to the truth, the past starts to close in on the present.

Because the close-knit community is still home to a killer, and they want Sophie gone.

Sales Points

- **Debut author** Leah Pitt is a graduate of the Curtis Brown writing course and is bursting with fresh ideas for future summer thrillers. Her second novel will centre around a festival and be pitched in a similar commercial space.
- **World English Rights** - we have the opportunity to sell US rights for this one - German rights have already sold to Goldmann and there is Film and TV interest too.
- **Perfect summer reading** - this is a brilliantly written, nuanced read that is pitch-perfect for the summer market and has huge potential in both paperback and ebook.

Reviews

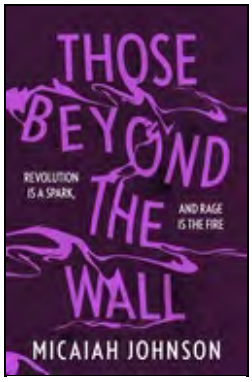
- 'Atmosphere, intrigue and decades old secrets and lies uncovered on the tide - this novel has it all.' - *Sarah Lawton, author of All the Little Things*
- 'Leah has spun a gripping, knotty web of secrets with a cast of complex characters. The setting is wonderful, drawing the reader in . . . before whipping up a storm that brings a cloudy, claustrophobic atmosphere of lies and paranoia that leaves you turning the pages faster and faster.' - *Natalie Chandler*
- ''A tense and compelling tale of love and loss, secrets, and lies -- and their terrible consequences. Builds to a thrilling ending. I tore through this in two days!'' - *MK Murphy, author of DEAD MAN WALKING*
- '**A compulsive, page-turning thriller - kept me invested and guessing from start to finish. Loved it**' - *Jennie Godfrey, Sunday Times bestselling author of THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS*

Author Biography

Leah grew up on the Dorset coast and has been a barrister for almost ten years. She is a graduate of Curtis Brown Creative's Novel Writing Course. She now lives in Hertfordshire and is writing her second book for Hodder Fiction.

Market

Comparison authors include Lucy Clarke, C.L. Taylor, Lisa Jewell, Adele Parks, Catherine Cooper.



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Word Count	
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Author born in	**California, USA**
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The Space Between Worlds

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Those Beyond the Wall
The gripping new novel from the #1 Sunday Times bestselling author!

Micaiah Johnson

Keynote

Faced with a coming apocalypse, a woman must reckon with her past to solve a series of sudden and inexplicable deaths in a searing sci-fi thriller from the Compton Crook Award-winning author of *The Space Between Worlds*.

Description

Revolution is a spark, and rage is the fire.

Faced with a coming apocalypse, a woman must reckon with her past to solve a series of sudden and inexplicable deaths in a searing sci-fi thriller from the author of *The Space Between Worlds.*

In the harsh desert realm of Ashtown, the Emperor reigns with an iron fist, guarding against the relentless hostility of Wiley City. Scales, a skilled mechanic and fierce warrior, is the Emperor's trusted confidante. When a mysterious murder shatters the fragile peace, Scales, with an unlikely team, must uncover the killer plaguing both Ashtown and Wiley City. As she delves into the secrets hidden beneath the city's pristine exterior, Scales unravels startling truths, forcing her to confront a past she'd rather forget.

To save the world, she must break her silence, even if it means sacrificing everything.

Praise for *The Space Between Worlds*

'Twisting, suspenseful, and profound'
Max Gladstone, co-author of the Hugo and Nebula-winning *This is How You Lose the Time War*

'Gritty, riveting, and Ultimately hopeful'
Kameron Hurley, Hugo and Locus award-winning author of *The Light Brigade*

Sales Points

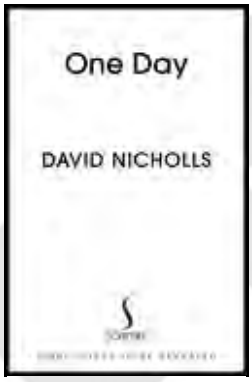
- **Hugely commercial story**: this novel grabs you from the outset and doesn't let you go. Sci-fi thriller that uses the framework of a speculative murder mystery in order to explore police brutality and state violence. In the same way that her previous novel THE SPACE BETWEEN THE WORLDS used multiversal travel to delve into issues of identity and citizenship, this novel does not shy away from difficult themes for the growing readership in this space.
- **Perfect for fans of Becky Chambers and Kate Dylan.**
- **Micaiah Johnson** is the Compton Crook Award-winning author of THE SPACE BETWEEN WORLDS. Her debut novel was an Editors' Choice at *The New York Times* and was named one of best books of 2020 and one of the best science fiction books of the last decade by NPR.

Reviews

- '***Johnson's debut is a rare bird in any reality: a novel that is twisting, suspenseful, and profound***' - *Max Gladstone, co-author of the Hugo and Nebula-winning THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR*
- '***A gritty, riveting, and ultimately hopeful novel about the people, choices, and relationships who make us who we are - in this world, and in those we can only imagine***' - *Kameron Hurley, Hugo and Locus award-winning author of The Light Brigade*
- '***A strong new voice in science fiction***' - *Sunday Times Culture, on The Space Between Worlds*

Author Biography

Micaiah Johnson is a biracial author who was raised in a Jehovah's Witness community in the Southern California desert. She graduated high school at the age of 13, received her MFA from Rutgers-Camden, and is currently studying race and robots as a PhD candidate at Vanderbilt. She is on twitter at @micaiah_johnson.



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David Nicholls

Keynote

The multi-million copy bestselling novel: the clothbound special edition. From beloved author David Nicholls.

Description

NOW A MAJOR NETFLIX SERIES

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INDEPENDENT

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NICK HORNBY

Twenty years, two people, ONE DAY.

15th July 1988. Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on the night of their graduation. Tomorrow they must go their separate ways.

So where will they be on this one day next year? And the year after that?

And every year that follows?

Sales Points

- **A MULTI-MILLION COPY BESTSELLER.** Our editions alone have sold over 3 million copies to date. *One Day* has been translated into 40 languages and is an international bestseller.
- **A NATIONAL TREASURE.** David Nicholls needs no introduction. He's the beloved (and bestselling) author of five novels, including multi-million copy bestseller *One Day*. One of the best British authors writing today, David is also a BAFTA-winning and Emmy-nominated screenwriter, known for adaptations of novels including *Great Expectations*, *Far from the Madding Crowd* and Edward St Aubyn's *Patrick Melrose*.
- **A MAJOR NETFLIX SERIES.** The major series, starring Leo Woodall (*The White Lotus*) and Ambika Mod (*This Is Going to Hurt*), has been a phenomenal success, reminding everyone how much they loved the book and bringing a whole new generation of readers to the novel. As a result, *One Day* is one of the biggest paperbacks of 2024 and re-entered the *Sunday Times* bestsellers chart for 9 weeks.
- **MUST-HAVE HIGH-SPEC LIMITED EDITION.** This hardback special edition is clothbound with foil, head and tail bands, colour endpapers, digitally printed edges and a ribbon marker. This is *the* edition for *One Day* fans, publishing in time for St Swithin's Day on 15 July. In October, we will also publish a clothbound special edition of *You Are Here* with similar specs and design.

Author Biography

David Nicholls is the bestselling author of *Starter for Ten, The Understudy, One Day, Us, Sweet Sorrow* and *You Are Here*. *One Day* was published in 2009 to extraordinary critical acclaim: translated into 40 languages, it became a global bestseller, selling millions of copies worldwide. His fourth novel, *Us*, was longlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction. On screen, David has written adaptations of *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *When Did You Last See Your Father?* and *Great Expectations*, as well as of his own novels, *Starter for Ten, One Day* and *Us*. His adaptation of Edward St Aubyn's *Patrick Melrose*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, was nominated for an Emmy and won him a BAFTA for best writer. The Netflix adaptation of *One Day* was executive-produced by David.