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Bad Friend
Why Friendship Breakups Hurt and How to Heal

Michelle Elman

Keynote

Bad Friend is a ground-breaking book that removes the stigma from friendships breakups and sparks a much-needed conversation around friendships, making us question everything we have been taught about them.

Description

'Michelle is the queen of boundaries' KATIE PIPER

Society's message is loud and clear: romantic relationships matter more than friendship. But when we have an average of twenty-nine platonic relationships in our lifetime, compared to just seven-to-ten romantic relationships, why is the conversation on love far greater than friendship? Life coach and broadcaster Michelle Elman is determined to fix this.

If the conversation on friendship is quiet, the one on friendship break-ups is non-existent. This is despite research showing that only six friendships stand the test of time, which means that the average person experiences the ending of twenty-three friendships. As someone who has gone through a dozen of them, Michelle began to think she was a Bad Friend.

Have one too many friendship break-ups and people start questioning what's wrong with you. But what if you aren't the problem? What if the problem is how we think about friendship break-ups?

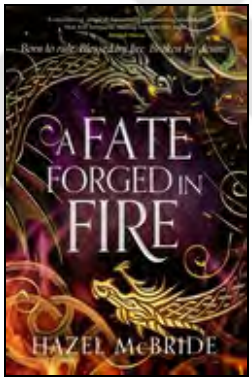
Introducing *Bad Friend*, a ground-breaking masterclass in friendship that makes space for every conversation you have never been allowed to have. *Bad Friend* will make you question everything you've been taught about friendships, and removes the stigma from friendship break-ups. This is for you if you've ever been hurt by a friend and, most importantly, reassures you that you're categorically *not* a bad friend.

Sales Points

- **Social media star:** Michelle is a social media queen. With 270k Instagram followers and 215k TikTok followers, she's will be promoting the heck of *Bad Friend* online.
- **Expert author:** Michelle is the perfect author to write about this topic; she's an experienced life coach who's known online as the 'queen of boundaries' for her straight-talking, no-nonsense and practical approach.
- **Media favourite:** Michelle is a regular on This Morning, ITV's daytime show, as their resident life coach. She's a firm media favourite, with regular coverage in *Glamour*, *Stylist*, *Grazia*, *The Daily Mail* and *Cosmopolitan.* She recently went massively viral after discovering that her fiancé was cheating on her on the day he proposed - she was everywhere off the back of this; both online and in print.
- **Hot topic:** Whilst friendship books are having a real moment, and this area of the market is getting saturated, there is barely anything on friendship breakups. Research shows that the average person will experience the ending of twenty-three friendships in their lifetime - yet there is so much stigma about friendship break-ups, and it's rarely discussed. *Bad Friend* sets about to fix this.
- **The definitive book on friendship break-ups:** *Bad Friend* leaves no stone unturned. Accessible, relatable and practical, it covers: myths about friendship; the difference between male and female friendships; insecurities in friendship; friendship groups; navigating social media; life changes in friendship; friends vs colleagues, how to break up with a friend; the aftermath of a friendship break-up - plus much much more.

Author Biography

Michelle Elman, also known as the 'Queen of Boundaries', is a life coach, author, broadcaster and public speaker. Michelle is often praised for her straight-talking approach and has appeared on ITV daytime show, This Morning as their resident life coach. Along with her three bestselling books, *Am I Ugly?* (2018), *The Joy of Being Selfish* (2021) and *The Selfish Romantic* (2023), Michelle's debut children's book, *How To Say No* (2023), sparked a crucial conversation for teens about boundaries. Michelle's popularity continues to grow with her books being sold in 16 countries and amassing an online following of over 250k on Instagram and 200k on TikTok. A firm media favourite and core industry spokesperson, Michelle is celebrated by the likes of *Glamour*, *Stylist* and *Grazia*, with *Cosmopolitan* naming *The Joy of Being Selfish* as one of the best books to read on mental health.



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Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Illustrations	**N/A**
Series	**Bonded to Beasts**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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Author born in	**Scotland**
Author living in	**The Netherlands**
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A Fate Forged in Fire
Discover your next UNMISSABLE romantasy obsession! (Bonded to Beasts, Book 1)

Hazel McBride

Keynote

The first book in the Celtic-inspired *Bonded To Beasts* fantasy romance duology, *A Fate Forged in Fire* seamlessly blends sizzling enemies-to-lovers romance, vicious politics, elemental magic, and, of course, dragons.

Description

Born to rule. Blessed by fire. Broken by desire. . .

In *A Fate Forged in Fire*, a powerfully blessed blacksmith must use her wits and fire magic to become the first queen in centuries and overthrow the corrupt powers ruling the kingdom while also fighting her desire for her dragon-riding adversary. The first book in a sizzling Celtic-inspired fantasy romance duology.

Once a territory built on matriarchal rule, Tìr Teine has been without a female heir for centuries. Through a long line of corrupt kings, an oppressive anti-magic teaching has infected the land - leading to the tragic decline of the dragons.

Aemyra was born to rule, gifted with fire magic from the Goddess Brigid. For years she has hidden in the shadows, waiting for the king to die so she can bond to his dragon, claim her birthright and protect her people.

But when her ambitious plan is foiled, Aemyra is thrust into a vicious game of politics and plots. Her biggest adversary is dragon rider and fire wielder Prince Fiorean. A cold and arrogant member of the royal family, he is everything Aemyra despises.

As chaos engulfs the court, Aemyra and Prince Fiorean are forced to forge an uneasy alliance - one that quickly ignites into something more dangerous than either of them expected.

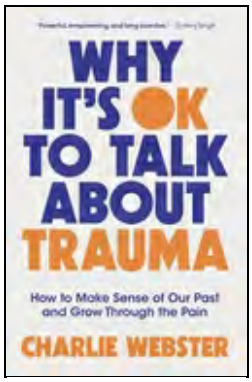
Behind enemy lines and slowly falling for her so-called nemesis, Aemyra uncovers the true weight of the crown. How much is she willing to sacrifice to claim her throne?

Sales Points

- INTERNATIONAL APPEAL: This was a competitive three-way auction in the UK and received an early six-figure preempt in Germany. It's currently making the rounds in US to much enthusiasm.
- A NEW MARKET FOR RENEGADE: This is such a great fit for Renegade, especially as we break into the fantasy genre: the authorship is wonderful and the story is immediately engaging and wholly original. This would introduce us to a ton of new, varied readers in the fantasy space, which is a loyal and engaged audience
- CLEAR ROUTE TO MARKET: There is already a defined audience in this space - it is sure to be a hit with the trade, and we'd design a bespoke campaign to activate support from across the market and ensure this book is everywhere on release. We'd also take a two-pronged approach with TikTok, which could be hugely supportive because of Hazel's existing audience and work on the platform.
- ENGAGED AUTHOR: Hazel has over 56k followers on tiktok, 13k followers on instagram, and over 340k hits on her work on the popular fanfiction site, AO3. She's an active booktoker with strong connections in the fantasy space and she's been attending fantasy conventions with other booktokers and readers. She's an excited and engaged author who already has a detailed social media strategy for her own platforms to promote her book, so we can work closely with her to reach the broadest online audience possible.

Author Biography

Hazel McBride is a Scottish author currently living in The Netherlands. After gaining her BSc in Psychology at the University of Glasgow, she moved to the Dominican Republic. Switching the laid-back Caribbean for the sun-drenched Canary Islands a year later, she then moved to the South of France and is now fluent in three languages. She is a member of the LGTBQIA+ community and having diverse and queer characters feature prominently in her novels is hugely important to her.



Why It's OK to Talk About Trauma
How to Make Sense of the Past and Grow Through the Pain

Charlie Webster

Publication date	**Thursday, May 01, 2025**
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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**256 pages**
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Exclusively for Sale	**UK**
Not for Sale	**World (ex UK)**

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Keynote

Broadcaster and abuse survivor Charlie Webster uses her own lived experience alongside advice from experts to create a companion for trauma survivors – a book that will help, explain, understand and navigate the impact of trauma on our lives.

Description

"In her new book *Why It's OK to Talk About Trauma*, she forges a new path for *all* survivors of trauma, as well as breathing much-needed humour into a stigmatised condition." - Lucy Morgan, *Glamour*, May 2024

THIS IS THE BOOK YOUR BRAIN, BODY AND FUTURE SELF NEED TO READ.

More than half of us will have experienced some kind of trauma in our lives - many of us multiple times over. But most of us ignore or avoid our traumatic experiences, and struggle alone in the emotional pain that remains.

In *Why It's OK to Talk About Trauma*, award-winning journalist and campaigner Charlie Webster explores what trauma is, how trauma impacts us mentally, emotionally and physically, and why our past experiences influence our day-to-day behaviours. She draws on her own story, research and insight, backed by the clinical psychologist that treated her.

'I wrote this book following my journey through trauma recovery. I've included everything I've learnt in the hope that it will also help you. I want to show you that it is okay to talk about trauma, but I know it's not easy.

Sometimes it's hard to admit that what has happened to us affects us so deeply. But by the time you turn the final page, my intention is that you will feel different; what has happened will not have disappeared but it will feel more manageable and you will be equipped to deal with trauma and life moving forward.

Whatever has happened to you, we can face it together in this book. I am with you on this journey.'

Sales Points

- The book breaks down what trauma is and who it affects in part one. Part two shares what trauma looks like, who it targets, how it manifests in daily lives, the triggers and how to identify it. The final part looks at growth, how to find the road to recovery, heal, stumble, and ultimately venture onto new beginnings, because it is possible to grow after trauma.
- Trauma truths uncovered by an author with powerful lived experience. 1 in 2 people experience trauma at some point in their lives.
- Strong author profile: Charlie Webster is an experienced broadcaster, writer and journalist. She is a domestic and sexual abuse survivor and ambassador for Women's Aid. Social media stats: IG: 48k, Twitter 79.2k, FB 4.7k.
- Expert advice from clinical psychologists, PTSD experts and intensive care consultants specialising in trauma.
- Comps TCM: *The Body Keeps the Score*, Bessel Van Der Kolk (PB 294k), *What Happened to You?*, Oprah Winfrey (PB 11k), *Trauma*, Dr Paul Conti (PB 1.4k), *Your Mental Health Workout*, Zoe Aston (PB 6.6k).



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Price	**£10.99 / ₹899**
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BIC 2.1	**Classic crime (FFC) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Gloucestershire (1DBKEWG) Crime & mystery (FF)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Campbell and Carter**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Book locale	**Cotswolds**
Author living in	**Oxfordshire**

Previous Titles

9781472270627 A Matter of Murder (10/12/2020)
9781472252661 An Unfinished Murder (13/12/2018)
9781472204592 Rooted in Evil (29/06/2017)
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9780755349142 Bricks and Mortality (06/06/2013)
9780755349104 Rack, Ruin and Murder (09/06/2011)
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Death on the Prowl
Campbell & Carter Mystery 8

Ann Granger

Keynote

The eighth Campbell and Carter novel from much-loved crime writer Ann Granger.

Description

<h3>The eighth Campbell and Carter mystery from much-loved crime writer Ann Granger is sure to appeal to fans of her Mitchell and Markby mysteries, as well as to fans of Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club* series.</h3>
When Jerry Harrison receives an unwelcome visitor at his remote Cotswold cottage one winter's night, the last thing he expects is to end up dead. But, next morning, his cleaners find him fatally stabbed and the police have a murder inquiry on their hands.

At first, Inspector Jess Campbell and Superintendent Ian Carter aren't sure of the victim's identity, but it's not long before a neighbour, Eleanor Holder, comes forward with her opinions on the deceased. Jerry Harrison was not a popular man in the village of Weston St Ambrose; his aunt's tragic death led to him inheriting her cottage and many of the locals still see him as an outsider.

With no witnesses coming forward and very little evidence to go on, Jess and Ian must dig deep to find the answers to this baffling case. But not before another villager is attacked and left for dead . . .

Praise for Ann Granger's crime novels:

'Characterisation, as ever with Granger, is **sharp and astringent**' *The Times*

'Her usual **impeccable plotting** is fully in place' *Good Book Guide*

'A **clever** and **lively** book' Margaret Yorke

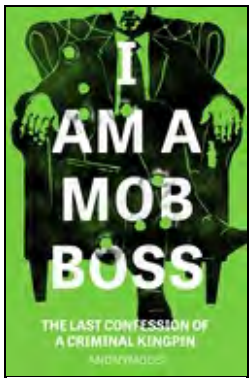
'This engrossing story looks like the start of a **highly enjoyable series**' *Scotsman*

Sales Points

- Ann Granger's career has spanned over 30 years and her ever-popular cosy crime mysteries have sold over 2 million copies worldwide.
- Ann Granger's hugely popular crime novels, featuring Mitchell & Markby, Fran Varady and Campbell & Carter, have gained her international recognition and literary success.
- Set in the Cotswolds, Ann Granger's Campbell and Carter mysteries will undoubtedly appeal to fans of her hugely popular crime series featuring Mitchell and Markby.

Author Biography

Ann Granger has lived in cities all over the world, since for many years she worked in British embassies as far apart as Munich and Lusaka. She is now permanently based in Oxfordshire.



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BIC 2.1	**True crime (BTC)** **Memoirs (BM)** **Organized crime (JKVM)**

Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Series	**I am...**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
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I Am A Mob Boss
The Last Confession of a Criminal Kingpin

Anonymous

Keynote

The last confession of a real-life mob boss, recently retired and looking back on a life spent calling the shots in the criminal underworld.

Description

I could've died a thousand times. People were out to get me, as they always are when you run the show.

It's kind of silly that it's cancer that's going to get me, but now I know the end's not going to come from a sudden bullet to the skull one night, at least I have enough time to tell my story.

It's a story that would have had me locked up long ago, if anyone knew I was at the top.

It all started innocently enough, with a few smash-and-grabs and some card games, but then moved into armed robbery and then eventually drugs. And that's when things changed. When the money came rolling in. When we would do anything to hold onto power.

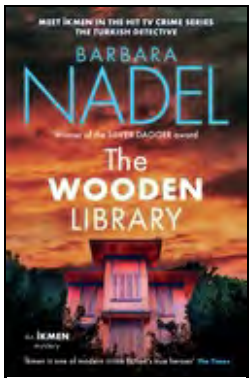
This is my last confession. A way to atone for what I've done. Let it be a lesson to you.

Sales Points

- The previous books in the series, *I Am A Hitman* and *I Am A Drug Lord*, have collectively sold over 36,000 copies.
- The Film/TV rights to *I Am A Hitman* were sold at auction to the Oscar-winning Underdog Productions.
- For fans of *The Sopranos*, *Peaky Blinders* and Netflix's *The Gentlemen.*
- Certain to appeal to readers of *I Am Not a Gangster* by Bobby Cummines (46k copies TCM), *Running with the Firm* (85k) and Charlie Richardson's *The Last Gangster* (21k).

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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Series	**The Ikmen Mysteries**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Book locale	**Istanbul, Turkey**
Author born in	**London, UK**
Author living in	**Essex, UK**

Previous Titles

9781472293787 The Darkest Night (Ikmen Mystery 26)
9781472293756 Double Illusion (Ikmen Mystery 25)
9781472273543 Bride Price (Ikmen Mystery 24)
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9781472213792 On the Bone
9781472213761 Land of the Blind
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and many more

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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Wooden Library
Ikmen Mystery 27

Barbara Nadel

Keynote

The 27th Ikmen mystery from award-winning author Barbara Nadel, whose previous Ikmen mysteries, set in Istanbul, are the inspiration behind *The Turkish Detective,* an eight-part TV series on BBC Two and available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

Description

<h3>The twenty-seventh mystery featuring Çetin İkmen and Mehmet Süleyman, stars of BBC Two's gripping crime drama series *The Turkish Detective*, available to watch on BBC iPlayer.</h3>
Inspector Mehmet Süleyman is on holiday in Romania when his distant cousin calls. Nurettin Süleyman has bought the Wooden Library, an ancient building in Istanbul once owned by their ancestor. He needs help cataloguing its priceless contents and who better for the job than Mehmet's old friend Çetin İkmen? As İkmen sets to work, he detects a terrible smell pervading the library that leads to the discovery of a rotting corpse. The dead body is that of Senol Ulusoy, the man who sold Nurettin the library . . .

A long-running feud between the two families comes to light, as does the bitter rivalry between the three Ulusoy brothers, fuelled by their father's cruel manipulation. Then pathologist Arto Sarkissian makes a shocking discovery that turns this case on its head, and Süleyman's detective team must dig deep to reveal a truth that is rooted in the past as well as the present . . .

Praise for Barbara Nadel's İkmen mysteries:

'**Complex and beguiling**: a Turkish delight' **Mick Herron**

'**İkmen is one of modern crime fiction's true heroes**, complex yet likeable, and the city he inhabits - Istanbul - is just as fascinating' ***The Times***

'Barbara Nadel's distinctive Istanbul-set Inspector İkmen thrillers combine **brightly coloured scene setting** with **deliciously tortuous plots**' ***Guardian***

Sales Points

- **The Ikmen mysteries** have been adapted into an eight-part TV series called The Turkish Detective, co-produced by Viacom and Miramax and released on BBC Two, and available on BBC iPlayer.
- **Barbara Nadel has won the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger Award** which confirms her status as one of the best crime writers in the business - previous winners: PD James, Ruth Rendell, Colin Dexter and Donna Leon.
- Barbara Nadel has been shortlisted for the prestigious **CWA Dagger in the Library Award** and longlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculiar **Crime Novel of the Year**.
- **Winner of the Swedish Flintax Prize** for historical crime fiction for her first Francis Hancock novel, *Last Rights*.
- Barbara Nadel has a strong social media presence on X @Barbara Nadel.

Reviews

- 'Complex and beguiling: a Turkish delight' - Mick Herron
- 'Ikmen is one of modern crime fiction's true heroes, complex yet likeable, and the city he inhabits - Istanbul - is just as fascinating' - *The Times*
- 'Barbara Nadel's distinctive Istanbul-set Inspector Ikmen thrillers combine brightly coloured scene setting with deliciously tortuous plots - the resourceful Ikmen is always struggling with intractable cases' - *Guardian*
- 'Inspector Çetin Ikmen is one of detective fiction's most likeable investigators, despite his grumpy and unsociable character . . . think of him as the Morse of Istanbul' - *Daily Telegraph*

Author Biography

Trained as an actress, Barbara Nadel used to work in mental health services. Born in the East End of London, she now writes full time and has been a visitor to Turkey for over twenty years. She received the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger for her novel DEADLY WEB, and the Swedish Flintax Prize for historical crime fiction for her first Francis Hancock novel, LAST RIGHTS.
To find out more, follow Barbara on Twitter @BarbaraNadel or visit her website www.barbara-nadel.com



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Illustrations	**N/A**
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Author born in	**Scotland**
Author living in	**Berlin & Perth, Scotland**
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I Kissed a Werewolf and I Liked It
a steamy sapphic paranormal romance between a student and her werewolf mentor

Cat Hepburn

Keynote

A steamy paranormal enemies-to-lovers sapphic romance set in Edinburgh, about a first-year university student who falls into a deadly affair with the werewolf that bit her. *Sex Education* with fangs.

Description

A first year university student and the werewolf that bit her begin a deadly will-they-won't-they affair in this steamy paranormal enemies-to-lovers sapphic romance. The perfect treat to sink your teeth into, for fans of Ali Hazelwood's *Bride, The Fake Mate* by Lana Ferguson and *My Roommate is a Vampire* by Jenna Levine.

The howling doesn't stop after the full moon.

My first term of university: bad grades and worse sex. After losing my sister/best friend Grace and spending my teenage years suffering for it, I thought academia could be my saviour. So, I buried my head in as many books as I could find. But it turns out you can't just turn the page on years of guilt. Still, the university library has become something of a haven away from the darkness.

Until a werewolf bit me in the romance section. And to my surprise, I kinda liked it.

I should have died - but instead, in true me form, I fell in love with the mysterious wolf that nearly tore me to shreds.

Now I feel myself changing, experiencing urges like never before. Maybe I should run for my life, but suddenly a dark bond is pulling me in closer. Am I making a terrible mistake? Could they be luring me in to finish what we started?

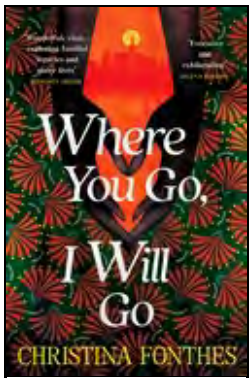
Or could becoming a werewolf be the best thing that ever happened to me?

Sales Points

- **RIGHTS**: World All rights including film & TV.
- **VERY HIGH SPICE LEVEL:** Cat Hepburn massively turns up the spice in this smutty, addictive paranormal romance about a first year university student looking for love in all the wrong places. The perfect read for fans of Ali Hazelwood, Lana Ferguson, Lola Glass and Tessa Bailey
- **SAPPHIC WEREWOLF AGE-GAP ROMANCE**: The central romance is queer and the novel deploys many fan-favourite romance tropes to full effect, including Age Gap (the older werewolf falling in love with a university student) Mentor/Protege Dynamics and Enemies-to-Lovers.
- **DEBUT NOVEL BY AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR**: Cat Hepburn is an award-winning scriptwriter and poet. She has written for RIVER CITY (BBC Scotland) and worked as a storywriter for HOLLYOAKS (Lime Pictures). Her short film SHAMED (BBC The Social) was nominated for a Prix Europa award and a Royal Television Society Award 2019. This is her debut novel, but she has published two collections of poetry which garnered fantastic acclaim from the likes of Phill Jupitus, The Skinny and Feminist Fringe.

Author Biography

Cat Hepburn is an award-winning scriptwriter and poet based in Perth, Scotland and Berlin, Germany. Her writing has featured on BBC6 Music, STV and the Edinburgh Fringe, and she has written for RIVER CITY (BBC Scotland) and worked as a storywriter for HOLLYOAKS (Lime Pictures). Cat's authored two books, the latest *Dating & Other Hobbies* came out in 2021 and her debut solo show *#GIRLHOOD*, based on her book of the same name, debuted at the Edinburgh Fringe to 4 and 5-star reviews. Her short film SHAMED (BBC The Social) was nominated for a Prix Europa award and a Royal Television Society Award 2019.



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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**The Congo, London, Brussels, Paris, Brighton**

Previous Titles
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Electronic	**Headline**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
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Where You Go, I Will Go
the emotional and redemptive family saga

Christina Fonthes

Keynote

In this stunning debut that takes us from Kinshasa to London, the stakes of love collide with religion and societal expectations, as two women search for a place of belonging - 'evocative and exhilarating' (Salena Godden)

Description

'Evocative and exhilarating. Christina Fonthes is a fresh and powerful new writer with a beautiful voice and bold talent'
Salena Godden, author of *Mrs. Death Misses Death*

'A wonderful, vital novel exploring familial legacies and queer lives. Fonthes deftly charts the complex paths of these characters with real verve and authenticity'
Irenosen Okojie MBE

'A captivating read from an exciting new voice'
Cherie Jones, author of *How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House*

1980's Kinshasa. Mira is the teenage daughter of a family on the rise. When she falls in love with an impoverished singer, a criminal the eyes of her parents, it sets her on a dramatic path that winds its way across oceans and decades.

2004, London. Bijoux is a young British-Congolese woman living with her silent and flinty Pentecostal aunt, Tantine Mireille. Outwardly she plays the role of the obedient child, going to prayer meetings and following instructions. But Bijoux has a secret; she is in love with a woman. She has been for a year. When her aunt wants her to marry one of the young men from the church, Bijoux has to make a decision.

Vividly bringing to life the Congo and its diaspora, Where *You Go, I Will Go* weaves Bijoux and Mira's stories together across two continents, two generations, through the mess of love and sexuality, and the pull of mother-daughter relationships, to finally bring them to a place of belonging - home.

Sales Points

- **Early Praise:** we have early quotes from Salena Godden ('evocative and exhilarating'),Irenosen Okojie ('a wonderful and vital novel') and Cherie Jones ('captivating')
- **Author profile:** Christina is the founder of REWRITE, an organisation that supports and champions Black Women and Women of Colour writers. She was mentored by Bernardine Evaristo and Irenosen Okojie. In 2021, she was the winner of the Royal Society of Literature Sky Arts Writers Award for Fiction
- **Talking points:** the novel has so much to say about identity, community and belonging; about motherhood and family estrangement, about being a queer Black woman in London
- **Original subject:** one of the first novels to focus on the British Congolese community in London
- **For fans of:** Kamila Shamsie, Yaa Gyasi and Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi's THE FIRST WOMAN

Reviews

- '**A rich complex compendium exploring the nuances of being Black, Congolese, immigrant, gay and a woman. A story that is thrillingly told. A novel that only Christina Fonthes could have written**' - JJ Bola
- '**What a fantastic novel.** Christina gains your trust from the first few pages and **leads you through the winding corridors of the heart-thumping, finger-tingling story, until its satisfying conclusion.** The novel is aptly named for wherever Fonthes's future leads, I will gladly follow. **Stunning!**' - Chikodili Emelumadu, author of Dazzling

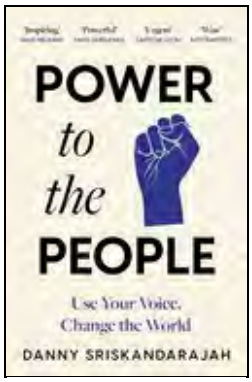
Author Biography

Christina Fonthes is a Congolese-British writer. She is the founder of REWRITE, an organisation that supports and champions Black Women and Women of Colour writers. In 2021 she was the winner of the prestigious Royal Society of Literature Sky Arts Writers Award for Fiction, and mentored by Bernardine Evaristo and Irenosen Okojie. Her work has featured in several publications around the world including T*oo Young Too Black Too Different* (Corsair), *The Colour Of Madness* (Bluebird/Macmillan), *Filigree* (Peepal Tree Press), *Flight Journal* (Spread The Word) among others.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
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Word Count	
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Power to the People
Use your voice, change the world

Danny Sriskandarajah

Keynote

A call-to-arms for more active global citizenry.

Description

Think you have to accept the status quo? This book will make you think again. YOU have the power the change the world.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE is a radical blueprint for change in a world in which democracy feels under attack, inequality is rising, the climate crisis is deepening, and digital technologies are undermining community cohesion. Danny Sriskandarajah, CEO of the New Economics Foundation and former CEO of Oxfam GB, offers us the antidote to apathy by highlighting the inspiring stories of ordinary people taking on the biggest challenges of our time. From giving democracy a participatory makeover to public ownership of social media spaces, and from re-energising co-operatives to creating a people's chamber at the United Nations, this thought-provoking book is packed full of ideas for how we can reclaim our power - and change the world.

'Upbeat, empowering, alive with the possibilities of civic action and vibrant with examples from the past . . . One of the things that makes his book stand out is the depth of [Danny's] global expertise' Zoe Williams, *Guardian*

'a timely reminder that people shape economies, that inequality is far from inevitable, and that we must work collectively - business, government, and citizens - to build a brighter future where all can thrive' Paul Polman, former CEO of Unilever and co-author of *Net Positive*

'After a lifetime of campaigning Danny has written a passionate, wise, inspiring and - hurray! - very entertaining book about how individuals really do have the power to change the world for the better' Richard Curtis, screenwriter and co-founder of Comic Relief

Sales Points

- Empowering manifesto with an inspiring message based on 30 years of working with activists worldwide.
- Updated preface reflecting on 2024 as the year of major elections across the globe.
- The book is truly global in approach and solutions-focused, with lots of PR hooks.
- Danny is an impressive public speaker with excellent credibility in the NGO space.

Reviews

- '[*Power to the People*] sounds like yet another political self-help book, but is in fact **upbeat, empowering, alive with the possibilities of civic action** and vibrant with examples from the past . . . One of the things that makes his book stand out is the depth of his global expertise. For every idea he has about participatory budgeting or deliberative democracy, he can name five places in the world where it has worked.' - Zoe Williams, Guardian
- 'Danny connects his personal story with society's collective story of who we are and who we can be. He provides a beacon that lights up our confidence that we can shift power to the people and helps guide us on our way' - Winnie Byanyima, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 'After a lifetime of campaigning Danny has written a passionate, wise, inspiring and - hurray! - very entertaining book about how individuals really do have the power to change the world for the better' - Richard Curtis, co-founder of Comic Relief
- 'Urgent and essential, at the heart of *Power to the People* lies a simple but profound truth: that people acting together can change the world' - Caroline Lucas, former leader of the Green Party of England and Wales

Author Biography

Danny Sriskandarajah is the child of Tamil migrants who fled Sri Lanka's civil war for Australia, before moving to the UK in 1998. After running CIVICUS, the Johannesburg-based alliance of civil society organisations with members in more than 180 countries, he became CEO of Oxfam GB in early 2019 with a brief to sort out Oxfam's failure to prevent sexual abuse in Haiti and elsewhere. He did so quickly, introducing reforms, notably by involving partner organisations, and by challenging Oxfam's fund-raising orthodoxies.

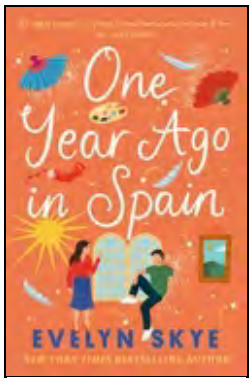
Danny is at heart a thinker and a radical who believes that governmental and charity structures are based on outdated nineteenth-century models. His opinion pieces have been published in newspapers in more than 30 countries, and he regularly appears on broadcast media, including programmes such as the BBC's *Today* programme and *Question Time*. He has spoken at over 500 events in some 70 countries, including at the



United Nations General Assembly, the World Economic Forum Annual Meetings at Davos, and committees of both Houses of the UK Parliament. He tweets @dhnnjyn

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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)

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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

'An utterly romantic story about second chances and the power of love. Every romance reader will adore this novel!' Ali Hazelwood

'A sumptuous love story full of what-ifs and second chances' Julie Soto

'Effervescent and romantic, a novel that gives hope and credence to the concept of 'ever after' Tif Marcelo

'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*.

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Claire Walker has her life in perfect order. Yet the one thing she is missing is a perfect love to complete it, until fate pushes Spanish artist Matías de León into her path. Matías is 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 how they can possibly work long-term when they're so different. Might it be best to end it before they are in too deep?

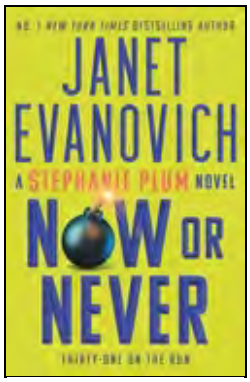
Then tragedy strikes while Matías is visiting family, leaving him gravely wounded in a Madrid hospital. Claire drops everything to race to his side, and finds she is the only one who can see and talk to Matías's soul, detached from his comatose body. But that soul has no memories of his year in New York, of her, or of their relationship. In order to lure Matías back to his body, Claire will have to convince him to fall in love with her all over again. But 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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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**None**
Series	**Stephanie Plum**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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Author born in	**New Jersey**
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Now or Never
Stephanie Plum 31

Janet Evanovich

Keynote

The latest Stephanie Plum novel from No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling and 'the most popular mystery writer alive' (*New York Times*) Janet Evanovich

Description

<h3>Stephanie Plum's life is ready to explode in the pulse-pounding new novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich!</h3>

She said yes to Morelli. She said yes to Ranger. Now Stephanie Plum has two fiancés and no plan. But the way things are going, she might not live long enough to marry anyone.

Stalling for time, Stephanie buries herself in her work as a bounty hunter, tracking down fugitives from justice. There's Eugene Fleck, a seemingly sweet online influencer who might also be YouTube star Robin Hoody, masked hero to the homeless. There's Bruno Jug, a wealthy and connected man who is rumored to traffic young girls alongside wholesale lettuce and tomatoes. Most terrifying of all is Zoran - a laundromat manager by day and self-proclaimed vampire by night with a taste for the blood of pretty girls. When he shows up on Stephanie's doorstep, it's not for the meatloaf dinner.

Stephanie has to use every trick in the book to reel in these men. But she can't decide what to do about Ranger and Morelli - and she's keeping a secret from them that is the biggest bombshell of all. Now or never, she's got to make the decision of a lifetime.

<h3>Praise for Janet Evanovich</h3>

'[With] quick wit, sly clue-dropping, and a well-utilized supporting cast . . . this is **fast-paced and laugh-filled fun**' ***Publishers Weekly***

'An **uproarious, crazy, laugh-a-minute caper** with Trenton, New Jersey's most likable and notorious crime buster' ***Booklist***

'Janet Evanovich is the **crown princess** of detective fiction' ***BookPage***

'Among the **great joys** of contemporary crime fiction' ***GQ***

Sales Points

- ***DIRTY THIRTY* - the 30th Stephanie Plum mystery - was an instant No. 1 *New York Times* hardback bestseller in November 2023**
- **NEARLY 12K TRADE PAPERBACKS (BookScan) of *Dirty Thirty* sold in Australia**
- **3.8 MILLION Janet Evanovich books sold by Headline alone (March 2024)**
- **JANET EVANOVICH is one of the world's bestselling brand authors, with over 200 million copies of her books in print worldwide**

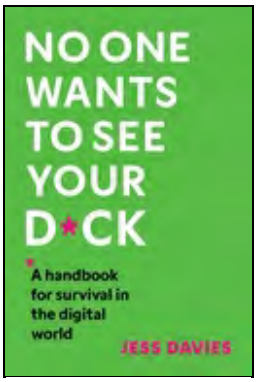
Author Biography

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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No One Wants to See Your D*ck
A Handbook for Survival in the Digital World

Jess Davies

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BIC 2.1	**Ethical & social aspects of IT (UBJ)** **Social discrimination & inequality (JFFJ)** **Digital lifestyle (UD)** **Media studies (JFD)** **Feminism & feminist theory (JFFK)** **Gender studies: women (JFSJ1)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
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Extent	**368 pages**
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Illustrations	**N/A**
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Keynote

A vital handbook and investigation into online misogyny and violence against women from ex-model and women's rights campaigner, Jess Davies

Description

Are we *still* asking for it because of our outfits? Our routes home? Our profile picture? Our social media posts? Or can we finally admit that there might be something wrong with... men and masculinity?

*No One Wants to See Your D*ck* is a vital handbook for women in a post-feminist digital era: where the rise of masculinity influencers, the popularity of misogynistic content, and a lack of regulation within social media have formed the perfect storm.

As the epidemic of male violence towards women and young girls reaches terrifying new heights through new and expanding technologies, women's rights campaigner Jess Davies will help readers to question society's understanding - or lack of - when it comes to consent. With a toolkit to understand and tackle online misogyny, *No One Wants to See Your D*ck* will arm a new wave of internet sleuths to take down the manosphere, one unsolicited pic at a time.

Sales Points

- Platform author: Jess has a growing social media following with 320k across all platforms. She is a regular on the Jeremy Vine Show and hosts her own radio show on Capital Wales.
- Campaigning angle: Jess's BBC documentary 'Deepfake Porn: Could You Be Next' was used to lobby the UK government in their Online Harms Safety Bill and Jess has been invited to roundtables at the Ministry of Justice to push for more laws to protect people against online misogyny.
- Well-connected author: Jess is followed by influential figures such as Ros Atkins, Marianna Spring, Gina Martin, Poorna Bell, Alison Hammond and Matt Haig.
- Timely topic full of practical takeaways: accessible language and advice on how to protect yourself and others against online misogyny and what we can all do to fight against it. Perfect for Gen Z and millennial readers as well as parents of teenagers.

Author Biography

Jess Davies is a presenter, social media influencer and women's rights campaigner. She presents current affairs documentaries investigating the Manosphere and the sexual exploitation of women both on and offline. Her documentary *Deepfake Porn: Could You Be Next?* was used to lobby the UK government to criminalise sexually explicit deepfakes in the Online Safety Act. Jess is a sociology graduate and uses her social media accounts to call out misogynistic attitudes, raise awareness of inequalities and campaign against image-based sexual abuse.



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BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Adult & contemporary romance (FRD) Romance (FR)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**432 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**Map of village**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Book locale	**Cotswolds**
Author born in	**Bristol**
Author living in	**Bristol**

Previous Titles
THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR (9781472287939; 18/01/24);
PROMISE ME (9781472287885; 19/01/23);
SHOULD I TELL YOU? (9781472248589; 20/01/22);

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An Almost Perfect Summer
The brand new feel-good romantic read from the beloved bestselling author

Jill Mansell

Keynote

The heart-warming new romantic novel from the beloved author of *The Wedding of the Year* and *Promise Me*, Jill Mansell.

Description

<h3>The heartwarming, brand-new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Jill Mansell</h3>
'Adorable characters, wonderful setting, fabulous plot lines . . . Loved every page' Milly Johnson

'Sparkle and wit with a hint of wisdom makes for a very satisfying read . . . Jill Mansell is the new Jilly Cooper' Katie Fforde

'Full of friendship and love, and the most delicious happy ever after' Jo Thomas

Nick is the most intriguing man Nella has met in a while. He's a 9 in the looks department (*no one* gets a 10), he makes her laugh, *and* he keeps her company when she ends up in A&E. But they live hundreds of miles apart.

Then Nella loses her job. There's a perfect role on offer at a Cotswolds holiday retreat. The catch is that her boss would be Nick. And that makes Nick the one man she can't risk falling in love with.

While Nella struggles with her feelings, a Hollywood star has found a haven at the retreat. Lizzie's sworn off people - especially men - until her friendly new neighbours entice her out of her shell. Maybe she needs a flirtation - with gorgeous Nick, perhaps? Not with taciturn local Matthew, though, who definitely isn't a member of her fan club. Then an astonishing secret revealed changes everything . . .

The scene is set for a fabulous new novel full of friendship, warmth and romance.

Praise for Jill Mansell's bestselling novels:

'**Jill has a great gift for characterisation** - nuanced, interesting, believable people but created with a charming lightness of touch' **Marian Keyes**
'A **delicious** treat . . . uplifting, joyous' ***My Weekly***
'Fabulously **satisfying**' **Jo Thomas**
'**Uplifting**, heartwarming and **supremely feel-good**' **Sophie Kinsella**
'The **absolute definition of "reading for pleasure"**, it will bring hours of happiness' **Veronica Henry**

Sales Points

- **JILL MANSELL HAS A FANTASTIC BESTSELLER TRACK RECORD.** Most recently, *The Wedding of the Year* was a *Sunday Times* hardback bestseller in 2024.
- **AN AMAZING SALES HISTORY. 10.7 million copies sold for Headline!** 14.5 million copies of Jill's novels sold worldwide. 2.6 million Headline ebooks sold.
- **AN AUTHOR BELOVED IN EBOOK.** Jill's novels are regular digital bestsellers, with *Promise Me* going to the Kindle No. 1 position in August 2023. Our repackaging programme is producing many ebook bestsellers across the backlist, with *Open House* going to No. 7 in May 2024.
- **A GLOBALLY SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR.** Jill's books have sold in translation in 31 territories. She is a massive bestseller in the Netherlands, where sales in Dutch are over 3.8 million copies. US sales of over 800k.

Reviews

- 'Praise for Jill Mansell: "What **a gorgeous book!** Jill has a great gift for characterisation - **nuanced, interesting, believable people** but created with a charming lightness of touch. Thanks to **Jill's warmth, wisdom and emotional intelligence**, this book was a huge pleasure to read"' - *Marian Keyes*
- 'What **a sparkling, joyful read!** Jill is the absolute Queen of **creating characters you immediately want to be best friends with**!' - *Phillipa Ashley*
- 'I love this book so much . . . like **a wonderful, warm writing hug**' - *Joanna Cannon*

Author Biography

'The queen of witty, heart-warming, feel-good love stories' *Red*; 'One of my favourite writers' Katie Fforde

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Jill Mansell started writing fiction while working in the NHS, after she read a magazine article that inspired her to join a local creative writing class. Since then she has written over twenty-five *Sunday Times* bestsellers. Her acclaimed novels include *The Wedding of the Year*, *Promise Me*, *Should I Tell You?*, *And Now You're Back*, *It Started with a Secret* and *You and Me, Always*. Jill's books have sold over 14.5 million copies worldwide.

Jill lives in Bristol and for many years worked in the field of clinical neurophysiology. You'd think inventing characters and stories would be easier, but she can assure you it isn't.

You can follow Jill on X @JillMansell, Facebook /OfficialJillMansell and Instagram @JillMansell

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The Summer Party
the most explosive and addictive summer thriller to keep you hooked in 2024

Kate Gray

Keynote

A twisty locked-room thriller that will leave you breathless, and turning down all party invites. Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley, Catherine Cooper and T.M. Logan.

Description

Your invitation for the hottest summer thriller of the year has arrived . . .

'The thriller of the summer' SARA OCHS
'Smart, sharp and stylish' ANDREA MARA
'Addictive' CLAIRE DOUGLAS
'Everything you want in a thriller' FIONA CUMMINS

It's the event of the year - the company summer party. Mel can't wait to let her hair down with her colleagues. Sun, sea, and her sights set on her work crush. One big happy family.

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 one of them be guilty of *murder*? Mel soon realises someone is orchestrating a deadly plan. And she must 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, Ruth Ware and T.M. Logan.

'A **tense**, **gripping** and **atmospheric** thriller that will have you up all night' **KATY BRENT**
'Nail-biting . . . the **perfect cocktail-by-the-pool companion**' **EMILY FREUD**
'An **immersive** psychological thriller with a brilliantly **claustrophobic** setting' **C.L. PATTISON**
'A fast-paced, **tense** locked-room thriller' **LOUISE JENSEN**
'Extraordinarily suspenseful . . . the **perfect holiday thriller**' **SARAH TURNER**

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.

Reviews

- ''**THE thriller of the summer**. With an **exotic location**, a host of suspicious characters, and **twists** I never saw coming, I couldn't get enough. A **must-have for your beach bag**'' - *SARA OCHS, author of The Dive*
- 'A **nail-biting**, locked-room thriller that will **keep you turning the pages into the early hours.** Action-packed and with a **jaw-dropping climax** - it is the perfect **cocktail-by-the-pool** companion' - *EMILY FREUD, author of Her Last Summer*
- 'A **luxury hotel,** toxic work colleagues, shameful secrets, and a **glamorous party gone terribly wrong** - this has everything! **Smart, sharp and stylish**, *The Summer Party* is a quintessential **one-sitting read**' - *ANDREA MARA, Sunday Times bestselling author of No One Saw A Thing*
- 'An **immersive** psychological thriller with a brilliantly **claustrophobic** setting' - *C.L. PATTISON, author of The Florist*

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.

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Your Baby's First Year
A day-by-day guide from an expert Norland-trained nanny

Louenna Hood

Keynote

Former Norland nanny and trained maternity nurse Louenna Hood draws on her two decades of childcare experience to share newborn parenting guidance, tips and insights that have helped thousands of women and men across the globe embark on the biggest journey of their lives - parenthood.

Description

**<h3>'If there was ever a nanny whose advice you should follow, it's Louenna. Her experience and knowledge in caring for infants is unmatched, and her bitesize tips, tools and wisdom make this a go-to essential for daily baby wins, with a good helping of self care. It's a changing bag essential!'
Annabel Karmel, MBE</h3>**

<h3>'Every parent will benefit from this incredible easy to navigate book. Louenna is the best in her field and she helped me endlessly with my children. This is a must on every new parents' book shelf.' Luisa Zissman</h3>

'This book offers a daily source of inspiration, to help guide you through the exciting, yet sometimes overwhelming, first year of your baby's life. By giving you facts, advice and tips that are specific to your little one's stage of development, I hope it encourages you to have the confidence to enjoy lots of special moments together.' Nanny Louenna

Complete with tips for daily care, from changing a nappy to how to hold, feed and swaddle your baby, qualified Norland Nanny and maternity nurse Louenna Hood also provides five important routines for you to follow at different stages of your baby's first year, ensuring that they are happy and that you all get enough sleep. Easy to navigate, with one page per day for the first year of your baby's life, this book is the perfect go-to guide and support to help you navigate the unexpected joys of this most important journey. The book also features sections detailing topics such as breastfeeding, tiredness and night feeds, sleep cycles and mindfulness, complete with QR codes pointing to online videos.

Including the following indispensable information:

Baby Fact - learn what's happening to your baby today - movements, sounds and physical developments to look out for.

Food for Thought - from feeding mama to tasty weaning ideas for baby.

Activities - small but high-five-worthy suggestions to keep life on track, anything from going for a walk around the block to making a meal, meeting a friend, putting a wash on or finishing a cup of tea while it's still hot!

Date for the Diary - from newborn cuddles to knowing when and how to start introducing all-important tummy time into your baby's daily routine, learn activities to bond with your baby plus important milestones such as immunisations and midwife visits.

Mindfulness - simple ideas to help you take a moment for yourself each day.

Sales Points

- EXPERT AUTHOR: Norland Nanny and trained maternity nurse, Louenna Hood is an expert in childcare. She has 75k followers on Instagram, where she shares childcare information and tips.
- CONTENT FEATURED ON COMPANION APP: The Louenna App is a one-stop-shop for childcare, covering every possible parenting topic from feeding, bathing and changing to sleep routines, potty training and language development. The book will feature QR codes linking through to exclusive how-to videos on the app.
- ROYAL HONOUR: Louenna was awarded the British Empire Medal in King Charles' New Year's Honours 2023.

Author Biography

In 2002, Louenna Hood graduated from the prestigious Norland College in Bath, Somerset, which has trained elite nannies for 130 years. Over almost two decades, she has nannied over 100 children, including the offspring of celebrities and royalty, and has worked in countries across the globe, including Dubai, Australia, America and Sweden. Qualifying as a maternity nurse a decade ago - a decision that led her into freelance work - cemented Louenna as a go-to support for many high profile new parents. Then in March 2020, as her childcare duties scaled back during the pandemic, Louenna took her career



to the next level, by making her childcare services completely inclusive via a dedicated parent support app, The Louenna App. A one-stop-shop for childcare, the app covers every possible parenting topic from feeding, bathing and changing, to sleep routines, potty training and language development. Originally from Norfolk, Louenna currently lives in Newmarket in Cambridgeshire.

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Cooler Than My Kids
A Handbook for Hip Dads

Paul Symons

Keynote

The perfect gift for every dad who is still convinced he's cooler than his kids

Description

Craft beer, vinyl, trendy trainers, vintage bikes: it's not a midlife crisis, it's a state of mind

Are you a man of a certain age who feels more at home at Indie Night than Parents' Evening? Do you firmly believe you have much better taste in films and fashion than your kids? Is your kitchen packed with indispensable kit that's never been used? Does your cycling club always come before family day trips? Is your vintage campervan an extension of your personality?

If the answers are yes, congratulations: you're an Ultra-Modern Dad - and you are not alone.

This book will reveal how to be the alpha papa of everything from baby names to video games. It will explain why most Ultra-Modern Dads are frustrated rock stars, undiscovered celebrity chefs and would-be professional sportsmen. It will crack the UMD dress code - where heritage workwear meets expanding waistlines - as well as offering essential insights for eye-rolling other-halves and cringing offspring, and showing how the hell to live with one.

Sales Points

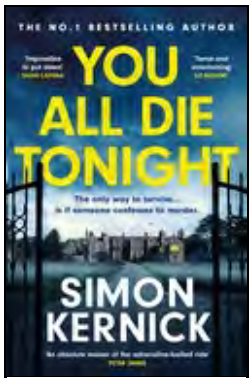
- **FATHER'S DAY:** published for the holiday in 2025, this is the perfect gift for dad
- **SITS NEATLY IN THE HUMOUR SECTION ALONGSIDE:** HOW TO ADULT (17k SLD), THE LITTLE BOOK OF SENIOR MOMENTS (16k) AND THE GRUMPY OLD GIT'S GUIDE TO LIFE (36k)
- **AUTHOR:** is a self-confessed hipster dad to two teenage daughters with many useful contct in the media to help promote

Author Biography

Paul Symons works in the media, because of course he does. He has written for national newspapers and worked for leading book publishers, and lives in a now-fashionable part of south-east London that he discovered before anyone else. He is married with two teenage daughters and labours under the delusion that he is cooler than the rest of his household.

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Not for Sale	**USA**
Author born in	**Oxfordshire**
Author living in	**Henley**

Publishing History
Simon Kernick is one of the UK's most popular thriller writers and a number one bestseller. He has sold over millions of books in the UK alone.

Previous Titles
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You All Die Tonight
the twisting new thriller from the number one bestselling author

Simon Kernick

Keynote
A gripping, page-turning and unpredictable thriller from the number one bestseller, perfect for fans of Harlan Coben, Linwood Barclay and David Baldacci.

Description
<h3>**THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE...IS IF SOMEONE CONFESSES TO MURDER**</h3>
*****GUARDIAN CRIME AND THRILLERS OF THE MONTH***THE SUN BOOK OF THE WEEK*****

'Fiendishly clever and impossible to put down' **SHARI LAPENA**
'Thrilling' **SUNDAY TIMES**
'Truly gripping' **DAILY MAIL**
'Writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!' **HARLAN COBEN**
'Breathless pace, superb plotting, hugely entertaining, deliciously dark, and so much fun!' **ANDREA MARA**
'Full of surprises and unguessable revelations. Tense, intriguing and entertaining' **LIZ NUGENT**

Seven people wake up in a remote mansion. The doors are all locked.
They have no idea where they are. Who brought them there. Or how to escape.
Each knew the victims of a dreadful crime committed four years earlier but that's all that links them.

Then a voice echoes through the house with a terrifying message.
They've been poisoned - and have less than 12 hours to live.
There's an antidote on hand: but only if someone admits to being a killer.
And they all claim to be innocent.

The time for confession is rapidly running out.
How many - if any - of them will survive the night?

'Simon Kernick writes great plots, great characters, great action' **LEE CHILD**
'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride' **PETER JAMES**
'A blisteringly brilliant novel. The twists and reveals just don't stop coming' **SARAH PINBOROUGH**
'A pulse-pounding tale where every second counts. Kernick is the king of killer twists!' **LESLEY KARA**
'Kernick is master of the tense, pacy thriller' **THE SUN**
'That thud you hear is Kernick whipping the rug from under your feet again' ***THE TIMES***
'Simon Kernick is one of the most reliable purveyors of the edge-of-your-seat thriller' ***SUNDAY EXPRESS***
'Pace, pace, pace is what Simon Kernick does best' ***DAILY MIRROR***

Sales Points
- **ONE OF THE BIGGEST THRILLER WRITERS IN THE UK**: Simon Kernick is a number one bestseller and one of the most popular UK thriller writers, having sold over 2.4 million books through TCM.
- **A PAGE-TURNING STANDALONE WITH AN IMMEDIATE HOOK:** With instant appeal to the massive thriller market, this is the perfect read for Simon's devoted audience and fans of Harlan Coben and David Baldacci.
- **A MASTER OF THE GENRE:** With unique hooks and relentless pace, Simon's novels receive huge acclaim, from bestselling authors (including Lee Child, Harlan Coben & Peter James) and national media reviewers (from *The Sun* to *The Guardian*.)
- **A MAJOR BRAND AUTHOR FOR HEADLINE:** This standalone thriller will be a huge focus, with an unmissable marketing and publicity campaign.

Reviews
- '**A blisteringly brilliant novel that brings a whole new energy to the locked-room thriller. The twists and reveals just don't stop coming, Like the love child of Lee Child and Agatha Christie, You All Die Tonight, is Simon Kernick at the very top of his game.**' - Sarah Pinborough
- '**Simon Kernick writes great plots, great characters, great action**' - LEE CHILD
- '**One of Britain's top thriller writers**' - *THE SUN*
- '**An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride**' - PETER JAMES

Author Biography



Simon Kernick is a number one bestseller and one of the UK's most popular thriller writers, with huge hits including KILL A STRANGER, GOOD COP BAD COP, RELENTLESS, THE LAST 10 SECONDS, SIEGE and the BONE FIELD series.

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The Secrets of Maiden's Cove
The magically escapist tale of love, hope, and the healing powers of home

Erin Palmisano

Keynote
An escapist novel full of heart, hope, and a little bit of magic, from the No. 1 bestselling author of *The Secrets of the Little Greek Taverna.*

Description
<h3>□♀□ One from the land. One from the sea. Summer soul sisters, forever we shall be. □♀□**</h3>**

'An enchanting and emotional story, full of magic and hope' - KATE STOREY
□□□□□ 'A delightful read'
□□□□□'Emotional journey of forgiveness, love and second chances'
□□□□□'The most glorious novel'

Once upon a time, a girl called out to the sea, and the sea answered back... Welcome to a magical seaside village in Chesapeake Bay, where the ocean glitters and glows as it calls friends and family home.

Grace Cleary is finally home. When Grace inherits her late father's restaurant in her enchanting childhood hometown of Maiden's Cove - a magical Cove where rumours of mermaids abound - it seems like the perfect escape for her and her daughter from her controlling husband.

Isla was said to be a mermaid. But to Grace, Isla was her best friend, until one Summer by the sea fifteen years ago tore them apart. When Grace finally calls out to the sea once more, Isla is drawn back to Maiden's Cove, where forgiveness and peace might just be found.

The Secrets of Maiden's Cove asks us what it means to have a *home*, as midnight swims, reunited friends, and a reawakened love await Grace as she fights to revive her family restaurant and forge a new life for herself and her daughter.

'This is a warm, glowing summer night of a book; a book that makes you feel like you're floating in the vast starlit ocean while falling in love; a book as delicious and satisfying as the food in its pages' - JEFF ZETNER

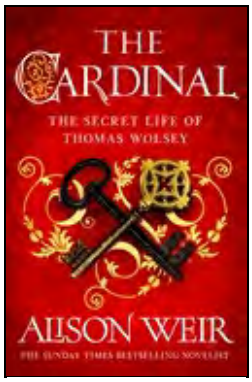
□ seaside town escapism
□ food is what brings people together
□ healing relationships
□ myths and legends and mermaid town lore
□ fun fishing festivals

The next magical escapist read from No. 1 bestselling author Erin Palmisano is full of heart and hope, and a tinge of magic. Readers adore Erin's novels:
'Beautiful, magical, and enchanting' □□□□□
'A stunning story all about the magic of female friendship, and finding your way in life' □□□□□
'An absolute feast of a novel' □□□□□
'Palmisano must have some magic herself because this book was written so beautifully, capturing locale, food, and emotions perfectly' □□□□□
'Warm, easy, and delightful' □□□□□

Sales Points
- **SUMMER READING FICTION:** This is wonderfully escapist, commercial fiction which will appeal to those who enjoy an emotional read full of heart and hope, against the backdrop of a stunning setting with a touch of magical realism.

Author Biography
Erin Palmisano is a dual NZ and US citizen. She grew up reading books and has always wanted to write stories of food, wine, and travel that come together with a hint of magic. Erin and her chef partner live in New Zealand, where they own and operate three restaurants.

For more information, visit **www.erinpalmisano.com** or follow her on X **@palmisano_erin** and Instagram **@authorerinpalmisano**.



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The Cardinal
from the Sunday Times bestseller, the gripping new novel about the man behind the Tudor crown

Alison Weir

Keynote

Step into the thrill and danger of Tudor England in the rich, compelling new novel from Sunday Times bestseller Alison Weir - and witness the rise and fall of Cardinal Wolsey.

Description

Step into the thrill and intrigue of Tudor England in the rich, compelling new novel from Sunday Times bestseller Alison Weir.

'Alison Weir makes history come alive as no one else' **BARBARA ERSKINE**

AN EXTRAORDINARY RISE TO POWER. A TRAGIC FALL FROM GRACE.

It begins with young Tom Wolsey, the bright and brilliant son of a Suffolk tradesman, sent to study at Oxford at just eleven years old.

It ends with a disgraced cardinal, cast from the King's side and estranged from the woman he loves.

The years in between tell the story of a scholar and a lover, a father and a priest. From the court of Henry VIII, Tom builds a powerful empire of church and state. At home in London, away from prying eyes, he finds joy in a secret second life.

But when King Henry, his cherished friend, demands the ultimate sacrifice, what will Wolsey choose?

Alison Weir's riveting new Tudor novel reveals the two lives of Cardinal Wolsey, a tale of power, passion and ambition.

PRAISE FOR ALISON WEIR'S TUDOR FICTION

'Alison Weir gives us her most compelling heroine yet... This is where the story of the Tudors begins' **TRACY BORMAN**

'History has the best stories and they should all be told like this' **CONN IGGULDEN**

'As always, Alison Weir is ahead of the curve - and at the top of her game' **SARAH GRISTWOOD**

'Weir is excellent on the little details that bring a world to life' **GUARDIAN**

'Profoundly moving... lingers long after the last page' **ELIZABETH FREMANTLE**

Sales Points

- **LEADING HISTORICAL NOVELIST:** Alison Weir is at the top of her game. Seven of her Tudor novels are Sunday Times Top 10 bestsellers and she is the bestselling female historian in the UK.
- **A NEW TAKE ON A FAMOUS FIGURE:** *The Cardinal* is set in the same Tudor world for which Alison Weir is loved and lauded, but this is the first time her leading character isn't royal. Here we encounter the public and the personal faces of Cardinal Wolsey: the most powerful man in Tudor England, second only to the King - and the man who secretly fell in love with a woman he could never marry.
- **QUALITY AND AUTHENTICITY:** reader reviews praise Alison Weir's fiction for the quality storytelling underpinned with meticulous research: 'I've yet to find any other author that captures history quite so well. I always feel like I've slipped in time and I'm privy to some secret historical events'; 'Alison has a wonderful way of writing, making the characters come to life again'
- **MAJOR BRAND CAMPAIGN:** Extensive digital advertising, partnerships and extensive pre-order activity, blanket review, interview and feature coverage across national media, year-round programme of events and live appearances, and endorsements from key historical novelists.

Author Biography

Alison Weir is a bestselling historical novelist of Tudor fiction, and the leading female historian in the United Kingdom. She has published more than thirty books, including many leading works of non-fiction, and has sold over three million copies worldwide.

Her novels include the Tudor Rose trilogy, which spans three generations of history's most iconic family - the Tudors, and the highly acclaimed Six Tudor Queens series about the



wives of Henry VIII, all of which were *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

Alison is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an honorary life patron of Historic Royal Palaces.

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A Lethal Cocktail
The Woolf & Bell Mysteries Book 2

Ciar Byrne

Keynote

Book two in a new cosy crime series, perfect for Jessica Fellowes and Katy Watson fans - Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell investigate the murder of a fashion designer at the most glamorous hotel of the season.

Description

☐ Three ex-husbands. Two ex-wives.
☐☐ One shocking murder.
☐ A wedding that's the talk of the town...

*** Pre-order book two in The Woolf & Bell Mysteries - coming Spring 2025 ***

Tudor Close Hotel, Rottingdean, is the most glamorous venue of the season. And not somewhere Viriginia or her sister Vanessa would usually choose to frequent. They're far happier at home with their writing or painting, than brushing shoulders with debutantes or starlets.

But Lady Ottoline has had a difficult year, so - despite her rather outlandish tastes - they let her choose the meeting spot. And when the group bumps into fashion designer Mimi Mason in the hotel bar, they begrudgingly accept an invite to her wedding breakfast the next morning.

No one imagined that, a few cocktails later, Mimi would be dead.

As the sisters are drawn into a new case, it becomes clear that someone meticulously planned this murder. Beneath the glittering exterior, there was a dark side to this beautiful bride - and every wedding guest had a reason to sabotage this happy union.

But which one of them decided it was time to give Mimi a taste of her own poison?

'Have you ever wanted to be part of the Bloomsbury Group? This delightful new mystery allows you to do just that. Utterly charming and expertly plotted with twists I genuinely never saw coming!' **Jessica Bull, author of *Miss Austen Investigates***

READERS LOVE WOOLF & BELL:

'A delightful start to a new series'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Enjoyable and entertaining'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'I thoroughly enjoyed this cozy murder mystery and would highly recommend'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Looking forward to reading more Woolf & Bell Mysteries'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'I cannot wait to read the rest of the series'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'A strong start to the Woolf & Bell Mysteries series, it had everything I was looking for'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

Sales Points

- **MEET THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP:** As you've never seen them before! Ciar Byrne brings the eclectic, bohemian characters from Virginia Woolf's circle to life in this glamorous, transporting and fun 1920s mystery.
- **A LOCAL EXPERT AUTHOR:** As well as being a freelance gardening journalist with a weekly column in the *Daily Mail* and regular features in *The Lady*, and having previously worked on staff for *The Independent* and the *Guardian*, Ciar was born, raised, and lives in Lewes, and even used to volunteer in Vanessa Bell's garden at Charleston Farmhouse.
- **LAUNCHING A NEW COSY CRIME SERIES:** These golden age mysteries are the first books in an exciting new series for Headline Accent - perfect for fans of The Mitford Murders and Katy Watson - each instalment will promise wonderfully feminist, bookish twist on a new glamourous mystery.

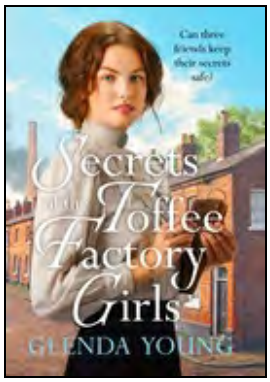
Author Biography



Ciar Byrne is a freelance gardening writer for the *Daily Mail* and *The Lady* magazine, and has previously worked on staff for *The Independent*, *The Guardian* and *Private Eye*. She lives in Lewes, East Sussex, where The Woolf & Bell Mysteries are set, with her husband and three children, and volunteered in the garden at Charleston Farmhouse, where Vanessa Bell lived.

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Secrets of the Toffee Factory Girls

Glenda Young

Keynote

A compelling new saga filled with romance, drama and tragedy, ideal for lovers of Dilly Court and Rosie Goodwin!

Description

'Real sagas with female characters right at the heart' *Woman's Hour*

'Saga fiction at its best . . . I enjoyed it immensely' VICKI BEEBY

'A lovely read, full of highs, lows, friendship and foes' JOHANNA BELL

Discover the second novel in Glenda Young's engaging Toffee Factory Girls trilogy, from the author of *The Sixpenny Orphan*, about three young women working together and sharing secrets in a WWI toffee factory in the North-East!

As the Great War rages, Jack's toffee factory in the market town of Chester-le-Street, Durham, is threatened with closure when sugar rations begin.

Anne, who works for the owner Mr Jack, must choose between her heart and her head when Mr Jack declares his love for her. Not only might he have to sell the toffee factory if he breaks off his previous engagement, but he can never know the secret that Anne carries.

Elsie is forced to keep a secret when she risks her safety as well as her reputation in order to make ends meet.
And, for Hetty, a long-hidden family secret surfaces, threatening to tear Hetty's family apart. Her future with Dirk feels more fragile than ever.

Together the three toffee factory girls share laughter, sorrow and secrets, and support one another through the challenges ahead.

Secrets of The Toffee Factory Girls is the second mesmerising novel in a trilogy that began with *The Toffee Factory Girls* from hugely popular author Glenda Young - 'such a good writer, she's fantastic!' *Woman's Hour*

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Praise for Glenda Young:

'A gripping saga' *People's Friend*

'Using her local knowledge and her eye for human frailty, Young creates a believable and richly detailed world in this emotive story full of hardship, kinship and resilience, and with a memorable cast of beautifully drawn characters' *Lancashire Evening Post*

'Will resonate with saga readers everywhere . . . a wonderful, uplifting story' Nancy Revell

'I really enjoyed . . . It's well researched and well written and I found myself caring about her characters' Rosie Goodwin

'All the ingredients for a perfect saga' Emma Hornby

'Glenda has an exceptionally keen eye for domestic detail which brings this local community to vivid, colourful life' Jenny Holmes

'The feel of the story is totally authentic . . . Her heroine in the grand Cookson tradition . . . Inspirationally delightful' *Peterborough Evening Telegraph*

What readers are saying about Glenda's heartwrenching sagas:

'Definitely an author not to be missed when it comes to family sagas' *The Book Magnet*

'Writes superb historical fiction that bring the era alive. Her books are unbeatable and unputdownable' *Ginger Book Geek*

'The perfectly imperfect, human nature of Glenda Young's characters are what keeps her readership hooked' *Clyde's Corner*

'Gritty, compelling and full of heart . . an exceptional saga' *Bookish Jottings*

'Better than a Catherine Cookson' 5* reader review

Group

'Wonderful read, full of rich characters, evocative description and a touch of romance' 5* reader review

'Just wanted it to go on forever and read more about the characters and their lives' 5* reader review

<h3>Love Glenda's sagas? Don't miss her cosy crime mystery series starring Helen Dexter and her trusty greyhound, Suki, starting with *Murder at the Seaview Hotel, Curtain Call at the Seaview Hotel* and *Foul Play at the Seaview Hotel*, out now!</h3>

Sales Points

- **AN EXCITING SAGA TALENT:** Glenda Young is a powerful growing saga voice, telling dramatic stories of strong, resourceful heroines triumphing amidst tragedy and adversity. Packaged to appeal to fans of Dilly Court (TCM 3.6M copies), Rosie Goodwin (TCM, 1.1M copies) to ensure that Glenda Young is *the* author their readers pick up next.
- **LOCAL PRESS GUARANTEED:** Glenda has an ardent local fanbase in the North East of England for her Sunderland-set sagas and Scarborough-set cosy crime mysteries - and is regularly acclaimed for bringing her settings to vivid life, leading walking tours around Ryhope to show the locations featured in her books.
- **AWARD-WINNER FOR HER SHORT STORIES:** Glenda has both won and been shortlisted for multiple short story awards published in *Take A Break* and *My Weekly*, was commissioned to write the first ever soap opera, *Riverside*, for *The People's Friend* which publishes weekly. Glenda was also one of six finalists in the coveted Clement & Le Frenais comedy award in 2019.
- **EXTENSIVE FANBASE:** Since 2007, Glenda has run two *Coronation Street* fan websites at corrie.net and coronationstreetupdates.blogspot.com. Some of the biggest online fansites, these have an impressive - and international following - with 25K on Facebook and 33K on Twitter and a mailing list of 4.5K - Glenda will be able to harness this fanbase - who know her - to help publicise her books.

Reviews

- 'Real sagas with female characters right at the heart' - *Woman's Hour*
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Author Biography

Glenda Young credits her local library in the village of Ryhope, where she grew up, for giving her a love of books. She still lives close by in Sunderland and often gets her ideas for her stories on long bike rides along the coast. A life-long fan of *Coronation Street*, she runs two hugely popular fan websites.

For updates on what Glenda is working on, visit her website **glendayoungbooks.com** and to find out more find her on **Facebook/GlendaYoungAuthor** and X **@flaming_nora**.

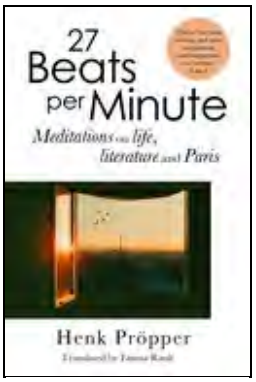
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27 Beats Per Minute
Meditations on Life, Literature and Paris

Henk Pröpper
Translated by Emma Rault

Keynote
A dazzling ode to life, literature and Paris, a city that even during the emptiness and desolation of the pandemic will always be magnificent.

Description
'A very special book that I enjoyed enormously' Cees Nooteboom

A dazzling ode to life, literature and Paris, the French capital that even in emptiness and desolation will always be magnificent.

Soon after Henk Pröpper moves from Amsterdam to Paris, both the world and his heart almost come to a full stop. He undergoes major surgery and awakes in an empty city in lockdown. Paris is transformed into an abandoned stage. To quicken his recovery, Pröpper begins walking. He combs his immediate surroundings, he hunts for the past, discovering countless commemorative plaques and monuments that honour well- and lesser-known Parisians and keep their histories alive. Pröpper also reflects on his own life and the literature that has shaped him. In this way, he walks in the footsteps of literary heroes such as Victor Hugo, of Balzac and of Camus.

'One of the most moving and most invigorating autobiographies ever written. This is a finely polished gem worthy of admiration' *Knack*

'A concise masterpiece that summarises a life in the time of the pandemic in the personal, euphoric and precarious shades of one year. Without one's realising, it covers just about everything: thoughts, emotions, literature, films, loves, feelings, memories, annoyances and doubts' *Vrij Nederland*

'Philosophical, reflective, and with the pleasantly slow heartbeat of a writer who carries the reader through the city, European literature and history' *het Parool*

Translated by Emma Rault.
Epilogue translated by Sherry Macdonald.

Sales Points
- A dazzling memoir about an abandoned Paris during the Covid-19 lockdown
- A timeless account of Parisian literature and history -- this walk through Paris is a walk through French history.

Reviews
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Author Biography
HENK PRÖPPER has for forty years written about the literature and culture of France, the country where he was a diplomat and director in Paris of the Institut Néerlandais. He was director of the Dutch Foundation for Literature before becoming a distinguished Dutch publisher. Pröpper writes for *de Volkskrant*, mainly about French subjects.



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Yardsticks For Failure
Adventures in Friendship and Fluster

Ivo Graham

Keynote

The debut book from comedian and *Taskmaster* breakout star, Ivo Graham.

Description

After coming last by quite such a distance on *Taskmaster* Series 15, and seeing his emotional frailties laid bare in a series of memes of him with his head in his hands, Ivo Graham is adapting to an increasingly irreversible reputation as a man better known for his chaos than his comedy.

Yardsticks For Failure is an exquisite map of the brain behind the breakdowns; a deep dive into the various facepalms of Ivo's recent past, and a live diary of his unravelling present, where his solution to the general bedlam of his life has been to pile his plate higher than ever before. Longer-term resolutions of rest and relaxation can wait; in the meantime he's trying to host the greatest club night of all time, run a Sub-3 marathon while pushing a wheelchair, and put his heart on the line in a show unlike anything he's ever done before. Can these dreams become a reality, or will they just become more yardsticks for failure?

A gleeful glimpse behind the grubby curtain of stand-up comedy, via friendship and films, fatherhood and Funkytown, this book is a feast for anyone who's ever been enthralled or appalled by Ivo's cursed politeness, squandered promise, or serial prank-victimhood; for anyone battling to get their own life inbox to zero; for anyone who's ever set fire to a diary, lost their mind over a quiz, or pegged it through a station for the last train home. *Yardsticks For Failure* is a unique self-examination from one of the most eloquent writers and worriers of his generation. Ivo almost certainly won't achieve everything he sets out to, but it's going to be a hell of a ride.

Sales Points

- Ivo's star has really been on the rise over the last 12 months - he was the breakout star of *Taskmaster* last year (indeed his stint on the show has inspired the brilliant working title for this project *Yardsticks for Failure*). Like Fern Brady before him, *Taskmaster* is a tried and tested platform breaking out fresh comedy talent from the circuit to the mainstream with a hugely engaged audience of 2 million plus.
- Since *Taskmaster,* Ivo has and has done a wonderful job filling in for John Robbins on the hit *Elis and* John *Podcast* / 5Live Show bringing him to a whole new audience. Ivo has 70k followers on Instagram and 80k on X.
- Ivo is currently on a UK and Ireland tour, playing major venues like Alexandra Palace, The Norwich Playhouse, Cheltenham Town Hall and The Liverpool Playhouse.
- Comparative titles include Fearn Brady's *Strong Female Character,* (28k HB 10k PB) James Acaster's *Classic Scrapes* (12k HB 53k PB) and Tom Allen's *No Shame* (15k HB 12k PB)

Author Biography

Despite extensive grooming for more serious careers at Eton and Oxford, Ivo Graham has spent his entire adult life on the stand-up circuit, winning *So You Think You're Funny?* at aged 18 in 2009 and since establishing himself as, if not the UK's poshest, then certainly its most apologetically posh comedian. His 2019 show *The Game of Life*, received nominations for Best Show and Best Joke at the Edinburgh Fringe. He's appeared on TV comedies including *Have I Got News for You, QI, The Last Leg, Mock the Week,* and *Live at the Apollo*, quizzed with varying degrees of success on *Pointless, House of Games and University Challenge,* and toured the country with Fern Brady and Darren Harriott for Dave's six-part travelogue *British as Folk*. He's earned his parents' respect with appearances on Radio 4's *The Now Show, The News Quiz, Just a Minute*, and the drama *Unite*, and shoehorned Swindon Town references into many an episode of 5 Live's *Fighting Talk* and BT Sport's *The Football's On.*

2023 saw Ivo appear as a contestant on the fifteenth series of Channel 4's *Taskmaster*, and fans of his chaotic energy on that show can see it live, first on the concluding leg of his *My Future, My Clutter* tour, before August sees Ivo travel to Edinburgh and then nationwide with his new show, *Organised Fun.*

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Bad Moon
A heart-stopping new supernatural thriller from the million-copy bestselling author of The Chronicles of St Marys

Jodi Taylor

Keynote
The brand new book in million-copy bestselling author Jodi Taylor's twisty supernatural Elizabeth Cage thriller series - perfect for paranormal romance fans.

Description
BOOK 4 IN THE GRIPPING SUPERNATURAL SERIES BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S

I will send the serpent.
I always send the serpent.
It's kind of my signature move.

Things are not going well for Elizabeth Cage.
It all started with the Christmas she can't quite remember.

There's blood on her doorstep every morning.
Something unpleasant is heading her way.
And then there's the sinister note threatening her life.
The one that seems to have been written by Elizabeth herself . . .

Twisty, dark and incredibly gripping, the Elizabeth Cage novels are perfect for fans of Sarah Painter and Genevieve Cogman.

<h3> **Readers love Jodi Taylor:** </h3>

'Jodi Taylor does **brilliant, strong female heroes**, and Elizabeth follows on from Max in the St Mary's series'

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'**Hold on to your seat** and close your eyes if you dare!'

'Gripping and **full of curious plot turns**'

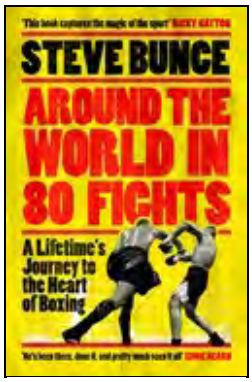
'An **on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller** where no assumptions can be made'

Sales Points
- **GLOBAL BESTSELLER:** Jodi Taylor is a bestselling author, known for her Chronicles of St Mary's series and Time Police series. Over 1.6 million net sales of Jodi Taylor books sold by Headline across all editions since January 2019.
- **FANS AND COMMUNITY:** www.joditaylorbooks.com is a hub for all Jodi Taylor publishing, a space for fans to come together and interact with their favourite author. Includes blogs, monthly readalongs, competitions, interviews, reader chat and links to dedicated digital communities for Jodi Taylor readers.
- **EVENTS:** year-round events and appearances at conventions, local bookshops and libraries. The inaugural JodiWorld convention launched in June 2023 and now takes place every two years.

Author Biography
Jodi Taylor is the internationally bestselling author of the Chronicles of St Mary's series, the story of a bunch of disaster prone individuals who investigate major historical events in contemporary time. Do NOT call it time travel! She is also the author of the Time Police series - a St Mary's spinoff and gateway into the world of an all-powerful, international organisation who are NOTHING like St Mary's. Except, when they are.

Alongside these, Jodi is known for her gripping supernatural thrillers featuring Elizabeth Cage together with the enchanting Frogmorton Farm series - a fairy story for adults.

Born in Bristol and now living in Gloucester (facts both cities vigorously deny), she spent many years with her head somewhere else, much to the dismay of family, teachers and employers, before finally deciding to put all that daydreaming to good use and write a novel. Over twenty books later, she still has no idea what she wants to do when she grows up.



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Book locale	**Worldwide**
Author born in	**London**
Author living in	**Staffordshire**

Previous Titles
BUNCE'S BIG FAT SHORT HISTORY OF BRITISH BOXING (Bantam Press, 2017)

1st Serial	**Headline Publishing Group**
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Around the World in 80 Fights
A Lifetime's Journey to the Heart of Boxing

Steve Bunce

Keynote

An autobiographical white-knuckle ride around the global fight game by the legendary Steve Bunce: the voice of the sport who is celebrating four decades of writing and talking about boxers and boxing.

Description

An autobiographical white-knuckle ride around the global fight game by the legendary Steve Bunce: the voice of the sport who is celebrating four decades of writing and talking about boxers and boxing.

In A*round the World in 80 Fights*, let 'the Voice of Boxing' take you on the ultimate sporting odyssey: to the rings of New York, to the makeshift rings of Bukom in Ghana, to the riches of Las Vegas, and to Riyadh, Atlantic City, Bethnal Green, Mexico City, Rome and Berlin.

To the basement rooms in dingy pubs where old fighters chase the last round; a bullring in December under the stars; a small square on the outskirts of Naples with a ring obscured by a fountain; the abandoned centre of boxing excellence in a forest lost in East Germany; a railway arch in south London and a bin-bag packed with cash.

Let 'Buncey' tell you about the conversations with Mr. T at ringside; a meeting with the Pope's people; the thoughts of Donald Trump when he had plans to make boxing great again; Don King in exile in his nineties; an overheard conversation with Fidel Castro; and a very real diplomatic incident.

The hard conversations with a dead boxer's mother in the hour after a machine had been switched off. The bravery, stupidity, guts, desire and glory of the boxers in the world's most famous and unknown rings. They fought for millions, for pride, for their country and for nothing. They bled, cried and died in those rings.

Around the World in 80 Fights vividly reveals the simple, wonderful and truly awful business of boxing. It is Buncey's business and this is his story.

Sales Points

- The 'Voice of Boxing' returns with his definitive autobiographical romp round the global sport of boxing.
- Steve Bunce has 150,000 followers on X (formerly known as Twitter).

Reviews

- 'Review of *Bunce's Big Fat Short History of British Boxing*: A history that crackles with energy and is rich in empathy. Nobody knows British fighters and their stories better than Steve Bunce.' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'Review of *Bunce's Big Fat Short History of British Boxing*: Essential reading for anyone with even a fleeting interest in boxing.' - *Boxing Monthly*

Author Biography

Steve Bunce has worked as a journalist and broadcaster since 1984, writing about boxing for the *Daily Telegraph* for a decade and since 1999 at the *Independent*, as well as having a column in *Boxing Monthly* and for ESPN.com.

He has been at six Olympic Games, reported on more than fifty fights in Las Vegas and covered bouts in over twenty countries. He is a regular on BBC Radio Five Live, working on their monthly show since 2004, the weekly podcast and all major live fights. He has been part of the broadcast team at BoxNation since 2011 and also holds various ridiculous records on the BBC's award-winning *Fighting Talk*.

Jacket Coming Soon



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BIC 2.1	**Second World War (HBWQ)** **Fascism & Nazism (JPFQ)** **Politics & government (JP)** **Germany (1DFG)**
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Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**1 x 8 page plate section**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Germany**
Author living in	**Paris/Berlin**

Previous Titles

Hitler's First Victims: The Quest for Justice
Hitler's Private Library: The Books That Shaped His Life
The Last Survivor: Legacies of Dachau

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Takeover

Timothy W. Ryback

Keynote

An accessible history of the final six months in Hitler's rise to power, drawing on previously un-accessed archival materials.

Description

From the internationally acclaimed author *of Hitler's Private Library*, a dramatic recounting of the six critical months before Adolf Hitler assumed power, when the Nazi leader teetered between triumph and ruin.

In the summer of 1932, the Weimar Republic was on the verge of collapse. One in three Germans was unemployed. Violence was rampant. Hitler's National Socialists surged at the polls. Paul von Hindenburg, an aging war hero and avowed monarchist, was a reluctant president bound by oath to uphold the constitution. The November elections offered Hitler the prospect of a Reichstag majority and a path to political power. But instead, the Nazis lost two million votes. As membership hemorrhaged and financial backers withdrew, the Nazi Party threatened to fracture. Hitler talked of suicide. *The New York Times* declared he was finished. Yet somehow, in a few brief weeks, he was chancellor of Germany.

In fascinating detail and with previously un-accessed archival materials, Timothy W. Ryback tells the remarkable story of Hitler's dismantling of democracy through the democratic process. He provides a fresh perspective and insights into Hitler's personal and professional lives in these months, in all their complexity and uncertainty-backroom deals, unlikely alliances, stunning betrayals, an ill-timed tax audit, and a fateful weekend that changed our world forever. Above all, Ryback makes clear why a wearied Hindenburg, who disdained the "Bohemian corporal," ultimately decided to appoint Hitler chancellor in January 1933.

Within weeks, Germany was no longer a democracy.

Sales Points

- Pacey, accessible narrative history on a subject of endless dark fascination - Adolf Hitler.
- The story of Hitler's final rise has disturbing parallels with the situation in the US today, with genuine fears that Trump will attempt to destroy democracy from within.
- Timothy W. Ryback appears as an expert on the critically acclaimed BBC series *Rise of the Nazis*.

Reviews

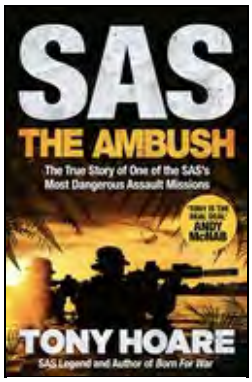
- 'Timothy W. Ryback tells **a grippingly important tale**. His **meticulous detailing** of the dramatic days before Hitler assumed power make for salutary reading in our times. Will the tragic failure of civil courage and political will be repeated - Germany 1933, America 2024? It's hard not to imagine.' - Philippe Sands
- 'How does a flawed republic become something entirely different? We know how the Nazi regime ended, but we think too little about how it began. This admirable account shows us how fragile and avoidable were those beginnings and helps us to reflect upon our own predicament.' - Timothy Snyder, author of On Tyranny
- 'Timothy Ryback has written an engrossing clock-ticker of a narrative about the behind-the-scenes machinations and open politicking that vaulted Hitler and the Nazi Party to power. Nothing was inevitable about their triumph, and plenty of contemporary observers were caught off guard by it, as Ryback shows to chilling effect. The relevance to authoritarianism today is urgent and unmistakable. Takeover is a vital read for anyone who cares about the future of democracy.' - Margaret Talbot, staff writer, The New Yorker
- 'If you ever thought that history is moved only by big, sweeping forces, whether of economics or creed or nature itself, think again. In this riveting, intimate account of the final months in Hitler's rise to power, Timothy Ryback makes it plain that simple luck, bald ambition, and fallible human hearts can be drivers of earth-changing events.' - Max Rodenbeck, Berlin bureau chief, The Economist

Author Biography

Timothy W. Ryback has written on history and politics for more than three decades. He is the author of *Hitler's Private Library*, a *Washington Post* Best Book of the Year, and *The Last Survivor*, a *New York Times* Notable Book. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic* and the *Financial Times*. He is cofounder and director of the Institute of Historical Justice and Reconciliation, in The Hague.

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Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

Previous Titles
Born For War (2022)

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SAS: The Ambush
The True Story of One of the Service's Most Dangerous Assault Missions

Tony Hoare

Keynote

The explosive real-life story of the mission to ambush a dangerous rebel group in Sierra Leone, as retold by ex-SAS soldier and author Tony Hoare.

Description

'Tony is the real deal.' Andy McNab

Sierra Leone, 2000.

While on patrol as part of a peacekeeping mission, eleven British soldiers are kidnapped.

The captors are a dangerous rebel group known as the West Side Boys. Fuelled by alcohol and drugs, the behaviour of the rebels is notoriously unpredictable. How long the soldiers have, no one knows. Rescuing them becomes the British military's highest priority, and so they bring in the SAS for Operation Barras, a mission that will go down in special forces history.

After negotiations break down, there are fears that the men being held in the compound could be executed at any moment, but there is no easy way in to save them. The only option is to shock the enemy on their home turf. A plan is put in place. The ambush begins.

Told from the perspectives of multiple people involved in the operation, and with Tony Hoare's expert insight into the forces, this is a heart-pounding retelling of one of the SAS's most dangerous missions.

Sales Points

- **Expert author:** Tony Hoare was a member of the SAS for almost 20 years, going on numerous tours and training hundreds of recruits. His real-life experience of the service lends authenticity to *SAS: The Ambush*.
- **For fans of:** Recent and real-life SAS missions, this will appeal to readers of Ben Macintyre (895k TCM) and Damien Lewis (1m TCM), as well as Ant Middleton (1.1m TCM) and Jason Fox (327k TCM).
- **Incredible story:** An explosive (and well known) story of how British soldiers were captured in Sierra Leone in 2000, and the dangerous mission to save them from their heavily armed captors.
- **Successful series:** From the publisher of Andy McNab's Special Ops Missions series, which also retold modern SAS missions and has sold more than 50k copies (TCM).

Reviews

- ''There is no higher accolade than a fellow solider wanting you to be beside them in the fight. Tony is the real deal and a personal hero of mine. All soldiers would have wanted him alongside them when things got brutal.'' - *Andy McNab*

Author Biography

Tony Hoare joined the Army Cadets, where he learned to fire a gun at the age of 13. He then signed up to the Infantry on his 17th birthday and enlisted into the Royal Green Jackets. He passed SAS selection in 1978 and with them, went on multiple tours and trained numerous recruits, including Andy McNab. Since leaving the Army in 1996, he has undertaken security and consultation on various highly dangerous projects, including a stint as a UN Security Officer in South Sudan. His first book, *Born For War*, retold his story of the Falklands War and was a WHSmith Travel Book of the Month.

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Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
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Blood Ties

Verónica E. Llaca
Translated by Mark Fried

Keynote
Based on the true story behind Mexico's most famous female serial killer

Description
They called her The Ogress of Colonia Roma. Julián and I called her Mother.

When the writer Ignacio Suárez is sent photographs of two murdered women, mirroring a passage of his very own detective novel, he drops everything to uncover who is responsible. What no-one suspects is that the origin of these crimes lies in the forgotten, real-life story of Felícitas Sánchez, the midwife turned child-killer who became known in the 1940s as "The Ogress of Colonia Roma".

Diary entries and newspaper articles come together in this gripping tale to reveal how the woman called Felícitas, who grew up in a small community in La Huasteca, Mexico, became the infamous child trafficker and murderer in the country's capital, and how her long-ago crimes are linked to a wave of killings.

Verónica E. Llaca evokes a tale of cursed bloodlines, forcing us to question the origin and inheritance of evil and how far we can truly escape our past.

Sales Points
- A tale based on the terrifying true story of one of Mexico's most famous female serial killers: 'The Ogress of Colonia Roma'. Interweaving two timelines, Verónica Llaca evokes a tale of cursed bloodlines, forcing us to question the origin and inheritance of evil and how far we can truly escape our past.
- Llaca won the ninth 'Una vuelta de tuerca'', Mexico's National Detective Novel Prize for *La simetría de los árboles* (Planeta, 2016).
- Comparison titles: *2666* by Roberto Bolaño, *The Night Buffalo* by Guillermo Arriaga.

Reviews
- 'Verónica E. Llaca is James Ellroy's literary sibling. This crime novel astonishes with its handling and use of language, time and voice' - Guillermo Arriaga, Academy Award-winning screenwriter of "Babel"
- 'A raw and exciting thriller' - *Modernidades*

Author Biography
Verónica E. Llaca was born in Querétaro, Mexico, in 1967. She has worked as a journalist for many years, and was previously a playwright. Llaca is the winner of the Premio Nacional de Novela Negra. She lives now in Madrid and in Querétaro.

Mark Fried is an American translator of Latin American literature, primarily known for his translations of the Uruguayan writer Eduardo and the Mexican writer Élmer Mendoza. He has also translated many Spanish novels, including *Echoes of the Mexican-American War* by Luis Gerardo and *Firefly* by the Cuban author Severo Sarduy.



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Format	**B Format**
Depth	**30mm**
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Death of an Officer

Mark Ellis

Keynote

Book 5 in the DCI Frank Merlin series

Description

London. Spring 1943. While Europe continues to suffer under the iron fist of Nazi occupation, Britain remains battered but unbowed.

DCI Frank Merlin, already contending with a booming wartime crime wave in the capital, is confronted with a baffling case: the brutal murder of a respected doctor.

Following a puzzling trail that leads him into the hidden corners of clubland - and which appears to be linked to the disappearance of both British and American officers - Merlin must untangle a dark web of shocking secrets.

'This is to my shame the first Mark Ellis book I've read. If the others evoke a vanished London so impressively, are graced with such complex plots and deep characterisation, and, above all, are written so well I shall have to read them all.' ***THE TIMES***

'An atmospheric, compelling evocation of war-torn London in the wake of the Blitz, where DCI Frank Merlin fights against a tidal wave of crime' **GEOFFREY WANSELL, Crime and Thriller Reviewer, DAILY MAIL**

'Unputdownable' **ROBERT LYMAN**

'Mark Ellis delivers diamonds - an intriguing, masterly juggling of an intricate plot and an enviable command of detail.' **JOHN LAWTON**

'Extraordinarily atmospheric and compelling, DEAD IN THE WATER is a wonderfully intelligent and complex story' **CHRIS LLOYD, HWA Gold Crown Award winner.**

'...historical noir at its best. Mark Ellis's talents as a writer are many; finely embroidered plotting, a meticulously researched historical context and place, and rounded characters whose lives and capers become real for a reader' **GARY DONNELLY**

'A very satisfying puzzle, expertly crafted' ***HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY***

Praise for the DCI Frank Merlin series:

'Masterly . . . compelling . . . one of the most attractive characters to emerge in recent detective-thriller fiction' ANDREW ROBERTS, SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

'Against the backdrop of Blitz-hit London, this stylish thriller sees Scotland Yard's Frank Merlin investigate a tangled conspiracy' *SUNDAY MIRROR*

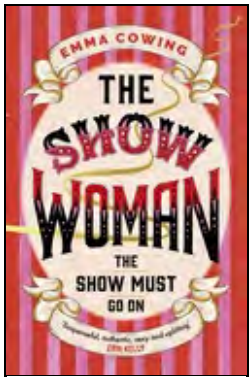
Author Biography

Mark Ellis is a thriller writer from Swansea and a former barrister and entrepreneur. Mark grew up under the shadow of his parents' experience of the Second World War. His father served in the wartime navy and died a young man. His mother told him stories of watching the heavy bombardment of Swansea from the safe vantage point of a hill in Llanelli, and of attending tea dances in wartime London under the bombs and doodlebugs.

In consequence, Mark has always been fascinated by World War II and, in particular, the Home Front and the fact that while the nation was engaged in a heroic endeavour, crime flourished. Murder, robbery, theft and rape were rife.

Author of the DCI Frank Merlin series, Mark is also a member of the Crime Writer's Association.

He lives in London.



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Author born in	**Scotland**
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THE SHOW WOMAN
A beautifully evoked historical novel about the first all female circus act

Emma Cowing

Keynote

The Show Woman is the unforgettable first novel from journalist Emma Cowing, a heart-warming and heart-breaking historical drama of four circus women defying the odds, for fans of *The Whalebone Theatre* and *The Greatest Showman*.

Description

'A very special debut' **JENNY COLGAN**
'Suspenseful, authentic, sexy and uplifting. Beautiful writing plunges the reader into the showgrounds of Edwardian Scotland, sights, sounds, smells and all' **ERIN KELLY**
'Beautifully written, engaging plot and thoroughly researched' ***STYLIST***
'A joy to read, so beautifully written, evoking the rich and often overlooked story of the travelling fairs of Edwardian-era Scotland' **SEAN LUSK**

THE SHOW MUST GO ON ...

1910. With the disappearance of her mother and the sudden death of her father, Lena instantly loses any security she has within the circus she has known all her life. She is advised to sell the carousel her father cared for like a child and look for a husband, or a job in a factory.

Until flame-haired Violet, known to all in the fairgrounds as 'the greatest trapeze artist that ever lived', suggests they go it alone with their own, all-female act. With her outspoken ways and her refusal to marry, Violet is as much an outcast as Lena. What do they have to lose? Recruiting new performers including bareback horse-rider Rosie, on the run from her abusive father, and Carmen whose rainbow ribbons hide the darkness in her past, the four women form an unbreakable bond.

Thrust into a harsh and dangerous world that treats them with suspicion, disdain and even violence, they must forge their own path in search of freedom, security, and love.

Deeply rooted in the Edwardian era, THE SHOW WOMAN is brilliantly realised and expertly interlaces strong female characters, deeply-woven family secrets and heartfelt love stories.

Sales Points

- **TRUE STORY BEHIND THE STORY:** Emma's Great Aunt Violet was a trapeze artist who inspired this compelling story of female daring, friendship and love. This detail will drive the PR campaign.
- **BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN AND COMPELLING ENTERTAINMENT:** this is *The Greatest Showman* meets *The Whalebone Theatre.* Perfect for reading groups and readers who enjoy novels featuring unforgettable female characters who defy the society around them.
- **HISTORICAL ACCURACY AND EMOTIONAL RESONANCE:** During the winter of 2021 Emma started researching her family. Digging through registration and census records she found Violet working for a circus run by a woman proprietor in the early 1900s and described as a *show woman*. In contrast to the constraints on many women in society at the time, show women ran their own shows, handled money and took over as head of the household if their husbands or fathers died, keeping their shows, quite literally, on the road. Emma has evoked these women and this period beautifully.
- **SHOWSTOPPING, ALWAYS-ON CAMPAIGN**: activity to begin a year out to ensure this is confidently set up as our major launch title for 2025.

Reviews

- '**An utterly electric debut!** I wanted to run away with this all-woman circus. An enthralling, dynamic tale that will stay with me for a very long time' - C.J. Cooke
- '**What an irresistible and original premise!** I loved reading every word . . . *The Show Woman* is as enthralling as the spectacular circus act that Emma so beautifully describes' - Fiza Saeed McLynn
- '**Dazzling** . . . like all the very best historical fiction it has **characters who are alive and real** and brings the past to glorious life, with a page-turning plot that meant I could not put it down' - Kate Foster
- 'An entrancing story of chosen family, sisterhood and freedom. I was so wrapped up in the lives of these women, revealed in prose so visceral and alive I felt immediately transported to its history. Take your seat and get lost in its wonders.' - *Wiz Wharton*

Author Biography

Emma Cowing is an award-winning journalist and writer. She has written for a wide number of publications including *The Sunday Times*, *Mail on Sunday*, *Guardian*

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Weekend Magazine, *Spectator* and *Scotsman.*

Emma is a former Feature Writer of the Year at the Scottish Press Awards, and two-time Interviewer of the Year. She holds an Ochberg Fellowship in Journalism and Trauma at Columbia Journalism School in New York, for her work covering the war in Afghanistan, and its aftermath.

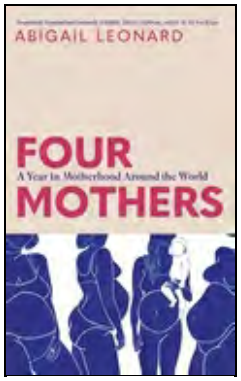
Emma was shortlisted for the 2023 Cheshire Novel Prize, and longlisted for the 2023 Bath Novel Award and Blue Pencil First Novel Award. *The Show Woman* is her first novel.

Market

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Four Mothers
A Year in Motherhood Around the World

Abigail Leonard

Keynote

A brilliantly readable exploration of birth and motherhood, gender and society, told through the experiences of four women across the world

Description

"A gripping, vital, and utterly compelling book"
Elinor Cleghorn, author of *Unwell Women*

"The exquisitely reported and intensely readable story of how women from four corners of the world navigate early parenthood ... Once I started *Four Mothers* I could not put it down"
Darcy Lockman, author of *All the Rage*

As the year turns, four women give birth.

In Japan, Tsukasa's government-funded hospital room overlooks the mountains and she spends seven days there, before resting at her mother's house for a month. The day after giving birth in Kenya, Chelsea returns to her flat in the city, far from her extended family, and her friends help her settle in. Anna, who has already been on maternity leave in Finland for a month, delivers her baby in a midwife-lead birth centre, a tradition dating back a century. In America, despite her insurance, Sarah pays $3,000 from her savings for an uncomplicated birth, before heading home, excited and overwhelmed.

Four Mothers follows these women over the next twelve months, through their first year of parenting. Each finds wonder and delight in her baby, but each also struggles with the realities of motherhood, personal relationships bumping up against social challenges. Through immersive storytelling and deep reporting, Abigail Leonard brings to life the policies that shape the experiences of both parents and children: access to healthcare and parental leave, community and workplace support. Both intimate and international, we see what is and what could be.

"This is real motherhood on the page, bolstered by rigorous research to explain why our current systems have failed families and offer insights for a brighter future"
Jo Piazza, author of *How to Be Married*

Sales Points

- **Wonderfully engaging storytelling:** *Four Mothers* is deeply reported and informative but it is also very readable - narrative storytelling as the package for serious data.
- **An international perspective:** Looking beyond a single nation, *Four Mothers* considers different social and political models of early motherhood, showing us other possibilities. The UK currently sits between Finland and America, on Leonard's spectrum, but continuing cuts to health and social care nudge us towards the latter, at our great cost...
- **For fans of:** *Three Women* by Lisa Taddeo - macro feminist stories told in closely reported miniature. Books about gender and motherhood. Journalistic storytelling.
- **A talented author on an important subject:** Abigail Leonard is an award-winning international reporter. Her stories have appeared in the *Washington Post*, Al Jazeera, *Time* magazine and NPR. Parenting remains at the forefront of fights for gender equality.

Reviews

- '**With all the gifts of a novelist, reporter Abigail Leonard chronicles the lives of women around the world** during their first year of motherhood, to make you feel their joy, their fear, their exhaustion, and their fierce love for their children. **This is real motherhood on the page, bolstered by rigorous research to explain why our current systems have failed families and offer insights for a brighter future**' - Jo Piazza, author of HOW TO BE MARRIED
- 'The **exquisitely reported and intensely readable** story of how women from four corners of the world navigate early parenthood . . . Once I started *Four Mothers* **I could not put it down**' - Darcy Lockman, author of All the Rage
- '*Four Mothers* shows how trials of modern parenting are complicated by so much more than gender norms, familial expectations, or individual finances. This deeply personal look at women worldwide grappling with the best and worst moments of their first year is **eye-opening and cathartic. It is a love letter to parents and a clarion call for better policy**' - Eve Rodsky, author of Fair Play
- '**I could not put this book down.** *Four Mothers* is **a masterfully reported work of narrative nonfiction, tracing the journeys of four remarkable women**. Abigail Leonard deftly weaves together these astonishing stories of heartbreak, hope,

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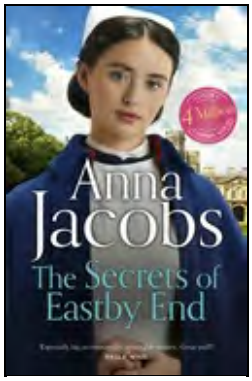
sacrifice, and love. Grounded in deep research and reporting, she skillfully reveals the hidden forces and systems that shape modern motherhood. This book will make you step back and consider your own experiences of mothering and being mothered, how similar or different it all may have been in another place, at another time, in another body' - Erika Hayasaki, author of Somewhere Sisters

Author Biography

Abigail Leonard is an award-winning international reporter and news producer, currently based in Washington D.C. and before that in Tokyo, where she was a frequent contributor to NPR, *Time* magazine and *New York Times* video. Her stories have also appeared in the *Washington Post, Newsweek* and Vox. Before she moved to Japan, she wrote and produced long-form news documentaries as a staff producer for PBS, ABC and Al Jazeera America. Stories she reported have earned an Overseas Press Club Award, an Association of Health Care Journalists Award, a National Headliner Award, and a James Beard Foundation Media Award Nomination.

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Series	**Eastby End Saga**
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The Nurses of Eastby End

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The Secrets of Eastby End
the gripping and unforgettable new novel from the beloved and bestselling saga storyteller

Anna Jacobs

Keynote

The drama continues for the residents of Eastby End - the gripping and heartwarming new saga series from multi-million-copy bestselling author Anna Jacobs.

Description

Livia Blake has lost her husband far too soon and faces a crossroads. It's her friend Pearl Grayson, head of Bristol's nursing school, who suggests she would make an excellent district nurse. With training completed and no ties left, a job offer to join the team in rural Eastby End feels just like the fresh start she needs. But just before she leaves she is called out to attend a woman named **Jane**, left terrified and beaten by her abusive husband and desperate to escape. On the spur of the moment, both women board the train to Eastby End.

Ellis Quinn has buried his beloved wife and mother to his son, Gil, and doesn't know how to carry on in London. A chance meeting with carpenter **Logan** brings a glimpse of life in the Ollindale countryside, a place Logan loves, and soon Ellis and Gil are on their way to a new life away from the city.

Life in Eastby End is improving, but not nearly as fast as councillor **Walter Crossley** would like. He is on a mission to end the poverty and danger that blights too many lives, and bring better healthcare and opportunities to as many residents as he can. With Livia in place and swiftly making a difference, and Ellis looking to set up a new business, things look brighter. But change isn't welcome everywhere; and there are some in the town who will fight for things to remain exactly as they are ...

Readers love Anna Jacobs!
'Amazing' - 5 STARS

'Thank you, Anna, for the pleasure you give in all your books' - 5 STARS

'Another brilliant, hard-to-put-down book' - 5 STARS

'Can't wait for the next instalment' - 5 STARS

'A real page turner, I can't wait to read the next one' - 5 STARS

'Another triumph for Anna Jacobs' - 5 STARS

'BRILLIANT READ' - 5 STARS

Have you discovered all of Anna Jacobs' wonderful series?
For a heartwarming and emotional saga set in a Lancashire valley, try the BIRCH END series:
A DAUGHTER'S JOURNEY
A WIDOW'S COURAGE
A WOMAN'S PROMISE

Sales Points

- **SIGNIFICANT SALES TRACK RECORD:** Anna Jacobs has sold over 5 million copies of her books to date. Her most recent novel has delivered 10% sales growth.
- **NEW SERIES AND PACKAGE:** stunning new cover style to ensure Anna is leading the market. Targeted for increased focus to turbo-charge growth.
- **STRATEGIC USE OF EXTENSIVE BACKLIST:** over 100 titles to promote alongside frontlist in a rolling programme to ensure high visibility all year round.
- **PROACTIVE AND BELOVED AUTHOR:** Anna engages very effectively with her fanbase and actively promotes.

Reviews

- 'Anna Jacobs' books have an] impressive grasp of human emotions' - *SUNDAY TIMES*
- 'This is that rare thing, a pacy page-turner with a ripping plot and characters you care about . . . [Anna Jacobs is] especially big on resourceful, admirable women. Great stuff!' - *DAILY MAIL*

Author Biography

Anna Jacobs grew up in Lancashire and emigrated to Australia, but still visits the UK regularly to see her family and do research, something she loves. She is addicted to

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writing and figures she'll have to live to be 120 at least to tell all the stories that keep popping up in her imagination and nagging her to write them down. She's also addicted to her own hero, to whom she's been happily married for many years.

She is the bestselling author of over ninety novels and has been shortlisted for several awards, and *Pride of Lancashire* won the Australian Romantic Book of the Year Award in 2006.

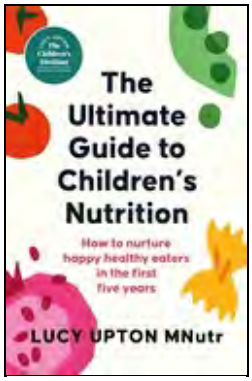
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The Ultimate Guide to Children's Nutrition
How to nurture happy, healthy eaters in the first five years

Lucy Upton

Keynote

A definitive and super-expert guide to feeding your child and understanding their behaviour around food, from 0-5 years.

Description

The first five years of a child's life are critical to getting nutrition right and building a positive, healthy foundation that can shape their future. A time in which the path of health and happiness, or an increased risk of disease and health challenges, can manifest as a direct result of what is put onto a child's plate. The right approach to nutrition can help promote healthy **gut health, brain development, growth, allergy profile, food relationships, systemic health** and impact a child's well-being for life.

From milk feeding through weaning, to toddler food refusal and fussy eating, to dealing with specific diets, allergies and common feeding worries, this book provides guidance on developmental benchmarks alongside useful ideas and strategies to help you navigate the feeding journey with ease. Parents will find reassurance and appeal in this evidence-based, authoritative, yet pragmatic guide.

Lucy Upton is a qualified Paediatric Dietitian and Feeding Therapist and *the* voice to trust in the noisy influencer-dominated landscape surrounding the feeding needs of your growing child. Delivered with empathy and hands-on mother experience, Lucy helps parents navigate the crucial first five years of a child's nutrition journey and provides readers with the tools and understanding needed to make informed decisions about their child's diet and health at every stage.

Sales Points

- * **Reference book every family needs**: The equivalent of *What to Expect When you are Expecting but* of Childhood Nutrition and Feeding
- * **Category killer potential:** the book offers clear and authoritative advice from a top expert with great brand development potential.

Reviews

- 'This is THE book every parent needs to read. With so much misinformation and nutrition noise online, it's refreshing to find a resource that covers it all while remaining fully evidence-based and grounded in science. Lucy has a brilliant way of explaining complex concepts in a clear, easy-to-understand, judgement-free manner. Empowering you to make informed decisions and give your children the best possible start to their healthy eating journey. Written by a specialist paediatric dietitian with years of clinical experience, this book truly is the ultimate guide to children's nutrition.' - *Dr Chintal Patel, NHS GP and Author of Dr Chintal's Kitchen: Quick, Easy, Healthy Meals the Whole Family will Love*
- 'A truly comprehensive guide covering everything from milk, weaning, fussy eating and allergies. This book will give you so much more confidence when navigating what and how to feed your young children. Lucy's expert advice and science-backed info are paired with practical tips that are actually achievable for busy parents. Any questions or worries you might have are addressed - I wish I had it at the start of my feeding journey, but it will now be a much-used companion when raising my little ones.' - *Kate Lancaster, Author of Feed your Family Dairy Free*
- 'As a registered dietitian and mum of two, one with multiple food allergies and another who can be a fussy eater, I know firsthand how challenging - and rewarding - feeding little ones can be. This book is an invaluable guide, packed with evidence-based advice and practical reassurance to help parents confidently navigate the early years. Whether you're facing allergies, picky eating, or just the daily juggle of family mealtimes, Lucy Upton provides a clear, balanced, and non-judgmental approach to nourishing your child for the best possible start in life.' - *Nichola Ludlam-Raine, Specialist Dietitian & Author of How Not to Eat Ultra-Processed*
- 'This book is the ultimate manual for feeding kids that every parent needs - it's like having your own personal dietitian in your pocket! It is written with compassion and care, drawing on Lucy's many years of guiding and supporting families with their little one's feeding and nutrition journeys. It is grounded in science and evidenced-based, yet practical and pragmatic. This book is going to help *so* many families and I can't wait for parents to get their hands on it.' - *Paula Hallam, Specialist Paediatric Dietitian and author of Plant Powered Little People*



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Checking Out
The hilarious and unputdownable international bestseller

Meryem El Mehdati
Translated by Julia Sanches

Keynote

For fans of Joshua Ferris and Halle Butler's *The New Me*, a sharp and witty coming-of-age story, and a meditation on job insecurity and racism.

Description

'So biting and refreshingly honest that the real world feels just a little more ridiculous by comparison'
Jinwoo Chong, author of *Flux*

'Honest, intelligent and funny'
Andrea Abreu, author of *Dogs of Summer*

Life is like a supermarket.

Her name is Meryem, but you'd be surprised at how difficult people find that to spell. Meryem is twenty-five years old and has just started working at the offices of Supersaurio: the most important supermarket chain in the Canary Islands. Watched over by the chain's benevolent blue dinosaur logo, Meryem contends with co-workers *who don't mean to sound sexist, but aren't women just harder work than men?*, a boss who seems determined to make Meryem's life as miserable as possible, and Omar - smart, funny, very-senior-but-nevertheless-seems-like-a-normal-person Omar, who also happens to be devastatingly handsome.

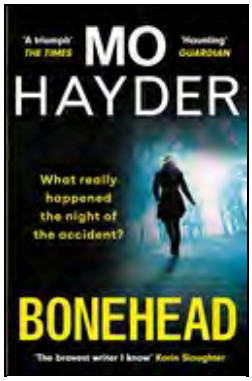
We follow Meryem as she makes the transition from intern, to temp, to arrive finally at the promised land of fixed employment - only to find that she might have left part of her soul behind.

Sales Points

- **FLEABAG MEETS THE OFFICE:** a laugh out-loud workplace comedy by one of Spain's hottest new young writers.
- **DARKLY FUNNY WITH SOMETHING SERIOUS TO SAY**: terrible bosses, job insecurity, sexism and what it's like to be the only non-white Muslim employee in workplace.
- **A PHENOMENON IN SPAIN**: a bestseller, selling approx. 20k copies, a Debut of the Year, author featured in most prominent national newspaper as talent to watch.
- **FOR FANS OF:** GREEN DOT by Madeleine Gray, Raven Leilani's LUSTER, Halle Butler's THE NEW ME, and I WANT TO DIE BUT I WANT TO EAT TTEOKBOKKI.

Author Biography

Meryem El Mehdati (Rabat, 1991) studied Translation and Interpretation. She has been a private tutor, secretary, shop assistant, nanny, assistant director and internal comms specialist. Her debut novel *Supersaurus* was originally published in Spanish by Blackie Books in 2022. She has contributed to *Vogue*, *SModa*, *La Provincia*, *El Salto* and *Igluu Magazine*.



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Bonehead
the gripping new crime thriller from the international bestseller

Mo Hayder

Keynote

****THE FINAL NOVEL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER MO HAYDER, WITH A FOREWORD FROM KARIN SLAUGHTER****

Description

****THE FINAL NOVEL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER MO HAYDER, WITH A FOREWORD FROM KARIN SLAUGHTER****

A terrifying accident . . .

Alex Mullins knows she is one of the lucky ones. When a fatal coach crash at her school reunion killed several of her classmates, she was saved from a grisly fate.

She is haunted by what she thinks she saw that night - a vision of a skeletal woman, known by the locals as the Bonehead - a woman who brings bad luck to all that see her.

A mystery waiting to be solved . . .

Now a police officer in Gloucestershire, Alex fights to overcome the past by helping other people. But when her path crosses with someone who was there that fateful night, her new life begins to unravel at the seams.

What really happened the night of the crash? And what does she have to do for the petrifying Bonehead to finally leave her be?

A new crime thriller from the Queen of Fear - prepare to be terrified by Bonehead . . .

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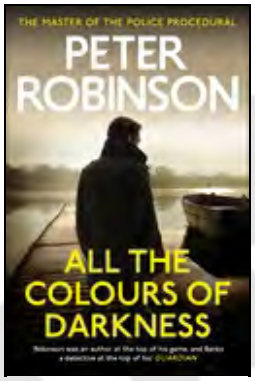
'Hayder has a profound ability to shock and surprise her readers' **Karin Slaughter**
'Oozes sinisterness from the first page' ***Entertainment Weekly***
'With Mo Hayder you never know where you are going until you get there' ***Times***
'A first-class shocker . . . a frightening mix of forensics, thrills, analytical police work and poetic images.' ***Guardian***
'Wickedly constructed . . . The detail, if you can stomach it, is fascinating.' ***Daily Telegraph***
'Lacerating' ***Independent***
'Stomach-churning, fast-paced, top-notch' ***Sunday Express***
'Haunting, lyrical, disturbing, important, suspenseful and wonderfully written' **Harlan Coben**
'This is writing of breathtaking power and poetry' **Tess Gerritsen**
'An authentically disturbing, gripping winner' ***Financial Times***

Sales Points

- Mo Hayder is an internationally bestselling author whose books have sold 1.2 million copies in the UK alone.
- Mo's fifth novel, *Ritual*, was nominated for the Barry Award for Best Crime Novel and was voted Best Book of the Year by *Publishers Weekly*. *Gone*, her seventh novel, won the Edgar Allan Poe Award, and her novel *Wolf* was nominated for Best Novel in the 2015 Edgar Awards and was adapted for the BBC in 2023. In 2011 she was awarded the Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library award for an outstanding body of work.
- Mo was beloved by the crime writing community and this final novel features a foreword from internationally bestselling writer Karin Slaughter, who introduces the story and talks about her love for Mo.
- Mo's books have been reviewed and endorsed by Harlan Coben, Tess Gerritsen, Karin Slaughter, The Times, The Guardian, The Daily Mail, and many, many more.

Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR MO HAYDER'
- 'Mo Hayder has a profound ability to **shock and surprise** her readers. She's the **bravest** writer I know' - *Karin Slaughter*
- 'Hayder's work and characters are worth the **unending nightmares they will inspire**' - *The New York Times Book Review*
- 'Hayder is one of the **most skilled** crime writers at escalating unbearable tension . . . **nothing short of brilliant** ' - *Daily Mail*



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Extent	**528 pages**
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All the Colours of Darkness
DCI Banks 18

Peter Robinson

Keynote

The 18th in the series - a number one bestseller - takes DCI Banks on a torturous journey to the truth.

Description

<font size="+1">**The eighteenth instalment in the bestselling *DCI Banks* series**<font size="+1">

A beautiful June day in the Yorkshire Dales, and a group of children are spending the last of their half-term freedom swimming in the river near Hindswell Woods.

But the idyll is shattered by their discovery of a man's body, hanging from a tree.

DI Annie Cabott soon discovers he is Mark Hardcastle, the well-liked and successful set designer for the Eastvale Theatres current production of Othello. Everything points to suicide, and Annie is mystified. Why would such a man want to take his own life? Then Annie's investigation leads to another shattering discovery, and DCI Alan Banks is called back from the idyllic weekend he had planned with his new girlfriend. Banks soon finds himself plunged into a shadow-world where nothing is what it seems, where secrets and deceit are the norm, and where murder is seen as the solution to a problem.

The deeper he digs the more he discovers that the monster he has awakened will extend its deadly reach to his friends and family. Nobody is safe.

Sales Points

- Peter Robinson is always stunningly well reviewed - by his crime writing peers (Ian Rankin, Michael Connelly, Dennis Lehane, Stephen King) as well as by critics
- Peter Robinson is now being seen as joining Ian Rankin in the top echelon of British crime writers
- Sold in 15 countries with foreign sales increasing steadily

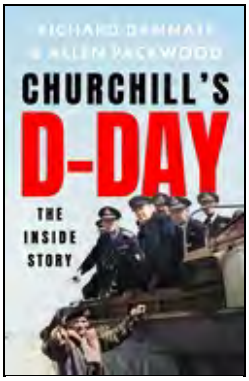
Reviews

- 'Praise for Piece of My Heart and Friend of the Devil' - *:*
- ''Peter Robinson has for too long, and unfairly, been in the shadow of Ian Rankin; perhaps PIECE OF MY HEART, the latest in the Chief Inspector Banks series, will give him the status he deserves, near, perhaps even at the top of, the British crime writers' league . . . PIECE OF MY HEART brilliantly interweaves past and present, providing two strands of tension for the price of one, and further enhancing Alan Banks's reputation as one of crime fiction's most appealing cops.'' - *Marcel Berlins, The Times*
- 'Peter Robinson is good at producing ingenious mysteries, and this one does not disappoint' - *Susanna Yager, Daily Telegraph*
- 'A police procedural that grips like pliers' - *Independent on Sunday*

Author Biography

Peter Robinson's *DCI Banks* became a major ITV1 drama starring Stephen Tompkinson (*Wild at Heart*, *Ballykissangel*) as Inspector Banks, and Andrea Lowe (*The Bill*, *Murphy's Law*) as DI Annie Cabbot.

Peter's standalone novel BEFORE THE POISON won the IMBA's 2013 Dilys Award as well as the 2012 Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel by the Crime Writers of Canada. This was Peter's sixth Arthur Ellis award. His critically acclaimed DCI Banks novels have won numerous awards in Britain, the United States, Canada and Europe, and are published in translation all over the world. In 2020 Peter was made a Grand Master by the Crime Writers of Canada. Peter grew up in Yorkshire, and divided his time between Richmond, UK, and Canada until his death in 2022.



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Churchill's D-Day
The Inside Story

Richard Dannatt and Allen Packwood

Keynote

The fascinating inside story of Churchill's D-Day, told through a ground-breaking collaboration between a world expert on Churchill and a highly decorated British general.

Description

***'Do you realise that by the time you wake up in the morning twenty thousand men may have been killed?'*- Winston Churchill to Clementine Churchill, 5 June 1944**

2024 was both the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy , and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Churchill himself. This book brings together General Lord Dannatt, one of Britain's most respected contemporary military leaders, and former head of the British Army, with Allen Packwood, one of the world's foremost Churchill experts, the archivist responsible for the holdings at the landmark Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge. Together they take us through the decision-making for the planning and execution of D-Day .
Reproducing key documents and letters from the Churchill Papers and other collections, this book plunges us back in time and lets us witness events unfolding. It tells the inside story of the conception, planning and execution of the D-Day landings in a unique but authoritative way.

Operation Overlord, the liberation of France, which brought the Second World War to its final stages, began just after dawn on 6 June 1944. At the time, it was the largest amphibious operation ever staged, and the road to victory led directly from the beaches to Berlin. Churchill was instrumental in its planning and execution.
This book reveals Churchill's thinking and places his decisions in the wider historical context, showing he was instrumental in securing the success of D-Day, by making sure it occurred in the right way and at the right time.

Original, illuminating and gripping, *CHURCHILL'S D-DAY* is narrative history at its best.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT ACCOUNT.** This book is unique in that it is co-written by foremost British general, Lord Richard Dannatt, and one of the world's leading experts on Winston Churchill, Allen Packwood. No two people are better placed to write this book.
- **80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY.** This book is publishing in time to coincide with the 80th anniversary of D-Day, which will be marked in the UK.
- **COMBINES BESTSELLING TOPICS.** Churchill books sell, as do books about WW2.

Reviews

- 'Churchill's D-Day represents a remarkable and timely collaboration between General Lord Dannatt, the former Chief of the General Staff and Head of the British Army, and Allen Packwood, one of the most renowned experts on Churchill.

  Importantly with 2024 marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings they have brought together some remarkable material which adds much new light to the greatest Combined Operation of all time.

  Churchill was obviously deeply involved and heavily invested in the D-Day Operations from its conception through to its planning and execution.

  This is a fascinating book which re-examines events that liberated and thus shaped the future of Europe.' - *Lord Soames, Winston Churchill's grandson*
- 'As a subject of historical study, D-Day appears nearly close to being exhausted, save for the endless stream of inaccurate, stylised, but highly questionable movies and TV series that shows no sign of abating. It is invigorating, therefore, that Dannatt and Packwood have brought blockbuster flair to an enormously broad subject. The result is an engrossing delight, and it is immensely satisfying to know just how much more there is to explore about the motivation, circumstances, and challenges faced by someone as titanic and well known as Churchill on an even better-known day. Dannatt and Packwood have produced an account of Churchill's D-Day worthy of both the Great Man and the colossal event . . . Readers will greedily want more in the future from this superb writing partnership.' - *International Churchill Society*

Author Biography

Richard Dannatt led the British Army during its most challenging time in the post-war era as it fought two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has written regular columns for the Sunday Telegraph, and lectures on leadership and current defence and security issues. He



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Binding	**Paperback**
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What Sleeps Within the Cove your next fantasy romance obsession! (Of Flesh and Bone Book 4)

Harper L. Woods

Keynote

Go back to where it all began, in the fourth stunning entry to Of Flesh and Bone.

Description

From the *New York Times* bestseller, Harper L. Woods comes a brand new, highly anticipated novel in her Of Flesh & Bone series, *What Sleeps Within the Cove.*

Once, I bartered my soul for my mate.

Offering Mab my bound allegiance was the only way to save Caldris's life-the only bargain I could make to keep us both from the Void. After cruelly murdering the King of Summer, her own brother, Mab became unhinged and there was no telling what she would do. Caldris is safe for now because of my sacrifice, but at a cost. Queen Mab only wants one thing from me.

Then, I was banished to Tartarus, from where few ever return.

Mab has demanded a tribute-a snake from the crown of Medusa. Navigating through the horrors of Tartarus, I must pass the Trials of the Five Rivers to prove my worth to the primordials and steal the unthinkable. All without my magic.

Now, I must embrace my darkness, my past.

To survive, I must discover who I am-who I'm fated to be. Human, and Fae, and something... other. Embracing all the sides of magic, light and dark, is the only way to escape Tartarus and get back to Caldris. I will save him, the Fae, and the humans from Mab.

Even if it kills me.

Readers are loving Harper L. Woods

'Magic and fighting and spice. Oh my!' *Amazon Reviewer*

'If you adore Rhysand, then read this book. If you fancy the Bargainer series, then read this book. If you revel in *Zodiac Academy*, then you already bought this book' *Goodreads Reviewer*

'A massive five star plus read' *Amazon Reviewer*

'One of the best fantasy books I've read this year' *Goodreads Reviewer*

'Just WOW!' *Amazon Reviewer*

Sales Points

- **HUGELY COMMERCIAL ROMANTASY**: an epic fantasy world, with endless twists and turns and a romance for the ages, this a hugely sexy, brilliantly commercial romantasy, perfect for fans of Raven Kennedy, Danielle L Jenson and Sarah J Maas.
- **ORIGINALLY SELF-PUBLISHED**: Harper L Wood's stunning series was originally self-published, and the first book has over 12,000 reviews on Amazon.co.uk. Readers are obsessed, calling it unputdownable, unexpected, full of secrets, romance and dark fae.
- **DARK FANTASY ROMANCE**: with dark fantasy romance, fae, witches, gods, fights between good and evil, heaps of spice, the wild hunt, betrayal, angst and plenty of action, this ticks every romantic fantasy box.

Reviews

- '**PRAISE FOR HARPER L. WOODS**'
- 'Magic and fighting and spice. Oh my!' - *Reader Review*
- '**Everything you want in a fantasy book all wrapped in one**' - *Reader Review*
- 'OMFG this series has me all twisted up and I have no idea what to expect, I LOVE IT' - *Reader Review*

Author Biography

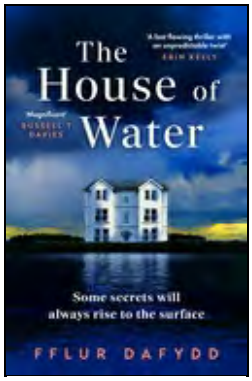
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love with books at a young age and quickly discovered her love for writing soon after. She wrote short stories and then delved into full-length fiction at ten-years-old. Since then, she's created over 350 book ideas and hoarded them over the years. When she isn't writing, she can be found spending time with her two young children, dog, and cat. She enjoys traveling, chocolate, chai tea, and most importantly, being with her family.

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The House of Water
a captivating and addictive domestic thriller with an unforgettable twist

Fflur Dafydd

Keynote

What do you do when you find your house submerged in water, a dead stranger in your bed and your whole family killed? A propulsive, twisty thriller for fans of Louise Candlish and Clare Mackintosh.

Description

Iona was just a standard teenager, thoughts occupied only with her latest crush. Until *that* fateful night.

The night she turned the key to her front door to discover her family had been killed and her father nowhere to be found. Her house, entirely submerged in water, and a strange girl found dead in her bed.

The police declare her father the main suspect. And Iona is forced to confront how much she really knew about the man who raised her. Could he have been capable of such a crime? And who is the mysterious girl left behind?

A gripping thriller that will have you hooked from the opening page.

Sales Points

- **IMPRESSIVE AUTHOR:** Fflur Dafydd is an award winning novelist and screenwriter. BAFTA Cymru nominated, her TV credits include 'PARCH', '35 awr' and '35 Dirnwood'. She is currently writing a 'Yr Amgueddfa', a new 6 part thriller for S4C.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Clare Mackintosh, Ruth Mancini, Claire McGowan and Louise Candlish, this gripping and immersive thriller will have you hooked with an immediate hook and propulsive plot.
- **AN ESTABLISHED WELSH AUTHOR:** Fflur is a former Hay Festival International Fellow. Her previous book Y Llyfrgell, won the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize and was turned into a BAFTA Cymru Award-winning film.
- **TARGETED MARKETING CAMPAIGN:** the novel is set against a Welsh backdrop and we are planning a strategic and targeted campaign to hit author's already established and loyal readership and beyond.

Author Biography

Fflur Dafydd is an award-winning novelist, musician and screenwriter who works in Welsh and English. She is a graduate of UEA's Creative
Writing MA, a former Hay Festival International Fellow and an alumna of Iowa University's prestigious International Writing Program. She has also been nominated for several BAFTA Cymru awards for her screenwriting work. She lives in West Wales with her husband and two daughters.



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Come What May
Life-Changing Lessons for Coping with Crisis

Lucy Easthope

Keynote

Life-changing lessons on recovery learnt through a life working in disaster - from the UK's top emergency planner.

Description

'Lucy Easthope is a shining beacon of sense and wisdom. None of us can avoid life-changing upheavals - but we can all benefit from reading this brilliant book about how to respond with resilience. Fascinating and empowering.' RACHEL CLARKE

At some point in life, we will all experience pain, uncertainty and loss. Widowhood, redundancy, a life-changing diagnosis, pregnancy loss, or a global pandemic. So how can we weather the storms, and cope with whatever comes next?

No one can answer this better than Lucy Easthope, an emergency planner whose job is to support survivors of major disasters. She has been there after countless earthquakes, fires and floods. Time and again she has watched how people rebuild: the work, the pitfalls and the fragile joy. In *Come What May*, she distils for us what she has learned about how to carry on during and after terrible times.

Through poignant stories and hard-won wisdom, she offers a roadmap for resilience in the face of adversity. She explains what shape the recovery journey might take, how to triage your life in an emergency, how to plan for 'the slump' (also known as the lasagne phase), how to take stock of what has happened to you, how to watch out for 'learned helplessness', and what good (and bad) help looks like.

This is a book for all of us existing in 'the after' who want not just to survive, but to live and unleash strengths we never knew we had.

Sales Points

- **HIGH-PROFILE LEADING EXPERT** - Lucy has established herself as the go-to expert in disaster planning and recovery with more than 20 years of experience. She has been involved in the recovery after every major disaster (from 9/11 and the war in Ukraine to Grenfell and COVID) and is in demand for broadcast and radio appearances.
- **SIGNIFICANT MEDIA INTEREST** - Lucy's memoir *When the Dust Settles* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller (we've sold 44k copies across all editions), got rave reviews and has been optioned for a major TV drama. Lucy was the subject of a *New Yorker* profile entitled 'How a Disaster Expert Prepares for the Worst'. This book will include new experiences in more recent disasters and will be in demand with the media. She promotes tirelessly and will do a full tour of events. Fans of Lucy's include James O'Brien, Caitlin Moran and Sue Black.
- **CLEAR PROPOSITION FOR THE READER** - structured around lessons in recovery that we can all benefit from, the book is widely relevant with a promise for the reader, while also leaning in to Lucy's expertise. Will appeal to readers of Julia Samuel's *This Too Shall Pass* (31k TCM).
- **STAND OUT WRITING WITH CRITICAL ACCLAIM** - She writes with real flair for an expert and the text is vivid and surprising. *When the Dust Settles* received book of the year round ups and rave reviews across the board (described as 'Enthralling' by the *Observer*, 'Riveting' by the *Telegraph*, and 'Gripping' by the *Sunday Times*.
- **ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM** - She has 30k followers on X/Twitter (@lucygobag).

Reviews

- 'Lucy Easthope is a shining beacon of sense and wisdom. None of us can avoid life-changing upheavals - but we can all benefit from reading this brilliant book about how to respond with resilience.' - RACHEL CLARKE
- 'We all NEED this book! An essential guide to navigating the disasters each of us will have to face, written with the brilliant wisdom of a leading expert with the insightful compassion of a survivor.' - Gaia Vince

Author Biography

Lucy Easthope is the UK's leading authority on recovering from disaster. She has been an advisor for nearly every major disaster of the past two decades, including the 2004 tsunami, 9/11, the Salisbury poisonings, Grenfell, the Covid-19 pandemic and most recently the war in Ukraine. She challenges others to think differently about what comes next after tragic events, and how to plan for future ones. Lucy grew up in Liverpool and has a degree in law, a PhD in medicine and a Masters in risk, crisis and disaster management. She is a Professor in Practice of Risk and Hazard at the University of



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The Friendship Fling
the hilarious new grumpy-sunshine, friends-to-lovers romantic comedy - your favourite new romcom voice for 2025

Georgia Stone

Keynote

A slow-burn, strangers-to-friends-to-lovers rom-com with a wonderfully vibrant London setting, sizzling chemistry, and two polar-opposite strangers who just can't quite seem to let each other go . . .

Description

No one would ever call Ava Monroe a people person, which isn't ideal for a barista in a busy London coffee shop. She's sarcastic, blunt and cynical, and likes her men with *strictly* no strings attached. And despite desperate pleas from her best friend Josie to shake up her routine and make some new friends, she refuses to change her carefully controlled life.

That is, until the insufferably cheerful, country-hopping, undeniably gorgeous Finn O'Callaghan rolls into her coffee shop with a horrifyingly perfect proposal - a strictly friends-only fling. Finn's only in the city for the summer and needs a local to help him complete his London bucket list before he moves along for good, and Ava needs to reassure Josie she's got the makings of a social butterfly after all. It's an offer she can't refuse.

As their mismatched friendship of convenience slowly becomes more tolerable, and as they work their way through Finn's bucket list around the sun-drenched city, from rooftops and floating bars to nights at the museum, their adventures - and Finn's company - start to feel... nice. Incredibly, terrifyingly, dangerously nice.

But Ava has rules - and good reasons for them - and as the days get shorter, Finn's departure gets closer. Because that's the thing about summer: it always ends. Right?

Sales Points

- **INCREDIBLE NEW ROMCOM VOICE:** Georgia Stone is an amazing new voice in the romcom space to watch - hilarious, fresh, sexy, smart, witty and yet still following the traditions of the traditional romcoms we know and love, Georgia is an incredibly talented writer hitting *exactly* the right notes in this area of the market. Feels exactly like it was written for - and by - readers in 2025. Perfect for people who loved *Anyone But You* in the cinema last year...
- **DEBUT AUTHOR:** *The Friendship Fling* is our big debut romcom for 2025 and will be accompanied by a big and exciting marketing and publicity campaign. This is one to watch for 2025, and has a fantastic follow up already in the works, featuring characters from *The Friendship Fling* that we already know and love.
- **ENGAGED FANBASE:** Despite being a debut author, Georgia Stone already has a growing and engaged audience, with 3.5k followers across Instagram and TikTok and 87.4k likes.
- **FULL OF EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE TROPES:** friendship of convenience, friends to lovers, opposites attract, golden retriever and black cat; slow burn romance and forced proximity.
- **READER REVIEWS:** *The Friendship Fling* already has incredible early reader reviews: 'WOW this book was incredible. Truly puts the "com" in rom-com'; 'If I could give it an extra star I would'; 'I couldn't get enough of the characters'; I am OBSESSED'

Reviews

- '*The Friendship Fling* is fun, feisty, and sexy - I really loved it! The characters have such brilliant chemistry, and it's the perfect escapist novel to curl up with. I'm excited to see what Georgia Stone does next!' - *Emily Stone*

Author Biography

Georgia Stone is a London-based author of contemporary romance. She writes love stories that she hopes make people laugh out loud and clutch their hearts in equal measure. When she's not reading or writing, you can usually find her trying out DIY projects in her ridiculously colourful flat, spending far too much time feeding The Algorithm, or acting unhinged at gigs with her friends. You can also find her at @georgiastonewrites on Instagram, or contact her via her website at www.georgiastonebooks.com.

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Behooved

M. Stevenson

Keynote

A charming slow-burn romantasy featuring a duty-bound noblewoman with a chronic illness, a prince who would rather be in a library than on a throne, and a magical ride through a world of cosy enchantment

Description

The fate of the kingdom is riding on them.

Bianca knows her duty comes before her heart. So when the threat of war looms, she agrees to marry the neighbouring kingdom's heir. But not all royal weddings are a fairytale, and Prince Aric, Bianca's betrothed, is cold, aloof, and seems to hate her on sight. To make matters worse, on their wedding night, an assassination attempt goes awry - leaving Aric magically transformed into a horse. Bianca does what any bride in this situation would do: she mounts her new husband and rides away to safety.

Sunset returns Aric to human form, but they soon discover the assassination attempt is part of a larger plot against the throne. Worse, Bianca has been framed for Aric's murder, and she's now saddled with a husband who is a horse by day and a frustratingly attractive man by night.

As an unexpected romance begins galloping away with their hearts, Bianca and Aric must rely on each other to unravel the curse and save the throne.

Sales Points

- Hits sweet spot in the market: romantasy x cosy fantasy, with loads of spice, brilliant worldbuilding, and a healthy dose of humour. A heartwarming romp of a romantasy - think sexy main characters and Shrek adventure vibes.
- Full of hot tropes such as arranged marriage, enemies-to-lovers slow-burn romance, bookish male hero, stabby heroine
- For readers of: *Can't Spell Treason without Tea*/Rebecca Thorne, *Nettle & Bone*/ T. Kingfisher, *The Spellshop*/Sarah Beth Durst, *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*/Megan Bannen, Diana Wynne Jones
- An #ownvoices novel featuring a chronically ill protagonist and queer main characters

Reviews

- 'Arranged marriages, mischievous magic, and families lost and found. This quirky, charming fantasy romp is so much fun. A cozy fantasy romance to cuddle up with. A delightful debut' - T. Kingfisher, New York Times bestselling author
- 'Cinematic and engaging, sparkling and joyous. You'll fall in love just like I did. This was a ridiculous amount of fun' - Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author of Every Heart a Doorway
- '*Behooved* is bewitchingly charming, a romantic fairytale adventure that will sweep you off your feet (or hooves)!' - Sarah Beth Durst, New York Times bestselling author of The Spellshop
- '*Behooved* is a refreshing, enchanting journey of self-discovery - but also, for the horse girls in all of us, a witty romp of a fairy tale romance that will have readers chomping at the bit' - Julie Leong, author of The Teller of Small Fortunes

Author Biography

M. Stevenson (she/her) is a writer, educator, and naturalist with degrees from Brown University (B.A., Geology-Biology) and the University of Idaho (M.Ed., Environmental Education). An avid swing dancer, she's often found dancing lindy hop or wandering the woods talking to plants and birds. She is a dual US/Irish citizen and is based in the Fingerlakes region of New York.

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Translation	**Hodder & Stoughton**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

Cast Catch Release
The inspiring and uplifting memoir about fishing, rivers and the power of water

Marina Gibson

Keynote

A lyrical memoir about fishing, love and loss from the UK's best-known female angler

Description

AS FEATURED ON ITV'S THIS MORNING, BBC RADIO 4 WOMAN'S HOUR AND BBC RADIO 2 WITH JEREMY VINE

***'Marina's writing is as exquisite as her casting.'* - PAUL WHITEHOUSE**

'Unique and very enjoyable.'* - TRISTAN GOOLEY, author of *How to Read a Tree

'Meditative and revelatory'* - *DAILY MAIL

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An inspiring true story about the healing power of water from one of the world's best known female anglers

In her early twenties, drifting and directionless, Marina Gibson fled the city for the countryside, and picked up a fishing rod for the first time in years. She was returning to a childhood pursuit and a passion passed on by her mother.

Fishing overtook Marina's life as she grew enraptured by the quiet magic of angling. Whiling away hours by a Highland river or a local chalk stream, with only the ritual of casting and the music of the water for company, Marina found an escape from a failing marriage and a connection to a tradition of female anglers stretching back generations.

Alongside the twists and turns of her own story, Marina traces the epic migratory journey of the Atlantic salmon and its fight for survival against the odds. *Cast Catch Release* is a love letter to the water, and what it means to find peace and purpose in the great outdoors.

Sales Points

- **HOOK(!)**: A standout nature memoir; beautifully written with a moving redemptive arc -- telling the story of how fishing helped her pick up the pieces after the breakdown of her marriage. This book could be the next *Salt Path* or *Eat Pray Love* for fishing!
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Marina is a rare and charismatic female voice in the fishing world. *The Times* have christened her 'the cool angler'. She has a growing platform - 72k followers on Instagram, and is ambassador for various major fishing brands like Orvis. She is extremely well connected and would be championed by the likes of Whitehouse and Mortimer.
- **AUDIENCE**: There are as many as three million anglers in the UK alone; 40% of which are female. We will partner with organisations with big mailing lists like The Angling Trust (75,000 Facebook followers) and Canal & Rivers Trust (196.4K Twitter followers) and appeal to this huge base of readers, as well as reaching beyond to wider audiences and readers of nature memoirs
- **MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN:** Marina is a great contender for major broadcast like the One Show and her writing should attract serious review coverage. She has all the right connections and is a natural presenter and an engaging spokesperson on the underrepresentation of women in fishing
- **STRONG LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LINKS:** Marina is based in Yorkshire, where she founded the Northern Fishing School, and other parts of the UK, especially Scotland, feature heavily in the book. A key early part of the book occurs in New Zealand where Marina lived for a while. She also recounts her travels all over the world on wild fishing adventures on the hunt for particular fish like the Brazilian Golden Dorado -- from South America to Europe and the USA. Scribner are publishing in the US as a major lead.

Reviews

- ''A very revealing book about life, salmon and angling. Marina's writing is as exquisite as her casting. I hate her.'' - Paul Whitehouse
- ''A unique and very enjoyable story, filled with simple joys and more complex challenges.'' - Tristan Gooley, author of How to Read a Tree
- ''An engaging, forthright and impressive debut - this highly personal memoir will appeal to anyone who loves what fishing can bring to life. As fluent and assured as one of the writer's Spey casts'' - David Profumo, author of The Lightning Thread
- ''Gibson compares the harrowing natural history of the Atlantic salmon to her own restless, sometimes reckless life and illustrates that, although it really is possible to find serenity and purpose through fly-fishing, getting there can be a long, strange trip.''

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- John Gierach, author of Trout Bum

Author Biography

Marina Gibson is the founder of the Northern Fishing School at the Swinton Estate and an ambassador for Orvis, Costa and Angling IQ. She has made a number of TV appearances - including alongside Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer (forthcoming episode of Gone Fishing) and Giles Coren, among others. Marina is committed to encouraging more and more young people to take up fly-fishing, as well as championing the importance of preserving rivers for future generations.

She is based in Yorkshire but grew up in Scotland, Gloucestershire and Devon.

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Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781399724777**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)** **Fantasy (FM)** **Of specific Gay interest (5SG)** **Romance (FR)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Book locale	**Fantasy World**
Author born in	**Southampton**
Author living in	**Bath**

Previous Titles
9781399724685 Til Death Do Us Bard

Hodder & Stoughton.

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Fated Winds and Promising Seas
A tender-hearted tale of forging fates, fantastic creatures, and found family

Rose Black

Keynote

***Fated Winds and Promising Seas* is the brilliant follow up standalone novel from Rose Black! *Legends & Lattes* meets *Kings of the Wyld* in this queer cosy fantasy.**

Description

'An absolute bear-hug of a book!' SANGU MANDANNA, on *TIL DEATH DO US BARD*

***Fated Winds and Promising Seas* is a queer fantasy, perfect for fans of *Legends and Lattes* and *Nettle and Bone*.**

The brilliant follow up standalone novel from Rose Black!

This time, when adventure calls, let love take the helm.

THEMES AND TROPES! Mental health rep, MM romance, found family, magical ships, safe and cared for, sharing the same room, gay romance novel, happily ever after!

READER REVIEWS FOR TIL DEATH DO US BARD:

'THIS IS EVERYTHING!' ***** READER REVIEW

'Joyous, uplifting, heart warming' ***** READER REVIEW

'The romance, the adventure, the cast of characters. Every time I think about this book it puts a smile on my face' ****** READER REVIEW

'This book felt like a cozy game of D&D with a side of romance and I loved every minute of it!' ****** READER REVIEW

'I highly recommend this to anyone who likes cozy fantasy, D&D and/or *Our Flag Means Death*!' ****** READER REVIEW

'Sometimes you just find a book where you see the cover, find it intriguing, read the synopsis, find that even more intriguing and then you read the book and it's everything you wanted' ****** READER REVIEW

Sales Points

- Commercial cosy fantasy with an LGBTQ+ romance: A refreshing queer light fantasy with lots of feelings and heart. THE PROMISE OF SERPENTS 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 uplifting fantasy all about found family, love, queer love, and belonging. It fits perfectly in that growing area of cosy fantasy and touches on important topics of mental health.**
- Rose Black is a #Pitchwars alum

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.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781399721325**
BIC 2.1	**Espionage & spy thriller (FHD) Second World War fiction (FJMS) British & Irish history (HBJD1) Historical fiction (FV) c 1939 to c 1945 (including WW2) (3JJH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**John Cook**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Book locale	**UK**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**Vermont, USA**

Previous Titles
The Last Line

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	**Jordan Lees**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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The Berlin Agent
A gripping and unforgettable World War Two historical thriller

Stephen Ronson

Keynote

A country at war. Bombers fill the skies. A parachute drops in the dead of night...

Description

England 1940: Paris has fallen to the Third Reich. Farmer **John Cook** and society heiress **Lady Margaret** are waiting for the day when German tanks roll across the green fields of their homes. Both are ready for the moment they will disappear into the woods and the fields to carry out their top-secret orders - to do whatever it takes to fight the Nazis once they arrive on British soil.

Their worst fears are realised when a parachutist drops from a German bomber during an air raid. Arriving at the scene, Cook finds the white silk hanging from a branch, and a mysterious crate containing a complex piece of machinery. **The spy is nowhere to be found.**

But at night, Cook and Margaret hear German voices in the darkness. Reports come in of others hearing similar things, and there are whispers of an agent from Berlin...

With enemies already hiding among them, how far will Cook and Margaret go to protect the country and the people they love?

Sales Points

- **Gripping WWII fiction based on a true story:** Based on a true story from the frontlines of the defence of Britain from the Sussex coast.
- **Unforgettable duo and strong female characters:** John Cook and Lady Margaret are a duo readers love and puts a strong female character working undercover for the war effort front and centre.
- **Immersive historical detail and breathtaking twists:** Pacy and meticulously researched this combines the historical detail and emotional stakes WWII readers love, with action, intrigue and a series of twists that will take your breath away.

Reviews

- '**A brilliant noir thriller set in the darkest days of the Second World War**' - *Stephen Leather*
- '**Ronson delivers a cracking yarn, convincingly told. John Cook is the Jack Reacher of 1940's Britain**' - *Damien Lewis, author of THE MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE*
- '**There's not a dull moment to be found in Stephen Ronson's book, and it does a great job leaving its reader's hungry for more.**' - *surjit's Books Blog*
- '**A vivid sense of place with tension on every level, *The Last Line* dripped with historical detail and authenticity. I absolutely loved it!**' - Marion Todd

Author Biography

Stephen Ronson grew up in Sussex, and spent a large part of his childhood exploring the woods and fields around Uckfield, many of which were still dotted with reminders of WW2 - pill boxes, tank traps, nissen huts, and graffiti left by soldiers awaiting D-Day. He is a passionate student of local history, and when he learnt about Auxiliary Units - groups of men who were instructed to lay low during the predicted nazi invasion and lead the fight back - he knew he had to write about a Sussex farmer, one with a love of the land, and a natural desire and ability to get the job done. Many of the locations and characters in the John Cook series are inspired by real places and real people. In particular, Stephen was inspired by his grandparents, Eric, Bessie, Peter and Vera, each of whom did their bit on the home front.

Nowadays, Stephen divides his time between Vermont, USA, and Uckfield, East Sussex. When he's not writing, he can be found renovating his house, or walking the woods and the fields.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£14.99 / ₹1199**
Main Identifier	**9781399728249**
BIC 2.1	**Memoirs (BM) Autobiography: literary (BGLA) Drug & substance abuse: social aspects (JFFH1) Literary essays (DNF)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**256 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**Dublin, Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Mexico City**
Author born in	**Kilkenny, Ireland**
Author living in	**Paris**

Previous Titles
Call Him Mine (2019)
How to Be Nowhere (2020)

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The Black Pool
A Memoir of Forgetting

Tim MacGabhann

Keynote

A raw and powerful memoir of addiction and recovery, across three continents and multiple drugs, from early childhood through adulthood.

Description

'A funny, nerve-wracking and utterly compelling memoir of addiction and literature written in a language that is entanglingly inventive, at once cool and lush, and equally capable of conjuring the most delicate sense-memory and hardest heartbreak'
COLIN BARRETT, author of *Wild Houses*

'Wildly brilliant . . . a memoir of addiction and recovery for the ages, a stone cold classic of the form. I was floored by the power and beauty of this book'
DONAL RYAN, author of *The Queen of Dirt Island*

'Raw and powerful'
***IRISH TIMES*, Books to look out for in 2025**

'Extraordinary'
LISA McINERNEY, author of *The Rules of Revelation*

'Unflinchingly honest, heart-wrenching and life-affirming'
RTÉ, Books we're looking forward to

'Only Tim MacGabhann can break your heart like this - and give you the language to stitch it back together. I urge you to succumb to the ice-cold, visceral glory of the black pool'
BEN PESTER, author of *Am I in the Right Place?*

Following an obsessive mind trying (and failing) to find relief, *The Black Pool* is a gripping thrill-ride through violent, chaotic underworlds. Tracing the roots of an illness through the failures of youth and adolescence and finally back to childhood, it's about all the wrong places where addicts look for transcendence - from work, to relationships, to writing, to anger.

The Black Pool shows what happens when everything falls apart. It shows us rock bottom and the start of the journey to recovery from there. It's a memoir shot full of holes and shocking clarities. Towards the end, it achieves something like serenity - something like recovery.

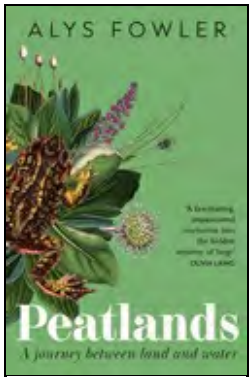
Sales Points

- **A GRIPPING, MOVING, UNUSUAL MEMOIR.** While there are many memoirs of addiction out there, this offers something different in terms of location - the book takes place in Ireland and Spain, then across Central and South America - and in terms of where the pain and angst come from. This is a book about books and writing, too. One of the sources of anxiety for the author is his obsession with writing, something that the book explores in great depth.
- **FUTURE STAR AUTHOR.** Tim is the real deal and an author we will grow on the Sceptre list: his writing is raw, powerful, unexpected. A real writer's writer. His previous books have gained praise from the likes of Ian Rankin and Lee Child, and *Call Him Mine* was a *Telegraph* thriller of the year and a best book of the summer for the *Independent*.
- **FOR READERS OF** Séan Hewitt's *All Down Darkness Wide*, Matt Rowland Hill's *Original Sins* and Tabitha Lasley's *Sea State.*

Author Biography

Tim MacGabhann is the author of the novels *Call Him Mine* and *How to Be Nowhere*, the long poem *Rory Gallagher--Live!--from the Hotel of the Dead* and the memoir *The Black Pool*. A book of poems and a book of short stories are also forthcoming.

Jacket Coming Soon



Publication date	**Thursday, May 29, 2025**
Price	**£20.00 / ₹1650**
Main Identifier	**9781399727563**
BIC 2.1	**Prose: non-fiction (DN) Conservation of the environment (RNK)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**256 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**

Previous Titles
9781473623002: *Hidden Nature*

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	**Hodder & Stoughton**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

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Peatlands
A Journey Between Land and Water

Alys Fowler

Keynote

A journey into the mysterious and wonderful world of peat bogs by award-winning nature writer Alys Fowler

Description

'Why do I like bogs so much? I think it is because I feel very at home with them, I think this has something to do with my queerness and their queer nature as a space.'

The value of peat bogs as a natural resource and haven of biodiversity is undisputed, yet few of us have been lucky enough to experience their beauty and richness. In *Peatlands,* Wainwright Prize-shortlisted author Alys Fowler calls for us to sink deep into the dark, black soils of these rugged places and take a close look at the birds, animals, plants and insects that live within them.

Living in North Wales next to a huge peat bog makes Alys Fowler's *Peatlands* both personal and illuminating. Her odyssey takes her deep into the Flow Country, to the remote Border Mires, up the Brecon Beacons and the Peak District, creating an intimate picture of these magical places and the people who care for them.

Sales Points

- **CREDIBLE, EXPERT AUTHOR:** Alys Fowler is a highly respected, award-winning academic and author.
- **TOPICAL SUBJECT:** Peatlands are controversial and highly important habitats under threat of destruction, making this a significant and timely book.
- **AUDIENCE:** Perfect for fans of THE LOST RAINFORESTS OF BRITAIN (64k TCM, winner of the Wainwright Prize), OTHERLANDS (42k TCM), and FEN, BOG AND SWAMP (6k TCM, winner of the Pulitzer Prize).
- **GOOD PUBLICITY:** Alys Fowler will be undertaking a full programme of media and live events to promote the book. Alys has good engagement on her socials: 40k followers on Instagram, 2/3 of whom live in the UK.
- **PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED TO CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Her previous book, *Hidden Nature*, was shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize in 2018. It received a large number of exceptional reviews, such as 'An emotional and compelling memoir, that left me inspired, both by her bravery in transforming her life, and by the unexpected beauty she finds along the way' (COUNTRYFILE) and 'Thoughtful and heartbreakingly honest . . . Beautiful' (PRESS ASSOCIATION).

Reviews

- 'A fascinating, impassioned invitation into the hidden mystery of bogs, at once archive of the deep past and vital living component of our future landscape.' - Olivia Laing

Author Biography

Alys Fowler is a queer gardener and writer.

She has contributed to the *Financial Times*, *Gardens Illustrated*, *The Observer Food Monthly*, *The National Geographic* and *Country Living* and used to have a weekly column on gardening for *The Guardian Weekend Magazine*. Alys trained at Royal Horticultural Society Wisley, The New York Botanical Gardens, and The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and has a masters from UCL in Science, Society and the Environment.

She has presented on BBC's *Gardeners' World*, *The Great British Garden Revival*, *Our Food*, and her own six-part series *The Edible Garden*. She regularly contributes to radio.



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Price	**£15.99 / ₹1350**
Main Identifier	**9781399747042**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy (FM)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **Historical adventure (FJH)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Fantasy**
Author born in	**Canada**
Author living in	**Canada**

Previous Titles

Tigana
All the Seas of the World
A Brightness Long Ago

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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Written on the Dark

Guy Gavriel Kay (Edited By Molly Powell)

Keynote

A sweeping new novel of love and war that brilliantly evokes the drama and turbulence of medieval France from the internationally bestselling author of *Tigana*, *All the Seas of the World*, and *A Brightness Long Ago.*

Description

Both epic and intimate, *Written on the Dark* is an elegant tour de force about power and ambition playing out amid the equally intense human need for art and beauty, and memories to be left behind.

Thierry Villar is a well-known - even notorious - tavern poet, intimately familiar with the rogues and shadows of that world, but not at all with courts and power. He is an unlikely person, despite his quickness, to be swept into the deadly contests of ambitious royals, assassins, and invading armies.

But he is indeed drawn into all these things on a savagely cold night in his beloved city of Orane. And so Thierry must use all the intelligence and charm he can muster as power struggles merge with a decades-long war to bring his country to the brink of destruction.

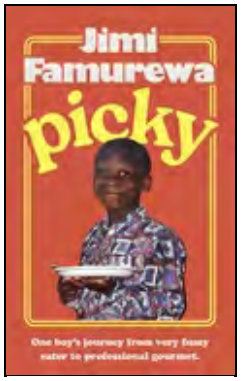
As he does, he meets his poetic equal in an aristocratic woman and is drawn to more than one unsettling person with a connection to the world beyond this one. He also crosses paths with an extraordinary young woman driven by voices within to try to heal the ailing king - and help his forces in war. A wide and varied set of people from all walks of life take their places in the rich tapestry of this story.

Reviews

- 'An absolutely astonishing novel about poetry, and war, and what it means to be human, by our greatest living writer of the fantastic. *Written on the Dark* shines with its own unearthly light: Guy Gavriel Kay has given us, quite simply, a masterpiece' - *J.M. Miro, international bestselling author of Ordinary Monsters and Bringer of Dust*
- '**Kay is a genius. I've read him all my life and am always inspired by his work**' - *Brandon Sanderson, #1 New York Times bestselling author*
- 'Guy Gavriel Kay has a wonderful talent. He tells stories in an invented world that is so rich in historical echoes that I found myself smiling with pleasure as I heard the echoes, while engrossed in the story. Warmly recommended' - *Edward Rutherfurd, New York Times bestselling author of Sarum*
- '**Tragic, stirring, romantic, meticulous, comic, rueful, worldly-wise, and written in the intimate, deceptively nonchalant voice of a storyteller offering up his great gift, *All the Seas of the World* is classic Kay, and to his reader, at least, there can be no higher praise**' - *Michael Chabon, Pulitzer prize-winning author of The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and CLay*

Author Biography

Guy Gavriel Kay has published 13 novels which have been translated into 30 languages and have appeared on bestseller lists around the world. He is also the author of the acclaimed poetry collection, *Beyond This Dark House*. His most recent work is *Children of Earth and Sky*. Before beginning his career as a novelist, Kay was retained by the Estate of J.R.R. Tolkien to assist in the editorial construction of *The Silmarillion*, the first and best-known of the posthumously published Tolkien works. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1980, he has also been principal writer and associate producer for the CBC's award-winning crime-drama series, *The Scales of Justice.* Kay has twice won the Aurora Award, is a multiple World Fantasy Award nominee, and won that award in 2008 for Ysabel. He has also won France's Prix Elbakin for both *Under Heaven* and *River of Stars*, and is the recipient of the International Goliardos Prize, presented in Mexico City, for his contributions to the literature of the fantastic.



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Price	**£20.00 / ₹1650**
Main Identifier	**9781399739542**
BIC 2.1	**Memoirs (BM)** **Cookery / food & drink etc (WB)** **Food & society (JFCV)**

Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Demy**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Picky
From fussy child to professional gourmet

Jimi Famurewa

Keynote

One man's journey from very fussy eater to professional gourmet, via Peckham, Nigeria and post-football McDonalds

Description

Food is never *just* food. It is freighted with our upbringings, our heritage and our sense of self. It carries memories, both happy and sad; it transports, anchors and transforms.

Jimi Famurewa spends his days hunting out the very best food London has to offer and writing about it. But as a child, he hid gobbets of mash in his pocket at school, refused all vegetables and looked forward to Happy Meals in the back of a steamed-up car after late night football practice. He spent weekends in crowded flats at parties, watching his family preserve their Nigerian roots through jollof and suya, as well as grow new shoots through American delights like Aunt Jemima's pancake syrup, furtively hidden in suitcases. But what happens when he grows up, stretching beyond the joyful chaos of his mother's kitchen and into the uncharted territory, unfamiliar flavours and overlapping identities of the adult world?

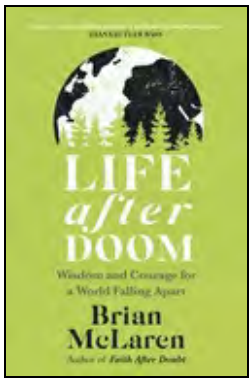
With enough fast-food nostalgia to satisfy even the most fat-hardened foodie arteries as well as glorious dollops of nostalgia, *Picky* is a hymn to the gleam of the golden arches and the soft shine of worn formica as well as opulent marble and tweezered micro herbs. It is a generous, warm look at a life built around food: what it can mean, what it can stand for, and why you should always pay attention to what someone is eating.

Sales Points

- **FOR FANS OF:** Stanley Tucci's TASTE (100k copies sold) and CRYING IN H MART (50k copies sold) shows like F THATS DELICIOUS, THE CHEF SHOW and social media accounts like TopJaw (over 521k followers), people are hungry for books which explore our relationship to food in new and refreshing ways
- **WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR:** Jimi is on our screens in every series of Masterchef and has a weekly restaurant column, as well as regular appearances on BBC R4 programme, Saturday Kitchen and Sunday Brunch
- **FORGET FINE DINING:** Jimi's upbringing was as far from fine dining as it gets, he grew up on McDonald's takeaways and his mum's plaintain. PICKY celebrates the joy of these often-looked-down-on foodstuffs
- **THE JOB EVERYONE WANTS:** restaurant critic is one of the last great media jobs. Jimi has a unique perspective, being the only restaurant critic of colour for a broadsheet and also having come from a working class background
- **ENDORSEMENTS TO COME FROM**: Stanley Tucci, Nigella Lawson, Andi Oliver, Jamie Oliver and many more

Author Biography

Jimi Famurewa is a British-Nigerian author, broadcaster and freelance journalist. His writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, *Wired*, *GQ, Empire* and *Time Out London*. He is the former restaurant critic for the *Evening Standard*, regular guest judge on the BBC One series MasterChef and was also one of the lead judges on Channel 4's The Great Cookbook Challenge with Jamie Oliver. He hosted the award-winning podcast *Where's Home Really?*, and, in 2021, he won Restaurant Writer of the Year at both the Fortnum & Mason Awards and the Guild of Food Writers Awards. His first book, *Settlers: Journeys through the Food, Faith and Culture of Black African London*, was published by Bloomsbury in 2022 and was shortlisted for Foyles Non-Fiction Book of the Year.



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Life After Doom
Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart

Brian D. McLaren

Keynote

A deeply insightful exploration of how to live with wisdom, resilience and love in unpredictable times from an author-activist writing at the intersection of religious faith and contemporary culture.

Description

What does faith look like when cynicism seems more plausible?
What does hope look like when hope seems irrational?
What does love look like when hate becomes more popular?

In recent years, author and activist Brian McLaren has sensed a widespread emotional shift among growing numbers of people. More and more friends, colleagues, students, and readers confess their sense of futility, their feelings of frustration bordering on despair. They feel that human civilization has passed certain tipping points and that a tide of doom is inexorably rising. This feeling creates a deep inner divide, a tension between a sincere and hopeful commitment to action for the common good on the one hand, and on the other, a feeling that no actions can prevent the arrival of an undesirable or even dystopian future.

Life After Doom is a sober analysis of how things stand in relation to climate breakdown, and a deeply insightful exploration of the challenge of living well, maintaining resilience and growing in wisdom and love in the face of nations, ecosystems, economies, religions, and other institutions in disarray. Brian McLaren is the author of *Faith After Doubt* and *Do I Stay Christian?* and is a leading and authoritative voice at the intersection of religious faith and contemporary culture.

'A book of rare wisdom, genuinely profound in depth and scope'
DIANA BUTLER BASS

Sales Points

- A LIFE AFTER DOOM plays a serious and important role in how we tackle the climate crisis as humans because it acknowledges that what's happening is spiritual; affecting us not just physicially, but emotionally at a soul level. Brian's reflections are applicable for concerned citizens of all faiths and none - definitely not just Christians.
- LIFE AFTER DOOM is Brian McLaren's richest work yet, and he could only have achieved what he has from a lifetime of serious thought, reflection and love for people and the world.
- Perfect for readers of FIRE WEATHER by John Valliant, ENCHANTMENT BY Katherine May, or fans of the film DON'T LOOK UP.

Author Biography

Brian McLaren is a bestselling author, internationally acclaimed speaker and outspoken advocate for 'a new kind of Christianity'. Named one of *Time* magazine's 25 most influential Evangelical Christians, McLaren was a pastor for over 20 years. He is a frequent guest on radio and television programmes, and an in-demand blogger on faith and public policy (**brianmclaren.net**). @brianmclaren



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Main Identifier	**9781399813174**
BIC 2.1	**Crime & mystery (FF)** **Historical mysteries (FFH)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **True crime (BTC)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**1 B&W map in the prelims**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**Sark, Channel Islands**
Author born in	**Perth, W. Australia**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles
The Book of Lies
Joseph Gray's Camouflage

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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The Stranger's Companion
The island always had visitors, but victims were a first

Mary Horlock

Keynote
A beguiling historical mystery set on the island of Sark and inspired by a real-life mystery, which remains unsolved to this day.

Description
'Inspired by real events, and making use of a variety of narrative techniques, *The Stranger's Companion* is a compelling and unusual novel' *The Times*, A Top 10 Historical Fiction Book of 2024

'A mesmerising historical mystery . . . based on a fascinating real case. Delectable' Anna Mazzola, author of *The Book of Secrets*

October 1933

With a population of five hundred souls, isolated Sark has a reputation for being 'the island where nothing ever happens'. Until, one day, the neatly folded clothes of an unknown man and woman are discovered abandoned at a coastal beauty spot. As the search for the missing couple widens, Sark finds itself front-page news.

When young islander Phyllis Carey returns to Sark from England she throws herself into solving the mystery. While Phyll digs through swirls of gossip and ghost stories in search of the truth, she crosses paths with Everard Hyde, a surprise visitor from her past. As press coverage builds to fever pitch, long-suppressed secrets from Phyll's and Everard's shared, shadowy history begin to surface.

***The Stranger's Companion* is a beguiling historical mystery inspired by a real-life crime, which remains unsolved to this day.**

'A compelling mixture of mystery, community secrets revealed and ghosts from the past disturbing the present' *Sunday Times*

'A fascinating mystery [and] truly transporting read' *Woman's Weekly*

'Such a wonderful, distinctive cast of characters . . . I thoroughly enjoyed the wit and spark of the writing' Zoë Somerville, author of *The Marsh House*

Sales Points
- Chosen by *The Times* as a Top 10 Best Historical Fiction Book of 2024.
- Charming historical fiction with an escapist setting and a gothic underbelly, *The Stranger's Companion* is the ideal summer read.
- Perfect for fans of *Uncle Paul* by Celia Fremlin, *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* by Joanna Cannon and the coastal gothic of Daphne du Maurier.
- Mary Horlock grew up on Guernsey and regularly returns there - and to Sark - to visit. The novel was inspired by a real case that remains unsolved to this day.
- Mary Horlock's first novel *The Book of Lies* (Canongate, 2011) was published to critical acclaim. It was longlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award and sold in 13 territories around the world.

Reviews
- '**Inspired by real events, and making use of a variety of narrative techniques, *The Stranger's Companion* is a compelling and unusual novel**' - *The Times, Books of the Year: Top 10 Historical Fiction Books 2024*
- '**Drawing on a true story, and employing a variety of inventive narrative techniques**, Mary Horlock's second novel, after her 2012 debut, *The Book of Lies*, provides **a compelling mixture of mystery, community secrets revealed and ghosts from the past disturbing the present**' - Nick Rennison*, Sunday Times*
- 'Based on true events comes **a fascinating mystery** set on the dark island of Sark . . . **A truly transporting read**' - Zoe West*, Woman's Weekly*
- ''**A mesmerising historical mystery** and tale of suppressed secrets set amid the raw beauty of 1920s and 30s Sark. **A brilliantly evoked novel based on a fascinating real case. Delectable**'' - Anna Mazzola, author of THE BOOK OF SECRETS

Author Biography
Mary Horlock was born in Australia but brought up in Guernsey in the Channel Islands. She was previously a curator in contemporary art at Tate Liverpool and Tate Britain. Her first novel, T*he Book of Lies*, was longlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award. She lives with her family in London.



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BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Middle East (1FB)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**432 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Book locale	**Arabian Gulf**
Author living in	**United States**
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	**Creative Artists Agency**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Gulf

Mo Ogrodnik

Keynote

A compulsively bold, literary debut following the lives of five women living in and around the Arabian Gulf; revealing, devastating, and teeming with life, it explores the true meaning of the belief that 'hope is rebellion'.

Description

These are the women whose stories you never hear.

Dounia, a young Saudi mother finds herself alienated as she prepares for motherhood in an air-conditioned box in the middle of the desert, surrounded by construction and yet completely isolated.

Flora, after losing everything in a natural disaster, feels she must do the unthinkable: leave her surviving child behind in the Philippines as she departs to **become an overseas domestic worker**.

Zeinah, a Syrian woman who has been pushed by her family to marry a jihadist, **finds herself joining the city's morality police**.

Justine uproots her progressive **New York family when she's tapped to curate an exhibit in Abu Dhabi**, where she must reckon with her moral and ethical limitations.

And **Eskedare,** a spirited and **defiant Ethiopian teenager, flees a dreaded arranged marriage** to search for her only friend, only to find her dreams dead-end in the Gulf.

Written with unsettling intimacy and determined empathy, GULF is a book about cruelty, rebellion, resilience - and hope. It asks the question: how far would you go in order to survive?

Sales Points

- **UNHEARD VOICES:** whilst a work of fiction, GULF gives voice to real women whose stories are rarely told and seldom heard, by offering glimpses into their lives and the challenges they face through her characters.
- **PROVOCATIVE CONVERSATION STARTER:** GULF doesn't shy away from addressing uncomfortable political and moral themes, from self-immolation to modern slavery to domestic abuse to religious extremism. It will get coverage in literary review spaces and get people engaging with difficult subjects.
- **AUTHOR CREDENTIALS:** Mo Ogrodnik received her MFA from the NYU Fiction program in Paris. She received two research grants, one enabled her to travel to the Philippines where she spent time at a domestic training center with forty women who were being deployed to Saudi Arabia; the other was to Ethiopia, where she traveled and interviewed Gulf-return girls who had been illegally trafficked through Yemen. She now teaches writing, directing, and film production at Tisch.

Reviews

- '*GULF* is **instantly gripping**: a hurtling, sensory plunge into the lives of women in crisis whose worlds come to overlap in unexpected ways. Mo Ogrodnik is **a gifted, arresting newcomer to the literary landscape.** ' - Jennifer Egan, author of THE CANDY HOUSE

Author Biography

Mo Ogrodnik is a filmmaker, writer, and professor in the film department at NYU. She served as the associate dean of the arts for NYU in Abu Dhabi and as a mentor for the Sundance Labs in Jordan. *Gulf* is her first novel.

Market

Exit, West by Mohsin Hamid
The Vegetarian by Han Kang
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo
The Promise by Damon Galgut



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Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Wingfeather series, Young Explorers**
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Author born in	**US**
Author living in	**US**
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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**
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Monster in the Hollows (Wingfeather Series 3)

Andrew Peterson

Keynote

Things are about to go from bad to wolf in the howlingly entertaining third book of the Wingfeather Saga.

Description

Janner, Tink, and Leeli Igiby, the Lost Jewels of Anniera, are hiding from Gnag the Nameless in the Green Hollows, one of the few places in the land of Aerwiar not overrun by the Fangs of Dang. But there's a big problem. Janner's little brother - heir to the throne of Anniera - has grown a tail. And grey fur. Not to mention two pointed ears and long, dangerous fangs. To the suspicious folk of the Green Hollows, he looks like a monster.

But Janner knows better. His brother isn't as scary as he looks. He's perfectly harmless. Isn't he?

Sales Points

- Over One Million copies of *The Wingfeather Saga* have been sold
- Now an animated series
- Author regularly in the UK and happy to promote

Author Biography

Andrew Peterson is an award-winning author and also critically acclaimed in the music industry. He's married to Jamie; they have two sons, Aedan and Jesse, and one daughter, Skye.
Joe Sutphin was known in school as "that kid who can draw." He is the illustrator of *Dr. Critchlore's School for Minions* by Sheila Grau and the *New York Times* bestselling novel *Word of Mouse* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein.

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BIC 2.1	**Christianity (HRC)** **General fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFB)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Wingfeather series, Young Explorers**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author born in	**USA**
Author living in	**USA**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
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North! Or Be Eaten (Wingfeather Series 2)

Andrew Peterson

Keynote

The adventure continues! *The Wingfeather Saga* has an established online following and momentum is growing...

Description

Janner, Tink and Leeli thought they were normal children, but now they know they're really the lost Jewels of Anniera, heirs to a legendary kingdom across the sea, and suddenly everyone wants to kill them. In order to survive they must flee to the safety of the Ice Prairies. First, however, they have to escape the monsters of Glipwood Forest, the thieving Stranders of the East Bend and the dreaded Fork Factory.
But even more dangerous are the jealousy and bitterness that threaten to tear them apart, and Janner and his siblings must learn the hard way that the love of a family is more important than anything else.

Sales Points

- Now a major animated series on main streaming platforms
- Series has an established online following (14,000 facebook followers)
- Over 30 new integrated illustrations
- Over 1 million copies of *The Wingfeather Saga* series have now been sold.

Author Biography

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On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Wingfeather Series 1)

Andrew Peterson

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BIC 2.1	**Christianity (HRC) General fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFB) Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Wingfeather series, Young Explorers**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author born in	**USA**
Author living in	**USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Penguin Books (Penguin Random House USA) * Publisher**
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**

Keynote

The first book in the award-winning series - repackaged for a new generation of readers.

Description

After living for years under the occupation by the evil Fangs of Dang, the Igiby children find a map rumoured to lead to the lost Jewels of Anniera - the one thing the Fangs will do anything to find. The family is thrown headlong into a perilous adventure, uncovering truths about who they are that will change their world forever.

Repackaged with new illustrations, this is the opportunity to discover the Wingfeathers.

Sales Points

- Over one million copies of Wingfeather now sold worldwide
- *The Wingfeather Saga* is now a major animated series available on several streaming platforms. Including Prime Video, Apple TV and Angle Studios.
- Series has a huge and growing fan base with 14000 followers on Facebook, 27100 followers on Instagram
- Over 30 new integrated illustrations
- The author is regularly in the UK and happy to promote

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**512 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Wingfeather series, Young Explorers**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author born in	**US**
Author living in	**US**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Warden and the Wolf King (Wingfeather Series 4)

Andrew Peterson

Keynote

Our intrepid heroes are caught in the middle of an epic showdown between good and evil in the fourth and final novel of the Wingfeather Saga.

Description

All winter long, people in the Green Hollows have prepared for a final battle with Gnag the Nameless and the Fangs of Dang. Janner, Kalmar, and Leeli are ready and willing to fight alongside the Hollowsfolk. But when the Fangs make the first move and invade Ban Rona, the children are separated.

Janner is alone and lost in the hills; Leeli is fighting the Fangs from the rooftops of the city; and Kalmar, who carries a terrible secret, is on a course for the Deeps of Throg. Monsters and Fangs and villains lie between the children and their only hope of victory in the epic conclusion of The Wingfeather Saga.

Sales Points

- Over One million copies of The Wingfeather Saga have now been sold
- Now an animated series
- Contains illustrations by Joe Sutphin
- Large community following on social media

Author Biography

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Main Identifier	**9781399810777**
BIC 2.1	**Christianity (HRC)** **Memoirs (BM)** **Popular philosophy (HPX)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**London**
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	**John Murray Press**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

Fully Alive
Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times

Elizabeth Oldfield

Keynote

What does it mean to live a good, whole and fulfilling life? And if the world really is ending, or at least expecting turbulent change, what kind of people will we need when it happens?

Description

'This remarkable book points not to some unreachable ideal of life but to a deeper, more soulful and meaningful experience of the lives we're actually living.'
Oliver Burkeman

'A rich and soul-searching exploration of what it means to believe in a shifting age. This is a rare thing - an open, human and vulnerable profession of faith. I learned a lot. '
Katherine May

'This is deep stuff, personal yet learned, funny and vulnerable ... the book I didn't know I needed.'
Sally Phillips

'Luminous in a manner that a medieval anchorite might have appreciated, while simultaneously wise in the ways of coping with a pram on a crowded bus.'
Tom Holland

'A great gift to all in search of a deeper life.'
Krista Tippett

What does it mean to live a good, whole and fulfilling life? And if the world really is ending, or at least expecting turbulent change, what kind of people will we need when it happens?

In FULLY ALIVE Elizabeth Oldfield explores how we can build spiritual core strength for an unstable age.
Drawing on the ancient wisdom of faith and stories from her own life, Oldfield writes about her quest to live a meaningful, fulfilling life, and the niggling questions that bother all of us below the surface, such as:

How can I focus on what really matters and stop getting so distracted by trivialities?
How do I become a depolarising person in a culture of outrage, tribalism, and division?
Can I find my highs in expansive, life-giving ways, rather than in a bottle of wine or a tub of ice cream?
And what kind of world am I leaving for the next generation?

FULLY ALIVE is for readers looking for an honest conversation about the deepest questions in our ordinary lives, and practical, meaningful ideas to help us pay attention to the people we are becoming. For ourselves, our communities and the world.

'When I was writing UNAPOLOGETIC more than a decade ago, I knew the job would soon need doing again. And again. Because the bridge between faith and contemporary experience constantly needs to be rebuilt as times change. So here it is, then: the bridge for the present moment, across which seekers for more meaning in their lives can travel in the knowledge that they won't be bullied, browbeaten or talked down to. This book. This one. In your hand. Right now.'
Francis Spufford

'Plainspoken, fearless, disarmingly tender. Oldfield is a leader by example, and her book is a glowing argument for faith - one that speaks urgently to our fractured world.'
Rhik Samadder

Sales Points

- FULLY ALIVE mines the ancient wisdom of Chrisitanity - in particular the seven deadly sins - for clues on how to live better in today's unsettling times.
- DUAL APPEAL: FULLY ALIVE is rooted in Elizabeth's Christian background but is written for those who are unlikely to share her beliefs - it will appeal to readers of popular philosophy such as Alain de Botton and Casper Ter Kuile, and psychology / memoir such as Jenny Odell's HOW TO DO NOTHING and Glennon Doyle's UNTAMED.
- POPULAR PODCASTER: Elizabeth is best known as the host of 'The Sacred', a popular

podcast where she uncovers the sacred values of interviewees from a range of political persuasions and backgrounds so as to connect with the person behind the headlines, inspiring her audience to do the same. She is the former Director and now Senior Fellow at Theos, the UK's leading Religion and Society think tank.

- Comp titles include EXCHANGE by Katherine May and FOUR THOUSAND WEEKS by Oliver Burkeman.

Reviews

- 'Elizabeth Oldfield has a gift for writing about the things that matter most in a way that's honest, warm-hearted, and down-to-earth in the very best sense of the term. **This remarkable book points not to some unreachable ideal of life but to a deeper, more soulful and meaningful experience of the lives we're actually living.**' - Oliver Burkeman, author of instant Sunday Times bestseller, FOUR THOUSAND WEEKS
- 'A **rich and soul-searching** exploration of what it means to believe in a shifting age. This is a rare thing - an open, **human and vulnerable** profession of faith. I learned a lot.' - Katherine May
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- 'I will be buying this book for everyone I know who is interested in what makes for a good life and gives meaning to our human experience. In dark times, this book is an invitation to have another look at a way of seeing the world; a way that has brought light and hope to many.' - Gwen Adshead, Sunday Times bestselling author of THE DEVIL YOU KNOW

Author Biography

ELIZABETH OLDFIELD hosts The Sacred podcast and is the former director and now senior fellow of the think tank Theos. She appears across the media, including BBC Radio and television, UnHerd, the Financial Times and beyond. Oldfield is also a contributing editor at Comment magazine, Chair of Larger Us and a coach and consultant working with purpose-driven individuals and organisations. She lives in an intentional community in South London with her husband and children.

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What Late Bloomers Can Tell You About Success and Reinventing Your Life

Henry Oliver

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The Ladie Upstairs
A dark and twisted tale of ambition and desire

Jessie Elland

Keynote

Introducing a bold and unflinching new voice in femgore horror fiction.

Description

'*The Ladie Upstairs* is a fever dream of a novel. Fuelled by sapphic femgore, it's sick and sultry, and a deeply beguiling masterclass in the perverse; I couldn't put it down!' Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

'An addictive, feverish and strangling read' Charlotte Paradise, author of *Overspill*

Scullery drudge Ann longs to become a lady's maid. Ann can't quite remember how or when she arrived at the grand Ropner Hall, but she loathes spending her days toiling in the dank kitchen.

When a chance meeting with Ropner's Lady Charlotte leads to the opportunity to become her personal maid, Ann is convinced she has finally escaped her own version of hell. But has she? As Ann's new life above stairs takes a sinister twist, will it turn out that the terrors lurking up there are worse than the devils she knows below?

Jessie Elland's deeply visceral debut is a dark and twisted tale of ambition and desire. Are you brave enough to enter Ropner Hall?

Sales Points

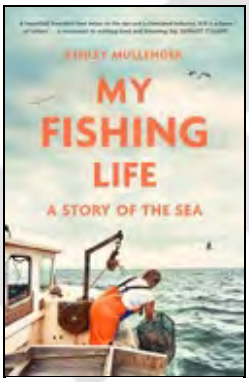
- Jessie Elland is a talented young writer and actor from north-east England, with an active and bookish presence on Instagram, Tiktok and X, where she has a combined following of almost 50k followers (@jessieelland). Along with three fellow actors, Jessie has recently established the Rather Be Reading book club on Instagram (@ratherbereading.bc).
- *The Ladie Upstairs* fits perfectly with the growing renaissance in literary feminist horror, with a plethora of new books written by women and aimed at female and feminist readers being published and hyped. Stylist magazine has recently dubbed the movement 'femgore'.
- Jessie's outstanding debut is set in an undefined historical period; she neatly describes it as 'Bridgerton meets Shirley Jackson'. With its uncanny atmosphere and provocative themes it will also appeal to fans of Mariana Enriquez, Bora Chung, Mona Awad, Laura Purcell, Zakiya Dalila Harris, as well as those who have enjoyed recent films Poor Things and The Favourite.

Reviews

- '***The Ladie Upstairs* is a fever dream of a novel. Fuelled by sapphic femgore, it's sick and sultry, and a deeply beguiling masterclass in the perverse; I couldn't put it down!**' - Lucy Rose, author of THE LAMB
- '**Elland's voice is established and enchanting**, leading you unarmed into the unexpected. Her prose is **disgustingly beautiful and sharp with shame. *The Ladie Upstairs* is an addictive, feverish and strangling read**' - Charlotte Paradise, author of OVERSPILL
- '**Beautiful prose, unforgettable characters, and a strange, twisty, dreamlike plot**' - Lauren Wilson, author of THE GOLDENS

Author Biography

Jessie Elland is an actress and author from the North East of England. An avid bookworm from the moment she could read, Jessie spent most of her childhood dreaming of writing books and scribbling down half-finished stories. *The Ladie Upstairs* is her first novel to be published (and finished!).



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My Fishing Life
A Story of the Sea

Ashley Mullenger

Keynote

A transformative and big-hearted memoir about life at sea, for fans of *The Shepherd's Life* and *The Salt Path*.

Description

'A beautiful, heartfelt love letter to the sea, and a cherished industry. Ash is a force of nature, she's a testament to working hard and dreaming big' Dermot O'Leary

'A beautifully told story … of a hard industry and the trials and tribulations of the hard folks in it, as well as highlighting their everyday triumphs and disasters with humour and aplomb' *Daily Express*

Ashley Mullenger had never planned to become a fisherman. A chance fishing trip - catching mackerel off the Norfolk coast - was the start of an obsession. One that resulted in a transformation from clean-cut office worker to commercial 'Fisherman of the Year', and proud working owner of two boats, *Fairlass* and *Saoirse*, alongside skipper Nigel.

This is a memoir of that journey, a life swept up in tides and elements, strength of mind and body, of old ways and new struggles. It's about the bravery of crews, early mornings, weather-beaten characters and those that can sink pints as fast as they can haul pots. These coastal communities and age-old livelihoods are built on trust, courage and skill - but they are also fraying against politics, poverty and climate change. The reality of commercial fishing is rarely seen, but Ashley carries us across the waves and around the UK's waters in vivid detail to show what is really happening at sea to land the fish on our plates.

My Fishing Life is both a rallying cry and a love letter, rinsed down with salty humour, to an industry often misunderstood. One woman's unique story of boat, skipper, sea and catch ultimately becomes a transformative view of a world that impacts deeply on us all.

Sales Points

- The fishing industry is a hot topic in politics and runs high in patriotic, nostalgic and romantic visions of Britain. This book is both a celebration and a wake-up call to help us all understand the way of our seas better, doing for fishing what *The Shepherd's Life* (81k TCM) did for farming.
- Author is an excellent spokesperson for the industry: 'Under 10 metre Fisherman of the Year 2022' and commands much respect for being a change-maker. She has over 10k followers on Instagram and has appeared across the media championing fishing (*Guardian, Daily Mail, Good Morning Britain* and *BBC Morning Live*).
- Both an expose and love letter to fishing, with a warm and funny cast of characters delivering a deeply personal connection to a unique way of life, reminiscent of *The Yorkshire Shepherdess* (127k TCM).
- Escapist and enlightening, this is 'nature memoir plus' - a story of an office worker who answered the call of the sea and never looked back.

Reviews

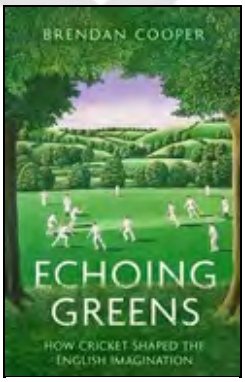
- 'A captivating, big-hearted memoir' - *Manchester Evening News*

Author Biography

Ashley Mullenger is a commercial fisherman working off the North Norfolk coast. She is one of the few women working in the industry and was named 'Fisherman of the Year' in 2022. Advocating for better representation and equality in the industry (only 2% of crew members are women), as well as raising awareness of issues the fishing communities are facing, she has built a following on social media: 10k Instagram followers and 6k on TikTok (with some videos viewed over 600k times). She shows daily life in fishing and encourages others to take up the profession.

Market

Readers of memoir like YORKSHIRE SHEPHERDESS, SALT PATH, SHEPHERD'S LIFE



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Echoing Greens
How Cricket Shaped the English Imagination

Brendan Cooper

Keynote

A fascinating exploration of the bond between cricket and the English imagination.

Description

The importance of cricket to England has been immortalised in the art and literature of a thousand years. For countless artists and writers across the centuries, the culture and aesthetics of cricket - white-clad players, the crack of bat on ball, booming appeals, admiring applause, figures running up to bowl, batsmen leaning, waiting, swinging the blade - have been as essential to the English landscape as the hills and meadows immortalised by Gainsborough, Constable and Turner.

It is a story that is known in part, but one that has never been explored in full. And it is lined with surprises, forgotten tales and unnoticed details - ranging from medieval manuscript illustrations, through a dazzling variety of visual art, poetry, fiction and drama, to recent portraits of contemporary heroes.

Echoing Greens is a fascinating and thoughtful exploration of the bond between cricket and the English imagination. It unveils that beneath cosy patriotic dreams of 'English values', a much wilder, more complex story exists. Alongside stories of heroic figures, noble values, and pastoral idylls, the literature and the art of cricket also tell of vice, violence, and scandal. The result is a thrilling investigation into the true story behind these representations of the game, and forces us to reconsider the history of cricket itself.

Sales Points

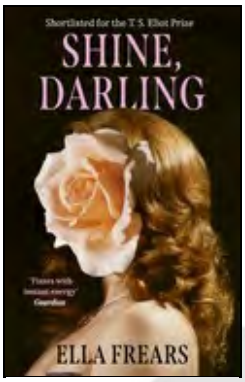
- There is a perennial fascination around cricket - books on this subject have a brilliant track record, such as *Hitting Against the Spin*, *Crickonomics* and *It's Always Summer Somewhere*.
- The sports/philosophy genre has proved a successful one, with the likes of *The Mixer* by Michael Cox and *Inverting the Pyramid* by Jonathan Wilson.
- The author is a brilliant writer and well-connected - potential for an effective review campaign.

Author Biography

Born in London's East End, Brendan Cooper received his BA and PhD from the University of Cambridge. He has published widely on British and American literature, including a critical guide to William Blake and a study of Cold War American poetry. He is the author of *Deep Pockets*.

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Shine, Darling

Ella Frears

Keynote

Ella Frears' wry, vivid debut collection, shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best First Collection and the T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry: updated edition includes a new essay and a new previously unpublished poem

Description

A Poetry Book Society Recommendation
Shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best First Collection
Shortlisted for the T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry

Updated edition, with a new poem and a new essay by Ella, on poetry and process

'Fizzing with insistent energy . . . full of crystalline images and metaphors . . . Frears is excellent on sexual politics, the end of girlhood' Guardian

Ella Frears's debut is a collection of wry, vivid poems whose power lies in their intimacy. They are as insistent as they are circumspect, drawing close to the reader's ear and bringing them into confidence. The engine of *Shine, Darling* is one of strength, of fortitude in confronting and surviving the world, of a lifted-chin audacity - 'There was pain,' the speaker allows, 'but it was not new pain.'

Frears's work is world-weathered rather than world-weary, delighted by service stations, fucking on bins in Cornwall, in constant communion with the moon. It lives for the power-play of people, of the pull of the sea, the smoky air - 'Stormy, sticky with flies' - and tangled underbrush where the land ends. Her characters test each other, experimenting with the boundaries of physical violence, of punishment, of traps, all the while drawing the reader into a complicity that gives these poems all their daring, electrifying muscularity.

In *Shine, Darling*, the desire to expose and disclose wrestles with defence and defiance. The result is exhilarating, a 'glorious full-bodied' debut collection with the draw of an adamant tide.

Sales Points

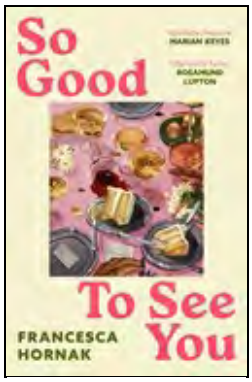
- Updated with a new, previously unpublished essay, and a brand new poem
- Shortlisted for the Forward Prize 2024 and Nominee for the Sky Arts The Times Breakthrough Award

Reviews

- 'Fizzing with insistent energy... full of crystalline images and metaphors.... Frears is excellent on sexual politics, the end of girlhood' - *Guardian*
- 'Frears' work is ideal for poetry newbies - the intriguing narration will immediately draw you in. She splices humour with thought-provoking imagery and Fleabag-style talk-to-camera moments that will make you feel seen' - *Stylist Magazine*
- 'This poet is a bit special. She's exciting, a bit scary and sort of brilliant' - Frank Skinner
- 'Uncompromising, intelligent, surprising, accessible and sharp . . . These lyric poems have a clarity and straightforwardness that only a special kind of attention, and a certain kind of fearlessness can achieve' - *Mark Waldron*

Author Biography

Ella Frears is a poet and artist based in London. Her debut collection, *Shine, Darling,* (Offord Road Books, 2020) was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation and was shortlisted for both the Forward Prize for Best First Collection, and the T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry. Her latest pamphlet *I AM THE MOTHER CAT* written as part of her residency at John Hansard Gallery is out with Rough Trade Books (2021). In 2022, Ella was named first ever Poet in Residence for the Dartington Trust's grade II listed Gardens, selected by Alice Oswald. She is a trustee and editor for *Magma Poetry* and has been Poet in Residence for the National Trust, Tate Britain, The John Hansard Gallery, K6 Gallery, SPUD (the Observatory), conservation organisation Back from the Brink, and was poet in residence at Royal Holloway University physics department, writing about the Cassini Space Mission. In 2023 Ella was Creative Fellow at Exeter University working with the Maritime Environmental History Department, and is currently the Royal Literary Fund Fellow for the Courtauld Institute of Art.



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So Good to See You

Francesca Hornak

Keynote

An absorbing, funny and sharply observed novel about friendship, love and the painful process of pretending to have it all.

Description

2004. Serge, Rosie and Daniel are enjoying their final weeks of university. They are young, inseparable and full of optimism.

Fifteen years later, they are guests at a lavish four-day wedding in Provence - and no longer friends.

Life has not turned out quite as planned since their heady days at Oxford. Film-maker Serge is winning awards, but hiding a huge debt and a fractured relationship. Behind Rosie's social ease, she is heartbroken. And with Daniel's fame has come spiralling anxiety.

Now, with four days of organised fun ahead, all three are armed with their best conversation and brightest smile. At least everyone is following the same script: do not bring up the past. But as the Champagne flows, appearances slip and true feelings emerge.

***So Good To See You* is a hilarious, poignant and beautifully observed examination of relationships, class, creative differences and pretending to have it all.**

Praise for Francesca Hornak:

'Warm and humane, funny and sad . . . absolute pleasure reading' **Marian Keyes**

'Hilarious and touching' ***Daily Mail***

'Sharply observed' ***Glamour***

'One of the best books of the year' ***Hello!***

'Expertly captures the joys and the tensions of spending any time with those who know you best' ***i Paper***

'One of the best family dramas you'll ever read' ***Best***

Sales Points

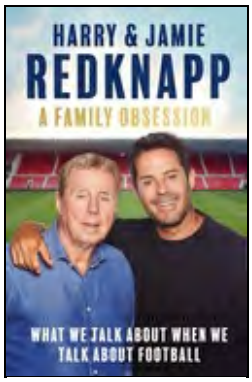
- This is an **absorbing, funny and devastatingly tender novel** about friendship, love, the complexities of modern life and feeling like you should have it all figured out by the time you're forty. Francesca Hornak's writing is full of **whip-smart observations about parenthood, childlessness, privilege and money** - and the story is set against the gorgeous backdrop of Provence. **This is the perfect smart summer read.**
- This novel is for fans of **REALLY GOOD, ACTUALLY** by **Monica Heisey**, **BLUE SISTERS** by **Coco Mellors** and **THE WEDDING PEOPLE** by **Alison Espach,** as well as Richard Curtis's classic film **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL.**
- Francesca Hornak's debut novel, **SEVEN DAYS OF US, sold in 16 territories** around the world. It was a **BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick**, longlisted for **The Desmond Elliott Prize**, and sold over 50k copies across editions. It was widely acclaimed by both fellow authors and the press.

Author Biography

Francesca Hornak is a writer and journalist, whose work has appeared in newspapers and magazines including the *Sunday Times*, *The Times*, *Guardian*, *Daily Mail*, the *FT*'s *HTSI* magazine, the *Economist*'s *1843* magazine, the *Evening Standard*'s *ES* magazine, *Marie Claire*, *Red* and *Elle*. Her fictional column 'History of the World in 100 Modern Objects' first appeared in the *Sunday Times* Style magazine in 2013 and ran for two years, later becoming a book.

Her first novel *Seven Days of Us* was a Radio 2 Book Club pick and longlisted for The Desmond Elliott Prize. She is also the author of the gift and humour book *Worry With Mother*.

Francesca lives in London, with her husband and three children.



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A Family Obsession
What We Talk About When We Talk About Football

Harry & Jamie Redknapp

Keynote

Harry and Jamie Redknapp's affectionate homage to football's most influential and intriguing characters

Description

One of the most loved - and loving - father-and-son duos in the land, Harry and Jamie Redknapp are football royalty. Football runs through their veins. Both have enjoyed stellar careers on the pitch, in managerial dug-outs and in our television studios. But how did it all start, and what drove them on to be the football fanatics that they so passionately are today?

A Family Obsession is the fascinating result of Harry and Jamie sitting round the kitchen table, where they discuss, debate, select and celebrate all aspects of the game that have inspired them. Who are the men who impacted their careers and fired that all-consuming passion for football? This is a deep dive into the matches, the players, the managers and the changes that have spanned their two generations. With amusing anecdotes, Harry and Jamie reveal the individuals who have set their pulses racing, opened their minds, enriched their football lives and stimulated their respective love affairs with the sport.

From childhood idols to role models in young adulthood, from beloved team-mates to bitter rivals, from genius managers to the game's great mavericks - from Pelé and Maradona to Bobby Moore and Lionel Messi via Steven Gerrad and Pep Guardiola - all are brought to life by two of the country's most knowledgeable, animated and beloved football obsessives.

Sales Points

- Both Harry and Jamie have a huge social platform from which to promote the book (Harry: X 365K; Insta 1.4M; Facebook 44K);(Jamie: Insta 1.5M).
- Harry Redknapp has a successful sales track record, with his auto having sold 219K TCM to date
- There is still a huge appetite for celebrity-driven, football books - and this will be a huge contender for the Autumn

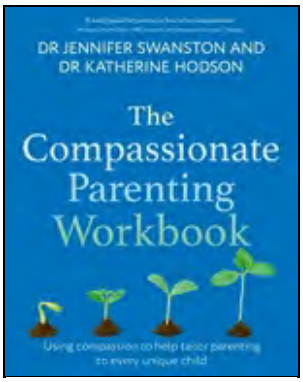
Author Biography

Harry Redknapp was born in 1947 in Poplar, East London. After starting out as a trainee at Tottenham, he signed for West Ham and played for them between 1965 and 1972. He also played for Bournemouth and the Seattle Sounders before injury took him into management and coaching. He has managed at Bournemouth, West Ham, Portsmouth (twice), Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur and currently QPR. He won the FA Cup with Portsmouth in 2008 and took Spurs into the Champions League in 2010. He is married to Sandra and has two sons, Mark and Jamie (who played for Liverpool, Tottenham and England). He is also uncle to Frank Lampard. He has two bulldogs called Rosie and Buster.

Born in Hampshire in 1973, Jamie Redknapp made his debut for Bournemouth at the age of 16. He signed for Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool in 1991 and stayed at Anfield until 2002, in the process making more than 300 appearances, scoring in excess of 40 goals, and winning the League Cup in 1995 and both the Charity Shield and UEFA Super Cup in 2001. Redknapp subsequently played for Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton, and won 17 caps for England. He retired in 2005 on medical advice. Jamie is a principal pundit on Sky Sports' football coverage, writes weeekly columns for the Daily Mail, and is a team captain on Sky's two-time BAFTA-winning sports panel show A League of Their Own. He has two sons and lives in Surrey.

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The Compassionate Parenting Workbook
Using compassion to help tailor parenting to every unique child

Jennifer Swanston and Katherine Hodson

Keynote

Learn the techniques of compassion and how your can use them to tailor your parenting style for your child.

Description

Parenting is hard. We live in a world that is rife with criticism and, unfortunately, this has a vast impact upon our wellbeing, with self-criticism leading to anxiety, guilt, sadness, shame and hopelessness. This naturally makes parenting feel even harder.

On the other hand, applying self-compassion can make you more emotionally resilient, have lower stress levels and healthier relationships. Being more compassionate gives you a greater sense of perceived personal control within your life, and these skills are proven to be passed on to children too - with better life outcomes for those who are brought up to receive compassion and be compassionate.

This book will introduce compassion to your life as a person, a parent, and in your approach to your child. Hopefully in the future, this will mean your child will adopt this way of relating to themselves and to others too.

USING THIS WORKBOOK, READERS WILL LEARN ABOUT:
- Managing the systems that drive us, cause us to react to threats, or soothe us.
- Developing a compassionate mind for yourself, and encouraging that in your children.
- Putting compassionate skills in action for specific problems like eating, sleeping and behaviour.

Filled with interactive exercises and practical skills, *The Compassionate Parenting Workbook* will guide you in your journey to be a more compassionate parent.

THE COMPASSIONATE MIND APPROACH
The self-help books in this series are based on compassion focused therapy (CFT, developed by series editor Paul Gilbert). This brings together an understanding of how our mind can cause us difficulties but also provides us with a powerful solution in the shape of mindfulness and compassion. It teaches ways to stimulate the part of the brain connected with kindness, warmth, compassion and safeness, and to calm the part that makes us feel, anxious, angry, sad or depressed.

Sales Points

- The very interactive, workbook format is unusual in parenting literature.
- Combines traditional parenting approaches with evidence-based tools from compassion focused therapy for a 'gentle parenting' method backed up by science.
- A new addition to the series of compassion focused therapy workbooks, building on the growing body of evidence for good outcomes when applying CFT techniques to parenting.
- This book incorporates all of the evidence-based traditional parenting strategies, but also adds in the extra 'layer' of CFT around the parenting strategies. CFT principles explain to a parent WHY they react as they do when in difficult parenting moments, and the CFT framework then underpins every parenting action they then make, to help both the parent in their journey through parenting, plus the child in experiencing parental compassion (which is essential for their future mental health), whilst also helping the child learn how to be self-compassionate themselves.

Author Biography

Dr Jen Swanston is a clinical psychologist specialising in working with young people and young people with a variety of difficulties. Since qualifying over 12 years ago, Jen has worked both within the NHS and in private practice. She specialises in supporting young people on the autism spectrum (diagnosis and intervention) and also young people with a variety of mental health difficulties. She also provides parenting support, using a variety of evidence-based approaches. Jen is also highly trained in many therapeutic models including CFT, CBT, ACT and DBT.

Dr Katherine Hodson qualified as a child & adolescent clinical psychologist in 2005. She has undertaken general and advanced training in compassion focused therapy, and regularly utilises this therapeutic model in her clinical practice, alongside CBT, ACT, systemic approaches and NVR. She was additionally trained in the MTFC programme in Oregan, USA. She has a special interest in working with the mental health needs of children and teenagers, plus working with those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Together, they are the co-authors of: *Brighter Futures: A Parent's Guide to Raising Happy, Confident Children in the Primary School Years*.



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Author living in	**Frome, Somerset**
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Love is a Curse
A mystery lying buried. A love story for the ages

Keith Stuart

Keynote

From the author of the Richard & Judy bestseller *A Boy Made of Blocks* and the BBC Two *Between the Covers* hit *The Frequency of Us* comes an imaginative, soaring story, told over 150 years, of a family cursed to always lose their true love.

Description

'A modern Gothic novel unlike any other, about love and loss echoing through the ages. Sad, sweet, funny and hopeful' - Emilia Hart, bestselling author of *Weyward* and *The Sirens*

'Did your mother ever tell you about the curse?'

Spoken by her dying aunt, these were the words that would come to define Cammy's life.

As a teenager, Cammy dismissed the warning that the women in her family were doomed to lose the ones they love, writing it off as nothing more than a family myth.

But when, in her late twenties, her new boyfriend is struck by a car, guilt consumes Cammy, and she begins to wonder: could the curse be real?

Desperate for answers, she returns to her aunt's secluded house and begins to uncover the tangled history of her ancestors - a tragic lineage of women marked by love and loss. As she sifts through diaries, letters, and paintings, **Cammy must decide: is she doomed by a fate she can't escape, or are there answers buried in the secrets of the women who came before her?**

'An original yet entirely universal story - sweeping in its scale, yet sweet-tempered, moving, and just the right amount of spooky. I loved it' - Samuel Burr author of T*he Fellowship of Puzzlemakers*

'*Love Is a Curse* uses Gothic so cleverly. I binged the ending in one sitting and was absolutely gripped (and may have had a tear or two in my eye!)' - Sarah Brooks author of *The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wasteland*

Sales Points

- **SALES AND RAVE REVIEWS:** Keith Stuart's three novels to date have sold nearly 300,000 copies in the UK alone and are beloved of readers, with more than 6,300 ratings on Amazon, the majority at five stars
- **PASSIONATE MARKET:** For readers passionate about smart, upmarket commercial fiction and love stories with a mystery, such as Matt Haig's THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE (27,925 HB TCM), Ruth Hogan's THE PHOENIX BALLROOM (1,120 HB TCM), Emelia Hart's WEYWARD (58,941 B TCM), and Sean Lusk's THE SECOND SIGHT OF ZACHARY CLOUDESLEY (12,514 B TCM).
- **SWEEPING STORYTELLING:** A gloriously romantic and emotional high-concept novel full of gothic appeal, *The Curse of Love* is ambitious and moving, and a perfect book club read
- **A BOOK CLUB FAVOURITE:** Keith's previous novels have been book club darlings: *A Boy Made of Blocks* was a Richard & Judy bestseller, while *The Frequency of Us* was both a *Between the Covers* and Radio 4 Book at Bedtime pick

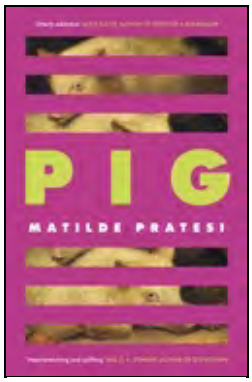
Reviews

- 'Utterly and completely beautiful' - *Joanna Cannon (on Days of Wonder)*
- 'Both very funny and intensely moving - a rare feat' - *Mike Gayle (on Days of Wonder)*
- 'A story of life, love and hope - the perfect antidote to today's world. Phenomenal' - *Clare Mackintosh (on Days of Wonder)*
- '*The Frequency of Us* is a fascinating, beautiful, heartwarming novel' - *Beth O'Leary*

Author Biography

Keith Stuart is an author and journalist. His heartwarming debut novel, *A Boy Made of Blocks*, was a Richard & Judy Book Club pick and a major bestseller. His third novel, *The Frequency of Us*, was a BBC2 *Between the Covers* pick and Radio 4 *Book at Bedtime*. Keith has written for publications including *Empire*, *Red* and *Esquire*, and is the former games editor of the *Guardian*. He lives with his wife and two sons in Frome, Somerset.

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Pig

Matilde Pratesi

Keynote

Shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Award, *Pig* is a razor-sharp, disturbing novel about toxic female friendship and manipulation, unlike any other. We follow Valentina, as she learns to turn her biggest challenge - a lifelong obsession with pigs - into a great strength.

Description

'I completely pigged out on Matilde Pratesi's compelling debut... utterly addictive' Alice Slater, author of *Death of a Bookseller*

'Aksai Black Pied, American Yorkshire, Angeln Saddleback...'

Pigs are Valentina's safe place. When she's feeling overwhelmed, she lists the breeds until her mind becomes quiet again.

Vale struggles to live life without order. Every morning, she reads the note that her flatmate Clara has pinned on the fridge telling her what to wear and what to eat, before leaving for her job at a bookshop.

Sometimes Vale's colleagues invite her to drinks, but she never goes. She knows that Clara wouldn't be happy if Vale socialised with others. As Clara's told her plenty of times - who else would put up with her weird pig facts?

But a chance encounter at the bookshop leads to an exciting opportunity. As Vale steps into the world of other people, Clara tightens her grip: she isn't yet ready to let go of her favourite prey.

Shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Award, *Pig* is a razor-sharp, disturbing novel about toxic female friendship unlike any other.

Sales Points

- Shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Prize 2023
- A bookish setting: the story is largely set in a failing indie bookshop in Twickenham, which starts serving overpriced flat whites to survive.
- For fans of Daisy Johnson, Fiona Mozley and *Convenience Store Woman*.

Reviews

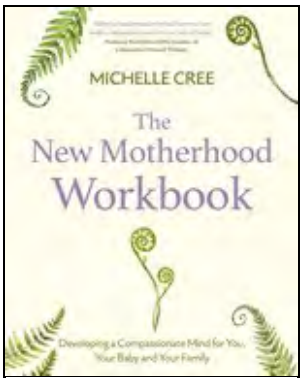
- 'I completely pigged out on Matilde Pratesi's compelling debut. Exploring obsession, toxicity, and abuse in a bookshop setting, I'm all over *Pig* like a feral hog, and my heart hurts for Vale and her piggies. Written with wit, heart and warmth, Pratesi's approach is fresh, full of character and utterly addictive' - *Alice Slater, author of Death of a Bookseller*
- 'Heartwrenching and uplifting. In Valentina, Matilde Pratesi has created a character you will never forget - a shining innocent in the sty of the world' - *Neil DA Stewart, author of Test Kitchen*
- 'Love is a mystery, but friendship could be ever more obscure. In her subtle novel, Pratesi enlightens the dark side of sisterhood.' - *Veronica Raimo, author of Lost on Me*
- 'Toxic female friendships, obsessive compulsive disorders and the many, many varieties of pig, form the surprising central tenet of Pratesi's assured debut, which ultimately proclaims a timely message of the importance of being yourself.' - *Harper's Bazaar, the best novels to read this year*

Author Biography

MATILDE PRATESI grew up in Italy and moved to London in her early twenties. Since then, she has immersed herself in the city's literary scene, finding her writing community around pub tables, working men's colleges, online courses and the Creative Writing MA at Birkbeck University of London. *Pig* is her debut novel.

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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**256mm x 203mm**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**592 pages**
Word Count	**120000 words**
Illustrations	**50 b/w illustrations**
Series	**Compassion Focused Therapy**
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The Compassionate Mind Approach to Postnatal Depression

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The New Motherhood Workbook
Developing a compassionate mind for you, your baby and your family

Michelle Cree

Keynote
Learn how to develop compassion for yourself and your family

Description
Learn how to develop compassion for yourself and your family

Having a baby can be a time of joy, but also one of anxiety and challenge. Although the period of time through pregnancy and infancy is relatively short, mothers have a sense of its importance and often work hard both mentally and physically to get it 'right'. This fascinating and practical self-help book will guide mothers-to-be and new mothers through the maze of parenting advice and confusing feelings that can arise.

It explains how a brain state called 'the compassionate mind' has developed through evolution to be a particularly powerful way of helping us to get through the challenges of life with confidence, strength and steadiness.

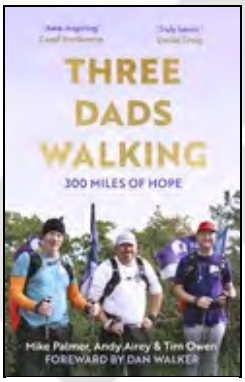
Using this workbook you will learn:
· Powerful techniques for creating a sense of support, safeness and joy for you, your baby and your family in which you can all best flourish.
· How to understand and attune to the mind of your child to create a secure attachment.
· How to create the basis for a compassionate mind in your child so that they can navigate the challenges of life and make positive and healthy relationships.

Filled with interactive exercises and practical skills, *The New Motherhood Workbook* will be a source of support through the perinatal period.

THE COMPASSIONATE MIND APPROACH
The self-help books in this series are based on Compassion Focused Therapy (CFT, developed by series editor Paul Gilbert). This brings together an understanding of how our mind can cause us difficulties but also provides us with a powerful solution in the shape of mindfulness and compassion. It teaches ways to stimulate the part of the brain connected with kindness, warmth, compassion and safeness, and to calm the part that makes us feel, anxious, angry, sad or depressed.

Sales Points
- Based on Compassion Focused Therapy, a ground-breaking therapy developed by Professor Paul Gilbert OBE, bestselling author of *The Compassionate Mind* and *Overcoming Depression*.
- Written by a leading authority on postnatal depression with many years' experience and based on her previous book, *The Compassionate Mind Approach to Postnatal Depression*, which is recommended as part of the Reading Well Books on Prescription scheme.
- Ideal self-help resource for new mothers and mothers-to-be and as a resource for therapists.

Author Biography
Michelle Cree is a clinical psychologist who worked for seventeen years in the Derbyshire Perinatal Mental Health Service where she pioneered the use of both individual and compassion focused therapy for the perinatal population. She became a national and international trainer and supervisor in CFT and is author of *The Compassionate Mind Approach to Postnatal Depression*. This became the first perinatal mental health book to be selected for the Reading Well programme.



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Three Dads Walking
300 Miles of Hope

Tim Owen, Mike Palmer and Andy Airey

Keynote

3 dads, 3 daughters, 300 miles of hope - the life-affirming story of three dads who each lost a daughter to suicide, following their journey across Britain and finding hope along the way.

Description

'Truly heroic' Daniel Craig
'A completely brilliant thing, to benefit so many' Nicole Kidman
'Powerful and deeply moving' Andy Burnham
'An epic journey . . . will touch the hearts of people everywhere' Lou Macari
'An amazing and inspirational story' Michael Ball

Foreword from Dan Walker

'We were (and are) three ordinary dads who found ourselves in a desperate place we never expected to be, engulfed by pain and suffering beyond imagining, but who chose to push back, to not allow it to overwhelm us, to build something positive from the shattered pieces of our lives. We wanted to do something ... and this is what it became: Three Dads Walking.'

These three dads would rather have never met. Strangers bound by grief, they joined together to save lives and became a national inspiration - one step at a time. This is their incredible journey.

In memory of their young daughters - Sophie, Beth and Emily - who took their own lives, three dads set out on a 300-mile journey across the country, from the windswept Lakeland fells and Peak District dales to the open plains of the eastern Fens. Putting one foot in front of the other in spite of their pain, they capture the hearts of millions: laughing together, crying together, fighting to be heard. With each hill climbed and story shared, they begin to rediscover their faith in humanity and are inspired by the kindness of strangers across the land.

Woven around personal diary entries and their own experiences of deep grief, this book, told in three distinct parts by each dad, grows into a beacon of hope for anyone struggling. It's about the power of speaking out, of friendship, laughter and courage (and blisters). The three dads bear a heavy load, but they walk on for us all, finding light on the path after the darkest times.

'Awe-inspiring' Carol Vorderman

Sales Points

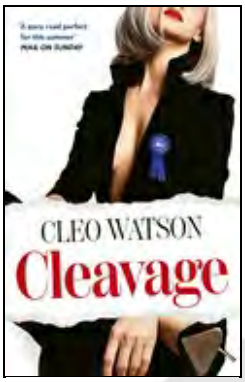
- Major mass market appeal for fans of *Too Many Reasons to Live* and *The Salt Path*, huge heart and authors who constantly garner media attention. They are candid, relatable and dedicated to the cause - raising close to £1 million for Papyrus, winning a Pride of Britain award and campaigning for the government to change curriculum on suicide. They have secured a meeting with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.
- A boundary-breaking book on male mental health and suicide prevention. Publish to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week in May 2024, backed by a top tier campaign, followed up in September with activity around World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Celebrity supporters will endorse the book (Daniel Craig, Nicole Kidman, George Ezra, Carol Vorderman, Sam Allardyce, Robbie Fowler, Andy Burnham) and we hope to secure a high profile foreword. A feature film (*Full Monty* style) is planned, along with a documentary.

Author Biography

Mike Palmer (MBE), from Greater Manchester, Andy Airey (MBE) from Cumbria and Tim Owen (MBE), from Norfolk, known as 3 Dads Walking, all lost their daughters to suicide. They walked 300 miles in 2021, and 600 miles in 2022, to raise awareness of suicide, and raise funds (nearly £1M) for Papyrus. They won a Pride of Britain 'Special Recognition' award in 2022, have garnered nationwide media coverage and have the support of celebrities such as Daniel Craig, Nicole Kidman and George Ezra. https://www.3dadswalking.uk/

Market

Readers of inspirational memoir with big heart - THE SALT PATH, TOO MANY REASONS TO LIVE, FINDING HILDASAY.



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Cleavage

Cleo Watson

Keynote

CLEAVAGE is the scandalous new novel from Cleo Watson, diving even deeper into the dark heart of Westminster.

Description

A *SUNDAY TIMES* BEST BOOK OF 2024

'More fun and wild than you could hope' *Telegraph*

'A pacy read perfect for this summer' *Mail on Sunday*

As Tory drawers are caught down yet again, the Opposition takes the chance to pull up its socks.

Prime Minister Eric Courtenay, fresh from another scandal, realises he has his work cut out when the Labour offensive kicks off with the charismatic Vicky Tennyson and handsome Christian Eccles at the helm, both dead set on an end to Conservative rule.

The desperate Tories resort to hiring maverick strategist Callum Gallagher to get them out of a fix. Gallagher's methods are unusual in the extreme and kept from his employers. As he and his data geeks sieve through the red-hot web searches of the unsuspecting electorate, it becomes clear that sex sells. Everyone's at it, but the question is whose fantasy will win the big role play?

To top it all, the Houses of Parliament are in desperate need of repair, but everyone's too busy thinking about ballot boxes and throbbing majorities to care. If WHIPS got you hot under the collar, *Cleavage* will have you begging for more.

Sales Points

- Cleo Watson's debut novel, WHIPS, was one of the most talked about publications of 2023 and has sold over 10,000 copies across all formats.
- Cleo has made a splash in the media, appearing on Lorraine, Radio 4 Women's Hour and Naga Munchetty's 5 Live. She was also named author of the week in the Daily Mirror.

Reviews

- ''Watson's characters, however minor, spring consistently to life. *Cleavage* is both completely ridiculous and completely believable'' - *Kara Kennedy, The Telegraph*
- ''*Cleavage* proves just as much of a riot as *Whips*... **A perfect summer read**'' - *City A.M.*
- ''I thoroughly enjoyed *Whips* [and] this second book is equally as riotous a romp... **I raced through it**'' - *Sara Lawrence, Daily Mail*
- ''A pacy read perfect for this summer'' - *Francesca Peacock, Mail on Sunday*

Author Biography

Cleo Watson is the author of *Whips* (Corsair) and the presenter of the Radio 4 series, How to Win a Campaign. She worked in politics and campaigning for over a decade, including President Barack Obama's re-election in 2012, the 2017 and 2019 UK general elections and the Vote Leave campaign in the 2016 EU referendum. In government, she served in 10 Downing Street as Theresa May's political adviser then Boris Johnson's co-deputy chief of staff. She tweets @cleowatson88.



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Book locale	**UK**
Author living in	**Melbourne, Australia**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Penguin Random House LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles
In the same series: *The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies*

1st Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
2nd Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Jill Grinberg Literary Management LLC**
Electronic	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Film and TV	**Jill Grinberg Literary Management LLC**
Large print	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Podcast	**Jill Grinberg Literary Management LLC**
Translation	**Jill Grinberg Literary Management LLC**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
US	**Jill Grinberg Literary Management LLC**

The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin
A thrilling regency adventure complete with murder, mystery and romance

Alison Goodman

Keynote

Exceptionally smart, funny and enjoyable Regency fiction featuring two rebellious 'old maids' (i.e. two single woman who dare to be wealthy, single, and over forty . . .)

Description

'Goodman's ladies are the undercover Regency heroes we've been waiting for! This is sparkling, thrilling, romantic fun' TONI JORDAN

To most of Regency high society, Lady Augusta 'Gus' Colebrook and her twin sister, Julia, are just unmarried ladies of a certain age. But the Colebrook twins are far from useless old maids . . . they are secretly protecting women and children ignored by society and the law.

When Lord Evan, a charming, escaped convict who has captured Gus's heart, seeks their help to shield his sister and her lover from from their vindictive brother, the twins take the two women into their home. But Lord Evan's complicated past puts them all in danger. Gus knows that if he is to survive the thieftakers who hunt him, they must clear his name of murder. But it is no easy task. The fatal duel was twenty years ago, and a key witness is nowhere to be found.

Caught in a deadly cat-and-mouse game, Gus, Julia, and Lord Evan are thrust into the ugly underworld of Georgian gentlemen's clubs, spies, and ruthless bounty hunters, not to mention the everyday threat of narrow-minded brothers. Will the truth be found in time, or will the dangerous secrets from the past destroy family bonds and rip new love and lives apart?

☐**Why readers LOVE** *The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies* **. . .** ☐

'If you love Georgette Heyer, you'll love [this]. **Smart and sassy** and featuring heroines of a certain age, this is **the Regency I've been waiting for**. Adventure! Mystery! A touch of romance!' **JENN MCKINLAY**

'A **must-read for lovers of the Regency** and historical mysteries alike' **JENNIFER ASHLEY**

'A truly **delightful romp through the Regency period**. Alison Goodman has crafted **a feminist adventure story** that will have you cheering on the unconventional Colebrook sisters in all their exploits' **STEPHANIE MARIE THORNTON**

'Part **heart-racing adventure**, part **gothic mystery**, part **tantalizing romance**, and wholly **wonderful**' **JOANNA LOWELL**

'Just wonderful . . . **this book deserves to be the new Bridgerton**' ***THE LADY***

Sales Points

- **BRIDGERTON MEETS SHERLOCK!** A smart, funny, moving story of two old maids who refuse to accept the strictures of society and use all of their wealth, charm and power to right the wrongs of Regency society.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** *Bridgerton* or *The Ladies Guide to Fortune Hunting* - it has all the ballrooms, corsets and scandal one could desire but with a healthy dose of feminism, humour and a gorgeous love story running through the middle, and readers of Julia Quinn, Georgette Heyer and Jane Austen will love it.

Author Biography

Alison Goodman is the bestselling Australian author of several novels including the reknowned *Eona* and *The Two Pearls of Wisdom.*



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Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Series	**Ghostwalker Novel**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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2nd Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Tawanna Sullivan**
Electronic	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Film and TV	**Tawanna Sullivan**
Large print	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Podcast	**Tawanna Sullivan**
Translation	**Tawanna Sullivan**
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Thunder Game

Christine Feehan

Keynote

The next novel in the captivating Ghostwalkers series . . . prepare to be seduced

Description

Two broken souls find a love worth fighting for in this captivating GhostWalker novel from No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Christine Feehan.

Diego Campos has come home to die. The GhostWalker is tired of walking a dark path shaped by countless losses. There has never been a moment of good in his life that wasn't followed by something bad. But as he makes his way to his family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, his plans are interrupted by a violent ambush that sets his life on a new course.

In between fighting off a small army of assailants, Diego is struck by a beautiful, brutal warrior woman unlike anyone he's encountered before. Compelled to rescue her, Diego uses his psychic gifts to make Leila's broken body whole again and save her from certain death. With each new breath she regains her strength, showcasing her humor, intelligence and courage as she reveals the truths of her past and inspires feelings Diego never thought his heart could experience.

After a lifetime alone, in the middle of firefight, Diego has finally found a light to guide him through the darkness - and one brief touch is enough to set them both aflame.

Sales Points

- The next novel in the worldwide bestselling Dark Carpathian series
- We have sold almost THREE MILLION copies of Christine Feehan's books in our markets.

Author Biography

Christine Feehan is a No. 1 *New York Times* and international bestselling author with 90 published novels to date, including seven series; Leopard Series, Dark Series, Ghostwalker Series, Drake Sisters Series, the Sisters of the Heart Series, Shadow Series and Torpedo Ink. Six of her series have hit the No. 1 spot on the *New York Times* bestselling list as well.

She has been published in multiple languages and in many formats, including audio book, e-book, hardcover and large print. Her ground-breaking book trailer commercials have been shown on TV and in the movie theatres. She has been featured on local TV and appeared on *The Montel Williams Show*.

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BIC 2.1	**Fantasy (FM)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Mercy Thompson**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Penguin Random House LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles
Moon Called (9781841496832)
Blood Bound (978184149 6849)
Iron Kissed (9781 841496856)
Bone Crossed (9781841496863)
Silver Borne (9781841497990)
River Marked (9781841497976)
Frost Burned (9781841497983)
Night Broken (9780356501550)
Shifting Shadows - short stories (9780356505275)
Fire Touched (9780356501574)
Storm Cursed (9780356505961)
Smoke Bitten (9780356513591)

Alpha and Omega series:

Cry Wolf (9781841497945)
Hunting Ground (9781841497952)
Fair Game (9781841497969)

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**
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Winter Lost
Mercy Thompson, Book 14

Patricia Briggs

Keynote

Mercy Thompson returns in another thrilling instalment of the major urban fantasy series from No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Patricia Briggs

Description

'Patricia Briggs never fails to deliver an exciting, magic and fable filled suspense story' Erin Watt, No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of The Royals series.

Mercy Thompson, car mechanic and shapeshifter, must stop a disaster of world-shattering proportions in this exhilarating entry in the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

In the supernatural realms, there are creatures who belong to winter. I am not one of them. But like the coyote I can become at will, I am adaptable.

My name is Mercy Thompson Hauptman, and my mate, Adam, is the werewolf who leads the Columbia Basin Pack, the pack charged with keeping the people who live and work in the Tri-Cities of Washington State safe. It's a hard job, and it doesn't leave much room for side quests. Which is why when I needed to travel to Montana to help my brother, I intended to go by myself.

But I'm not alone anymore.

Together, Adam and I find ourselves trapped with strangers in a lodge in the heart of the wilderness, in the teeth of a storm of legendary power, only to discover my brother's issues are a tiny part of a problem much bigger than we could have imagined. Arcane and ancient magics are at work that could, unless we are very careful, bring about the end of the world . . .

Praise for Patricia Briggs:

'It is always a joy to pick up a new Briggs novel' *RT Book Reviews*

'Patricia Briggs is an incredible writer . . . I love hanging out with the amazing characters in this series!' Nalini Singh, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Psy-Changeling series

Sales Points

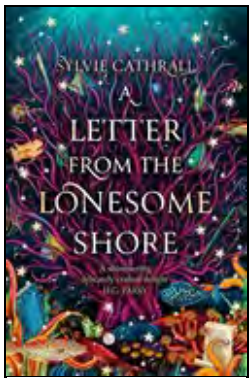
- Orbit has sold over 750,000 copies of Patricia Briggs's novels
- Perfect for readers of Jim Butcher, Ben Aaranovitch, J. R. Ward, Christine Feehan and Ilona Andrews
- The quality of Briggs's work places her at the head of the urban fantasy genre

Reviews

- '**Patricia Briggs never fails to deliver an exciting, magic and fable filled suspense story**' - Erin Watt, No. 1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author
- '**Patricia Briggs is an incredible writer** . . . I love hanging out with the amazing characters in this series!' - Nalini Singh, NEW YOUR TIMES bestselling author
- '**It is always a joy to pick up a new Briggs novel**' - RT BOOK REVIEWS
- '**I love these books**' - Charlaine Harris, No. 1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author

Author Biography

Patricia Briggs graduated from Montana State University with degrees in history and German. She worked for a while as a substitute teacher but now writes full time. Patricia Briggs lives in the Pacific Northwest.



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Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	**105000 words**
Series	**The Sunken Archive**
Exclusively for Sale	**Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK**
Not for Sale	**Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Hachette Book Group USA Publisher**
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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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A Letter from the Lonesome Shore
the enchanting and heart-warming magical academia romance!

Sylvie Cathrall

Keynote

The charming conclusion to the Sunken Archive duology, a heart-warming magical academia fantasy filled with underwater cities, romance of manners and found family, perfect for fans of *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries.*

Description

'An underwater treasure-chest to be slowly unpacked, full of things I adore: nosy and loving families, epistolary romance, gorgeous worldbuilding, and anxious scholars doing their best to meet the world with kindness and curiosity' Freya Marske, author of *A Marvellous Light*

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Former correspondents E. and Henerey, accustomed to loving each other from afar, did not anticipate continuing their courtship in an enigmatic underwater city. When their journey through the Structure in E.'s garden strands them in a peculiar society preoccupied with the pleasures and perils of knowledge, E. and Henerey come to accept--and, more surprisingly still, embrace--the fact that they may never return home.

A year and a half later, Sophy and Vyerin finally discover one of the elusive Entries that will help them seek their siblings. As the group's efforts bring them closer to E. and Henerey, an ancient, cosmic threat also draws near. . .

Praise for Sylvie Cathrall:

'With its gorgeous underwater setting and whimsical academic sensibility, *A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is a strange, epistolary wonder.' Mary McMyne, author of *The Book of Gothel*

'A shimmering, delicately crafted delight. . . Readers looking for heart warming romance and scholarly mystery against the backdrop of a wildly imaginative world will be charmed' H.G. Parry, author of *The Magician's Daughter*

'Cathrall's debut caught me up on a wave of whimsy and swept me away with its charm. A story to be cherished' Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather So Black*

'*A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is a fascinating and charming story told in a uniquely elegant voice. A watery wonder of a novel! I loved it.' Louisa Morgan, author of *A Secret History of Witches*

'*A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is like nothing I've read before. The heartfelt intimacy of the epistolary narrative, juxtaposed with the magnificent oceanic world-building, results in a novel that is at once deeply human and mind-bogglingly imaginative. Both the setting and the story are exquisite, but it was the lovingly crafted voices of the characters that kept me hooked from beginning to end' Megan Bannen, author of *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*

Sales Points

- **ROMANCE OF MANNERS & MAGICAL ACADEMIA**: This book has that sense of warmth and heart that seems to be resonating with readers looking for escape. It's a "romance of manners" in the vein of books like *A Marvellous Light* and *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*, but it also addresses timely matters such as dealing with mental health issues that make it hard to navigate certain aspects of life. And there is a "magic academia" vibe that will appeal to the current fantasy market.
- **GLOBAL PUBLISHING:** Orbit US will publish simultaneously in the US with a matching cover
- **COSY FANTASY:** Readers are loving high fantasy, low stakes fantasy right now, and this will strongly appeal to fans of *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* and *Half a Soul*.
- **SCHOLARS FALLING IN LOVE THROUGH LETTERS:** This is the perfect romance for readers who love anything 'bookish' or epistolary, as the entire novel is written in letters
- **QUEERNORM WORLD:** there is a variety of romances and found family groupings in this book. The main characters are both ace, with their siblings both in queer relationships

Reviews

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- '**An underwater treasure-chest to be slowly unpacked, full of things I adore: nosy and loving families, epistolary romance, gorgeous worldbuilding, and anxious scholars doing their best to meet the world with kindness and curiosity**' - Freya Marske, author of A MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Author Biography

Sylvie Cathrall writes stories of hope and healing with healthy doses of wonder and whimsy. She holds a graduate degree in odd Victorian art and has handled more than a few nineteenth-century letters (with great care). Sylvie married her former pen pal and lives in the mountains, where she dresses impractically and dreams of the sea.

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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Author living in	**New York, United States**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Macmillan Publishers Publisher**

Previous Titles

Published by us:
The Unravelling (2024) - a thriller

Self-published romance titles:
What Happens at the Lake (2023)
The Rules of Dating My One-Night Stand (2023, with Penelope Ward)
Something Unexpected (2023)
and many more

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Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Brower Literary & Management, Inc.**
Electronic	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Film and TV	**Brower Literary & Management, Inc.**
Large print	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Podcast	**Brower Literary & Management, Inc.**
Translation	**Brower Literary & Management, Inc.**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
US	**Brower Literary & Management, Inc.**

Jilted

Vi Keeland

Keynote

A slow-burn, swooning romance where *27 Dresses* meets *The Hating Game*, from the No. 1 *New York Times* and TikTok bestselling author.

Description

Weddings. I spend every working minute talking and writing about them, when just the thought of one makes me want to scream. After my fiancé abandoned me at the altar last year, my dream job at *Bride* magazine has turned into a reoccurring nightmare.

To add insult to injury, the bridezilla at my latest assignment, somehow roped me into filling in for a missing bridesmaid. Of course, I had to get paired with the most gorgeous groomsman. Wilder Hayes is perfect-except when he opens his mouth and we end up bickering all evening. That is, until the *coat closet incident*.

At least I'll never have to see him again. Or so I think... Until I walk into work on Monday and find out Wilder isn't just a jerk, he's also *my boss's son*. And I'll be spending the rest of the season working with him at every single wedding I cover this year.

Can the jilted bride and the man who is afraid of love find a way to heal each other?

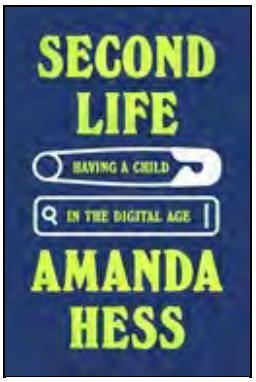
Sales Points

- Vi Keeland is a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author and has sold over 3 million copies of her self-published contemporary romance titles in the last ten years. She has a big fanbase, with a newsletter of over 250k subscribers.
- This is Vi's first contemporary romance to be traditionally published, after many years self-publishing. Bramble (Tor, Macmillan) are publishing the novel in the US with a fresh cover look, aiming to reach a wider readership than ever before.
- Vi Keeland's stories are known for their layered characters, emotional depth and sizzling sexual tension, and this new romance title includes popular romance tropes that will appeal to a younger TikTok audience: enemies-to-lovers, a jilted bride, a workplace romance and close proximity.

Author Biography

Vi Keeland is a No. 1 *New York Times*, No. 1 *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author. With millions of books sold, her titles are currently translated in twenty-six languages and have appeared on bestseller lists in the US, Germany, Brazil, Bulgaria, Israel and Hungary. Three of her short stories have been turned into films by Passionflix, and two of her books are currently optioned for movies. She resides in New York with her husband and their three children where she is living out her own happily ever after with the boy she met at age six.

To find out more, visit her website: www.vikeeland.com.



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Second Life

Amanda Hess

Keynote

A moving, wry and thought-provoking memoir about having a baby with a rare genetic disorder - and how the landscape of parenthood has been transformed by the internet

Description

One of *TIME* Magazine's Most Anticipated Books of 2025 . One of LitHub's Most Anticipated Books of 2025.

'Unexpected, intellectually rigorous, funny, beautiful' Claire Dederer, author of *Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma*

'What a book! Has the lyricism and intelligence of a literary masterpiece, and the urgency of a thriller' Marianne Levy, author of *Don't Forget to Scream*

'So interesting, astute and beautifully crafted. I loved it' Lucy Jones, author of *Matrescence*

In the summer of 2020, when Amanda Hess was pregnant for the first time, a routine ultrasound screening detected a mysterious abnormality in her baby. Without hesitation, she reached for her phone, looking for answers online. But rather than allaying her anxieties, her search unleashed a destabilizing onslaught of data and technology, and she was vulnerable - more than ever - to conspiracy, myth, judgement, commerce and obsession.

In *Second Life*, Hess tells her deeply personal story of a pregnancy that falls outside the fêted category of 'normal'. But this is also a story about all of us. For as she made her way through a bizarre digital world of pregnancy apps, prenatal genetic tests, gender reveal videos, rare disease Facebook groups, 'freebirth' influencers and hospital reality shows, Hess realised that ideas of eugenics, surveillance, ableism and hyper-individualism are being sold through shiny technologies to a new generation of parents.

At once funny, surreal and heartbreaking, *Second Life* asks compelling questions about how our most fundamental human experiences are fractured and reshaped by technology.

Sales Points

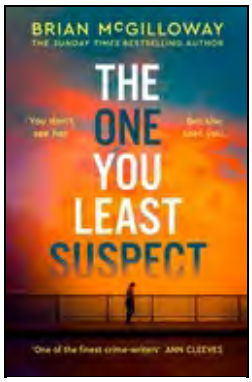
- **A BRILLIANTLY TALENTED AUTHOR:** Amanda Hess has 58k followers on X, has won awards for her journalism and is known for her witty voice and perceptive insights
- **MOVING PERSONAL MEMOIR:** Amanda writes with heartbreaking clarity and honesty about the experience of her son being diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder while in utero
- **THOUGHT-PROVOKING, MIND-ENHANCING INSIGHTS:** Amanda's exploration of how capitalism and technology are transforming some of our most essentially human experiences will appeal to fans of Jia Tolentino's *Trick Mirror*; Naomi Klein's *Doppelganger*
- **ENTERTAINING AND EYE-OPENING REPORTAGE:** Amanda's dispatches from the whackier fringes of the parenthood culture wars will appeal to fans of Jon Ronson or Marcel Theroux

Reviews

- '**What a book! It has the lyricism and intelligence of a literary masterpiece, and the urgency of a thriller.** This is the book on motherhood the world needs right now.' - Marianne Levy, author of Don't Forget to Scream
- '**Unexpected, intellectually rigorous, funny, beautiful; a profoundly talented writer**' - Claire Dederer, author of Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma
- '**Amanda Hess interrogates new lands of contemporary parenthood with nuance, curiosity, smarts and heart.** I loved it.' - Lucy Jones, author of Matrescence
- '**A stylish confrontation with the demented landscape of digital parenting content** ... Hess is a smart, savvy, and generous guide' - Anna Wiener, author of Uncanny Valley

Author Biography

Amanda Hess is a critic at large for the *New York Times*. Her writing has received multiple awards, including a National Magazine Award for Public Interest (for her *Pacific Standard* article about online harrassment of women), a Sidney Award for an outstanding piece of socially-conscious journalism, a Mirror Award for best traditional article on the media industry, and a Newswomen's Club Front Page Award for criticism.



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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Author born in	**Northern Ireland**
Author living in	**Strabane, Northern Ireland**

Previous Titles
Standalone novels:
The Empty Room (2022)
The Last Crossing (2020)

Inspector Benedict Devlin series:
Blood Ties (Book 6, 2021)
and many more

DS Lucy Black series:
Bad Blood (Book 4, 2017)
and more

1st Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
2nd Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
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The One You Least Suspect
A gripping, edge-of-your seat thriller

Brian McGilloway

Keynote

How do you know what is right and what is wrong, when both sides are guilty? A gripping and emotional new thriller from acclaimed crime writer Brian McGilloway.

Description

'Heart-stopping' **ANN CLEEVES**

'Nail-biting' **ANDREA MARA**

'Exceptional' **JOHN CONNOLLY**

'Genius' **STEVE CAVANAGH**

Katie lives a quiet life. She likes her small Derry neighbourhood. She likes her job as a barmaid at O'Reillys. And she loves her daughter, Hope.

But everything changes when she is approached by two detectives. They want Katie to tell them the things she hears at work. To become their *informant*.

In this city, Katie knows the dangers of talking to the police. Yet with Hope's safety at risk should she refuse, she is trapped between two impossible choices.

Crossing the O'Reilly brothers could cost her everything. Her only chance of survival is if she can remain the one that they least suspect . . .

A gripping, heart-wrenching thriller that explores the fine line between right and wrong, justice and revenge, and how you choose your side when everyone is guilty . . .

'Truly an edge-of-your-seat book' **PATRICIA GIBNEY**

'A propulsive read from start to finish' **JO SPAIN**

'Gritty, heart-stopping . . . I raced through every page' **SAM BLAKE**

'Gripping and compulsive' **CLAIRE ALLAN**

'My heart hasn't stopped hammering since I started this book' **ANDREA CARTER**

Sales Points

- **THE BOOK:** Brian McGilloway's crime novels are known for their heart-wrenching emotional depth, authentic characters and thought-provoking issues - as well as their compelling plots. At the heart of this story is a gripping moral dilemma, asking who you might betray to keep your family safe, and it is full of nail-biting tension and unmissable twists.
- **THE SETTING:** This novel takes places in Derry-Londonderry in Northern Ireland and the narrative explores the lasting effect of the Troubles on communities; the difficult relationship residents have with the police; and how the lines between right and wrong, justice and revenge, can be blurred.
- **THE COMPS:** Fans of Andrea Mara's *No One Saw a Thing* (ICM 28k TPBs) and readers of emotionally driven crime by Gillian McAllister and Chris Whitaker will love this book. It will also appeal to watchers of acclaimed TV series like *Blue Lights*, *Kin* and *Broadchurch*.
- **ACCLAIMED CRIME WRITER:** Brian McGilloway has a wealth of press and peer reviews and been acclaimed by names from Peter James to Lee Child. He was awarded the 'highly commended' prize for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2021 for *The Last Crossing* and was shortlisted for the same award the next year for *Blood Ties*. He has also been shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Dagger awards and the Irish Book Awards/Ireland AM Crime Novel of the Year (for *Gallows Lane*), and he is a past recipient of the Ulster University McCrea Literary Award.
- **BESTSELLER SUCCESS**: Brian McGilloway's previous novel, *The Empty Room* (2022), was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and he has had previous bestseller success for his novel, *Little Girl Lost* (2011)- which was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Reviews

- '*The One You Least Expect* is Brian McGilloway's finest achievement, in a career not

short of highlights. **An exceptional thriller by an exceptional writer. I devoured it.**' - John Connolly, the Sunday Times and Irish Times bestselling author of the Charlie Parker series

- 'A one-sitting read, brimming with tension, *The One You Least Suspect* **kept me at the edge of my seat from the intriguing opening to the nail-biting end. What a book, one of the best I've read this year. Outstanding.**' - Andrea Mara, Sunday Times and Irish Times bestselling author of NO ONE SAW A THING
- 'I expected **a heart-stopping, thought-provoking thriller** from McGilloway, because he always delivers, but by getting inside the head of a vulnerable single mother he shows what a great writer he is' - Ann Cleeves, the Sunday Times bestselling author of Vera, Shetland and Venn series
- '**One of the finest crime writers** . . . McGilloway is a genius' - Steve Cavanagh, Sunday Times bestselling author of WITNESS 8

Author Biography

Brian McGilloway is the author of eleven crime novels including the Ben Devlin mysteries and the Lucy Black series, the first of which, *Little Girl Lost*, became a New York Times and UK No.1 bestseller. In addition to being shortlisted for a CWA Dagger and the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, he is a past recipient of the Ulster University McCrea Literary Award and won the BBC Tony Doyle Award for his screenplay, Little Emperors. He currently teaches in Strabane, where he lives with his wife and four children.

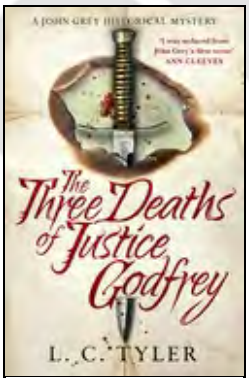
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The Three Deaths of Justice Godfrey
A captivating, historical mystery

L.C.Tyler

Keynote
The tenth instalment in the gripping John Grey historical mystery series

Description
October 1678. Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, respected London wood monger and Court Justice, sets out from his house, early one foggy morning, in his second-best coat. Then he vanishes. Six days later, his body is discovered in a ditch near Primrose Hill. He has been severely beaten, strangled and stabbed through the chest - killed three times, in fact. There's no doubt somebody wanted him dead. The cash in his pockets however is still there. And, in spite of the wet weather and muddy roads, his clothes are dry and his shoes are spotlessly clean.

People are quick to connect his killing with the role Godfrey has played in exposing a Catholic plot to kill the King. His name is, after all, an anagram of 'dy'd by Rome's reveng'd fury'. Parliament, whipped into a frenzy by the conspirator Titus Oates, demands a suitable perpetrator is found. But it soon becomes clear that Godfrey had not merely offended the Catholics. And he had, some weeks before, predicted his own death with uncanny accuracy.

Magistrate John Grey is summoned from his Essex village to investigate an increasingly inexplicable crime and to prevent some innocent men from being hanged as a regrettable political necessity.

Praise for L.C. Tyler

'Len Tyler writes with great charm and wit . . . made me laugh out loud' Susanna Gregory

'I was seduced from John Grey's first scene' Ann Cleeves

'Tyler juggles his characters, story, wit and clever one liners with perfect balance' *The Times*

'A dizzying whirl of plot and counterplot' *Guardian*

'Unusually accomplished' Helen Dunmore

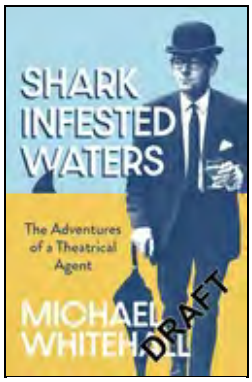
'A cracking pace, lively dialogue, wickedly witty one-liners salted with sophistication . . . Why would we not want more of John Grey?' *The Bookbag*

Sales Points
- Deft, gripping historical fiction that is perfect for fans of Robert Harris and C J Samson
- L C Tyler's previous novels from the series have been shortlisted for the CWA 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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Shark-Infested Waters

Michael Whitehall

Keynote

The hilariously waspish memoirs of Britain's leading theatrical agent, Michael Whitehall.

Description

Theatrical agent, Michael Whitehall, has been involved with the careers of many eminent actors from Kenneth More, Tom Courtenay, Colin Firth, Dorothy Tutin, Edward Fox, Jack Davenport, Judi Dench, Ian Charleson, Peter Bowles, Elaine Stritch, Richard E Grant, Danie Day-Lewis, David Hemmings and Richard Griffiths amongst others. In *Shark-Infested Waters*, Michael Whitehall contrasts the glamorous image of theatrical life with the mundane realities of the business, while passing on some startling trade secrets along the way. A laconic raconteur of refreshingly unstar-struck theatrical anecdotes, Whitehall deftly sketches the social comedy of his eccentric background: growing up in suburban London in the 1950s, his schooldays at Ampleforth and his subsequent adventures as a prep schoolmaster - worthy of Evelyn Waugh himself - before becoming an actors' agent.

The result is a charming, funny and piquant view of a world that continues to fascinate.

Sales Points

- Whitehall represented some of the most famous names in British film, theatre and television, though he writes about them not as 'celebrity icons' but as idiosyncratic human beings, rejoicing in their foibles with a deliciously dry wit.
- The Wittering Whitehalls podcast has an engaged listenership. Global stats below.

  TikTok: 101K /Insta: 60K
  5.4 million all-time listeners
  300K listeners per month
  (70% UK / 6% ANZ / 6% US)
- The Wittering Whitehalls live shows will run April through May 2025 (dates and venues currently being put together). The book will also serve as merch at these shows.
- Jack Whitehall will endorse the book on publication.

Author Biography

Michael Whitehall was a leading theatrical agent and producer, whose clients included Nigel Havers, Edward Fox, Judi Dench and Colin Firth. He produced The Good Guys, Noah's Ark and Element of Doubt for ITV, as well as numerous theatrical productions around the UK and in the West End. He appeared with Jack on their show Backchat for the BBC and subsequently 5 series of Travels With My Father for Netflix. A regular guest in Dictionary Corner on Channel 4's Countdown, he also co hosted Hard To Please OAP's for ITV as well as appearing on Celebrity Gogglebox for Stand Up To Cancer with Jack and Hilary. His books include Shark Infested Waters, Backing Into The Spotlight and Him and Me co-authored with Jack.



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One Fine Day

Mollie Panter-Downes

Keynote

Set over one summer's day in 1946, a beautifully drawn portrait of a country, and a marriage, coming to terms with the past - and poised on the brink of a new era. A modern classic perfect for fans of *A Month in the Country, The Hours* or *Small Pleasures*.

Description

The lark rose in the brilliant air, higher, higher on its spun-glass spiral of song, knowing nothing of peace or war, accepting joyously the bounty of another day.

A hot summer's day in 1946. The village of Wealding is no longer troubled by distant sirens, yet the rusting coils of barbed wire are a reminder that something, some quality of life, has evaporated. Together again after years of separation, Laura and Stephen Marshall must find their way in an altered, shabbier world. Their rambling garden refuses to be tamed, the house seems perceptibly to crumble. Hour by hour, as the glorious weather holds, the Marshalls and their daughter Victoria are preoccupied by the small pleasures and irritations of everyday life. But alone on a hillside, as evening falls, Laura comes to see how much could have been lost - and how much the future might still hold.

Exquisitely written and achingly poignant, *One Fine Day* is an unforgettable portrait of a world, and a marriage, changed forever by war - perfect for fans of *Small Pleasures* and *A Month in the Country.*

'As profound as Katherine Mansfield, restrained as Jane Austen, sharp as Dorothy Parker' *Independent*

Sales Points

- **A MODERN CLASSIC GEM:** A perfectly structured short novel set over one day, like a post-war *Mrs Dalloway*, ONE FINE DAY is suffused with an aching nostalgia that will appeal to readers who love *A Month in the Country,* Margaret Kennedy's *The Feast* or *Small Pleasures* by Clare Chambers.
- **80 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WW2:** Written and set in 1946, about an England still reeling from the Second World War, our new edition is perfectly timed for the anniversary of VE day. WW2 remains a perennially popular subject for readers.
- **A BEAUTIFUL NEW EDITION:** Although beloved by fans from Lissa Evans to Rachel Cooke, ONE FINE DAY hasn't been reissued for over 20 years. This new elegant cover, evoking the novel's vintage charm, will appeal to a new generation of readers.

Reviews

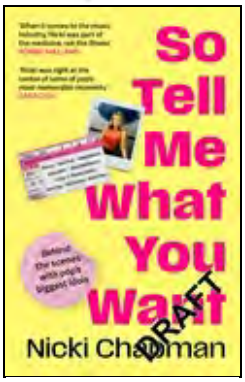
- 'As profound as Katherine Mansfield, restrained as Jane Austen, sharp as Dorothy Parker . . . Its unity and perfect limpid tone convey not only a world on the point of being lost but also the radiant relief of coming through the war' - *Independent*
- 'One of the most influential in the small band of journalists who, in the late thirties and early forties, transformed *The New Yorker's* absorption with the Dubuque-denying, lighthearted world of Manhattan into a recognition of the dark, dangerous world outside....A wonderfully clear writer' - *New Yorker*
- 'An unerring observer, with a stunning gift for economy of description; with a few strokes of her pen she could summon a vivid sense of the odd effects of war or display her gift for elucidating what is eternal in human relationships' - *The Times*
- 'As with the very best modern fiction, [Panter-Downes] doesn't invent, but rather frames reality in new ways. . . A writer who makes searingly accurate yet poignantly subtle observations about human beings and how they deal with life' - *Guardian*

Author Biography

Mary Patricia (1906-1997) was a novelist and newspaper columnist for The *New Yorker*. Aged sixteen, she wrote *The Shoreless Sea* which became a bestseller; eight editions were published in 1923 and 1924, and the book was serialised in The *Daily Mirror*. Her second novel *The Chase* was published in 1925. Her selected works include *My Husband Simon (1931), One Fine Day (1947)* and *Good Evening, Mrs Craven.*

Market

Core Virago Modern Classics and Persephone Books fans; women 35+; fans of WW2/ post-war fiction;



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So Tell Me What You Want
A life working with pop idols Take That, Prince, Amy Winehouse, the Spice Girls, David Bowie and more

Nicki Chapman

Keynote

The ultimate behind-the-scenes story of the 90s music scene from the brilliant Nicki Chapman, who supported so many of the major artists who made it big during that time.

Description

'Nicki was and always will be the **absolute queen of pop**' Mel B

'When it comes to the music industry, **Nicki was part of the medicine**, not the illness' Robbie Williams

'Nicki was **right at the centre of some of pop's most memorable moments**' Sara Cox

'From the heights of pop music to the heart of television, Nicki's journey is a **captivating story** of passion, perseverance and positivity' Peter Kay

1987. Armed with a Filofax, a brick of a mobile phone and steely determination, 20-year-old Nicki Chapman is walking through the seedy streets of Soho towards her first job in the music biz.

But how did Nicki go from being a looked-over assistant running promo packages over to BBC Radio 1 to a judge on *Pop Idol* with 15 million viewers tuning in for the nail-biting moment Will Young triumphed over Gareth Gates?

Everyone knows there were the kingmakers in the heady days of 90s British pop music, but this is a queen's side of the story; a down-to-earth, no-nonsense team player who fought to make it in an industry that was very much a man's world.

Empowering, entertaining and sprinkled with stardust, Nicki's inspirational behind-the-scenes story takes in the rocketing highs and heart-breaking lows of promoting, managing and touring with the Spice Girls, Amy Winehouse, David Bowie, Take That, Billie Piper, Phil Collins and S Club 7, all whilst confronting chauvinism and smashing through the career glass ceiling.

Sales Points

- **GREAT AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Nicki is often found on the TV for Escape to the Country and filling in for Zoe Ball and others on Radio 2. She has a fast-growing Instagram profile of 105k followers with an average of 3k likes on her posts (an engaged following), and covers the market here (38% are aged 25-34, 44% are 35-54). She has interviewed a great many influential people (and is incredibly likeable), meaning we can get the book into the hands of important names and can hope for good support.
- **POP NOSTALGIA:** Books from and about pop stars from the 80s and 90s have continued to sell well, and the 90s/00s revival are culturally at the fore in terms of fashion, S Club 7 tour return, Take That musical, Friends on Netflix, today's pop stars e.g. Olivia Rodrigo using 90s music as inspiration etc
- **PUB DATE:** This is the ideal fun, juicy summer read, perfect for the pool or park
- **STORY:** Nicki genuinely has a great one - alongside all the artists she worked with, there's a touching character arc here of a woman who didn't believe she could be 'talent' herself so chose to support artists instead, and finally realising in her 30s that she had a right to be in front of the camera.

Reviews

- 'Nicki was right at the centre of some of pop's most memorable moments. She has stories that will make your hair (and toes) curl, all told with her trademark warmth and wit' - *Sara Cox*
- 'From the heights of pop music to the heart of television, Nicki's journey is a captivating story of passion, perseverance and positivity' - *Peter Kay*
- 'Nicki has the rare gift of being excellent at whatever she chooses to do whilst remaining a thoroughly lovely human being. She is one of "The Good Guys"' - *Mark King, Level 42*

Author Biography

NICKI CHAPMAN is an accomplished TV Presenter, radio broadcaster and inspirational speaker, as well as a fully qualified personal and professional coach and volunteer, who used to be a plugger and management exec in the music industry before switching to being front of camera, first on *Pop Stars* and *Pop Idol*.

She currently presents the nation's favourite TV show *Escape To The Country,* as well as its spin-off series' *Celebrity Escape To The Country* and *I Escaped To The Country*. As of

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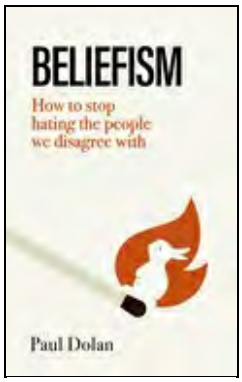
January 2025, Nicki joined the Magic Radio presenting team and hosts the iconic Mellow Magic every Monday to Thursday. She has been a mainstay of the BBC presenting team at *The RHS Chelsea Flower Show* since 2006, broadcasting live, has appeared on numerous music, gardening, entertainment and lifestyle shows, and is a much sought after event host and speaker. Nicki has also been a regular presenter on BBC Radio 2, often sitting in for Zoe Ball, Claudia Winkleman and Michael Ball. She lives in London with her husband.

Market

Mass millennials/Gen Xers (think Loose Women viewers) who already know Nicki; plus the Dolly Alderton-reading millennials who will perhaps remember Nicki from Pop Idol but might not know much else about her, but have nostalgic memories of the 90s and 00s.

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Happiness by Design (2014)
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Beliefism
How to stop hating the people we disagree with

Paul Dolan

Keynote
An accessible, original and definitive examination of the psychology behind why we become polarised - and how to better accommodate opposing points of view

Description
'**Brilliant**, wise, humane, scientific, and kind. Beliefism is exactly what the doctor ordered - and it could change the world' Cass R. Sunstein, Robert Walmsley University Professor, Harvard University

Beliefism (noun): *Discrimination against people who disagree with us*

Do you avoid people who are strongly against immigration? Or strongly for trans rights? Against abortion? For drug legalisation? We might like to think that we're tolerant, but many of us struggle to engage with people whose opinions differ strongly from our own-even if they might have something useful to contribute to the debate. That means we're falling victim to what behavioural scientist Professor Paul Dolan defines as *Beliefism*: discrimination against those with different beliefs to us.

Drawing on the evidence from across the social sciences, Dolan shows how easy it is for us to divide ourselves into opposing camps - and how harmful that can be. Using the central metaphor of the duck-rabbit illusion-where the same image can be viewed as one animal or the other-the book shows that looking at an issue from only one perspective can lead to bad decisions and unnecessary conflict. The world would be a better place if there was less beliefism and Dolan shows how more tolerance is only possible "by design". We need to embed less beliefism into our organisations and lives and he provides a checklist called EMBRACE to help us do that.

Combining curiosity, irreverence and warmth, *Beliefism* is a definitive behavioural science take by a leader in his field. Whether it's among friends, at university or at work, being less beliefist will make you a better partner or parent, and a more effective buddy or boss.

Sales Points
- An essential primer on a 'new' phenomenon and impeccable expert-led non-fiction, with a much broader scope than the usual political focus of other books about polarisation
- Lots of potential for a broad sweep of prepublication endorsements: Paul has many diverse connections and has already covered some ground in his podcast, Duck-Rabbit, looking at subjects including class privilege, monogamy, body image and fat shaming, and the balance of freedom and security during the pandemic
- Paul is an expert in this field, an experienced speaker and podcaster, and he welcomes the prospect of causing a stir. The book covers polarisation in all aspects of life, so it could work well for a number of platforms
- Superb existing author connections thanks to Paul's decades of expertise and existing reputation as an author: HAPPINESS BY DESIGN was a Sunday Times bestseller and Waterstones Book of the Month (Jan 2015)

Reviews
- '**Brilliant, wise, humane, scientific, and kind.** *Beliefism* is exactly what the doctor ordered - and it could change the world' - *Cass R. Sunstein, Robert Walmsley University Professor, Harvard University, and author, How to Become Famous*
- 'I learned more about the causes of political hostility in my first hour of reading Dolan's book than in 14 years as an MP. By the end, I was certain what to do about it. And in finding areas where Paul and I radically disagree, I rejoice that I am not a Beliefist!' - *Rt Hon Steve Baker FRSA, former campaigning Conservative MP and minister*
- '**In these fractured, fractious times, there has never been a more important time to rediscover the lost art of disagreeing agreeably** - for it is an art and it is at risk of being lost. Paul Dolan has provided a masterclass - one which is **deeply analytical, very entertaining and highly practical** - in how to do so' - *Andy Haldane, Chief Executive, Royal Society for Arts and former Chief Economist, Bank of England*
- 'A brilliant book that seems immediately urgent the moment you start reading. Dolan squarely takes on the last remaining discrimination and challenges us to see the person behind the opinion.' - *Bruce Daisley, bestselling author, workplace culture expert and technology leader*

Author Biography
Paul Dolan is Professor of Behavioural Science at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He trained as an economist over three decades ago, moving into psychology after working with Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman. He has published around 150 peer-reviewed papers in leading academic journals. He is author of best-selling books *Happiness by Design* and *Happy Ever After*, works that reshaped how we think about what

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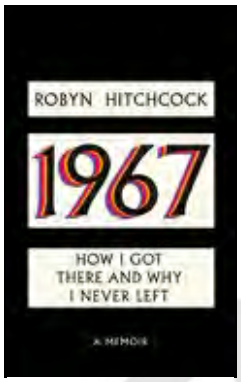
a good life is. His new podcast is called Breaking Beliefism. He doesn't hate anyone who disagrees with him - unless they're fans of Coldplay.

Market

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1967
How I Got There and Why I Never Left

Robyn Hitchcock

Keynote

The great eccentric of British psychedelia and unsung national treasure - beloved of everyone from Led Zeppelin, R.E.M. to Stewart Lee and the late Jonathan Demme (who directed Storefront Hitchcock, a 1998 concert film conceived as 'a document not a documentary') - pens an idiosyncratic childhood memoir . . .

Description

1967 explores how that pivotal slice of time tastes to a bright, obsessive/compulsive boy who is shipped off to a hothouse academic boarding school as he reaches the age of 13; just as Bob Dylan's Highway 61 Revisited starts to bite, and the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band explodes.

When he arrives in January 1966 Robyn Hitchcock is still a boy pining for his green Dalek sponge and his family's comforting au pair, Teresa. By December 1967 he's mutated into a 6 ft 2 inch rabid Bob Dylan fan, whose two ambitions in life are to get really stoned and move to Nashville.

In between - as the hippie revolution blossoms in the world outside - Hitchcock adjusts to the hierarchical, homoerotic world of Winchester (think Gormenghast via Evelyn Waugh), threading a path through teachers with arrested development, some oafish peers, and a sullen old maid - a very English freak show. On the way he befriends a cadre of bat-winged teenage prodigies and meets their local guru, the young Brian Eno. And his home life isn't any more normal...

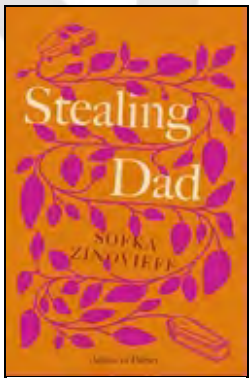
At the end of 1967 all the ingredients are in place that will make Robyn Hitchcock a songwriter for life. But then again, does 1967 ever really end?

Sales Points

- The author has a substantial social following, with 34.3K followers on Twitter and 60K followers on Facebook. He's well connected in the industry and friends with the likes of Stewart Lee, Gillian Welch, Johnny Marr, Peter Buck (R. E. M.), Alexis Taylor (Hot Chip), Jon Savage, Barney Hoskyns and Brian Eno - we will be contacting them with an early copy of the book for potential endorsements.
- There is an ongoing appetite for literary, idiosyncratic music memoirs in the market, as seen with the success of Patti Smith, Bret Anderson, Richard Thompson, Nick Cave and more.

Author Biography

With a career now spanning six decades, Robyn Hitchcock remains a truly one-of-a-kind artist - surrealist rock 'n' roller, iconic troubadour, guitarist, poet, painter, performer. An unparalleled, deeply individualistic songwriter and stylist, Hitchcock has traversed myriad genres with humour, intelligence, and originality over more than thirty albums and seemingly infinite live performances. From The Soft Boys' proto-psych-punk and The Egyptians' Dadaist pop to solo masterpieces like 1984's milestone I Often Dream of Trains and 1990's Eye, Hitchcock has crafted a strikingly original oeuvre rife with sagacious observation, astringent wit, recurring marine life, mechanized rail services, cheese, Clint Eastwood, and innumerable finely drawn characters real and imagined. His songs have been covered by R.E.M., Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Neko Case and Suzanne Vega with the Grateful Dead, amongst others. His main interest outside music, writing and drawing is obsolete electric traction. He is based in London with his wife Emma, their cats Ringo and Tubby, and their twee dog Daphne.



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Stealing Dad

Sofka Zinovieff

Keynote

New from the acclaimed author of *Putney*, Sofka Zinovieff's latest novel tells the unlikely story about a dysfunctional family who come together in a hilarious way in the wake of their father's sudden death.

Description

When Iris' father dies, she is shocked to learn that she and her siblings are not allowed to attend his funeral. Based in London, Alekos was a successful if controversial Greek sculptor and his many marriages resulted in numerous far-flung children. His last wife and now widow is determined that they stay away, but for the first time, all the sisters and brothers meet up and plan to take matters into their own hands.

A tragi-comic story about a dispersed and dysfunctional family coming together, *Stealing Dad* addresses bereavement and the problems of dealing with death and grieving in a modern society that has forgotten its rituals.

Wonderfully written and sharply funny, *Stealing Dad* tells the unlikely story of a dysfunctional family coming together in tragic yet hilarious ways, from acclaimed author of *Putney*, Sofka Zinovieff.

Sales Points

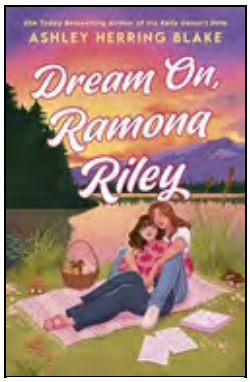
- Sofka's last novel, *Putney*, was a 'Best Book of The Year' in the *Observer*, *The Spectator* and *The New Statesman*

Reviews

- ''It is rare to find oneself reading so compulsively a book that promises no resolution or easy answers; I admired this combination of intellectual honesty and bravura storytelling'' - Sarah Moss*, Guardian (review of Putney)*
- ''A finely nuanced study of the way different people make subjective sense of the past, and a reminder that the novel (like the analyst's couch) is a great space for thinking about the unthinkable'' - *The Sunday Times (review of Putney)*

Author Biography

Sofka Zinovieff was born in London, has Russian ancestry and is attached to Greece. She is the acclaimed author of three works of non-fiction: "Eurydice Street", "Red Princess", and "The Mad Boy, Lord Berners, My Grandmother and Me" (a New York Times Editors' Choice 2015). She has written two novels, "The House on Paradise Street" and her latest book, "Putney" - an explosive and thought-provoking novel about the far-reaching repercussions of an illicit relationship between a young girl and a much older man. It was a Best Book of The Year in The Observer, The Spectator and The New Statesman.



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Dream On, Ramona Riley

Ashley Herring Blake

Keynote

A new queer romcom from the brilliant author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* and *Make the Season Bright.* Perfect for fans of Alexandria Bellefleur, Meryl Wilsner and Rosie Danan.

Description

A small-town waitress and a Hollywood star's worlds collide in this new romance by Ashley Herring Blake, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Iris Kelly Doesn't Date*.

Once upon a time, Ramona Riley was a student at a prestigious art school, with dreams of landing in Hollywood as a costume designer to the stars. But after her father's car accident, she had to quit and return to her small New Hampshire town, Clover Lake, to help take care of her younger sister. Twelve years later, Ramona is still working at the town's café, all but given up on her dream. But when a big-budget romantic comedy comes to Clover Lake to film, she wonders if this could be her chance. There's only one problem -Dylan Monroe, her first kiss and Hollywood's favorite wild child - is the star.

Dylan Monroe has always lived an unconventional life, having famous rock icons for parents. But she wants to prove that she's not some chaotic, talentless nepo baby, that she has actual skills, that she's just a normal person. To do that, Dylan takes on a project at a charming lake town - she even works at the town's café (very quaint), shadowing a local waitress there (very cute), and asks her to take Dylan around to do Normal People Things.

But Dylan soon realizes it's not just some small-town waitress she's getting to know - Ramona Riley is someone she's met before, someone who remembers her even more vividly. Before long, however, reality hits them, and both women must decide if the spark between them can fan the flames of their individual dreams, or if it will extinguish their light.

Why readers love Ashley Herring Blake . . .

'**A hot, frothy romcom with a relatable heart beating at its centre. I can't wait for the rest of the series!**' Talia Hibbert

'**A truly exquisite romance . . . I'm wildly in love with this book**' Rachel Lynn Solomon

'**A swoon-worthy, laugh-out-loud romp of a romance**' Kosoko Jackson

'Snappy banter and seriously scorching chemistry; you'll need a very cold shower after this read!' Lana Harper

'**Charming and entertaining . . . Blake's masterful blend of sexual tension and growing affection will have readers swooning' Karelia Stetz-Waters**

'**Snarky, steamy, and swoony in equal measure, I never wanted this book to end**' Meryl Wilsner

Sales Points

- The start of a brand new romance series from the bestselling author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* - perfect for readers of Meryl Wilsner, Alexander Bellefleur and Rosie Danan
- We've sold nearly 200,000 copies of Ashley's books. This book is a great entry point for new readers to her brand of sweet and sexy sapphic romances, as well as satisfying readers who already love her novels.
- Tropes include: small town, fake dating, celebrity romance; sapphic romance; bisexual pairing; second chance romance; each other's first kiss

Reviews

- 'Ashley Herring Blake writes sweet, sexy romances with a supporting cast of queer found family like no one else. In *Dream On, Ramona Riley*, I was so invested in Ramona and Dylan rediscovering the fireworks they'd felt with each other even as far back as an early teenage encounter. Set in a *Schitt's Creek*-esque small town filled with homey diners and gossip and secret places, this book is such a breath of fresh air. I can't wait to spend more time in Clover Lake!' - *Alicia Thompson, USA Today bestselling author of With Love, from Cold World*
- '*Dream On, Ramona Riley* is another winning sweet, sexy, sapphic, small town romance from Ashley Herring Blake. As always, Blake gives readers two complicated but lovable heroines to root for and fall in love with-as they fall in love with each other. I ate up the behind-the-scenes movie-making that descended upon Clover Lake, the family

drama swirling throughout the narrative, and of course the beautiful-and sexy!-love story between Dylan and Ramona' - *Amy Spalding, author of On Her Terms and For Her Consideration*

- '*Dream On, Ramona Riley* is a lovely romance about finding the person who makes you want better for yourself. Dylan's and Ramona's respective heartaches are fully captured on the page, and yet the story still felt as cosy and comforting (and, occasionally, scorching hot) as a cup of tea in a small town café' - *Rachel Runya Katz, author of Whenever You're Ready*
- 'Blake enchants with this sapphic second-chance romance . . . The ensuing relationship is equal parts sensual and sincere and the exploration of ambition, aspiration, and resilient bonds adds heart. This is a winner' - *Publishers Weekly (starred review)*

Author Biography

Ashley Herring Blake is a teacher and writer and lives in Nashville, TN. She is a voracious reader and likes organizing her books by colour. When she's not writing or reading, she's wrangling her two young sons, falling into Pinterest holes, drinking coffee, taking walks, or trying to figure out which Orphan Black clone she likes best.

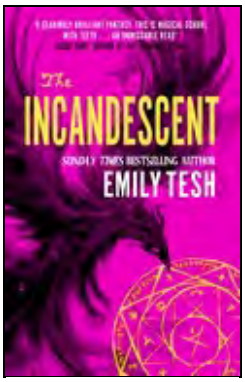
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The Incandescent

Emily Tesh

Keynote

From the Hugo Award winning and Sunday Times bestselling author of *Some Desperate Glory* comes a captivating, contemporary, dark academia novel set in a school where the magic involves summoning demons. Perfect for fans of *A Deadly Education, Rivers of London* and *Plain Bad Heroines*.

Description

"A searingly brilliant fantasy. This is magical school with teeth. Warm-hearted, terrifying and clever . . . an unmissable read' Tasha Suri, author of *The Jasmine Throne*

***A Deadly Education* meets *Rivers of London* in this captivating contemporary fantasy from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Emily Tesh, winner of the Hugo and World Fantasy Awards.**

Dr. Walden is the Director of Magic at Chetwood Academy and one of the most powerful magicians in England. Her days consist of meetings, teaching A-Level Invocation to four talented, chaotic sixth formers, more meetings and securing the school's boundaries from demonic incursions.

Walden is good at her job - no, Walden is *great* at her job. But demons are masters of manipulation. It's her responsibility to keep her school with its six hundred students and centuries-old legacy safe. But it's possible the entity Walden most needs to keep her school safe from, is herself . . .

'The grown-up answer to the magical boarding school tale . . . Fantastic in every sense of the word'
Freya Marske, author of *A Marvellous Light*

'An absolute flex of a book, empathetic and passionate and deeply thoughtful. Above all, Tesh will make you care: about place, self, and the brave, impulsive, vulnerable, curious, incandescent young lives that are our future. A gorgeous evocation of what it means to have a calling'
Shelley Parker-Chan, author of *She Who Became the Sun*

Sales Points

- Emily Tesh is an exciting, **up-and-coming voice in SFF.** Her debut novel, *Some Desperate Glory* won the Hugo award and was shortlisted for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Locus Award for Best First Novel and the Ursula K Le Guin Prize. She has also won The Astounding Award and World Fantasy Award for her short fiction.
- Emily Tesh's debut novel, *Some Desperate Glory,* was an instant ***Sunday Times* bestseller**
- Emily Tesh returns to writing fantasy in this captivating contemporary standalone novel set in an English boarding school where the magic lessons involve summoning demons. Perfect for fans of dark academia like *The Atlas Six, Plain Bad Heroines* and *A Deadly Education* and fun contemporary fantasy such as *Rivers of London*

Reviews

- '**The grown-up answer to the magical boarding school tale** . . . Every book Emily Tesh writes is a magic trick, and this is no exception: with one hand it delights and entertains you, and with the other it's slowly unfolding a set of huge feelings and ideas to illuminate the underside of your mind. **Fantastic in every sense of the word**' - Freya Marske, author of A MARVELLOUS LIGHT
- '**A searingly brilliant fantasy. This is magical school with teeth**. Warm-hearted, terrifying and clever, Tesh's examination of magical school through the eyes of an unforgettable - and properly grown up - heroine is **an unmissable read**' - Tasha Suri, author of THE JASMINE THRONE
- '**An absolute flex of a book, empathetic and passionate and deeply thoughtful**. Above all, Tesh will make you care: about place, self, and the brave, impulsive, vulnerable, curious, incandescent young lives that are our future. **A gorgeous evocation of what it means to have a calling**' - Shelley Parker-Chan, author of SHE WHO BECAME THE SUN

Author Biography

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The Honey Witch
The Number One Sunday Times Bestselling Cosy Sapphic Romantasy

Sydney J. Shields

Keynote

A delicious debut that combines the swoon-worthy romance of *Bridgerton* and the whimsical sorcery of *Practical Magic*, with a dash of *The Secret Life of Bees* thrown in for good fun.

Description

'Reading *The Honey Witch* is like dreaming in a fragrant sunlit garden while bees sing around you. It's a gorgeous book, with a lovely cottagecore ambience and a heart-warming sapphic romance intertwined with unique magic that enchants the imagination' India Holton, internationally bestselling author

*****THE NUMBER ONE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER*****

The Honey Witch of Innisfree can never find true love. That is her curse to bear. But when a young woman who doesn't believe in magic arrives on her island, sparks fly in this deliciously sweet debut novel of magic, hope, and love overcoming all.

Twenty-one-year-old Marigold Claude has always preferred the company of the spirits of the meadow to any of the suitors who've tried to woo her. So when her grandmother whisks her away to the family cottage on the tiny Isle of Innisfree with an offer to train her as the next Honey Witch, she accepts immediately. But her newfound magic and independence come with a price: No one can fall in love with the Honey Witch.

When Lottie Burke, a notoriously grumpy skeptic who doesn't believe in magic, shows up on her doorstep, Marigold can't resist the challenge to prove to her that magic is real. But soon, Marigold begins to care for Lottie in ways she never expected. And when darker magic awakens and threatens to destroy her home, she must fight for much more than her new home-at the risk of losing her magic and her heart..

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Praise for *The Honey Witch*:

'As effervescent as a bottle of sparkling mead, *The Honey Witch* charms with every sentence. Shields writes with a fierce, uncynical honesty that will have you believing in soulmates, uncovering magic everywhere, and embracing your own wildness' S.T. Gibson, author of *An Education in Malice*

'*The Honey Witch* is a sweet feast, brimming with whimsy, magic, and tender longing. . . sugar-glazed and heart warming and thoroughly enjoyable' Rachel Gillig, author of *One Dark Window*

'As sweet and warm as honeyed tea. Shields' debut deftly explores love, loss, and loneliness-and the joy of seeing magic in all things, however small. With charming characters and a lush setting, *The Honey Witch* will delight fans of cosy fantasy' Allison Saft, author of *A Far Wilder Magic*

'Gorgeously lyrical and utterly addicting' Rebecca Thorne, author of *Can't Spell Treason Without Tea*

'Enchanting, whimsical, and firmly rooted in finding yourself after loss, this novel will break your heart and then soothe it with magic honey. Pour yourself a cup of tea, drizzle in some local honey, and let this decadent book transport you' Breanne Randall, author of *The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic*

'*The Honey Witch* **will charm you with its setting and its love for all things natural - especially bees! This tale of a young witch dealing with a curse and a battle between dark magic and light, with her romance in the balance, is one all fans of witches and folk magic will love'** Louisa Morgan, author of *The Secret History of Witches*

'Shields has written a cosy confection of a book-full of whimsy, spice, and heart. *The Honey Witch* is an ode to love, and just how sweet it can be' Maiga Doocy, author of *Sorcery and Small Magics*

'For anyone who has ever known what the mundane world wants them to be isn't possible or even desirable, *The Honey Witch* takes a luminous, divergent

path' Willa Reece, author of *Wildwood Magic*

Sales Points

- **Potential to be a TikTok sensation:** Sydney is a BookTok and Bookstagram content creator with more than **60,000 followers** across both platforms. Most of her TikTok videos about the book reach over 60k views per video. She knows exactly how to sell to the TikTok market, and our promotional activity is focussing on building a strong TikTok campaign to reach out to the large community of fantasy romance readers as well as #WitchTok
- **Witches never go out of style:** From the recent success of books like THE VERY SECRET SOCIETY OF IRREGULAR WITCHES, WILD AND WICKED THINGS and SPELLS FOR FORGETTING it's clear that readers love of witches isn't going anywhere. Witchy books also have the potential to appeal to general fiction readers, and the 'bee apothecary magic' of THE HONEY WITCH will also appeal to readers who like books with a cosy, cottagecore setting.
- **New Voice:** Sydney Shields will be part of the Orbit 2024 New Voices programme, sharing publication with Orbit US
- ***The Honey Witch is* now a Number one *Sunday Times* bestseller**

Reviews

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Author Biography

Sydney J. Shields (she/they) is a YA and Adult SFF Author represented by Mollie Glick at CAA, and she is a Bookish Content Creator with over 30,000 followers. Her debut novel, THE HONEY WITCH, will be published by Orbit Books (Hachette) in 2024. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Columbus State University, where she majored in Communication. Sydney lives in Georgia with her British partner and her dog, Olive (also known as Ponchdog).

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Series	**Daniel Leicester**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**

Previous Titles
A Quiet Death in Italy
Requiem in La Rossa
Italian Rules

1st Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
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Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
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The Bologna Vendetta
A breathtakingly gripping Italian crime thriller

Tom Benjamin

Keynote

The sixth atmospheric crime thriller in the Daniel Leicester series, set in the beautiful Italian city of Bologna. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin and Philip Gwynne Jones.

Description

'Instead of escaping reality to this fantastic city, this city of phantoms, I was rushing towards it - hard fate awaited me in the soupy shade of this place...'

Amid the oppressive heat of a Bologna summer, English detective Daniel Leicester relives his beloved wife's final days. Vivid memories are awakened by the sight of her bicycle - missing since the accident that killed her - being ridden by a stranger through the city's tight medieval streets.

As unfinished business bleeds - quite literally - into the present, the sickening realisation Lucia's death wasn't an accident begins to dawn on Daniel. As he embarks on a quest for the truth, this most personal of crusades leads him to two very different worlds: the secretive, ancient realm of freemasonry he encountered during his first Bologna winter, and the 'Reclaim Bologna' activists he stumbles across this blistering summer.

What links these contrasting factions? Is there a chance Lucia wasn't the woman Daniel believed her to be? And will the truth be too painful, or too perilous, to bear?

A dark and atmospheric crime thriller set in the beautiful Italian city of Bologna, perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin and Philip Gwynne Jones.

Praise for Tom Benjamin:

'Bologna is perfectly captured, the crime plot is fresh and intriguing, and the characterisation remains spot on. I found myself totally immersed and swept through this stunner of a story in 24 hours. Highly, highly recommend' - **Phillipa East**

'An atmospheric, intelligent crime novel that is an intricate portrait of the heart of Bologna. Beautiful, gripping, and very clever' - **Victoria Dowd**

'The locale is brought to life . . . the plot keeps you guessing' - ***The Times***

'Slow-burning, tense and brooding' - ***The Herald Scotland***

Sales Points

- This is upmarket, intelligent crime fiction for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin and Philip Gwynne Jones.
- In the tradition of crime novels set in beautiful European city locations.
- Sharp, intelligent crime writing with a vivid, exotic setting. This is a holiday in a book, transporting you to the beautiful Italian city of Bologna.
- The author lives in Bologna and writes about the city and Italian culture like an expert.

Author Biography

Tom Benjamin grew up in the suburbs of north London and began his working life as a journalist before becoming a spokesman for Scotland Yard. He later moved into public health, where he developed Britain's first national campaign against alcohol abuse, Know Your Limits, and led drugs awareness programme FRANK. He now lives in Bologna.

A Quiet Death in Italy is the first novel in his Daniel Leicester crime series.

Find Tom on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at tombenjaminsays.



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BIC 2.1	**Romance (FR)** **Italy (1DST)**

Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**C Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	**90000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Book locale	**Giglio, Italy**
Author born in	**Ireland**
Author living in	**Florida**

Previous Titles
The Italian Escape
One Italian Summer
The Italian 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**
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The Italian Castle
a sweeping, escapist summer romance set on a beautiful Italian island

Catherine Mangan

Keynote

Escape to an Italian island with this perfect escapist romance, and fall in love with this irresistible holiday read, perfect for fans of Karen Swan and Rosanna Ley.

Description

One summer escape could change your life . . .

After a devastating break-up, budding artist Emma escapes to the sun-drenched Italian island of Giglio with her two best friends, determined to not let her own heartbreak get in the way of the ultimate hen weekend.

With sprawling sandy beaches, glistening turquoise seas and delicious food, Emma finally feels like she can leave her troubles behind - until her best friend reveals a jaw-dropping secret that shakes Emma to her core. Unable to continue with her girls weekend, Emma goes off on her own and finds solace deep within Giglio's castle walls, where she meets Jack, an Irish artist in Italy for the art festival, and sparks an instant connection.

As the pair grow closer over their shared passion for art, Jack instils in Emma the confidence to finally follow her dreams. But Jack has secrets of his own, and under the heat of the Italian sun, will those secrets come to light?

Escape to an Italian island with this perfect escapist summer romance, and fall in love with this irresistible holiday read, perfect for fans of Rosanna Ley, Nicky Pellegrino and Rebecca Raisin.

Sales Points

- **STELLAR SALES:** Catherine Mangan's escapist Italian romances **have sold 45,000 copies across all editions,** including 15,000 copies through TCM (UK & IE)
- **AN AUTHENTIC ITALIAN LOCATION:** The stunning Italian island of Giglio is true to life in the book, and is **filled with authentic detail from the author's own travels** there. This is **escapist, romantic storytelling at its very best**
- **AN IRRESISTIBLE SUMMER READ:** *The Italian Holiday* is **perfect for fans of escapist summer fiction**, such as ***The Little Theatre by the Sea*** by Rosanna Ley [8k TCM], ***PS Come to Italy*** by Nicky Pellegrino [5k TCM] and ***The Little Venice Bookshop*** by Rebecca Raisin [10k TCM].
- **A WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Catherine Mangan is a pseudonym for Susan O'Brien, an **award-winning Irish entrepreneur** and creator of a language-learning app, which has users in **175 countries. She is well connected to the UK, Irish and American media** and will be available for publicity and events on publication.

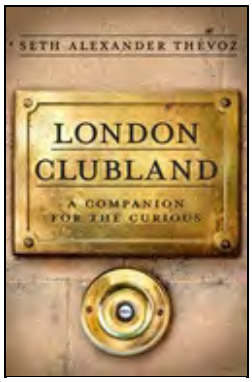
Reviews

- '**A feel-good holiday read ... joyful and romantic**' - *Hello!*
- '**Full of romance, sunshine and inspiration, this is a gorgeous escapist holiday read**' - *My Weekly*
- '**A heart-warming and uplifting romance, infused with the glittering seas and charming culture of Italy**' - *Woman's Own*

Author Biography

Catherine Mangan grew up in Ireland before embarking on her own Italian escape. She studied languages at University College Cork before moving to Italy (briefly) with friends, which was the start of a life-long love affair with the country. She now divides her time between Ireland and Silicon Valley.

Under another name, Catherine is an award-winning Irish entrepreneur and creator of a language-learning app, which has users in 175 countries.



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BIC 2.1	**Social groups: clubs & societies (JFSV) London, Greater London (1DBKESL) Yearbooks, annuals, almanacs (GBCY) Social & cultural history (HBTB)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**448 pages**
Word Count	**80000 words**
Illustrations	**Some b/w line drawings and maps, exact number TBC but thinking 20-30**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Author born in	**Switzerland**
Author living in	**London**

Previous Titles
Behind Closed Doors (Robinson, 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**
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London Clubland
A Companion for the Curious

Seth Alexander Thévoz

Keynote

A comprehensive tour of London's private members' clubs as they are today, spanning the old, the new and the eccentric.

Description

Step into the hidden world of London's private members' clubs with *London Clubland: A Companion for the Curious*. This guide, by the leading historian on the subject, offers a fascinating insight into these legendary institutions. Culture, history and traditions are all explained - from aristocratic haunts like Boodle's and Brooks's, to modern icons like Soho House and the Groucho Club.

Insightful and entertaining, *London Clubland* is your ultimate guide and almanac to this world, from navigating the application process, to the unwritten rules that define these spaces - not to mention a wealth of trivia assembled over twenty years. Readers will discover mottos, maps, songs and club recipes, as well as little-known facts that some of London's most iconic clubs probably wouldn't want you to know.

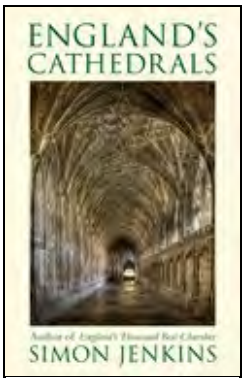
Whether you are a long-standing member, a reciprocal visitor, an aspiring applicant, or simply just curious about this secretive world, *London Clubland* offers an engaging and revealing tour through some of London's most discreet institutions.

Sales Points

- This will be a Lonely Planet guide to Clubland meets *Schott's Miscellany*.
- Seth Thevoz is the leading historian of London's private members' clubs. He is invited to speak on the subject at clubs all over the world
- His first book, *Behind Closed Doors,* told the story of Clubland's history. This book is about the present day.

Author Biography

Dr Seth Alexander Thévoz is a freelance historian and journalist. He holds degrees from the Universities of Cambridge, London and Warwick, and is a former research associate of the History of Parliament Trust and Nuffield College, Oxford. He has variously been shortlisted for the Whitfield Prize for his first book, *Club Government*, and a British Journalism Award for his investigative work with openDemocracy. He has been working on the history of London clubs for 14 years and was librarian of a major London club for over 10 years, and has been a speaker and consultant in clubs across four continents.



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Not for Sale	**None**
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England's Cathedrals

Simon Jenkins

Keynote

The author of the magisterial *England's Thousand Best Churches* turns his eye to England's cathedrals, with fascinating, personal - and often funny - insight into their history and their place in English life

Description

The author of the magisterial *England's Thousand Best Churches* turns his eye to England's cathedrals, with fascinating, personal - and often funny - insight into their history and their place in English life

England's cathedrals are the nation's glory. They tower over its landscape, outranking palaces, castles and mansions. They attract roughly half the nation's population each year. For a millennium they have been objects of pilgrimage for those seeking faith, consolation and beauty. Still at the start of the twenty-first century, they remain unequalled in their size and splendour.

More than any other English institution, cathedrals reflect the vicissitudes of history and should be treasured as such. They are custodians of culture and of the rituals of civic life. They offer welfare and relieve suffering. They uplift spirits with their beauty. In a real sense they are still what they were when first built a millennium ago, a glimpse of the sublime.

England's Cathedrals takes us on an enthralling tour of the nation and its history, through some of our most astonishing buildings.

'Inspired... encourages us to take a fresh look at the familiar' *The Times*

'An essential supplement to his marvellously illuminating guidebook England's Thousand Best Churches' Evening Standard

Sales Points

- The definitive story of England's cathedrals - as well as an indispensable guide
- Reissued in B format paperback with the beautiful illustrations now in two colour plate sections

Reviews

- 'Inspired . . . encourages us to take a fresh look at the familiar' - *The Times*
- 'An essential supplement to his marvellously illuminating guidebook *England's Thousand Best Churches*' - *Evening Standard*

Author Biography

Simon Jenkins is the author of *England's Thousand Best Churches* and *Thousand Best Houses*, as well as books on politics and the buildings of London and Wales. His *Short History of England* remains a bestseller. Currently a columnist for the *Guardian*, he has edited *The Times* and the *Evening Standard* and also worked on *The Economist* and the *Sunday Times*. He was deputy chairman of England Heritage and chairman of the National Trust. He chaired the revision of the Pevsner guides from 1994 to 2011 and is now a trustee of the Churches Conservation Trust.

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Murderland
Crime and Bloodlust in the Time of Serial Killers

Caroline Fraser

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Format	**C Format**
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Extent	**480 pages**
Word Count	**125000 words**
Illustrations	**16pp colour plate section or two 8pp colour plate section; two maps**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Penguin Group USA Penguin Random House LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles
Prairie Fires

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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Keynote

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Prairie Fires* comes a terrifying true-crime history of serial killers in the Pacific Northwest - a gripping investigation of how a new strain of psychopath emerged out of a toxic landscape of deadly industrial violence.

Description

The Pacific Northwest is known for five things: lumber, aircraft, tech, coffee, and crime. Weyerhaeuser, Boeing, Microsoft and Amazon, Starbucks, and serial killers.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Caroline Fraser grew up in the shadow of Ted Bundy, the most notorious serial murderer of women in American history, surrounded by his hunting grounds and mountain body dumps, in the brooding landscape of the Pacific Northwest. But in the 1970s and 80s, Bundy was just one perpetrator amid an uncanny explosion of serial rape and murder across the region. Why so many? Why so weirdly and nightmarishly gruesome? Why the senseless rise and then sudden fall of an epidemic of serial killing?

As *Murderland* indelibly maps the lives and careers of Bundy and his infamous peers in mayhem - the Green River Killer, the I-5 Killer, the Night Stalker, the Hillside Strangler, even Charles Manson - Fraser's Northwestern death trip begins to uncover a deeper mystery and an overlapping pattern of environmental destruction. At ground zero in Ted Bundy's Tacoma, stood one of the most poisonous lead, copper, and arsenic smelters in the world, but it was only one among many that dotted the area.

As Fraser's investigation inexorably proceeds, evidence mounts that the plumes of western smelters not only sickened and blighted millions of lives, but also warped young minds, spawning a generation of serial killers. A propulsive non-fiction thriller, *Murderland* transcends true-crime voyeurism and noir mythology, taking readers on a profound quest into the dark heart of the real American berserk.

Sales Points

- Caroline Fraser's previous book *Prairie Fires* **won the Pulitzer Prize** in 2017, this is her first book since then so there'll be a lot of attention on publication
- We've sold **nearly 20k copies** of *Prairie Fires,* split evenly across HB, C format and ebook editions

Author Biography

Caroline Fraser was born in Seattle and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in English and American literature. Formerly on the editorial staff of The New Yorker, she is the author of three nonfiction books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder (Fleet, 2017). In addition to the Pulitzer, Prairie Fires won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography and the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize, and appeared on the New York Times' list of the Ten Best Books of 2017.

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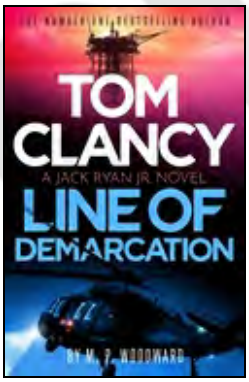


Starting with *The Hunt for Red October*, all of his books have hit #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Seven of his novels were made into major motion pictures and *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, is now a hit Amazon TV show. Clancy died in 2013.

M.P. Woodward is a veteran of both US intelligence ops and the entertainment industry. As a naval intelligence officer with the US Pacific Command, he scripted scenario moves and countermoves for US war game exercises in the Middle East. In multiple deployments to the Persian Gulf and Far East, he worked alongside US Special Forces, the CIA, and NSA. After leaving the Navy, Woodward ran international distribution marketing for Amazon Prime Video. Today, he is a full-time writer based in Washington State.

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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**C Format**
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Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Series	**Jack Ryan, Jr.**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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UNITED STATES Publisher	**G.P. Putnam's Sons Penguin Random House LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles

The Jack Ryan Jr. series
The Teeth of the Tiger
Under Fire
Duty and Honor
Point of Contact
Line of Sight
Enemy Contact
Firing Point
Target Acquired
Zero Hour
Flash Point
Weapons Grade
Act of Defiance

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Tom Clancy Line of Demarcation
Jack Ryan, Jr. is caught in a deadly web of lies in this thrilling addition to the No.1 bestselling series

M.P. Woodward

Keynote

The new novel starring the original action thriller hero Jack Ryan, Jr., creation of the legendary Tom Clancy.

Description

The discovery of an oil field off the coast of Guyana plunges Jack Ryan, Jr. into a cauldron of lies in the latest entry in this internationally bestselling series.

It starts with the destruction of a US Coast Guard cutter and the loss of her entire crew. But the USCG Claiborne was on an innocuous mission to open a sea lane between an oil field off the coast of Guyana and the refineries of southern Louisiana. The destruction of the ship, tragic as it is, won't stop that mission from continuing.

So who would sacrifice twenty-two men and women just to slow down the plan? That's the question plaguing Jack Ryan Jr. He's in Guyana to work a deal to get his company, Hendley Associates, in on the ground floor of this new discovery, but the destruction of the Claiborne and the kidnapping of the Guyanese Interior Minister make it clear that there's a malignant force working to destroy Guyana's oil industry.

It's up to Jack to identify the killers before they draw a bead on him, but how can he do that when the line of demarcation between friend and foe is constantly shifting?

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PRAISE FOR TOM CLANCY

'Constantly taps the current world situation for its imminent dangers and spins them into an engrossing tale'
NEW YORK TIMES

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SUNDAY TIMES

'A brilliantly constructed thriller that packs a punch'
DAILY MAIL

'Heart-stopping action . . . entertaining and eminently topical'
WASHINGTON POST

Sales Points

- **A SALES GIANT:** Over two million Tom Clancy books have been sold in the UK (TCM), half a million in Australia (ABM), and eighteen of his novels were no.1 *New York Times* bestsellers.
- **THE ORIGINAL AND THE BEST:** Tom Clancy is the original king of the action thriller, and this novel is perfect for fans of high-octane, blockbuster authors like Lee Child and David Baldacci
- **A BRAND GIANT WITH A FILM INCOMING:** Clancy's brand includes seven feature films and a hit Amazon series. A new adaptation of RAINBOW SIX, starring Michael B. Jordan, is in production. His books have been adapted into 43 high-profile videogames to date, and sold over 76 million copies, making him one of the most successful brands in entertainment history
- **A SPHERE SALES LEADER:** Since taking over the publishing of Clancy titles at the end of 2022, Sphere has sold half a million Clancy novels.

Reviews

- 'Constantly taps the current world situation for its imminent dangers and spins them into an engrossing tale' - *New York Times*
- 'Exhilarating. No other novelist is giving so full a picture of modern conflict' - *Sunday Times*
- 'A brilliantly constructed thriller that packs a punch' - *Daily Mail*
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Author Biography

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	**140000 words**
Series	**Dr Greta Helsing**
Exclusively for Sale	**Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK**
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UNITED STATES Publisher	**Hachette Book Group USA Publisher**

Previous Titles
STRANGE PRACTICE
DREADFUL COMAPNY
GRAVE IMPORTANCE
BITTER WATERS (novella)

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Strange New World

Vivian Shaw

Keynote

The spectacular conclusion to the Dr Greta Helsing series - prepare to be swept off your feet by this novel of mystery, medicine and arcane magic.

Description

Strange New World finds Greta Helsing, doctor to the undead, facing the strangest challenge of her career . . . accompanying an anxious angel and a sullen demon on a road trip across America in the clever conclusion to this delightful fantasy series.

After narrowly avoiding the end of the world, the leaders of Heaven and Hell are struggling to collaborate according to the terms of their new treaty - especially because angels and demons are, quite literally, allergic to each other. Seeking a solution, the powers that be decide to see if the allergy persists on Earth by sending an angel and demon on a research trip, first stop: New York City. And what better chaperone than Dr Greta Helsing, who happens to owe Hell a few favours of her own?

But there's unrest in New York's monster underworld and Greta and her team are about to land in the middle of it. Something is off in Heaven and on Earth, and Greta will have to figure out just what that is if she hopes to protect those she loves most.

Praise for the series:

'A playfully witty confection' *Publishers Weekly*

'There are as few heroines as well written and compelling as Greta Helsing' *BookPage*

'An exceptional and delightful debut, in the tradition of Good Omens and A Night in the Lonesome October' Elizabeth Bear, Hugo-award winning author

'Shaw balances an agile mystery with a pitch-perfect, droll narrative and cast of lovable misfit characters . . . Strange Practice is a super(natural) read' *Shelf Awareness*

'A book to settle into. A warm quilt of a thing that's made for curling up with . . . I miss this newest Helsing already' *NPR*

Sales Points

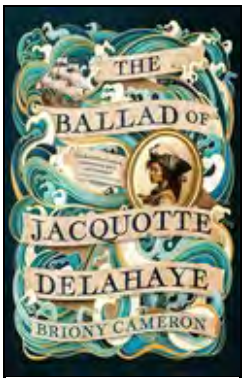
- Vivian's writes fun, escapist stories with characters that are easy to fall in love with. Her background as a fanfiction writer makes her particularly good at fast paced, adventurous tales filled with fan favourite tropes.
- With a heroine who treats rather than fights supernatural beings, this is a fresh take on contemporary fantasy
- Will appeal to fans of authors like Gail Carriger, Ben Aaronovitch and V. E. Schwab
- The first book in the series, *Strange Practice*, has sold nearly 50,000 copies worldwide.

Reviews

- 'Shaw's elegant writing makes this series **a standout in the genre**' - BOOKLIST
- 'Shaw's **delightful** third novel featuring Dr Greta Helsing . . . The creative worldbuilding around magically enhanced mummy medicine and mystical Egyptology hits just the right note, and her bold story engages the powers of Heaven, Hell and everything in between while maintaining a character-centered, intimate approach that keeps the reader deeply involved. **Readers will hope they haven't seen the last of Greta and her crew**' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY
- 'I loved every page of it . . . **a spectacularly fun book**' - POWDER AND PAGE on DREADFUL COMPANY
- '**This book is a joy to read**, unlocking every bit of delicious promise in the premise' - B&N SCI-FI & FANTASY BLOG on STRANGE PRACTICE

Author Biography

Vivian Shaw was born in Kenya and spent her early childhood at home in England before relocating to the US at the age of seven. She has a BA in art history and an MFA in creative writing, and has worked in academic publishing and development while researching everything from the history of spaceflight to supernatural physiology. In her spare time, she writes fan fiction under the name of Coldhope.



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BIC 2.1	**Historical fiction (FV)** **Historical adventure (FJH)** **Historical romance (FRH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**The Caribbean**
Author living in	**Cardiff, Wales**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Simon & Schuster LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles
Debut

1st Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
2nd Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Peters Fraser & Dunlop**
Electronic	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Film and TV	**Peters Fraser & Dunlop**
Large print	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Podcast	**Peters Fraser & Dunlop**
Translation	**Peters Fraser & Dunlop**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
US	**Peters Fraser & Dunlop**

The Ballad of Jacquotte Delahaye
An epic historical novel of love, revenge and piracy on the high seas

Briony Cameron

Keynote

***The Confessions of Frannie Langton* meets *The Ghost Ship* in this epic tale of adventure and forbidden love that reimagines one of the first purported female pirates.**

Description

'Packed full of action, excitement, peril and romance on the high seas, this is the sapphic pirate book of my dreams' SARAH UNDERWOOD, author of *Lies We Sing to the Sea*

'Thrilling, heart-pounding adventure meets thoughtful feminist history . . . a rare and special tale' VAISHNAVI PATEL, author of *Kaikeyi*

'I flew through the pages as if my ability to breath depended on it . . . This book has stolen my heart!' *THE DEBUT DIGEST*

1656, Saint-Domingue. In the dark confines of a cell, a prisoner is waiting. Soon the hangman will call her name. Jacquotte Delahaye. A name which has struck fear into even the mightiest of empires. For Jacquotte is no ordinary prisoner: she is a pirate.

Fierce. Legendary. Deadly.

As the hangman prepares the noose, Jacquotte's story is told, charting her humble origins from the island of Hispaniola to the deck of a fearsome pirate ship. There, against all odds, she swiftly rises through the ranks, travelling across the Caribbean, facing duels across land and sea, and savouring tender moments stolen in the night.

With the sun rising, can Jacquotte fight her way to freedom and find the woman she loves? Or will she die a legend?

Following one of the first purported female pirates to sail the Caribbean in the seventeenth century, this is a sweeping tale of adventure and buccaneering - and the forbidden love story that will shape the course of history. The perfect read for fans of *The Ghost Ship* by Kate Mosse and *The Confessions of Frannie Langton* by Sara Collins.

'A high-stakes, gripping adventure full of heart-pounding duels and bonds that run deeper than blood . . .will stay with readers long after the final page' LILLIE LAINOFF, author of *One for All*

'Unforgettable female characters, breathless adventure and passion a-plenty' JULIE WALKER, author of *Bonny & Read*

'Empowering. Uplifting. Illuminating. A tour de force of storytelling!' MENNA VAN PRAAG, author of *The Sisters Grimm*

'Gritty, exciting, and tender' KATHERINE BEUTNER, author of *Killingly*

Sales Points

- A sweeping, epic historical novel, perfect for fans of ***The Confessions of Frannie Langton*** by Sara Collins, ***The Ghost Ship*** by Kate Mosse, and ***The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho*** by Joseph Paterson.
- Jacquotte Delahaye is **an infamous, purported figure in history: one of very few female pirates in the seventeenth century**. **This story shines a light on a forgotten woman of colour in history.** Jacquotte's existence is shrouded in mystery, but Briony Cameron painstakingly excavates what we do know to bring to life a truly brilliant heroine.
- Briony Cameron is **a queer, biracial and disabled writer** based in Cardiff. She brings **a previously under-represented voice to the historical fiction genre**, and through Jacquotte's character explores what it means to be biracial, female and queer in the male-dominated world of seventeenth century piracy.
- As well as being **rich in history** and exploring themes such as female empowerment, colonialism and Empire, this is **a page-turning and escapist read with a forbidden, queer love story at the heart.**
- **US rights were bought in a 6-figure deal** by Natalie Hallack at Atria, who publishes select book club titles a year and has had success with major US book club selections (*The Cloisters*, *The Nigerwife*).

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Reviews

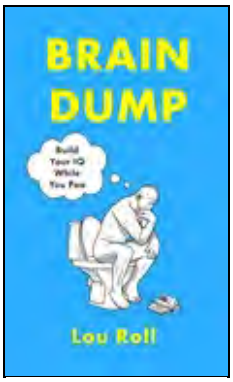
- 'I tore through *The Ballad of Jacquotte Delahaye* - **packed full of action, excitement, peril and romance** on the high seas, **this is the sapphic pirate book of my dreams**' - Sarah Underwood, author of Lies We Sing to the Sea
- '**Thrilling, heart-pounding adventure** meets thoughtful feminist history in *The Ballad of Jacquotte Delahaye*. Cameron has crafted **a rare and special tale** that looks upon the world with realism while leaving the reader with an enduring sense of hope. **An absolutely stunning debut**' - Vaishnavi Patel, New York Times bestselling author of Kaikeyi
- '**Unforgettable female characters, breathless adventure and passion a-plenty**' - Julie Walker, author of BONNY & READ
- '**A high-stakes, gripping adventure** full of heart-pounding duels and bonds that run deeper than blood, *The Ballad of Jacquotte Delahaye* is **an engrossing debut**. Jacquotte and her determination to chart her own course, rather than follow the path others have set before her, **will stay with readers long after the final page**' - Lillie Lainoff, author of One for All

Author Biography

Briony Cameron is a queer, disabled writer based in Cardiff. Her father was of Caribbean, Panamanian and Cuban heritage and her mother is of English and Welsh heritage. She studied English and Creative Writing at University, graduating in 2020. She has a keen love of history that began with her first reading of *The Three Musketeers* as a child. She has been writing since she could pick up a pencil, first emulating the comic books her dad raised her on before moving on to novels. In 2020 her short story *The Nantes Affair* was longlisted for the Crime Writers' Association's Short Story Competition, and her debut novel was longlisted that same year for the Penguin WriteNow Competition, and in 2021 it was shortlisted for the Lucy Cavendish Prize. Alongside writing, she is an avid knitter and she loves to play videogames and spend time with her dog, Keanu.

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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**A Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**128 pages**
Word Count	**10000 words**
Illustrations	**B/W. Approx. 80 puzzles to feature**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Author born in	**Pseudonym**

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**
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Brain Dump
Build Your IQ While You Poo

Lou Roll

Keynote

Boost your brainpower while you're on the bog with *Brain Dump*, the ultimate bathroom companion for curious minds.

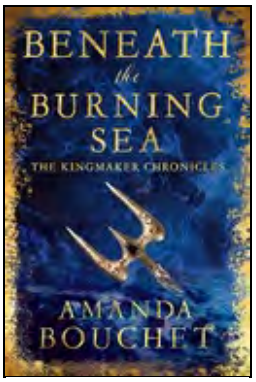
Description

Transform your bathroom breaks into brain-boosting sessions with *Brain Dump*.

Get your cogs moving while you're on the bog as you solve turdsearches, poodoku, riddles and more. This bathroom companion for curious minds is packed with puzzles, brain training games, crap facts, jokes and trivia to keep you entertained and sharp while you do your business. Perfect for puzzle enthusiasts and trivia buffs, this book makes every trip to the loo a smart move and every throne session a crowning achievement.

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BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**528 pages**
Word Count	**130000 words**
Series	**The Kingmaker Chronicles**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Sourcebooks LLC Publisher**

Previous Titles
A Promise of Fire (Book 1)
Breath of Fire (Book 2)
Heart on Fire (Book 3)
A Curse of Queens (Book 4)

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**

Beneath the Burning Sea
Enter an epic world of romantic fantasy

Amanda Bouchet

Keynote

Discover the final instalment of *The Kingmaker Chronicles*, a brand new epic love story set in the mythical realm of Atlantis.

Description

'Nothing less than explosive, with battle and banter that are equally combustible' JODI PICOULT

'Amanda Bouchet's talent is striking' NALINI SINGH

SHE'LL BURN BRIGHT ENOUGH TO RIVAL GODS . . .

Separated from everyone they know and love, sworn warriors (and warring allies) Bellanca and Carver are on a gods-given mission: travel to the famed realm of Atlantis, fight through every danger that awaits them, and find the Shard of Olympus in order to end Atlantis's generations-long magical punishment - all in Zeus's name.

Zeus needs an army if he has any hope of stopping Olympus's bloody coup, and headstrong fire Magoi Bellanca knows it's her duty to deliver one no matter the cost . . . to herself, to her own growing magic, or to the man she's come to desire with all the flames in her heart.

He left everything behind in order to guard her back as she faces down her destiny, and Carver swears that together, they can overcome any obstacle. But finding the shard is no easy task, and it's not long before Bellanca and Carver are dragged into the center of a deadly game of gods . . . one not even their combined hearts may be strong enough to survive.

Praise for the Kingmaker series

'Absolutely fabulous. **I didn't want to put it down.** Amanda Bouchet is now on my auto-buy list! I highly recommend her books to my readers and to anyone looking for a **great blend of fantasy and romance**' **C.L. WILSON**

'This book is utterly **breathtaking**!' **DARYNDA JONES**

'A **fabulous sexy romance**, great bantering and wonderful secondary characters'
☐☐☐☐☐ **Reader Review**

'A **breathtaking** ride!'
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'This epic story is **fantasy romance at its finest**'
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Beneath the Burning Sea (Book 5)

Sales Points

- We have sold over 140,000 copies of Amanda Bouchet's titles.
- Amanda writes epic love stories and epic fantasy all wrapped up in one gloriously addictive package of romantasy. She's perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas, Holly Black and Jennifer Armentrout. This final instalment will also appeal to fans of Greek mythological retellings.

Author Biography

Amanda Bouchet grew up in New England where she spent much of her time tromping around in the woods and making up grand adventures in her head. It was inevitable that one day she would start writing them down. She writes what she loves to read: epic exploits, steamy romance, and characters that make you laugh and cry.

Amanda is a *USA Today* bestselling author of fantasy romance and space opera romance. She was a *Goodreads* Choice Awards top 10 finalist for Best Debut in 2016 with her first novel, *A Promise of Fire*.

For more about Amanda's books with equal parts adventure and kissing, connect with her



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Main Identifier	**9780356518992**
BIC 2.1	**Space opera (FLS)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	**150000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK**
Not for Sale	**Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA**
Author living in	**Seattle, USA**
UNITED STATES Publisher	**Hachette Book Group USA Publisher**

Previous Titles
How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying

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**
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Everybody Wants to Rule the World Except Me

Django Wexler

Keynote

A hilarious fantasy adventure in which a young woman stuck in a time loop tires of trying to defend the kingdom from the Dark Lord and instead decides to become the Dark Lord herself

Description

The hilarious sequel to *How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying* by Django Wexler!

Dark Lord Davi rules the kingdom, but she must now break the time loop that binds her in this hilariously bloody conclusion to the Dark Lord Davi duology.

Davi has left the horde behind her, hoping to find a peaceful solution to keep the Kingdom from being destroyed this time. But her plan to guide the Kingdom to peaceful prosperity is thwarted when she finds her usual love interest, Prince Johann, already married and the bloodthirsty Duke Aster running the government. Johann's new husband is everything Davi is not, but he holds a key to the one mystery she can't solve - the origins of the time loop that has entrapped her.

With restless armies at her doorstep, Duke Aster reaching for power, and an ancient magician hounding her every turn, Davi must scheme her way to peace and uncover the truth behind her curse if she is to break the spell that binds her once and for all.

Praise for *How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying*

'A darkly comic delight of a novel' Anthony Ryan

'Twisty, pacey and full of reverent irreverence for fantasy. I can't get enough' Max Gladstone

'A brash swords-and-satire romp that draws you into its rollicking adventure even as it pokes fun at the whole genre. Gamers in particular will appreciate the irreverent upending of classic roleplaying tropes' James L. Sutter

Takes the old saying 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em,' to the next level. A sarcastic, action-packed, intrigue-filled (mis)adventure. One of the funniest books I've read in a long time' Matt Dinniman

'Lord of the Rings crossed with Groundhog Day, narrated by a gender-flipped Deadpool' Mike Brooks

Sales Points

- Legendary Television won the TV rights in a hotly-contested auction and is developing a series with *Godzilla vs Kong* director Adam Wingard
- This is gripping and laugh-out-loud epic fantasy with a great hook, perfect for fantasy fans and anyone looking for a Dungeons and Dragons-style adventure
- A perfect humorous fantasy book for gifting, in the same vein as THE GIRL WHO COULD MOVE SH*T WITH HER MIND by Jackson Ford and SIXTEEN WAYS TO DEFEND A WALLED CITY by K. J. Parker
- Django Wexler writes fun, quippy characters and fast paced, adventurous stories with superb worldbuilding
- An international publication between Orbit UK and US, with co-ordinated publicity and marketing

Reviews

- 'A darkly comic delight of a novel' - Anthony Ryan
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- 'Twisty, pacey and full of reverent irreverence for fantasy. I can't get enough' - Max Gladstone

Author Biography

Django Wexler graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh with degrees in creative writing and computer science, and worked for the university in artificial intelligence research. Eventually he migrated to Microsoft in Seattle, where he now lives with two cats and a teetering mountain of books. When not writing, he wrangles computers, paints tiny soldiers and plays games of all sorts.



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BIC 2.1	**Fantasy (FM)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**576 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Lands of the Firstborn**
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The Sword Triumphant

Gareth Hanrahan

Keynote

The Sword Triumphant concludes Gareth Hanrahan's acclaimed epic fantasy series of dark myth, daring warriors and bloodthirsty vengeance.

Description

'*The Sword Triumphant* is a brilliant and fitting conclusion to a truly epic series' Ed McDonald, author of *Blackwing*

'Tell the Lammergeier that Blaise has need of him for one last service. Tell him to bring his sword.'

In his youth, Aelfric slew the Dark Lord and saved the world, only to find out, many years later that his heroic deeds had served only to preserve the corrupt rule of the Erlking. As keeper of the dread sword Spellbreaker, Aelfric was drawn into a desperate rebellion against the immortal elf who had been secretly manipulating humanity since the dawn of time.

When it was done, he left the sword and the title of hero behind and went home. His tale should have been over.

Decades have passed. But when a figure from his past brings a cryptic message from one of the Nine, it seems the Lammergier is needed again. Does the old hero have one last quest left in him? Can his broken sword be reforged - and at what cost?

***The Sword Triumphant* is the gripping conclusion to Gareth Hanrahan's acclaimed epic fantasy series of dark myth, daring warriors and bloodthirsty vengeance.**

Praise for the series:

'The front runner for my book of the year . . . Fans of Gemmell and Abercrombie need this on their shelves'
Ed McDonald, author of *Blackwing*

'With a richly detailed narrative, well-drawn characters, epic battles, and political and religious intrigues, Hanrahan's outstanding first outing in the Lands of the Firstborn series will thrill fantasy readers - who will anxiously await the next book'
Booklist

'Both a love letter and evolution of the epic fantasy novel . . . *The Sword Defiant* is an epic tale of how no world stands still forever . . . Highly recommended!
Run Along the Shelves

'Hanrahan is one of the best in the business at creating fantasy worlds that feel alive . . . I'll read any book that Gareth Hanrahan writes'
The Fantasy Inn

Sales Points

- A gripping epic fantasy series that will appeal to fans of books like *Kings of the Wyld, The Shadow of the Gods* and *The Pariah*
- The astonishingly rich and complex world-building will wow fantasy fans. The author's background in writing tabletop RPGs has given him an incredible talent for world-building

Reviews

- '**The front runner for my book of the year** . . . *The Sword Defiant* is a love letter to roleplaying games, to Tolkien, to what epic fantasy has been about for me through my whole life. **I adored this book from the first page to the last**. Hanrahan has taken the best of the old, the best of the last two decades, and then brought it screaming into the modern era**. Fans of Gemmell and Abercrombie need this on their shelves**' - Ed McDonald, on THE SWORD DEFIANT
- 'This grim and gritty tale is a solid sequel to *The Sword Defiant* that **raises the stakes and propels the story in cataclysmic fashion** . . . a tale of grief and triumph, where the monsters aren't always obvious and people easily turn on those who save the world. It's clever how the book comes full circle towards the end, and the myths of the Erlking add a mystical tone to the intrigue . . . **Hanrahan's sword-and-sorcery series is perfect for fans of The Witcher**' - LIBRARY JOURNAL on THE SWORD UNBOUND
- '**This is everything you could ever want in an engrossing fantasy novel** that hits you with one mind-blowing scene after another. Come for the cranky sentient

talking sword and legendary heroes of old, stay for the next level worldbuilding, dark magic, and intense scheming/treachery**. A one of a kind fantasy and another stunning achievement from Gareth Hanrahan**' - OUT OF THIS WORLD SFF on THE SWORD UNBOUND

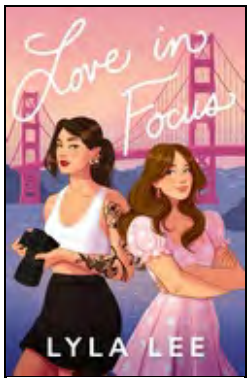


Author Biography

Gareth Hanrahan's three-month break from computer programming to concentrate on writing has now lasted fifteen years and counting. He's written more gaming books than he can readily recall, by virtue of the alchemical transmutation of tea and guilt into words. He lives in Ireland with his wife and three children. Follow him on Twitter at @mytholder.

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Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**320 pages**
Word Count	**90000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Book locale	**San Francisco, California**
Author born in	**South Korea**
Author living in	**Dallas, Texas**

Previous Titles
I'll Be the One
Flip the Script

1st Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
2nd Serial	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Audio	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Aevitas Creative Management**
Electronic	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
Film and TV	**Aevitas Creative Management**
Large print	**Little, Brown Book Group Ltd**
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Love in Focus

Lyla Lee

Keynote

***Delilah Green Doesn't Care* meets *The Bold Type* in this sapphic rom-com where two exes reconnect and are given a second chance at love.**

Description

***Delilah Green Doesn't Care* meets *The Bold Type* in this sapphic rom-com where two exes reconnect and are given a second chance at love.**

When her boyfriend of seven years suddenly breaks up with her, relationship advice columnist Gemma Cho is convinced that real love doesn't exist. As a bisexual woman who's had zero luck with both men *and* women, she's ready to give up on her own romantic prospects. That is, until she's paired up with world-renowned photographer Celeste Min on a potentially career-saving piece on modern love.

Celeste is extremely talented and sexy, and would be the perfect collaborator and rebound for Gemma if it weren't for one major fact: she's Gemma's ex, the one that broke her heart in college and moved to a whole other country before Gemma could even make sense of what went wrong between them. Heightened by the unmistakable sparks that still fly between them, Gemma and Celeste struggle to keep their relationship strictly professional. For the sake of her career, Gemma needs this piece to do well. And for the sake of what's left of her beaten up hopeless romantic heart, she wants to fall head over heels for Celeste again. But can she trust Celeste to feel the same this time around?

Sales Points

- Exciting, new sapphic romance from bestselling author Lyla Lee, containing a lot of TikTok popular tropes, such as second-chance, workplace romance, with an addictive premise. The perfect addition to our romance list.

Author Biography

Lyla Lee is the bestselling author of *Love in Focus*, *The Cuffing Game*, and other swoony rom com books inspired by pop culture and her Korean heritage. Her books have been translated into multiple languages around the world. Originally from South Korea, she's lived in various cities throughout the United States, worked various jobs in Hollywood, and studied Psychology and Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California. She now lives in Dallas, Texas. Visit Lyla at lylaleebooks.com or on social media (IG, Twitter, and TikTok @literarylyla).



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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Demy**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**320 pages**
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The Work We Need
'The humane revolutionary our turbulent century needs' Jonathon Freedland

Hilary Cottam

Keynote

Hilary Cottam, author of *Radical Help* about which the *Guardian*'s Jonathan Freedland wrote, 'this might be the most important book you read this year', now turns to the subject of the future of work

Description

'**Brimming with ideas to transform the future, Hilary Cottam takes us on a fascinating journey to discover how to make work work**' KATE RAWORTH, author of *DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS*

'Cottam is the humane revolutionary our turbulent century needs - and this book our roadmap to a better future' JONATHAN FREEDLAND, author of *THE ESCAPE ARTIST*

'**An act of radical hope, radical listening and radical humility** . . . **I loved it**' RORY STEWART

Work, for decades, has been debated and discussed as a narrow economic category. Instead, Hilary Cottam identifies work as a cultural force at the heart of good lives, strong communities and a sense of a shared national destiny. Crucially, in these dramatic times, she shows how we can shape this force to meet technological change, our ecological crisis and the challenges of the world's deep injustices. We can create a work revolution.

Ambitious but rooted in the ideas of everyday experts - real workers from all walks of life - this is a realistic and hopeful book. Hilary Cottam has crossed the UK and the USA; she's spent time in communities considered by outsiders as 'left behind' and in places at the centre of financial and technological power. Drawing on a fascinating range of sources - historians, trade unionists, business leaders, philosophers and most originally, hours of her imaginative workshops with workers - Hilary Cottam boldly asks: how can we redesign work?

Our challenges - political, social, economic and environmental - are tangled and growing. But so are the imaginative solutions. In this exciting, inspiring and optimistic book, Hilary shows us how we could work differently and live better.

'**Twenty-first century people cannot give their best if tied down to twentieth-century patterns of work. Hilary Cottam provides the roadmap for the required transformation. Timely** . . . **guides the changes needed**' CARLOTA PEREZ

'**Exposes what motivates workers today - not the things most business leaders think - and shows how new thinking would benefit us all. Compelling**' MARTHA LANE FOX

'**Urgent, compelling and ultimately hopeful** . . . **Cottam demonstrates that a better future, based on reciprocity and mutual collaboration, is not only possible but its seeds are already here. Necessary and Inspiring**' CAROLINE LUCAS, Green Party MP and author of *ANOTHER ENGLAND*

Sales Points

- Powerful, original thinking on one of the most important issues of our time
- Expert who brings unique research to her subject
- Author is hugely admired international speaker

Reviews

- '`An act of radical hope, radical listening and radical humility - Hilary Cottam challenges our most fundamental assumptions about our lives and society and most importantly, suggests how we can make things much better. I loved it '' - *Rory Stewart*
- '`Twenty-first century people cannot give their best if tied down to twentieth-century patterns of work. Hilary Cottam provides the roadmap for the required transformation. Timely. . . guides the changes needed'' - *Carlota Perez*

Author Biography

Hilary Cottam is an internationally acclaimed social activist whose work in Britain and with communities around the world has focused on collaborative and affordable solutions to some of the greatest social challenges of our time. Her first book *Radical Help* was hailed as 'mind-shifting' by David Brooks in the *New York Times* and has been translated internationally. Awarded an OBE in 2019 for services to the welfare state, Hilary has been recognised by Fast Company in the US for her pioneering creativity and by the World



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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	**70000 words**
Illustrations	**1 8-page colour plate**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Our LadBaby Journey
Success, Sacrifice and Sausage Rolls, the instant Sunday Times bestseller

Mark and Roxanne Hoyle

Keynote

An inspirational and hilarious autobiography by social media sensations Mark and Roxanne Hoyle, telling the unbelievable, drama-filled story of how they became LadBaby and the most tumultuous highs and lows of their life.

Description

LadBaby has millions of fans around the world, but the journey to success has been anything but easy. Mark and Roxanne Hoyle, for the first time ever, will pull back the curtain to tell the true story of how they came from nothing and achieved success against all the odds.

A working class family who started off living on £20 a week and ultimately became bestselling authors, record-breaking musicians, and world-famous influencers, the Hoyles have overcome dyslexia, industry rejection, death threats, family betrayal and more - and now they're ready to tell their story.

From Mark and Rox's first meeting, to their reaction when Mark's first video went viral, and the moment they learned they had a no 1 single; to discussing sausage rolls with Elton John, becoming parents, and releasing their first book - LadBaby share all the major moments in their lives, including the crazy highs and tumultuous lows.

LadBaby has already captured the hearts of families across the nation with their honest and uproariously funny videos, their bestselling children's books, and their five UK number one singles at Christmas. Now is the perfect moment for fans to hear their their full story for the first time, in their own words.

Sales Points

- BESTSELLING AUTHORS. Each of Mark and Roxanne's four picture books debuted at #1 on the overall Sunday Times bestseller lists. This year's World Book Day title also reached the no 1 spot, staying there for four weeks. They have sold **438,000 books TCM to date**!
- ENGAGED AUDIENCES. Mark and Roxanne have over **13 million fans** across their social media channels around the world - fans who have proven their loyalty by driving amazing pre-orders (their first picture book sold **41k copies TCM in the first week**).
- BRAND NEW CONTENT. This is the first significant book in the non-fiction market for Mark and Roxanne, **offering something brand new** to their loyal and passionate fans, who have long been waiting for more insight into the authors' real lives.
- INCREDIBLE REACH. The authors' brand partners show their reach into homes around the world. Activity with the likes of **McDonalds, Disney, Walkers and Haribo has generated over £54 million** in revenue. Add to that successful partnerships with supermarkets; sold-out book signings with brick and mortar retailers; a thriving podcast; chart-topping smash hits and plenty more - it's clear that LadBaby is a true phenomenon.

Author Biography

Mark and Roxanne Hoyle are the online family entertainment personalities and comedy duo behind LadBaby and LadBabyMum. Along with their two children Phoenix and Kobe, the LadBaby family, known for their parent hacks, pranks and love for sausage rolls, have amassed over **13 million followers**. Mark began the LadBaby Instagram channel when his wife was pregnant with their first child. From what started as a fun social media documentation of becoming a father, the LadBaby family has gone well beyond the world of social media, disrupting the world of music, literature, and more. In just six years, through their hilarious family videos, chart-topping Christmas charity songs, hit podcast series, bestselling children's books and nation-wide clothing lines, the married couple have become one of Britain's most well-known and best-loved families.



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BIC 2.1	**History (HB)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Large Crown**
Depth	**22mm**
Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	**40000 words**
Illustrations	**integrated line drawn maps**
Series	**Historic Pub Crawls**
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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Historic Pub Crawls Through London, Vol. 1
12 Guided Walks Around London's Iconic Pubs and Landmarks

Thomas J. Vosper

Keynote

A fun and informative guide to 12 walks around London's iconic pubs and landmarks

Description

After spontaneously hosting a birthday pub crawl through London's finest alehouses, Thomas J. Vosper was inundated with requests from friends and family to make it a regular occurrence. And so, Historic Pub Crawls was born; a curated guide of fun, accessible and fact-filled walks which have taken social media by storm.

Covering areas such as Greenwich, Kings Cross, London Bridge and Covent Garden, this guide takes you on expertly curated walks through 10-15 historic pubs across the heart of the capital. Sip a pint overlooking Parliament, wander past the ancient Tower of London, enjoy a riverside stroll near Shakespeare's Globe, or take in the stunning sights of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Whether you're a history buff, a beer enthusiast, or just up for a great day out, this book is your ticket to unforgettable pub adventures. Grab a copy, gather your mates, and start your crawl!

Sales Points

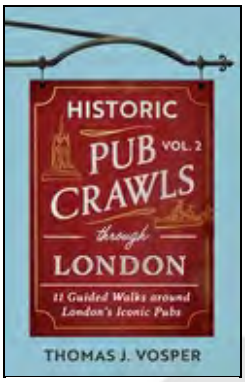
- As a self-published author Thomas has achieved sales of £34k through Amazon alone. Sphere will republish as a beautiful gifty hardback in time for Father's Day and summer days out
- Thomas has over 120k engaged followers, largely through Instragram @historicpubcrawls and but also TikTok @historicpubcrawls. His fans are very loyal fans of beer, history and sports.
- Thomas is growing quickly with many celebrity fans including Bradley Wiggins and Conor McGregor.
- Walking books for tourists particularly on London are a perennial favourite that are selling particularly well currently. Comparable titles include London: A Guide for Curious Wanderers (over 40,000 tcm)
- Thomas and his account a attracting a great deal of press attention with BBC News, The Sun and The Mirror, running features about his plan to drink at every pub in Britain as well as BBC national and local radio interviews.

Author Biography

Thomas has been running a pub crawl for his birthday almost every year since his mid-twenties. In the summer of 2023 he compiled and self-published 13 routes into the first book in a series of titles covering Historic Pub Crawls.
His elevation to social media sensation is something of a change after spending over two decades in technology corporates and startups. As well as visiting, filming and writing about pubs he plays guitar and piano, likes tattoos and wears crazy trousers and yellow shoes. He was raised in North West London, where he still lives, with easy access to the city pubs.

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Historic Pub Crawls Through London, Vol. 2
11 Guided Walks Around London's Iconic Pubs and Landmarks

Thomas J. Vosper

Keynote

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Vogue Essentials: Lingerie

Anna Cryer

Author Biography

Anna Cryer is an editor who has worked at British *Vogue*, *Tatler* and *Harper's Bazaar* in London and New York. She was at *Vogue* on three separate occasions, as the magazine celebrated its 75th, 90th and 100th anniversaries. Her childhood nickname 'Pants on Fire' seems prescient given the subject of this, her first book. She lives in London.

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Meet Ella
The Dog Who Saved My Life: The Sunday Times Bestseller

James Middleton

Keynote

The most unexpectedly touching book you will read this year. *Meet Ella* is the tender and at times devastating account of how James Middleton's unbreakable bond with his dog, Ella, helped pull him out of his battle with depression.

Description

<H2>THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER
'AN UNFLINCHING ACCOUNT' BRYONY GORDON
'ENCHANTING' PETER JAMES</H2>

When he was a child, James Middleton wanted nothing more than a dog of his own.

Struggling to connect in the classroom, James would often take off in pursuit of nature and animals - adventuring in the Berkshire countryside, tinkering with rusty farm machinery, performing locum care to injured creatures, and losing himself for hours to the outdoors.

Then, finally, his pleas for a dog (made via handwritten letters to his parents) were answered.

Meet Ella traces the extraordinary bond between James and his beloved first pup, Ella. From their enchanting introduction when James was just twenty and their many expeditions, from Scottish mountain sides to royal weddings, their journey is marked by love, loyalty, and unexpected twists of fate. Ella, the well-mannered and kind-natured companion, accompanied James everywhere, even playing a pivotal role in introducing him to his future wife, Alizee.

But beyond the glamorous veneer of society engagements and entrepreneurial achievements lies a deeply personal account of James' battle with depression. Through unconditional love, Ella emerges as an intuitive friend, reading James' moods and offering solace during his darkest hours, becoming the catalyst for his healing journey, and helping him to see all the good in his life and future.

Touching, honest and life affirming, *Meet Ella* is both devastating and wonderfully heart-warming. A love letter to man's best friend, and a beacon of hope to anyone struggling through hard times.

Sales Points

- **MALE MENTAL HEALTH:** In addition to dog lovers, this book will appeal to those with an interest in mental health. We desperately need more high-profile male figures who are willing to talk openly about their mental health struggles, and the courage and openness that James shows in this book will provide comfort and guidance to those who are facing their own battles.
- **A STORY THAT RESONATES:** The book's commercial potential cannot be underestimated. A 2019 Daily Mail article about James' mental health was shared by a massive 15k readers. (To put this number in perspective, 15k readers also shared the Daily Mail's story on the Queen's funeral.) When he wrote about Ella's death on the front page of the Sunday Times newspaper it was the paper's second most read article online at the time with the widest audience demographic split.
- **LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING:** James is active on social media where his regular postings - with glorious photos - about his dog family are viewed by his 245k devoted Instagram followers. His posts put him in the top five per cent on Instagram in terms of likes and comments. His last four Instagram posts were analysed to have a 91.5 per cent female audience - 80 per cent falling in the 25-54-year-old category - a third were aged 35-44 - and had an average engagement of 16 per cent, against a national average of 0.65 per cent.
- **HUGE PUBLICITY POTENTIAL:** The publicity potential for this book is, in short, huge. James - engaging, quietly spoken and thoughtful - speaks with passion and authority about dogs and would be a compelling guest on morning TV sofas from *BBC Breakfast* to ITV's *This Morning* to BBC One's *The One Show*. The book lends itself well to widespread coverage in the glossy magazines such as *Good Housekeeping* and *Red Magazine* and James would be a great interviewee on those radio shows with big book-buying audiences such as BBC Radio 2's *Zoe Ball Breakfast Show* and BBC Five Live's *Nihal* and podcasts such as Fearne Cotton's *Happy Place*.

Author Biography

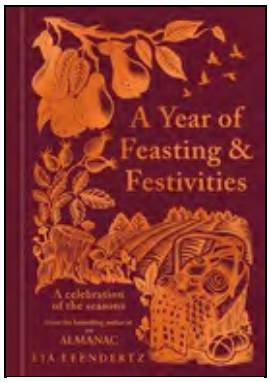
James Middleton is an entrepreneur and dog lover. He has six dogs: four Cocker Spaniels and two Golden Retrievers. The founder of James & Ella, a happiness and



wellbeing company for dogs, James is a proud ambassador for the Pets As Therapy charity, and volunteer for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Dogs Trust. *Meet Ella* is his first book.

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Binding	**Hardback**
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Extent	**160 pages**
Word Count	
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The Almanac 2023
The Almanac 2024
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A Year of Feasting & Festivities
A Celebration of the Seasons

Lia Leendertz

Keynote

Drawn from Lia Leendertz's bestselling The Almanac comes a beautifully packaged collection of recipes exploring the sumptuous delights of every season.

Description

***A Year of Festivities & Feasting* is a delightful collection that celebrates the bounty of nature, the joy of seasonal cooking, and the stories that connect delicious foods with some of our most sacred annual traditions.**

People find joy in the rhythms of nature. We delight in the taste of fresh ingredients, the turning of the seasons and the earth below our feet, and the joy of gardening. The seasons, with their ever-changing abundance, offer us endless opportunities to savour nature's gifts, from wild garlic in springtime to juicy berries in summer, autumn mushrooms, and winter root vegetables. This beautiful collection features a wide variety of recipes to celebrate special moments throughout the year and reveals the story of why we associate such events with certain foods, from the traditional Burn's Night meal of **Cullen Sink** to **Cornish Saffron Buns**, **Midsummer Cushion Cakes** to mark the Summer solstice, and **Pot-roast Pheasant**, **Martinmas Beef** and **Feast of the Seven Fishes Pie** as the colder months set in.

This beautifully designed book will be a volume readers will treasure both this year and in those to come, and the perfect companion to *A Year in Story and Song*.

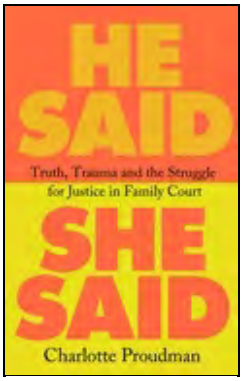
Sales Points

- *The Almanac* series remains hugely popular, with the eighth instalment underway. Reviewed by the likes of Sir Bib Geldof and *The Observer* as 'indispensable' and 'the perfect Christmas present'.
- Collectively, *The Almanac* series has sold more than 275k copies via TCM
- Lia has an active social media profile with more than 25k followers across her platforms.
- Following the success of a *Year in Story and Song*, Lia returns with a treasure trove of recipes that celebrate the best of what each season has to offer.

Author Biography

Lia Leendertz is an award-winning garden and food writer based in Bristol. She presents a monthly podcast, 'As the Season Turns', about what to look out for in the month ahead and writes a free monthly newsletter, 'Lia's Living Almanac', which you can sign up for at the address below. Her reinvention of the traditional rural almanac has become an annual must-have for readers eager to connect with the seasons, appreciate the outdoors and discover ways to mark and celebrate each month.

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Publishing History
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He Said, She Said
Truth, Trauma and the Struggle for Justice in Family Court

Charlotte Proudman

Keynote
A searing indictment, full of fascinating real life stories, of how the law is fundamentally stacked against women by an award-winning barrister

Description
If you and your family needed help, could you trust the law to be on your side?

Award-winning barrister Charlotte Proudman has dedicated her working life to representing women who find themselves in need of help from the family law courts. Time and again, she has watched as these women - many of whom have experienced the very worst traumas imaginable - are let down by the system that is supposed to protect them. Seeking only justice and safety, they have instead been met with cruelty and disdain, deemed unreliable witnesses compared to the men who abused them.

From family courts failing to protect victims from abusers to the misogynistic bullying Charlotte herself receives from senior members of her profession, the problem is clear: no matter their circumstances, women across the country are suffering at the hands of a legal system built by men.

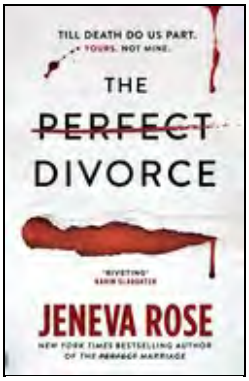
But change is on the horizon. In *He Said, She Said*, Proudman gives voice to the women whose stories are all too often brushed aside in the name of giving abusers 'the benefit of the doubt'. Through real-life cases spanning forced marriage, domestic abuse, child abduction and female genital mutilation, Proudman highlights the troubling biases and shocking prejudice that underlie our legal system - and in a book that is at once thrilling, engaging and deeply compassionate, puts forward her own inspiring vision for long-term change.

Sales Points
- **FRESH STORY:** This is the first book to lift the bonnet on the UK's family courts , which until very recently was a closed system
- **COMPELLING CASE STUDIES:** full of real stories featuring real women who have been caught up with the law in lots of different ways. They are fascinating, moving, enraging and - ultimately - mobilising
- **STAR AUTHOR:** Charlotte is an award-winning barrister who has been instrumental in key legislative changes including raising the age of marriage from 16 to 18, criminalising virginity testing and hymenoplasty, amendments to the Domestic Abuse Bill, introducing FGM Protection Orders and criminalising forced marriage
- **RECENT HIGH PROFILE CASE:** Charlotte recently won a case that the Bar Standards Board had brought against her for calling out misogyny in the legal profession. Her win garnered much high profile publicity and cemented her reputation as a fierce advocate for women's rights
- **CAMPAIGNING ANGLE:** Charlotte offers a glimpse into the work required to remake the legal system in a way that is fairer for women. This angle will form a strong part of our media campaign

Reviews
- 'A triumph. Proudman's searing analysis puts the system in the dock but also provides a roadmap for reform' - Baroness Helena Kennedy
- 'An important book. You will be inspired and uplifted by the countless women who don't and won't give up' - Victoria Derbyshire
- 'Fearless . . . should be required reading for lawyers and lawmakers alike' - Cathy Newman

Author Biography
Charlotte Proudman is an award-winning barrister. She won 'Rising Star' by the Women in Law Awards 2020, she was named 'Hot 100' by the Lawyer 2021, she was highly commended for 'Junior Family Law Barrister of the Year' and her case won 'Case of the Year' at the Family Law Awards 2021. She combines her legal career with academic work, as a Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, where she researches and teaches gender inequality under law in the UK. In 2022, she founded 'Right to Equality' a radical organisation campaigning to change the law for women and girls putting gender justice at the top of the agenda.

Market
For fans of Sarah Langford, Alexandra Wilson, the Secret Barrister and *Invisible Women*



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Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Chicago, USA**

Previous Titles
The Perfect Marriage

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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The Perfect Divorce
An absolutely gripping and brilliantly twisty thriller from multi-million-copy bestseller Jeneva Rose

Jeneva Rose

Keynote

The shocking sequel to Jeneva Rose's multimillion-copy bestselling thriller, *The Perfect Marriage*.

Description

Till death do us part. Yours. Not Mine.

It's been eleven years since high-powered attorney Sarah Morgan defended her husband, Adam, against the charge of murdering his mistress. Sarah haslong since moved on, starting a family with her new husband, Bob Miller, and changing careers. Her life is back to being exactly how she always wanted ... or is it?

After discovering Bob engaged in a one-night stand, Sarah wastes no time filing for divorce. However, amid their ugly separation, new DNA evidence is uncovered in the case against Adam, forcing the police to reopen the investigation and putting Sarah right back in the spotlight. Everyone wants to know what really happened, most of all former Deputy Hudson, who is hell-bent on finding the truth.

But when the woman Bob slept with is reported missing, he and Sarah start to fight dirty, and a high-stakes game of cat and mouse ensues. Filled with page-turning suspense and Jeneva Rose's signature twists and turns, this sequel will have readers wondering: Can Bob and Sarah achieve the perfect divorce? Or will it be "'til *death* do us part"?

Sales Points

- INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - Jeneva immediately hit the NYT bestseller list on first-format release for latest thrillers HOME IS WHERE THE BODIES ARE and YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.
- TIKTOK SENSATION - Jeneva has over 300 million views on her @JenevaRoseAuthor page on TikTok.
- MILLIONS OF COPIES OF THE PERFECT MARRIAGE SOLD - Jeneva has sold over 2 million copies of *The Perfect Marriage* alone.
- FUTURE FILM SUCCESS - Picture Perfect Federation and Zurich Avenue have acquired film rights. The film will be directed by Sigal Avin (Losing Alice), and the script is by Oscar-nominated scribe William Broyles (Apollo 13 and Cast Away). The film will be produced by Patrick Wachsberger, who's coming off Best Picture for Coda.
- ENDORSEMENT FROM QUEEN OF COMMERCIAL FICTION - Colleen Hoover is a fan and has provided a rare but ringing endorsement for Jeneva, calling her 'the queen of twists'.

Reviews

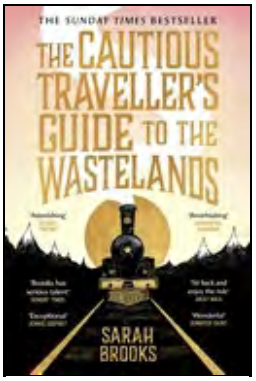
- 'A riveting he said/she said thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat right from the very first page.' - *Karin Slaughter, New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling author*
- 'The swift pacing and effective red herrings will keep readers guessing.' - *Publishers Weekly*

Author Biography

Jeneva Rose is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels, including *Home Is Where the Bodies Are*, *You Shouldn't Have Come Here*, *The Perfect Marriage*, *One of Us Is Dead*, and *The Perfect Divorce*. Her work has been translated into more than two dozen languages and optioned for film and television. Originally from Wisconsin, she currently lives in Chicago with her husband, Drew, and her stubborn English bulldogs, Winston and Phyllis.

Market

Freida Mc Fadden



Publication date	**Thursday, May 01, 2025**
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Main Identifier	**9781399607551**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy (FM)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **Science fiction (FL)** **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Trains & railways: general interest (WGF)** **Steam engines (TGBN1)** **The environment (RN)** **Siberia (1FCS)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**Leeds, UK**
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Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Cautious Traveller's Guide to The Wastelands
THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

Sarah Brooks

Keynote

The instant bestseller and one of the biggest debuts of 2024, now in a new paperback edition

Description

THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

The Great Trans-Siberian Express comes to life in a novel of wild imagination, perfect for fans of *Piranesi*, *Babel*, *The Night Circus* and Jessie Burton

'Brooks's vivid, impressive debut is a turn-of-the-last-century steampunk fantasy set aboard the Great Trans-Siberian Express' *FINANCIAL TIMES* BOOK OF THE YEAR
'I urge everybody to pick up a copy' STUART TURTON
'Be warned - once you step into *The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wastelands*, you'll never want to disembark' SAMANTHA SHANNON
'Wild and wonderful . . . completely captivating' JENNIFER SAINT
'Mysterious and clever and brilliant' NATASHA PULLEY

It is said there is a price that every passenger must pay. A price beyond the cost of a ticket.

It is the end of the 19th Century and the world is awash with marvels. But there is nothing so marvellous as the Wastelands: a terrain of terrible miracles that lies between Beijing and Moscow.

Nothing touches this abandoned wilderness except the Great Trans-Siberian Express, an impenetrable train built to carry cargo across continents but which now transports anyone who dares to cross the shadowy Wastelands.

On to the platform steps a curious cast of characters: a grieving woman with a borrowed name, a famous child born on the train and a disgraced naturalist, all heading for the Great Exhibition in Moscow.

But the old rules are changing, and there are whispers that the train isn't safe. As secrets begin to unravel, the passengers and crew must survive their journey through the Wastelands together - even as something uncontrollable seems to be breaking in . . .

Sales Points

- **THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER:** This breathtaking debut hit the *Sunday Times* bestseller charts in hardback and was one of 2024's biggest-selling and most striking debut launches. Acquired in a major 11-way auction and with rights sold in 24 countries, it was an unmissable publishing event
- **UNIQUE PITCH:** Gloriously nostalgic historical fiction with a fantastical twist, it's impossible not to sink into this wild ride on the Trans-Siberian Express during the golden age of steam. It has been compared to THE NIGHT CIRCUS, PIRANESI, HIS DARK MATERIALS, STUDIO GHIBLI, SOLARIS, RAILSEA and ANNIHILATION
- **CRITICS, BOOKSELLERS, READERS & AUTHORS LOVE THIS NOVEL:** *The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wastelands* was widely critically acclaimed, beloved by readers and booksellers alike, and endorsed by authors including Samantha Shannon, Stuart Turton, Jennifer Saint and Jennie Godfrey
- **A MAJOR 2025 PAPERBACK LAUNCH**: Expect more major, immersive marketing and publicity activity as we launch the newly-designed paperback edition to an even wider market

Reviews

- '**Exciting . . . Imagine a crossover between *Murder on the Orient Express, Game of Thrones* and *Paradise Lost* . . . Brooks has serious talent**' - *Sunday Times*
- '**I was completely transported by this book, lost in its world and mysteries, astounded by its beauty, and full of admiration for its humanity**' - Stuart Turton, bestselling author of THE SEVEN DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE
- '**Exceptional. Strange, addictive, immersive, it's a steampunk *Piranesi* meets *His Dark Materials***
' - Jennie Godfrey, author of THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS

Author Biography

Sarah Brooks won the Lucy Cavendish Prize in 2019. She works in East Asian Studies at the University of Leeds where she also helps run the Leeds Centre for New Chinese



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Format	**B Format**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

Previous Titles
THE BALLROOM BLITZ
THE ROYAL SHOW
THE PARIS AFFAIR

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Monte Carlo by Moonlight

Anton Du Beke

Keynote

The brand-new novel in the Forsyth Family saga series, a sweeping and sun-drenched drama. From the nation's favourite entertainer, Anton du Beke.

Description

'Heart-breaking, heart-lifting, and enchanting' **CAROL KIRKWOOD**

'*Downton Abbey* with dance' **SANTA MONTEFIORE**

Welcome to 1960s Monte Carlo, a world of glitz, glamour, scandal and betrayal...

Princess Grace of Monaco has invited the world-famous Forsyth Variety Company to perform at her annual high society ball. Monaco is in the heat of its preparations for the Grand Prix when the Forsyth family makes their emotional return to the city, stirring up painful memories for father Ed Forsyth.

When daughter Evie Forsyth meets Formula 1 driver Charles, their chemistry is unforgettable and a passionate affair begins. Meanwhile her brother Cal Forsyth is on location with Hollywood's biggest star, his new glittering career shaken by the arrival of a stranger from his past.

As the past and present collide in the sun-drenched French Riveria, will dangerous secrets destroy the Forsyth family once and for all?

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Readers love Anton du Beke:

'You won't be disappointed!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
'Captivated me from beginning to end' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
'Full of gossip and glamour, wealth and privilege'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
'You feel as if you're watching the story unfold'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
'I just couldn't put it down!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- NUMBER ONE HARDBACK SAGA BRAND AUTHOR: Anton Du Beke's novels have sold over 146,000 copies across the UK market to date, in physical format alone. His debut novel, ONE ENCHANTED EVENING, was a Sunday Times bestseller, and with 19K hardbacks sold of THE BALLROOM BLITZ he is the number one hardback saga author in the UK.
- 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 2020 viewing figures for week 2 peaked at a mighty 10.7 million, with 8.2 million tuning in to watch the second episode in 2021.
- UNMISSABLE PR AND MARKETING CAMPAIGN: publication will be supported by an unmissable campaign that will target series readers as well as new readers who will be drawn to the sumptuous setting, sweeping storytelling and family drama

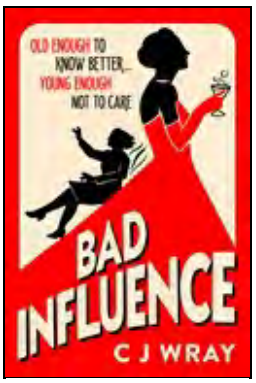
Author Biography

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.

Market

Anton's existing fanbase through his novels, shows and television appearances. Wider saga readership who enjoy books by Danielle Steel, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Penny Vincenzi

Under a Greek Moon by Carol Kirkwood, *The Hotel on the Riviera* by Carol Kirkwood, *Palazzo* by Danielle Steel, *The Empire* by Michael Ball



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£15.99 / ₹1350**
Main Identifier	**9781398711891**
BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Author living in	**London, SW12**

Previous Titles
THE EXCITEMENTS

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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Bad Influence
A heartwarming and heartfelt mystery about a searching for treasure and finding redemption

CJ Wray

Keynote

The heartwarming tale of an 89-year-old with a very shady history seeking treasure but finding redemption. Perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Jennie Godfrey.

Description

<h2>Don't miss the next heartwarming and hilarious book from CJ Wray -- available to pre-order now!</h2>

There are three things Jennifer 'Jinx' Sullivan promised herself she would never do:
1. Eat fast food.
2. Go on a coach trip.
3. Die without exacting revenge on the people who ruined her life.

She's about to let herself down on the first two, but she can still keep her word on the third. On a coach trip to Florence,

89-year-old Jinx is going to face her painful wartime history, unearth long-buried skeletons (quite literally) and plan long overdue vengeance on the worst best friend a woman ever had. That's the best friend who trained her in etiquette, cocktail-mixing and silent killing.

It's going to be a tough journey - not least because she's sharing it with twenty senior citizens and a recalcitrant teen. But Jinx knows that some promises are worth keeping, no matter how hard it may be.

Praise for CJ Wray:

'Not all heroes wear capes, some wear M&S cardigans! A triumph!' **Mike Gayle**

'A sublime mix of comedy, drama and adventure' **Jill Mansell**

'Just pure joy from start to finish' **Alexandra Potter**

'Funny, thrilling and brilliantly researched' **SJ Bennett**

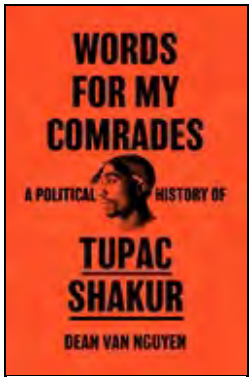
'It's utterly wonderful' **Annie Lyons**

Sales Points

- STRONG SALES TRACK: Chrissie's sales through the TCM are worth over 1.7 million pounds, and she is a multiple *Sunday Times* bestseller.
- GENRE BLENDING: Combining book club, historical fiction, mystery and humour, this sequel is a gem of a novel that doesn't fit in an obvious box, which gives it a real standout quality in a crowded marketplace. Like Jo Cannon's *The Trouble With Goats and Sheep* and *The Maid,* it has the potential to be a word-of-mouth bestseller.
- STANDOUT HEROINES: As the first book, this sequel features two standout lead characters who are a cross between Charlotte Gray and Miriam Margoyles. The story caters to an older readership, and the heroines are written with respect, care and authenticity.

Author Biography

C.J. Wray is a pseudonym of bestselling author Chris Manby. Writing under several names, she is the author of more than 40 books. She's written features (and obituaries) for several national papers and had a long-running column in The Independent Online. More recently, she has worked as a ghostwriter, helping a variety of people from WW2 veterans to soap stars to tell their true stories.



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Price	**£16.99 / ₹1450**
Main Identifier	**9781399615440**
BIC 2.1	**Biography: arts & entertainment (BGF)** **Individual composers & musicians, specific bands & groups (AVH)** **Political activism (JPW)** **Political science & theory (JPA)** **Social & political philosophy (HPS)** **Politics & government (JP)** **Political ideologies (JPF)** **Rock & Pop music (AVGP)** **Biography: general (BG)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**464 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Author living in	**Dublin, Ireland**
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Words for My Comrades
A Political History of Tupac Shakur

Dean Van Nguyen

Keynote

From *Pitchfork* and *Guardian* contributor Dean Van Nguyen comes a revelatory history of Tupac beyond his musical legend, as a radical son of the Black Panther Party whose political legacy still resonates today

Description

Before his murder at twenty-five, Tupac Shakur rose to staggering artistic heights as the pre-eminent storyteller of the 90s, building, in the process, one of the most iconic public personas of the last half century. He recorded several platinum-selling albums, starred in major films and became an activist and political hero known the world over.

In this cultural history and brilliantly researched biography, Van Nguyen reckons with Tupac's coming of age, fame and influence and how the political machinations that shaped him as a boy have since buoyed his legacy as a revolutionary following the George Floyd uprising. *Words for My Comrades* crucially engages with the influence of Tupac's mother, Afeni, whose role in the Black Panther Party, with its dedication to dismantling American imperialism and police brutality, informed Tupac's art. Tupac's childhood as a son of the Panthers, coupled with the influence of his militant step-father Mutulu Shakur, became his own riveting code of ethics that helped listeners reckon with America's inherent injustices.

Drawing upon conversations with the people who bore witness - from Panther veterans and other committed Marxist revolutionaries of 1970s America, to good friends and close collaborators of the rapper himself - Van Nguyen demonstrates how Tupac became one of the most enduring musical legends in hip-hop history and how intimately his name is threaded with the legacy of Black Panther politics.

Words for My Comrades is the story of how the energy of the Black political movement was subsumed by culture and how America produced, in Tupac and Afeni, two of its most iconic, enduring revolutionaries.

Sales Points

- **POPULAR SUBJECT:** Tupac is a figure of massive cultural importance: he gets 23 million monthly streams on Spotify, has sold 75 million records worldwide, and is widely considered one of the most influential musicians of all time. He has been the subject of numerous biographies and documentaries and has an enormous audience who will be eager for a new take on the legendary artist.
- **BREAKOUT POTENTIAL:** Tupac holds appeal for a mainstream audience as well as those who are huge fans - we would hope that the combination of author and subject would encourage this to break out into the wider book trade.
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED & WELL CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Dean's previous book won praise from the likes of *Irish Times*, Jeff Weiss, *Grip Grand* and Miles Marshall Lewis, and he has written for publications ranging from the *Independent*, to the *Guardian*, *Pitchfork*, *Jacobin* and more

Author Biography

Dean Van Nguyen is an Irish-Vietnamese writer, journalist and critic covering music, culture, identity, race relations and left wing politics. He has written for *Irish Times*, the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, *Pitchfork*, *The Atlantic*, *Uproxx*, *Wax Poetics*, *Jacobin* and more. He writes a monthly music column for the *Dublin Inquirer* and a column on new reissues for *Bandcamp Daily*. In 2019, he published *Iron Age: The Art of Ghostface Killah*, a collection of essays on New York rapper that blends music criticism, cultural examination and personal appreciation. It was published via Amazon's KDP platform in conjunction with Headstuff.

Market

FOR READERS / FANS OF: for fans of Tupac Shakur's music, and hip-hop + rap more generally; for readers of books like Questlove's *Hip Hop is History*, Rick Rubin's *The Creative Act: A Way of Being*, the *Beastie Boys Book*; for readers of more political writing by writers like Bernie Sanders, Grace Blakely, Owen Jones, Nigel Biggar; writers who explore race and cultural commentary, such as Adam Rutherford and Emma Dabiri



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Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Guild Hunter Series**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
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Archangel's Ascension

Nalini Singh

Keynote

***New York Times* bestselling author Nalini Singh takes us back to her breathtakingly passionate GUILD HUNTER World, where an impending transformation will be both an ending and a beginning...**

Description

THE LATEST GUILD HUNTER BOOK FROM *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR NALINI SINGH

Aodhan and Illium. Adi and Blue. Sparkle and Bluebell. Friends become lovers, their future a wild unknown.

Finally reunited in New York, they must now learn to navigate the monumental shift in their relationship. But for these two members of Archangel Raphael's legendary Seven, there is no time to rest. As they investigate a case for the Tower that echoes the darkness from Aodhan's past, they will be forced to confront not only the scars that mark them both, but the promise of a vast power that flickers in Illium.

The threat of ascension has haunted and troubled Aodhan's Blue for too long, the forces of change immutable and without mercy...and uncaring of Illium's fierce wish to remain part of the Seven. Change is a constant in an immortal's life, and this new horizon will bring with it both terrible heartbreak and a joy extraordinary enough to reverberate through time...

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READERS LOVE NALINI SINGH

'Nalini Singh masterfully blends action, suspense, and character development, creating a riveting story that keeps readers engaged until the very end'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Any book from the Guild Hunter series is an auto-buy!'
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'Sweet, hearth warming, gut twisting, funny and very romantic with just enough action and intrigue. Loved every minute!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

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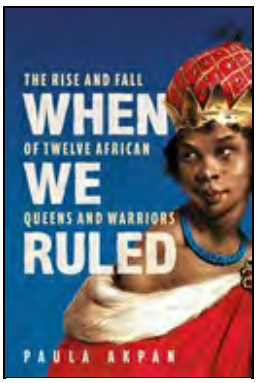
Sales Points

- **FERAL FANS:** Nalini has a dedicated fan base that keep coming back for more!
- **HUGE BOOKTOK POTENTIAL:** with the rise of paranormal romance and romantasy, Nalini Singh really is THE ORIGINAL fantasy romance girly and TikTok audiences would eat her series up
- **UNSUNG HERO OF THE LIST:** Nalini's sales are year on year growing, with new books out yearly

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 X



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£15.99 / ₹1350**
Main Identifier	**9781398719903**
BIC 2.1	**African history (HBJH) Feminism & feminist theory (JFFK)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**416 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
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Author living in	**London SE25**
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When We Ruled
The Rise and Fall of Twelve African Queens and Warriors

Paula Akpan

Keynote

Discover the reigns of twelve African queens and warriors from across the continent, from pioneering historian and writer, Paula Akpan.

Description

'POETIC AND FIERCE' - Olivette Otele, author of *AFRICAN EUROPEANS*

'A RICH, SUMPTUOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN TAPESTRY' - Candice Carty-Williams, author of *QUEENIE*

'A SEARING, NOURISHING JOURNEY THROUGH A HISTORY THE WORLD NEEDS' - Bettany Hughes, author of *THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD*

'PLEASE READ IT!' - Philippa Gregory, bestselling author of *NORMAL WOMEN*

Discover the reigns of twelve African queens and warriors from across the continent, from pioneering historian and writer, Paula Akpan.

There are women who ruled vast swathes of the African continent. They led, loved and fought for their kingdoms and people and their impact can still be felt today. However, beyond the lands they called home, so few of us have heard their names.

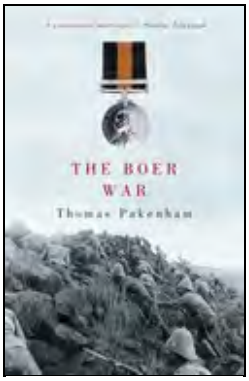
From pre-colonial Nigeria to the rich plains of Rwanda, from Ancient Egypt to apartheid South Africa, historian Akpan writes the stories of these powerful queens and takes you on a spellbinding, enrapturing and immersive journey that is nothing short of revelatory.

Sales Points

- **NEVER-BEFORE-TOLD HISTORY WITH CLEAR PITCH.** Twelve queens. Twelve stories filled with hope, intrigue and sometimes tragedy. Perfect for readers of *Love in Colour*, *Black and British* as well as *Sapiens* and *Mythos*.
- **LEAD AUTHOR WITH EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND WIDE REACH.** Paula Akpan is a journalist, Black British historian and public speaker with an MA in Black British History. Paula is an authoritative voice who has the ability to drill down into long untold histories we all should know.
- **WELL-RESEARCHED, ACCESSIBLE AND IMMERSIVE** Paula has done an extensive research trip to cover almost all of the countries presented in the narrative and will also be speaking to women who come from the cultures and backgrounds of the rulers, ensuring the book feels current and accessible.
- **HITTING AND EXPANDING THE TREND.** There is a real hunger for feminist historical retellings: this book sits alongside bestsellers such as *Natives* by Akala, *An African History of Africa* by Zeinab Badawi, *Black and British* by David Olusoga and *The Five* by Hallie Rubnhold.

Author Biography

Paula Akpan (she/her) is a Black British historian and writer who gained a distinction in her fully funded MA in Black British History and who has credits in *Vogue*, *Teen Vogue*, *The Independent*, *Stylist*, *VICE*, *i-D*, *Bustle*, *Time Out London* and more. This is her much-anticipated debut book.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£18.99 / ₹1599**
Main Identifier	**9781399632423**
BIC 2.1	**History (HB)** **Boer Wars (HBWM)** **Military history (HBW)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**688 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**World (ex USA)**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**n/a**

The Boer War

Thomas Pakenham

Keynote

Reissue of the definitive and highly acclaimed history of The Boer War, first published in 1979

Description

The war declared by the Boers on 11 October 1899 gave the British, as Kipling said, 'no end of a lesson'. The public expected it to be over by Christmas, but it proved to be the longest (two and three-quarter years), the costliest (over £200 million), the bloodiest (at least 22,000 British, 25,000 Boer and 12,000 African lives) and the most humiliating war that Britain fought between 1815 and 1914.

Thomas Pakenham's was the first full-scale documentary history of the war to be attempted since 1910. His narrative is based on first-hand and largely unpublished sources, from British and South African archives to the private papers, letters and diaries of the protagonists and soldiers of both sides, and the tape-recorded memories of over fifty survivors. Out of this historical goldmine, Thomas Pakenham has constructed a narrative as vivid and fast-moving as a novel, and throws new light on the blunders and personal feuds of the British generals. He writes movingly of the plight of the 100,000 black Africans who served both armies, and explains the final political victory of the Boers - how they lost the war but won the peace - with far-reaching consequences for Europe and South Africa.

Sales Points

- **DEFINITIVE ACCOUNT:** Pakenham's was the first full-scale account to be attempted since 1910 and has become the definitive record of the conflict
- **DEPTH OF RESEARCH:** The book draws on several hundred sets of letters and diaries from the men who fought in the war, as well as tape recordings from survivors themselves

Reviews

- 'A consummate masterpiece' - *Sunday Telegraph*
- 'A splendid account . . . The military history is superb' - *New York Times*
- 'The grim story has been told before but never with such sweep and compassion' - *Time*
- 'A magnum opus . . . Enjoyable as well as massively impressive' - C. P. Snow, *Financial Times*

Author Biography

Thomas Pakenham, the eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Longford, was born in 1933 and educated at Ampleforth and Oxford. He lives in Ireland and London.

Market

Readers of classic military history

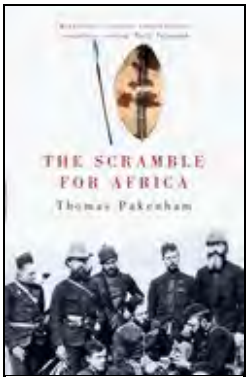
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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**768 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**31**
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The Scramble for Africa

Thomas Pakenham

Keynote

The extraordinary race for African territory that began in the 1880s and swept the political masters of Europe off their feet.

Description

The Scramble for Africa astonished everyone.

In 1880 most of the continent was ruled by Africans, and barely explored. By 1902, five European Powers (and one extraordinary individual) had grabbed almost the whole continent, giving themselves 30 new colonies and protectorates and 10 million square miles of new territory, and 110 million bewildered new subjects. Thomas Pakenham's story of the conquest of Africa is recognised as one of the finest narrative histories of the last few decades.

Sales Points

- **CLASSIC WORK OF HISTORY:** This comprehensive history has been a classic of the genre since its first publication

Reviews

- 'Vast, scholarly and delightful' - *Spectator*
- 'Magnificent, swashbuckling . . . epic' - *Observer*
- 'Masterly, full of pace and character' - *TLS*
- 'Once again Pakenham shows a dazzling, almost filmic ability to tell a good story' - *Independent on Sunday*

Author Biography

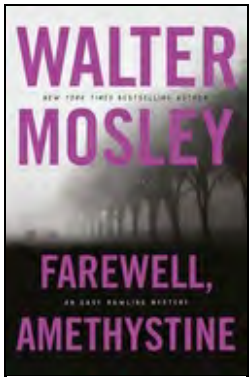
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Main Identifier	**9781474616607**
BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Crime & mystery (FF)** **Thriller / suspense (FH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Easy Rawlins mysteries**
Exclusively for Sale	**Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK**
Not for Sale	**Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA**
Author living in	**New York, USA**
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Farewell, Amethystine

Walter Mosley

Keynote

The brand-new Easy Rawlins novel, from one of America's most celebrated and beloved crime writers.

Description

<h2> IN THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF THE ACCLAIMED EASY RAWLINS SERIES, EASY IS SENT DOWN MEMORY LANE... BLINDING HIM TO REASON AND RISK, MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE ANYTHING BUT BLACK AND WHITE. </h2>

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January 1970. Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins, LA's premier Black detective, at 50 years of age despite all expectations. A loving family, a beautiful home, and a thriving investigation agency: all is right with the world.

When Amethystine Stoller - his own personal Helen of Troy - arrives, seeking answers about her ex-husband's disappearance, Easy wants to believe he has a simple case on his hands.

But the investigation sends him on a trip down memory lane: haunted by loss, love, and a hunger that has eaten at him since he was a Black boy on his own on the streets of Fifth Ward, Houston, Texas.

As the case becomes personal, Easy faces a reckoning. A new decade brings with it new expectations: men and women, Black and White, and wrong or right. To save his soul and solve the case, Easy has a big choice to make...

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PRAISE FOR WALTER MOSLEY:

'Simply the best crime writer around today.'
GAURDIAN

'There are few writers within the crime genre who recreate time and place with Mosley's effortless exactness, even fewer who can replicate his masterfully sustained sense of danger.'
SUNDAY TIMES

'This is classic noir territory, filled with unintentional heroes with the best intentions and dangerous dames . . . A class act.'
TIME OUT

'It's Mosley's signature style-rough-hewn, rhythmic, and lyrical-that makes you ready and eager for whatever he's serving up...Let the good times roll.'
KIRKUS REVIEWS

'A mystery master.'
WASHINGTON POST

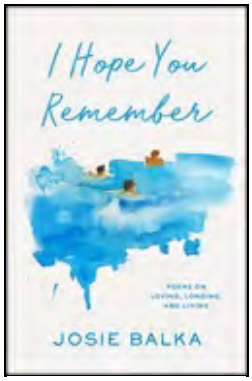
Sales Points

- **BELOVED SERIES:** Mosley fans know and love Easy Rawlins and his Los Angeles and are eager for a follow-up.
- **ACCLAIMED AUTHOR:** Walter Mosley is a legendary figure in the world of crime fiction. DOWN THE RIVER UNTO THE SEA earned rave reviews from the Washington Post, the Associated Press, Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune, and has won numerous awards, including an Edgar Award for best novel, the Anisfield-Wolf Award, a Grammy, a PEN USA's Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Diamond Dagger.
- **DEDICATED FAN BASE:** Walter Mosley has an extremely dedicated fan base and is a favourite of the crime community.

Author Biography

Walter Mosley is one of America's best loved authors. He is the author of the internationally bestselling Easy Rawlins series, and his novels include DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS, which was made into the acclaimed film of the same name starring Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle. His books have been translated into 23 languages and have sold more than 3.5 million copies to date. He has also been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Book Foundation. He lives in New York City.

www.waltermosley.com



Publication date	**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**
Price	**£16.99 / ₹1450**
Main Identifier	**9781398727533**
BIC 2.1	**Poetry (DC)** **Poetry by individual poets (DCF)**

Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Demy**
Extent	**176 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Author living in	**Calgary, Canada**

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I Hope You Remember
Poems on Loving, Longing, and Living

Josie Balka

Keynote

A nostalgic and emotional collection of poems by rising social media star, Josie Balka, that encourages a new generation of poetry readers to make sense of their past experiences and discover their own self-worth.

Description

For fans of Rupi Kaur and Cleo Wade, this first collection of poetry from the viral TikTok poet Josie Balka, evokes themes of nostalgia, love, envy, and hope, speaking to the universal longings that live deep in our souls.

I've never seen anyone at a public pool with a memorable enough body, good or bad, that I think about it ever again.

If this line sounds familiar, it's because you've heard it in the background of thousands of videos on social media-a humbling reminder from poet and radio personality Josie Balka that what's important in our lives now isn't necessarily what's important to us in the long run.

I Hope You Remember, Josie's first book of poetry, includes this poem and over eighty others, some previously published and others never shared before. Every page in this collection hits home, rhapsodizing on universal experiences like jealousy, family relationships, complex body image, falling in and out of love (with others and yourself), and the everchanging lens of nostalgia. With sparse, clear prose, Josie's poetry looks to bring forth deep feelings like grief, envy, apathy, joy, and, most importantly, hope.

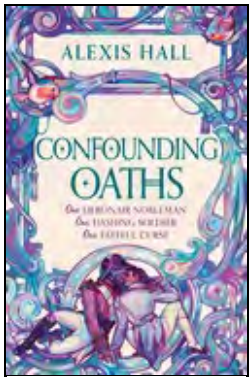
Evocative and full of force, these poems will hit you in the gut, pull your heartstrings, and make you long for moments past.

Sales Points

- **A RISING SOCIAL MEDIA STAR:** Josie's poetry videos have gone viral across social media, resulting in a speedy increase in her online presence. Between Instagram and TikTok, she has gained 650,000 followers in just four months (total following of 1.3m), which shows how her work is really hitting home with her target audience.
- **CELEBRITY FANS:** Josie's work has caught the attention of celebrities, with the likes of John Mayer, Kim Kardashian, Chrissy Teigen, and poet Joey Kidney sharing her work.
- **MAKING POETRY ACCESSIBLE FOR A NEW GENERATION OF READERS:** Following in the footsteps of authors such as Rupi Kaur, Brianne Wiest and Cleo Wade, Josie's writing is bringing poetry to an ever-growing audience of Gen Z and Millenial women who want work that represents their inner worlds and conversations with friends
- **AN EXPANDING MARKET:** This part of the poetry market is thriving and we have been looking for the right author to work with. Josie has the right platform and we hope to be able to buy this at a low level to test the waters
- **AN AMAZON HOT NEW RELEASE**: Pre-orders of the book have placed I Hope You Remember in the #1 spot of Amazon's Inspirational and Religious Poetry List and #5 in the wider Poetry New Release List in the US.

Author Biography

Josie Balka is a radio host, voiceover artist, and poet based in Calgary, Canada. She holds a diploma in radio and television broadcasting and has worked for some of the largest media companies in North America both as an on-air personality and a writer. She has done voiceover work for brands like Ulta Beauty, McDonalds, and Sephora. After finishing her workday as a morning radio show host, you can find Josie at a boxing class or writing songs in her basement's recording studio.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 15, 2025**
Price	**£10.99 / ₹899**
Main Identifier	**9781399616508**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy romance (FMR)** **Historical romance (FRH)**

Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**448 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Book locale	**London**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**South East England**

Previous Titles
Standalones
The Affair of the Mysterious Letter (2019)
A Lady For a Duke (2022)
Mortal Follies (2023)

The London Calling Series
Boyfriend Material (2020)
Husband Material (2022)

The Winner Bakes All Series
Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake (2021)
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Audrey Lane Stirs the Pot (2023)

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Confounding Oaths
A standalone Regency romantasy perfect for fans of Bridgerton from the bestselling author of Boyfriend Material

Alexis Hall

Keynote
Don't miss the next laugh-out-loud Regency romantasy set in the spellbinding world of *Mortal Follies* from bestselling TikTok sensation Alexis Hall.

Description
A nobleman must work with a dashing soldier to save his sister from a mystical bargain gone awry in this irresistible Regency romance from the bestselling author of *Boyfriend Material* - perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*.

It is the year 1815 and Mr. John Caesar is determined to help his younger sister, Mary, successfully enter London society. A high-stakes endeavour at the best of times, this task is made slightly more difficult by his family's non-traditional background, the pernicious whims of the ton, and the ever-present complication of living in a world full of scheming fairies and capricious gods.

When Mary is cursed by the fair folk, John sets out to save her. This choice throws him into the path of Captain Orestes James - the handsome up-from-the-ranks hero of Wellington's armies - and his ragtag band of misfits.

Together, they must venture into a vicious world of fey bargains and sacrificial magic as they draw ever closer to rescuing Mary.

But while John is no stranger to casual dalliances with soldiers, he's never expected one to last - or wanted one to - until now.

Praise for *Mortal Follies*:

'Part historical, part fantasy, all top-notch queer romance'
KIRKUS REVIEWS

'All the interpersonal drama of Jane Austen meets all the complex treachery of Greek mythology'
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'Whimsically wonderful, witty writing that evokes Oscar Wilde'
BOOKLIST

Sales Points
- **BESTSELLING ROMANCE AUTHOR:** Rising star Alexis Hall is the three-time Lambda nominee breakout author of *Boyfriend Material*, the 2020 romcom that rose to the *USA Today* bestseller list and was named an Amazon Best Book of the Month as well as a best book of the year by *Oprah Magazine, Entertainment Weekly*, Goodreads, and *The Washington Post* in the same crop of TikTok-driven LGBTQ+ romances as *Red, White & Royal Blue* and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.
- **TIKTOK SENSATION:** Alexis has 23K Instagram followers, 14K Twitter followers, and a growing audience on TikTok - all @quicunquevult - #alexishall alone having accumulated more than 6.4M views and #mortalfollies more than 350K.
- **STANDALONE ROMANTASY:** The Mortal Follies series marks his first foray into TikTok's favourite genre, romantasy, combining his beloved mastery of queer romance and British Regency history with an irresistibly puckish folkloric fantasy setting that roots his exquisitely crafted cast of characters in a 19th-century landscape teeming with woodland gods, witches, pixies, dryads, druids, hobgoblins, and more.

Reviews
- 'Alexis Hall is the undisputed master of romantic comedy' - *USA Today bestselling author Jenny Holiday on Boyfriend Material*

Author Biography
Alexis Hall is the bestselling author of many novels, including *Boyfriend Material, Husband Material, Something Fabulous,* and *A Lady For a Duke.*



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The Falconer
A sweeping historical fantasy like you've never read before, full of magic, mystery and slow-burn romance

Elizabeth May

Keynote

Heiress. Debutant. Murderer.
A new generation of heroines has arrived.

Description

<h3>Set in Victorian-era Scotland and filled to the brim with fae, this is historical romantasy adventure will sweep you away</h3>
This edition has been revised and expanded, with new spicy adult scenes

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Hunt the fae. Cage the monsters. Guard the prison.

In Edinburgh, a secret war rages between humans and fae, and the magic in Aileana Kameron's blood is all that keeps the most lethal monsters imprisoned beneath the city.

But when the creatures she once pursued now hunt her, Aileana has no choice but to ally with Kiaran MacKay - the beautiful fae assassin with his own agenda.

The chemistry between them is as incendiary as the battles raging through the streets. And as the body count climbs, Aileana faces a choice: how much is she willing to sacrifice to save her city? Her friends? Herself?

Because the fae won't stop until their kin are freed - and she's the only thing standing in their way.

Set in Victorian-era Scotland and filled to the brim with fae, this historical romantasy adventure will sweep you away.

Readers love *The Falconer*:

'**I LOVED IT. I swallowed this book. Plain and simple.** The quick pace was captivating, the descriptions and landscapes breathtaking and **the heroine really badass!!**' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'**This book is so different** in terms of what's out there in the YA market. I loved the historical aspect . . . Besides the bloody awesome fight scenes, if you guys know me, **I'm all about the romance and the romance in this book is one of my favourite kinds**' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'I found the storyline unique . . . **I liked everyone in this book** which usually doesn't happen . . . **I loved the relationships** . . . Overall, this was a great book' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

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The Fallen Kingdom

Elizabeth May

Keynote

Heiress. Debutant. Murderer.
A new generation of heroines has arrived.

Description

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Rise from the ashes. Rewrite fate. End the war.

The dead don't stay buried. Not when ancient magic is involved.

Aileana Kameron claws free from her grave to find the world unraveling. Tick tock. The clock's winding down.
Only one relic can hold back the tide of destruction, a book hidden deep in hostile fae territory. Guarded by the Morrigan, the oldest, deadliest creature in existence.

Aileana has one chance to save humanity and the fae she loves: Kiaran MacKay, once her consort, now a king damned to insatiable hunger.

This is no fairytale quest. It's life or death, with the fate of their worlds in the balance. If they fail, it's over. Their lives. The realms. Everything.

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Nowhere is safe.

Her only refuge is with Kiaran MacKay, her lethal fae consort. Together they're thrust into the heart of the human resistance, but trust is scarce. The fae close in, hungry to restore their Courts, even if it means razing the mortal realm to ashes.

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Earth to Moon

Moon Unit Zappa

Keynote

A creative, honest and funny account of an LA childhood growing up as the first daughter in the wildly unconventional and dysfunctional Zappa family

Description

The saying goes that "God only gives you what you can handle." Well God didn't grow up in my atheist, Wiccan, fame-laden, oversexed, teetotalling, drug-free, cloistered, chaotic, non-communicative, workaholic, feral-feeling house.'

For Moon Unit, daughter of musician Frank Zappa and his 'manager', Gail, processing a life so unique, so punctuated by the whims of creative urges, the tastes of popular culture and the calculus of celebrity, has at times been eviscerating. But it is her deep sense of humour and unshakeable humility that keeps her - and this memoir - pinned to the ground.

A child-star at age 14 after her accidental international hit single (recorded with her father), 'Valley Girl', turned her into a reluctant celebrity, Moon Unit Zappa's life has been utterly extraordinary from her birth in 1967 into a family that was already blessed/cursed as music royalty thanks to the acknowledged genius of Frank. But what are the consequences of growing up in a family who spend most of their time naked arguing about sexual/extra-marital liaisons and practising white magic in a free-for-all state of nonconformist, virtuoso abandon?

Earth to Moon is a reckoning with self-esteem, the ghosts of the past and a mother and a father who, in the process of leaving their mark upon on the world, scarred their first daughter on home soil. Brutally self-deprecating and funny as hell, it belies a rose-tinted perspective on the 70s and 80s west coast American scene, from within the belly of the beast of the rock and roll world.

Sales Points

- **FAMOUS WRITER:** Moon Unit Zappa is internationally recognised by name alone, as well as through her famous family - the Zappa name is iconic. There is perennial interest in Frank Zappa, one of the true freaks on the rock n roll scene in its Golden Age - whilst this is at times an unpalatable portrait of him it will be essential reading for fans of his work.
- **CONTEMPORARY FEMALE LITERARY MEMOIR:** contemporary, eviscerating literary memoir by women has a strong audience and is having commercial success - *Men We Reaped* by Jesmyn Ward, The Argonauts by Maggie Nelson, *Girl in a Band* by Kim Gordon, *In The Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado, *In The Dark Room* by Susan Faludi, *Educated* by Tara Westover, *Another Planet* by Tracy Thorn, etc. Moon's memoir sits comfortably within this space.
- **1970s REVIVAL:** 70s art, music, film, and fashion is having a revival at the moment and nostalgia is selling, as evidenced through the success of projects like *Liquorice Pizza*, Paul Anderson's latest blockbuster film. Moon's memoir places us squarely in this world, and the book is highly atmospheric, packed full of 70s and 80s film and rock n roll celebrities
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** The HB garnered quotes from a range of writers and publications across the UK and the US - we would hope to build on this success for the PB release, getting it to new readers and expanding the reach

Reviews

- 'Moon... is a sublime writer who dips her pen in Nora Ephron's ink' - *Observer*
- 'Engrossing' - *Guardian*
- '*Earth to Moon* makes for engaging and charitable company' - *The Telegraph*
- 'Moon Unit is... very funny' - *The Times*

Author Biography

Moon Unit Zappa is an American actress, artist, singer and author. She is the daughter of musician Frank Zappa.

Market

FOR READERS OF: Patti Smith; Viv Albertine; Kim Gordon; Lisa Taddeo; Olivia Laing; Carmen Maria Machado; Maggie Nelson; Tracy Thorn



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Running the Light

Sam Tallent

Keynote

A bona fide 'instant classic' (Doug Stanhope) novel that tells the story of a road comic crashing and burning by acclaimed comedian Sam Tallent

Description

'***Billy Ray Schafer stepped off the plane in Amarillo, Texas, with twenty-six hundred dollars tucked down the leg of his black ostrich-skin cowboy boot. He walked to baggage claim slowly, jelly-legged and nearing lucidity, coming out from under the Xanax he snorted before the flight.***'

Debauched, divorced and courting death, Billy Ray Schafer is a comedian who has forgotten how to laugh. Over the course of seven spun-out days across the American Southwest, he travels from hell gig to hell gig in search of a reason to keep living in this bleak and violent glimpse into the psyche of a thoroughly ruined man. Ex-inmate, ex-husband, ex-father - comedian is the only title Schafer has left.

Trapped in the wreckage of his wasted career, Billy Ray knows the answer to the question: What happens when opportunity doesn't come - or worse - it comes and goes?

'In vivid, electric sentences that read like cinematic tracking shots,' (*Denver Post*) Tallent hurls you into an absolute mess of a man's life as we search for the mercy he does not want.

Sales Points

- **PREVIOUS SALES:** book was self-published originally and has already sold 45,000 copies himself in that time, including 400 here in the UK. There are already thousands of Amazon reviews and a clear readership for the book which we can build.
- **THE WRITING:** the writing is extremely literary and polished and speaks to an American tradition of male writers in the way of Hemmingway, Easton Ellis and Bukowski. This speaks to a gap in the market for literary fiction by young, male writers which is underserved at the moment.
- **THE AUTHOR:** Sam Tallent is a popular and successful American stand-up comedian, who has a ton of followers on Instagram and Twitter already and an established platform and career. He would promote the book across his channels and engage with publication. He is well-connected in the comedy world also and there are other comics who have provided quotes and support for the publication.
- **INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION:** we will publish a few months after the US, who are making this a major publication at PRH US, so will be able to use some of their PR as a springboard for press in the UK.
- **UK VISIT:** Sam Tallent will be over for publication throughout May, doing his first run of big UK shows at comedy clubs. He will promote the book and UK publication on tour.

Reviews

- 'Thrilling, nauseating and painfully real . . . *Running the Light* is the best novel I've ever read about comedy . . . Sam Tallent is that rare thing: a funny person who can convey his funniness in fiction and do it alongside prose that will break your heart too.' - *Megan Nolan*
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- 'A gripping, raw, brutal, messy portrait of the life of an out-of-control road comic, full of drugs, booze, blood, sex, and a few jokes' - *Marc Maron, stand-up comedian and podcaster*

Author Biography

Sam Tallent is a comedian. For the last decade he has performed more than 45 weekends per year across America, Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. His writing has appeared in *Birdy Magazine* and on VICE.com. *Running the Light* is his first novel.

Market

FOR READERS OF: Adult readers of literary fiction written by men, particularly in the American tradition of Hunter S. Thompson, Bukowski, Kennedy Toole, Easton Ellis, Chuck Palahniuk; readers of literary fiction in the vein of Taddeo, Moshfegh, Eliza Clark, Rachel Kushner, with dark stories and flawed protagonists

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We Live Here Now

Sarah Pinborough

Keynote

The brand-new pulse-pounding, mind-blowing thriller from New York Times and Sunday Times bestseller Sarah Pinborough

Description

Award-winning author of New York Times bestselling breakout novel (and hit Netflix show) Behind Her Eyes returns with a haunting Gothic novel about a house—and a marriage—gone terribly wrong.

After an accident that nearly kills her, Emily and her husband, Freddie, move from London to a beautiful Dartmoor country house called Larkin Lodge. The house is gorgeous, striking—and to Emily, something about it feels deeply wrong.

Old boards creak at night, fires go out, and books fall from the shelves, and all of it stems from the terrible presence she feels in the second-floor room. But these things happen only when Emily's alone, so are they happening at all? She's still medically fragile; her postsepsis condition can cause hallucinatory side effects, which means she can't fully trust her own senses. Freddie doesn't notice anything odd and is happy with their chance at a fresh start.

Emily, however, starts to believe that the house is being haunted by someone who was murdered in it, though she can find no evidence of a wrongful death. As bizarre events pile up and her marriage starts to crumble, Emily becomes obsessed with discovering the truth about Larkin Lodge.

But if the house has secrets, so do Emily and her husband.

And they live here now.

Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES TRACK:** Sarah Pinborough has sold £2 million worth of books through the TCM, and is a UK No.1 bestseller and NYT bestseller
- **HER BEST BOOK YET:** this twisted marriage thriller is firmly back in the conversation-starting territory of BEHIND HER EYES, an addictive pageturner with multiple twists and WTF moments
- **TV HOT PROPERTY**: INSOMNIA, BEHIND HER EYES and 13 MINUTES have been adapted/in process of being adapted for TV and film series
- **MAJOR US LAUNCH:** a priority launch title for Flatiron, their first print run will include stenciled edges and a major marketing campaign

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Sarah Pinborough is an award-winning and *New York Times, Sunday Times*, and internationally bestselling author and screenwriter who is published in over 30 territories worldwide. Having published more than 25 novels across various genres, her recent books include *Behind Her Eyes*, now a smash-hit Netflix limited series; *Dead to Her,* in development with Topic Studios; *The Death House,* which she's adapting herself for Compelling Pictures; and her most recent book *Insomnia*, which she's adapted for Left Bank Pictures, currently filming and coming to Paramount+ in 2024, starring Vicky McClure.

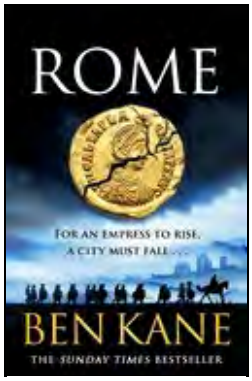
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Rome
For an empress to rise, a city must fall...

Ben Kane

Keynote

The brand-new historical adventure from *Sunday Times* bestseller Ben Kane. *Rome* is the gripping story of Galla Placidia, the last empress of Rome, who married a barbarian and ruled when the world power fell into chaos.

Description

Rome, 410 AD

Half-sister to Emperor Honorius, unmarried and powerless, twenty-year-old Galla Placidia watches from the shadows as imperial policies are made and unmade.

Her plans to gain power and influence are halted when the city is besieged and captured by a vast army led by Alaric the Visigoth. Taken hostage, travelling out of Italy, Galla Placidia falls in love and marries a barbarian king.

At a time when Rome's power is fast dwindling, its authority diminishing year upon year, she embarks on a dangerous and remarkable journey towards the imperial throne.

But what price must a woman pay for power?

This is the compelling story of a little-known, remarkable woman whose burning ambition saw her, against all odds, become empress of Rome.

Sales Points

- ORION'S BIGGEST HISTORICAL FICTION BRAND: Eleven of Ben Kane's fourteen novels have been Sunday Times bestsellers, including his most recent novel, KING, the grand finale to the LIONHEART series.
- EPIC SALES: Ben's books have sold over half a million units (645,000 copies) through the TCM alone, worth over £3.8 million in value. Ben Kane titles at Orion have sold 227.6k copies to date, bringing in a revenue of £804.8k.
- BELOVED IN HISTORICAL FICTION COMMUNITY: Ben is a familiar face at historical festivals up and down the country, including Chalke Valley History festival. He has also chaired the Historical Writers' Association (HWA).

Author Biography

Kenya born, Irish by blood and UK resident, Ben Kane's passion for history has seen him change career from veterinary medicine to writing, and taken him to more than 60 countries, and all 7 continents. Eleven of his novels have been Sunday Times bestsellers, and his books are published in twelve languages; a million copies have sold worldwide. In 2016, his research was recognised by Bristol University with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Kane lives in Somerset, where he writes full time.



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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
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Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author living in	**New York**
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Feel It All
A Therapist's Guide to Reimagining Your Relationship with Sex

Casey Tanner

Keynote

From certified sex therapist and founder of @queersextherapy Casey Tanner comes an expansive, paradigm-shifting guide to human sexuality that dismantles limiting cultural attitudes and offers a holistic, inclusive, and healing new framework.

Description

A groundbreaking guide to sexuality that dispels the stale cultural attitudes about sex that leave too many feeling inadequate, and offers an expansive, attachment-based framework to free us and develop bolder, more satisfying relationships with our sexual selves.

When it comes to sex, most people feel insecure. But it's not because we're deficient; it's because we've been under-resourced and miseducated.

Certified sex therapist Casey Tanner argues that our sex lives are a microcosm of every untruth we've internalized about gender, sex, relationships, our bodies, and ourselves. Most of us were taught that healthy sexuality is only for a certain kind of person, in a certain kind of relationship, with a certain kind of body. As a result, the way we've learned how to define "good sex" is reflective of how good, worthy, and loveable we see ourselves.

Feel It All is a comprehensive guide to help everyone uncover their personal misconceptions about sexuality and relationships. Tanner helps you recognize and assess your core beliefs surrounding relationships, sexuality, gender, and more; identify past trauma; find pathways to healing that work for you; and redefine sex based on knowledge and possibilities, rather than potential consequences.

Comprehensive yet accessible, informative, warm, and nonjudgmental, *Feel It All* provides a pathway for personal healing, creating stronger relationships, and achieving deeper intimacy.

Sales Points

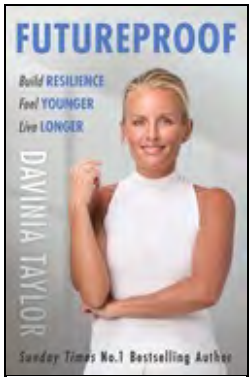
- **BIG FOLLOWING:** Casey has over 258k followers on Instagram and 100k on Tiktok with high engagement. She also has a big large newsletter with a dedicated following.
- **UNIQUE SUBJECT:**
- **QUALIFIED AUTHOR:**

Author Biography

Casey is a digital industry leader in the field of gender and sexual diversity, and has been featured in publications including Oprah Magazine, Self, InStyle, Elle, Marie Claire, Cosmopolitan, Vice, and more.

Casey works with leaders across industries to expand insight and influence around gender and sexuality, to help businesses better prepare to serve a more expansive generation of consumers.

Casey provides free sex and gender education through social media (@queersextherapy), with a following of nearly 400k.



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BIC 2.1	**Women's health (VFDW)** **Fitness & diet (VFM)** **Health & personal development (V)** **Psychology of ageing (JMD)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
Author living in	**Lancashire**

Previous Titles
It's Not a Diet (2021)
Hack Your Hormones (2023)

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Futureproof
Build Resilience, Feel Younger, Live Longer

Davinia Taylor

Keynote
Hack your biological age to feel better than ever, whatever your age

Description
Two-time number one *Sunday Times* bestseller and biohacking pioneer Davinia Taylor turns her attention to longevity in her brand new book *Futureproof*.

In this book, Davinia shares her own experience of lowering her biological age and feeling younger and healthier than she did ten years ago. *Futureproof* is broken down into five sections covering everything you need to know to do the same, with simple and sustainable lifestyle changes. It will show you how to:
TACKLE INFLAMMATION
BUILD MUSCLE
EAT MORE PROTEIN
GET MOBILE
MANAGE STRESS

This empowering and practical book will help you to feel amazing now, and keep you healthy for a long and happy life. You deserve to feel resilient and full of energy in every decade and *Futureproof* will empower you with all the tools you need to thrive.

Sales Points
- **NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Davinia's previous books were both number one *Sunday Times* bestsellers, with *Hack Your Hormones* spending 11 weeks in the charts in 2023.
- **BESTSELLING SALES TRACK:** as of Nov 2023, *Hack Your Hormones* has sold 77k copies in all formats, and *It's Not a Diet* has sold nearly 85k copies in all formats.
- **MAJOR AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Davinia has over 1.1m followers on Instagram at @daviniataylor, and a strong following of 84k for her biohacking supplements business @willpowders.
- **LONGEVITY IS A MAJOR TOPIC:** authors such as Dr Mark Hyman and Dr Peter Attia have tackled longevity in recent bestsellers. Davinia makes the topic easily accessible in her relatable and friendly style.

Author Biography
Globally renowned biohacking expert, champion of women's health, accidental CEO and busy mother of four, Davinia Taylor turned her own life around from feeling zapped of energy and powerless over food, to biohacking her way to optimum physical and mental health. Along the way she lost nearly three stone and lowered her biological age. She founded her global wellbeing business, WillPowders, to help all women (and their families) regain control of their wellbeing and become the best versions of themselves. Davinia shares her extensive biohacking knowledge via willpowders.com and her hugely popular Instagram accounts @daviniataylor, @willpowders and @willpowdersau. Her previous titles include *Sunday Times* bestsellers *It's Not a Diet* and *Hack Your Hormones.*



Publication date	**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781398726307**
BIC 2.1	**Romance (FR) Westerns (FJW) Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Change of Hart
The must-read angsty second-chance cowboy romance that will have you LASSOED

Bailey Hannah

Keynote

The next romantic and spicy grumpy/sunshine cowboy romance from Bailey Hannah

Description

Buckle up for this sizzling grumpy/sunshine small-town romance that will throw a lasso around your heart and have you hooked

'Swoony and sexy, Denny and Blair are totally captivating!' **Lyla Sage**

'Denny Wells is EVERYTHING!! I had been waiting for my man and he delivered'
Reader Review⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Angsty, emotional and so damn sexy' **Laurie Gilmore**

In this spicy romance from the author of *Alive and Wells* and *Seeing Red,* a jaded woman reluctantly returns to her hometown-and to the cowboy who broke her heart and drove her away.

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He broke her heart once before. Can she risk him doing it again?

Five seconds of honesty: Wells Canyon is the last place Blair Hart wants to be.

But her mother's illness leaves her no choice except to return to the hometown-and the traumatic past-she's spent thirteen years hiding from. A run-in with the boy who tore her life to pieces is inevitable in a town like Wells Canyon, but that doesn't mean she's prepared for the way Denver Wells can turn back time with a single smile.

Thirteen years ago Denver's world crashed around him. Since then, he's done everything he can to outrun his demons, until a flash of brown hair knocks him from his saddle. But if he wants her back, he'll need to prove he can be the man Blair needs-the same one she used to love.

With a thousand sticky notes worth of responsibilities, Blair doesn't have the time to sift through their messy history and resolve things with the man who's determined to be in her life. And Denver's going to need more than cowboy charm and five seconds of honesty to convince Blair he's worth a change of heart.

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'Bailey is the mf queen and has done it again.'
Reader Review⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
'I need more from Wells Canyon already!'
Reader Review⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- COWBOYS ARE IN: From Lyla Sage to Elsie Silver, cowboys are in and show no sign of leaving. They are perfect for fans of small-town romances with a usually broody love interest.
- WORLDWIDE BUZZ: Rights have sold in the US, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Ukraine.
- EXCITING SELF-PUBLISHED VOICE: Bailey Hannah already has an existing fanbase which we can build upon in the UK and break her into retailers.

Author Biography

Bailey Hannah is a Canadian romance author with a passion for strong heroines and rugged men who aren't afraid to love their women hard. Born and raised in small town British Columbia, you can count on a touch of rural Canadian flair (dirt roads, rodeos, and ketchup chips) in her stories. Bailey lives with her husband, daughter, dogs, and chickens. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, the outdoors, and daydreaming about her characters.

Market

Done and Dusted by Lyla Sage; When in Rome by Sarah Adams; Holding the Reins by Paisley Hope

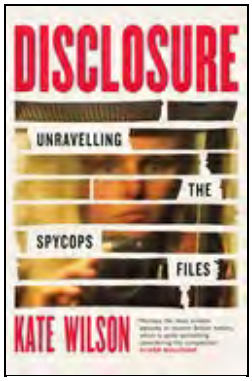
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Format	**Royal**
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Word Count	
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Disclosure
Unravelling the Spycops Files

Kate Wilson

Keynote

The searing true story of the woman who took on Britain's secret police in court, and won

Description

It was exciting when it started, then comfortable and domestic, and over time we grew apart. If it had been real, our relationship wouldn't have made a chapter in a memoir. But Mark was a fictional character, contrived by the British state to violate me and undermine the values I hold dearest. And the entire time, EN31 was sitting around the corner, writing it all down, watching our lives unfold.

In 2003, British police infiltrated a group of idealistic young environmental groups, forming sexual relationships and spying without warrant on hundreds of innocent civilians. Kate Wilson fought back. She took the Met to court, at times battling alone without funding or legal representation, enduring further state surveillance, psychological intrusion and state harassment. It took her nearly 20 years to uncover the eerie truth about Britain's secret political police. This is her story. It might be yours.

Sales Points

- **SHOCKING EXPOSÉ:** Reveals in chilling detail the psychological toll of the systemic misogyny and sexual abuse inflicted on the women deceived into relationships with undercover police
- **GRIPPING COURTROOM NARRATIVE:** This book is about so much more than one betrayal. It's the story of how one woman took on the Met **and won**, exposing a colossal institutional scandal and raising urgent questions about the role of the police in society
- **UNFORGETTABLE VOICE:** This is an exceptionally crafted memoir that alternates powerfully between the first and third person to evoke both the love story as she experienced it and the sinister reality of what it was later revealed to be

Author Biography

Kate Wilson is a life-long campaigner and now works as a nurse. Her landmark victory in the trial 'Wilson v the Commissioner' established that the British undercover police operations targeting her movements were unlawful and unnecessary in a democratic society, and consistently violated basic human and political rights.

Market

Readers of memoir with a political/campaigning angle e.g. Chanel Miller, Chimene Suleyman
Readers of exposés of political scandals/cover-ups and gripping courtroom narratives e.g. Philippe Sands, *The Great Post Office Scandal*

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Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can**
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Author living in	**St Albans**
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The Mistake

M. J. Arlidge and Lisa Hall

Keynote

A gripping psychological thriller about the deadly secrets your family can keep ...

Description

In this family, everyone is telling lies.

Pete never wanted another child. Before baby Erin was born, they were happy. If Natalie hadn't got pregnant, he would never have done what he did.

Natalie knows things have been difficult since the surprise arrival of Erin. Life with Pete and their two other children - Emily and Zadie - has been balancing on a knife-edge.

Now their home is full of guests at a party Natalie didn't want to throw - and she's about to reach breaking point.

But so is her family.

Because *everyone* has a secret that they've been hiding and when Erin suddenly disappears *everyone* becomes a suspect.

Surely no one here would want to harm their baby? But after the events of the party there are plenty of people who would want to hurt Natalie.

Including her husband...

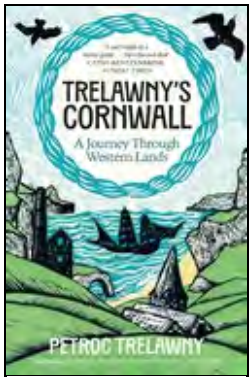
Sales Points

- A blockbuster brand author: M.J. Arlidge has sold over 2 million copies of his books in the UK - he's the author of over ten Sunday Times bestsellers in his much-loved Helen Grace series.
- Internationally renowned: an international bestseller in various international territories, and his books have sold in well over 20 languages
- Innovative new co-writing strand: inspired by the world of film and TV, in an industry first Matt is collaborating with five breakout crime and thriller writers for this writers' room project, aimed to reach new audiences and readers
- A blockbuster digital author: Lisa Hall has sold over 250,000 ebooks and was one of Amazon's top selling titles

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.

Lisa Hall is the bestselling author of six psychological thrillers and the Hotel Hollywood time-slip murder mystery series. Her debut novel *Between You and Me* was a Kindle UK number one bestseller, sitting in the top spot for over four weeks. Lisa has a First Class Honours degree in English Literature and Creative Writing. She lives in Kent with her husband and their three children. Readers can follow Lisa on Twitter @LisaHallAuthor



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Price	**£10.99 / ₹899**
Main Identifier	**9781474625104**
BIC 2.1	**Social & cultural history (HBTB) Historical geography (HBTP) Landscape archaeology (HDL) Cornwall (1DBKEWC)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**384 pages**
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Trelawny's Cornwall
A Journey through Western Lands

Petroc Trelawny

Keynote

Part travel-writing, part memoir, part social history of Cornwall

Description

It would be hard to think of a more thoroughly Cornish name than Petroc Trelawny. His first name is shared with one of Cornwall's most celebrated saints, his second is the name of its unofficial national anthem. But when a stranger challenges the Radio 3 presenter on his ancestry, he is inspired to return to the lands of his boyhood to rediscover the place where he grew up, and attempt to confirm if he still belongs there.

Part history, part memoir, this is a deeply felt exploration of Cornwall - past, present and future. Petroc embarks on a slow journey that sees him visit old mine workings, ancient churches, sites where new technology was forged, and places where poets, musicians, architects and film makers have worked to shape Cornwall's cultural identity. He explores the Tamar, the river that marks out the Cornish frontier, and holds a finger up to winds of change, exploring the collapse of Methodism, the decline of the Cornish language, and the complex , sometimes lucrative, sometimes destructive, relationship with tourism.

As he travels by road, rail and foot, he conjures marvellously vivid figures and scenes from memory, telling the stories of a loving family full of mysteries and a landscape still redolent of 'Cornish otherness'.

Sales Points

- **MUCH MORE THAN A HOLIDAY BROCHURE:** this book will not just celebrate Cornwall's beauty - the postcard image - although this will of course be a part of it, but it will also examine its reality, its poverty and class divide
- **CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Petroc presents the Breakfast Show on BBC Radio 3 and is involved in a host of other BBC events. He has over 25K followers on Twitter and is committed to promoting the book
- **TIMELY:** people are increasingly looking to travel within the UK. This could be the perfect companion book for someone who plans to visit Cornwall, one of the UK's most popular tourist destinations
- **A PERFECT GIFT:** for anyone who might be travelling to Cornwall or is interested in local history

Reviews

- 'I can't think of a more enjoyable or more illuminating guide to Cornwall than Petroc Trelawny, who **knows it intimately, loves it deeply, and shares it generously**' - THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES
- '**Utterly engaging and full of sly pleasures** . . . an authoritative, insider's survey of all the high achieving men and women who made Cornwall the fascinating place it is today but also a deeply personal memoir which manages elegantly to sidestep all the usual pitfalls of autobiographies of household names' - PATRICK GALE
- 'Lively and informative . . . **This is a richly rewarding book** . . . I can't think of a better guide to Cornwall than Trelawny. He's the real deal, and short of being able to catch trains and wander around churches with the man himself, having his **erudite, engaging and enjoyable** book to hand makes an excellent close second' - CATHY RENTZENBRINK*, Sunday Times*
- 'A vivid and often moving memoir-cum-history of his home county, the farthest-flung of all . . . a blend of personal history and reportage that makes for **an enlightening and deeply pleasurable read**' - Simon O'Hagan*, The Oldie*

Author Biography

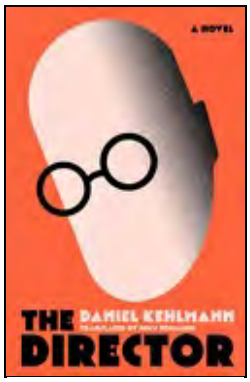
Petroc Trelawny grew up on the Lizard Peninsula in the far south of Cornwall. He presents Breakfast on BBC Radio 3. He was part of the commentary team for BBC Television's coverage of the Coronation of King Charles III and the funeral of Her Majesty The Queen and has presented BBC Proms on radio and television for more than two decades.

Market

Readers of fine history and travel writing by Simon Jenkins, Robert Macfarlane and Bill Bryson, as well as Cornwall residents and visitors

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BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)** **Fiction in translation (FYT)** **Historical fiction (FV)** **c 1939 to c 1945 (including WW2) (3JJH)** **Austria (1DFA)** **Individual film directors, film-makers (APFB)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
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In-House Editor	**Jon Riley**
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Author living in	**New York and Berlin**

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The Director

Daniel Kehlmann
Translated by Ross Benjamin

Keynote

From 'one of the brightest, most pleasure-giving writers at work today' (Jeffrey Eugenides), a visionary tale inspired by the life of the 20th century film director G.W. Pabst, who left Europe for Hollywood to resist the Nazis and then returned to his homeland with his wife and young son and began making films for the German Reich.

Description

An artist's life, a pact with the devil, a novel about the dangerous illusions of the silver screen.

G.W. Pabst, one of cinema's greatest, perhaps the greatest director of his era: when the Nazis seized power he was filming in France, to escape the horrors of the new Germany he flees to Hollywood. But under the blinding California sun, the world-famous director suddenly looks like a nobody. Not even Greta Garbo, who he made famous, can help him. And thus, almost through no fault of his own, he finds himself back in his homeland of Austria, which is now called Ostmark. The returning family is confronted with the barbaric nature of the regime. But Goebbels, the minister of propaganda in Berlin, wants the film genius, he won't take no for an answer and makes big promises. While Pabst still believes that he will be able to resist these advances, that he will not submit to any dictatorship other than art, he has already taken the first steps into a hopeless entanglement.

Daniel Kehlmann's novel about art and power, beauty and barbarism is a triumph. *The Director* shows what literature is capable of.

Sales Points

- **Daniel Kehlmann is an internationally bestseller author, his books have been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize, and have received widespread acclaim both nationally and internationally.**
- *The Director* tells the story of G.W Pabst life through the Nazi occupation, exploring the dictatorship, Weimer-era cinema and the dynamic of one family's struggles through an oppressive regime.
- ***The Director* has sold over 180,000 copies in Germany.**

Reviews

- 'Daniel Kehlmann is shockingly brilliant, a writer of extraordinary range and grace. At times absurdist, at times horrifyingly realist, The Director asks where the moral duty of the artist resides, and how the narcissism of the artistic project can bleed into complicity.' - Lauren Groff, author of The Vaster Wilds
- '*The Director* is engrossing and luminous, an epic act of historical imagination and an intimate parable about moral compromise and the seductions of art. After Tyll, I wasn't sure how Kehlmann could possibly top himself. He has. This book is a marvel.' - *Ayad Akhtar*
- 'Daniel Kehlmann, the finest German writer of his generation, takes on the life of the eminent film director G. W. Pabst to weave a tragicomic historical fantasia that stretches from Hollywood to Nazi Germany, from Garbo to Goebbels, to show how even a great artist can make, and be unmade by, moral compromises with evil. A dazzling performance and a real page turner.' - *Salman Rushdie*

Author Biography

Daniel Kehlmann was born in Munich in 1975 and lives in Vienna, Berlin and New York. He has published six novels: *Measuring the World*, *Me & Kaminski*, *Fame*, *F, You Should Have Left* and *Tyll* and has won numerous prizes, including the Candide Prize, the Literature Prize of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Doderer Prize, The Kleist Prize, the WELT Literature Prize, and the Thomas Mann Prize. *Measuring the World* was translated into more than forty languages and is one of the biggest successes in post-war German literature.



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In The Shadows

Anna Smith

Keynote

Billie Carlson takes on a thrilling new case in the next instalment of this gripping series. Perfect for fans of Marnie Riches and Martina Cole.

Description

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YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE PAST.

The future is looking bright for Billie Carlson. With her child safely home and a new relationship on the horizon, she hasn't felt so settled in years.

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Refusing to go to the police for fear her husband will find out, Elizabeth wants Billie to work out who he was - and what secrets he was looking for.

Can Billie help Elizabeth, or is she in way over her head?

Sales Points

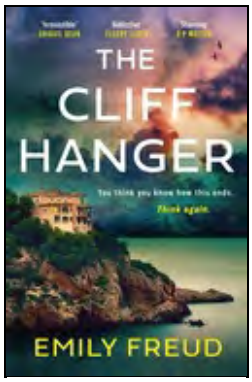
- Anna consistently gets great reader reviews and continues to preorder well, particularly in eBook.
- Perfect for fans of tough gritty urban thrillers and authors such as Marine Riches, Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole.
- Anna sells well through supermarkets, and usually gets slots in ASDA and Morrisons.

Reviews

- 'A **riveting read**. I really enjoyed it. **Gritty, violent and very dark, it is a real page turner. I loved the character of Billie Carlson** who has such an interesting back story. I can't wait to find out more about her. **Well plotted, with interesting characters** - the bad guys are so bad I wanted to go after them myself!' - *Patricia Gibney on UNTIL I FIND YOU*
- '**Loved it!** Billie Carlson, **what a standout, don't-mess-with-me character**, a seeker of the truth while battling her own nightmares. The story had me hooked from start to finish. This Glasgow is **gritty, raw, filled with people you would not want to meet down a dark alley**' - *Dreda Say Mitchell on UNTIL I FIND YOU*
- 'A **heroine for our times, strong, fiercely independent, dogged and determined** with an unwavering moral compass that causes her no end of problems' - *Trevor Wood on UNTIL I FIND YOU*

Author Biography

Anna Smith has been a journalist for over twenty years and is a former chief reporter for the Daily Record in Glasgow. She has covered wars across the world as well as major investigations and news stories from Dunblane to Kosovo to 9/11. Anna spends her time between Lanarkshire and Dingle in the west of Ireland, as well as in Spain to escape the British weather.



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Previous Titles
My Best Friend's Secret
What She Left Behind
Her Last Summer

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The Cliffhanger
The searing new destination thriller with a cat-and-mouse twist

Emily Freud

Keynote
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Description
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'Outstanding, immersive, rich and vivid' **LIZZY BARBER**

'The PERFECT summer thriller!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ **READER REVIEW**

'A breathless thriller with a high stakes plot' **LUCY CLARKE**

Sales Points
- **GRIPPING SUMMER THRILLER:** Perfect for fans of *We Were Never Here*, *Sun Damage* and *One of the Girls*, this is a sizzling summer thriller with a cat-and-mouse twist
- **AUTHOR'S RISING STAR:** Emily's profile continues to grow book on book, with a striking new destination thriller look that's fresh and timeless

Reviews
- '**A deliciously macabre marriage meltdown**. Freud creates an **irresistible** tinderbox of marital resentment, professional scandal, and a long, hot summer - and lights it with real style' - *Abigail Dean*
- 'The Cliffhanger is **a mind blowing rollercoaster ride of a book!** I loved following Emma and Felix's story and trying to work out who would destroy who - it is a credit to Emily's brilliant writing that it was impossible to guess the twists - which came like sucker punches as we headed towards the finale. A fabulous read!' - *Nikki Smith*

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- '**Deliciously tense and twisty** - this is **a tale of ambition, betrayal and the darkness of creativity**. I loved every page!' - *Lesley Kara*
- 'I inhaled this book in 24 hours. It is a **refreshingly unique story of layered betrayal and revenge**. Freud is masterful when it comes to creating palpable tension, and **brilliantly sly characters**. I loved it' - *L V Matthews*

Author Biography

Emily Freud is the author of *My Best Friend's Secret*, *What She Left Behind* and *Her Last Summer*. *She* has worked on Emmy and BAFTA award winning television series including *Educating Yorkshire* and *First Dates*. Emily lives in North London, with her husband and two children. Her latest novel, *The Cliffhanger*, publishes in 2025.

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Türkiye
Cycling Through a Country's First Century

Julian Sayarer

Keynote

A cycling tour through the history and landscape of a country as it reaches its first century - by a winner of the Stanford Dolman Award for Travel Writing

Description

"A deeply thoughtful, gripping and scrupulous book told in Sayarer's trademark style from the saddle and the roadside" CAROLINE EDEN

By a winner of the Stanford Dolman Award for Travel Writing

"The best travelogues should make you question your preconceptions of a place and force you to engage with what the author is saying. *Türkiye* succeeds on both fronts" *Cycle Magazine*

"We need writers who will go all the way for a story, and tell it with fire. Sayarer is a marvellous example" HORATIO CLARE

On the eve of its centenary year and elections that will shape the coming generations, Julian Emre Sayarer sets out to cycle across Türkiye, from the Aegean coast to the Armenian border.

Meeting Turkish farmers and workers, Syrian refugees and Russians avoiding conscription, the journey brings to life a living, breathing, cultural tapestry of the place where Asia, Africa and Europe converge. The result is a love letter to a country and its neighbours - one that offers a clear-eyed view of Türkiye and its place in a changing world. Yet the route is also marked by tragedy, as Sayarer cycles along a major fault line just months before one of the most devastating earthquakes in the region's modern history.

Always engaged with the big historical and political questions that inform so much of his writing, Sayarer uses his bicycle and the roadside encounters it allows to bring everything back to the human level. At the end of his journey we are left with a deeper understanding of the country, as well as the essential and universal nature of political power, both in Türkiye and closer to home.

"A persuasive corrective to western views of a place he loves" *Guardian*

Sales Points

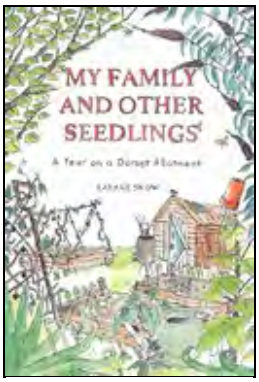
- For *Interstate*, Julian Sayarer was the 2017 winner of the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year

Reviews

- 'A persuasive corrective to western views of a place he loves' - *Guardian*
- 'The best travelogues should make you question your preconceptions of a place and force you to engage with what the author is saying. Turkiye succeeds on both fronts.' - *Cycle Magazine*

Author Biography

JULIAN SAYARER cycled a half dozen times across Europe to his second nation of Türkiye before before breaking a world record for a circumnavigation by bicycle, and going on to write *Life Cycles* (2014). He is the winner of the Stanford Dolman Travel Writing Award for *Interstate* (2016), an account of hitchhiking through middle America, and is the author of *Messengers* (2016), *All at Sea* (2017), *Fifty Miles Wide* (2020), Ondaatje Prize-longlisted *Iberia* (2021), and *Türkiye* (2023). Julian combines a background in political science to create a critically acclaimed travel writing style - politics at roadsides. In this 12mph view of the world in passing, he uses human stories and journeys to document global issues for a broad audience. His writing has appeared in the *London Review of Books*, the *Guardian*, *Financial Times*, *Aeon Magazine*, and in numerous cycling publications.



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My Family and Other Seedlings
A Year on a Dorset Allotment

Lally Snow

Keynote

Following family life on a British allotment: an unassuming centre of history, community and self-sufficiency

Description

'A tender but substantive family memoir' *Sunday Independent*

'An acute eye and a lightness of touch ensures that this is never anything other than truly engrossing' *The Field*

A few years ago Lally Snow moved to a Dorset village with her husband and three small children, having spent over a decade as a war photographer, foreign correspondent and film maker living in Kabul. She covered the conflict there as well as other wars from Gaza to Eastern Ukraine, and Iraq.

In the late winter of 2021-22, Lally decided to rent an allotment, despite having only a rudimentary knowledge of gardening. She was starting from scratch and setting herself the dual challenge of growing an allotment at the same time as growing a family.

This is a heart-warming, wry and at times tearful account of Lally's travails as a mother and novice allotment holder, counterpointing horticultural progress with the perils of parenting. Along the way she reflects on the drudgery of English rural domesticity after a professional life chasing war and adventure, the history of the allotment since Saxon times, and the wonderful moment when gardening becomes fun rather than just feeding a family.

Sales Points

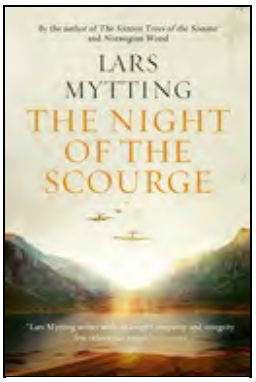
- A hugely promotable and well-connected author - Lally has worked for the *Sunday Times*, *Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Granta*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Le Monde* and *Suddeutsche Zietung*

Author Biography

Award winning freelance photographer, filmmaker and writer Lalage Snow spent the best part of her professional life covering conflict in Afghanistan, The Middle East and Ukraine. Her personal projects have been published and exhibited to critical acclaim around the world and have been featured on Channel 4 and the BBC, in *The Times*, *Sunday Times* and *Telegraph* newspapers and exhibited at the V&A and Smithsonian galleries. Her first book, *War Gardens: A Journey Through Conflict in Search of Calm*, explores the conflicts of the twenty-first century through the eyes of civilians using gardening as a means of survival. Lalage Snow now lives in the west country with her family. And a multitude of seedlings.

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The Night of the Scourge
The Sister Bells Trilogy Vol. 3

Lars Mytting
Translated by Deborah Dawkin

Keynote

A gripping historical novel of resistance and betrayal in German-occupied Norway - the final book in Lars Mytting's acclaimed and bestselling Sister Bells trilogy

Description

A riveting and epic family drama set in WWII-era Norway, award-winning author Lars Mytting's *The Night of the Scourge* is the final novel in the internationally bestselling Sister Bells trilogy

Butangen, Norway, the years before WWII: Astrid Hekne has inherited the fighting spirit and hypersensitivity of her grandmother, who was a protector of the mythic Sister Bells that had once hung in the village's centuries-old stave church.

The priest Kai Schweigaard, now in his eighties, is wondering how his death, prophesied in a centuries-old tapestry, will come to pass. He delves into the myths about the Night of the Scourge, which, according to old village beliefs, is when the known world will be scraped down to bare rock.

Then Norway is occupied by the Nazis. Astrid joins the Resistance, and Kai is thrown out of his own church. A suspected betrayal within Astrid's own family unites the Sister Bells in Dresden. Special effort and sacrifice, not only from the Hekne family, will be needed to combat the postwar rumours and mistrust.

This family drama, set in the tumultuous times of WWII, beautifully completes the Sister Bells trilogy. But while it connects to the previous books in surprising and thrilling ways, it can also be read as a standalone, a beautiful novel of magical realism that intertwines Norwegian folklore and myths with a rich story of hardship and passion.

Translated from the Norwegian by Deborah Dawkin

Praise for *The Bell in the Lake* - a *Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Month

"A beautiful example of modern Norwegian folklore" ***Guardian***
"Lyrical, melancholy and with beautifully drawn characters" ***Daily Mail***
"Mytting's cleverly crafted story heads inexorably to a moving conclusion" ***Sunday Times***

Sales Points

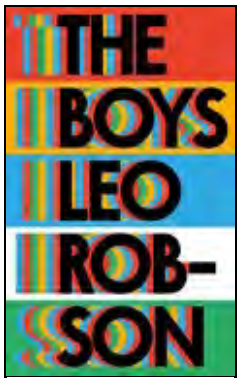
- 300,000 copies of Lars Mytting's books sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide
- More than 75,000 copies of Mytting's novel *Sixteen Trees of the Somme* sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide - it was a Waterstones Fiction Book of the Month in 2018
- Some 30,000 copies of the previous books in the Sister Bells trilogy sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide
- Mytting is the author of *Norwegian Wood* and worldwide phenomenon and a dark-horse bestseller of Christmas 2015

Reviews

- 'Lars Mytting writes with an insight, empathy and integrity few others can match' - *Jo Nesbo*
- 'Love, suspense, nature and superstition are woven together in this powerful novel... [A] taste of something deeply and genuinely Norwegian' - *Maya Lunde*
- 'Mytting weaves a compelling saga of love, both lost and found, and of a country in the midst of change' - *Sunday Times*

Author Biography

Lars Mytting, a novelist and journalist, was born in Fåvang, Norway, in 1968. His novel *The Sixteen Trees of the Somme*) was awarded the Norwegian National Booksellers' Award and has been bought for film. *Norwegian Wood* has become an international bestseller, and was the Bookseller Industry Awards Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2016. His novel *The Bell in the Lake* was a number one bestseller in Norway and nominated for the Norwegian National Bookseller's Award 2018.



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The Boys
a fresh and original debut about family, friendship and love

Leo Robson

Keynote

Set against the London Olympics of 2012, *The Boys* is an unforgettable, touching and beautifully written story of love, friendship and family and introduces Leo Robson as a fresh, witty and original new voice in fiction.

Description

'Summer days and new relationships are rendered with a grace that is lyrical at times but also ironic and comic, in a tone perfectly-pitched' Colm Tóibín
'Compelling, vibrant, and dazzling' Brandon Taylor, Booker shortlisted author of *Real Life*
'Very human, very real but also, fundamentally, extremely fun to read' Rebecca Watson, author of *Little Scratch*

A *New Statesman* 25 best books to read in 2025.

London, 2012. Johnny Voghel is stuck. He has a dead-end job at a small university and a wilting relationship and is grieving the death of his parents. When his half-brother Lawrence returns to the old family home from Chicago after a period of estrangement, Johnny decides to do everything he can to win back his affection. It's a quest he pursues with the help of Lawrence's childhood sweetheart and a pair of mysterious and seductive students adrift in the city during the height of Olympics fever.

A generational saga that takes place over a fortnight, and a comedy about confusion and loss, *The Boys* follows Johnny as he revisits old grievances, cultivates new friendships - and tries to take control of his fate.

Sales Points

- **A DEBUT FROM A LITERARY CRITIC**. Our aim to launch Leo's career as a critic turned literary novelist in the same way as others who have followed this path, including: Jonathan Coe, James Wood, John Lanchester, Andrew O'Hagan, Patricia Lockwood, and Sinead Gleeson.
- **A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE AND TIME**, *The Boys* brilliantly captures the feel of London in the Summer of 2012.

Reviews

- '*The Boys* is a tremendous novel - compelling, vibrant, and dazzling. These characters are charming and hilarious and doing their best to get on. I worried for them and I loved them and I miss them now that they're gone. Leo Robson writes with a dry hilarity and crackling intelligence. What an arrival.' - Brandon Taylor, Booker shortlisted author of Real Life
- 'With a cast of maverick characters that all want the last word, *The Boys* is the kind of novel whose world you feel remorse at having to leave. It is many things: a comic come-along-for-the-ride; a moving exploration of how grief hits, shifts, evolves; a detective story behind understanding complicated feelings. It's very human, very real but also, fundamentally, extremely fun to read.' - Rebecca Watson, author of Little Scratch
- 'Leo Robson's *The Boys* is written with such a brisk, charming sense of humour that you almost don't notice how touching it is. There's something delightful on every page.' - Lauren Oyler, author of Fake Accounts
- 'Tender and acerbic by turn, indisputably British, Leo Robson's *The Boys* yields its secrets as particular pleasures to be acquired one by one; as if the reader, like the novel's sharply observant narrator, were making their way through a labyrinth, entangled in familial wonders and revelations' - Joyce Carol Oates

Author Biography

Leo Robson is a journalist. He is a contributing editor at *Granta* and assistant editor at *Literary Review*. His writing on culture and sport has appeared in a wide range of publications, including the *New Statesman*, the *New Left Review*, the *London Review of Books*, and the *New Yorker*. He lives in London.

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Make It Make Sense
The Bedside Table Essential For Women In Their Twenties

Lucy Blakiston and Bel Hawkins

Keynote

The debut book from the authors behind the global media sensation **Shit You Should Care About.**

Description

Shit You Should Care About was launched as a WordPress blog by three best friends in the back of a political science lecture. Today it's a global ecosystem of content - two podcasts, 3.5 million Instagram followers and a daily newsy. They are your culture vultures, news agents and (reluctant) agony aunts all rolled into one.

MAKE IT MAKE SENSE is a collage of cultural analysis, anecdotes, personal essays, poems, and lists, interplayed like a conversation between friends. So sharp they'll make you wince, so honest that you might feel uncomfortable with what's reflecting back at you, so funny you'll want to take a photo and send it to your best friend.

It's the bedside table essential for women who've felt their way through life and want that experience reflected back at them. When everything feels like it's whooshing away in an endless scroll, **MAKE IT MAKE SENSE** holds the answers (or questions) to what to do with all these big feelings.

Sales Points

- Across their various platforms, Shit You Should Care About has 3.5 million followers on Instagram, 225,000 monthly podcast downloads and 57,000 daily newsletter subscribers.
- The SYSCA community is incredibly engaged, their newsletter has an open rate of 62% and their audience responds particularly well to the the part of their newsletter that unpacks the modern female experience. This humorous and heartfelt life advice - from work, to grief, to relationships - will make up the book's content.
- They have some high profile followers who frequently interact with their posts including Chrissy Tiegen; Pandora Sykes; Ariana Grande, Daisy Edgar Jones; Celeste Barber

Author Biography

Bel Hawkins (Author)
Bel is a published poet, writer, and the voice of one of the most beloved spaces in the SYSCA universe. She's won leading awards in both advertising and media, and spent the majority of her 20s living around the world, working on projects that speak directly to worn-out women, helping people phoenix, and making them feel less alone in the world.

Lucy Blakiston (Author)
Lucy launched 'Shit You Should Care About' with her two best friends aged 21. Within a year, the platform had soared to becoming a global success, growing millions of followers and being touted as an editorial expert for millennials and Gen Z. The voice and CEO of SYSCA, Luce is the editorial director of the company and frequently speaks and advises on how to connect with Gen Z on an international stage.



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The Devil's Playbook

Markus Heitz
Translated by Sophia Nayakshin

Keynote

Dark fantasy meets complex thriller tension: Markus Heitz's urban mystery bestseller is a perfect mix of the uncanny, evil and subtle horror.

Description

'A perfect mix of scares, evil and subtle horror' *Thrilling Stories*

Retired gambler Tadeus Boch has just come into possession of a mysterious playing card, apparently from a very rare eighteenth-century deck. He immediately becomes obsessed with tracking down the entire set of cards, rumoured to be the one pack in the world for the legendary game *Supérieur* . . . and said to be created by the Devil himself.

But Boch is not the only person searching for the missing cards. And the more he learns about the game, the more dangerous the chase becomes.

It's not long before Boch realises he's playing for the highest stakes he's ever wagered: nothing less than his own life.

'A finely balanced mixture of sophisticated horror elements, historical references and fast-paced action scenes. Markus Heitz whips his readers through a stirring adventure until the spectacular showdown' Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

Sales Points

- Markus Heitz is an internationally bestselling and award-winning author of fantasy, dark fiction and dark thrillers.
- Markus has created Supérieur, the card game at the centre of the book: supposedly created by the Devil in the 18th century, when the individual cards of Supérieur are collected together, they will throw the whole world into chaos.
- *The Devil's Playbook* is a fast-paced mix of dark fantasy meets complex thriller in an urban mystery setting - unputdownable!

Reviews

- 'A **complex thriller** about the **bloody history of the card game**' - *PLAYBOY on THE DEVIL'S PLAYBOOK*
- 'A **finely balanced mixture of sophisticated horror** elements, **historical** references and **fast-paced action** scenes . . . until the **spectacular showdown** [...] Markus Heitz whips his readers through **a disturbing adventure**' - *KÖLNER STADT-ANZEIGER on THE DEVIL'S PLAYBOOK*
- 'A **perfect mix of scary, evil** and **subtle horror** ' - *THRILLING BOOKS on THE DEVIL'S PLAYBOOK*
- '**Gripping, eerie, mysterious and fantastic**. The plot is **consistently exciting**, there are **thriller elements** as well as **well-placed horror elements** - it is **impossible to put the book down** ' - *NICOLE'S BOOK WORLD on THE DEVIL'S PLAYBOOK*

Author Biography

Markus Heitz trained to be a teacher after studying history and German literature, then going on to an MA in History. He spent several years as a journalist, writing in his free time, before the runaway success of *The Dwarves* allowed him to give up the day job. His debut epic fantasy novel, *Schatten über Ulldart* (*Shadows over Ulldart*) was the first of many of his books to win the Deutscher Phantastik Preis (Germany's premier literary award for fantasy) in 2003. Since then he has frequently topped the bestseller charts, and his Number One-bestselling Dwarves and Aelfar series have earned him a place among Germany's most successful fantasy authors. He loves playing with fantasy, thriller and mystery tropes to keep the reader always interested. He currently lives in Saarland, in Germany.



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I'll Keep You Safe
A stunning standalone crime thriller from the incredible mind behind The Lewis Trilogy

Peter May

Keynote
Million-selling Peter May marks his return to the Isle of Lewis.

Description
**** AUTHOR OF *CAST IRON, COFFIN ROAD* AND *THE BLACKHOUSE* ****
**** OVER 4 MILLION COPIES SOLD ****
**** AN EXPLOSIVE NEW THRILLER SET IN THE OUTER HEBRIDES ****

WHATEVER HAPPENS

Niamh and Ruairidh Macfarlane co-own the Hebridean company Ranish Tweed. On a business trip to Paris to promote their luxury brand, Niamh learns of Ruairidh's affair, and then looks on as he and his lover are killed by a car bomb. She returns home to Lewis, bereft.

I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU

Niamh begins to look back on her life with Ruairidh, desperate to identify anyone who may have held a grudge against him. The French police, meanwhile, have ruled out terrorism, and ruled in murder - and sent Detective Sylvie Braque to shadow their prime suspect: Niamh.

I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE, NO MATTER WHAT

As one woman works back through her memories, and the other moves forward with her investigation, the two draw ever closer to a deadly enemy with their own, murderous, designs.

'Peter May is a writer I would follow to the ends of the earth' *New York Times*

Sales Points
- The #2 hardback fiction bestseller.
- Since the January 2011 publication of *The Blackhouse*, worldwide sales of Peter May's titles have passed four million copies.
- Peter May's novels are translated into 19 languages worldwide.
- Peter May's next thriller, *The Man With No Face*, will be published in January 2019.

Reviews
- 'He is a terrific writer doing something different.' - *Mark Billingham*
- 'From the first page I knew I was in safe hands. I knew I could trust this writer.' - Sophie Hannah
- 'Wonderfully compelling.' - Kate Mosse
- 'Peter May is an author I'd follow to the ends of the earth.' - *New York Times*

Author Biography
Peter May was born and raised in Scotland. He was an award-winning journalist at the age of twenty-one and a published novelist at twenty-six. When his first book was adapted as a major drama series for the BBC, he quit journalism and during the high-octane fifteen years that followed, became one of Scotland's most successful television dramatists. He created three prime-time drama series, presided over two of the highest-rated serials in his homeland as script editor and producer, and worked on more than 1,000 episodes of ratings-topping drama before deciding to leave television to return to his first love, writing novels.

In 2021, he was awarded the CWA Dagger in the Library Award. He has also won several literature awards in France, received the USA's Barry Award for *The Blackhouse*, the first in his internationally bestselling Lewis Trilogy; and in 2014 was awarded the ITV Specsavers Crime Thriller Book Club Best Read of the Year award for *Entry Island*. Peter now lives in South-West France with his wife, writer Janice Hally.

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Love Sick
Grey's Anatomy meets The Hating Game in this fiery enemies-to-lovers romcom

Deidra Duncan

Keynote

A swoonworthy enemies-to-lovers romance set in the challenging world of medicine

Description

'Compulsively readable, *Love Sick* is equal parts sexy and angsty' JULIE SOTO

***Grey's Anatomy* meets *The Hating Game* by way of Ali Hazelwood in this fiery enemies-to-lovers debut rom-com.**

The first year of residency is *hard*, so when a rumour starts that intern Grace Rose slept her way into the program, she's determined to set the record straight. But after confronting fellow first year Julian, the situation goes from bad to worse.

Julian Santini worked hard to get onto this program, and he can't afford to get distracted. Especially by his beautiful colleague, who seems to hate everything about him . . .

With pressure mounting, they need to work together to survive the program. Can Grace and Julian put aside their rivalry to save their jobs? Or will the sizzling tension between them spell the end for them both?

'Bursting with laughter, the joy of found family and spicy will-they-or-won't they tension . . . the perfect book for *Grey's Anatomy* fans' ASHLEY WINSTEAD

'Heartfelt and smart, *Love Sick* is just what the doctor ordered' EMILY WIBBERLEY and AUSTIN SIEGEMUND-BROKA

Sales Points

- Film and TV rights sold at auction to Sony/Tristar.
- Deidra is a practicing OB/GYN, and the story is roughly based on her personal experience as a resident.
- A steminist romcom featuring popular tropes: enemies-to-lovers, workplace romance and forced proximity

Reviews

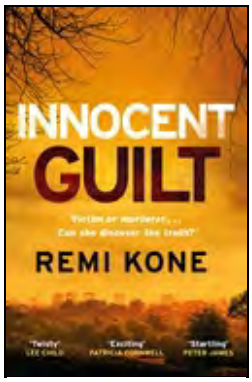
- '**Compulsively readable**, *Love Sick* is equal parts **sexy and angsty**. Deidra Duncan nailed all my favorite aspects from medical dramas' - *Julie Soto, USA Today bestselling author of Not Another Love Song*
- 'Amid a realistic portrayal of the highs and lows of medical resident life, enemies-to-lovers tension and nonstop banter fill this resonant and romantic debut. **Heartfelt and smart**, *Love Sick* is just what the doctor ordered' - *Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka, authors of The Breakup Tour*
- 'Bursting with laughter, the joy of found family, and spicy will-they-or-won't-they tension, Duncan's debut about the struggles of OB/GYN residency is **the perfect book for Grey's Anatomy fans** who wish they could start the Meredith-and-McDreamy journey all over again. Readers who love workplace romance, enemies-to-lovers banter, and STEMinist heroines will have a ball' - *Ashley Winstead, author of The Boyfriend Candidate*

Author Biography

Deidra Duncan is a board-certified OB/GYN and lover of all things angsty and romantic. Based in Florida, she spends her days either delivering babies or lounging in the sun with her kids and husband. *Love Sick* is her debut novel showcasing the day-to-day hilarity (and harsh reality) that ensues when training to work with female anatomy. deidraduncan.com

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Innocent Guilt
a breathtaking new crime thriller that will keep you guessing

Remi Kone

Keynote

The breathtaking opening to a new series that redefines the crime thriller genre. Perfect for fans of Tana French, Dennis Lehane and *Line of Duty*.

Description

'A startling new crime writing talent!' Peter James
'Impossible to put down' Patricia Cornwell

Victim or murderer . . .
Can she discover the truth?

On a misty autumn afternoon, a woman covered in blood clutching a baseball bat walks silently into a London police station. The two officers assigned to her case are DI Leah Hutch and DS Benjamin Randle.

But the woman refuses to speak. She is not injured and the blood on the bat is not hers. What has she done? Is she the victim or the perpetrator? As Leah and Randle start their inquiry, a man is found battered to death in a nearby park. Journalist Odie Reid receives a tip off and is determined to solve the case first, trying to link this death to the woman held in custody.

Leah and Odie have history and very quickly their cat and mouse game becomes personal, leading them both to the very darkest corners of their pasts.

'Twisty, deep and human . . . I want more from these characters and this author' Lee Child

'Utterly addictive' Jo Spain

'A pedal-to-the-metal trip into the scariest places in the human mind' Christopher Brookmyre

'Breathtakingly original and completely captivating ...DI Leah Hutch is a new detective to die for' MJ Arlidge

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR:** fans of **Tana French, Dennis Lehane** and ***Line of Duty***
- **UNPUTDOWNABLE:** *Innocent Guilt* is a totally gripping and page-turning crime thriller that flips the genre on its head
- **STAR AUTHOR:** B. M. Williams is a British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer who has worked on shows including *Killing Eve*

Reviews

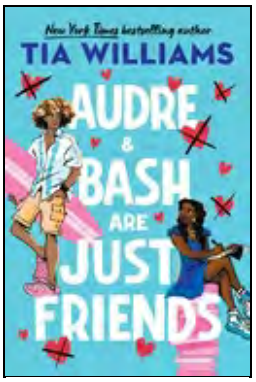
- 'Watch out for Remi Kone - she's **a startling new crime writing talent!**' - *Peter James*
- 'Remi Kone is **an exciting and powerful voice in dramatic storytelling**. She has **a cinematic command of language**, and her debut thriller *Innocent Guilt* is **impossible to put down**. It **will leave you wanting more** from this extremely insightful and talented writer' - *Patricia Cornwell*
- 'A great debut - **twisty, deep and human** . . . **I want more from these characters and this author**' - *Lee Child*
- 'Remi Kone is **an assured and original new voice in crime fiction**. She writes with great empathy and an unflinching eye. **Fast-paced and clever, this is a truly accomplished debut**' - *Jane Casey*

Author Biography

British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer, **Remi Kone** has worked on a number of well-known television dramas, such as KILLING EVE, SPOOKS and LEWIS. She lives in London, and this is her first novel.

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Audre & Bash Are Just Friends

Tia Williams

Keynote

This sweet, funny, electrifying romance stars sixteen-year-old Audre Mercy-Moore, first introduced in the *New York Times* bestseller *Seven Days in June*. Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Nicola Yoon.

Description

MEET AUDRE. Junior class president. Debate team captain. Unofficial student therapist. *Desperately* in need of a good time.

MEET BASH. Mysterious new senior. Everybody's crush. Tall, floppy, great taste in jewellery. *King* of having a good time.

It's the last day of school at Cheshire Prep, Brooklyn's elite academy - and Audre Mercy-Moore's life is a mess. Her dad cancelled her annual summer visit to his Malibu beach house. Now? She's stuck in a claustrophobic apartment with her mom, stepdad, and one-year-old sister (aka the Goblin Baby).

Under these conditions, she'll never finish writing her self-help book - i.e., the key to landing a spot at her dream university.

Cut to Bash Henry! Audre hires him to be her 'fun consultant'. His job? To help her complete the Experience Challenge - her list of five wild dares designed to give her juicy book material. She'll get inspo; he'll get paid. Everybody wins.

He isn't boyfriend material. And she's not looking for one. Can they stay professional despite their obvious connection?

SCORCHING-HOT SUMMER. SCORCHING-HOT CHEMISTRY. But Audre and Bash can't forget - they're *just* friends.

Sales Points

- Perfect for fans of Jenny Han, Nicola Yoon and Talia Hibbert's *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute*
- Audre and Bash are Just Friends reunites fans of Tia Williams' bestselling novel, *Seven Days in June,* with one of its most memorable characters: Eva Mercy's precocious and brilliant daughter, Audre. This sharp, funny and swoon-worthy YA romance is the perfect summer read.
- This is a global publishing launch alongside LB,YR who will publish in Hardcover in North America simultaneously.

Reviews

- 'You can't help but adore Audre and Bash and the spark between them. *Audre & Bash Are Just Friends* was **such a delightful read** and you'll definitely find yourself laughing and kicking your feet as you dive into their adventure. The writing is **filled with so much love and care**, **making it the perfect romance story**. This is hands down **the YA romance of the year!**' - *Anika Hussain*
- '**PRAISE FOR TIA WILLIAMS: 'Funny, sexy and breathtakingly romantic''** - *Emily Henry on A LOVE SONG FOR RICKI WILDE*
- '**Sexy and warm and full of hope and the power of love**' - *Bolu Babalola on A LOVE SONG FOR RICKI WILDE*
- '**Williams never ceases to surprise and delight!**' - *Robinne Lee on A LOVE SONG FOR RICKI WILDE*

Author Biography

Tia Williams had a fifteen-year career as a beauty editor for magazines including *Elle, Glamour, Teen People,* and *Essence*. She's the author of *The Perfect Find* - now a Netflix film. Her novel, *Seven Days in June*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and the June 2021 Reese's Book Club pick. *A Love Song for Ricki Wilde* was named one of the year's best romances by *New York Times* and Amazon.

Tia lives with her family in Brooklyn.



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Esperance

Adam Oyebanji

Keynote

A spectacular, genre-bending speculative novel, perfect for fans of Ben Aaronovitch, Octavia E. Butler, Lavie Tidhar and Tade Thompson.

Description

The history-bending speculative fiction from Adam Oyebanji, award-winning author of BRAKING DAY.

An impossible death: Detective Ethan Krol has been called to the scene of a baffling murder: a man and his son, who appear to have been drowned in sea-water. But the nearest ocean is a thousand miles away.

An improbable story: Hollie Rogers doesn't want to ask too many questions of her new friend, Abi Eniola. Abi claims to be an ordinary woman from Nigeria, but her high-tech gadgets and extraordinary physical abilities suggest she's not telling the whole truth.

An incredible quest: As Ethan's investigation begins to point towards Abi, Hollie's fears mount. For Abi is very much not who she seems. And it won't be long before Ethan and Hollie find themselves playing a part in a story that spans cultures, continents... and centuries.

An extraordinary speculative thriller about the scars left by the Atlantic slave-trade, by a master of the genre.

Sales Points

- BRAKING DAY, Adam's debut novel, was a finalist for the Canopus Award.
- ESPERANCE is a stirring, very commerical speculative novel with great thematic heft; it's about the historical scars left by the Atlantic slave trade.
- Adam lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, but has deep connections to the United States, as well, and is highly promotable.
- Set in Lagos, Nigeria, Chicago, USA and Bristol, UK, ESPERANCE has global appeal.
- Comparison titles include ROSEWATER by Tade Thompson, KINDRED by Octavia E. Butler, CHAIN-GANG ALL STARS by Nana Kwame Adeji-Brenyah and THE FIFTH SEASON by NK Jemisin.

Reviews

- '**A gripping, intricately plotted mystery** which unravels its themes of justice, choices and consequence with **huge assurance and flair**' - *E. J. Swift, author of The Coral Bones*
- '**A tightly wound plo**t told from two divergent points of view that will keep you guessing in the best ways. If you're a fan of SF mystery, **ESPERANCE merges the best from both genres**' - *Mike Mammay, author of PLANETSIDE*
- 'The mystery begins with three bodies in an apartment and a heartsore detective but wait--***Esperance* is nothing so ordinary.** One of the bodies belongs to a barracuda and our detective isn't the only one after the killer. A hunter arrives from another world even as more people drown on dry land. The race is on to stop the murderer, awesome alien tech versus clever police procedural but wait again. **In this brilliant story,** Oyebanji makes the reader question perceptions of guilt and innocence, of vengeance and justice, of time itself--all the while asking what makes us truly human. **A tour de force and most highly recommended**' - *Julie E. Czerneda, author of To Each This World*
- '**A gripping mystery** about an impossible murder combines with **a marvellous story** of a strange, possibly alien, odyssey around our present-day world, with all its problems and heritage. Guess the murder solution and you're a better reader than I, though the solution is both satisfying and resonant. **Thrilling and sparky writing, extremely readable: a gem of a thriller.**' - *Adam Roberts, author of Lake of Darkness*

Author Biography

Adam Oyebanji was born in Coatbridge, in the West of Scotland, and is now in Edinburgh, by way of Birmingham, London, Lagos, Nigeria, Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York. After graduating from Birmingham University and Harvard Law School, he worked as a barrister, before moving to New York to work in counter-terrorist financing in Wall Street, helping to choke off the money supply that builds weapons of mass destruction, narcotics empires and human trafficking networks. *Braking Day* is his first novel.



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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
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Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
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In-House Editor	**Richard Milner**
Author living in	**Dorset, UK**

Previous Titles
SAS DAGGERS DRAWN
SAS GREAT ESCAPES THREE
SAS FORGED IN HELL
SAS GREAT ESCAPES TWO
SAS BROTHERS IN ARMS
THE FLAME OF RESISTANCE
SAS BRAVO THREE ZERO
SAS GREAT ESCAPES
SAS BAND OF BROTHERS
SAS SHADOW RAIDERS
SAS ITALIAN JOB
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HUNTING THE NAZI BOMB
CHURCHILL'S SECRET WARRIORS

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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SAS Great Escapes Four

Damien Lewis

Keynote

The new bestseller from Damien Lewis, the Regiment's de facto historian.

Description

'Damien Lewis is both a meticulous historian and a born storyteller' Lee Child

FIVE DARING ESCAPES CARRIED OUT BY THE FAMOUS FIGHTING FORCE DURING WWII

*From the **infamous 1944 desert campaign** to the unforgiving terrain of the **Vosges Mountains**; from a perilous escape across Europe aided by **Resistance networks** to three Captains fleeing an **Italian Prisoner of War camp in 1943**, and a **death-defying return to Britain** via boat, tunnel and train.*

*These **inspirational true stories** bring to life the do-or-die spirit of the SAS, as they faced an enemy hell-bent on wreaking vengeance.*

*Damien Lewis has worked closely with World War Two veterans and the families of those portrayed, accessing **never-before-seen wartime diaries, letters, mission reports, interrogation transcripts** and more, to reveal terrifying yet astounding feats of survival from the band of elite soldiers.*

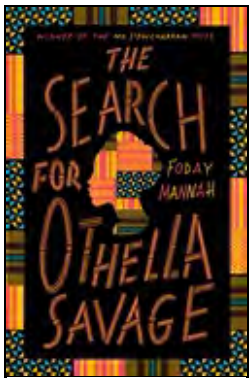
If you like Great Escapes Four, why not go back and discover the previous instalments in this bestselling series: Great Escapes, Great Escapes Two and Great Escapes Three.

Sales Points

- By acclaimed *Sunday Times* no. 1 bestseller Damien Lewis.
- Damien Lewis has numerous major film and television projects in development, including the film THE MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE directed by Guy Ritchie, which was released in the US in April 2024 and that summer in the UK.
- Building on the bestselling and growing success of *SAS Great Escapes*, *SAS Great Escapes Two* and *SAS Great Escapes Three*

Author Biography

Damien Lewis is a number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into over forty languages worldwide. For decades he worked as a war and conflict reporter for the world's major broadcasters, reporting from across Africa, South America, the Middle and Far East and winning numerous awards. His books include the World War Two classics *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*, *SAS Nazi Hunters*, *SAS Ghost Patrol*, *SAS Band of Brothers* and *SAS Forged in Hell*. A dozen of his books have been made, or are being made, into movies or TV drama series and several have been adapted as plays for the stage. *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* has recently been released as a Guy Ritchie movie of the same name. He has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charitable concerns connected with his writings.



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BIC 2.1	**Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Scotland (1DBKS) Sierra Leone (1HFDE)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**336 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
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In-House Editor	**Paul Engles**
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Author born in	**London**
Author living in	**Edinburgh**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Search for Othella Savage

Foday Mannah

Keynote

Winner of the 2022 Mo Siewcharran Price - A young woman's disappearance sparks an amateur investigation that spans continents and explores the darkest aspects of organised religion

Description

"A compelling and authentic mystery that explores faith, identity, corruption, and friendship with a deft touch. Foday's writing is vivid, thoughtful, and full of heart" Amen Alonge

When one of their own is found unconscious in the boot of her car, Scotland's Sierra Leonean community is cast into a state of shock. And the young woman's death a few days later sparks a murder investigation.

Though Hawa Barrie lives on the fringes of that community, which revolves around the Lion Mountain Church, the disappearance of a second woman - her childhood friend Othella Savage - draws her in.

But as the police investigation drags on, Hawa grows increasingly suspicious of the charismatic Pastor Ronald Ranka - and increasingly fearful for her friend, Othella. Desperate, she launches her own search, which will take her from Scotland to Sierra Leone and back again, revealing the true nature of Ranka's church whilst exposing dark secrets within the fabric of both countries she calls home.

A darkly compelling read inspired by a real incident, *The Search for Othella Savage* is an engaging and compulsive debut which examines the insidious nature of corruption - both religious and political - whilst also exploring the enduring power of friendship.

Sales Points

- Winner of the 2022 Mo Siewcharran Prize
- Set between Edinburgh and Sierra Leone. Provides insights into Scotland and the UK from fresh eyes alongside an insider's look at Sierra Leone's capital city.
- Mannah makes liberal use of Sierra Leone creole and aphorisms, giving his dialogue rich flavour and texture
- A reading group novel with a missing persons/serial killer angle, perfect for readers of *My Sister the Serial Killer* and *The Lagos Wife*

Reviews

- 'A compelling and authentic mystery that explores faith, identity, corruption, and friendship with a deft touch. Foday's writing is vivid, thoughtful, and full of heart' - Amen Alonge

Author Biography

Born in London, Foday Mannah spent his formative years in Sierra Leone before returning to the United Kingdom. He currently lives in Scotland where he works as a teacher of English. His short story, Amie Samba, was shortlisted for the 2019 Bristol Short Story Prize, he has also had stories longlisted, shortlisted or highly commended for the Bridport, Sean O'Faolain, Mo Siewcharran, Brick Lane, Commonwealth, Morley, Bloody Scotland and Queen Mary Wasafiri writing competitions. His novel The Search for Othella Savage won the 2022 Mo Siewcharran Prize.



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BIC 2.1	**Motorcycles: general interest (WGCK) Memoirs (BM) Motor sports (WSP)**
Binding	**Paperback**
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Extent	**272 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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9781787471054 A Biker's Life
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Riding Route 66
Finding Myself on America's Mother Road

Henry Cole

Keynote

An inspiring journey as one of our best-loved motorbike riders takes on the most famous highway in the world.

Description

'Every time I have ridden 66, within 10 miles of setting off, I never want that ride to end. I think it's because Route 66 encapsulates struggle, and, ultimately, triumphing over unimaginably difficult conditions. I think everyone can connect with that.'

RIDING ROUTE 66 follows Henry Cole as he travels along Route 66, on a journey of self-discovery.
Route 66, or the 'Mother Road', is one of the most famous roads in the USA. Crossing the width of the country, it is an immensely challenging road to travel. Henry has ridden it three times. This book is about the freedom that only the road and a motorcycle can give you, and the importance of embracing the highs and lows of life equally.

Henry is one of the most well-known figures in motorcycling, having presented over twenty series of many TV shows as well as being the founder of bespoke motorcycle manufacturer Gladstone Motorcycles.

Sales Points

- Henry has a sizable online presence, with over 50k Instagram followers and and 24.8k followers on Twitter.
- Henry has written two books: *A Biker's Life* (2018) which sold almost 9k copies in HB and *The Life-Changing Magic of Sheds* (2020) which sold almost 4k copies in HB.
- Henry is the star of many TV shows including *Shed and Buried* which has been running since 2015 and *Find It, Fix It, Flog It* which has been running since 2016.

Author Biography

Henry Cole is on television most days of the year as the presenter of shows like *The World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides*, *The Motorbike Show*, *Shed and Buried* and *Find It, Fix It, Flog It!* His career also involves producing and directing and he has his own television production company, HCA Entertainment. Henry is the author of two previous books, *A Biker's Life* and *The Life-changing Magic of Sheds*.

Outside from media, Henry owns Gladstone Motorcycles which manufactures bespoke British custom motorcycles. In 2013, Henry set a world land speed record for a pre-1955 750cc motorcycle. He lives in Oxfordshire.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**496 pages**
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Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
In-House Editor	**Stefanie Bierwerth**

Previous Titles

9781787479432 A Spy's Life
9781787479456 Brandenburg
9781787479418 Empire State
9781787479395 Remembrance Day
9781787479470 The Dying Light

PAUL SAMSON SPY THRILLERS
9781787470538 Firefly
9781787470842 White Hot Silence
9781529403299 The Old Enemy

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The Enigma Girl

Henry Porter

Keynote

A masterclass in espionage thriller fiction from the heir of John le Carre for fans of Mick Herron, Charles Cumming and David McCloskey

Description

A masterclass in espionage thriller fiction from the heir to John le Carre for fans of Mick Herron, Charles Cumming and David McCloskey. Meet 'a female agent for our times', disgraced MI5 operative Slim Parsons.

'SURPRISING, ENGROSSING, WITH A BLAZING MORAL ENERGY' *Rory Stewart*
'READS LIKE IT WAS DRAWN FROM TODAY'S HEADLINES' *Paul Vidich*
'ONE OF BRITAIN'S FINEST SPY WRITERS' *Daily Mail*

Slim Parsons is all but burned.

Her last deep cover job for MI5 ended with a life-and-death struggle on a private jet that caused her to go on the run from both the deadly target and her angry bosses in the Security Service. They say that violence comes too easily to her; that she's bordering on delinquent and unsuitable for the roll of an MI5 operative.

Yet she is recalled and asked to infiltrate a news website that's causing alarm in the highest circles. It is staffed by a group descended from wartime codebreakers operating from an unassuming office block near Bletchley Park. Operation *Linesman* looks like a come down, the curtain on a brilliant career in the shadows. However, she accepts the assignment on condition that the Security Service searches for her missing brother.

Linesman turns out to be anything but simple. Her personal loss, her previous deep cover role, and a threat to MI5 itself from her original target come together in a three-way collision.

And all the while she is watched by someone even deeper in the shadows than she is.

Sales Points

- A new standalone spy thriller from a master of the genre
- A state-of-the-nation thriller that taps into the zeitgeist and our jumpy, anxious times
- Starring a towering woman character who you may not like but will never forget
- From a prize-winning and much-praised author

Reviews

- 'Enjoyable, beautifully written, **surprising and engrossing**, with a **blazing moral energy**' - *Rory Stewart, author of Politics on the Edge*
- '**The rarest of political thrillers** - well written, fast paced, with an undercover MI5 protagonist who is forced to make very human choices. A smart thriller - **it reads like it was drawn from today's headlines**' - *Paul Vidich, author of Beirut Station*
- 'Porter is **a master of the modern spy thriller**. In Slim Parsons he has created **a female agent for our times**. The action packed storyline is taut with tension. **A tour de force**!' - *Jane Thynne, author of Midnight in Vienna*
- 'Dickensian in the size and diversity of its cast ... yet it never forgets to be **an exhilarating thriller**' - *Sunday Times Thriller of the Month*

Author Biography

Henry Porter was a newspaper columnist for the *Observer* and former London editor of *Vanity Fair.* He has written several acclaimed and bestselling thrillers, including *Brandenburg*, which won the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger, *A Spy's Life* and *Empire State*, both nominated for the same award. He is also the author of the Paul Samson spy thrillers: *Firefly*, which won the 2019 Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize; *White Hot Silence* and *The Old Enemy.* Henry Porter is frequently described as the heir to John le Carré. He lives in Paddington, London.



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BIC 2.1	**Fantasy (FM)** **Adventure (FJ)**
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Format	**Royal**
Extent	**400 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
In-House Editor	**Anne Perry**
Book locale	**fantasy land**
Author born in	**Canada**
Author living in	**Vancouver**

Previous Titles
The Malevolent Seven, Traitor's Blade, Play of Shadows

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The Malevolent Eight
The Explosive Sequel to the Massive Hit Fantasy Novel THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN

Sebastien de Castell

Keynote
The explosive sequel to the smash hit THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN, the irreverent fantasy featuring seven very malevolent wizards!

Description
The stakes have never been higher.

The world is teetering on the brink of annihilation. The Lords Celestine and the Lords Devilish, celestial and infernal beings locked in an age-old enmity, have at last found the perfect battlefield for their apocalyptic Great Crusade: the mortal realm.

Cade Ombra, former Glorian Justiciar turned mercenary wonderist, leads a band of emotionally unstable mages in a desperate bid to prevent the impending clash of divine and diabolical titans. Failure will leave humanity to be conscripted into an eternal war, serving as foot soldiers doomed to oblivion.

The mission seems impossible, but Cade and the Malevolent Seven aren't exactly pacifists, so they're determined to bring peace no matter how many people they have to kill first. With wit as sharp as their blades and a moral compass that points only toward survival, they're ready to cut down anyone in their path to stop the war before it begins.

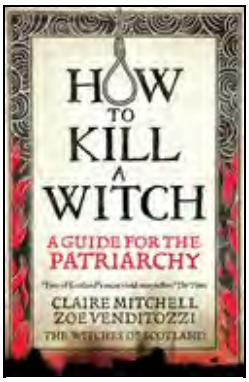
Prepare for a whirlwind of dark magic, irreverent humour and relentless action in *The Malevolent Eight: The Bad, The Worse and The Wicked*. The fate of the humanity hangs in the balance, and only the most malevolent can hope to save it.

Sales Points
- The Malevolent Seven was a massive hit for Quercus, selling almost 50,000 copies in its first year, and continues to sell on and on.
- Sebstien de Castell has sold more than a quarter of a million copies of his books published with Quercus worldwide, since his debut, TRAITOR'S BLADE.
- Sebastien has a vibrant and very engaged audience, which he reaches through his higly subscribed newsletter and his excellent social media presence.
- The Malevolent Seven series features everything Sebastien's fans love - character, worldbuilding and wit - with a heavy dose of Deadpool-style irreverence.

Reviews
- '*The Malevolent Seven* is a masterful blend of Sebastien de Castell's unique brand of wry humour, elegant prose, and wonderfully imaginative worldbuilding. **I devoured this book and loved every page**' - *NICK EAMES, bestselling author of KINGS OF THE WYLDE*
- '**There is no way you can read this book without a grin on your face**' - *Financial Times on THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN*
- 'Brilliant and vivid world-building . . . **riveting**' - *Chad Stahelski, director of John Wick on THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN*
- 'With a contemporary style, relentless pace, and a unique and exciting magic system, *The Malevolent Seven* is **an action-packed adventure** that not only questions the true nature of heroes but the very meaning of good and evil' - *Michael J. Sullivan on THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN*

Author Biography
Sebastien de Castell had just finished a degree in Archaeology when he started work on his first dig. Four hours later he realised how much he actually hated archaeology and left to pursue a very focused career as a musician, ombudsman, interaction designer, fight choreographer, teacher, project manager, actor and product strategist. His only defence against the charge of unbridled dilettantism is that he genuinely likes doing these things and that, in one way or another, each of these fields plays a role in his writing. He sternly resists the accusation of being a Renaissance Man in the hopes that more people will label him that way.

Sebastien's acclaimed swashbuckling fantasy series The Greatcoats was shortlisted for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Fantasy, the Gemmell Morningstar Award for Best Debut, the Prix Imaginales for Best Foreign Work and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. His YA fantasy series Spellslinger was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and is published in more than a dozen languages.



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BIC 2.1	**History (HB) Feminism & feminist theory (JFFK) Witchcraft (HRQX5)**
Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**304 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**
Not for Sale	**Can; UK; USA**
Author living in	**Claire lives in Edinburgh and Zoe lives in Fife.**
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HOW TO KILL A WITCH
A Guide For The Patriarchy

Claire Mitchell ; Zoe Venditozzi

Keynote

A compelling and detailed investigation into the historic persecution of women as witches by the founders of the world-famous Witches of Scotland campaign.

Description

'Fascinating and illuminating, this book tempers the justifiable rage with sharp and funny pinpricks to the pompous.' VAL MCDERMID, author of *Past Lying*

'As well as highly entertaining read, How To Kill A Witch is a tour de force of research, understanding and compassion.' PROFESSOR SUE BLACK, author of *All That Remains.*

'Serious and angry, but so completely accessible, *How To Kill A Witch* is a work of real historical investigation and a fierce warning for our times.' MALCOLM GASKILL, author of *The Ruin Of All Witches*

'At a time when women's rights are once again being threatened across the globe, this book could not be a more timely read if it tried.' SHIRLEY MANSON, Garbage

'Two of Scotland's most vivid storytellers.' *THE TIMES*

As a woman, if you lived in Scotland in the 1500s, there was a very good chance that you, or someone you knew, would be tried as a witch. Witch hunts ripped through the country for over 150 years, with at least 4,000 accused, and with many women's fates sealed by a grizzly execution of strangulation, followed by burning.

Inspired to correct this historic injustice, campaigners and writers Claire Mitchell, KC, and Zoe Venditozzi, have delved deeply into just why the trials exploded in Scotland to such a degree. In order to understand why it happened, they have broken down the entire horrifying process, step-by-step, from identification of individuals, to their accusation, 'pricking', torture, confessions, execution and beyond.

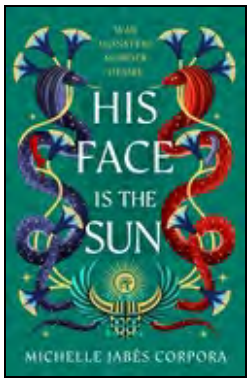
With characteristically sharp wit and a sense of outrage, they attempt to inhabit the minds of the persecutors, often men, revealing the inner workings of exactly why the Patriarchy went to such extraordinary lengths to silence women, and how this legally sanctioned victimisation proliferated in Scotland and around the world.

With testimony from a small army of experts, pen portraits of the women accused, trial transcripts, witness accounts and the documents that set the legal grounds for the hunts, *How to Kill A Witch* builds to form a rich patchwork of tragic stories, helping us comprehend the underlying reasons for this terrible injustice, and raises the serious question - could it ever happen again?

Sales Points

- **HOW TO KILL A WITCH** compares very well with the following witch books and revisionist feminist histories:
  The Ruin of All Witches by Malcolm Gaskill (HB 6,210 /PB 37,557), *The Leviathan* by Rosie Andrews (HB 16,344/ PB 29,234), *The Manningtree Witches* by A. K. Blakemore (HB 11,253/ PB 48,162), *The Five* by Hallie Rubenhold (HB 27,808 / PB 110,007), *Femina* by Janina Ramirez (HB 19,180 / PB 39,514).
- **INCREDIBLE EXPERTS:** In the book the authors are assisted by many renowned academics and authors including Malcolm Gaskill, Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, Diana Gabaldon, Georgia Pritchett (Succession) and Nicola Sturgeon
- **HIT PODCAST:** Regularly the most successful non-funded book podcast in the UK, regularly hitting #2 in the Apple book podcast charts (after Elizabeth Day). Over 275,000 downloads to date, and listeners in USA (22%), ANZ (10%) and Canada (5%); women 24-44 yrs.
- **WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN:** The Witches of Scotland campaign has been featured on BBC, CNN, tv and radio in UK, France, Spain, Japan, Canada, Australia, USA and many other countries. Major features in newspapers including Guardian, New York Times, The Times, Wall Street Journal, The Observer, Paris Match. The campaign has inspired further campaigns in Catalonia and Connecticut, USA; and has helped Advocacy for Alleged Witches in Africa.
- **CHARISMATIC AUTHORS:** Highly promotable, Claire Mitchell is a renowned human rights barrister and has featured on TV shows *Murder Island* and *the Firm.* The authors were finalists for Scottish Women of the Year, 2022; recently received honorary doctorates from the University of Dundee and have been offered speaking tours in USA.

Author Biography



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Main Identifier	**9781444982541**
BIC 2.1	**Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Mysteries, the supernatural, monsters & mythological beings (Children's/ Teenage) (YNX) Interest age: from c 13 years (5AP)**
CBMC	**E3N79**
Age	**12+ years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**528 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Throne of Khetara**
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Throne of Khetara: His Face is the Sun
Epic ancient Egyptian fantasy steeped in revenge, desire, dark magic and blood

Michelle Jabès Corpora

Keynote

Ancient Egyptian mythology meets Game of Thrones in this spicy, epic fantasy simmering with rebellion, monsters, murder and desire. Perfect for fans of *This Woven Kingdom* and *Lore*.

Description

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'A bold and opulent fantasy that glimmers with magic and intrigue!' - Emily Thiede, author of *This Vicious Grace*

The kingdom of Khetara awaits an uncertain future. As the gilded royal court revels in decadence, turning a blind eye to the civil unrest threatening to overspill the rural southern lands, an inescapable storm of change is brewing. For the pharaoh is dying and fate will come for them all.

In the golden capital, the royal princess, Sitamun, is caught in a web of sensuality, deceit and murder as her older brother, Meryamun, lusts for power and excess. Meanwhile their younger brother, Bakenamun, rejects his royal heritage to find refuge in the sacred temple and the ancient knowledge it holds. Unbeknownst to the royal heirs, Neff, a young girl haunted by prophetic blood-drenched dreams, holds the key to their destinies.

To the south, the flames of rebellion ignite as Raetawy, a farmer's daughter, resists the pharaoh's oppressive rule and inspires an army. And in the depths of the desert, tomb-raider Karim stumbles upon a long-buried secret and awakens the monster within . . .

Who will sit on the throne when the bloodshed is done?

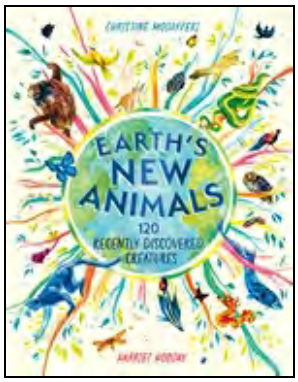
A scintillating, explosive, richly layered fantasy told in multiple viewpoints - this is the start of a must-read epic trilogy!

Sales Points

- Multiple POV POC characters and incredible world-building make this richly imagined atmospheric fantasy the must-read epic of 2025!
- A sumptuous, epic cover created by British Book Awards Designer of the Year 2022 & 2024, Micaela Alcaino
- The first book in this high-concept, accessible fantasy series would be perfect for a subscription box special edition HB with gorgeous finishes
- Based on Ancient Egyptian mythology, this fantasy series is ideal for fans of the Greek mythology YA BookTok trend
- The author has Egyptian heritage and is fascinated by its history and mythology - she speaks passionately about it and her grandfather was gifted a pendant by King Farouk, which has been handed down to her

Author Biography

Michelle Jabès Corpora was born in Washington DC, and grew up in Maryland, USA, where she still lives today. In addition to working as an editor and concept creator in the children's publishing industry for more than fifteen years, Michelle is the author of the Holly Horror series for young adults, as well as novels for middle-grade readers. Michelle has been training in the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu since 2017, and is currently a blue belt at Crazy 88 MMA. She lives with her husband, two daughters, a melodramatic dog, and two long-haired guinea pigs.



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Price	**£14.99 / ₹1199**
Main Identifier	**9781526366054**
BIC 2.1	**Wildlife (Children's / Teenage) (YNNR) Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG) Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN)**
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	**290x225**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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Earth's New Animals
120 Recently Discovered Creatures

Christine Modafferi (Illustrated By Harriet Hobday)

Keynote

An uplifting illustrated children's guide to the amazing new animal species being discovered around the world - perfect for budding naturalists!

Description

Explorers and scientists are discovering up to a thousand new animal species every year and estimate that over **7.5 MILLION** species are yet to be discovered. So, without further ado, let's meet Earth's new animals!

From newly recorded species of whale and grasshopper-warbler to beautiful rose-veiled fairy wrasse and teeny-tiny chameleons, travel the natural world and find out all about the fascinating new species of animal that are only just being discovered. Read all about their habitats and the remarkable stories of how they were found, and learn NEW things about animals we *thought* we already knew...

Written by children's book author Christine Modafferi, with beautiful illustrations by Harriet Hobday, this glorious new take on natural history will delight and fascinate young animal lovers aged 6+. Perfect for animal-loving and planet-protecting families.

Sales Points

- A positive new take on natural history that takes young readers around the world to discover how animals live, ecosystems and habitats.
- Hopeful, aspirational non-fiction for children that will reassure and inspire them to look after our beautiful planet.
- Accessible, fun text accompanied by beautiful illustrations from award-winning children's book illustrator Harriet Hobday.
- Beautiful, high-end gift format.

Author Biography

Christine Modafferi (Author)
Chris Modafferi is an Italian-American editor-turned-writer who moved to London In 2015 to work in publishing. She enjoys nurturing talent and bringing beautiful and mostly hilarious books to life as an editor and writing non-fiction for young adults. Chris is obsessed with her orange cat, Frodo, will never say no to staying up on a school night, and enjoys any reference to early 2000s rom-coms or *The Golden Girls.*

Harriet Hobday (Illustrator)
Harriet is a freelance illustrator and graduate of the MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She specialises in children's books, including non-fiction titles and picture books.

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Price	**£7.99 / ₹599**
Main Identifier	**9781408373590**
BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL)** **Personal & social issues: racism & multiculturalism (Children's / Teenage) (YXN)** **For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)** **For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF)** **Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**300x240**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
The Day You Begin
Brown Girl Dreaming
Red at the Bone
Harbour Me
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The Year We Learned to Fly

Jacqueline Woodson (Illustrated By Rafael López)

Keynote

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical text and Rafael Lopez's dazzling art celebrate the extraordinary ability to lift ourselves up and imagine a better world.

Description

One rainy day, a bored brother and sister listen to their wise grandmother's advice: *"Use those beautiful and brilliant minds of yours. Lift your arms, close your eyes, take a deep breath, and believe in a thing."*

And before they know it, their imagination takes them on a beautiful adventure through ancestry, strength and resilience. They dream, they believe and eventually . . . they fly.

A poignant tale about the power of imagination, from the award-winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson.

Sales Points

- A poignant tale about the power of imagination
- An empowering story that celebrates the power in each of us to dream a thing and make it happen
- Touches on a wide range of challenges kids face, from loneliness and boredom, anger and frustration to facing scary new experiences.
- Sensitively evokes the history of slavery with a story about the children's ancestors which helps the siblings summon their own bravery to face challenges.
- Jacqueline Woodson is a multi-award-winning author including the Hans Christian Anderson Award, NAACP Image Award, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, and the 2021 Coretta Scott King Award to name a few.

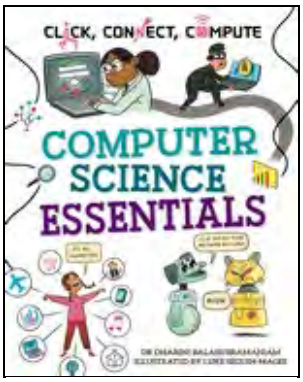
Reviews

- 'A must-have book about the power of one's voice and the friendships that emerge when you are yourself' - starred review*, Kirkus Reviews*
- 'Woodson's gentle, lifting story and López's artistry create a stirring portrait of the courage it takes to be oneself' - starred review*, Publishers Weekly*
- 'This gentle, powerful ode to diversity and acceptance belongs with all children' - starred review*, Shelf Awareness*

Author Biography

Jacqueline Woodson (Author)
Jacqueline Woodson is one of the US's most acclaimed contemporary authors for young people. She first came to attention with her multi-award-winning book *Brown Girl Dreaming,* a memoir in blank verse of her childhood and family life moving between the American South and New York. She was the Young People's Poet Laureate from 2015 to 2017 and the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature for 2018-19. She was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 2020.

Rafael López (Illustrator)
Artist Rafael Lopez was born on August 8, 1961 in Mexico City, Mexico. Influenced by the opulent environment and cultural traditions of Mexico City, Lopez has matured as an artist gaining respect amongst a wide spectrum of age groups. Along with two other American Awards for illustrations in children's books, the American Library Association awarded Lopez the 2010 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award, an honor presented to those who have demonstrated excellence in the depiction and commemoration of Latino culture and experience through children's books.



Click, Connect, Compute: Computer Science Essentials

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam (Illustrated By Luke Séguin-Magee)

Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£12.99 / ₹1050**
Main Identifier	**9781526327901**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) 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	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Click, Connect, Compute**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

9781526327963 Click, Connect, Compute: Data, Big and Small
9781526327932 Click, Connect, Compute: Smart Machines
9781526327994 Click, Connect, Compute: The Language of Programming

Keynote

Computer science fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Description

Computer science fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Computer Science Essentials looks at the key pillars of this fascinating discipline: from its role in communication and education, to healthcare and entertainment. Readers will get to grips with the hardware, software and pioneers of computer science who have driven new ideas and changed the world. And the end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, robotics and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world.

The *Click, Connect, Compute* series untangles the computer science web and teaches children about the essentials of computer software, hardware and digital literacy as well as discussing the ethics surrounding this evolving field. Featuring fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz, this is a perfect read for children aged 8+.

Written in a clear, thoughtful way by computer science expert, Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam, a strong advocate for ethics and education in her field.

Sales Points

- Written by the Senior Lecturer and Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Outreach for Computer Science at University of St Andrews, the number one university in the UK (Guardian and Times rankings), Dr Dharini Balasubramaniam
- Includes comic strips and a quiz at the back to embed learning
- Encourages opportunities to discuss the future of tech and the ethics of computer science, strengthening critical thinking skills

Author Biography

Dharini Balasubramaniam (Author)
Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the University of St Andrews in the UK. She briefly worked in software industry before turning to academia. She has taught Computer Science from first year to Masters level for a number of years. Her research interests are diverse, and include software systems, ethics in Computer Science, digital literacy and Computer Science education. She is particularly passionate about promoting Computer Science to school pupils as an exciting and accessible subject with wide-ranging career options. She enjoys reading, wildlife photography and long walks.

Luke Séguin-Magee (Illustrator)
Luke Séguin-Magee illustrates children's books and his own comics. He likes to wear a straw hat in the summer, pretend he can make music on his Cavaquinho, entertain his four kids and wife, chop wood, drink espresso and ride his bike. Luke hails from Canada and resides in Stockholm.

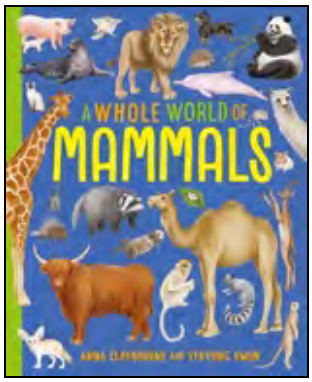
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Main Identifier	**9781445188140**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**295x240**
Depth	**14mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**A Whole World of...**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

A Whole World of Mammals
A Whole World of Prehistoric Life
A Whole World of Minibeasts
A Whole World of Birds
A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals
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A Whole World of...: Mammals

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Yekyung Kwon)

Keynote

Get lost in the diverse and bustling world of mammals - with more to explore than you ever imagined! Which mammals can swim, fly ... or lay eggs? Which live in our homes (whether as pets or uninvited guests)? Learn this and more as you explore the clear portraits and facts about the mammal tree of life!

Description

Get lost in the diverse and bustling world of mammals - with more to explore than you ever imagined!

A Whole World of Mammals presents the stunning breadth of mammal varieties that roam Earth. Who is related to whom? Which type can swim, or fly ... or lay eggs? Where do most mammals with pouches call home, and which mammals live in *our* homes (whether as pets or uninvited guests)? This book has the answers and so many more facts filling the beautifully illustrated pages.

A Whole World of is a book series looking at the extraordinary diversity of life on Earth - the defining features and evolutionary branches - and encourages readers age 7 and up to consider why it is important to maintain biodiversity. Written by award-winning author, Anna Claybourne, with artwork by award-winning illustrator, Yekyung Kwon.

Books in the series:
A Whole World of Mammals/A Whole World of Prehistoric Life/A Whole World of Minibeasts/A Whole World of Birds/A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals/A Whole World of Plants and Fungi

Sales Points

- Written by award-winning author of over 150 books for children, Anna Claybourne and illustrated by award-winning, US-based South Korean illustrator Yekyung Kwon, with consultation by Dr Ashley Ward, Professor of Animal Behaviour, University of Sydney, Australia
- Connecting with key curriculum points across Key Stage 2 in areas of science, citizenship, geography and ecology
- Unique and compelling design and illustration with lots of labels and quick facts encircling detailed and realistic artwork

Summary of Contents

A whole world of mammals! / Big plant-eaters / Hooves, horns and humps / Cats and dogs (and hyenas!) / Small but sharp! / Furry bears (and friends) / Mammal swimmers / Flippers and whiskers / Mini munchers / Billions of bats! / Plenty of primates / Pouches and eggs / Miscellaneous mammals / The mammal family tree / Glossary, index and further reading

Author Biography

Anna Claybourne (Author)
Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

Yekyung Kwon (Illustrator)
Yekyung was born and raised in South Korea and spent her childhood living in different cities in the US. She's now based in Dallas, Texas. Such experiences have melted into her art style, expressing diversity, using colourful shapes and patterns. She loves to draw delightful moods and imagery of affection, inspired by her old memories and daily emotions.



A Billion Ways to be Celebrating Our Diverse World

Chitra Soundar (Illustrated By Ana Sanfelippo)

Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£14.99 / ₹1199**
Main Identifier	**9781445191232**
BIC 2.1	**Personal & social issues: racism & multiculturalism (Children's / Teenage) (YXN) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Personal & social issues (Children's / Teenage) (YX)**
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	**295x240**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
Author born in	**India**
Author living in	**London**

Keynote

A positive, life-affirming celebration of human diversity, from how we look, to how we think and how we celebrate

Description

A positive, life-affirming celebration of human diversity, from how we look, to how we think and how we celebrate

A charming look at diversity for younger readers, **A Billion Ways to Be** explains and celebrates the beauty and variety of humankind, showing that there are billions of different ways to look, be a family and have fun, and all are equal. It also reveals how much we all have in common. Featuring simple text and bright, inclusive illustrations, this book is a great, child-friendly introduction to important concepts and values, such as respecting difference, valuing yourself and practising kindness and tolerance.

Contents:
A billion ways to be!/How we look/Ways to dress/Ways to be a family/Make it your own/ Ways our bodies work/Ways our brains work/Our many personalities/Ways to learn/Ways to communicate/Ways to connect/Making a living/Ways to care/Ways to be green/Ways we eat/Ways to disagree/Ways to be a citizen/Ways to believe/Ways to celebrate/Ways to have fun/A billion ways to be unique

Sales Points

- Introduces important concepts and values, including respecting difference, tolerance and kindness
- Simple, fluent text is by award-winning author Chitra Soundar, who has published over 60 books for children and TV rights have been acquired for her latest series by the BBC
- Charming, colourful artwork is by Argentinian illustrator Ana Sanfelippo, who has been recognised by the IBBY for her work on 'An Outstanding Book for Young People with Disabilities'

Author Biography

Chitra Soundar (Author)
Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British writer, storyteller and author of children's books, based in London.

Ana Sanfelippo (Illustrator)
Ana Sanfelippo was born in Buenos Aires in 1982. She studied graphic design, illustration, and calligraphy, specializing in typography at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). Her main media of choice are paper, acrylic, and ink. Her illustrations incorporate many vibrant colors inside natural scenery. Ana loves traveling, listening music and watching movies as inspirations, but her cat and family are her best motivation in life and in her art. Ana has illustrated for magazines and books and also designed patterns and other works for various products. She has been exhibited in Buenos Aires and Bratislava. Her typography has been recognized bythe Latin American Biennial of Design (BID) and Tipos Latinos. Currently, she teaches at the University of Buenos Aires

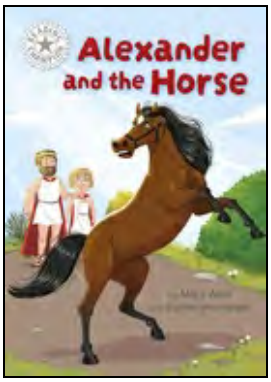
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BIC 2.1	**Educational: English language: readers & reading schemes (YQCR) English (2AB) Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**210x148**
Depth	**4mm**
Extent	**24 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Reading Champion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Ug and the Cave Bear, 9781445189154
John and the Gunpowder Plot, 9781445189079
The Roman Party, 9781445189130
Ulf and the Spear of Power, 9781445189178
Wartime on the Farm, 9781445189093

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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**

Reading Champion: Alexander and the Horse Independent Reading White 10

Mary Auld (Illustrated By Esther Hernando)

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)

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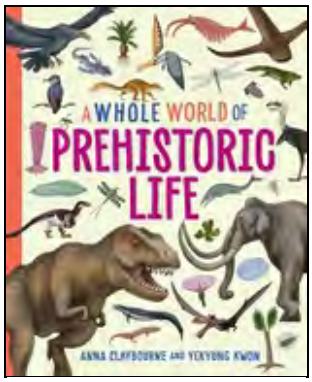
Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 7-9-year-olds or those reading book band white.

When Alexander the Great was just a boy, he met a horse that he really wanted to own. But this horse could not be ridden ...

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
Mary Auld (Author)
Mary Auld is a writer of children's information books, working over a broad range of subjects. She has been actively involved in music from an early age, both singing and playing the flute, on an amateur basis. She loves making music in a group, be that in an orchestra or a choir. Whether making music or writing children's books, her aim is to share her enthusiasm and inspire readers. Mary Auld is a pen name for Rachel Cooke, who is an honorary fellow of the English Association, in recognition of her editorial work in children's non-fiction.

Esther Hernando (Illustrator)
Esther Hernando is a self-taught Spanish illustrator.
She has been drawing and painting since she first picked up a pencil. From that moment, she has been passionate about telling stories and transmitting emotions with her illustrations. When she is not drawing, she likes to read comics, watch movies and spend time with her family.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
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Main Identifier	**9781445188478**
BIC 2.1	**Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNNA) Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)**
CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**295x240**
Depth	**14mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**A Whole World of...**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

A Whole World of Mammals
A Whole World of Prehistoric Life
A Whole World of Minibeasts
A Whole World of Birds
A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals
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A Whole World of...: Prehistoric Life

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Yekyung Kwon)

Keynote

Get lost in the diverse and bustling world of prehistoric life - with more to explore than you ever imagined! Which living things look familiar, and which look absolutely alien? And where do the dinosaurs fit into all of it? Learn this and more as you explore the clear portraits and facts about the prehistoric tree of life!

Description

Get lost in the diverse and bustling world of prehistoric life - with more to explore than you ever imagined!

A Whole World of Prehistoric Life presents the stunning breadth of animal and plant varieties that filled prehistoric Earth. Which types of animal could swim or fly? When did flowers start appearing? Where do the dinosaurs fit into all of it? Which living things look familiar, and which look absolutely alien? This book has the answers and so many more facts filling the beautifully illustrated pages.

A Whole World of is a book series looking at the extraordinary diversity of life on Earth - the defining features and evolutionary branches - and encourages readers age 7 and up to consider why it is important to maintain biodiversity. Written by award-winning author, Anna Claybourne, with artwork by award-winning illustrator, Yekyung Kwon.

Books in the series:
A Whole World of Mammals/A Whole World of Prehistoric Life/A Whole World of Minibeasts/A Whole World of Birds/A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals/A Whole World of Plants and Fungi

Sales Points

- Written by award-winning author of over 150 books for children, Anna Claybourne and illustrated by award-winning, US-based South Korean illustrator Yekyung Kwon, with consultation by Dr Stig A. Walsh, Senior Curator of Vertebrate Palaeobiology, National Museums Scotland
- Connecting with key curriculum points across Key Stage 2 in areas of science, citizenship, geography and ecology
- Unique and compelling design and illustration with lots of labels and quick facts encircling detailed and realistic artwork

Summary of Contents

A whole world of prehistoric life! / Cambrian creatures / Creepy-crawlies / Fabulous fish / Green planet / Water monsters / Out of the water / Dinosaurs: Fierce, hungry hunters / Dinosaurs: Peaceful plant munchers / Real-life dragons / Early birds / The rise of mammals / Familiar faces / The timeline of life / Glossary, index and further reading

Author Biography

Anna Claybourne (Author)
Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

Yekyung Kwon (Illustrator)
Yekyung was born and raised in South Korea and spent her childhood living in different cities in the US. She's now based in Dallas, Texas. Such experiences have melted into her art style, expressing diversity, using colourful shapes and patterns. She loves to draw delightful moods and imagery of affection, inspired by her old memories and daily emotions.

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BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS)** **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	**Hardback**
Format	**250x275**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**Full colour**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Until You Find The Sun

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A Taste of Home
A scrumptious picture book celebration of food and family

Maryam Hassan (Illustrated By Anna Wilson)

Keynote

A scrumptious celebration of the connection between family, friends and food, to empower little ones to be proud of where they come from.

Description

Empower little ones to be proud of where they come from with this beautifully illustrated celebration of food, family, and the magic of memories...

Tariq *loves* food, from delicious dinners with his big family to scrumptious surprises in his lunchbox at school.

But when he's asked to bring in a special dish for his class picnic, Tariq begins to worry about how he'll choose just *one* tasty favourite!

As his family inspire him with stories of their favourite foods, Tariq soon realises that choosing the perfect dish is about more than just how it tastes.

What special story would Tariq like his food to tell?

Written by Maryam Hassan, inspired by her childhood enjoying delicious South Asian dishes, and the joy she finds sharing it with new friends! Brought to life with stunning artwork by Anna Wilson.

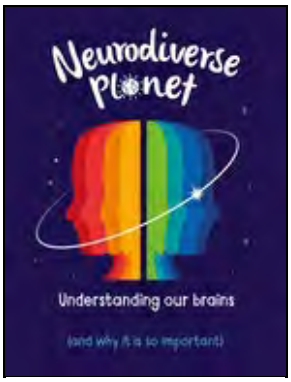
Sales Points

- A beautifully illustrated story about how food connects us to people, places and memories
- An own-voices story, inspired by Maryam's childhood enjoying south-asian dishes with her family
- The second book from the duo behind *Until You Find the Sun* with stunning imaginative, fantastical spreads as each family member shares their food memories and stories
- With a fun picnic finale featuring food from different cultures and countries, encouraging children to be proud of where they come from

Author Biography

Maryam Hassan (Author)
Maryam Hassan is a photographer, painter, teacher and debut author from London. A first-generation child of Pakistani immigrants, Maryam grew up with a culture clash. She never felt Pakistani or English and had to find the balance of being both these things and something entirely new all at once. Watching immigrant children come into her classes, she realised they too had stories and experiences that hadn't been told. Maryam decided she wanted to write stories for them. She is a strong believer in the idea of a global citizen - we are all connected in this world and we should learn about everyone around us.

Anna Wilson (Illustrator)
Anna was born in Australia's Snowy Mountains, spent her childhood moving houses and schools, and then spent most of her adult life travelling the world. She is inspired by people and places and studied and worked with these concepts for a long time before embarking on a new career as a freelance designer and illustrator. She loves storms and snow and is happiest running in the mountains, drawing in the streets of new cities, or imagining up new characters and worlds.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
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Main Identifier	**9781445190464**
BIC 2.1	**Personal & social issues: disability & special needs (Children's / Teenage) (YXK) 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	**Hardback**
Format	**284x216**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
June 2019
Plastic Planet
October 2020
Hot Planet
September 2021
Pandemic Planet
October 2021
Recycled Planet
April 2022
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June 2022
Extinction Planet
June 2023
Peaceful Planet?
August 2023
Unequal Planet
June 2024
Watery Planet
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Neurodiverse Planet

Anna Claybourne

Keynote

A positive look at neurodiversity in today's world

Description

A positive look at neurodiversity in today's world

Everyone on our planet is unique. Our bodies and faces are all slightly different from one another and so are our minds and personalities. A lot of these differences exist because of how our brains work. People who experience and process the world around them a little differently are known as neurodivergent.

Neurodiverse Planet offers a positive, accessible look at neurodiversity for readers aged 9 and up by exploring what neurodivergence is and the many different ways in which it can impact people. It looks at some more widely recognised ND conditions, such as autism and ADHD, alongside some lesser known ones, such as synaesthesia and dyscalculia. It highlights the challenges that neurodiverse people may face, as well as the unique abilities that they can sometimes have, and explores what we can all do to make the world a better, more accepting places for neurodiverse people. It also looks forward to what the future might hold for neurodiversity.

Contents:
Everyone is different!/Our amazing brains/Being neurodivergent/Changing through time/ Case study: Leonardo da Vinci/The modern movement/Autism/Case study: Dr Temple Grandin/ADHD/Dyslexia/Case study: Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock/Dyspraxia/Synaesthesia/ Case study: Synaesthesic art/A whole world of differences/Brain and body/Understanding neurodiversity/Making life easier/Looking after everyone/Our neurodiverse future/ Glossary/Further information/Index

Books in the series:
Plastic Planet
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Sales Points

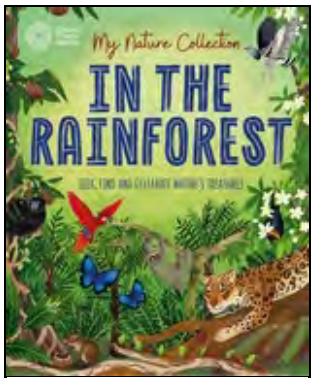
- Makes a challenging topic accessible to young readers
- Offers sensible and achievable ways for everyone to help make the world a better place for neurodiversity
- The text and illustrations have been reviewed by specialists in neurodiverse conditions
- Written by award-winning author Anna Claybourne

Summary of Contents

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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	**236x195**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**My Nature Collection**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles
March 2025:
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Up in the Air 9781526324368
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My Nature Collection: In the Rainforest
Seek, find and celebrate nature's treasures with the Natural History Museum

Cameron Menzies (Illustrated By Marc Pattenden)

Keynote
A stunning and interactive exploration of the natural world, celebrating the diversity of natural treasures in the rainforest and published in partnership with the Natural History Museum in London

Description
A stunning and interactive exploration of the natural world, celebrating the diversity of natural treasures in the rainforest and published in partnership with the Natural History Museum in London.

My Nature Collection: In the Rainforest is filled with beautifully detailed artwork, highlighted natural treasures and hidden features to spot on every page. Deep-dive into many remarkable rainforest habitats and get to know their special features, from toucans in the canopy to fungi on the forest floor, from bongos in the Congo Basin to moon flowers blooming at night. Search and find each wonder in context, with answers and further explanations at the back of the book.

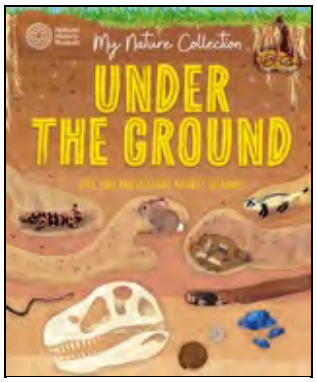
My Nature Collection book series encourages readers age 7 and up to look carefully and consider Earth's natural habitats in detail through interactive questions and up-close artwork. The perfect collection of books for treasure collectors, fact hunters and all lovers of nature!

Series titles include: *In the Rainforest / Under the Ground / Under the Sea / Up in the Air*

Sales Points
- An authoritative and beautiful series endorsed by the Natural History Museum in London
- Filled with detailed artwork, highlighted treasures - including plants, animals, geological wonders, weather phenomena and more - plus a digestible collection of facts and hidden features to spot in every scene
- Interactive questions on every spread and a detailed answers page enrich the experience and factual value contained in each book

Author Biography
Cameron Menzies (Author)
Cameron Menzies is an author and editor of nonfiction books for children, and a former actor. She lives and works in a cottage near the Scottish seaside with the company of her husband, two children and the family's beloved border collie.

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My Nature Collection: Under the Ground
Seek, find and celebrate nature's treasures with the Natural History Museum

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My Nature Collection: Under the Ground is filled with beautifully detailed artwork, highlighted natural treasures and hidden features to spot on every page. Dig deep into many remarkable underground habitats and get to know their special features, from diamondback rattlesnakes under the desert to deep roots under the prairie, from dinosaur fossils trapped in sandstone to rubies glinting in ancient marble. Search and find each wonder in context, with answers and further explanations at the back of the book.

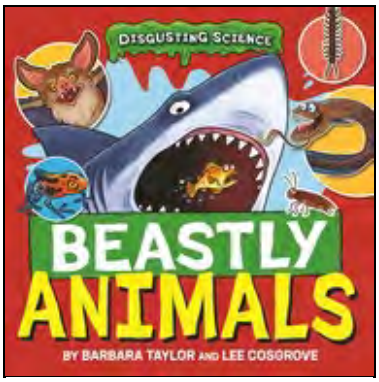
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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Disgusting Science**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
May 2025
Human Body Horrors 9781526327611
Beastly Animals 9781526327635

July 2025
Gruesome Plants 9781526327859
Revolting Life Cycles 9781526327673

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Disgusting Science: Beastly Animals

Barbara Taylor (Illustrated By Lee Cosgrove)

Keynote

Uncover the most disgusting, revolting and shocking aspects of animal adaptations with hilarious cartoons

Description

A colourful guide to the horrible, shocking and disgusting aspects of the science of animal adaptations and a fantastic way to inspire children in science learning.

The book investigates disgusting animal habits from around the world, including feeding, nasty teeth and claws, poo, camouflage and scents and smells. 'See for yourself' panels help children relate the science to their everyday world.

It is part of the *Disgusting Science* series, which explores the weird, revolting and shocking aspects of science for children aged 7 plus. It features child-friendly text and fun cartoon illustrations. From plants and life cycles to the human body and animal adaptations, the books offer fun examples to provide ways in to understanding solid scientific principles. Titles in the series*: Human Body Horrors, Beastly Animals, Gruesome Plants, Revolting Life Cycles.*

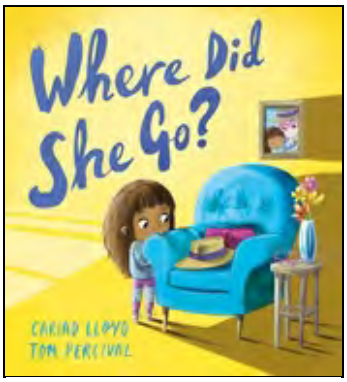
Sales Points

- Child-friendly text and cartoons offer ways in to solid scientific principles
- Features fun experiments to try
- Written by award-winning science writers and fact-checked by a former head of science educator

Author Biography

Barbara Taylor (Author)
Barbara Taylor lives in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, England. She studied Environmental Sciences at Southampton University before becoming a science editor and writer at London's Natural History Museum. She is author of more than 100 children's information books and encyclopedias on science, natural history and geography.

Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator)
Lee Cosgrove is a children's illustrator from a small town on the banks of the River Mersey. A lifelong doodler, his love of drawing is inspired by a childhood of Saturday morning cartoons, den-building adventures and an endless supply of crayons. Working as a full time illustrator for the last 10 years Lee has enjoyed working on a wide range of projects from illustrating picture books, to board games to billboards. He loves to bring humour and lots of character to his illustrations.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£12.99 / ₹1050**
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CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**275x250**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Where Did She Go?

Cariad Lloyd (Illustrated By Tom Percival)

Keynote

A frank and heart-warming picture book addressing the questions young children may have about death. Written comedian and creator of *Griefcast,* Cariad Lloyd, with artwork by Tom Percival, creator of the Big Bright Feelings series.

Description

The perfect book for opening up honest conversations with young children about grief and death, whether they have lost a loved one, or are simply curious and at the age of asking questions.

When a little girl hears people saying how sorry they are that she's lost her very special grandma, she only has one question . . . where did she go?

Grandma's not under the sofa, behind the flower patch, or even at their favourite spot in the park, so where is she?

Perhaps Mum can help her daughter to understand what has happened and find comfort in the memories left behind.

Written with gentle humour and a lightness of touch by comedian and creator of *Griefcast,* Cariad Lloyd, and illustrated by Tom Percival, creator of the bestselling Big Bright Feelings series.

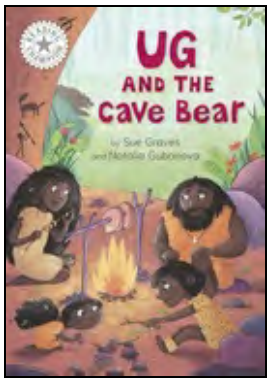
Sales Points

- An accessible and light-hearted grief book exploiting Cariad's huge knowledge and passion for conversations around death
- Unique offering - the market is saturated with death books filled with animals and convoluted metaphors
- Cariad Lloyd is a comedian and TV personality also known for her award-winning podcast Griefcast - she is extremely passionate about children's books and hugely knowledgable on the topic of grief
- Tom Percival is the creator of the Big Bright Feelings series and this is his first time illustrating for someone else's story. He's a trusted name for books about feelings and emotions.

Author Biography

Cariad Lloyd (Author)
Cariad Lloyd is a writer, actor, comedian, podcaster and improviser. She is the creator and host of the award-winning podcast, the *Griefcast*, where she talks to people about their experiences of grief and death. It won Podcast of the Year at the British podcast awards in 2018 and was spotlighted by Apple Podcasts in 2022. In 2023, Cariad wrote the critically acclaimed, Times bestseller *You Are Not Alone*, based on her grief lessons from the show. Cariad has also appeared in *Peep Show, Alan Partridge, Have I Got News for You, QI* and a number of other comedy shows on TV and radio. She is one of the creators of hit improv show *Austentatious* and co-hosts *Sara and Cariad's Weirdos Book Club* podcast with Sara Pascoe.

Tom Percival (Illustrator)
Tom Percival is a writer, artist, video producer and musician based in Stroud. He's the creator of several children's books including middle grade series *Dream Defenders*, picture books *The Invisible* and *The River* and the bestselling Big Bright Feelings series - translated into 21 languages. Tom has become the go-to talent for empathetic and inclusive books that explore emotional health and well-being, which resulted in him working with BBC Children in Need in 2020 on short film titled *Goodbye Rainclouds.*



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CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 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
Alexander and the Horse, 9781445189116
John and the Gunpowder Plot, 9781445189079
The Roman Party, 9781445189130
Ulf and the Spear of Power, 9781445189178
Wartime on the Farm, 9781445189093

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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**

Reading Champion: Ug and the Cave Bear Independent Reading White 10

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Natalia Gubanova)

Keynote
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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 7-9-year-olds or those reading book band white.

Ug's family needs the fire for their cave. It keeps them warm and safe from wild animals. One day, Ug is so busy painting that he forgets all about it...

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.

Natalia Gubanova (Illustrator)
Natalia is a children's book illustrator with an eye for detail. She has had a great passion for drawing since her early childhood, and after graduating in Graphic Design, she chose her path in children's illustration. In her work, she enjoys playing around with colours, creating characters and telling stories. When she is not busy drawing, she enjoys spending time with her Pom dog and going for a run or swim.



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CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**4mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Confident Kids**
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**
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**
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Confident Kids!: Keep Safe

Honor Head (Illustrated By Jennifer Jamieson)

Keynote

Handy life skills for all confident kids!

Description

Find out how to keep safe at home, out and about and online with this fun guide to becoming a more confident you!

Short comic-strip stories featuring a diverse range of characters show you how to deal with different situations. Sound non-fiction advice will help you to learn best ways to keep safe, whether you're at home, on the beach, on your bike or playing online.

Includes notes for parents and teachers about how to most effectively use the books at home or in the classroom.

Series consultant, Sarah Davis, Sarah Davis, is qualified in child and Adolescent Psychotherapy and provides counselling support for children, young adults and parents.

The 'Confident Kids' series is perfect for children aged 7-11, teaching children important life skills to help them manage their social and emotional health now and in the future. The clear, bright design and light-hearted humorous artwork make these engaging guides to help children boost self-esteem and grow up with confidence.

Titles in the series: Keep Safe; Persevere; Respect Others; Take Responsibility; Understand Emotions; Understand Money

Sales Points

- Teaches children important life skills to help them manage their social and emotional health now and in the future
- The consultant, Sarah Davis, is qualified in child and Adolescent Psychotherapy and provides counselling support for children, young adults and parents
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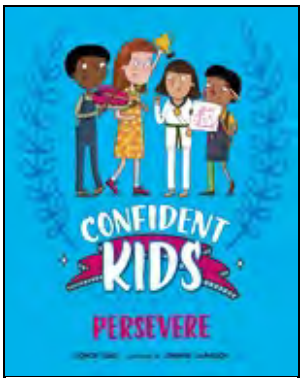
Summary of Contents

Staying safe; / At home; / Kitchen calm; / It's sharp; / Accidents happen!; / Personal safety; / Beat the bullies!; / Staying safe online; / Get together with your friends; / Take care outside; / Bike wise; / Water safety; / A day on the beach; / Parent and teacher notes; / websites; / index;

Author Biography

Honor Head (Author)
After a few false starts with a model agency and an accountant's, Honor Head's career as a children's writer and editor began when she joined a small publisher producing comics featuring children's television characters. The light bulb clicked on - Honor discovered she loved editing and writing for children - and has been burning brightly ever since. She has now published over 100 books for children on subjects as diverse as kitten care, famous outlaws, ghastly ghosts and totally awesome trucks as well as creating pop-ups, pull-outs and sticker books, and has edited many, many more. Honor now lives beside the seaside in Devon where she has fun helping out at the local museums organising family and school activities - a great way to meet her readers! On sunny days she heads for her favourite seaside café to eat cheese toasties and watch the dogs playing on the beach.

Jennifer Jamieson (Illustrator)
Jen Jamieson loves creating quirky, feisty and friendly characters and bringing their wonderful personalities to life. She has a passion for inclusiveness and is a strong advocate for representation in children's books. She loves the idea that we can change the world with the books we create. Jennifer's work is instantly recognisable due to her rich, bright colour palette, quirky patterns and detailed textures. Her two young children provide her with endless inspiration for her work.



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CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**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	**Confident Kids**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Confident Kids!: Persevere

Honor Head (Illustrated By Jennifer Jamieson)

Keynote

Handy life skills for all confident kids!

Description

Find out how to build resilience and persevere with this fun guide to becoming a more confident you!

Have you ever felt like giving up? Maybe that homework was too difficult, swimming training was too tiring, you just couldn't get the hang of how to ride a bike, or you felt too scared to try the new club. Everyone feels like that sometimes. That's when you need to be more determined and persevere. Persevering is about not giving up and getting things done even when they are difficult or boring.

This book will give you lots of advice about how you can persevere when things get tough, from making a plan to believing in yourself. Sound non-fiction advice will help you to learn the best ways to cope with change, not compare yourself with others and overcome any fears of failure. Short comic-strip stories featuring a diverse range of characters show you how to deal with different situations.

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- Includes notes for parents and teachers about how to most effectively use the books at home or in the classroom

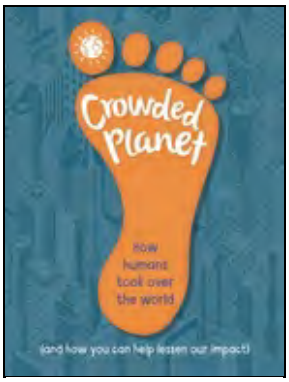
Summary of Contents

What is perseverance?; / Fear of failure; / Ask for help; / Be confident!; / Believe in you!; / Set a goal, make a plan; / Top talk; / Stick with the struggle; / Making music!; / Coping with change; / Write it down!; / Don’t compare yourself; / Swim to success!; / Parent and teacher notes; / breathing exercises; / websites;

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BIC 2.1	**Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) 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	**284x216**
Depth	**8mm**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
June 2019
Plastic Planet

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Hot Planet

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Pandemic Planet

October 2021
Recycled Planet

April 2022
Sustainable Planet

June 2022
Extinction Planet

June 2023
Peaceful Planet?

August 2023
Unequal Planet

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**

Crowded Planet
How humans came to rule the world (and how you can lessen our impact)

Anna Claybourne

Keynote
A powerful look at Earth's population crisis, written by award-winning children's author Anna Claybourne

Description
A powerful look at Earth's population crisis, written by award-winning children's author Anna Claybourne

There are over 8 billion human beings living on Earth. That's a LOT of people! And the world's population is still growing, which leads to a big question ... are there too many of us? The human population has been rising since ancient times, but it has zoomed up especially fast over the last 100 years or so. While humans have been on Earth, we've made huge changes to the planet. We've built cities and roads and taken over wild areas, affecting the other living things we share our world with. We've polluted our skies, land and seas and are fast using up Earth's precious natural resources. How can we lessen our impact on Earth, before it's too late?

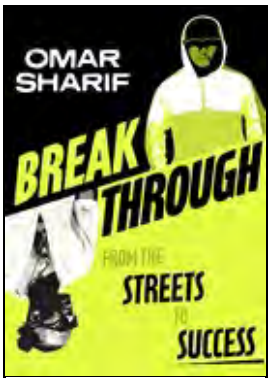
Contents
A world full of people/The rise of humans/Population explosion/CASE STUDY: Crowded Tokyo/Taking over the world/Food and water/Population and health/Harming wildlife/ CASE STUDY: Palm oil plantations/Country populations/Moving around/How many children?/CASE STUDY: Girls' education in Kenya/Population pyramids/Ageing populations/Falling populations/CASE STUDY: Plummeting population in Puerto Rico/Up or down?/What can you do?/Into the future

Titles in this series:
Plastic Planet
Hot Planet
Pandemic Planet
Recycled Planet
Sustainable Planet
Extinction Planet
Peaceful Planet?
Unequal Planet
Watery Planet

Sales Points
- Makes a challenging topic accessible to young readers
- Offers sensible and achievable ways for everyone to reduce their imprint on the planet
- Written by award-winning author Anna Claybourne

Summary of Contents
A world full of people / The rise of humans / Population explosion / CASE STUDY: Crowded Tokyo / Taking over the world / Food and water / Population and health / Harming wildlife / CASE STUDY: Palm oil plantations / Country populations / Moving around / How many children? / CASE STUDY: Girls' education in Kenya / Population pyramids / Ageing populations / Falling populations / CASE STUDY: Plummeting population in Puerto Rico / Up or down? / What can you do? / Into the future / Glossary / Further reading / Index

Author Biography
Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781526367235**
BIC 2.1	**Personal & social issues: bullying, violence & abuse (Children's / Teenage) (YXC) Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN)**
CBMC	**E5N79**
Age	**12+ years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	
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Breakthrough
From the streets to success

Omar Sharif

Keynote

Discover the unforgettable true story of former gang member and Pride of Britain Award winner who transformed his life and is now dedicated to empowering teens to achieve self-belief, resist peer pressure and achieve success

Description

The unforgettable true story of former gang member and Pride of Britain Award winner, Omar Sharif, who transformed his life - and might change yours...

Omar Sharif grew up in London surrounded by gangs with fierce loyalties. Carrying a knife offered him protection; belonging; family. But after three of his friends were murdered, Omar sought to change his life. He is now a Pride of Britain Award winner and coach who inspires teens and young people with his story, helping them grow self-belief, resist peer pressure and reach their potential.

In this book, Omar shares his powerful and moving true story, showing how gang life creates a bubble that makes young people believe it is their only choice; that they're not good enough. But that a shift in thinking saved his life.

Sharing his 6 ingredients for success - from finding your passion, seeking the right friendships and knowing your worth, to creating a vision for your future, avoiding short-lived hits and giving back - Omar provides encouragement to all young people on how to make great decisions, navigate challenges and achieve success.

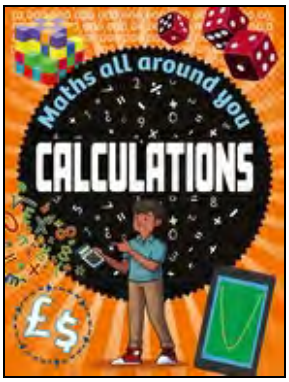
Sales Points

- COMBAT PARENTAL ANXIETY: According to Family Insight violent crime is the issue that concerns parents of teenagers most, just behind mental health and bullying. The latest police figures for England and Wales from July 2022 to June 2023 show that around 247 people lost their lives due to knife crime. Through Omar's unforgettable true story, he hopes to inspire teens to make safer choices, resist the wrong crowd and reach their potential
- A NEW APPROACH TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINDSET:· Omar has developed his own growth mindset and resilience strategies to help teens make positive changes to their lives on all levels - whether that might be by rethinking their friendships, mindsets or habits to achieve success
- PRIDE OF BRITAIN: Omar won the Pride of Britain Award and was asked to consult directly for HM King Charles with a focus on helping young people access better opportunities and looking at reducing violent crime
- AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN: Supported with an ambitious publicity and marketing campaign, as well as a high-profile foreword. Omar is already well connected and has featured on The High Performance Podcast, Good Morning Britain, Tedx, BBC, Insider, ITV, CNN and Daily Mirror
- SCHOOLS AND PARENTS: Omar has already spoken in over 200 schools and colleges inspiring students with his personal story while equipping them with skills on decision-making, and resilience. He is keen to continue this work, reaching as many children and parents as possible

Author Biography

Omar Sharif is CEO and Founder of Omar Inspires. He is a communicator, coach, speaker and change consultant. In 2018 Omar won the Pride of Britain Award, he was then hand-picked to consult directly for the British royal family. After being involved in gang crime as a teenager and seeing three friends die as a result of knife crime, Omar sought to change his life.

The Princes Trust helped Omar to find work and gave him a new sense of direction. Omar has since inspired others towards positive change. He is now a sought-after motivational speaker and life coach working in schools, large corporations and with business leaders to inspire change and self-empowerment.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£13.99 / ₹1150**
Main Identifier	**9781526320575**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: Mathematics & numeracy: times tables (YQMT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)**
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	**250x190**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Maths All Around You**
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**
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Maths All Around You: Calculations

Rob Colson

Keynote

Improve you understanding of maths by relating simple maths concepts to the world around you

Description

Maths is all around you, it can be seen everywhere in nature and in the human-made world.

In ***Sums***, simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths plays an important part of the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives.

This series is designed for readers aged 7 to complement the content of traditional maths textbooks. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Written in consultation with a specialist former maths publisher.

The six titles in this series are:
Fractions
Measurements
Numbers
Shapes
Statistics
Sums
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Sales Points

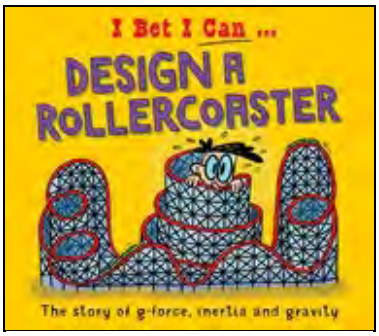
- Simple illustrations help visual learners get to grips with maths concepts
- Consultant Jim Newall is a former specialist maths publisher
- The 'all around you' aspect helps children to see maths as a dynamic topic, rather than a dry and (for some) boring or challenging subject

Author Biography

Rob Colson is an author and editor of a wide range of books for children and adults, including many natural history, maths and science titles. Previous titles as author: Ultimate Cars, Ultimate Machines (Wayland); Super Science (Franklin Watts). Other titles: Bone Collection: Animals (Scholastic), Puzzles, Conundrums and Enigmas (Parragon). Contributing author to Battle (DK).

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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	**Paperback**
Format	**210x240**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**I Bet I Can**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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I Bet I Can: Design a Rollercoaster

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Pipi Sposito)

Keynote

Explanations of key STEM (engineering) topics in an original, highly entertaining way through comical
trial and error scenarios

Description

**Explanations of key STEM (engineering) topics in an original, highly entertaining way through comical
trial and error scenarios**.
In this book find out what forces are at work on a rollercoaster ride. What stops you from falling off? How do you loop the loop? What does it take to build a rollercoaster?

This series looks at how things work such as how a plane can fly or a boat can float through the
comical endeavours of an inventor who tries to replicate what he sees without knowing the science,
with hilarious results. We discover what went wrong and why through the scientific explanations
that follow each attempt, making tricky concepts accessible and entertaining in equal measure.
Perfect for children aged 7+

Sales Points

- comical approach to tricky topics with highly accessible text
- bright and dynamic artwork with humorous comic strips and further explanation pages
- positive resolutions at the end of each book by undertanding the science involved

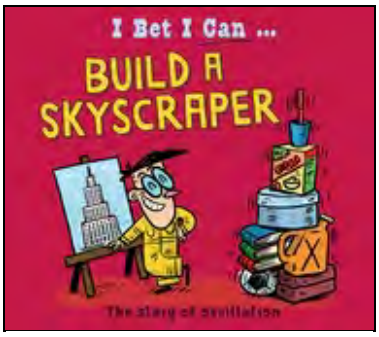
Summary of Contents

Riding the Rails; / Beating Friction; / What went wrong? & How does it work?; / Needing a boost; / What went wrong? & How does it work?; / Slow down please!; / What went wrong? & What works better?; / Loop the loop; / What went wrong? & How does it work?; / Strap i; / What went wrong? & How does it work?; / How to build a rollercoaster; / Other fairgorund rides; / How to be a rollercoaster builder;

Author Biography

Tom Jackson (Author)
Tom Jackson has written more than 80 books and contributed to hundreds more. His specialties are natural history, technology and all things scientific. Tom spends his days finding fun ways of communicating facts, new and old, to all age groups and reading abilities. Tom lives in Bristol, England, with his wife and three children. He studied zoology at Bristol University and has had spells working at zoos. Tom has also worked as a conservationist, which saw him planting trees in Somerset, surveying Vietnamese jungle and rescuing wildlife from drought-ridden Zimbabwe. Writing has also taken him to the Galápagos Islands, Amazon rainforest, coral reefs of Indonesia and Sahara Desert. Nowadays, he can be found mainly in the attic.

Pipi Sposito (Illustrator)
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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	**Paperback**
Format	**210x240**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**I Bet I Can**
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**
Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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I Bet I Can: Build a Skyscraper

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Pipi Sposito)

Keynote

Explanations of key STEM (engineering) topics in an original, highly entertaining way through comical
trial and error scenarios

Description

**Explanations of key STEM (engineering) topics in an original, highly entertaining way through comical
trial and error scenarios**

In this book, find out how a skyscraper stays up, why it matters what its built from and what a supertube is, plus much more.

This series looks at how things work such as how a plane can fly or a boat can float through the
comical endeavours of an inventor who tries to replicate what he sees without knowing the science,
with hilarious results. We discover what went wrong and why through the scientific explanations
that follow each attempt, making tricky concepts accessible and entertaining in equal measure. Perfect for children age 7+

Sales Points

- comical approach to tricky topics with highly accessible text
- bright and dynamic artwork with humorous comic strips and further explanation pages
- positive resolutions at the end of each book by undertanding the science involved

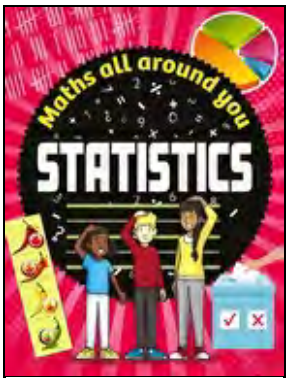
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Look up! / Going high / What went wrong? & What works better? / Level up / What went wrong? & What works better? / Reach for the sky / What went wrong? & What works better? / Step up / What went wrong? & What works better? / What a wobble! / What went wrong? & What works better? / I've built a skyscraper! / Other kinds of tall buildings

Author Biography

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BIC 2.1	**Educational: Mathematics & numeracy: times tables (YQMT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)**
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	**250x190**
Extent	**48 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Maths All Around You**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles

9781526320575 Maths All Around You: Calculations
9781526320490 Maths All Around You: Fractions
9781526320520 Maths All Around You: Measurements
9781526318701 Maths All Around You: Numbers
9781526320568 Maths All Around You: Shapes
9781526320537 Maths All Around You: Statistics

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**

Maths All Around You: Statistics

Rob Colson

Keynote

Improve your understanding of statistics by relating simple maths concepts to the world around you

Description

Maths is all around you; it can be seen everywhere in nature and in the human-made world.

In ***Statistics***, learn how to conduct research and display numbers in brightly coloured pie charts, find out to take a census and how statistics help to track the weather.

Simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths plays an important part of the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives.

This series is designed for readers aged 7 to complement the content of traditional maths textbooks. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Written in consultation with a specialist former maths publisher.

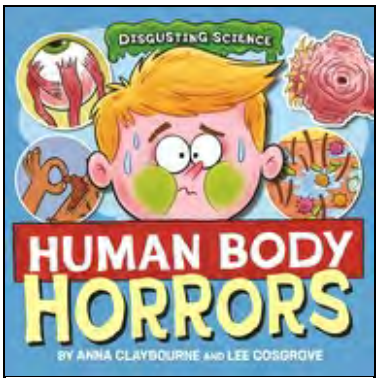
The six titles in this series are:
Fractions
Measurements
Numbers
Shapes
Statistics
Sums

Sales Points

- Simple illustrations help visual learners get to grips with maths concepts
- Consultant Jim Newall is a former specialist maths publisher
- The 'all around you' aspect helps children to see maths as a dynamic topic, rather than a challenging subject

Author Biography

Rob Colson is an author and editor of a wide range of books for children and adults, including many natural history, maths and science titles. Previous titles as author: Ultimate Cars, Ultimate Machines (Wayland); Super Science (Franklin Watts). Other titles: Bone Collection: Animals (Scholastic), Puzzles, Conundrums and Enigmas (Parragon). Contributing author to Battle (DK).



Disgusting Science: Human Body Horrors

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Lee Cosgrove)

Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£12.99 / ₹1050**
Main Identifier	**9781526327611**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
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	**245x245**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Disgusting Science**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
May 2025
Human Body Horrors 9781526327611
Beastly Animals 9781526327635

July 2025
Gruesome Plants 9781526327859
Revolting Life Cycles 9781526327673

Keynote

Uncover the most disgusting, revolting and shocking aspects of the human body with hilarious cartoons

Description

A colourful guide to the horrible, shocking and disgusting aspects of the science of human body and a fantastic way to inspire children in science learning.

The book investigates everything from sweat and snot to spots and teeth cavities and, of course, farting and burping. 'See for yourself' panels help children relate the science to their everyday world.

It is part of the *Disgusting Science* series, which explores the weird, revolting and shocking aspects of science for children aged 7 plus. It features child-friendly text and fun cartoon illustrations. From plants and life cycles to the human body and animal adaptations, the books offer fun examples to provide ways in to understanding solid scientific principles. Titles in the series*: Human Body Horrors, Beastly Animals, Gruesome Plants, Revolting Life Cycles.*

Sales Points

- Child-friendly text and cartoons offer ways in to solid scientific principles
- Features fun experiments to try
- Written by award-winning science writers and fact-checked by a former head of science educator

Author Biography

Barbara Taylor (Author)
Barbara Taylor lives in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, England. She studied Environmental Sciences at Southampton University before becoming a science editor and writer at London's Natural History Museum. She is author of more than 100 children's information books and encyclopedias on science, natural history and geography.

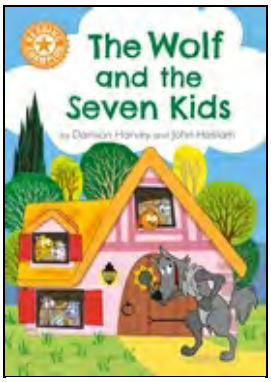
Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator)
Lee Cosgrove is a children's illustrator from a small town on the banks of the River Mersey. A lifelong doodler, his love of drawing is inspired by a childhood of Saturday morning cartoons, den-building adventures and an endless supply of crayons. Working as a full time illustrator for the last 10 years Lee has enjoyed working on a wide range of projects from illustrating picture books, to board games to billboards. He loves to bring humour and lots of character to his illustrations.

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BIC 2.1	**English (2AB)** **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**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
Film and TV	**Refer to Publisher**
Large print	**Refer to Publisher**
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Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
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Reading Champion: The Wolf and the Seven Kids Independent Reading Orange 6

Damian Harvey (Illustrated By John Haslam)

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)

In this story, Wolf tries to get into the house of seven little goats while their mother is out. Can he fool them into letting him in? Reading Champion offers independent reading books for children to practise and reinforce their developing reading skills.

Fantastic 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. This retelling of the original traditional tale by the Brothers Grimm is suitable for children aged 5-7, or those reading at book band Orange.

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

Damian Harvey (Author)
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

John Haslam (Illustrator)
John Haslam has been working as an illustrator for most of his professional life. John worked in advertising for 10 years and worked on various projects including TV storyboards, to illustrating for all kinds of accounts from Pritt Stick (the Pritt Stick Man was his invention), to comic pages such as Danger Mouse, Disney and Transformers.

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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	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**160 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The World Of**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

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The World of BTS
The Ultimate Unofficial Fan Guide Packed with Facts, Stats and Quizzes

Catherine Saunders (Illustrated By The Boy Fitz Hammond)

Keynote

Discover everything you need to know about BTS, K-pop icons, solo artists and international stars, in this ultimate fact-filled guide, including profiles, facts, quotes and quizzes.

Description

THE ULTIMATE UNOFFICIAL BTS FAN BOOK

Discover everything there is to know about BTS, K-pop icons, solo artists and international stars. Follow their amazing journey from band formation to international stadium tours, solo careers to military service, and their future plans now they're getting back together.

Uncover the secrets of BTS's biggest hits, amazing hairstyles and extraordinary fandom - from how they were recruited into the band to their spin-off acting careers.

Put your knowledge to the test with quick quizzes, impress your friends with the most amazing quotes and discover record-breaking stellar stats and facts all about pop icons BTS!

Sales Points

- The ultimate fact-filled guide to BTS - publishing in time for the final band members leaving their military service and preparing to reform (expected by end of 2025)
- Easy affordable gift purchase and great stocking filler for children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews
- The third book in *The World Of* series, following on from Ariana Grande. This series focuses on the hot, big stars of the moment, publishing titles that are first to market or are timed with a big cultural moment where the stars will be everywhere
- Bold, modern and cool illustrations from The Boy Fitz Hammond

Author Biography

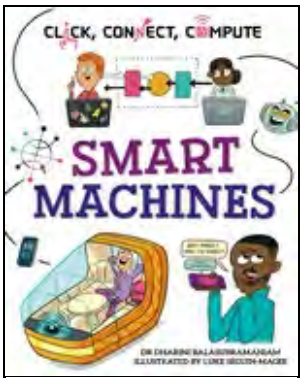
Catherine Saunders (Author)
Catherine Saunders is a writer and editor, specialising in non-fiction. She has written about everything from dinosaurs to Darth Vader. She is passionate about creating engaging content on high-interest topics for all ages and reading abilities. Catherine has two children and loves making up bedtime stories for them.

The Boy Fitz Hammond (Illustrator)
The Boy Fitz Hammond has worked with various clients including Oxfam, Shelter, BBC, Honda, Microsoft and the Barclays Premier League.

His illustrations have also been used by many editorial, educational and publishing clients across a diverse range of titles.

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Click, Connect, Compute: Smart Machines

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam (Illustrated By Luke Séguin-Magee)

Keynote

Smart machine fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists

Description

Smart machine fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Click, Connect, Compute: Smart Machines uncovers how machine that can learn are created and how they operate. Readers will discover the meaning of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the benefits of teamwork in tech, and the role that the 'Internet of Things' plays in helping homes, hospitals and cities run. And the end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, robotics and AI and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world.

The *Click, Connect, Compute* series untangles the computer science web and teaches children about the essentials of computer software, hardware and digital literacy as well as discussing the ethics surrounding this evolving field. Featuring fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz, this is a perfect read for children aged 8+.

Written in a clear, thoughtful way by computer science expert, Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam, a strong advocate for ethics and education in her field.

Sales Points

- Written by the Senior Lecturer and Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Outreach for Computer Science at University of St Andrews, the number one university in the UK (Guardian and Times rankings), Dr Dharini Balasubramaniam
- Includes comic strips and a quiz at the back to embed learning
- Encourages opportunities to discuss the future of tech and the ethics of computer science, strengthening critical thinking skills

Author Biography

Dharini Balasubramaniam (Author)
Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the University of St Andrews in the UK. She briefly worked in software industry before turning to academia. She has taught Computer Science from first year to Masters level for a number of years. Her research interests are diverse, and include software systems, ethics in Computer Science, digital literacy and Computer Science education. She is particularly passionate about promoting Computer Science to school pupils as an exciting and accessible subject with wide-ranging career options. She enjoys reading, wildlife photography and long walks.

Luke Séguin-Magee (Illustrator)
Luke Séguin-Magee illustrates children's books and his own comics. He likes to wear a straw hat in the summer, pretend he can make music on his Cavaquinho, entertain his four kids and wife, chop wood, drink espresso and ride his bike. Luke hails from Canada and resides in Stockholm.

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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	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Click, Connect, Compute**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

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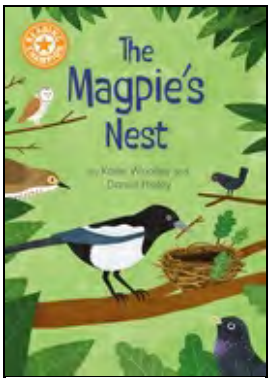
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Reading Champion: The Magpie's Nest Indpendent Reading Orange 6

Katie Woolley

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Main Identifier	**9781445193274**
BIC 2.1	**English (2AB)** **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**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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US	**Refer to Publisher**

Keynote

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Description

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Magpie is the best at building nests and tries to show the other birds how it is done, but they soon grow impatient. One by one they leave before Magpie is finished, explaining why birds nests' all look different!

Reading Champion offers independent reading books for children to practise and reinforce their developing reading skills.

Fantastic 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. This retelling of an old English fairy tale is suitable for children aged 5-7, or those reading at book band Orange

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 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.

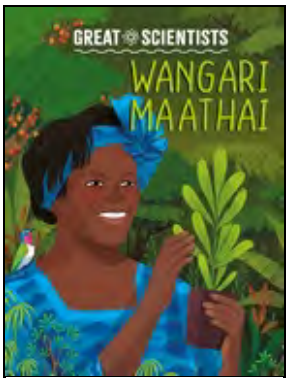
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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
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Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Great Scientists**
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Great Scientists: Wangari Maathai

Ruth Percival (Illustrated By Alexandra Badiu)

Keynote

An illustrated biography of Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement

Description

Wangari Maathai tells the story of this scientist and women's rights activist. It explores how she inspired thousands across Africa to plant 30 million trees in 30 years, saving many from hunger and poverty.

Great Scientists are first biographies introducing some of the world's great scientists, simply retelling their lives and explaining why their work was important. Perfect for children aged 7 plus. Each book has been book banded and includes a quiz at the end to test what has been learned.

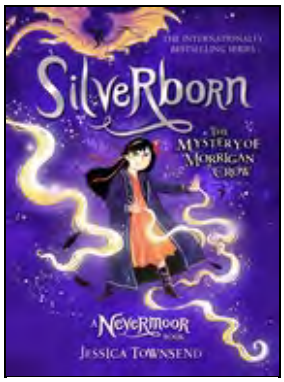
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CBMC	**D3N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**216x153**
Extent	**592 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Nevermoor**
Exclusively for Sale	**EU; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**ANZ; Can; USA**
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND Publisher	**Hachette Australia Pty Ltd Publisher**
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	**Hachette Book Group USA Publisher**

Previous Titles

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow
Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow
Hollowpox: The Hunt for Morrigan Crow

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Silverborn
The Mystery of Morrigan Crow Book 4

Jessica Townsend

Keynote

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Description

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Praise for *Nevermoor*: 'Exciting, mysterious, marvellous and magical ... quite simply one of the best children's books I've read in years' Robin Stevens, author of *Murder Most Unladylike*.

In the magical city of Nevermoor, long-buried secrets are coming to light, and Morrigan Crow's life is about to turn upside down.

When Morrigan is invited into Nevermoor's wealthy Silver District, she discovers a world of extravagance and a family mystery she's eager to unravel. She could never imagine where it will lead: a white wedding, a golden dragon and a red pool of blood.

Embroiled in suspicion and danger, Morrigan leaps head first into a murder investigation, while also grappling with her ever-growing Wundersmith powers. And although her friends are there to help, she fears that could change if they learn she's keeping a terrible secret of her own.

As shadowy forces awaken in Nevermoor, can Morrigan find a killer and solve the mystery in her own past ... before the clock strikes midnight?

Jessica Townsend weaves a spellbinding tale of magic and mystery in this thrilling new installment of the Nevermoor series, winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and with film rights sold to Fox.

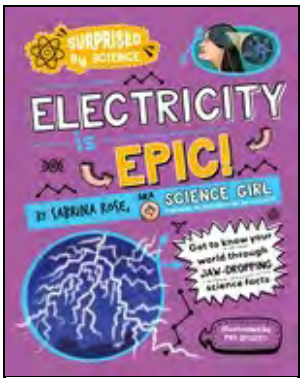
Praise for *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow*: 'A full-speed joy of a book; funny, quick-footed, and wildly, magically inventive' Katherine Rundell, author of *Impossible Creatures*

Sales Points

- Return to the magical world of Nevermoor, where Morrigan Crow's adventures continue in the international bestselling series. A stunningly designed package - with hidden artwork under the jacket and beautifully designed interiors - this is a perfect gift for all readers, young and old
- Over 1.5 million copies sold globally of the Nevermoor series
- Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow was the UK's bestselling children's fiction debut in the year it published, and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for younger fiction
- Now published in 40 languages across the world
- Movie script in development at 20th Century Fox

Author Biography

JESSICA TOWNSEND lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia with her dogs, Vivien and Rik. Her pet fascinations include public transport, ancient cities, hotels, opera singers, Halloween, secret societies and gigantic cats - all of which have weaselled their way into Nevermoor, her first series and a city that feels like it belongs entirely to her. (Except now it belongs to you, too.)



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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**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Surprised by Science**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles

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Surprised by Science: Electricity is Epic!

Sabrina Rose Science Girl (Illustrated By Pipi Sposito)

Keynote

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Surprised by Science: Electricity is Epic brings an attention-grabbing and accessible set of electricity facts to life! Doing what she's famous for online, Sabrina Rose dives into the most surprising details of the world of electricity to explore the science at work. From lightning strikes to shocking static; from aurora in the sky to electricity in the human body - this series is perfect for inquisitive children age 7 and up, and all fans of Science Girl.

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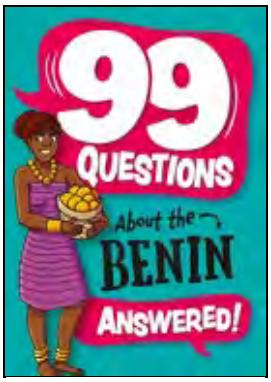
Sales Points

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- Combines bright, comic illustrations alongside photos of the science in action, perfect for bringing to life key curriculum elements at Key Stage 2
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CBMC	**D5N79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
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99 Questions About: The Benin

Annabel Stones

Keynote

Discover the fascinating world of the kingdom of Benin through 99 questions and answers

Description

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Who ruled the kingdom of Benin? How did the people of Benin wear their hair? And what is so special about the Benin bronzes? Find out the answers to all these questions and many, many more in this high-interest romp through the world of the kingdom of Benin.

99 Questions About... makes historical civilisations come alive with interest, humour and occasional *weirdness*. The core information is excellent support for curriculum topics, while the dip-in structure and light amounts of text will entice even reluctant readers who enjoy the light-hearted *Horrible Histories* approach to learning. The high-interest approach is complimented by a striking, two-colour design, featuring simple but eye-catching graphics.

Fun reading for children aged 8 and up.

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Great Scientists: Katherine Johnson

Ruth Percival (Illustrated By Alexandra Badiu)

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Keynote

An illustrated biography of Katherine Johnson, pioneering NASA mathematician

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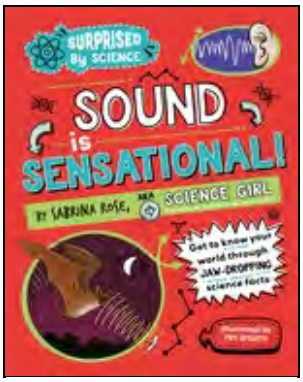
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Surprised by Science: Sound is Sensational!

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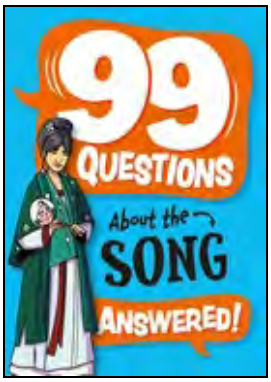
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99 Questions About: The Song Dynasty

Annabel Stones

Keynote

Discover the fascinating world of the Song Dynasty through 99 questions and answers

Description

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How big was the Song civilisation? Why was Confucius so important to the Song? And did the Song really invent gunpowder? Find out the answers to all these questions and many, many more in this high-interest romp through the world of the Song Dynasty.

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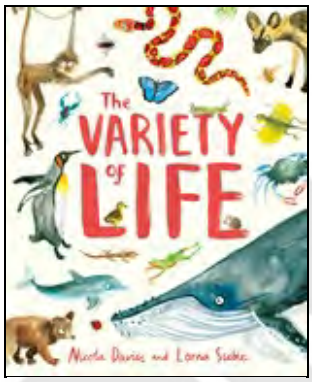
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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
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The Variety of Life

Nicola Davies (Illustrated By Lorna Scobie)

Keynote

A beautiful, vibrant and engaging celebration of diversity within the Animal Kingdom.

Description

Our planet is full of life! Did you know there are 400,000 species of beetle - but only eight species of bear? This stunning book explores the extraordinary diversity of the natural world and profiles some of its most surprising creatures.

A glorious celebration of diversity within the Animal Kingdom by non-fiction specialist Nicola Davies, illustrated by rising star Lorna Scobie.

There is something to delight on every page with fascinating facts about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects. This exquisite book will encourage children to treasure the world's biodiversity and help to stop it slipping away.

Sales Points

- An exciting collaboration between an award-winning non-fiction specialist and a hugely talented illustrator
- A visual treat for young and old - there is something to delight on every page
- A powerful message about conservation - treasure the world's biodiversity and help to stop it slipping away
- The text is informative, fascinating and accessible

Author Biography

Nicola Davies (Author)
Nicola Davies is an award-winning author whose books for children include *Big Blue Whale*, *Just Ducks!*, *One Tiny Turtle* and *The Promise*, which was declared one of the best picture books of the year by the *New York Times*. She graduated in zoology, studied whales and bats, then worked in the BBC Nature History Unit. She was one of the original presenters of *The Really Wild Show*. Nicola lives in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales. Visit her website at www.nicola-davies.com

Lorna Scobie (Illustrator)
Lorna Scobie is a London-based illustrator and book designer. Growing up surrounded by nature in the English countryside has heavily influenced her illustrations - her work almost always revolves around the natural world and Animal Kingdom. Lorna illustrates her work by hand, primarily using ink pens, watercolour and coloured pens.



Little Bugs Big Feelings: Time to Shine, Sunny

Hollie Hughes (Illustrated By Nila Aye)

Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£7.99 / ₹599**
Main Identifier	**9781408367223**
BIC 2.1	**Picture storybooks (YBCS) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Wildlife (Children's / Teenage) (YNNR) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)**
CBMC	**A3M79**
Age	**0-5 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Picture Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**250x250**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Little Bugs Big Feelings**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Little Bugs Big Feelings: You Can Do It, Clover!
Little Bugs Big Feelings: Be Yourself Buddy

Keynote

A heartwarming rhyming story about boosting self-esteem and celebrating kindness. Set in an exciting minibeast world as part of the 'Little Bugs, Big Feelings' series.

Description

An adorable story about CONFIDENCE to boost self-esteem and celebrate kindness, set in an exciting, vibrant minibeast world.

In the wild patch of the garden, under brambles roaming free
Live little bugs whose feelings are as big as big can be . .

Little Sunny Snail *loves* celebrating her friends' talents at the Bug of the Month Award. She dreams of winning herself one day, but worries she isn't the best at *anything!* She can't flutter beautifully like Daisy Dragonfly, and she's certainly not super speedy like Waverly Water Boatman.

Can Sunny's friends show her she has plenty to celebrate?

Inspiring the littlest bugs to encourage their friends and recognise their own gifts too. Beautifully brought to life by Hollie Hughes, author of *The Girl and the Dinosaur* and Nila Aye, illustrator of *Nature Trail.*

Don't miss more from the LITTLE BUGS, BIG FEELINGS series:
You Can Do It, Clover!
Be Yourself, Buddy!

Sales Points

- The third book in an exciting series about dealing with feelings and emotions, set in a unique world, from the perspective of relatable minibeasts
- A brilliant rhyming story about a little snail who wants to find his own special gift, filled with friendship and fun and a message about daring to do your own thing
- Minibeast world beautifully brought to life by Nila Aye, illustrator of *Nature Trail*, with a fun map spread and repeat characters from the first book to spot
- Beautifully written by Hollie Hughes, author of *The Girl and the Dinosaur*

Author Biography

Hollie Hughes (Author)
Hollie Hughes is best known as the author of many much-loved picture books for young children, including the bestselling, award-winning The Girl and the Dinosaur, illustrated by Sarah Massini. When not scribbling away on picture book texts, she occasionally writes stories, poems and plays for older children and grown-ups too.
Previously a youth worker and higher education lecturer, much of her work now takes place in schools - both as a visiting author, and as a literacy consultant. She also runs writing workshops for children and adults, and regularly takes part in literary festivals and events.

Nila Aye (Illustrator)
Nila Aye was born in Rangoon, Myanmar, arriving in the UK at the age of three and spent most of her childhood dreaming and drawing pictures. Nila studied graphic design at Central St Martins in London, graduating in 1995.

Nila is an award winning illustrator, collaborating on many well-loved children's books including *Nature Trail, People Need People, Story Soup* and the *Little Bugs Big Feelings* series. Her love of visual storytelling and collaboration with authors continues to energise Nila in her mission to bring beautifully illustrated books to a new generation of young readers around the world.

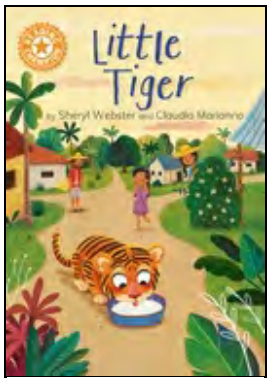
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Main Identifier	**9781445193335**
BIC 2.1	**English (2AB)** **Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B3N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**210x148**
Extent	**24 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Reading Champion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Reading Champion: Little Tiger Independent reading Orange 6

Sheryl Webster (Illustrated By Claudia Marianno)

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)

In this tradiitonal tale from India, a little tiger cub is sent to the village to fetch fire. But the cub soon gets distracted ... and forgets all about the task.

Reading Champion offers independent reading books for children to practise and reinforce their developing reading skills.

Fantastic 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. This retelling of the original traditional tale is suitable for children aged 5-7, or those reading at book band Orange.

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

Sheryl lives in Liverpool with her husband Phil and four children Sean, Bethany, Joey and new arrival Katy.
Having completed a degree in English and Psychology she enjoyed working as a Primary School Teacher before going on a career break to bring up her young family. This also allowed more time for her passion of writing.
Sheryl's literary influences include Enid Blyton -whose books she loved as a child and now enjoys reading to her own children. She also admires the work of Julia Donaldson. However her greatest influences are her children - who provide the inspiration and ideas for most of her stories.

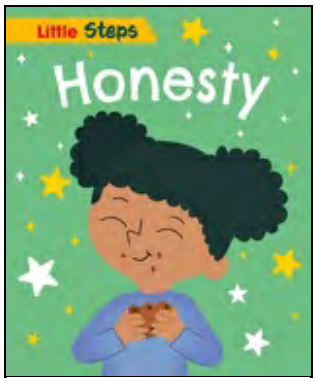
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Main Identifier	**9781445187839**
BIC 2.1	**Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL)** **For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF)** **Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B5N79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**236x195**
Depth	**14mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Little Steps**
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**
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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Little Steps: Honesty

Kay Barnham

Keynote

Inspiring young children to adopt positive character traits through little achievable steps

Description

Inspiring young children to adopt positive character traits through little achievable steps

Join Anya as she learns the importance of telling the truth and owning up to mistakes, taking little steps towards being honest and truthful with her family, friends and the new people she meets.

The *Little Steps* series explores each positive character trait through everyday scenarios. Each book centres around one child character as they find out how their actions and the choices they make affect themselves and others. 'Little steps' panels recap the moral message of the text and summarise the key lesson and a 'big step' panel at the end of each section shows positive outcomes of developing emotional literacy. Relevant feelings and emotions are highlighted in the text.

Perfect for readers aged 5 and up.

Sales Points

- Bright illustrations and narrative approach helps the reader to engage with the moral message
- Reinforces valuable life skills in a simple way to support social and emotional development
- Helpful 'Little Step' and 'Big Step' panels throughout the book summarise the key actions children can take towards becoming positive members of their community

Summary of Contents

What is honesty? / Making promises / Small lies, big lies / Don't cheat! / Honesty and you! / Glossary/Index

Author Biography

Kay Barnham was born in Barrow-in-Furness, grew up in Carlisle, went to college in Brighton, and lived in Hove for a while, before sailing for Kinsale, Co Cork, popping back to Hove and then moving to the New Forest with her husband and daughter. And never at any point has she lived more than ten miles from the sea. She began working in children's publishing in 1992. She was an editor first of all, working on illustrated non-fiction and learning fun facts like how long it would take to walk to the moon - nine years - and how to spell palaeontology. Next, she commissioned fiction titles, editing picture books, storybooks and novels. And then she got the chance to write her own books, which she thinks is quite the best job ever. Except possibly being a chocolatier. She writes non-fiction as Kay Barnham. Her specialist subjects include ice-skating, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, lightning, fairies, Roald Dahl, Sir Isaac Newton, Christmas, dolphins, Florence Nightingale and very bad cracker jokes. And chocolate. She also writes fiction as Kay Woodward, including the Skate School series for Usborne and the novels Jane Airhead and Wuthering Hearts for Andersen Press. Altogether, she's written about a hundred books. Her favourite colour is navy blue. Her favourite chocolate is 85% cocoa solids.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£14.99 / ₹1199**
Main Identifier	**9781526330369**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) 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	**Hardback**
Format	**265x210**
Extent	**64 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Maximum Speed**
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**
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**
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Maximum Speed
The fastest machines on Earth!

Rob Colson

Keynote

Discover some of the fastest cars and motorbikes ever made, and how they're engineered for maximum speed

Description

Discover some of the fastest vehicles ever made!

From deafening dragsters to a rocket car that is faster than the speed of sound, these are vehicles that push the extremes. Find out about the fastest cars on the planet, and learn what it takes to drive them to maximum speed. The book explores how cars and motorbikes have evolved over time, and how they're engineered for extreme performance. It features fantastic large photos of the vehicles and technical data to support the text and increase STEM learning. At the end of the book are several pages of fun quizzes and games, sure to engage the reader even further. *Maximum Speed* is the perfect introduction for future engineers and designers aged 9+, and petrolheads everywhere!

Contents: The need for speed / Speed on four wheels / Official speed records / The Blue Birds / Jet cars / Speed in the sixties / Pioneering women / Breaking the sound barrier / Speed in the future / Top fuel dragsters / Track racing Formula 1 / Speed and endurance / Fastest cars on the road / Powered by the sun / Speed on two wheels / Official speed records / Grand Prix racing / Isle of Man TT race / Endurance racing / Road bikes / Dirt biking / Speedway racing / Stunt riders / Drag bikes / The streamliner battle / Extreme machines / Quiz time / Speed games / Get creative / Speed files / Glossary / Index

Sales Points

- Big, spread-filling images show the vehicles in all their glory
- Technical data supports the text and increases STEM learning
- Visually exciting and dynamic, with a huge range of sleek cars and motorbikes featured

Summary of Contents

The need for speed / Speed on four wheels / Official speed records / The Blue Birds / Jet cars / Speed in the sixties / Pioneering women / Breaking the sound barrier / Speed in the future / Top fuel dragsters / Track racing Formula 1 / Speed and endurance / Fastest cars on the road / Powered by the sun / Speed on two wheels / Official speed records / Grand Prix racing / Isle of Man TT race / Endurance racing / Road bikes / Dirt biking / Speedway racing / Stunt riders / Drag bikes / The streamliner battle / Extreme machines / Quiz time / Speed games / Get creative / Speed files / Glossary / Index

Author Biography

Rob Colson is an author and editor of a wide range of books for children and adults, including many natural history, maths and science titles. Previous titles as author: Ultimate Cars, Ultimate Machines (Wayland); Super Science (Franklin Watts). Other titles: Bone Collection: Animals (Scholastic), Puzzles, Conundrums and Enigmas (Parragon). Contributing author to Battle (DK).

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Price	**£6.99 / ₹550**
Main Identifier	**9781445189093**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: English language: readers & reading schemes (YQCR) English (2AB) Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 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
Ug and the Cave Bear, 9781445189154
Alexander and the Horse, 9781445189116
John and the Gunpowder Plot, 9781445189079
The Roman Party, 9781445189130
Ulf and the Spear of Power, 9781445189178

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**

Reading Champion: Wartime on the Farm Independent Reading White 10

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Hannah Wood)

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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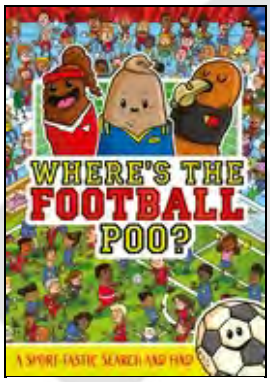
Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 7-9-year-olds or those reading book band white.

In the middle of the bombing of London in World Two, Ivy and Kitty are sent to live on a farm in Cornwall to keep them safe. How will the sisters settle into their new life?

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 (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.

Hannah Wood (Illustrator)
Hannah is from England but grew up in the Netherlands and Norway. She returned to England to study politics and history at university, until the moment she finally saw the light and, after a spell as a graphic designer, followed her first love - illustration.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£7.99 / ₹599**
Main Identifier	**9781408375235**
BIC 2.1	**Interactive & activity books & packs (YBG) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)**
CBMC	**B3L79**
Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Fiction**
Type	**Activity Book**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**297x210**
Extent	**40 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Where's the Poo...?**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Where's the Poo?
Where's the Dinosaur Poo?
Where's the Unicorn Poo?
Where's the Animal Poo?
Where's the Sporty Poo?
Where's the Spooky Poo?
Where's the Space Poo?
Where's the Farm Poo?
Where's the Pirate Poo?
Where's the Holiday Poo?
Where's the Christmas Poo?

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**

Where's the Football Poo? A search and find book

Alex Hunter

Keynote
The match is about to start and the football poos are on the loose! Can you find them all before the final whistle?

Description
The football poos are on the loose! Can you find them hiding in this sporty search and find? Look for them in the changing room, on the pitch and in the stands with the fans.

This sport-tastic search and find from the bestselling creator of *Where's the Poo?* is the perfect gift for any football fan.

The 12th title in the *Where's the Poo...?* series, *Where's the Football Poo?* will provide hours of spotting fun. Perfect for ages 7+.

Sales Points
- A fun, humorous title - both children and adults will enjoy searching for five football poos in action-packed scenes!
- Colourful, detailed scenes with lots to spot on every page
- Search and find titles have soared in popularity since the release of *Where's the Wookiee?* And *Where's the Unicorn?*
- The 12th title in our search and find IP series, to sit alongside *Where's the Poo?*, *Where's the Dinosaur Poo?* and *Where's the Animal Poo?*

Author Biography
Alex Hunter has loved playing hide and seek since childhood; and was so good at the game that Alex often hid for hours, emerging triumphantly only after everyone else had given up. By the age of 8, Alex was travelling the world to attend international hide and seek competitions, eventually becoming World Champion! These days, Alex loves nothing more than creating books with the best hide and seek games for children to enjoy.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£6.99 / ₹550**
Main Identifier	**9781445189178**
BIC 2.1	**Educational: English language: readers & reading schemes (YQCR)** **English (2AB)** **Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG)** **For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
CBMC	**C3N79**
Age	**7-9 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)**
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The Roman Party, 9781445189130
Wartime on the Farm, 9781445189093

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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**

Reading Champion: Ulf and the Spear of Power Independent Reading White 10

Ruth Percival (Illustrated By Denis Cristo)

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 7-9-year-olds or those reading book band white.

Ulf really wants to go and fight with Sigurd Spearhead and the other Vikings, but he must first prove that he is brave ...

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
Ruth Percival (Author)
Ruth Percival is a highly experienced editor of over ten years and has commissioned and edited award-winning books. She specialises in children's non-fiction and has written several books for young children.

Denis Cristo (Illustrator)
Denis Cristo is an illustrator and web designer based in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
Most of his illustrations are digital vector art.
He studied advertising, and worked for many years with an animation studio.
Over the last few years he's been working as a freelance illustrator with the advertising and children's books markets.



Learn Science with Mo: States of Matter

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Michael Buxton)

Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£8.99 / ₹699**
Main Identifier	**9781526319296**
BIC 2.1	**Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF)**
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	**265x210**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Learn Science with Mo**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
Forces and Magnets
Light and Shadows
Energy
Habitats
The Human Body
Life Cycles
Machines
Materials
Plants
The Seasons
States of Matter
Time

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Keynote
Learn all about states of matter with Mo the Monster and his friends in this fun first science book for children aged 5+

Description
Learn all about states of matter with Mo the Monster and his friends in this fun first science book for children aged 5+.

Mo is getting ready for his birthday this weekend. There's lots to do: filling balloons, making icy drinks (and clearing up spills) and baking a cake - it's a perfect time for Mo to find out about changing states of matter!

If a monster can understand science, anyone can! Join Mo the Monster as he discovers the basic principles of science. Along the way, Mo is kept focused (monsters are notoriously easily distracted) with the help of simple, clearly presented information, plenty of questions to answer and lots of science puzzles and activities.

The funny, colourful illustrations offer lots of scope for humour and interest to keep children engaged while they learn. Aimed at readers aged 5+.

Titles in the series: Energy/Forces and Magnets/Habitats/The Human Body/Life Cycles/ Light and Shadows/Machines/Materials/States of Matter/Plants/The Seasons/Time

States of matter contents
Mo gets wet feet / Solid, liquid or gas? / Material properties / Gas-filled balloons / Liquid behaviour / Absorbent materials / Melting point / Drying out / Present materials / Dozy's liquid-to-solid footprints / Chilli mixing / Trouble with melting / Condensation and cake / Glossary / Books to read and Places to visit / Answers

Sales Points
- Story-based approach with humorous characters makes science fun to learn, with plenty of interaction with the reader
- The author specialises in bringing science content to life in an entertaining way
- Funny, lively illustrations make the books a visual treat

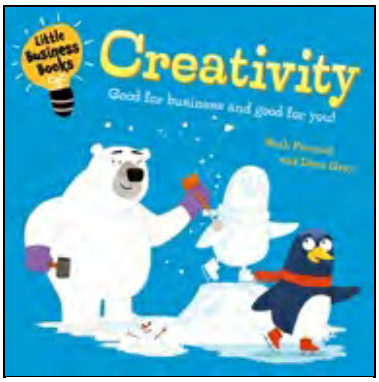
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Author Biography
Paul Mason (Author)
Paul's books cover a wide range of subjects, from whether the Romans ate crisps to how to build the world's best skatepark, but he writes mostly about sport. Whether you are interested in swimming, cycling, snowboarding, 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.

Michael Buxton (Illustrator)
Michael Buxton is a designer and illustrator with a wide portfolio including greetings cards, homeware and children's books. He produces quirky, fun designs with an emphasis on humour and while his work is mainly digital, he likes to keep a loose, hand-drawn feel. Michael loves to create characters and will take any chance he gets to draw monsters, cats or monster cats.

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Little Business Books: Creativity

Ruth Percival (Illustrated By Dean Gray)

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Main Identifier	**9781445185750**
BIC 2.1	**Money (Children's / Teenage) (YNPK) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**
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	**203x203**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Little Business Books**
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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Translation	**Refer to Publisher**
Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
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Keynote

Find out why creativity is great for business and for social and emotional development

Description

Follow twelve cute animals as they each run a business and find out why creativity is great for business and for their own social and emotional development too.

Alongside introducing young readers to what business is and how they are run, readers will find out that great things can happen when you use your imagination. Peter Panda has fun experimenting with new pizza ideas and Peggy Polar Bear refreshes her ice-sculpting skills on a training course. Other animals find out that trying new things, standing out and sometimes, taking a break, can help their businesses to flourish, showing readers that the keys to business success are also brilliant life skills that can help them grow, too.

With adorable illustrations and written in consultation with a highly experienced business author and multinational business advisor, the *Little Business Books* series introduces core business concepts to the entrepreneurs and business leaders of the future. Suitable for children aged five and up, these books are great classroom and learning resources as an introduction to business and PSHE.

The six books in this series are:
Change
Creativity
Growth
Resilience
Responsibility
Teamwork

Sales Points

- Introduces business concepts to young children in a friendly and accessible way
- Written in consultation with a highly experienced business consultant and author
- Helps young children to develop valuable social and emotional life skills

Summary of Contents

What is creativity?; / Brainstorm ideas; / Have fun experimenting; / Learn new skills; / Everyone is creative; / Create change; / Stand out; / Be inspired; / Fail ... and try again; / Ask for help; / Try new ideas; / Take a break; / Celebrate together; / Creativity and you; / Notes for sharing this book; / Glossary;

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Ruth Percival (Author)
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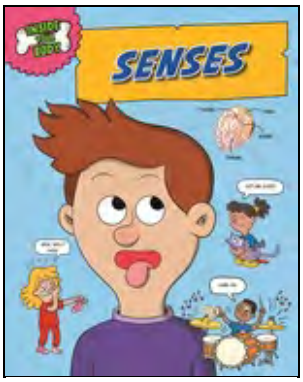
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CBMC	**C5N79**
Age	**7-9 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
Type	**Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character	**Non-character**
Tie In	**Non Tie-in**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**6mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Inside Your Body**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles
9781526324672 Inside Your Body: Bones and Muscles
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Inside Your Body: Senses

Angela Royston (Illustrated By Emiliano Migliardo)

Keynote
Take a look inside your incredible body and learn about the five spectacular senses that help you to enjoy and understand the world around you

Description
Take a look inside your incredible body and learn about the five spectacular senses that help you to enjoy and understand the world around you.

In *Senses,* discover how the brain processes taste, smell, sight, sound and touch to help you interact with the world around you. Learn how your eyes create an image, what makes your tastebuds tingle , and how some people find different ways to communicate without one of their senses.

Bright cartoons and clear anatomical illustrations will engage readers. Part of a series for children aged 7 plus. It also places emphasis on leading a healthy lifestyle to encourage good mental and physical wellbeing with 'Try this' activity boxes to get children up and moving, out of the book and into their body.

Sales Points
- Simple text and clear diagrams make this a great introduction to anatomy for young readers
- Activity panels engage readers and help them to understand how the human body functions
- Bright layout and lively, humorous illustrations make the books friendly and appealing

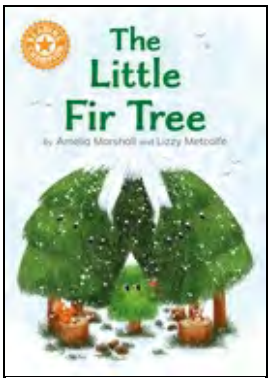
Summary of Contents
What are the senses? / Your brain / Seeing / Inside the eye / Wearing glasses / Hearing / Inside your ear / Hard of hearing / Smelling / Tasting / Touching / Heat and pain / Working together / Glossary / Further information and index

Author Biography
Angela Royston (Author)
Angela Royston is an extremely well known writer of children's educational books. Her library of titles includes books about space, science, geography, history, social sciences and literacy, just to name a few! Angela regularly visits schools to find out what children are learning and exploring in the classroom, and discusses many of her book titles with children during these visits. Angela is married with children, and lives and works in London.

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BIC 2.1	**English (2AB)** **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**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Reading Champion: The Little Fir Tree Independent Reading Orange 6

Amelia Marshall (Illustrated By Lizzy Metcalfe)

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)

In this story a little fir tree is surrounded by much bigger trees in a forest and it longs to be as big as them. Will it grow bigger and what will happen to it if it does?

Reading Champion offers independent reading books for children to practise and reinforce their developing reading skills.

Fantastic 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. This retelling of the original fairy tale by Hans Chritstian Anderson is suitable for children aged 5-7, or those reading at book band Orange.

Sales Points

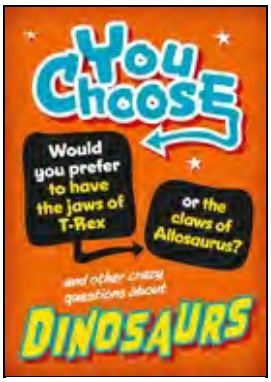
- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities 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

Amelia Marshall is an avid reader and writer of children's books. She has worked in primary education and publishing for over 10 years. As well as specialising in fairy tale twists and retellings she loves to write playful rhymes. As a parent of a toddler son, she saw an opportunity to create a unique rhyming picture book set combining photographic and illustrative elements and came up with four books in Digger and Friends (Digger's Busy Day, Tractor's FarmYard Fun, Big Truck's Road Adventure & Emergency! Emergency!).

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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	**181x129**
Depth	**10mm**
Extent	**96 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**You Choose**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**

Previous Titles
9781526324306 You Choose: Ancient History

1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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You Choose: Dinosaurs

Alex Woolf

Keynote

An interactive series that weaves together weird and wonderful 'would you rather' questions, with fascinating facts about dinosaurs and the prehistoric world

Description

Would you rather have the jaws of *T.rex* or the claws of *Allosaurus*? Behind each of these silly scenarios are some fun facts to help YOU CHOOSE an answer. *Which would you rather do?*

Full of fascinating facts, this book will keep kids entertained for hours! They can read on their own or have fun asking each other the questions. There are no right or wrong answers but plenty of ideas to think about.

Perfect for readers aged 9+, *You Choose* is an entertaining and humorous series that encourages children to develop their critical thinking and decision-making skills. Full of brainteasers and supported by educational information, readers can learn some bizarre and amazing facts about dinosaurs and prehistoric life.

Read the others titles in the series: Animals, Ancient History, Machines, Planet Earth, Space.

Sales Points

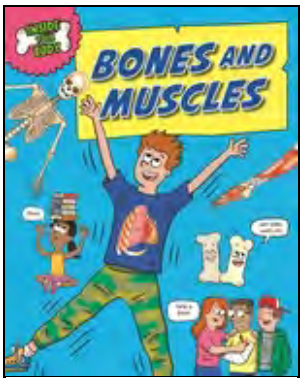
- Question and answer format encourages the reader to develop their critical thinking skills
- Playful drawings and humorous speech bubbles to both entertain and educate
- Great for reading independently or with friends, to compare ideas and answers

Summary of Contents

Dinosaurs;

Author Biography

Alex Woolf has written more than 150 books, both fiction and non-fiction, mostly for children. Many of these have sold around the world and his words have been translated into over a dozen different languages. He has written on a huge range of subjects including Romans, chocolate, asteroids, sharks, Tudors, flying reptiles, soap, bees and acne. In 2019, he won a Fiction Express award for his story, *Mystery at Moon Base One*. Alex lives in North London with his family and two cats, Juno and Minerva.



Inside Your Body: Bones and Muscles

Angela Royston (Illustrated By Emiliano Migliardo)

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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	**Paperback**
Format	**265x210**
Depth	**4mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Inside Your Body**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles

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Keynote

Take a look inside your incredible body and learn about the weird and wonderful bones and muscles that keep you healthy and make you unique

Description

Take a look inside your incredible body and learn about the weird and wonderful bones and muscles that keep you healthy and make you unique.

In *Bones and Muscles,* find out about your sturdy skeleton and strong muscles that support your body and keep you moving. Learn about the clever joints helping you to bend and twist, the truly amazing healing process, when you break a bone, and how humans and apes share a special thumb ability.

Bright cartoons and clear anatomical illustrations will engage readers. The series also places emphasis on leading a healthy lifestyle to encourage good mental and physical wellbeing with 'Try this' activity boxes to get children up and moving, out of the book and into their body.

Perfect for readers aged 7+

Sales Points

- Simple text and clear diagrams make this a great introduction to anatomy for young readers
- Activity panels engage readers and help them to understand how the human body functions
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Summary of Contents

Under Your Skin / Your skeleton / Body armour / Joints / Fingers and thumbs / Shoulders and hips / Your neck / Your spine / Muscles move your bones / Moving your elbow / Exercise / Moving your face / Breaks and sprains / Glossary / Further information and Index

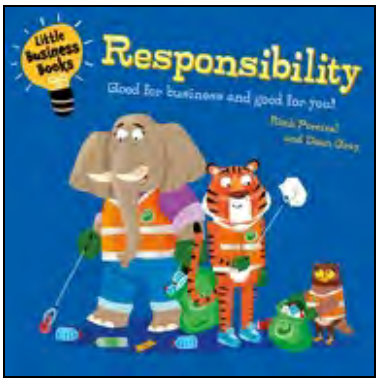
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Age	**5-7 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
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Previous Titles
Change: 9781445185705
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Growth: 9781445184777
Resilience: 9781445185736
Responsibility: 9781445185781
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Little Business Books: Responsibility

Ruth Percival (Illustrated By Dean Gray)

Keynote

Find out why responsibility is important for business and for social and emotional development

Description

Follow twelve cute animals as they each run a business and find out why responsibility is important for their business and for their own social and emotional development too.

Alongside introducing young readers to what business is and how they are run, readers will find out that great things can happen when you take responsibility. Kiki Koala takes charge of her savings, and Wei Wolf learns to be more inclusive, making hats that suit all of his customers. Other animals find out that being fair, keeping promises, listening or working together, help their businesses to succeed, showing readers that the keys to business success are also brilliant life skills that can help them flourish, too.

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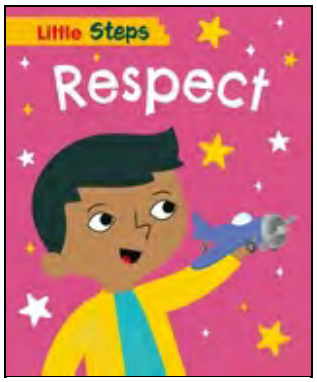
Summary of Contents

What is responsibility?; / Be careful with money; / Be safe; / Keep promises; / Be fair; / Don’t forget; / Don’t copy ideas; / Tell the truth; / Say sorry for mistakes; / Include everyone; / Be on time; / Help your community; / Be more eco-friendly; / Responsibility and you; / Notes for sharing this book; / Glossary;

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	**Paperback**
Format	**236x195**
Depth	**12mm**
Extent	**32 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**Little Steps**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
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2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
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Little Steps: Respect

Kay Barnham

Keynote

Inspiring young children to adopt positive character traits through little achievable steps

Description

Inspiring young children to adopt positive character traits through little achievable steps

Join Luca as he learns how to respect others around him and takes little steps towards being a thoughtful and kind member of his community, at home, at school and in the neighbourhood!

The *Little Steps* series explores each positive character trait through everyday scenarios. Each book centres around one child character as they find out how their actions and the choices they make affect themselves and others. 'Little steps' panels recap the moral message of the text and summarise the key lesson and a 'big step' panel at the end of each section shows positive outcomes of developing emotional literacy. Relevant feelings and emotions are highlighted in the text.

Perfect for readers aged 5 and up.

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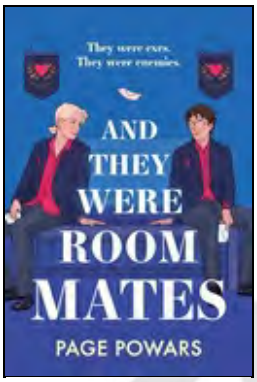
- Helpful 'Little Step' and 'Big Step' panels throughout the book summarise the key actions children can take towards becoming positive members of their community
- Reinforces valuable life skills in a simple way to support social and emotional development
- Bright illustrations and narrative approach helps the reader to engage with the moral message

Summary of Contents

What is respect? / Visiting Grandad / Feeling welcome / Family fun / Respect and you! / Glossary/Index

Author Biography

Kay Barnham was born in Barrow-in-Furness, grew up in Carlisle, went to college in Brighton, and lived in Hove for a while, before sailing for Kinsale, Co Cork, popping back to Hove and then moving to the New Forest with her husband and daughter. And never at any point has she lived more than ten miles from the sea. She began working in children's publishing in 1992. She was an editor first of all, working on illustrated non-fiction and learning fun facts like how long it would take to walk to the moon - nine years - and how to spell palaeontology. Next, she commissioned fiction titles, editing picture books, storybooks and novels. And then she got the chance to write her own books, which she thinks is quite the best job ever. Except possibly being a chocolatier. She writes non-fiction as Kay Barnham. Her specialist subjects include ice-skating, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, lightning, fairies, Roald Dahl, Sir Isaac Newton, Christmas, dolphins, Florence Nightingale and very bad cracker jokes. And chocolate. She also writes fiction as Kay Woodward, including the Skate School series for Usborne and the novels Jane Airhead and Wuthering Hearts for Andersen Press. Altogether, she's written about a hundred books. Her favourite colour is navy blue. Her favourite chocolate is 85% cocoa solids.



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Previous Titles
The Borrow a Boyfriend Club

And They Were Roommates
A hilarious and heartwarming queer exes-to-lovers boarding school romance

Page Powars

Keynote

***Oh my god, they were roommates . . . Young Royals* meets *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* in this heartwarming and hilarious queer exes-to-lovers boarding school romance about two roommates, one secret and a *lot* of love letters.**

Description

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'No one does comedy like Page Powars. Hilarious, heartfelt, and unhinged.' - Sophie Gonzales, bestselling co-author of *If This Gets Out*

When Charlie transfers from high school to Valentine Academy for Boys, love is the last thing on his mind. His plan is to survive the school year with perfect grades and no one discovering he's trans. Especially his new roommate Jasper - Sexiest Poet of the Year and the only boy to break Charlie's heart.

Miraculously, his ex-summer-camp romance doesn't recognise him, and the two boys make a deal: Jasper will request a new room if Charlie helps him deliver secret love letters between the boys at Valentine and the girls at its sister academy.

But as Jasper tutors him in the art of romance, will Charlie be able to keep himself from falling in love again?

Sales Points

- A brilliant and distinctive voice on our queer contemporary list, Page could be the next Sophie Gonzales
- A high-concept, hooky premise that will slot right into the thriving contemporary LGBTQ+ YA market
- A much-needed authentic trans voice and a book that doesn't shy away from the challenges of life as a trans teenager, but is not an 'issues book'. Bright, sparky, full of love and hope, this is a triumphant commercial rom-com that happens to have a trans boy protagonist

Author Biography

Page Powars is a graduate student of the NYU MS in Publishing program and currently resides in New York. Growing up transgender, he wanted to read more books where the characters were like him, so now he writes his own. When not doing that, he can be found crying over masterpieces like *Banana Fish* and *The Untamed*. Read more on his website: https://www.pagepowars.com/

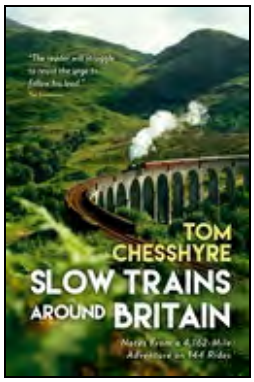
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Slow Trains Around Britain
Notes From a 4,162-Mile Adventure on 144 Rides

Tom Chesshyre

Description

Join travel writer and train enthusiast Tom Chesshyre as he celebrates 200 years of passenger railways in a zigzagging tour around the UK - the home of the railways - from the Isle of Wight to Snowdonia, Inverness and Penzance

In a small market town in the northeast of England in 1825, something momentous happened: ticket-bearing human beings began moving along wrought-iron tracks on a contraption with wheels powered by engines. The contraption was called a "train". What happened in Darlington, along a 26-mile line to Stockton, would kickstart the railway revolution. Today, 1.3 million miles of tracks crisscross the planet.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of this groundbreaking event, Tom Chesshyre embarks on a journey around the country that invented trains, taking in many heritage lines maintained by armies of enthusiasts. On a series of rides beginning and ending in Darlington on a train-inspired circle, Tom enjoys the scenery, seeks out the history, dodges delays (best he can), and lets the rhythm of the clattering rails help him understand what it is about trains - especially wonderful old trains - that we love so much.

Sales Points

- 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Railway 200 will be a year-long nationwide campaign to celebrate 200 years of the modern railway, and will include a variety of activities, exhibitions, events, promotions and initiatives.
- A follow-up to Tom's successful previous *Slow Trains* books, which cover popular European destinations by rail. *Slow Trains Around Spain* (ISBN: 9781800072633) has sold 12,000 copies.
- Tom's popular book, *Ticket to Ride* (ISBN: 9781849538268), has sold over 35,000 copies.

Author Biography

Tom Chesshyre is the author of twelve travel books. He has travelled more than 40,000 miles around the world for his train books, which have included *Slow Trains Around Spain: A 3,000-Mile Adventure on 52 Rides* and *Ticket to Ride: Around the World on 49 Unusual Train Journeys*. His book writing has also taken him across North Africa after the Arab Spring, round the "dark side" of the Maldives on cargo ships, along the length of the River Thames, around the Lake District on a long hike, and on a journey through "unsung Britain" (for *To Hull and Back*). He worked on the travel desk of *The Times* for 21 years and is now freelance, contributing to the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday*, *The Critic* and *The New European* magazines. He lives in London.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**148x105**
Extent	**128 pages**
Word Count	**17000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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The Little Book of Paganism
A Modern Introduction to Ancient Spiritual Practices

Francis Nightingale

Description

Step into the magical realm of paganism with this enchanting beginner's guide to the religions of old

From druidry and shamanism to modern witchcraft and Wicca, paganism is steeped in history, legend and ancient tradition, and is now one of the fastest-growing religions. Whether it's the celebration of nature and its divinity, of female empowerment through the veneration of the sacred feminine, or a way to commit to climate conservation and sustainability, paganism has drawn worshippers through the ages.

As well as outlining the pagan spiritual identity, including its history and development, pagan beliefs, and how the religion is practised, this beautiful book also explores:

- Pagan deities and their associated folklore
- The pagan calendar, including the eight festivals in the wheel of the year, what they represent and how they are celebrated
- The influence of modern paganism on popular culture
- How you can incorporate paganism into your own personal spiritual practice

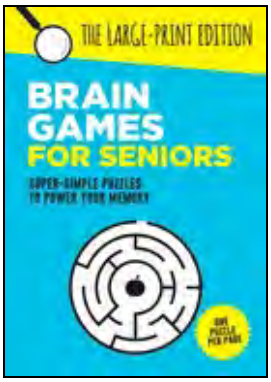
And much more!

Sales Points

- While fewer people than ever are identifying as Christian, paganism is on the rise, with over 74,000 people identifying as pagan in the 2022 census.
- A 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center estimated at least 0.3% of people in the US identified as pagan or Wiccan, a number that is expected to triple by 2050.
- Modern witchcraft and Wicca have become massive trends on social media platforms. For example, #witchtok has attracted over 52 billion views, and #witch has over 20 million posts on Instagram.
- Similar titles include: *The Little Book of Crystals* (ISBN: 9781786859594); *The Little Book of the Occult* (ISBN: 9781800077225); *The Little Book of Spells* (ISBN: 9781786857996); *The Little Book of Witchcraft* (ISBN: 9781800074071).

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**185mm x 260mm**
Extent	**96 pages**
Word Count	**2000 words**
Illustrations	**35 b/w vector illos**
Series	**Easy Brain Games**
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Brain Games for Seniors
Stimulating Puzzles to Help Improve Cognitive Abilities

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Description

There's nothing like a good puzzle to keep your mind active! Enjoy hours of fun with this collection of simple and soothing brain games.

Whether you love a word search, have a keen eye for spot-the-differences or prefer colouring in, the wide variety of games in this puzzle book means there's something for everyone. The extra-easy activities in these pages will help keep your brain sharp and improve your mental acuity.

You might like to try completing these puzzles on your own. Alternatively, you might find it useful to have a helping hand from someone like a friend, carer or relative - at least to start with. Either way, *Brain Games for Seniors* is designed so that you can have a go and see what suits you best.

In this book, you will find:

- Basic word-based puzzles like crosswords and word searches
- Super-simple image games including spot-the-differences and odd-one-outs
- Colouring pages filled with beautiful designs
- A clear and easy-to-follow answers section at the back of the book

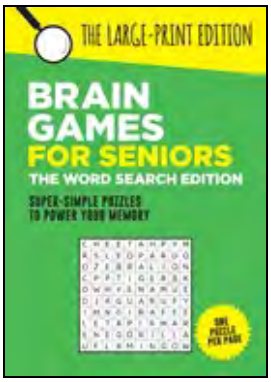
From gardening to sports, the 78 puzzles in this book cover a broad range of fun topics. Whatever your interests, these engaging brain games are sure to keep your mind active and entertained!

Sales Points

- The super-simple puzzles in this book have been created specifically for seniors and those with memory loss disorders, such as dementia and Alzheimer's. The easy-to-follow puzzles will help foster a sense of achievement.
- Designed to keep brains active, these puzzles will help improve memory and cognitive function as well as provide a fun and engaging way to boost mental agility.
- Contains over 70 activities, games and puzzles, including extra-easy crosswords, word searches, mazes, spot-the-differences, colouring pages and more.
- Features large print and one puzzle per page to ensure each one is clear and easy to complete, with a helpful answers section at the back.
- A similar Summersdale title includes *Brain Games for Seniors: The Word Search Edition* (ISBN: 9781837996018).

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Brain Games for Seniors: The Word Search Edition Stimulating Puzzles to Help Improve Cognitive Abilities

Summersdale Publishers

Description

There's nothing like a good word search to keep your mind active! Enjoy hours of fun with this collection of simple and soothing puzzles.

Word searches are a wonderful way to gently exercise your brain and keep yourself entertained. Whether you've got a keen eye for detail or enjoy problem solving, this collection of extra-easy activities will provide cognitive stimulation and help enhance your memory.

You might like to try completing these word searches on your own. Alternatively, you might find it useful to have a helping hand from someone like a friend, carer or relative - at least to start with. Either way, *Brain Games for Seniors: The Word Search Edition* is designed so that you can do whatever suits you best.

In this book, you will find:

- A short and helpful introduction to the collection
- A total of 78 word searches, each based around a specific theme
- A clear and easy-to-follow answers section at the back of the book

Designed to be achievable as well as enjoyable, these word searches are sure to keep your mind active and entertained!

Sales Points

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Extent	**304 pages**
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The World's Most Evil Men
Terrifying True Stories of the Most Notorious Men Throughout History

Jamie King

Description

Step into the sinister world of history's most notorious villains and explore the twisted motivations of evil men from around the world

Ever wondered what has driven some men to commit the most heinous acts in history? *The World's Most Evil Men* journeys through the recesses of human nature, offering a compelling look at some of the world's most infamous villains.

This ultimate compendium unearths the chilling tales and dark motivations behind the deeds of ancient tyrants, ruthless dictators, serial killers and enigmatic cult leaders. From the brutal reign of Caligula to the sinister plots of modern-day despots, each chapter unveils the disturbing acts of the world's most dangerous men.

This isn't just a recount of evil deeds; it's a peek into the psychological labyrinths that led to these historical horrors. Perfect for history buffs and crime aficionados alike, this book promises to keep you on the edge of your seat while providing an insightful look into the depths of human depravity.

Ready to meet the men who defined evil? Dive in and prepare for a journey like no other.

Sales Points

- From ancient tyrants to modern dictators, and from infamous serial killers to diabolical cult leaders, this book uncovers the real-life stories behind the most malevolent figures known to mankind.
- Contains information on the acts of notorious men such as Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, Saddam Hussain, Charles Manson, Jim Jones and many more.
- The appetite for true crime has increased exponentially over the last few years, with numerous podcasts, TV channels and series with record-breaking viewing figures now dedicated to the genre.
- A similar Summersdale title, *Conspiracy Theories* (ISBN: 9781787835658), has sold over 59,000 copies.
- Other similar Summersdale titles include: *True Crime Stories* (ISBN: 9781837990078); *Serial Killers* (ISBN: 9781837991228); *Cults: Coercion and Control* (ISBN: 9781837992805).

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War Dog Heroes
Inspirational True Stories of Real-Life Military Canine Heroes

Ben Holt

Description

From Sergeant Stubby to Antis the radar dog, meet the heroic hounds who put their lives on the line in this inspiring compendium of real-life war dog stories

We all know that a dog is a human's best friend, but they are even more than that. The truth is that these courageous canines have been a lifeline for us during some of the toughest times in history. In fact, we might not be where we are today without them.

Filled with inspirational tales, this book is a moving tribute to the noble war dogs who supported their human comrades throughout the world's most challenging conflicts. Whether serving as sentries, messengers or trackers, the dogs within these stories all share three things in common: bravery, intelligence and unwavering loyalty. Many of their efforts were rewarded with medals and titles at the time, but it is their legacies that will live on forever in our hearts. So, dive in to discover just how special, unique and essential to us our four-legged friends really are.

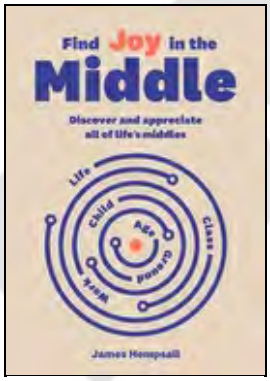
Sales Points

- This book celebrates the special relationships humans have with dogs and the huge impact they have had on our lives and history.
- There are around 12 million dogs living in UK households, as well as many service dogs and working dogs who help save lives every day.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *Wonder Dogs* (ISBN: 9781800071803); *My Rescue Pet Rescued Me* (ISBN: 9781787839861); *Dog Tales* (ISBN: 9781837992843).

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BIC 2.1	**Self-help & personal development (VS)**
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Extent	**220 pages**
Word Count	
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Not for Sale	**None**

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Find Joy in the Middle
Now is the time to discover and appreciate life's middles

James Hempsall OBE

Description

Have you ever felt lost in the middle?

Whether it's being middle-aged, a middle child, stuck in middle management, or struggling to fit in anywhere, we all find ourselves in the middle at some point. Yet, society often portrays this 'middle' as underwhelming, confusing, or even disappointing. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Find Joy in the Middle is for everyone navigating these spaces and feeling uncertain or overlooked. Through insightful analysis and practical guidance, this book will help you understand, embrace, and celebrate life's in-between places and moments. From exploring what it means to be middle-aged or a middle child, to finding fulfilment in middle management or where you feel you fit in society's class system, this book redefines what it means to be 'in the middle'.

Packed with real-life examples, the book offers a fresh perspective on the often-neglected strengths of the middle and provides actionable advice on how to make the most of it-whether in life or work. If you've ever felt stuck in a rut, this book is your guide to transforming the middle into your greatest asset. Reimagine the middle, and discover how to find happiness, purpose, and pride in this inevitable stage of life or work.

Sales Points

- An accessible and engaging book that offers a positive perspective on midlife and other middle-related themes.
- Packed with real-life examples, the book offers a fresh perspective on the often-neglected strengths of the middle and provides advice on how to make the most of it
- The author is a qualified teacher and psychotherapist living in the UK

Author Biography

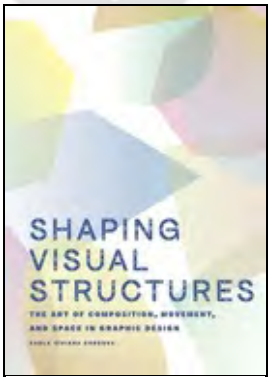
James Hempsall OBE is a leading figure in the UK's children's sector, renowned for his contributions to early education and childcare services. A qualified teacher and psychotherapist, he founded Hempsall's in 1999-a consultancy dedicated to driving change, sustainability, and best practice in the sector, helping to position it as a central aspect of social policy.

Hempsall's has partnered with local authorities, central government, and various organisations to address inequality and improve both access to and the quality of childcare provision. In 2023, Hempsall's became part of the Coram Group, the UK's oldest children's charity, strengthening their combined impact. James' unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for children earned him an OBE in 2015.

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Word Count	
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Not for Sale	**None**

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Shaping Visual Structures
The Art of Composition, Movement, and Space in Graphic Design

Carla Viviana Cordova

Description

This book takes a deep dive into visual design structures, focusing on the timeless principles of movement, space, and composition. While design tools and technologies continue to change, these core principles remain just as important. Written in a clear and engaging style, it's perfect for students looking to build their foundation in design, and also a great resource for professionals who want to revisit or sharpen their skills.

The book goes beyond the basics of design, introducing fresh ideas and approaches. It explores how graphic design is understood through systems, spontaneity, and contrast, and shows how abstract concepts can be turned into visuals that are easy to understand. Just like early humans used cave paintings to tell stories, today's design can communicate powerful messages through abstraction and creativity.

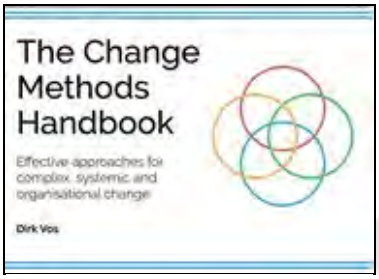
Later chapters explore how visual design has evolved with technology, including the impact of Moore's Law. This opens up new ways of thinking about space and design, encouraging readers to think outside the box and consider new possibilities for how we interact with visual elements.

As we look ahead to the possibility of communicating across the universe and discovering new worlds, visual design will play an even bigger role. With over 7,000 languages spoken around the world, we need universal visual systems that everyone can understand. This book offers a glimpse into the future of design, where visual systems and symbols will help bridge gaps and bring people together in new ways.

Author Biography

Carla Viviana Cordova is a graphic design educator and researcher based in Maryland, USA, with over sixteen years of experience. She currently teaches at the Maryland Institute College of Art and Towson University. Carla has authored influential books, including Rapidly Prototyping Interfaces with InDesign (2018), Visual Experiences: A Concise Guide to Interface Design (2017), Web Typography: A Handbook for Graphic Designers (2012), and Type + Code: Processing for Designers (2009), co-authored with Yeohyun Ahn. Through her publications, Carla continues to shape the conversation around design education, practice, and pedagogy, inspiring new generations of designers to think critically and innovate through interdisciplinary collaboration.

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The Change Methods Handbook
Effective approaches for compex, systemic and organisational change

Dirk Vos

Description

In today's fast-paced world, organisations face unprecedented and ever-evolving challenges, making effective change management more vital than ever. Leaders, managers, and change agents often struggle to make their organisations more resilient, as choosing the right change methods can feel daunting. Without clear guidance on which approaches work best in specific situations, organisations risk adopting solutions that fall short or fail to deliver lasting results, jeopardising their strategic goals.

This book is your ultimate guide to navigating these complexities. It introduces 26 change management methods, grouped into four key goals: transformational, transactional, strategic, and tactical. Each method is thoroughly unpacked, explaining what it is, why it matters, how it works, its pros and cons, its historical roots, and the tools needed for success. Featuring five compelling case studies and a fascinating timeline of the evolution of change management methods throughout human history, this book goes beyond theory. It's a hands-on resource designed to empower readers to think critically and strategically about change.

By reading this book, you'll gain the tools and confidence to identify and implement the best methods for your organisation. With actionable insights and a focus on real-world impact, this guide equips leaders and change agents to create meaningful, sustainable, and future-proof change programmes. Transform the way you manage change-turn challenges into opportunities and drive long-term success!

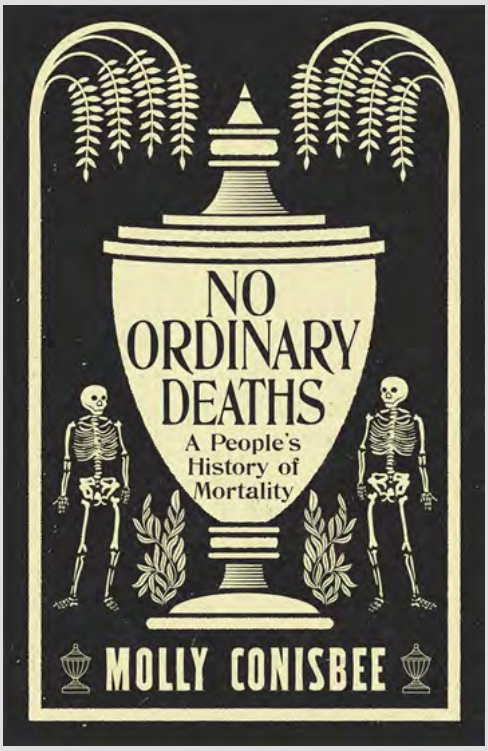
Sales Points

- Unique business book introducing 26 change management methods, grouped into four key goals: transformational, transactional, strategic, and tactical.
- The book helps you make informed choices about which model best fits specific situations and each model is explained concisely.
- The author is a highly experienced consultant in the field of change management

Author Biography

Dirk Vos is a seasoned consultant with over 17 years of experience in change management across diverse geographies and industries. A visiting lecturer at two universities and a former expert in residence in collaboration at UNSW, Dirk has built a reputation for innovative thinking and practical solutions. He is the founder of TwoCollaborate, a boutique consultancy supporting top-tier public, private, and social sector clients, as well as Collaboration Campus, a training provider specialising in Creative Leadership and Collaboration.

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No Ordinary Deaths

A People's History of Mortality

MOLLY CONISBEE

KEYNOTE

A vibrant, compelling social history of death, dying, and how our ends shape our lives and societies

SALES POINTS

- A timely bottom-down social history of Britain: for readers of Katherine Mannix, Sue Black and Alice Roberts
- An expert's perspective on death: Conisbee is a leading social historian and researcher, and a professional bereavement counsellor
- Death is a universal topic: Conisbee is well-placed in academic and commercial circles, and *No Ordinary Deaths* has strong publicity and features potential

DESCRIPTION

History is written by the A-listers' deaths - the queens beheaded and archdukes assassinated. We hardly ever learn how ordinary folk met their end and with what consequences, or consider how death has moulded our beliefs, politics and societies through time.

Historian and bereavement counsellor Molly Conisbee reveals how cycles of dying, death and disposal have shaped the lives of everyday people. Richly told and startlingly fresh, Conisbee's evocations of a cross-dressing madam in Victorian London or the professional death-watchers of the Middle Ages, of wakes, plague pits and graverobbers, all paint a fascinating picture of the hopes, fears and wishes of our forebears.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Molly Conisbee is a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Death and Society, University of Bath. A bereavement counsellor and expert on the social history of death and mourning, she has curated walks on the history of death around the country, and has written for the *Guardian* and the *Ecologist*.

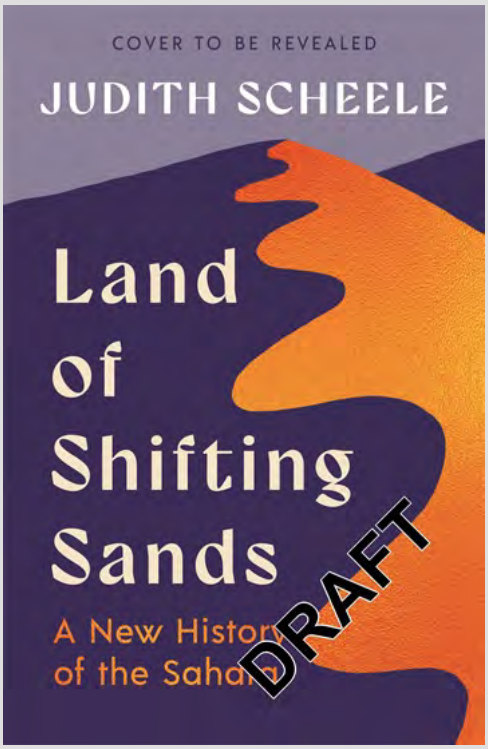
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REVIEWS

'Praise for *Smugglers and Saints of the Sahara:*
'An irresistible read ... something particular and intensely human' - Deborah Harrold, *The Journal of North African Studies*

'An academic page-turner ... brilliantly written and thrilling to read' - Roman Loimeier, *Africa*

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Shifting Sands

A Human History of the Sahara

JUDITH SCHEELE

KEYNOTE

This is the story of the Sahara as you've never seen it before

SALES POINTS

- The Sahara is a site of imagination and fascination - yet many people know nothing about its *real* history, geography or cultures. This book illuminates that world.
- The author is a brilliant young academic who has spent years living in Sahara, and brings personal stories as well as deep research to her subject and will be great for publicity.
- With desertification, climate refugees and regional instability on the rise, the Sahara will regularly be in the news - this is a timely book whose relevance will last

DESCRIPTION

Blue-veiled nomads, camels crossing infinite dunes, oases shimmering on the horizon: ready-made images of the Sahara are easy to conjure. But they can never truly capture a region that crosses eleven countries and is home to millions.

This sweeping account upends old fantasies, revealing the far more interesting reality of the Earth's largest hot desert. Drawing on decades of research, and years spent living in the region, anthropologist Judith Scheele takes us from Libya to Mali, Algeria to Chad, from the ancient Roman Empire to contemporary regional battles and fraught international diplomacy, questioning every easy cliché and exposing fascinating truths along the way.

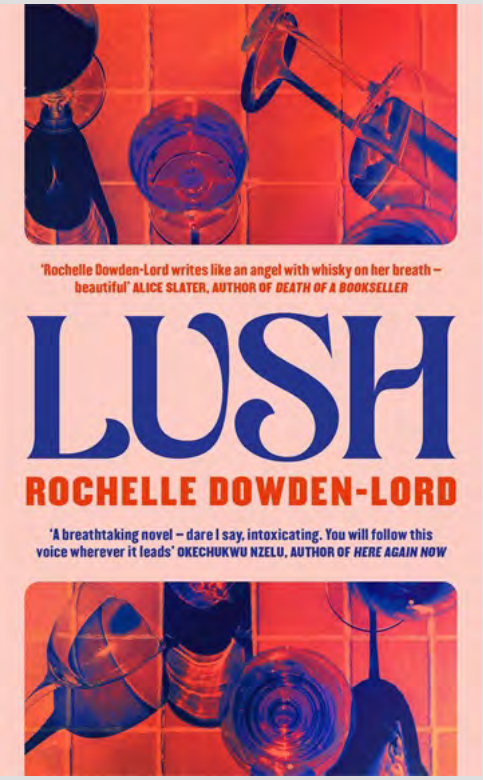
From the geology of the region, to the life it shelters, to the religions, languages and cultural and political forces that shape and fracture it, this is a landmark work that tells the compelling story of a place that sits at the heart of our world, and whose future holds implications for us all.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Judith Scheele is Professor of Social Anthropology at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in France. She has carried out extensive field research in Algeria, Mali and Chad, and published highly acclaimed books and articles on Saharan societies past and present, including *Smugglers and Saints of the Sahara*.

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REVIEWS

'Rochelle Dowden-Lord writes like an angel with whisky on her breath ... beautiful' - Alice Slater, author of Death of a Bookseller

'*Lush* is a breathtaking novel - dare I say, intoxicating. This book grabbed me from the very first page and didn't let me go. Dowden-Lord has an incredible eye for detail, for nuance, for human relationships, for flaws and humour. Her voice is so masterful, so precise, so spellbinding that you know instantly that you will follow it wherever it leads." - Okechukwu Nzelu, author of Here Again Now

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Lush

ROCHELLE DOWDEN-LORD

KEYNOTE

A mysterious invitation to drink the oldest bottle of wine in the world - what could possibly go wrong?

SALES POINTS

- A future favourite for readers who loved Natasha Brown's *Assembly*, Stephanie Danler's *Sweetbitter* and John Lanchester 's *The Debt to Pleasure*
- Brimful with wit, hedonism, expertise and longing - perfect literary reading for spring and summer holidays
- An accomplished debut that deftly tackles themes of class, racism and substance use, balancing enjoyable set pieces with thoughtful exploration

DESCRIPTION

Four people, each at a crucial point in their lives, arrive at a French vineyard estate for an unforgettable experience - but not the kind they expected. Avery gave up her hardwon but exploitative sommelier job to come, while wine prodigy Cosmo is trying to disguise that his life is in freefall. The chemistry between the pair is unmistakable, but so are the signs of danger. Millionaire Sonny owns a tacky wine brand and can't help aggravating Cosmo, while caustic magazine writer Maëlys hovers with her pen poised.

For fans of *The Bear*, Such *a Fun Age* or *Cleopatra and Frankenstein*, this effervescent debut introduces a British writer who tackles class, race and ambition with delicious wit and insight.

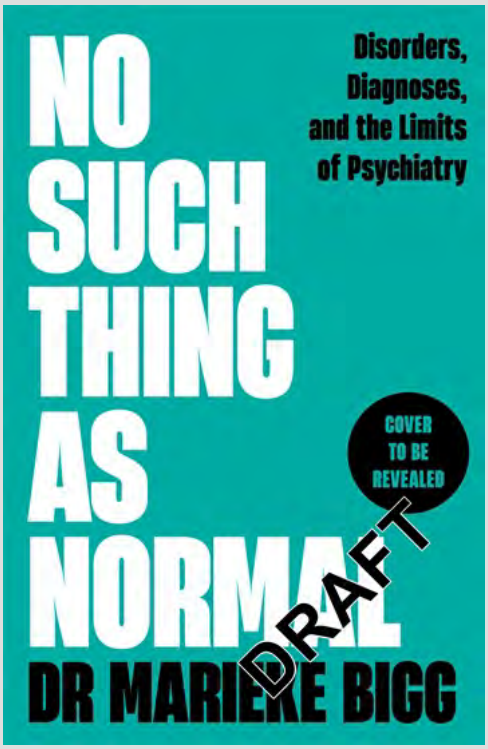
AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

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No Such Thing as Normal

Disorders, Diagnoses, and the Limits of Psychiatry

DR MARIEKE BIGG

KEYNOTE

Exposing the false promises of psychiatry and the crumbling foundations on which it was built

SALES POINTS

- An urgent reckoning to the structural misunderstanding and misdiagnosis of mental illness
- An eye-opening read perfect for fans of T*he Myth of Normal* (35k TCM), *Bad Medicine* (4k) and *Invisible Women* (275k)
- Bigg holds a PhD in sociology of medicine from Cambridge University and is retraining as a psychotherapist. She regularly appears in media, events and workshops including the *Evening Standard*, *BBC Radio* and *Cheltenham Festival*

DESCRIPTION

Within the scientific community, the field of Psychiatry has been in freefall for a number of years. Its treatments and medications rest on assumptions that are, at best, unsupported, and at worst, entirely false. There is increasing recognition that environmental factors play a far greater role in mental health than genetic inheritance or inherent brain structure. Despite this, we have never been more medicated.

No Such Thing as Normal is a deeply researched, timely, essential book that will shine a light on the psychiatric industry: its genesis, its obsession with often ineffective, over-medicalised treatments, and its relationship with a pharmaceutical industry driven by profitability rather than meaningful social welfare and change.

Above all, Bigg will highlight those who most get left behind by the psychiatric machine, laying out the steps for a mental health system that helps, rather than neglects the people it claims to serve, and calling for long-overdue, desperately needed change.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Marieke Bigg holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Cambridge, where her work focused on the role of biological models and biologists in public deliberations on biotechnology and reproductive medicine. She is the author of *This Won't Hurt: How Medicine Fails Women* (2023). Marieke is currently retraining as a psychotherapist, and works as a peer support coordinator at the mental health charity Mind.

REVIEWS

'**Praise for *This Won't Hurt*' - :**

'A vital subject that needs to be discussed' - Katy Hessel

'Brilliant...There is so much to unlearn, there is so much that also follows in terms of how medicine could support - rather than fail - half the world's population' - Helen Pankhurst

'A hugely informative and quietly furious call to arms' - *Irish Times*

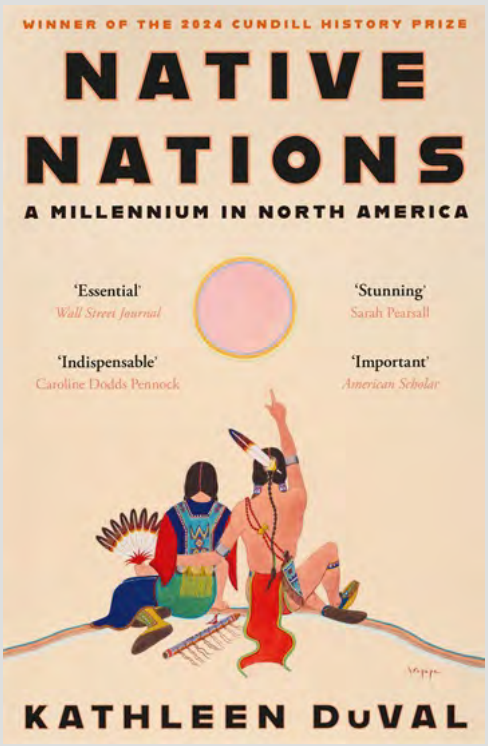
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'An essential American history ... DuVal fuses a millennium of Native American history into a thought-provoking, persuasive whole' - *Wall Street Journal*

'An indispensable guide to the epic history of Native North America' - Caroline Dodds Pennock, author, *On Savage Shores*

'Both majestic in scope and intimate in tone ... No single volume can adequately depict the gamut of Indigenous cultures, but DuVal's comes close' - *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*

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Native Nations

A Millennium in North America

KATHLEEN DUVAL

KEYNOTE

A radical new history of indigenous Americans, by the winner of the 2024 Cundill History Prize

SALES POINTS

- A radical reappraisal of Native American history - for readers of *The Dawn of Everything* (52k TCM), *Killers of the Flower Moon* (65k TCM) and *Braiding Sweetgrass* (71K TCM)
- Professor Kathleen DuVal is a respected historian, and *Native Nations* received widespread acclaim in US media - huge publicity potential in the UK alongside US paperback publication in May
- A radical reappraisal of American history, publishing at the most pivotal moment for US politics since 2016

DESCRIPTION

WINNER OF THE 2024 CUNDILL HISTORY PRIZE
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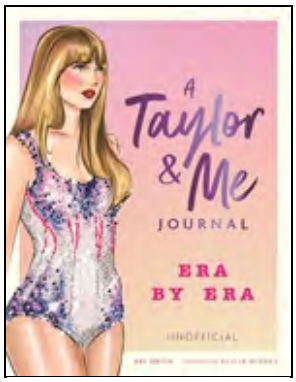
For centuries, Europeans assumed that indigenous Americans lacked the sophistication to build cities and establish hierarchies. For over a millennium, prior to and after the arrival of white colonialists, however, native nations had been adapting to changing climates, founding and abandoning urban centres and forging complex, democratic societies.

In this magisterial new history of North America, Kathleen DuVal puts indigenous people back at the heart of the story. From the splendour of ancient cities like Cahokia and Moundsville to the careful diplomacy of native leaders in the face of colonial expansion, *Native Nations* reveals the diversity of indigenous civilisation and shows how a 1,000-year legacy still shapes America today, in struggles over sovereignty, climate and indigenous rights.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Kathleen DuVal is a professor of History at the University of North Carolina. She is the author of *Independence Lost* and *Give Me Liberty!* She has written for the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal.* Her most recent book, *Native Nations*, won the 2024 Cundill History Prize.

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A Taylor & Me Journal Era by Era (unofficial)

Abi Smith (Illustrated By Alicia Nicole)

Keynote

A journal to encapsulate Taylor's incredible spirit and transform your life. By the publisher of the bestselling biography, *Taylor: Era by Era.*

Description

A Taylor-inspired journal filled with self-care tips and inspirational stories of the star, with room to fill in your thoughts.

From the power of self-acceptance and how to be your own best friend to the importance of shaking it off and embracing your anti-hero, *A Taylor & Me Journal* brings together the **essential self-care tips** from the worldwide sensation.

Featuring **30 self-care strategies** alongside **stunning artworks**, plus room to record your thoughts, this is your space to **be more Taylor** and channel her unique personality in your **everyday life**. From learning the art of rising above to **dusting yourself off** in the darkest of times, *A Taylor & Me Journal* is on hand to show you that you can make art out of anything life throws at you.

Journey through your eras as you learn from her inspiring success as a businesswoman and how to bounce back from heartbreak and more. This is the **essential journal** for any Swiftie wanting to delve into her signature themes of **friendship**, **feminism**, **relationships** and **self-worth.** Rise up, the Taylor way.

Sales Points

- Written by pop culture writer Abi Smith, this is the perfect book for Swifties who want to glean the best advice from Taylor and learn how to become their best selves.
- The audience for Taylor is vast and the age range is anything from eight to forty-plus. Coupled with stunning fashion artwork, this is the perfect celebration of Taylor and all of her iconic looks, brought together into an unforgettable memento for the young core fanbase.
- Fans not only love her songs, they look up to her, too. Featuring thirty aspirational self-care entries, covering key areas where we can all be a bit more 'Taylor', such as confidence, mental health, relationships, friendships, careers and more, plus clear prompts and space to fill in.
- Readers will not only delve into the Taylorverse but will embrace her personality on a very practical level.
- By the publishers of *Taylor: Era By Era*, the ten-week *Sunday Times* bestseller, which has sold over 50,000 copies in the UK alone and translated into over ten languages.

Author Biography

A former showbiz and celebrity journalist and travel writer, **Abi Smith** is the author of fifteen published books for adults and children in the world of sport, celebrity and lifestyle.

Illustrator Biography

Alicia Nicole

Alicia Nicole is a fashion illustrator based in Oxfordshire. Her work is sold internationally and she has collaborated with brands to create fashion illustrations for social-media-focused campaigns and live-sketch events. Fashion art school ignited Alicia's love for fashion illustration and artwork. She always loved drawing but found her niche at university exploring different fashion illustration techniques and artists. Alicia draws inspiration primarily from strong, powerful women adorned in stunning outfits. Most of her work is meticulously hand-rendered using artist-quality illustration markers, but she also enjoys creating digital drawings.

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Where's the Unicorn? Colour and Search

Jorge Santillan

Keynote

A brand-new colouring book in the bestselling *Where's the Unicorn?* series, featuring pictures to colour and hidden objects to find.

Description

Join the magical unicorns of Rainbow Valley on a search-and-find, colouring adventure!

The unicorns venture to exotic locations, explore magical lands and seas, and even travel through time. With something new to find and decorate on every page, young readers can use their creative skills to help the unicorns uncover a world of secrets and treasures. With over 200 exciting things to find, this fantastic colouring book is sure to keep *Where's the Unicorn?* fans aged 5–7 entertained for hours.

Sales Points

- Filled with fun, unicorn-themed pictures to colour and hidden items to search
- Part of the bestselling *Where's the?* series, which has sold over 2.2 million copies in the UK and has been translated in over 25 languages
- The perfect gift for younger puzzlers and unicorn lovers

Author Biography

Jorge Santillan is an illustrator based in Mendoza, at the foot of the Andes in Argentina. He has been creating illustrations for over 20 years and his work has appeared in educational books, video games, children's magazines, newspapers and adverts. He is represented by Beehive Illustration agency.

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Search and Solve Riddles
More than 150 cryptic brainteasers for riddle-loving kids and their families

Gary Panton (Illustrated By Chris Dickason)

Keynote

A fun and challenging riddle book to exercise young minds.

Description

Filled with over 150 of the best riddles around, this fun and challenging puzzle book is designed to give kids' brains a workout.

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Solve the riddle, search for the answer!

Sales Points

- Packed with over 150 fun and engaging riddles to put children's logic and lateral thinking skills to the test
- Children can search for the answers after finding them, creating double the amount of activities and fun
- Riddles range from simple 'Who am I?' questions to more challenging scenario-based conundrums
- All of the answers to the riddles are provided at the back of the book
- Ideal for reading alone or for sharing with friends and family

Author Biography

Gary Panton is a writer, editor and doodler whose work has appeared in loads of different books, magazines and websites. You can find him on Twitter at @garypanton or check out more of his work at garypanton.co.uk.

Illustrator Biography

Chris Dickason

Chris Dickason's irreverent sense of humour was born from years as both a mild mannered doodler and angry burger flipper. Taking inspiration as much from Henri Matisse as he does The Muppets, as well as odd bits of packaging collected from foreign supermarkets, Chris' work has been described as charming and visually striking with a sharp graphic style. His illustrations are populated with rambunctious characters that are a cleverly crafted mix of an uncomplicated line style and wonky perspectives. Chris is the illustrator of Buster Books' bestselling *Clever Kids* series.

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Tony Rushmer

Keynote

An in-depth and highly engaging portrait of SAS Original and one of the unit's all-time greats, Reg Seekings, written with the support of the Seekings family.

Description

As seen on the BBC's *SAS: Rogue Heroes*. The biography of remarkable SAS Original Reg Seekings, from his humble beginnings in the Cambridgeshire Fens to his instrumental role in the success of the SAS during WWII.

Starting at the very bottom of the ranks, Seekings was a farm labourer's son who climbed from private to squadron sergeant-major and became one of the British Army's most highly decorated non-commissioned officers of WWII. In short, Seekings was **an ordinary man who did extraordinary things**. His is a **remarkable story** – one of fierce ambition, camaraderie, inner strength and heroism as he transcended his humble beginnings in the Fen fields of Cambridgeshire. And he was there from the very first day of the SAS, which was born in the late summer of 1941.

Using audio material from the Imperial War Museum and **previously unseen** material from Reg's collection of notebooks and handwritten accounts of operations, this is a **comprehensive** and **engaging** portrait of one of the unit's all-time greats.

Sales Points

- Reg Seekings' character will feature prominently in the second season of the BBC's *SAS: Rogue Heroes*.
- The author has exclusive access to previously unseen material, including Reg's collection of notebooks with handwritten accounts of operations – including Operation Squatter and the subsequent raid alongside Paddy Mayne at Tamet.
- Reg was a pivotal figure in this famous elite unit, but his story has never been told in full before now. His working-class roots set him apart from the majority of other Originals.
- Tony Rushmer is available for PR around publication and is passionate about sharing the real and remarkable true story of Reg Seekings.
- Written with the full support of the Seekings family.

Reviews

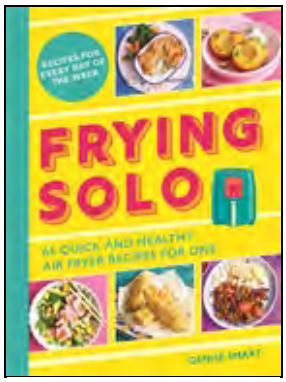
- 'Brilliant, revelatory and compelling. The legendary Reg Seekings was an iconic figure in SAS operations of WWII. A highly decorated Original, a warrior almost without compare, an elite soldier with a touching humanitarian side, this book does his memory full justice, demonstrating how powerfully the legacy endures.' - Damien Lewis
- 'Reg Seekings is the great unsung hero of the wartime SAS. Countless words have been written about David Stirling and Blair Mayne, but as the power behind their thrones, Seekings' importance can hardly be overstated. Here, at last, is a biography that does him justice. In Tony Rushmer's skilful hands, Seekings' remarkable story leaps from the pages. But this book is more than a biography. It is the story of the Special Air Service from its pre-existence to its post-war termination, told through a little-remembered man who experienced every moment. It is a thrilling – and important – new angle on a frequently told story.' - Joshua Levine, author of Dunkirk
- 'This is a vital addition to the history of the SAS. Reg Seekings was a formative member of L Detachment, SAS, and as such he saw more wartime service than most ranks. His story is not only a personal journey but an account of the wartime SAS from its inception.' - Tom Petch, author of Speed, Aggression, Surprise: The Untold Secret Origins of the SAS
- 'The book has been a gift we never expected … a story that is now written down and which will not be lost in the passage of time.' - Maj (Ret'd) Kerry Seekings, MBE, the Parachute Regiment

Author Biography

Tony Rushmer has been a journalist for twenty-five years, covering a wide range of top-class sport for national newspapers and magazines. His first book was the critically acclaimed *The Triumph of Henry Cecil,* which was one of three finalists for the 2019 Dr Tony Ryan Award. Tony established his own sports PR business in 2005 and his clients have included Newmarket Racecourses, the PGA and World Snooker. He lives near Newmarket, in the UK.

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Depth	**13mm**
Extent	**128 pages**
Word Count	**20000 words**
Illustrations	**40 full colour photographs**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
In-House Editor	**Gabriella Nemeth**

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Frying Solo
65 Quick and Healthy Air Fryer Recipes for One

Denise Smart

Keynote

The healthy air fryer cookbook for one. Featuring sixty-five quick, easy and delicious single-serving dishes for any day of the week.

Description

Cooking for one doesn't mean you have to compromise on quality. Turn your oven off for good with this collection of fresh, healthy and delicious ideas for any day of the week.

There really is no limit to what you can cook in your **air fryer**. Whether you're a busy professional, a **budget-conscious** student or simply cooking for one, *Frying Solo* will show you how to create balanced, fresh and healthy meals every day of the week in **a few simple steps**.

Get to know how to use this game-changing gadget with **65 satisfying single-serving dishes**, from breakfast and brunch ideas to speedy suppers and fakeaways, as well as delicious treats and imaginative side-dishes and snacks. *Frying Solo* will show you how to take the fuss away from mealtimes, reduce your washing up and deliver on taste and flavour every time. Better still, you'll have mouth-watering meals on your table in **less than half the time** it takes to cook in a conventional oven.

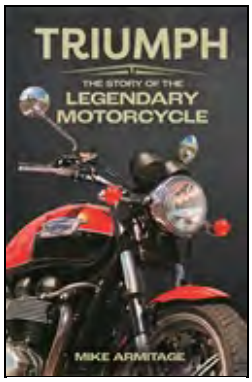
You don't need experience to get started, or a vast store cupboard. These are recipes for **air-fryer beginners** or seasoned pros – low on ingredients and packed full of flavour and freshness.

Sales Points

- The global air-fryer market is booming, with an estimated 30 per cent of UK households now owning one. The number of people living alone in the UK, as of 2022, was 8.3 million, which represents 13 per cent of the household population and 30 per cent of all households. The majority of these households were women living alone.
- This promises to hook onto the trend with a fresh angle: air-fryer recipes for one. The market for this is potentially massive, appealing to everyone from students to busy professionals and older people, and showing you that cooking for one doesn't need to compromise on quality.
- The air-fryer trend is much down to its versatility (#AirFryerRecipes has 1.8 billion views on TikTok alone), and people increasingly want recipes that are balanced and can mean turning off that oven for good. *Frying Solo* will lean into its versatility, and this will be a cookbook to be used every day.
- Featuring sixty-five fresh and healthy recipes, these dishes deliver on flavour yet don't demand masses of skill or ingredients to cook them.
- Denise Smart is available for PR.
- Perfect for fans of *Pinch of Nom* or *Easy Air Fryer* by Jamie Oliver.

Author Biography

Denise Smart has been a food stylist, recipe writer and bestselling author for over 25 years. Her experience and love of food has seen her write more than 20 cookbooks, covering every type of cuisine. She has also written recipes for major supermarkets and famous food brands. Her recipes are easy to follow, thoroughly tested, creative and delicious. She prepares and styles all the recipes and works alongside many top food photographers.



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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**234 x 153 mm**
Depth	**25.5mm**
Extent	**288 pages**
Word Count	**75000 words**
Illustrations	**16pp colour plates**
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In-House Editor	**Gabriella Nemeth**

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Triumph
The Story of the Legendary Motorcycle

Mike Armitage

Keynote

The story of a true heritage brand, told in all its high-octane glory.

Description

An iconic piece of design and style – and a gold standard in motorcycle engineering – the Triumph has roved through the twentieth century, making its mark in hearts and minds.

Founded in Coventry in 1885, Triumph Engineering had humble beginnings, importing bicycles and sewing machines. Little did anyone know that in the coming years the company would birth a historic series of motorcycles that have lit up the arenas of **racing, popular culture and even warfare for well over a century**.

To this day, the iconic model names – **the Bonneville, the Daytona** – evoke excitement and admiration all over the world. But as brilliant as the bikes are, the stories behind them are even better: Triumph have blazed a trail across the silver screen, being ridden by stars like **Steve McQueen** and **Marlon Brando** in classic movies. They have sped round the **world's most famous racetracks** and scorched to **numerous land speed records**. And, of course, Triumph motorcycles, including the **'Trusty Triumph'**, were used in both the **First and Second World Wars by the Allies** – forging their legend forever as the bikes that truly can do it all.

In this enthralling book, esteemed motorcycle journalist, **editor of *Bike* magazine** and lifelong rider **Mike Armitage** reveals the story of a **true heritage brand, told in all its high-octane glory.**

Sales Points

- 2025 will mark 140 years since the founding of Triumph engineering – where it all started.
- This is ideal Father's Day gifting: will appeal to riders and Triumph fans, and also interest general/history readers in the way books on Spitfire, Lancaster and the Apache helicopter have done.
- Author Mike Armitage is perfectly placed as a respected editor in the classic bike press and is well connected at Triumph. He is available for PR.

Author Biography

Mike Armitage trained as a mechanical engineer and understands how oily bits work. He has been a full-time motorcycle journalist since 2001, with roles including road-test editor on *Performance Bikes* magazine and executive editor for *Classic Bike*. He is currently editor for *Bike*, the UK's bestselling motorcycle magazine and still contributes to MCN.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 22, 2025**
Price	**£7.99 / ₹699**
ISBN-13	**9781789297317**
CBMC	**D5L79**
Age	**9-11 years**
Subject	**Non-fiction**
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Character	**Non-character**
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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**280 x 216 mm**
Depth	**6.5mm**
Extent	**64 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**B&W**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
In-House Editor	**Hannah Daffern**

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Colour and Discover: The Cute Ones 28 Hidden Pictures to Reveal

Buster Books, Max Jackson

Keynote

A brand-new cute animal themed colouring book, featuring 28 hidden images to uncover and colour.

Description

A brand-new cute animal themed colouring book, featuring 28 hidden images to uncover and colour.

A colouring collection with an element of magic and mystery, this book invites readers to complete 28 cute animal portraits – the difference is that only when they're coloured will the animals reveal themselves from an intricate pattern of shapes and patterns. Shapes within the patterns contain a dot to indicate that those are the only shapes to colour. When complete, an adorable creature will appear.

The images can be completed in a single colour or creative colourists can add a rainbow of shades to produce a stunning result.

The 'answers' are shown in the back for readers to check their finished pictures and instructions of how to use the book are included at the front.

Also available in the series:
9781789296686 Colour and Discover: The Wild Ones

Author Biography

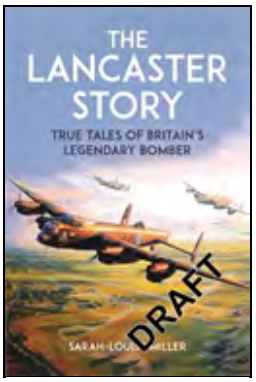
Buster Books loves to create books for curious and creative children, which spark the imagination and encourage exploration. Above all, they are books to be enjoyed.

Illustrator Biography

Dusan Lakicevic
Dušan Lakicevic is a children's book illustrator based in Belgrade, Serbia. He got his Master's degree in Illustration from the Faculty of Applied Arts, University of Belgrade. With lots of experience making books, he loves to watch the process of how a story takes its unique shape in the visual world. He also enjoys making music and videos and love travelling and swimming.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**198 x 129 mm**
Depth	**19.5mm**
Extent	**256 pages**
Word Count	**65000 words**
Illustrations	**16pp colour plate section w/ photographs**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**

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The Lancaster Story
True Tales of Britain's Legendary Bomber

Sarah-Louise Miller

Keynote

A dramatic and vividly rendered account of the most successful RAF bomber of the Second World War – the Avro Lancaster – and the lives of the men and women who flew, designed, constructed and maintained it.

Description

The epic story of the RAF's legendary heavy bomber: the Avro Lancaster

The Lancaster Story takes readers on **a remarkable journey** through the history of **an aviation icon**. This is an equally **informative and engaging** account of the true workhorse of the RAF's bomber corps and the **emotional human stories** of quiet courage, sacrifice, and hard work of the men and women who flew, designed, constructed and maintained it.

Between its introduction in 1942 and the end of the Second World War, the Avro Lancaster flew more than 150,000 sorties, dropped more than 600,000 tons of explosives and took the Allied fight to Nazi Germany. The 'Lanc' featured on some of the most daring and celebrated missions of the war, including the heroic Dambusters raid and the Operation Hydra bombing. These and many other successes came at a significant cost, however: almost half of the 7,377 Lancasters deployed into service were lost in action.

Using **archival documents, letters** and **first-hand accounts**, The Lancaster Story delivers a dramatic and **vividly rendered account** of the most successful RAF bomber of the Second World War. Combining **individual stories** into a gripping, **panoramic narrative**, it paints a complete portrait of the battle over Europe, and the Lancaster's unique and decisive role in it.

Sales Points

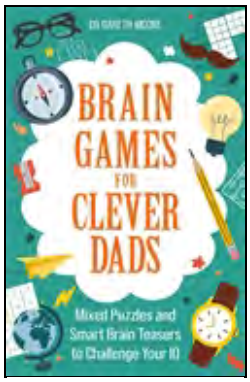
- From the publishers of *The Spitfire Story* **(27.5k copies sold in the UK)** and *Hurricane* **(10.5k copies sold)**, this is a thrilling collection of authentic stories about an icon of Second World War aviation: the Avro Lancaster.
- Features a stunning colour plate section packed with rare archival photographs.
- Perfect for fans of John Nichol, this is the story of the Lancaster told using archival documents, letters and first-hand accounts.
- Dr Sarah-Louise Miller is an author and historian specializing in the Second World War who has appeared on the BBC, Channel 4, ITV, Channel 5 and Sky History. She is available for publicity.

Reviews

- "Miller writes in a straightforward, conversational style and tone, neatly interweaving historical facts and statistics with very human tales of fear, courage, love, and loss that combine to make The Lancaster Story a compelling read." - *The War Years blog*
- "Sarah-Louise Miller has written a book that is an excellent tribute to an aircraft that was one of the major contributors to Britain's aims for the defeat of Germany during WW2 but also to those who built, maintained, and supported those aircrews who flew in her and in memoriam of those 58,438 aircrew, who were lost during training and operations." - *Army Rumour Service blog*
- 'Dr Miller tells the story of the most successful RAF bomber of WWII …[The Lancaster Story] features rare archival photos, and many never-before-published accounts." - *RAF News*

Author Biography

Dr Sarah-Louise Miller is an historian, author and media consultant, specializing in Second World War history. She is a lecturer at the Defence Studies Department, King's College London, and a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford. She is the author of *The Women Behind the Few* (Biteback) and has worked in both television and radio with the BBC, Channel Four, ITV, Channel 5 and Sky History. She has also appeared on *BBC History Extra*, *Dan Snow's History Hit* podcast and the *We Have Ways of Making You Talk* podcast with Al Murray and James Holland, along with various other productions.



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Depth	**14.5mm**
Extent	**192 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**B/w throughout**
Territorial Rights	**World (All Languages)**
In-House Editor	**Nicki Crossley**

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Brain Games for Clever Dads
Mixed Puzzles and Smart Brain Teasers to Challenge Your IQ

Dr Gareth Moore

Keynote

Challenge yourself to some fun with this ultimate puzzle book, brimming with memory, word and number workouts for the cleverest of dads!

Description

Take a break from the dad dancing and put some fun into puzzling with these clever games specially designed to give your brain a workout.

Brain workouts are one of the best ways to keep your mind on top form, and with *Brain Games for Clever Dads*, **internationally renowned puzzle expert** Dr Gareth Moore presents a **huge variety of puzzles** to solve so you never get stumped by your kid's homework. From cryptic codes to logic puzzles, number puzzles to feats of memory – these clever games, evolving in **levels of difficulty** as you work through the book, will challenge you and help **boost your IQ**. Maintain your position as Number One Dad and let the brain games begin!

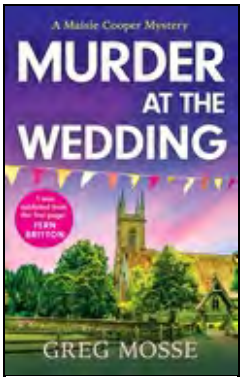
Sales Points

- A fantastic boredom buster for even the cleverest of dads.
- Time yourself and check your progress.
- All answers are given at the back.
- Dr Gareth Moore is an internationally renowned brain training expert whose puzzle books have sold over a million copies worldwide.
- Features more than 160 interesting and fun brain-training challenges.

Author Biography

Dr Gareth Moore (B.Sc (Hons) M.Phil Ph.D) is the internationally bestselling author of a wide range of brain-training and puzzle books for both children and adults, including *Anti-stress Puzzles*, *Ultimate Dot to Dot*, *Brain Games for Clever Kids®*, *Lateral Logic*, *Extreme Mazes* and *The Ordinance Survey Puzzle Book.* His books have sold over a million copies in the UK alone and have sold in thirty-five different languages.

He is also the creator of online brain-training site BrainedUp.com and runs the daily puzzle site PuzzleMix.com.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 29, 2025**
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BIC 2.1	**Classic crime (FFC) Historical mysteries (FFH) Crime & mystery (FF)**
Binding	**Paperback**
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Extent	**352 pages**
Word Count	
Illustrations	**N/A**
Series	**A Maisie Cooper Mystery**
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Author living in	**UK**

Previous Titles
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Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Murder at the Wedding
A gripping and addictive British cozy murder mystery

Greg Mosse

Keynote
The sixth book in the utterly charming Maisie Cooper Mystery Series.

Description
Don't miss the sixth installment in the Maisie Cooper Mystery Series, *Murder at the Wedding*, available to pre-order now!

Maisie Cooper is ready to tie the knot... but first she needs to untangle one last mystery...

Amateur sleuth Maisie Cooper is busy planning her wedding to police officer Jack Wingard. After a tumultuous six months solving various murder investigations, she is excited to finally marry her childhood sweetheart.

But not everyone is happy for the bride-to-be...

Maisie dismisses a few strange 'accidents' targeting her and Jack as pure coincidences. But when she receives a threatening note, Maisie can't deny that someone is after her. Someone who wants revenge.

As her wedding day approaches, Maisie realises that there are a fair few people from her past who might want her dead. Will Maisie make it safely down the aisle? Or will she have one final murder to solve before she says 'I do'?

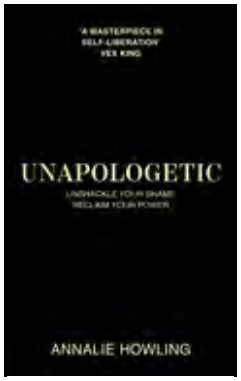
Catch up on the rest of the series, which can also be read as standalones:
Murder at Church Lodge
Murder at Bunting Manor
Murder at the Theatre
Murder at the Fair
Murder at Sunny View

Sales Points
- **EVERYTHING COSY MYSTERY READERS LOVE!** This is top-quality cosy crime mystery writing, full of authenticity, knowledge of the local area in Sussex, and has all the hallmarks of a successful cosy novel that readers will love - an unexpected and dynamic amateur sleuth, a quaint English village where secrets abound, a murder very much in need of solving... and so many evocative and nostalgic details.
- **SALES HISTORY**: The Maisie Cooper Mystery series has consistently sold well in paperback, now having sold 30k TCM across the series.
- **EXPERIENCED AND WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR**: Greg Mosse is an experienced writer, well-known on the festival circuit and a favourite to lead creative writing workshops. He's hugely involved in the wider writing community across a range of genres. Greg has spent years in the world of theatre and his writing is cinematic and dramatic, making it leap off the page.

Reviews
- 'PRAISE FOR' - *GREG MOSSE*
- 'I was addicted from the first page' - - *Sunday Times bestselling author Fern Britton*
- 'Fans of Osman are in for a treat!' - *Peter James*
- 'A **web of intrigue** with a spider at its heart - a **gripping** read' - *Sunday Times bestselling author Susan Lewis*

Author Biography
GREG MOSSE is a 'writer and encourager of writers' and husband of internationally bestselling author, Kate Mosse. He has lived and worked in Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Madrid, mostly as an interpreter and translator, but grew up in rural south-west Sussex. In 2014, he founded the Criterion New Writing playwriting programme in the heart of the West End and, since then, has produced more than 25 of his own plays and musicals. His creative writing workshops are highly sought after at festivals at home and abroad. His first novel, *The Coming Darkness*, was published by Moonflower in 2022, followed in 2024 by *The Coming Storm*. *Murder at the Wedding* is the sixth book in his successful cosy crime series featuring the charming and perceptive amateur sleuth, Maisie Cooper.

Jacket Coming Soon



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BIC 2.1	**Self-help & personal development (VS) The self, ego, identity, personality (JMS) Assertiveness, motivation & self-esteem (VSPM)**
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Format	**Demy**
Extent	**224 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**ANZ**
Not for Sale	**World (ex ANZ)**
Author living in	**London**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Unapologetic
Unshackle Your Shame, Reclaim Your Power

Annalie Howling

Keynote

A transformative guide from performance coach and EMDR / trauma specialist, Annalie Howling, to unleash women from the shackles of shame.

Description

'***Annalie Howling delivers a masterpiece in self-liberation.*** **Unapologetic** ***is a fierce call to reclaim your power, dismantle shame, and live authentically. A must-read for anyone ready to embrace their full potential.***' **- Vex King**

Shame thrives when we believe its lie, that we are so broken, so different, that we must hide, apologise and never be free. But this narrative is false.

Shame is difficult to express, but in *Unapologetic*, I've given it a voice. On every page, I uncover the secrets shame tries to keep hidden. When we realize we're not alone, shame loses its grip, and we reclaim our power. It isolates us, damages our relationships, and keeps us disconnected but it doesn't have to.

Unapologetic is the book that I wish that I had during the most isolating moments in my life when shame had me fully in its grasp. Through my own stories, expert insights, and real client experiences, I hope the reader will discover pieces of themselves and start to reclaim the parts they thought were lost. *Unapologetic* is more than a book; it's a call to break free from shame and step into your full potential.

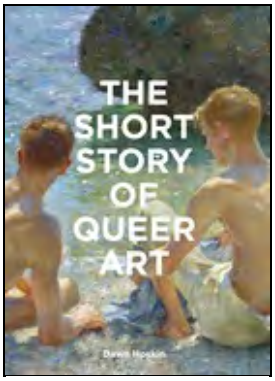
Sales Points

- **COMPS:** With the energy of GLENNON DOYLE'S UNTAMED meets WOMEN THAT RUN WITH THE WOLVES - Unapologetic is a call to arms and an aspirational offering for women - akin to the bold, stripped back aesthetic of MANIFEST - as shared on Annalie's online channels
- **AUDIENCE + GROWTH:** Annalie has 215k Instagram followers @AnnalieHowling with a 5.5% engagement rate (3% deemed strong) - its here where she shares her expert, iconic monochrome aesthetic and guidance for trauma and BS-free living.

  Her community is rapidly growing (50k up since we acquired rights) / 76% are women (25-34 year olds / 34-35 year olds - captive book buyers for the self-help area) - she has 40k TikTok followers and a highly engaged weekly newsletter audience.
- **GLOBAL FOLLOWING + NETWORK:** Annalie has strong followings across the US (42%) / India (6%) / AUS (6%) with incredible connections across these areas - and of course London - huge opportunity for non-UK sales.

Author Biography

PEOPLE-PLEASING, FAWNING, HEALING, SELF-LOVE, TRAUMA, SHAME, SHADOW WORK, RESILIENCE, BOUNDARIES - these are issues Annalie has been working through with her clients for the last 20 years as a trauma and performance coach. She has built an incredible network of champions and contacts that span Hollywood actors, billionaires, famous Premier League footballers, sportspeople and CEOs at the top of their game. Howling has worked with thousands of women, to help them move through internal pain, triggers and difficult life experiences and into a chapter of their lives where they are no longer bound down by the past. Annalie is known for her unique blend of Eye Movement Desensitisation Reprocessing (EMDR) and coaching. Her corporate background, enables her to apply EMDR techniques from that perspective rather than one of traditional therapy. Annalie is a sought-after speaker and experienced facilitator, online and media commentator - she has run multiple sell-out retreats and live workshops across the world.



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BIC 2.1	**Gay & Lesbian studies (JFSK)** **History of art / art & design styles (AC)** **Individual artists, art monographs (AGB)**
Binding	**Flexiback**
Format	**210x148**
Depth	**20mm**
Extent	**224 pages**
Word Count	**50000 words**
Illustrations	**120 colour images**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Author living in	**Derbyshire**
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Electronic	**Refer to Publisher**
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The Short Story of Queer Art
A Pocket Guide to Key Movements, Works, Themes & Breakthroughs

Dawn Hoskin

Keynote

A new and innovative approach to the fascinating story of queer artists throughout art history. Part of the bestselling The Short Story series.

Description

The Short Story of Queer Art offers a fuller picture of the history of art - from the barriers broken and breakthroughs that queer artists have made, to the important contributions to key artistic movements, and the forgotten and obscured artists who are now being rediscovered and reassessed.

Simply constructed, the book explores over 40 key works and artists, from across the world and throughout art history, and links them to the most important movements, themes and breakthroughs. An eclectic range of art is featured, including Aubrey Beardsley's *The Peacock Skirt*, Frida Kahlo's *Self-portrait with Cropped Hair*, Cecil Beaton's *Stephen Tennant in Costume as Prince Charming* and Tamara de Lempicka's *Autoportrait*.

Accessible, concise and richly illustrated, the book reveals the connections between different periods, artists and styles, giving readers a thorough understanding and broad enjoyment of the full achievements that queer artists have made with genres that include Classical art, Art Nouveau, Pop art, Street art and Video installations.

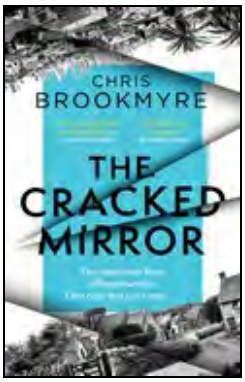
Sales Points

- The latest title in the international bestselling accessible art history series, The Short Story of
- Examines 40 key works by queer artists throughout art history, highlighting an overlooked but vitally important strand in the story of art
- Explores the key artists and their works and details the most important themes and movements as well as the milestone historical breakthroughs that queer artists have made
- Explains the most important and influential concepts in an accessible and concise way with clear information design and four-colour imagery throughout
- A book for students, enthusiasts and gallery-goers to understand another side to the history of art

Author Biography

Dawn Hoskin is a Cultural Heritage Curator with the National Trust, working across the Midlands and East of England. She is also the Curatorial Lead for the NT's LGBTQ+ Steering Group and a freelance curator and researcher. She previously held various curatorial roles at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, and has a background in fine art.

Dawn curated *We Are Queer Britain!* (2022-2024) the award-winning first exhibition for Queer Britain, the UK's first national LGBTQ+ museum. She is a Steering Group member of the Queer Heritage & Collections Network and member of the Queer British Art research group. Dawn's interests span a wide variety of subjects, from the 16th century to the present day, including art, craft and curation as social justice activism and LGBTQ+ histories.



Publication date	**Thursday, April 24, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 Rs 799**
Main Identifier	**9780349145815**
BIC 2.1	**Thriller / suspense (FH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Depth	**36mm**
Extent	**512 pages**
Word Count	**100000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale	**USA**
Book locale	**Scotland, Los Angeles**
Author living in	**Glasgow**
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**
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The Cracked Mirror
The award-winning, 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

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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.

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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 TRUE ORIGINAL:** A 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
- **A HARDBACK SMASH:** Won the McIlvanney Prize; hit #2 on the Scottish Bestseller List; was a #1 ebook bestseller; and Brookmyre's best-selling hardback in 12 years (TCM)
- **FOR FANS OF THE ZEITGEIST:** For fans genre-defying crime fiction such as EIGHT DETECTIVES by Alex Pavesi (6,373 HB TCM, 71,342 B TCM), THE SEVEN DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE by Stuart Turton (15,917 HB TCM, 159,393 B TCM), THE MAGPIE MURDERS by Anthony Horowitz (28,837 HB TCM), 147,570 B TCM), and EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE by Benjamin Stevenson (3,531 HB TCM, 15,102 B TCM)
- **MULTI-AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Chris Brookmyre has won many awards, including the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, the McIlvanney Prize (twice) and the CWA Dagger in the Library, as well as receiving numerous nominations
- **30TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025:** Chris Brookmyre's books, both under his own name and as Ambrose Parry, have sold two million copies in the UK, and 2025 marks the publication of his 30th novel - with publicity to follow

Reviews

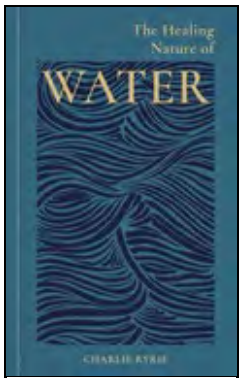
- 'Chris Brookmyre is a genius' - *Richard Osman*
- 'In the pantheon of great crime writers' - *Elly Griffiths*
- 'There's nothing he can't do' - *Mick Herron*
- 'Chris Brookmyre is a storytelling mastermind' - *Chris Whitaker*

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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Main Identifier	**9781856755795**
BIC 2.1	**Complementary therapies, healing & health (VXH)** **Mind, Body, Spirit (VX)** **Freshwater biology (PSPF)** **Environmental medicine (MMR)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**A Format**
Extent	**160 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

Publishing History
The Healing Energy of Water

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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The Healing Nature of Water

Charlie Ryrie with a foreword by David Lorimer

Keynote

Explore the healing properties of water in this captivating book, part of a series dedicated to nature's restorative power.

Description

What element is more fundamental to life than water? It flows through our existence, carrying the essence of life itself in its currents. Water is the silent mediator between life and death, health and sickness, and it sustains our very existence.

In a world increasingly aware of water's vulnerability - amidst news of polluted rivers and widespread water scarcity - understanding and preserving its healing power has never been more crucial. This book invites you to discover water's intrinsic power, following the diverse paths of water's journey, offering insights into harnessing its restorative properties to enhance health, boost well-being, and align more harmoniously with our environment.

This captivating book reveals how our connection with water transcends the physical realm, resonating deeply within our subconscious and spiritual selves. *The Healing Nature of Water* is your essential guide to unlocking water's energy for personal and environmental resilience.

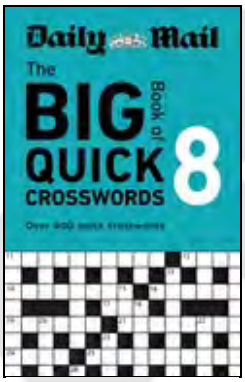
Chapters include:
- Sacred water
- Water for life
- Using water's vital energies

Sales Points

- *The Hidden Life of Trees* (Bookscan: 197K), *The Secret Network of Nature* (Bookscan: 14K)
- Both the ancient Egyptians and the Greeks used bathing rituals to help cure physical ailments, the 'Water Cure', while Native American tribes believed in the purifying power of sweat lodges. 'Floatation therapy' and 'hydrotherapy' to treat everything from poor posture to anxiety and depression, is growing in popularity.
- Our increasingly urban, technology-fuelled lives can be the cause of anxiety and distress, while burnout and chronic stress are on the rise. Against this bleak picture, a biophilic impulse to find refuge and healing in the natural world, an increasing number of us are looking to nature as an antidote to our modern metropolitan lives.
- New and fast-growing in the UK: 'ecotherapy' combines the intrinsic benefits of the natural world with therapeutic practice. Healing concepts such as grounding, for example, has roots in the 'earthing' principle of traditional Chinese medicine, while forest bathing, which has recently gained global traction, originated in Japan and emerged from ancient Shinto and Buddhist practices.

Author Biography

Charlie Ryrie is an environmental journalist, writer, editor, lecturer and campaigner and was a founder member of Agenda 21, an initiative to improve education about water that was launched at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. She now runs The Real Cut Flower Garden and The British Flower School.



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Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781788406093**
BIC 2.1	**Puzzles & quizzes (WDK)** **Hobbies, quizzes & games (WD)** **Trivia & quiz question books (WDKX)** **Sudoku & number puzzles (WDKN)** **Hobbies (WDH)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**464 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Daily Mail Puzzle Books**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**Global**
Author born in	**UK**
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Publishing History
Daily Mail Big Book of Quick Crosswords Volume 7
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Previous Titles
Daily Mail Large Print Quick Crosswords Volume 1
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Daily Mail Big Book of Quick Crosswords Volume 8
A compilation of 400 puzzles

Daily Mail

Keynote

A bumper edition of over 400 quick crosswords from the *Daily Mail.*

Description

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Sales Points

- **SALES FIGURES:** The *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.
- **PUZZLE POPULARITY:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Reviews

- 'A well-known product, always good value and appreciated by my wife.' - Terry Oxon
- 'Great book of crosswords, not too hard to do, keeps the brain active.' - Brenda Peece

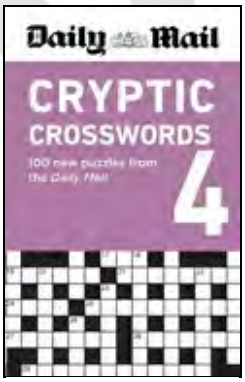
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Daily Mail Cryptic Crosswords Volume 4
100 new puzzles from the Daily Mail

Daily Mail

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BIC 2.1	**Crosswords (WDKC)** **Puzzles & quizzes (WDK)** **Hobbies, quizzes & games (WD)** **Hobbies (WDH)** **Trivia & quiz question books (WDKX)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**240 pages**
Word Count	
Series	**The Daily Mail Puzzle Books**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**Global**
Author born in	**UK**
Author living in	**UK**

Publishing History
Daily Mail Cryptic 3
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Previous Titles
Daily Mail Big Cryptic 4
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Keynote
100 brand new cryptic crosswords from the *Daily Mail.*

Description
Want to put your deducing skills to the test?

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Put your puzzling skills to the test with this brand new collection of cryptic crosswords from the pages of the *Daily Mail*.

Daily Mail Cryptic Crosswords 4 offers 100 puzzles to thriller crossword beginners and experts alike. With complicated anagrams and complex wordplay throughout, this will keep any crossword fan entertained.

Sales Points
- **SALES FIGURES:** *Daily Mail Cryptic Crosswords Volume 3* sold almost 4,000 copies, and *Daily Mail Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords Volume 2* sold over 9,000 copies.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Reviews
- 'Excellent brain teasing. Keeps my mind sharp! Will order more.' - Timothy Cliffe

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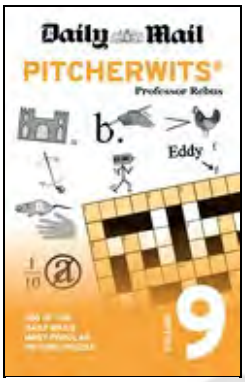
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Daily Mail Pitcherwits Volume 8
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Daily Mail Pitcherwits Volume 9
200 of the Daily Mail's most popular picture puzzle

Daily Mail

Keynote
A brand new selection of 200 of the *Daily Mail*'s most popular picture puzzle.

Description
Seeking something different to test your crossword skills?

Professor Rebus is back with this brand-new edition of 200 picture puzzles!

A unique cross between crossword and cryptic visual puzzle, Pitcherwits are **the *Daily Mail's* most popular puzzle**, and perfect for crossword fans looking to put their deductive skills to the test!

Whether you're looking for a relaxed evening in or setting off on a long commute, ***Pitcherwits Volume 9*** is the ultimate companion.

Sales Points
- **SALES FIGURES:** *Pitcherwits 6* has sold over 4,000 copies, and *Pitcherwits 7* has sold over 3,000 copies.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Reviews
- 'I really enjoy these books. Keeps your mind active.' - Richard Ogston
- 'Great for times in the day when not busy doing other things.' - James Dann

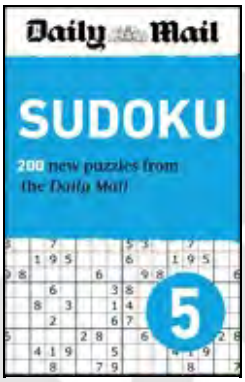
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Binding	**Paperback**
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Daily Mail: Sudoku Volume 4
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Daily Mail Sudoku 5
200 New puzzles from easy to fiendish

Daily Mail

Keynote
200 brand-new sudoku puzzles from the pages of the *Daily Mail.*

Description
Sudoku from the *Daily Mail* is back!

This **brand-new edition** contains **over 200 sudoku grids**, ranging from easier puzzles right up to fiendish puzzles that will challenge even the most experienced of sudoku players.

Whether you're at home or on the go, the *Daily Mail Sudoku 5* is the ultimate book for sudoku fans.

Sales Points
- **SALES FIGURES:** *Daily Mail Big Book of Sudoku 1* has sold over 7,000 copies and *The Mail Book of Super Sudoku Puzzles 7* has sold over 13,000 copies.
- **PUZZLE POPULARITY:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
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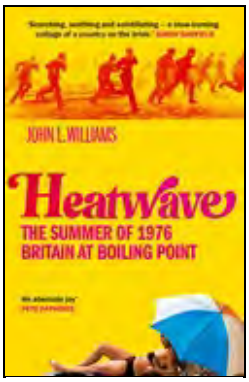
Reviews
- 'Very good Sudoku book it kept me occupied for hours.' - Sally S.
- 'Great entertainment!' - Tony H Leather

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Binding	**Trade Paperback**
Format	**Royal**
Extent	**384 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**ANZ; Cw (ex UK, Can); EU; Switz**
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Author living in	**Cardiff**
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Undramatised (straight) reading	**Refer to Publisher**
US	**Refer to Publisher**

Heatwave
The Summer of 1976 – Britain at Boiling Point

John L Williams

Keynote

A rich examination of the cultural and political upheaval in Britain in the boiling hot summer of 1976

Description

'Grippingly captures the three months that shook Britain's cultural landscape' PAULINE BLACK

'Scorching, seething and scintillating, *Heatwave* conjures a slow-burning collage of a country on the brink. I lived through those cruel months, and Williams recreates them with intense skill' SIMON GARFIELD

'An absolute joy' PETE PAPHIDES

'Engrossing...powerful...goes way beyond nostalgia' DAVID KYNASTON

With temperatures soaring to 35ºC, severe water shortages and a sunburned population queuing at the standpipes, the summer of 1976 was always remembered as Britain's hottest.

But the wave that hit the UK that year was also cultural and political, with upheaval on the streets, in parliament, on the cricket pitch and on the radios and TV sets of a nation at a crossroads.

Before this blistering summer, Britain seemed stuck in the post-war era, a country where people were all in it together - as long as you were white, male and straight. In July, Tom Robinson writes a song called *Glad to be Gay*, and by August bank holiday, Black youth are making the police run for their lives in the almighty riot at the Notting Hill Carnival. But with the Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson suddenly quitting, the pound sinking and the economy tanking, a restless immigrant population and increasing dissatisfaction in the old world order, the weather seemed to boil up the country to the point where the lid blows off.

Weaving a rich tapestry of the news stories of the year, with social commentary and dozens of first-person interviews with those that were there at the time, Williams's reappraisal of the summer of '76 is an evocative, sometimes nostalgic but always an unflinching read. *Heatwave* takes us back to relive the events of that summer and asks - have we really moved on as much as we would have liked?

Sales Points

- **FOR READERS OF:** Compares with Bill Bryson's ***One Summer*** (**97k HB/ 193k PB**), Dominic Sandbrook's ***Seasons in the Sun*** (**6k HB/ 23k PB**), Andy Beckett's ***When the Lights Went Out*** (**5k HB/ 21k PB**), Maggie O'Farrell's ***Instructions for a Heatwave*** (**16k HB/ 172k PB**), Juliet Nicolson's ***Frostquake*** (**3k HB/ 7k PB**).
- **ANNIVERSARY TIE-IN:** Published for the 49th anniversary of the summer of '76 - with the paperback to follow for the 50th the following year. The anniversary will provoke TV, press and media coverage, and our book will be at the forefront of that.
- **NOSTALGIC SOFT HISTORY:** The genre of soft and nostalgic history has a strong TCM record. The combination of a timely publication with the public fascination with the 70s in Britain makes this title very ripe for a nostalgic history treatment.
- **CURRENT LANDSCAPE:** The recent riots, rising weather temperatures and climate crisis debates dominating headlines time this sharp and thought-provoking book perfectly for readers questioning how far our country has come.
- **AUTHOR TRADE PROFILE**: As well as an experienced author, John L. Williams is co-founder and literary director of the Laugherne Festival and is well connected in the book world

Reviews

- **''In this engrossing account of one utterly memorable summer, John L Williams goes way beyond nostalgia, as through a series of powerful stories - sometimes touching but often disturbing - he argues persuasively that these were the months that Britain started decisively to become the more open and fluid society we know today.''** - David Kynaston
- **''John L. Williams grippingly captures the three months that shook Britain's cultural landscape in 'Heatwave'. His use of highly entertaining and often devastating stories about the febrile atmosphere of 1976's extraordinarily hot summer, show how simmering community unrest, in a newly multicultural Britain, reached boiling point with the heavy-handed policing of the youth at the Notting Hill Carnival.'** ' - Pauline Black*, Singer, Actress and Author of Black by Design*
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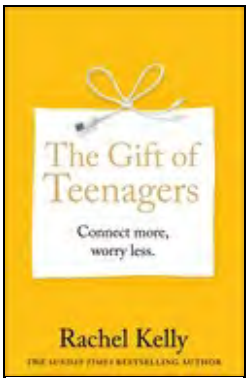
- **'Scorching, seething and scintillating, *Heatwave* conjures a slow-burning collage of a country on the brink. I lived through those cruel months, and Williams recreates them with intense skill.**' ' - SIMON GARFIELD*, Author of Just My Type*

Author Biography

John L Williams is a biographer, novelist, and crime writer from Cardiff. His non-fiction includes his much-acclaimed biography of the Trinidadian polymath CLR James, and his account of the Cardiff Three miscarriage of justice case, *Bloody Valentine* ('A bloody good book' - Benjamin Zephaniah), as well as his enduringly popular portrait of urban America as seen through the prism of crime fiction, *Into The Badlands*. His biography of his fellow Cardiffian Shirley Bassey was proclaimed the music book of the year by *The Times*. He is the crime fiction reviewer for *The Mail on Sunday*. He is the co-founder and literary director of the Laugharne Weekend Festival in west Wales. The one single recorded by his punk band, The Puritan Guitars, is surprisingly collectible.

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The Gift of Teenagers
Connect More, Worry Less

Rachel Kelly

Keynote

Learn to love your teenagers and count them as a blessing. Rachel Kelly successfully navigated this challenging stage with her five children and shares the lessons learned so other parents may benefit from this new and inspiring perspective.

Description

We live in a time of huge worry about our teenagers and their mental health - from fears of a phone-obsessed adolescence to concerns about an offline world of bullying and drugs, not to mention gender identity. But what if we parents don't need to be so fearful? What if our teenagers are a gift we can all learn from?

In this authoritative book by an established mental health writer with advice from experts in the field, Rachel Kelly shares how bringing up her **five** children in an anxious age, and her work for ten years with young people in schools and at universities, has led to her own psychological growth. Raising resilient teenagers begins with becoming a more resilient - and better informed - parent, someone who has learned to manage their own emotions, become aware of their parenting style, and understand the world our teenagers are growing up in.

Thus armed, we can engage with our adolescents better and discover how they, and their brains, work (short answer: not always like us!). The book also offers psychologically helpful (and evidence-based) approaches for supporting our teenagers, from personal relationships to navigating social media. Whisper it, but it might even be a fun ride.

Sales Points

- A new and optimistic approach to parenting teenagers, with a fresh look at how their brain works. It focuses on the hope and enjoyment they bring you rather than the doom and gloom. It's an opportunity to change the narrative and empower parents to enjoy their teenagers rather than managing and controlling them. This is a positive journey for both.
- 2. Practical, evidence based, and authoritative resource for anyone navigating this challenging time. Tackling challenges than no previous generation before has had to face: gaming obsessions, social media and online bullying, drugs, and gender identity to name a few, so parents can be better equipped to deal with them. The author shares real life experience of navigating these challenges with her five children, delivering details of her own personal journey with warmth.
- The Author **Rachel Kelly** is a bestselling writer, public speaker and mental health advocate. She writes frequently for *The Sunday Times*, *The Telegraph*, *The Observer, The Spectator,* and *Tatler* plus writes regular columns on emotional well-being for *The Tablet* and *The Idler* magazines. In her role as an ambassador for several mental health charities, she also gives TV and radio interviews to help educate and break down the stigma around mental illness, drawing on evidence-based strategies on how to stay calm and well. Rachel speaks at events and wellbeing workshops, sharing her motivational and holistic approach to good mental health, is an official ambassador for Rethink Mental Illness, HeadTalks, SANE, BrainWaves, Compassion Matters and The Counselling Foundation, and is an affiliate of King's College London for her work on mental health awareness and as host of the Inspire the Mind interviews. She was named as one of the top five influencers on mental health in January 2023 by the Cardinal Clinic, a chain of private mental health hospitals Website Twitter https://www.instagram.com/rachelfkelly/?hl=en.
- Building on success of her five previous books covering her experience of depression, recovery and her steps to wellbeing -- from poetry to nutrition -- including the *Sunday Times* best-selling memoir ***Black Rainbow*** *(*Yellow Kite/Hodder*)*,***Walking on Sunshine: 52 Small Steps to Happiness* (S&S)** ; ***The Happy Kitchen: Good Mood Food*** (S&S) ; ***Singing in the Rain: An Inspirational Workbook*** (Short Books), and, ***You'll Never Walk Alone: Poems for Life's Ups and Downs***, published in 2022 by Yellow Kite.

Author Biography

Rachel Kelly is a best selling writer, speaker, mental health advocate and former *Times* journalist. She has written five books sharing her experience of depression and evidence-based strategies that have helped her feel better - everything from cooking to poetry to mindfulness to exercise. She has spoken all over the world from Delhi to Sydney, America and across the UK. Her books are published in over 10 countries and she is an official ambassador for mental health charities Rethink Mental Illness, SANE and The Counselling Foundation. She is the mother of three boys and two girls, all now grown-up.

Dr Carla Croft is a clinical psychologist who runs clinical psychology in four London hospitals and is a mother of two boys and a girl. This is her first book.



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The Children of Hiroshima
The True Story Of How I Searched For My Family In The Ruins Of The City

Sadako Teiko Okuda

Keynote

The incredible, heart-breaking and poignant diary of a woman searching for her niece and nephew in the aftermath of the Hiroshima bomb.

Description

The little boy did not cry or speak. He just stood there and stared at me intensely. With great effort I stood up and tested to see if I could walk with my injured foot. When I did, he came to stand even closer to me and, without saying a word, grabbed my little finger very tightly.

Sadako Teiko Okuda was living in Osaki-shimo, an island off the mainland of Japan, when the bomb hit Hiroshima on the 6th of August 1945. Even sixty kilometers from the city, it was clear something horrific had happened. There was a blinding flash and the window next to Sadako smashed, a shard of glass leaving a painful burn on her neck. Soon, news came that her niece and nephew who lived in Hiroshima were missing. There was only one thing she could do - leave the relative safety of the island and set off into the city to find them.

In the seven long days that followed, Sadako roamed the ruins of the city, desperately hoping that she would catch sight of her family and in the meantime coming across dozens of other children who were alone, distraught and in pain. Carrying only water and a little medicine, she did her best to nurse the children and offer what care, compassion and tenderness she could in unimaginable circumstances. And in turn, they helped her to find hope in the very darkest of times.

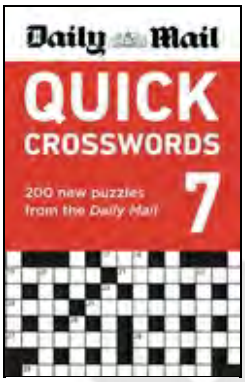
Told simply and powerfully in daily diary entries, *The Children of Hiroshima* is an extraordinary and deeply moving human story of loss, innocence and hope.

Sales Points

- **COMPS:** This book will publish a year on from *The Doctor of Hiroshima* which has sold 11,500 paperback copies to date, and appeals to the same market as *The Twins of Auschwitz* (142,000+ copies) and *A Gypsy in Auschwitz* (74,000 copies).
- **80TH ANNIVERSARY**: August 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs, which will be a major event no doubt accompanied by news and TV coverage. We publish ahead of the August anniversary so will be well placed to capture readers who want to read a visceral, 1st person account of the event.
- **OPPENHEIMER EFFECT**: Following the enormous success of the Christopher Nolan film *Oppenheimer*, there was a growing interest in accounts of Hiroshima told from the perspective of its victims. *The Children of Hiroshima* is a 1st person diary narrative of the days immediately following the bomb and is therefore very special, as well as increasingly rare since many of the people who survived the bomb and it's aftermath are now passing away.

Author Biography

Born in Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan, in 1914, Okuda was teaching sewing on a small island some 35 miles off Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945. Even from that distance, both her sight and hearing on her right side were permanently damaged. From 1960 and until her retirement, she taught home economics at a non-traditional high school in Yamagata Prefecture, Japan.



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200 new puzzles from the Daily Mail

Daily Mail

Keynote
A brand new collection of 200 quick-fire crosswords from the *Daily Mail.*

Description
Seeking some quick brain stimulation?

Want to test your analytical skills?

The *Daily Mail* is back with a brand new collection of 200 quick-fire crosswords across a wide range of difficulties.

Whether you're on your commute, or simply looking for an activity to pass the time, these fiendish puzzles are guaranteed to entertain any crossword fan.

Sales Points
- **SALES FIGURES:** The *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.
- **PUZZLE POPULARITY:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Reviews
- 'Very entertaining.' - Anne Heggestad
- 'Helps to keep ones mind active.' - Tony Golland

Author Biography
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The Children of Eve
A Charlie Parker Thriller

John Connolly

Keynote

The ghosts of Charlie Parker's past watch over him as danger moves ever closer, in this spellbinding new novel in the number one bestselling series.

Description

The brand new Charlie Parker thriller.

Wyatt Riggins, the boyfriend of rising Maine artist Zetta Nadeau, has gone missing, leaving behind a cell phone containing a single-word message: RUN.

Private investigator Charlie Parker is hired to find out why Riggins has fled, and from whom.

Parker discovers that Riggins, an ex-soldier, has been involved in the abduction of four children from Mexico: three girls and a boy, all belonging to the cartel boss Blas Urrea - except Urrea's family is safe and well in Mexico, which means the abductees cannot be his children. Yet whoever they are, Urrea wants them back, and has dispatched his agents to secure them, even if it means butchering everyone who stands in their way.

One of those agents is Eugene Seeley, a clever, ruthless solver of other men's problems. The other is an unknown woman.

Every child has a mother. Now Charlie Parker will face one unlike any other, and learn the terrifying truth about the Children of Eve.

Praise for John Connolly:

'John Connolly is the creator of a unique blend of thriller and horror who receives rave reviews every time' ***Sunday Telegraph***
'One of the best thriller writers we have' **Harlan Coben**
'Dark and dangerous ... but where there is also kindness, loyalty, love' ***Irish Examiner***
'To my mind, Connolly is Ireland's Stephen King' Matt Nixson, *The Express*

Sales Points

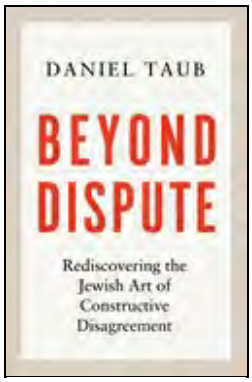
- **TOP TEN BESTSELLER:** The Charlie Parker series is highly acclaimed across the world and every book has been a *Sunday Times* bestseller.
- **SIGNIFICANT SALES GROWTH**: *The Instruments of Darkness* delivered growth in all formats, remained in the hardback chart for three weeks, and has achieved strong ongoing sales.
- **AUTHOR TOUR ON PUBLICATION:** John has a devoted fan base and he will tour the UK and Ireland.
- **EXTENSIVE AND ALWAYS-ON BACKLIST ACTIVITY**: targeting the series entry titles to bring new readers to John's body of work.
- **CONSUMER INSIGHT DRIVING GROWTH:** market research has informed a change in packaging and a focus on attracting a female crime readership.

Author Biography

John Connolly is author of the Charlie Parker mysteries, *The Book of Lost Things* and *The Land of Lost Things,* the Samuel Johnson novels for young adults and, with his partner, Jennifer Ridyard, co-author of the *Chronicles of the Invaders.* John Connolly's debut - EVERY DEAD THING - introduced the character of Private Investigator Charlie Parker, and swiftly launched him right into the front rank of thriller writers. All his subsequent novels have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers. In 2007 he was awarded the Irish Post Award for Literature. He was the first non-American writer to win the US Shamus award and the first Irish writer to win an Edgar award. BOOKS TO DIE FOR, which he edited with Declan Burke, was the winner of the 2013 Anthony, Agatha and Macavity awards for Best Non-Fiction work.

Market

For fans of Catriona Ward, Stephen King and Karin Slaughter.



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Beyond Dispute
Rediscovering the Jewish art of constructive disagreement

Daniel Taub

Keynote

A challenging and insightful guide on how to argue better, from an international peace negotiator and diplomat who's been at the heart of some of the world's toughest situations.

Description

Fiercely divisive times call for radically different arguments.

In our age of seemingly irreconcilable differences, argument is increasingly seen as a plague to be avoided or a contest to be won. Daniel Taub, an experienced peace negotiator and diplomat, argues that ancient Jewish wisdom offers a third way. Drawing from this tradition, and from his own experience at the heart of some of the world's toughest negotiations, in Beyond Dispute he makes the case for a radically different approach to help us come closer to truth and to each other.

This approach sees argument not as a combat zone but as a joint enterprise, and its disputants not as jealous custodians of competing truths, but collaborative explorers. It seeks to create safe spaces not by outlawing controversial opinions but by welcoming them, and it offers a set of practical tools to rethink our own preconceptions. In fractious times it charts a way to build communities and societies that are resilient enough to face new and challenging ideas without fear.

Weaving ancient insights with contemporary research in conflict resolution, as well as behind-the-scenes personal stories of diplomacy and negotiations, Beyond Dispute is a passionate call to rediscover and harness the vital and surprising power of a good argument.

Sales Points

- Daniel Taub is a respected diplomat and peace negotiator with many international links and contacts across the UK, Israel and the US
- A GOOD ARGUMENT combines a popular non-fiction approach with fascinating stories from the world of international negotiation and deep insights into ancient Jewish wisdom which will be of interest to Jewish, Christian and general readers alike.
- Daniel visits the UK regularly and has links in the political, cultural and media spheres including Tony Blair and David Cameron. He has many contacts in the Jewish community and also with church leaders including Nicky Gumbel, creator of the Alpha Course.
- Daniel visits the US regularly, giving multiple talks (3-4 per day) in a couple of major centres on each trip (eg. Boston and Chicago, LA and San Fran) at universities and to non-profits.
- In Israel, Daniel lectures and runs Difficult Conversations labs at Israeli universities and gives talks to businesses as well as for religious and cultural groupings.

Reviews

- 'Our debates have become truly toxic, making it hard to understand the positions and outlooks of others, as each group and sector closes itself off and the walls of divisiveness and hostility grow only higher. In today's divisive climate, the approach Daniel Taub offers, that it is actually in difference that the potential for inspiration and creative thinking lies, is as vital as the air we breathe.' - *Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel*
- 'We have stopped speaking to each other, because we have also stopped listening. *A Good Argument* mines the richness of one of the world's most ancient traditions for wisdom about one of our most pressing current problems. Like Daniel Taub himself, this book makes us clearer thinkers, better listeners and more optimistic about the world it is still not too late to fashion.' - *Daniel Gordis, author of WE STAND DIVIDED and IMPOSSIBLE TAKES LONGER*
- 'A timely and inspiring book speaking directly to one of the greatest challenges of our time. A wonderful combination of big-picture wisdom and nitty-gritty practical advice. No-one is better positioned to speak to this issues with hard earned wisdom and menschly humanity.' - *Nancy Katz, Professor of Public Policy Emeritus, Harvard University*
- 'Combining deep knowledge of Jewish tradition with decades of experience as a senior diplomat, Daniel Taub has written a book that is erudite, insightful and unexpectedly hopeful. With its understanding of the power of story to touch the places logic alone cannot reach, it offers an approach to conflict - whether between nations or within a family - that is both readable and practical. It's part Malcolm Gladwell, part Talmudic essay and completely compelling.' - *Jonathan Freedland, author of THE ESCAPE ARTIST: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World*

Author Biography

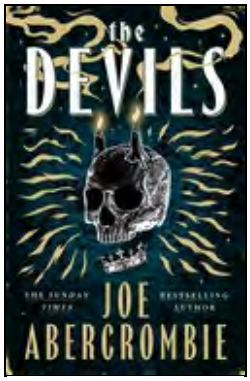


Daniel Taub is a diplomat and international lawyer. He has represented Israel in peace negotiations with its neighbours and as Ambassador to the United Kingdom. He lectures widely about conflict resolution in foreign ministries and universities around the world. He is an accredited mediator and runs difficult conversation laboratories bringing together participants from different ideological backgrounds.

Taub has written drama for Israeli television and theatre and for the London stage. A popular lecturer on biblical texts, he is the author of *Parasha Diplomatit*, a collection of diplomatic insights on the Bible. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Zehava. They have six children.

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The Devils
2025's epic fantasy sensation – prepare for a wickedly dark and twisted adventure

Joe Abercrombie

Keynote

The first epic adventure in a brand-new fantasy series from from legendary bestseller Joe Abercrombie.

Description

Europe stares into the abyss.

Plague and famine stalk the land, monsters lurk in every shadow and greedy princes care for nothing but their own ambitions. Only one thing is certain: the elves will come again, and they will eat everyone.

Sometimes, only the darkest paths lead towards the light. Paths on which the righteous will not dare to tread . . .

And so, buried beneath the sacred splendour of the Celestial Palace, is the secret Chapel of the Holy Expediency. For its congregation of convicted monsters there are no sins that have not been committed, no lines that will not be crossed, and no mission that cannot be turned into a disastrous bloodbath.

Now the hapless Brother Diaz must somehow bind the worst of the worst to a higher cause: to put a thief on the throne of Troy, and unite the sundered church against the coming apocalypse.

When you're headed through hell, you need the devils on your side.

Sales Points

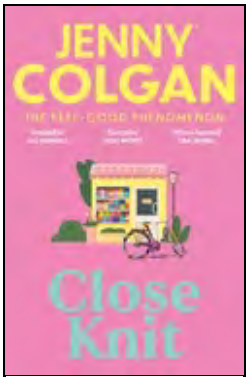
- All set to be one of the biggest fantasy releases of the decade, *The Devils* is Joe's first new adult fantasy series since his debut in 2006 so is the perfect entry point for readers who have never picked up one of his books before.
- Already a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author, Joe Abercrombie is an international bestseller in more than 25 languages, with a massive global fanbase that is only growing.
- His standalone novel *Best Served Cold* has been optioned for film and is currently in development directed by Tim Miller (*Deadpool*) and starring Rebecca Ferguson (*Dune*).
- *The Devils* will have a grand total of *four* hardback special editions.

Reviews

- 'An incredibly fun, incredibly action-packed and, by the end, incredibly affecting book' - *Tamsyn Muir*
- 'Joe Abercrombie is, to me, the undisputed master of creating deep, distinct characters that leap off the page, and never more so than in *The Devils*' - *Nicholas Eames*
- 'Deliciously wicked, surprisingly moving . . . [a] razor-sharp, genre-bending romp. Abercrombie's best to date' - *Christopher Buehlman*
- 'Abercrombie writes fantasy like no one else' - *The Guardian*
- 'A gore splattered roller coaster ride from start to finish. Probably the most fun you can have reading a fantasy novel' - *Anthony Ryan, New York Times bestselling author of A Tide of Black Steel*

Author Biography

Joe Abercrombie was born in Lancaster, England, studied psychology at Manchester University, and worked as an editor of documentaries and live music before his first book, *The Blade Itself*, was published in 2006. Two further instalments of the First Law trilogy, *Before They Are Hanged*, and *Last Argument of Kings*, followed, along with three standalone books set in the same world: *Best Served Cold, The Heroes* and *Red Country*. He has also written the Shattered Sea trilogy for young adults, the Age of Madness trilogy for old adults, and *Sharp Ends*, a collection of short stories. He lives in Bath, England, with his wife and three children.



Publication date	**Thursday, April 24, 2025**
Price	**£9.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier	**9781399745888**
BIC 2.1	**Romance (FR) Scotland (1DBKS) Family & relationships (VFV) Knitting & crochet (WFBS)**
Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
Extent	**368 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**
Not for Sale	**Can; USA**
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Author living in	**Edinburgh**
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Close Knit
the brilliant new, feel-good love story about the joy of knitting, community and love!

Jenny Colgan

Keynote

From the fifteen-million-copy global bestseller comes an uplifting, romantic novel about taking a chance to make a change ... and the opportunities that come along with it.

Description

Everyone knows her life story.
But who will win her heart?

Gertie has always wondered what her life would be like if she could pluck up the courage to leave the remote Scottish island where she was born.

It's the only place she's ever known, but it can be stifling. The glue of this community is the Knitting Circle, a group of strong, capable (and nosy) women who gossip, knit and support each other through thick and thin.

So when the chance comes for change - a new job, new friends and maybe even a new romance - a world of possibilities opens up for Gertie: if she can finally be brave enough to make her dreams come true.

Fifteen million copies sold. A readership that spans the world. It's time to fall in love with Jenny Colgan.

Your favourite authors love Jenny Colgan's novels:
'An evocative, sweet treat' **Jojo Moyes**
'Gorgeous, glorious, uplifting' **Marian Keyes**
'Irresistible' **Jill Mansell**
'Just lovely' **Katie Fforde**
'Naturally funny, warm-hearted' **Lisa Jewell**
'A gobble-it-all-up-in-one-sitting kind of book' **Mike Gayle**

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING BRAND MOVES TO HODDER:** A major new re-launch for a much-loved commercial women's fiction author.
- **GLOBAL BESTSELLING BRAND:** Jenny Colgan has been published in 30 languages and has written over 40 novels. Her titles have appeared in international bestseller charts over 30 times in 2023. She has sold 15 million copies to date.
- **DEDICATED, ALWAYS ON CAMPAIGN:** A carefully-targeted, high-profile campaign across women's media, brand partnerships and book clubs to delight women's fiction readers. Additional PR resource in Scotland.
- **AUDIENCE:** Extensive audience research and focus on early reader reviews to build on Jenny Colgan's loyal audience of existing readers.

Reviews

- 'Gorgeous, glorious, uplifting' - *MARIAN KEYES*

Author Biography

Jenny Colgan is the author of numerous *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling novels and has won various awards for her writing, including the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance, the RNA Romantic Novel of the Year Award and the RNA Romantic Comedy Novel of the Year Award. Her books have sold more than fifteen million copies worldwide and in 2015 she was inducted into the Love Stories Hall of Fame.
Jenny is married with three children and lives in Scotland.

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BIC 2.1	**General cookery & recipes (WBA) Main courses (WBVM) Desserts (WBVQ) Soups & starters (WBVD) Salads (WBVG)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**SSN (246x189)**
Extent	**208 pages**
Word Count	**35000 words**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Author living in	**Brighton, UK**
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Pull Up a Chair
Recipes for Gatherings Big and Small, Morning to Night

Martha Collison

Keynote

Effortless and unfussy recipes designed to be shared, from bestselling author and esteemed food writer Martha Collison.

Description

"This book is the perfect inspiration... I can't wait to cook every single page." Poppy O'Toole

"A truly lovely book. Heartwarming recipes that are achievable and delicious with little twists." Lisa Faulkner

Pull up a chair to Martha Collison's table, where the recipes are big on flavour with minimal fuss, making sharing food with friends easier than ever.

Whether you're looking for a weekend brunch spread, a little treat to share over coffee with a friend, a three-course extravaganza or a weeknight winner for two, Martha has got you covered. The recipes are all easy to follow, and produce delicious results without hours of effort in the kitchen.

Recipes include:
* Double chocolate marmalade cookies
* Hoisin sausage bake
* Hasselback halloumi and orange salad
* Sticky pomegranate brisket with vermicelli rice
* Drunken cherry affogato

"Martha has made me dozens of meals and every single one, without exception, has been utterly delicious." Graham Norton

"I would pull up a chair, a pew, a rug, anytime to feast on Martha's wonderful food." Helen Goh

"Everyone will be fighting for seat at your table with this delightful collection of recipes! Martha's recipes are easy to follow with deliciously gorgeous results, this book is a must-have if you love cooking and sharing food." Juliet Sear

Sales Points

- **WELL-ESTABLISHED AUTHOR.** Martha holds a regular column for *Waitrose Weekend* (2 mil unique readers per month), was shortlisted for a Guild of Food Writers award for recipe writing, has over 200k online followers and has appeared on *Saturday Kitchen* as both a chef and presenter.
- **SALES TRACK RECORD.** Martha has published two books already - *Twist* and *Crave* - which sold over 11,000 and 5,000 in the UK respectively. Twist was a *Sunday Times* bestseller for 3 weeks.
- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL.** 49% of Martha's engaged Instagram followers are in the US, where *The Great British Bake Off* has a devoted following.
- **TREND FOR EATING AND ENTERTAINING AT HOME.** In 2021 *Waitrose Food & Drink Report* found 25% of people planned to host more dinner parties, and John Lewis are now reporting rising sales in tablecloths, crockery and dining tables.
- **CONCEPT DRIVEN.** Seven clear chapters themed around different settings for entertaining make this a no-brainer purchase for anyone looking to do more cooking at home.

Reviews

- 'This book is the perfect inspiration to be the person you want to be in the kitchen - making fresh, homemade, beautiful, delicious dishes. *Pull Up a Chair* is the prettiest cookbook I have seen in a while and I can't wait to cook every single page.' - *Poppy O'Toole*
- 'What a truly lovely book. I really would love to take a seat and be fed by Martha! Heartwarming recipes that are achievable and delicious with little twists that make these dishes so very 'Martha'! I can't wait to cook from it.' - *Lisa Faulkner*
- 'Martha has made me dozens of meals and every single one, without exception, has been utterly delicious. These recipes strike the perfect balance between minimum fuss and maximum impact. The way Martha writes about food makes everything seem within your skill set no matter what sort of chef you are. The chair you pull up better be comfortable because you won't want to leave the table anytime soon!' - *Graham Norton*
- 'I would pull up a chair, a pew, a rug, anytime to feast on Martha's wonderful food.' -

Helen Goh



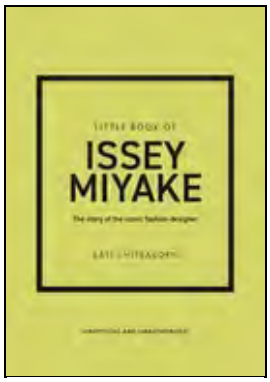
Author Biography

Martha Collison is a bestselling food writer and recipe creator. She has written three cookbooks, established a regular column for *Waitrose Weekend*, built a dedicated online following and become resident Show Chef on the *Graham Norton Radio Show* with Virgin Radio. She was also a finalist in the Guild of Food Writers Awards 2024, and has appeared on *Saturday Kitchen.*

In 2014, aged 17, she took part in the fifth series of *The Great British Bake Off* and remains the youngest ever contestant.

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Little Book of Issey Miyake
The story of the iconic fashion designer

Kati Chitrakorn

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Price	**£13.99 / ₹1150**
Main Identifier	**9781035420636**
BIC 2.1	**Individual designers (AKB)** **Fashion & style guides (WJF)** **Fashion & society (JFCK)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**180x125**
Depth	**18mm**
Extent	**160 pages**
Word Count	**11736 words**
Illustrations	**100 col/black and white photographs**
Series	**Little Books of Fashion**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**Japan**
Author living in	**London**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
Audio	**Refer to Publisher**
Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Keynote

A beautifully illustrated guide to the Japanese fashion designer.

Description

Research, innovation and experimentation formed the foundations of fashion futurist Issey Miyake's designs.

From his famous Pleats Please range to Steve Jobs's signature black turtleneck and Grace Jones's sculptural looks, Miyake's designs are produced with technology and designed for everyone, and redefined the notions of clothing and beauty. Through over 100 stunning photographs and expert text, *Little Book of Issey Miyake* explores the extraordinary vision and innovation of the Japanese design giant whose house continues to produce designs and techniques of the future.

Sales Points

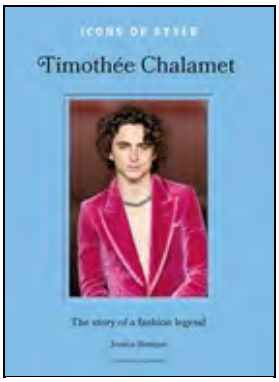
- The first Japanese designer in our Little Books of Fashion series, Issey Miyake died in August 2022 leaving a huge legacy that will be celebrated in this first small-format gift book on the designer.
- Images will include defining moments of his career including Pleats Please, collaborations with artists - including personal heroes like Isamu Noguchi and Irving Penn - and the founding of his house in the 1970s.
- The *Little Books of Fashion* series has sold over 4 million copies with rights sold in 23 territories worldwide, with this new addition following in its footsteps.

Author Biography

Kati Chitrakorn is a fashion and beauty journalist. She was previously the acting fashion editor at the *Financial Times*. Prior, she was a senior editor at *Vogue Business*, Condé Nast's first business media title. She has also worked at the *Business of Fashion*, *WWD* and the *International Herald Tribune*.

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BIC 2.1	**Fashion & style guides (WJF)** **Gift books (WZG)** **History of fashion (AKTH)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**194x140**
Extent	**224 pages**
Word Count	**14804 words**
Illustrations	**N/A**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**New York**
Author living in	**East London**
1st Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial	**Refer to Publisher**
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Icons of Style: Timothée Chalamet
The story of a fashion legend

Jessica Bumpus

Keynote

An exploration of a fashion icon from art-house to box office hits.

Description

Whether gracing the red carpet for his latest art-house role or blockbuster movie, Timothée Chalamet has made a name for himself with his daring styling and fashion-forward choices.

From a Juun.J leather boilersuit on the *Dune 2* press tour, to Haider Ackermann sweats at the Met Gala, Timothée is forever pushing boundaries. Through photographs of all his key looks and in-depth text exploring each ensemble, *Icons of Style* explores the wardrobe evolution of Hollywood's most wanted leading man. Embracing technical tailoring, bright colours and bold accessories - from sequin harnesses to his signature black stomper boots - Timothée has shifted our understanding of traditional menswear in the modern age and cemented himself as a true fashion visionary.

Sales Points

- His most recent movie, *Dune 2*, premiered in March 2024, and his impressive press tour looks included outfits by Gucci, Prada, Haider Ackermann and Korean designer Juun. J.
- Huge engagement on Instagram with 19.7M followers and on X with 2M followers.
- A beautifully illustrated guide to Timothée Chalamet's style evolution, key looks and stand out pieces.
- The *Icons of Style* series has sold over 137,000 copies and 6 languages so far.

Author Biography

Jessica Bumpus is an author and freelance fashion journalist, and the former Fashion Features Editor at *British Vogue* online (2007-2015). She has written for the *New York Times International*, the *Financial Times*, *THE WEEK FASHION*, *ELLE USA, Vogue US, NYLON, CNN Style, Konfekt, Something About Rocks, Maybourne Magazin*e and *Twin magazine*, among others. She has also been a guest speaker and panellist at a variety of talks and events, including Craft Week and for SHOWstudio. She is the author of *Little Book of Dolce & Gabbana*.

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BIC 2.1	**Fashion & style guides (WJF)** **Gift books (WZG)** **History of fashion (AKTH)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**194x140**
Extent	**224 pages**
Word Count	**16961 words**
Illustrations	**100 full colour photographs**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Book locale	**USA**
Author living in	**London**
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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Icons of Style: Beyoncé
The story of a fashion legend

Lauren Cochrane

Keynote

Explore the key looks of one of the world's biggest superstars, and the stories behind them.

Description

From her Destiny's Child days through to her Renaissance era and the arrival of Cowboy Carter, Queen Bey's destiny was always to be fashion royalty.

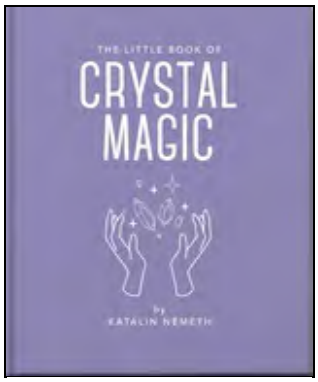
Through stunning photographs and expert text, *Icons of Style* captures Beyoncé's most iconic and defining looks from the Met Gala to the Super Bowl and countless tours and red-carpet appearances in between. From bejewelled gowns and bodysuits to chaps and fur coats, it's no wonder fans are Crazy in Love for the bestselling artist's looks.

Sales Points

- With this beautiful guide to her style trajectory, key looks and signature pieces, dive into the stunning world of Beyoncé's style.
- Huge engagement online with 319M followers on Instagram
- She has just released her eighth studio album 'Cowboy Carter'. She is due to release another album in this series in the next few years.
- The *Icons of Style* series has sold over 137,000 copies and 6 languages so far.

Author Biography

Lauren Cochrane is Senior Fashion Writer of *The Guardian* and Editor of *CircleZeroEight*. She contributes to publications including *The Face, ELLE, Service95*, and *Mr Porter*. Based in London, Lauren covers everything from catwalk shows to art exhibitions and pop culture. She is also author of *The Ten: The Stories Behind the Fashion Classics* and her current favourite Beyonce song is 'Upgrade U'.



Publication date	**Thursday, May 08, 2025**
Price	**£6.99 / ₹550**
Main Identifier	**9781035422548**
BIC 2.1	**Gift books (WZG) Popular psychology (VSP) Mysticism, magic & ritual (VXW)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**137x113**
Extent	**192 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

The Little Book of Crystal Magic

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

An introductory guide to the magical powers of crystals.

Description

The Little Book of Crystal Magic is your must-have companion to unlocking the mystical world of crystal magic and enhancing your daily life. Dive into the transformative realm of crystal energy, with a breakdown of the benefits and unique properties of each crystal to empower you with the knowledge needed to wield their individual powers. Whether you're drawn to the calming vibes of jade or the intuitive energies of moonstone, this book will guide you through the enchanting world of crystal magic.

Learn how to channel and focus crystal energy to harmonize your chakras and align your intentions. Discover magical remedies tailored to your specific needs, explore ideal crystal combinations for cultivating positive vibrations in your life, and experience a profound connection with your mind, body, and spirit. This *Little Book of Crystal Magic* handbook is a beginner's gateway to holistic wellness and spiritual enrichment through the captivating realm of crystal energy.

Sales Points

- Sits alongside other Little Books, including Calm, Positive Affirmations, Crystals, Lunar Blessings, and Astrology.
- The perfect self-purchase or gift for anyone with an interest in crystals, or anyone looking to reclaim some power in their lives.
- Crystals continue to be hugely popular, with celebrities like Victoria Beckham, Adele and Kate Hudson swearing by their powers in recent years.
- In a time when the world feels chaotic and challenging, channeling the power of crystals' magic is a way to reclaim power and positive energy.

Author Biography

The **Orange Hippo!** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.

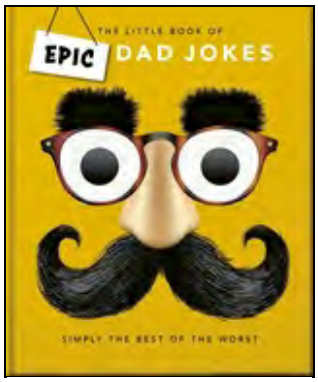
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BIC 2.1	**Gift books (WZG)** **Father's Day (5HF)**
Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**137x113**
Depth	**20mm**
Extent	**192 pages**
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

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The Little book of Epic Dad Jokes
The Worse They Are, The Better They Are

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A pocket-sized tome of legendary eye-rolling humour.

Description

... And we're back!

Dads, we see you. In a perpetual state of "Dad Mode", juggling work, family, an inexplicable desire to nap on the couch, and the sad notion that you've run out of corny jokes that seem to leave only you in stitches. But you couldn't be more wrong. *The Little Book of Epic Dad Jokes* is a rib-tickling collection of the laugh-out-loud humour (otherwise known as the timeless art of dad jokes) that you've been waiting for. From classic one-liners to clever puns, this little book is packed with jokes that are guaranteed to make you chuckle (or groan) even more than last time.

With more than 175 side-splitting jokes contained in this pocket-sized tome, this little book is powerfully packed with wholesome fatherly humour that will have Dads embracing their role as the king of jokes (even if it's as cheesy as a slice of extra-large pizza).

Sales Points

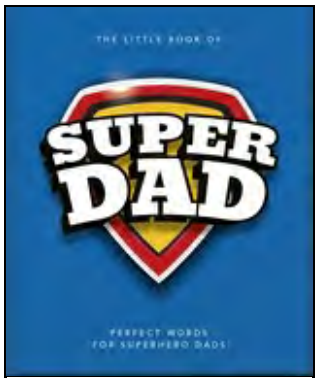
- The follow-up to *Little Book of Dad Jokes and Ultimate Dad Jokes*, this is packed with even more jokes that are worse than ever... which means they're better than ever.
- Joke books are constantly popular, and this makes a perfect birthday or Father's Day present.
- Sits alongside other Little Books such as *Dad Jokes*, *Christmas Jokes*, and *Ultimate Dad Jokes.*

Author Biography

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BIC 2.1	**Gift books (WZG)** **Father's Day (5HF)**
Binding	**Hardback**
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Extent	**192 pages**
Word Count	
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The Little Book of SuperDad
Perfect Words for Superhero Dads

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A celebration of the heroic humour and heartwarming moments of fatherhood.

Description

The Little Book of Super Dad is a delightful tribute to the unsung superheroes of everyday life. Dive into the hilarious and heartwarming world of super Dads, with laugh-out-loud stories and relatable anecdotes that showcase the unique charm of Dads, because, let's face it, whether they're imparting questionable life lessons or attempting daring feats of backyard engineering, Dads have a knack for turning ordinary moments into extraordinary memories (and sometimes epic fails).

Whether you're a dad in need of a good chuckle or someone who appreciates the comedic genius of fatherly wisdom, *The Little Book of Super Dad* is your ticket to a rollicking good time. Treat yourself or the super Dad in your life to this uplifting book and celebrate the true superheroes of family life!

Sales Points

- Sits alongside other similar Little Books, including Mom, Dad, Fathers and Sons, and Grandmother's Love.
- With dads being more hands-on than ever before, this is a timely celebration of the role dads play and the positive impact they can have.
- Published in time for UK and US Father's Day 2025, this is the perfect gift for Super Dads everywhere.

Author Biography

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Binding	**Hardback**
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The Little Guide to Hermès Style to Live By

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A guide to the timelessness of one of the most prestigious fashion brands.

Description

From the iconic Birkin and Kelly bags to the legendary silk scarves and equestrian-inspired accessories, Hermès has left an indelible mark in the fashion world. Explore the unparalleled artistry behind Hermès' most coveted creations and delve into the brand's rich heritage, spanning over 180 years of impeccable design and savoir-faire in this *Little Guide to Hermès*.

Following Thierry Hermès' path from a skilled harness-maker to the founder of a prestigious luxury brand, this little book is a celebration of his dedication to quality and innovation that earned him the patronage of European nobility and established Hermès as a symbol of equestrian excellence.

Beyond fashion, uncover Hermès' influence on art, culture and the luxury industry at large. From its prestigious perfumes to its renowned leather goods, Hermès continues to set the standard for sophistication and refinement.
Whether you're a seasoned fashion enthusiast, a collector of luxury goods, or simply captivated by the allure of timeless elegance, *The Little Guide to Hermès* is the perfect companion to explore the beauty and craftsmanship of one of the world's most iconic luxury brands.

Sales Points

- Sits alongside the other Little Guides to fashion, including Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent, Chanel, and Louis Vuitton.
- Hermés is one of the most recognized and respected fashion brands in the world.
- Hermès' Birkin bag has become the stuff of legend, making headlines in 2024 due to the difficulty in buying one.
- The perfect gift for any fashion fan or aspiring Hermès buyer.

Author Biography

The **Orange Hippo!** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.



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The Little Guide to Valentino Style to Live By

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A captivating journey into the world of one of fashion's most iconic figures.

Description

Delve into the visionary mind of Valentino Garavani and discover the story behind the legendary fashion house that bears his name. *The Little Guide to Valentino* explores Valentino's unparalleled creativity, from his early days in Italy to becoming a global fashion powerhouse.

With quotes and facts from and about Valentino, discover how his innate talent and impeccable taste propelled him to the forefront of haute couture, where he redefined luxury with his signature aesthetic of timeless elegance and captivated the world with groundbreaking designs such as the "Valentino Red" and the "Rockstud Shoes", and bold, block colours.

Whether you're a fashion enthusiast, entrepreneur or admirer of artistic brilliance, *The Little Guide to Valentino* is a must-have celebration of the life and achievements of a true visionary, whose name remains synonymous with style, grace and unparalleled craftsmanship

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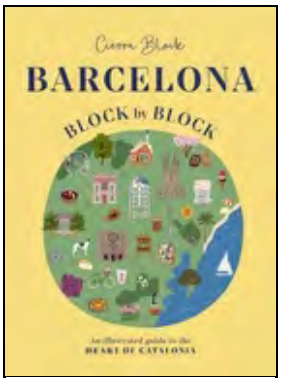
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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**185x135**
Extent	**176 pages**
Word Count	**24125 words**
Illustrations	**Over 100 colour line drawings supplied by author**
Series	**Block by Block**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**
Author living in	**London, UK**
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Dramatisation and documentary	**Refer to Publisher**
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Barcelona, Block by Block
An Illustrated Guide to the Heart of Catalonia

Cierra Block (Illustrated By Cierra Block)

Keynote

A guide to the unmissable places to go, covering everything from restaurants to boutiques, galleries to parks, all illustrated with 50 of Cierra Block's distinctive maps.

Description

For anyone who loves Barcelona - whether you're a first-time tourist or a lifetime local - this is the book for you.

From museums and markets to bakeries and boutiques, artist Cierra Block unlocks the secrets of the city in *Barcelona Block by Block.* Vibrantly illustrated and packed with insider-knowledge on the most notable places to eat, what to see, where to walk and what to do, this is a guide like no other.

Discover the masterpieces of Gaudí, explore breathtaking beaches or indulge in *churros con chocolate* - the options are endless! Find out how to navigate the Gothic Quarter like a pro, immerse yourself in iconic architecture and track down the very best tapas in town with *Barcelona Block by Block,* a stunning guide to one of the most loved cities in the world.

Sales Points

- The follow-up to 2022's *London Block by Block*, 2023's *New York Block by Block* and 2024's *Paris Block by Block*, this book will be an inspiration for all, whether it's your first visit to the city, a seasoned traveller or an all-your-life local. That's the wonderful thing about Barcelona - there's always more to explore!
- An all-encompassing guide to Barcelona and its neighbourhoods, whether you're a first-time explorer, a repeat visitor or a life-long local.
- Barcelona regularly features on lists of the most-visited cities in Europe, and is renowned worldwide for its art, culture and food.
- With 50 hand-painted maps by Cierra, showing the locations of key places and capturing the character of each area.
- Highly giftable, whether planning the trip of a lifetime, a souvenir from a holiday or for a Spain-loving friend.

Author Biography

Cierra Block is an artist, illustrator and city lover. Her art is bold, eye-catching and instantly engaging. With 26k followers on Instagram and a successful website, London Block by Block, her popularity is continuing to grow. This is the fourth book in the series: *London Block by Block (*2022), *New York Block by Block* (2023), and *Paris Block by Block* (2024).

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Binding	**Hardback**
Format	**283x245**
Extent	**176 pages**
Word Count	**65075 words**
Illustrations	**Approx. 200 colour and b/w photgraphs**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World**
Not for Sale	**None**

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The Official History of the Tour de France (2025) Revised and Updated

Luke Edwardes-Evans, Serge Laget, Andy McGrath

Keynote

Fully revised and updated for 2025, this is a lavish celebration of one of the greatest annual sporting events, featuring more than 300 photos.

Description

A lavish, illustrated companion to the Tour de France that makes for the perfect gift for any cycling fan.

The Official History of the Tour de France - **fully revised and updated for 2025** - is a celebration of one of the greatest annual sporting events on the planet, and the premier competition in world cycling.

Through **more than 300 photographs**, rarely seen documents and items of **memorabilia**, this book covers **more than a century of fascinating stories** about the Tour and its many iconic features, from the gruelling challenges of its mountain climbs to its unmistakable yellow jersey.

This revised and updated edition includes an authoritative narrative account of each major era, from the origins of the event in the early 20th century, right up to and including the thrilling 2024 Tour. There are features on superstar cyclists and memorable moments from each period of the Tour's rich history, plus a foreword from **legendary Tour de France champion Bernard Hinault**. A must-read for cycling fans everywhere, this is the definitive illustrated book on the Tour.

Sales Points

- **Fully updated** to include the 2023 and 2024 editions of the Tour de France.
- An **official publication** produced with ASO - the organisers of the Tour de France and publishers of *L'Equipe*, the famous French sports daily newspaper.
- **Cycling super event:** The Tour is the pinnacle of the road cycling world, and the flagship event on the sport's calendar.
- **Global audience:** The Tour de France is broadcast in 190 countries around the world, with a social following of 11.6 million fans. It also claims the largest worldwide attendance for any sporting event.
- **Foreword** by five-time winner and Tour Ambassador Bernard Hinault.

Author Biography

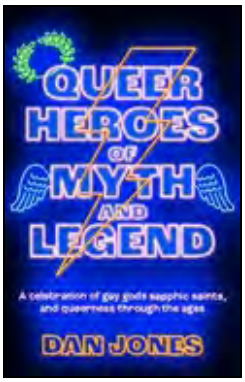
Luke Edwardes-Evans is a freelance writer who regularly contributes articles to *Cycling Weekly*. He is the author of *The Official Tour de France Bike Maintenance Book* and co-author (with Serge Laget) of the best-selling *Official Treasures of the Tour de France*.

Serge Laget has covered the Tour as a journalist for *L'Equipe* newspaper since 1987. He has written many books on cycling, including *Le Cyclisme*, *La Saga du Tour de France* and *La Belle Epoque du Cyclisme*. He lives in Paris.

Andy McGrath is a staff writer for *Cycling Weekly* and *Cycle Sport* magazines. He has covered the Tour de France, Tour of Italy and the sport's big one-day Classics.

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Binding	**Paperback**
Format	**B Format**
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Queer Heroes of Myth and Legend
A celebration of gay gods, sapphic saints, and queerness through the ages

Dan Jones

Keynote

Featuring 50 profiles and select B&W illustrated portraits, *Queer Heroes of Myth & Legend* is a celebration of gay gods and goddesses, sapphic saints, misunderstood mermen, lesbians of legend and transgender trailblazers.

Description

Hidden in the margins of history books, classical literature, and thousands of years of stories, myths and legends, through to contemporary literature, TV and film, there is a diverse and other-worldly super community of queer heroes to discover, learn from, and celebrate.

Be captivated by stories of forbidden love like Patroclus & Achilles (explored in Madeleine Miller's bestseller *Song of Achilles*), join the cult of Antinous (inspiration for Oscar Wilde), get down with pansexual god Set in Egyptian myth, and fall for Zimbabwe's trans God Mawi. And from modern pop-culture, through Dan Jones's witty, upbeat style, learn more about 90s fan obsessions *Xena: Warrior Princess* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* and the BBC's *Doctor Who*.

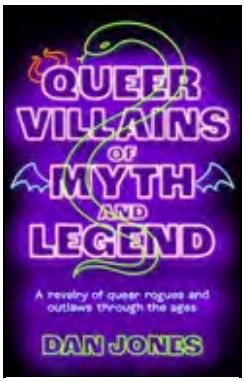
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Sales Points

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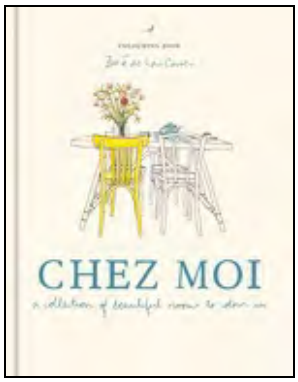
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Chez Moi
A collection of beautiful rooms to colour in

Zoé de Las Cases

Keynote

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With thick, creamy paper and coloured thread binding, *Chez Moi* is a beautiful gift for any interiors enthusiast. This joyful ode to the places we call home is a celebration of all things interior décor, and is sure to make you smile as you pick up your pens and pencils and bring these rooms to life.

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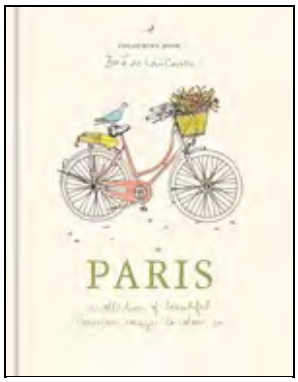
- **TRACK RECORD:** Mitchell Beazley have an excellent track record publishing high-end colouring books; the *Vogue Colouring Book* has sold more than 180k copies across its UK and US editions.
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Zoé de Las Cases is an illustrator, graphic designer and interiors decorator. She cultivates an art of living that combines a sense of style and decoration, in a joyful, playful and colourful universe. Zoé is the author of many books, including her popular adult colouring books which have seen great success both in France and internationally. She regularly collaborates with brands and creates stationery and home decorations under the Zoé de Las Cases brand. She lives with her husband and children between Paris and Normandy.

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With thick, creamy paper and coloured thread binding, *Paris* is a beautiful gift for anyone wanting to romanticize their life. This joyful ode to the French capital is chic, stylish and sure to make you smile as you pick up your pens and pencils and bring the streets of Paris to life.

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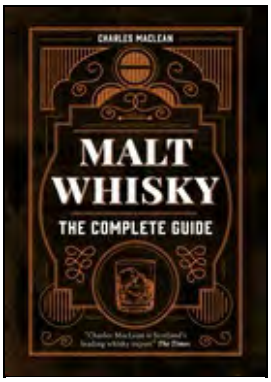
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Malt Whisky

Charles MacLean

Keynote

An essential guide to every aspect of malt whisky.

Description

Discover the wonderful world of malt whisky with Charles MacLean, one of the foremost authorities on Scottish whisky.

MacLean expertly unravels the whisky-making process, explaining how each stage - from distillation to maturation - shapes the distinct flavours and aromas of this iconic spirit. Learn how geography influences the unique character of individual malts, from the smoky depths of Islay to the floral notes of the Highlands.

Complete with an extensive A-Z directory, *Malt Whisky* features detailed profiles of all Scotland's distilleries, along with tasting notes on a curated selection of their finest whiskies. Navigate your whisky journey with full-colour maps pinpointing distillery locations and over 150 stunning photographs that bring the whisky-making process to life.

Enhance your whisky experience with MacLean's guidance on how to truly appreciate and evaluate the subtle nuances in every dram. This is an essential guide to every aspect of malt whisky, from Springbank to Ladyburn, Benromach to Kilchoman and beyond.

Malt Whisky includes chapters such as:

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- Whisky Regions
- Whisky Societies
- Visiting Distilleries

Author Biography

Scotland's leading whisky writer **Charles MacLean** was founding editor of *Whisky Magazine* and of Russian *Whisky*, and was for many years Contributing Editor of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society's Newsletter (where he also chairs the Nosing Panel and writes the tasting notes). He contributes frequently to magazines around the world and is Whisky Correspondent to *Scottish Field.* He is Whisky Consultant to Bonhams Auctioneers, and is also the host of a TV channel (accessed via the internet) dedicated to the world of whisky, www.singlemalt.TV. He is a member of the Judging Panel (Spirits) of the International Wines & Spirits Competition, and was made a Keeper of the Quaich in 1992 and elevated to Master of the Quaich in October 2009 - the whisky industry's highest accolade.

MacLean has published ten books on the subject, including *Scotch Whisky, Malt Whisky, Whisky: A Liquid History, Whisky Tales, Eyewitness Companion to Whisky, World Whiskies* and *Whiskypedia*.

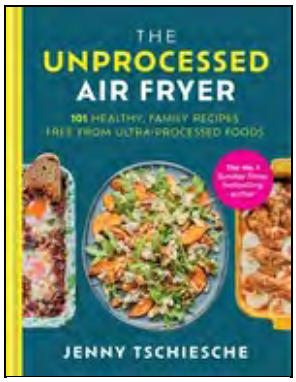
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The Unprocessed Air Fryer

Jenny Tschiesche

Keynote

101 healthy, unprocessed recipes for the whole family

Description

AS SEEN ON CHANNEL 5'S *THE AIR FRYER DIET: LOSE WEIGHT, COOK FAST* WITH CHERRY HEALEY

From the 260,000-copy-sellingauthor of *Air-Fryer Cookbook,* this is Jenny Tschiesche's ultimate guide to using the air fryer for home cooking. Make everything from fakeaways to fries, Sunday roasts to sweet treats - all without any ultra processed foods.

Contents include:
The Unprocessed Pantry: storecupboard staples and meal plans
Quick & Easy Lunches: Baked Eggs with Chorizo, Spinach & Tomato, Courgette Crust Mini-Quiches and the ultimate Bacon Baps
Midweek Meals: Cajun Chicken Skewers, Halloumi Baked Mushrooms, Lamb Kofta Burgers and Honey Glazed Salmon
Comfort Food: UPF-Free Scotch Eggs, Gnocchi Bake, Fish Fingers from scratch and Cheat's Chicken Kyiv
Eating with Friends: Baked Butternut Squash, Beetroot and Feta Tarts, Halloumi Caesar Salad
Fakeaways: Nandos Style Chicken Wings, Flatbread Pizzas, Chicken Tacos with Tomato Salsa
Sides: Roasted Aloo Gobi, Spicy Patatas Bravas, Maple Roasted Root Vegetables
Snacks: Apple Chips, Padron Peppers, Moroccan-Style Carrot Hummus, Cashew Butter
Desserts: Banana Muffins, Courgette Brownies, Fruit Crumble Pots and Individual Bread and Butter Puddings

UPFs make up more than half of the UK diet and are linked to obesity, cancer, diabetes and other chronic conditions. They are any foods that undergo multiple industrial processes and contain additives, such as emulsifiers, stabilisers and artificial colours.

Modern lifestyles make it difficult to find time to cook from scratch without the convenience of UPFs. For households who have learnt to rely on ultra processed and convenience foods, returning to home cooking can seem daunting, time-consuming and expensive.

However, the current popularity and ease of preparing and cooking food with an air fryer might just help you give up ultra processed foods for good!

Make quick and easy midweek meals, entertain friends with delicious Beetroot and Feta Tarts or a Miso Baked Salmon, and recreate your favourite KFC, Nando's or burgers with a dedicated Fakeaway chapter. A whole chapter on snacks and another on desserts shows that you can avoid UPFs easily without missing out on flavour or convenience.

Air Fryer Cookbook was a Sunday Times Bestseller on 30th July 2022

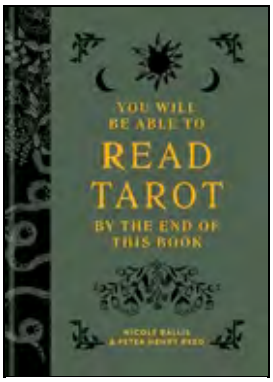
Sales Points

- Jenny Tschiesche's *Air Fryer Cookbook* and *Budget Air Fryer Cookbook* have collectively sold more than 260,000 copies
- Comparative title Chris van Tulleken's *Ultra-Processed People* has sold more than 180,000 copies, demonstrating a new wave of interest in ultra processed foods
- Among 35- to 44-year-olds, air fryers are *the* favourite cooking appliance, and 45% of UK households own an air fryer (Lakeland report). Nearly 60% of US households own one (Circana report)

Author Biography

Presenter and nutrition expert Jenny Tschiesche is a renowned speaker, content creator and bestselling author. She has a Foundation Degree and Diploma in Nutritional Therapy from Bedfordshire University and Institute of Optimum Nutrition. Jenny is an inspired and inventive cook who has worked with athletes, sporting bodies, people dealing with illness, parents, fussy eaters and children. She has helped thousands of clients and conducted seminars, workshops and lectures globally - in schools, at festivals, to corporates and to Olympians. As a gifted presenter, she is also a regular contributor to the national press, BBC radio and TV.

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You Will Be Able to Read Tarot by the End of This Book

Nicole Rallis & Peter Henry Reed

Keynote

A foolproof, highly accessible guide to understanding tarot from writer and illustrator @leila_olive, the latest addition to a series that has sold over 300, 000 copies to date.

Description

Incorporating beautiful botanical illustrations of all the cards in the major and minor arcana, alongside the Rider-Waite-Smith deck, this is a straightforward guide to everything you need to know about reading tarot, from a basic understanding of what each card means, all the way through to detailed readings to enrich your everyday life. Using flowers as an accessible, engaging starting point into tarot makes this the perfect handbook for navigating this centuries-old practice.

Chapter breakdown:

Introduction: Why tarot is important and how flowers offer the most accessible introduction to tarot
Section I: Seed - How to pull cards in a tarot spread
Section II: Sprout - How to read the cards of the Major Arcana
Section III: Bloom - How to read the cards of the Minor Arcana
Section IV: Harvest - How to read the tarot in full and renew growth with others

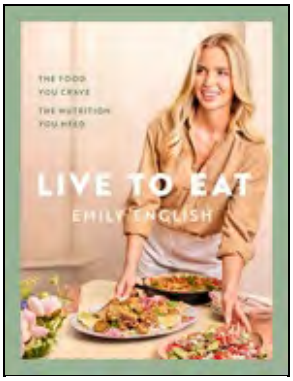
Sales Points

- **TAROT IS A PERSISTENT, RESILIENT TREND**: having experienced a pandemic resurgence, with 108 billion views on TikTok and a wealth of new publishing in this area: e.g. *Little Book of Tarot* has book scanned 36k TCM since 2019.
- **TWO SETS OF TAROT CARDS TO LEARN FROM:** the book features both the complete set of the most famous tarot deck in the world, Rider-Waite-Smith, as well as the authors' specially commissioned botanical tarot cards, providing a fresh, informative take on the subject.
- **EXHAUSTIVE APPROACH:** full colour spreads for each card of the major and minor arcana, as well as sample tarot readings and a guide to the history of tarot.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING**: the authors and illustrators have an Instagram following of 128,000.

Author Biography

Nicole Rallis (Author)
Nicole Rallis is an illustrator, gardener, and designer living in New England by way of New York City. Under her art brand, Leila + Olive, Nicole has devoted her lifelong enchantment with the union between nature and mystical transformation into building botanical inspired works. Her best-selling tools of divination, including the Pythia Botanica Oracle and Ophidia Rosa Tarot, have enchanted thousands of people across the world and have been featured in *NYLON*, *Teen Vogue*, and
Enchanted Living Magazine. She has 128,000 followers on Instagram @leila_olive

Peter Henry Reed (Author)
Peter Henry Reed is a writer and artist living in New England. Peter started his career as a music journalist in Berkeley, CA, with work cited by such publications as the *Guardian* and Rolling Stone, before expanding into the botanical roots of his childhood. He collaborates with Nicole Rallis on many creative endeavors, including the beloved Ad Orbita Tarot.



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Live to Eat
The food you crave, the nutrition you need

Emily English

Keynote

The No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author returns with an all-new collection of simple, delicious and nutritious recipes that make healthy eating a joy

Description

The No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *So Good*, Emily English (@Emthenutritionist), returns with a new collection of simple, nutritious recipes that you and your body will love.

In *Live to Eat*, Emily simplifies healthy eating with over 80 brand-new recipes that are not only nutritionally balanced, but easy-to prep and, most importantly, incredibly delicious. Sharing her knowledge with her millions of followers, Emily makes healthy eating a joy rather than a chore with accessible and achievable recipes grounded in nutritional science.

With recipes including breakfasts of Spiced Harissa Turkish Eggs and Olive Oil Honey Toasted Oats, lunches of Hot Smoked Salmon Potato Salad and Sticky Cashew Orange Slaw, dinners of Sea Bass with Crushed Piperade Potatoes and Simple Super Greens pasta, and sweet treats of Strawberry Shortcake loaf and Greek Yoghurt and Honey Panna Cotta, there's a recipe here to fill any occasion.

As well as incredible recipes, Emily outlines simple habits and routines to make living a healthy lifestyle second nature. This is your go-to guide for living a healthy life deliciously.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Emily's first book, *So Good*, was an instant No.1 *Sunday Times* and *Irish Times* bestseller, selling over 120,000 copies through UK TCM to date (and climbing). It spent 20 weeks in a row in the Sunday Times bestseller chart.
- **HUGE, FAST-GROWING PLATFORM:** Emily English has a rapidly growing following on social media, with over 1.7m followers on Instagram (up from 300k in April 2023) and 780,000 followers on TikTok. Her accounts gain thousands of followers each day.
- **ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE RECIPES:** Emily's recipes are incredibly user-friendly, with easy step-by-step guides that actually work and deliver delicious, colourful and nutritious meals every time. The ingredients for her recipes are easy to source from a range of supermarkets, making her dishes affordable for those on any budget.

Author Biography

Emily is a fully qualified, registered nutritionist with a degree from Kings College London. Her passion began from an early age through her family of cooks and chefs. Spending her childhood summers in the kitchen, with her school terms in the chemistry lab, Emily's curiosity grew for both what was on her plate and what was going on inside our bodies.

She continued her academic journey at the prestigious university Kings College London, ranked number 1 in the UK for nutritional sciences, where she flourished and discovered the true depth of the subject. Using her knowledge for both cooking food, nutrition and human physiology she can achieve incredible results in her private London clinic

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The Ultimate Guide to Auras
How to read, cleanse and shift your aura to change your life

Eileen Lee

Keynote

A beautifully designed, fully-illustrated guide to auras, chakras and colour energy from an expert aura photographer and reader.

Description

Curious about the colour of your aura and what it all means? The colours in your aura are so much more than simply a list of buzzwords based around your personality. They are the key to unlocking transformational growth.

This ultimate visual guide to auras explores how the colors found in your energy field relate to the chakra system, and ways to use your energetic subtle body to manifest your reality. Discover how color and your chakras can be used as tools in your everyday life to bring awareness back within, giving you the ability to understand your spiritual, emotional and physical self, and ultimately gives you the power to change your life.

We discuss practical ways to clear your aura, and shift your energy back into authentic alignment through breathwork exercises, creating an altar for your aura, working with crystals, journal prompts, and guided meditation.

You'll also learn chakra aura manifestation techniques, helping you find your power as you choose exactly who you want to show up as in this world.

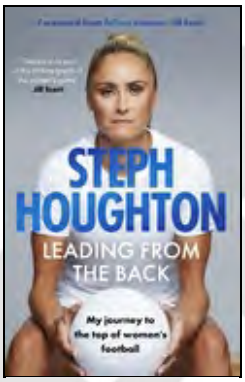
Sales Points

- **Highly giftable, stunningly illustrated** book containing everything you need to know about auras.
- Over the past year there has been a growing trend for people getting photographs of their aura, and the **'aura' aesthetic has been trending online for beauty and nails**.
- There is a **gap in the market for a comprehensive, illustrated guide** on this perennial new age topic.
- **Award-winning designer** - Designed by Evi O. Studio with stunning visuals throughout the book. Evi O. is a multi-disciplinary designer and artist with over 15 years award-winning industry experience.

Author Biography

Eileen Lee is a Detroit-based aura photographer and energetics researcher. A trailblazer in her field, Eileen's energetic expertise comes from extensive study of esoteric and modern day texts, along with her first-hand experience of documenting the human energy field. Since 2017, she's captured and interpreted tens of thousands of aura portraits in cities all over the United States.

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Leading From The Back
My journey to the top of women's football

Steph Houghton

Keynote

The official autobiography from former Lionesses Captain and Man City legend Steph Houghton

Description

'Steph is truly one of the all-time greats of the women's game' Jill Scott

'Documents [Steph's] crucial role in helping to change perceptions of women's football' The Guardian

The inspiring memoir of **one of football's greatest players** - Steph Houghton - in which she recounts the highs and lows of making it to the **top of her game as England Captain,** star of the London Olympics, and Man City stalwart, via Sunderland, Leeds and Arsenal.

With 121 caps for the Lionesses, Steph has been **at the heart of the women's football revolution**, inspiring girls and young women around the world but in her own understated way.

Leading from the Back is Steph's **incredibly honest** account of what it takes to make it to the pinnacle of women's football when the odds are well and truly stacked against you.

Inside, she **shares her dreams** of becoming professional as a young girl in Sunderland; how reaching that status has been a long and often difficult journey, with many personal struggles both on and off the pitch. In between, she recounts **the amazing highs** of playing for her country, making history at the Olympics, lifting cups for her team, and the awe-inspiring people she has encountered along the way.

This is not only Steph's personal story, but also the story of women's football in England and internationally. Steph is credited as being **one of the greatest influences in growing the women's game to the biggest it has ever been**.

A **remarkable journey of unwavering determination** that reveals the grit needed to stay true to yourself, and what it really takes to be a leader; this is the full and incredible story of a sports pioneer, 'Super Steph'.

Sales Points

- The profile of women's football is at an all-time high and memoirs in this space sell well, including Beth Mead (40K HB tcm), Sarina Wiegman (27K HB tcm), Alex Scott (26K HB tcm), and Leah Williamson (25.5K HB tcm).
- Steph has an impressive social media following with 263K Instagram followers with an astonishingly high engagement rate of 8.85% along with 155K followers on X (Twitter)
- This will be the first time that Steph has truly opened up about the difficulties and challenges she has faced as a female footballer as well as the those she has faced at home as a carer for her husband Stephen Darby, who has Motor Neurone Disease.
- Steph has been an active charity campaigner, working with Rob Burrow and his family to raise awareness of her husband Stephen's charity, The Darby Rimmer MND Foundation. Stephen is also a former professional footballer and was a defender for Liverpool
- Steph will continue to maintain a public profile in the women's football space with a new TV presenting role and as an Ambassador for Man City.

Reviews

- 'Steph is truly one of the all-time greats of the women's game [...] The game would not be where it is now if this young Mackem lass didn't have the biggest heart and desire to keep pushing for change both on and off the pitch [...] Her journey has not always been an easy one and she pulls no punches in this book - but her candour and honesty are so important. I have no doubt she will continue to influence generations in the future. She might have hung up her boots, but to me - and her many, many fans - she is and always will be Super Steph!' - Jill Scott

Author Biography

Steph Houghton MBE is a former professional footballer who is credited as a pioneer of the women's game having played a huge role in the growth of the sport. A former captain for both the women's England team, the Lionesses, and Manchester City, Steph has won 121 caps for her country and represented Great Britain twice. She made history for Team GB in the London 2012 Olympics by scoring their first goal in women's football, and later competed at the Tokyo 2020 games. Starting out at Sunderland, she has also played for Leeds United and Arsenal. Steph retired after a decade at Manchester City in 2024 and soon afterwards was inducted into the Football Museum's Hall of Fame.



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The Devil Three Times
'a page-turning, rollicking novel' Nathan Harris

Rickey Fayne

Keynote

An extraordinary debut novel in the tradition of Zora Neale Hurston and Toni Morrison about the generations of a family in Tennessee who are visited by the Devil

Description

'A major new talent announces himself' Attica Locke, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Guide Me Home* and *Bluebird, Bluebird*

'A debut of enormous ambition that succeeds on every level. .. a page-turning, rollicking novel' Nathan Harris, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Sweetness of Water*

An audacious debut spanning eight generations of a Black family in West Tennessee as they are repeatedly visited by the Devil.

Yetunde awakens aboard a slave ship en route to the United States with the spirit of her dead sister as her only companion. Desperate to survive the hell that awaits her at their destination, Yetunde finds help in an unexpected form-the Devil himself. The Devil, seeking a way to reenter the pearly gates of heaven, decides to prove himself to an indifferent God by protecting Yetunde and granting her a piece of his supernatural power. In return, Yetunde makes an incredible sacrifice.

Their bargain extends far beyond Yetunde's mortal lifespan. Over the next 175 years, the Devil visits Yetunde's descendants in their darkest hour of need: Lucille, a conjure woman; Asa, who passes for white; Louis and Virgil, who risk becoming a twentieth-century Cain and Abel; Cassandra, who speaks to the dead; James, who struggles to make sense of the past while fighting to keep his family together; and many others. The Devil offers each of them his own version of salvation, all the while wondering: can he save himself, too?

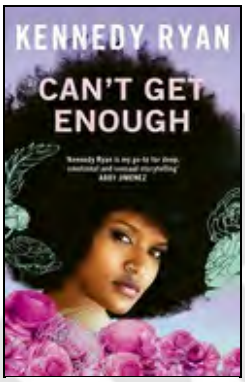
Steeped in the spiritual traditions and oral history of the Black diaspora, *The Devil Three Times* is a baptism by fire and water, heralding a new voice in American fiction.

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL LEAD:** Acquired in a pre-empt both for Fleet and L,BUS this will be a lead title for both lists in 2025
- **STRONG MARKET:** A novel that reaches back to Zora Neal Hurston and Toni Morrison, as well as forward to readers of *To Paradise* by Hanya Yanagihara, *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, and *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.
- **FAR-REACHING CAMPAIGN:** Including proofs, strong PR push, bookseller outreach and linking up globally

Author Biography

Rickey Fayne is a fiction writer from rural west Tennessee. He holds an MA in English from Northwestern University and an MFA in Fiction from the Michener Center for Writers.



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Can't Get Enough
A forbidden romance brimming with angst, heat, and hope.

Kennedy Ryan

Keynote

Award-winning and bestselling author Kennedy Ryan is at her absolute best in this compelling, scorching novel about hope and healing, and what it truly means to love for a lifetime

Description

'Deep, emotional, and sensual storytelling' ABBY JIMENEZ

'*Can't Get Enough* balances brutal **emotion**, whip-smart **humour**, and **delicious spice**. **Moving, romantic, and thrumming with life**, this is **Ryan's best work yet**' **TALIA HIBBERT**

'Kennedy Ryan **pours her whole soul** into everything she writes, and it makes for books that are **heart-searing, sensual, and life affirming**' **EMILY HENRY**

Kennedy Ryan is at her absolute best in this compelling, scorching novel about hope and healing, and what it truly means to love for a lifetime ☐

Hendrix Barry lives a fabulous life. She has phenomenal friends, a loving family, and a thriving business that places her in the entertainment industry's rarefied air. Your vision board? She's probably living it.

She's a woman with goals, dreams, ambitions-always striving upward. And in the midst of everything, she's facing her toughest challenge yet: caring for an aging parent.

Who has time for romance? From her experience, there's a low ROI on relationships. She hasn't met the man who can keep up with her anyway.

Until . . . him.

Tech mogul Maverick Bell is a dilemma wrapped in an exquisitely tailored suit and knee-melting charm. From their first charged glance at the summer's hottest party, Hendrix feels like she's met her match. Only he can't be. Mav may be the first to make her feel this seen and desired and appreciated, but he's the last one she can have. Forbidden fruit is the juiciest, and this man is off limits if she plans to stay the course she's set for herself.

But when Maverick gives chase-pursuing her, spoiling her, understanding her-is it time to let herself have something more?

☐**Why readers LOVE Kennedy Ryan . . .** ☐

'**Real, raw, magnificent** - *Before I Let Go* is the **beautiful angst** I love to read' **COLLEEN HOOVER**

'**SPECTACULAR**! If you love angst with the most satisfying payoff, *Before I Let Go* is for you' **CHRISTINA LAUREN**

'Fans of Colleen Hoover will love this beautiful, **unforgettable, oh-so-real second-chance romance** whose characters will stay in your heart long after reading' **JILL SHALVIS**

'Kennedy Ryan writes modern romance with **such emotion and beauty**. Her stories are guaranteed to break your heart and then they heal it, each and every time' **KYLIE SCOTT**

'A **gorgeously poignant** story of healing, family and love' **HELEN HOANG**

'Every page is **perfection**' **FARRAH ROCHON**

'Devastating, thought provoking, and **so hopeful**, this **deeply romantic** second-chance love story brought out all my emotions. This book is stunningly **beautiful**' **FARAH HERON**

'Challenging, bracing, **so evocative, and so REAL**' **KATE CLAYBORN**

'A beautifully told story **full of hope, sorrow, and healing**, a true testament to the **power of love**' **ALEXANDRIA HOUSE**

Sales Points

- Kennedy Ryan is a USA Today bestselling author and RITA® Award winner, and her realistic portrayal of Black characters has earned high acclaim from reviewers and readers alike.
- Third and final book in Skyland series (standalone). Beautiful, angsty and romantic, it also deals with series themes such as caring for an aging parent.
  TROPES: He Falls First / Single dad / Plus-sized heroine / Childless-by-choice / "Rich auntie" energy / "Girl Power" friendship group / Billionaire MMC / Forbidden love (Friend's ex) / Celebrity manager FMC / Spice (3/5)

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Author Biography

A RITA® and Audie® Award winner, USA Today bestselling author Kennedy Ryan writes for women from all walks of life, empowering them and placing them firmly at the center of each story and in charge of their own destinies. Her heroes respect, cherish, and lose their minds for the women who capture their hearts. Kennedy and her writings have been featured in Chicken Soup for the Soul, USA Today, Entertainment Weekly, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, TIME, O magazine, and many others. She is a wife to her lifetime lover and mother to an extraordinary son.

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Series	**North University**
Exclusively for Sale	**UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Falling

Janisha Boswell

Keynote

Welcome to your next romance obsession - Janisha Boswell's *North University* and *Drayton Hills* series are packed with college drama, heart-stealing moments, and just the right amount of spice.

Description

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Why fans love Janisha Boswell ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ &#11088!

Sales Points

- We have plenty of routes to market with Janisha's books. Rights have said that there's still lots of appetite in the foreign markets for sports and campus romances so there's plenty of opportunity for translation as well as the US.
- We're looking to build Janisha as a long-term author brand for us. At just 19-years-old, she's already written four books and has amassed a decent following on TikTok (12.7k) with over a million views and 32k followers on Instagram.
- These books are perfect for fans of romances but specifically college romances (academic rivals, sports, summer). Ideal for readers of Hannah Grace, Elle Kennedy, Stephanie Archer and Bal Khabra.

Author Biography

Janisha Boswell is a nineteen-year-old romance author known for her heartfelt and steamy stories. Her popular Drayton Hills series delves into the lives of college students, exploring themes of love, career aspirations, and personal growth. Her work is celebrated for its warmth, diversity, and emotional depth, resonating with readers who seek romantic and inclusive tales.

You can often find Janisha locked in her room, curtains drawn and a document open in front of her. Writing has always been her passion and she's determined to continue to create passionate love stories even better than the last.

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THE END OF WOKE

Andrew Doyle

Keynote

Andrew Doyle takes on right-wing zealots (i.e. the 'woke' Right)

Description

Andrew Doyle has spent years taking the 'woke' movement to task for its intolerance and groupthink, both through his books and his satirical persona Titania McGrath. Now, he turns his attention to the right-wing zealots, who are every bit as narrow-minded and illiberal as those they criticise. In The Woke Right, he explains how the authoritarian instinct resides on all sides of the political spectrum, and what we can do to resist it.

Sales Points

- The author has a substantial online platform:

  Andrew Doyle: X: 207.6K // IG: 5K // F: 4.6K // Substack: 11K
  Titania McGrath: X: 738.1K // IG: 3.3K
- His previous books have a brilliant sales track record, particularly in audio.

Author Biography

Andrew Doyle is a writer, broadcaster and satirist whose commentary on political and cultural issues is regularly published in the national press. He is the author of The New Puritans, Free Speech and Why It Matters and has also written two satirical books as Titania McGrath - Woke: A Guide to Social Justice and My First Little Book of Intersectional Activism. He is the presenter of Free Speech Nation, a weekly television show on GB News, and was formerly a panellist on the BBC's Moral Maze. He has a doctorate in Renaissance Literature from the University of Oxford where he also worked as a stipendiary lecturer.

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The Things We Water

Mariana Zapata

Keynote

From the author of the sensational TikTok hit, FROM LUKOV WITH LOVE, and the queen of the slow-burn romance!

Description

'When I need a guaranteed five-star, slow-burn romance, I pick up Mariana Zapata every time' **TESSA BAILEY, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

'Everything Mariana writes is pure gold . . . a true gift to romance readers everywhere' **ALI HAZELWOOD, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ 'Beautifully heartfelt, funny and addictive'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ 'Queen of the slow burn'
⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ 'To be cliché: the words come alive'

<h3> ☐ ☐ *Once upon a time, a girl found a magical puppy, and her life was never the same again.* ☐ ☐ </h3>

Nina Popoca needs help.

So, so much of it.

The only place she can find that help is on a sprawling ranch in Colorado. A place hiding more than a community filled with magical creatures trying to live their lives in safety and in peace. A village that might hold the answers to questions she's had her entire life.

And if that ranch is owned by her best friend's hunky cousin?

. . . there are worse things in the world than having to live right by Henri Blackrock.

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☐shifter romance
☐enemies to lovers
☐found family
☐slow burn
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Want more of Mariana's delicious slow burn? Why not try TikTok hit *From Lukov With Love* next, and don't miss any of her romances beloved by millions of readers!
Lingus
Rhythm, Chord & Malykhin
The Best Thing
Under Locke
Kulti
The Wall of Winnipeg and Me
Wait for It
Dear Aaron
Luna and the Lie
Hands Down
All Rhodes Lead Here
When Gracie Met The Grump

Sales Points

- **TIKTOK SENSATION!** After just a week on sale, WHEN GRACIE MET THE GRUMP has had nearly 600,000 views on TikTok and 213 MILLION VIEWS for its author Mariana Zapata. This is off the back of previously self-published sensation FROM LUKOV WITH LOVE, a runaway hit with BookTokkers worldwide, earning 218 MILLION VIEWS and counting.
- **BELOVED BY READERS!** With thousands of five star reviews for her books, Mariana is hailed as the 'queen of the slow-burn' by her millions of fans, and has hit the New York Times bestseller list as well as being a No. 1 Amazon bestselling author, with her books repeatedly featured in the Goodreads Choice Awards.
- **HEADLINE ETERNAL:** At Eternal, Headline's boutique romance imprint, our mission is to ensure that any romance fan will find their heart's desire within the books on our list. Whether that be heartwarming, laugh-out-loud rom-coms, page-turning romantic thrillers or sweeping historicals, Eternal is the home of exceptional romance for every mood.

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Author Biography

Mariana Zapata is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and a multiple No. 1 Amazon bestselling author. She is a five-time Goodreads Choice Awards nominee in the Romance category. Her novels have been published in thirteen languages.

Mariana lives in a small town in Colorado with her husband and beloved Great Dane, Kaiser. She loves reading, anime, and dogs. When she isn't writing, you can usually find her picking on her loved ones.

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Do Dogs Have Chins? And Other Questions Without Answers

Sarah Manguso (Illustrated By Liana Finck)

Keynote

A hilarious, poignant collection of the questions only children would think to ask - from the ridiculous to the sublime - expertly gathered by Sarah Manguso and brought to life by the delightful cartoons of Liana Finck.

Description

Pondering the questions only kids would think to ask, this hilarious, poignant collection captures the wonder of a child's imagination, brought to life by beloved *New Yorker* cartoonist Liana Finck.

'A chance to leave all adult frippery behind and ponder what's really important - our children have known it all along. This book is cleansing, reassuring, funny, and frequently profound; I loved it'. Susie Dent

Why does a ghost wander? Are bubbles in drinks their thoughts? Do dogs have chins? Where does the dark go when the light comes on? How will it feel on the last day I'm a child?

What's the best question a kid ever asked you? When Sarah Manguso posted this question online, she immediately received hundreds of answers. Gathering more than one hundred of the best questions from this poll and bringing them brilliantly to life with illustrations by New Yorker cartoonist Liana Finck, *Do Dogs Have Chins?* ranges from the ridiculous to the sublime - encompassing birth, death, love dinosaurs, and everything in between - to show us the wit and wisdom of children in all their wondrous glory.

'This book is for anyone who has secret questions in their mind they are too embarrassed to ask out loud. In other words, this book is for everyone' Lemony Snicket, bestselling author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *All the Wrong Questions*

Sales Points

- **1. THE PERFECT GIFT FOR ANYONE WHO HAS KIDS, HAS BEEN A KID, OR SIMPLY THINKS LIKE A KID.** This hilarious, poignant collection, in the vein of SAD ANIMAL FACTS by Brooke Barker, captures the wonder of a child's imagination, while pondering the questions only kids would think to ask.
- **2. ESTABLISHED AUTHOR WITH A GREAT PLATFORM.** Sarah Manguso is the author of nine books, including the novel *Very Cold People,* a finalist for the PEN/Jean Stein Book Award. Manguso is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Hodder Fellowship, and the Rome Prize. She lives in Los Angeles. Liana Finck is a cartoonist living in Brooklyn.
- **3. BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BY *NEW YORKER* CARTOONIST LIANA FINCK** whose trademark simplicity brings the questions brilliantly to life. She is the author of *Let There Be Light, Passing for Human*, and *Excuse Me*; a children's book, *You Broke It!*; and a memoir about motherhood, *How to Baby*. She is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*. She is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Fulbright Fellowship, and a Wallant Award.
- **4. QUOTES EXPECTED FROM KEY UK FIGURES LIKE Susie Dent, David Shrigley and Quentin Blake** to join the fab ones already in from **Lemony Snicket** and others.

Reviews

- 'A chance to leave all adult frippery behind and ponder what's really important - our children have known it all along. **This book is cleansing, reassuring, funny, and frequently profound; I loved it.**' - Susie Dent
- 'This book is for anyone who has secret questions in their mind they are too embarrassed to ask out loud. In other words, **this book is for everyone.**' - Lemony Snicket, bestselling author of A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS
- 'If you've ever spent any time around young children, you'll know that they take nothing for granted and that the world and everything in it is all news to them. The questions they ask are by turns serious, hilarious, deep, silly, and completely off the wall. Liana Finck's **delightful drawings perfectly complement the text . . . A terrific book** for anyone who has ever been around kids, or has been a kid themselves.' - New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast, author of I MUST BE DREAMING
- '**A miracle** . . . *Questions Without Answers* captures the bewildering wonderment of a child's mind. It's the most **profoundly silly and wise book** I've read in years, and **should be required reading for every philosophy graduate student or anyone considering having kids.** Also I'll never think of sunroofs quite the same way again.' - Bess Kalb, author of NOBODY WILL TELL YOU THIS BUT ME

Author Biography

Sarah Manguso (Author)
Sarah Manguso is the author of nine books, most recently the novels *Liars* and *Very*

Cold People. Her other books include a story collection, two poetry collections, and several acclaimed works of nonfiction. Her work has been recognized by an American Academy of Arts and Letters Literature Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Hodder Fellowship, and the Rome Prize. She lives in Los Angeles.



Liana Finck (Illustrator)
Liana Finck is a cartoonist living in Brooklyn. She is the author of *Let There Be Light*, *Passing for Human*, and *Excuse Me*; a children's book, *You Broke It!*; and a memoir about motherhood, *How to Baby*. She is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*. She is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Fulbright Fellowship, and a Wallant Award.

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