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BIC 2.1	<b>Adult &amp; contemporary romance (FRD)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>BFormat</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>120000 words</b>
Series	<b>Skyland</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Atlanta, US</b>
Author living in	<b>US</b>
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
<i>Before I Let Go</i>	
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## This Could Be Us

### Kennedy Ryan

#### Keynote

**Award-winning and bestselling 'powerhouse' author Kennedy Ryan is back with a compelling new novel in her Skyland series**

#### Description

**Award-winning and bestselling powerhouse author Kennedy Ryan is back with a compelling new novel in her Skyland series, following *Before I Let Go*.**

**'Heart-searing, sensual, and life affirming' EMILY HENRY on *Before I Let Go***

Soledad Barnes has her life all planned out. She plans everything. She designs everything. She *fixes* everything. But none of her varied talents can save her when catastrophe strikes, and the life she built with the man who was supposed to be her forever, goes *poof* in a cloud of betrayal and disillusion.

But there is no time to pout or sulk, or even grieve the life she lost. She's too busy keeping a roof over her daughters' heads and food on the table. And in the process of saving them all, Soledad rediscovers herself. From the ashes of a life burned to the ground, something bold and new can rise.

But then an unlikely man enters the picture - the forbidden one, the one she shouldn't want but can't seem to resist. She's lost it all before and refuses to repeat her mistakes. Can she trust him? Can she trust *herself*?

After all she's lost . . . and found . . . can she be brave enough to make room for what could be?

**For fans of Tia Williams and Colleen Hoover comes a deeply moving and personal novel about sacrifice, self-reliance, and finding true happiness from 'one of the finest romance writers of our age' *Entertainment Weekly***

<h3>WHY READERS LOVE KENNEDY RYAN . . . </h3>

'Real, raw, magnificent!' **COLLEEN HOOVER**

'The most raw, poignant, and romantic journey of healing I've read in a long time. Kennedy Ryan has a fan for life' **ALI HAZELWOOD**

'Breathtaking, gut-wrenching, viscerally romantic' **TALIA HIBBERT**

'SPECTACULAR!' **CHRISTINA LAUREN**

#### 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.
- As per *Before I Let Go*, this steamy, emotional romance with complex characters will appeal to readers of *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover or *Seven Days in June* by Tia Williams

#### 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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## The Midnight Clock

Jamie Costello

### Keynote

Highly anticipated new YA novel by Laura Wilson

### Description

**'A marvellously exciting - and thought-provoking - time-travelling murder mystery. Smart, funny, moving, atmospheric - I laughed a lot, cried once, could not stop reading, and now actually believe in time travel' *Simon Mason***

**Millie has seven days to save Annie Driscoll from a terrible fate. Millie doesn't know how or why she has been brought into Annie's life. But she's sure of one thing: Annie has already been dead for 68 years.**

Struggling to come to terms with her uprooted life, Millie is living with her father and his new girlfriend in a building which used to house the most famous women's prison in the UK. The only remnants of that place is the old prison clock in the hall - a clock that has long been silent.

When the clock begins to strike again one night, Millie meets a young, terrified woman in a cell. Annie cannot see her, but Millie realises that she may be the key to changing Annie's fate - a fate that was sealed in 1955. But is there enough time for justice to be done?

*The Midnight Clock* is an immersive, imaginative novel for young adults in which past and present collide.

### Sales Points

- Following the dystopic thriller MONOCHROME, Untitled will be a historical YA novel set between the latter years of HMP Holloway's operation and the present day

### Reviews

- "A marvellously exciting - and thought-provoking - time-travelling murder mystery. **Smart, funny, moving, atmospheric - I laughed a lot, cried once, could not stop reading,** and now actually believe in time travel" - *Simon Mason*

### Author Biography

Jamie Costello lives in London. Under her own name, Laura Wilson, she is the author of six educational books on historical subjects for eight-to-twelve-year-olds, and thirteen critically acclaimed psychological thrillers, including the DI Stratton series. Her books have been shortlisted for many awards, including the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger, and she has won both the CWA Historical Mystery Award and the French Prix du Polar European. She was the Programming Chair for the Harrogate Crime Writing Festival in 2009, and co-programmes the Killer Women Crime Writing Festival. She is also the *Guardian's* crime fiction reviewer.

### Market

For readers of Monochrome

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BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) General fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFB)

CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	400 pages
Word Count	80000 words
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

### Previous Titles

Monochrome	
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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## All Us Sinners

Katy Massey

### Keynote

Set in a brothel during the Yorkshire Ripper murders of 1977, Katy Massey's remarkable debut crime novel is inspired by her unique real-life experience and explores issues of race, sex work, class, and trust in the police.

### Description

The impressive and moving debut crime novel from huge new talent Katy Massey opens up a world we have rarely seen, at a time of great danger and drama.

Leeds, 1977. A chill lies over the city: sex workers are being murdered by a serial killer they are calling the 'Ripper', the streets creeping with fear.

Tough, sharp, but tender, Maureen runs Rio's, a clean, discreet brothel in the city. She's a good boss who takes great care of her workers - especially her best girls, Bev and Anette. The Ripper may be terrifying girls who work the street, but at Rio's the girls seem safer.

But when Bev's sweet-natured son is found beaten to death, a figure from Maureen's past, DS Mick Hunniford, shows up at her door. Does his arrival herald danger or salvation? And who can Maureen really trust?

### PRAISE FOR KATY MASSEY

'Loved it. A gem!' --- BERNARDINE EVARISTO

'Wonderful' --- LOUISE DOUGHTY

'Funny, pin-sharp and wise, Katy's writing gets under your skin and right into your heart' -- KIT DE WAAL

### Sales Points

- The novel draws on family experiences for **extraordinary authenticity** and insight into Leeds during the Yorkshire Ripper attacks: Katy's own mother was a sex worker there during this period.
- Katy is an extraordinary writer, bringing a **fresh, northern, Black British voice** to the crime genre, and coming with quotes from Bernardine Evaristo and Louise Doughty.
- **For readers of character-led, beautifully written crime fiction** from authors such as Femi Kayode (*Lightseekers*, 3,549 C ABM), Chris Whitaker (*We Begin at the End*, 3,494 C ABM), Louise Doughty (*Platform Seven*, 1,724 C ABM), and Denise Mina (*Conviction*, 1,718 ABM).

### Author Biography

Katy was a journalist for 15 years before studying for an MA and PhD in Creative Writing from Newcastle University. Her memoir, *Are we home yet?* was published in 2020 and shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize and the Portico Prize. In addition, her fiction and nonfiction has been widely anthologised, including *Common People* edited by Kit de Waal, *The Place for Me*, and *Glimpse*. *All Us Sinners* is her first novel.

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Binding	<b>Trade Paperback C</b>
Format	<b>Format 22mm</b>
Depth	<b>320 pages 86000</b>
Extent	<b>words</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Leeds</b>
Author born in	<b>Leeds</b>
Author living in	<b>Leeds</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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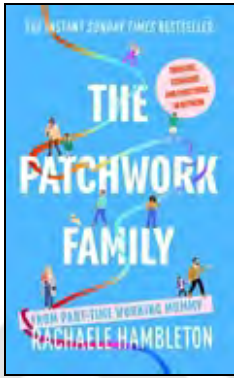
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>70000 words</b>
Series	<b>Dilly's Story</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Devon</b>
Author living in	<b>Paignton, Devon</b>
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2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Patchwork Family Toddlers, Teenagers and Everything in Between from Part-Time Working Mummy

**Rachaele Hambleton**

### Keynote

*Sunday Times* bestselling author and influencer, Part-Time Working Mummy, returns to non-fiction with all the huge changes, ups and downs of her patchwork family life.

### Description

**How to hold it together ... even if it feels like everything is falling apart.**

**Welcome to the rollercoaster of family life - the parts nobody talks about, the 'wow' moments, the mistakes, tears, tantrums and triumphs.** This book is about the stuff we don't teach our kids in school, how to have heartbreaking conversations and healing from being broken. It's the book I wish I had been able to read to know things will be OK.

I'm sharing my mad, patchwork family to help you - maybe to laugh at my fails, manage teenagers pushing boundaries (good luck with that!) or find a little strength to get you through the day. I was once a single mum alone in a flat with two tiny babies coming to terms with domestic abuse; now I'm a parent and step-parent in a chaotic family of eight with a whole bunch of new challenges, standing up for survivors and with hundreds of thousands of followers in the Part-Time Working Mummy community.

This is real, messy life, usually unseen and full of baggage. It'll never be perfect but it's magic and it's mine. Laugh, cry, scream and enjoy it all with me.

### Sales Points

- Rachaele is a double-bestselling author and secures thousands of 5\* reviews. She will be getting endorsements from the likes of Mrs Hinch, Stacey Solomon, Giovanna Fletcher, Laura Belbin and Anna Mathur for this book.
- *Part-Time Working Mummy* sold over 19k TCM (hardback) and 18k TCM (paperback). *A Different Kind of Happy* (the novel) sold 7k TCM. Both were *Sunday Times* bestsellers. This is a return to what her fanbase are clamouring for - real life.
- Author has a strong and highly engaged social following: 244k Instagram, 548k Facebook. These fans have driven very strong pre-order sales in previous publishing.
- Conversation-starting topics covered in the book: blended families, children with autism, mental health, teenager issues.

### Reviews

- 'Refreshing and honest ... this isn't your standard mum memoir' - *Psychologies Magazine*
- 'In a world of social-media gloss, Hambleton has spent the last few years being unusually frank about the mess of life' - *iNews*
- "Powerful and candid ... it will make you laugh and cry" - *Women's Own*

### Author Biography

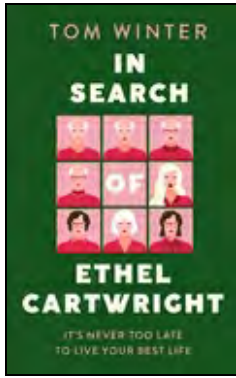
Rachaele Hambleton, aka Part-Time Working Mummy, is a double *Sunday Times* bestselling author and one of the most popular parenting personalities online. She is a mum to three daughters and one baby boy, step-mum to two boys and is married to her 'bird-boy' Josh. Her successful blog documents the highs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

### Market

98% female aged 28-44. Appealing mainly to parents (especially mums) who want to read a real life account of complex family set ups and challenges, with inspiration and humour along the way. Readers of *KNEE DEEP IN LIFE* by Laura Belbin, *SHAGGED MARRIED ANNOYED* by Chris and Rosie Ramsey, *MAYBE BABY* by Kate Lawler.

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## In Search of Ethel Cartwright

### Tom Winter

#### Keynote

**A touching and uplifting story of one eighty-six-year-old man on a life-changing journey.**

#### Description

Norman Cartwright, an eighty-six-year-old man living in the small seaside town of Clacton, Essex, has kept his cross-dressing a secret his entire life. A trucker by trade, his lipstick and wigs were donned only in the lonely confines of his lorry, as he sat in lay-bys and drove along empty roads on long trips away from his wife and children. After years of judgement, abuse and fear, Norman no longer knows how to embrace this side of himself, or if anyone would accept him if he did . . .

When his teenage granddaughter, Florence, turns up unannounced, it's obvious that she, too, has secrets she's not yet willing to share. As they grow closer, however, the truth bubbles free and life starts to change in profound and unexpected ways, both for them and everyone around them.

***In Search of Ethel Cartwright* is a moving story of family, love and courage that reminds us of the importance of being true to ourselves.**

#### Sales Points

- For fans of *A Man Called Ove* and *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*.
- Tom Winter's writing is accessible, keenly observed, refreshing and his sharp wit cuts through the challenging subject matter, revealing a poignant and heart-rending story
- 'A poignant, bittersweet and heart-warming story about expectations, social pressure and how difficult it can be to live on the edge of 'normal'. I loved it' *Daily Mail* on *31 Days of Wonder*

#### Author Biography

Tom has always made his living from words, first in publishing, and later in advertising and public relations. His debut novel, *Lost & Found*, was published in five languages. He lives in Berlin, with a potted plant and a variety of noisy neighbours.



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## It Must Be True Then

Luci Adams

### Keynote

The second fun-filled comedy from Luci Adams, author of the sensational 'anti-romantic' rom-com, *NOT THAT KIND OF EVER AFTER*.

### Description

**A funny and timeless novel from Luci Adams in the vein of Sophie Cousens and Kelly Harms featuring:**

***One horrible, 'bury your head under the covers' kind of day. Two adorable children and their very hot, very single father.***

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Daisy has realised that when you lose your job, break up with your boyfriend, and become estranged from your sister all at once you really can hit rock bottom.

Seeking to claw her way out from the definition of a bad year, she starts by simply *looking* like she's clawing her way out. On Instagram. Obviously. But can making her not-so-picture-perfect life look perfect online really help fix her career and love life?

When she takes a stopgap job as a nanny to help a single dad with his girls, being immersed in a close-knit, loving family starts to poke holes in her plan . . . and the closer Daisy gets to someone new, the more she starts to question what the definition of a perfect life really is.

*A sparkling and bright novel of love, second chances, and finding your way in the age of ennui and influencers, It Must Be True Then is a delight for the millennial and Gen Z age.*

### **Praise for Luci Adams's debut novel, NOT THAT KIND OF EVER AFTER**

'[A] raucously entertaining debut novel' ***The Times***

'Utterly hilarious . . . a stellar debut that's sure to charm readers' **KATE BROMLEY**

'A wickedly funny exploration of finding one's own Happily Ever After. If you've ever gone searching for The Fairytale within the hellscape of modern dating, Not That Kind of Ever After is for you' **ALISON ROSE GREENBERG**

'A laugh-out-loud and totally swoon-worthy read that will keep you turning the pages' **JO WATSON**

### **Sales Points**

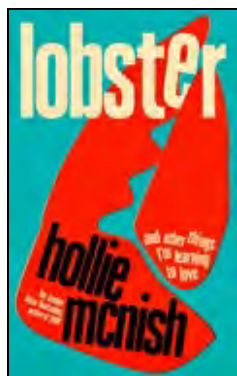
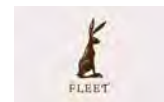
- This is a fresh, fun, anti-romantic comedy that will make any woman who's experienced dating in the 21st century laugh, wince and cry in recognition, by a truly exciting debut voice.
- The writing is polished, genuinely hilarious and highly addictive. Readers of commercial fiction like Mhairi MacFarlane, Joanna Bolouri, Lucy Vine, and Kirsty Greenwood will love it.
- Our publishing strategy for Luci is to emulate the ebook-first strategy used for Mhairi MacFarlane, launching her firstly in digital and making sure we have text and visuals as early as possible for a run of bespoke, must-have proofs to generate peer endorsements from big names such as Mhairi, Lucy Vine and Kirsty Greenwood.

### **Author Biography**

Leaving LAMDA for Leeds and graduating with a first class degree in Maths, Luci spent her early career torn between creativity and logic until she realised it's possible to do both. She started out life in the tax world before swiftly seeing the light. She has since worked copywriting social posts for Apple Music, assisting with Amazon and BBC productions at Working Title Television and now works as an analyst at the Guardian by day whilst writing tales of heartbreak, adventure and truly terrible dates by night. She lives in leafy St Albans and when she's not writing, she spends her time drawing, baking and exploring the countryside with her little puppy.

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## Lobster and other things I'm learning to love: 'energising, fearless and joyful' Sara Pascoe

Hollie McNish

### Keynote

The new collection from the Ted Hughes Award-winning author of *Slug* and *Nobody Told Me*

### Description

'funny, so smart and refreshingly honest' **Sarah Millican**

**A brand-new collection from the award-winning poet, the companion piece to the *Sunday Times* bestselling *Slug*.**

*This book is written out of both hate and love for the world*

As people, we are capable of both love and hate; amazement and disgust; fun and misery.

So why do we live in a world that is constantly telling us to hate, both ourselves and others? We are told to be repulsed by our own bodies, bodies that let us laugh and sweat and eat toast; to be ashamed of pleasure; to be embarrassed by fun. In this brand-new collection, Hollie McNish brings her inimitable style to the question of what have been taught to hate, and if we might learn to love again.

'Never have we needed her more' **Stylist**

'I've loved her work for years' **Jo Brand**

'She writes with honesty, conviction, humour and love' **Kae Tempest**

### Sales Points

- *Slug* was a ***Sunday Times* bestseller** in both hardback and paperback. *Lobster* is its companion piece, bringing Hollie's unique style to subjects that strike a chord with her audience.
- Hollie has a **strong social media presence, with a total of 230k followers across platforms**. (44k Twitter, 90k Insta, 70k Facebook) and is very engaged on all of her platforms, so these numbers are constantly growing.
- Hollie joined TikTok in May 2023 and gained 25k followers and 250k likes in a single weekend. By July 2023 her videos have **3m views on TikTok**.
- She's almost constantly on **national and international tour** performing her poetry live, often to sell-out crowds. She has organised a **bespoke tour for *Lobster* publication with 40 dates around the UK** at venues with audiences around 750+ including at Hackney Empire (capacity: 1.3k)
- Hollie has **multiple famous fans from Jo Brand to Matt Haig**, the support of whom we would expect to garner in this publication.

### Reviews

- 'funny, so smart and refreshingly honest' - Sarah Millican
- 'One of the best poets we have' - Matt Haig
- 'energising, fearless and joyful' - Sara Pascoe
- 'beautifully, quietly heartbreaking . . . this book is so good' - Musa Okwonga

### Author Biography

Hollie McNish is an award-winning poet based between Cambridge and Glasgow. She is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling, *Slug*, Ted Hughes Award-winning *Nobody Told Me* and poetry collections *Plum*, *Cherry Pie* and *Papers*. She has also adapted Greek tragedy *Antigone*, and co-wrote *Offside*, a play, with fellow poet Sabrina Mahfouz. She loves writing.

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## The Summer Skies

### Escape to the Scottish Isles with the brand-new novel by the Sunday Times bestselling author

**Jenny Colgan**

#### Keynote

**The brand-new escapist summer novel from *Sunday Times* bestseller Jenny Colgan. Fall in love with a new cast of characters and get swept away in a breath-taking romance you'll want to read again and again . . .**

#### Description

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**'A glorious, breathtaking, tender romance. I loved every moment of the ride'**  
**SOPHIE KINSELLA**

**'[A] blast of feelgood fiction [...] it makes me want to head for the Highlands'**  
**THE TIMES**

**Born into a family of successful pilots, Morag is used to flying high. But when a tragic accident above the clouds grounds her, could the future she'd always imagined be suddenly out of reach?**

When she receives a call telling her that her beloved grandfather has been taken ill, Morag leaves her fast-paced life in London to return home to the tranquil Scottish Highlands. With her grandfather out of action, Morag has no choice but to take over flying the local route in his rickety old plane, ferrying locals across the beautiful islands of the archipelago.

But as the weather takes a dramatic turn, Morag is forced to crash-land on a remote island and suddenly finds herself far from civilisation and all alone. Then she discovers Gregor, the gruff and reclusive ornithologist taking care of the island for the season. Though the pair don't see eye to eye, Morag is forced to seek shelter at his cabin and it seems the pair are stuck together until help arrives. However long that may be . . .

**As she awaits rescue, might Morag discover that a remote Scottish island, cut off from real-life, is exactly the place she needs to be?**

#### Sales Points

- A BESTSELLING AUTHOR: **Jenny is a consistent *Sunday Times* bestseller** - a testament to the sustained quality of each book and each campaign. Her books have sold more than **3 million copies TCM**.
- A HUGE FANBASE OF ADORING READERS: Jenny has an **enormous fanbase of existing readers** (42K Twitter followers, 33K Facebook fans) who return to her books over and over again.
- A CAMPAIGN TO LAUNCH A BESTSELLER: Jenny's **campaigns are long-lead, targeted and far-reaching**, with beautifully designed POS and digital assets, ensuring her books reach her readers and hit the charts.

#### Reviews

- **'A glorious, breathtaking, tender romance. I loved every moment of the ride'** - Sophie Kinsella
- **'Jenny Colgan's latest blast of feelgood fiction [...] Morag's bubbly narration, spiked with wry asides, is delightful and her descriptions of flying are rapturous. And the wild islands are evoked so beautifully it made me want to head for the Highlands'** - *The Times*
- **'Praise for Jenny Colgan'** - -
- **'Heart-warming, atmospheric and charming . . . a total joy'** - Sophie Kinsella

#### 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 nine 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.

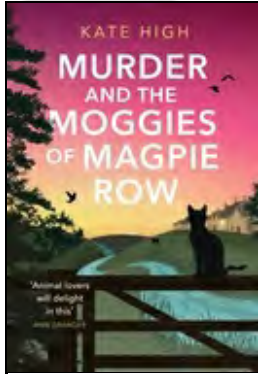
For more about Jenny, visit her website and her Facebook page, or follow her on Twitter and Instagram.

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## Murder and the Moggies of Magpie Row

**Kate High**

### Keynote

A mystery set in the Lincolnshire Wolds, featuring an amateur detective who mixes sleuthing with her other great love: animal rescue. Perfect for fans of Ann Granger, M. C. Beaton and Caroline Graham's *Midsomer Murders*.

### Description

'Animal lovers will delight' Ann Granger

'A real treat . . . I loved it. Cats, dogs, murder and a credible and relatable heroine' Barbara Nadel

When Clarice Beech finds her friend Peter Ramsey dead in his kitchen, she believes he's succumbed to a fatal heart attack.

Peter, who lived in one of the five cottages on Magpie Row in the Lincolnshire Wolds, was a keen supporter of stray cats - which made him very unpopular with the neighbours. And after Chris Morris, an alcoholic neighbour, disrupts Peter's funeral, insisting Peter was murdered - and he knows who the murderer is - Clarice discovers there's no shortage of possible suspects among the Magpie Row inhabitants.

**Who, behind Magpie Row's idyllic façade, might have had murder in mind? And, after his outburst at Peter's funeral, where is Chris? And is Clarice, with her mission to tend to Peter's strays, as well as uncover the truth about her friend's death, putting herself in danger's way?**

### Sales Points

- Book 4 in the popular series featuring potter and animal rescue home runner Clarice Beech
- Perfect for crime fiction fans who also love their animals!

### Author Biography

Kate High is a graduate of the Faber Academy, as well as a contemporary artist, working in metals. She has exhibited internationally, with her work having been shown at the V&A, the Design Council, and also selling through outlets such as Liberty's and Chelsea Crafts Fair. Kate is a former voluntary branch administrator for the RSPCA and she co-founded a charity that aims to support older animals, Lincs-Ark.

*The Cat and the Corpse in the Old Barn* is her debut novel and the first mystery in the Clarice Beech series, which is set in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

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## A Feather So Black

Lyra Selene

### Keynote

Set in a world of perilous magic and moonlit forests, this seductive romantic fantasy tells the story of a changeling princess, her cursed swan maiden sister and a dangerous and enigmatic fae lord she must defeat to save her family - perfect for fans of Holly Black, Sarah J. Maas and Hannah Whitten.

### Description

**'Dark and dangerous and teeming with romance, *A Feather So Black* is an exhilarating adventure that walks the edge of a blade. Truly enchanting'** Rachel Gillig, NYT bestselling author of *One Dark Window*

***The Cruel Prince* meets *For the Wolf* in a sizzling fantasy romance set in a world of perilous magic and moonlit forests, spinning a seductive tale of a changeling princess, her cursed sister, and the dangerous fae lord she must defeat to save her family.**

In a kingdom where magic has been lost, Fia is a rare changeling, left behind by the wicked Fair Folk when they stole the High Queen's daughter Eala and locked the gates to the Otherworld.

When a hidden gate to the Otherworld is discovered, Fia is tasked by the High Queen to retrieve Eala and break her curse. But she doesn't go alone: with her is prince Rogan, Eala's betrothed and Fia's childhood best friend.

As the two journey into a world where magic winds through the roots of the trees and beauty can be a deadly illusion, Fia's mission is complicated by her feelings for the prince. . . and her unexpected attraction to the dark-hearted fae lord holding Eala captive. Irian might be more monster than man, but he seems to understand Fia in a way no one ever has.

**'Darkly enchanting and beautifully written, *A Feather So Black* is the perfect mix of atmospheric fantasy, heart-stopping action, and delicious romance'** Thea Guanzon, author of *The Hurricane Wars*

**'Opulent and scorching, *A Feather So Black* transcends the genres of romance and fantasy into a tale that is timeless, blood-spattered, and rich with longing and magic'** Roshani Chokshi, author of *The Last Tale of the Flower Bride*

**'With a breathtaking, sizzling romance, *A Feather So Black* weaves a twisted fairy tale of thorns and teeth'** K.M. Enright, author of *Mistress of Lies*

**'Lyra Selene's writing is a feast for the senses, made of velvet and wild vines and moonlight. *A Feather So Black* is sure to lure readers into its glittering world. Just be warned, dear reader: once you enter the revels of these Folk, you'll never want them to end'** Ryan Graudin, award winning author of *Wolf By Wolf*

### Sales Points

- **HUGE COMMERCIAL TIKTOK APPEAL:** following in the vein of Sarah J. Maas and Holly Black's high-fae romance, this has an engaging writing style that quickly draws you in, and the romantic triangle between the changeling princess, her noble childhood best friend, and the dark fae lord is well done and will greatly appeal to the fantasy romance readership. It's also full of familiar popular romance tropes (in an appealing, fun-to-read way).
- **A CLASSIC FAIRY TALE REIMAGINED:** Readers love classic tales reimagined in new fantasy settings, and this is a fresh approach to the Six Swans fairy tale that's familiar but not over-used in the retelling space. The fae are one of the genre's classic supernatural creatures, and romantic fae stories remain quite popular thanks to authors like Sarah J. Maas and Holly Black-not to mention their category of fantasy romance seems to appeal to the BookTok crowd!
- **FOCUS TITLE FOR 2024:** This will be a shared title with Orbit US and a focus title for us going into 2024.
- **CELTIC INSPIRED WORLD:** *A Feather So Black* takes inspiration from Celtic mythology, with a setting inspired by ancient Ireland which will appeal to fans of British folklore and Celtic fantasy
- **RISING STAR AUTHOR:** Lyra is the author of YA novels *Amber & Dusk* (2018) and *Diamond & Dawn* (2019), both published by Scholastic Press. She is continuing to build her social media presence, and *A Feather so Black* has the potential to be a breakout moment for her career.

### Reviews

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### Author Biography

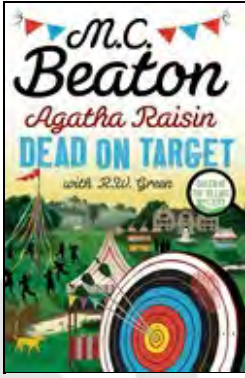
Lyra Selene was born under a full moon and has never quite managed to wipe the moonlight out of her eyes. She grew up on a steady diet of mythology, folklore, and fantasy, and now writes tall tales of twisted magic, forbidden romance, and brooding landscapes.

Lyra lives in New England with her husband and daughter, in an antique farmhouse that probably isn't haunted. She is the author of the young adult duology AMBER & DUSK. A FEATHER SO BLACK is her adult debut.

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**Agatha Raisin: Dead on Target**

**M.C. Beaton**

**Keynote**

The brand new Agatha Raisin mystery from multimillion-selling author M. C. Beaton, the Queen of Cosy Crime, about an eccentric Cotswolds-based detective with an erratic love life and a penchant for G and Ts

**Description**

A visit to the local village fete for a spot of fun and relaxation turns into a nightmare for Agatha Raisin when she discovers the body of the local landowner in the woods - with an arrow in his chest and his trousers round his ankles.

At first her old adversary, Detective Chief Inspector Wilkes, declares the death a tragic accident, believing the victim has been hit by a stray arrow from an archery demonstration. Agatha is convinced the man was murdered and is shocked when Wilkes eventually agrees... particularly as he considers her to be his prime suspect!

Determined to clear her name and find the real killer, Agatha launches her own investigation, quickly becoming involved with a family at war, an unscrupulous gangster -- and a murderer who is determined to make her the next victim...

'Cosy crime with a touch of bite' - **Belfast Telegraph**

'Agatha finds herself embroiled in intrigue and murder, and her hectic life continues to swirl along at a dizzying pace' - **Eastern Daily Press**

'R.W. Green comes up trumps with the 33rd case for flirty private eye Agatha Raisin ... Crime in the Cotswolds has never been livelier than in Agatha's fizzingly funny cases' - **Peterborough Telegraph**

**Sales Points**

- THE LEGEND THAT IS M C BEATON - over 22 million of her books sold worldwide, she has been translated into 17 languages and UK and Commonwealth sales total 5 million
- BESTSELLING SERIES - The most recently published HB mysteries hit the NYT hardcover bestseller list
- AMAZING FANBASE - they are dedicated and loyal; 22,000 Facebook followers and 5,000 newsletter subscribers
- ALL ROUND POPULAR - M C Beaton is consistently the most borrowed adult author from the UK libraries
- THE BRAND CONTINUES - although M C Beaton passed away in 2020 the characters and series go on through her close friend and fellow author R W Green

**Author Biography**

M.C. Beaton (1936-2019) was the author of both the Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth series, as well as numerous Regency romances. Her books have been translated into seventeen languages and have sold more than twenty-one million copies worldwide. She is consistently the most borrowed UK adult author in British libraries, and her Agatha Raisin books have been turned into a TV series on Sky.

R W Green was a fellow journalist and long-time friend of M C Beaton's, and has written many works of fiction and non-fiction. He lives in Surrey with his family and black Labrador Flynn.



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## Ten Seconds

### From the Sunday Times bestselling author of Twelve Secrets

**Robert Gold**

#### Keynote

**Return to Haddley in the third blockbuster thriller in the Sunday Times bestselling series**

#### Description

**'Ten Seconds will keep you up all night' HARLAN COBEN**

After a tense birthday celebration in Haddley, journalist Ben Harper watches his boss, Madeline, get into the car that has come to collect her. He walks home, never imagining that by the next morning, Madeline will be missing.

To find Madeline, Ben will have to return to the now infamous murder case that made her journalism career over a decade ago. A case which, Ben quickly discovers, was never as simple as it seemed.

But time is of the essence, and soon it's not just Madeline's life on the line . . .

#### PRAISE FOR ROBERT GOLD

'Superb' **LISA JEWELL**

'This is what every other thriller aspires to be' Reader Review

'Utterly absorbing' **SHARI LAPENA**

'Excellent' **LEE CHILD**

'My new favourite author' Reader Review

'One of a kind' **JAMES PATTERSON**

'Unputdownable' **KARIN SLAUGHTER**

#### Sales Points

- **THE NEW HIT SERIES:** The first two books in Robert Gold's *Sunday Times* bestselling series have sold more than **167K copies across formats**. *TWELVE SECRETS*, a Richard and Judy Book Club Pick, an Apple Number 1, was on the biggest crime debuts of 2022 and sold **4785 C formats ABM**.
- **AN INTERNATIONAL HIT:** rights to the series have sold in 9 territories around the world.
- **AN UNMISSABLE CAMPAIGN:** the publication of *TEN SECONDS* **will be backed by an extensive 360 marketing and publicity campaign**, reflecting our ambition to grow Robert Gold into **a brand author of the future, with all assets shareable with international teams**.
- **BELOVED BY READERS:** Readers adore Ben Harper, with the series racking up **more than 2000 5 star reviews** across Amazon UK and Goodreads alone. *TEN SECONDS* returns to the world and characters of Haddley but **functions as a standalone** and our campaign will be targeting **existing fans as well as new readers**.

#### Author Biography

Robert Gold is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Twelve Secrets* and *Eleven Liars*. Originally from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, Robert Gold began his career as an intern at the American broadcaster CNN, based in Washington DC. He returned to Yorkshire to work for the retailer ASDA, becoming the chain's nationwide book buyer. He now works in sales for a UK publishing company. Robert now lives in Putney and his new hometown served as the inspiration for the fictional town of Haddley in his thrillers.

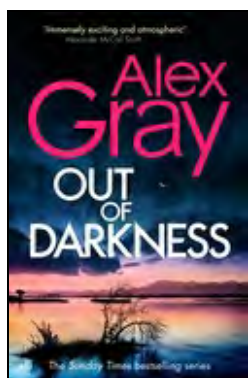
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## Out of Darkness Book 21 in the Sunday Times bestselling series

Alex Gray

### Keynote

The thrilling twenty-first instalment in the *Sunday Times* bestselling William Lorimer series

### Description

**\*\*\*Your favourite Scottish detective returns in this brand new mystery in the *Sunday Times* bestselling series\*\*\***

DSI William Lorimer and his wife Maggie are taking their first extended holiday for the first time in years, and they're looking for an adventure. What better place than Zimbabwe, with its bustling cities and beautiful scenery?

Back in Glasgow, PC Daniel Kohi, former inspector with the Zimbabwean police, finds himself uncomfortably close to a murder investigation. Why did the murdered man appear at Daniel's house just hours before he was killed? And how he is connected to the troubled family history of Netta Gordon, Daniel's dear friend and lodger?

But it's not just Netta's history that's about to resurface. For in Zimbabwe, rumours are circulating about Daniel Kohi, and the couple from Scotland who appear to know him. Rumours which could place the Lorimers in unimaginable peril.

### PRAISE FOR ALEX GRAY

'Warm-hearted, atmospheric . . . with a very interesting twist' **ANN CLEEVES**

'An exciting procedural' **SUNDAY TIMES**

'Convincing Glaswegian atmosphere and superior writing' **THE TIMES**

'Immensely exciting and atmospheric' **ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH**

'Move over Rebus' **DAILY MAIL**

'Relentless and intriguing' **PETER MAY**

### Sales Points

- Alex Gray is an **emerging brand author**, who has sold more than **a million copies world wide**. Her previous three hardbacks, **QUESTIONS FOR A DEAD MAN, ECHO OF THE DEAD, and BEFORE THE STORM** have been her bestselling ever, selling more than **2500 apiece TCM**.
- Alex Gray was listed in **The Bookseller Rising Stars** as the co-founder of Bloody Scotland, where speakers have included Richard Osman, Mark Billingham, Val McDermid, Catherine Steadman and Louise Candlish.
- Our marketing and publicity ambitions for Alex Gray continue to grow and this publication will be supported by a far-reaching social media and publicity campaign. **The author is available for signings and events.**
- This new novel is **one of her most thrilling to date**. Set partially in Zimbabwe, where the author has lived and travelled extensively, it brings **a fresh setting** to the series whilst still delivering on **all the signature elements** that are beloved by her fan base.

### Reviews

- 'Move over Rebus' - **DAILY MAIL**
- 'An exciting procedural' - **SUNDAY TIMES**
- 'Relentless and intriguing' - **PETER MAY**
- 'Convincing Glaswegian atmosphere and superior writing' - **THE TIMES**

### Author Biography

**Alex Gray** is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the Detective William Lorimer series. Born and raised in Glasgow, she has been awarded the Scottish Association of Writers' Constable and Pitlochry trophies for her crime writing and is the co-founder of the international Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival.

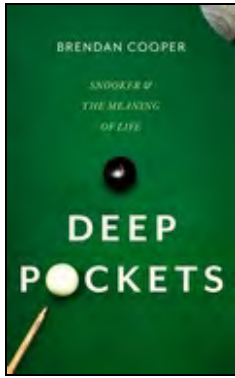
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## Deep Pockets Snooker and the Meaning of Life

**Brendan Cooper**

### Keynote

Thought-provoking and unique, *Deep Pockets* offers a truly philosophical consideration of the game of snooker.

### Description

**'A brilliant book . . . brilliantly written. You really do need to read it' Adrian Chiles**

**'Mixing the sacred and the profane, high culture and low culture, the sublime and the ridiculous, *Deep Pockets* is the book this game of unfathomable difficulty and infinite mystery well deserves' *Critic***

The game of snooker has a remarkable history. From humble origins, it blossomed spectacularly in the 1980s into the nation's most popular sport. Top players became celebrities. The papers were stuffed with snooker scandals. It even conquered the pop charts.

In the twenty-first century, the game is still big news. Along with millions of British fans, a vast audience continues to grow across every corner of the world, from Europe to the Middle East to China. The global thirst for snooker has never been greater.

But - strangely perhaps - snooker's deeper meanings have rarely been explored. It is a game that celebrates subtlety and mystery; a slow undertaking in a fast-paced world. Elegant and profound, snooker invites serious contemplation.

*Deep Pockets* is a study of this uncharted territory - a love letter to snooker, and an impassioned journey into its soul. Because snooker, in fact, is more than a game. It is a belief set; a way of seeing; an entire philosophical system. In chapters that cover everything from time, truth, loss, luck and more, *Deep Pockets* explores how snooker can help us to trace the meaning of life itself.

### Sales Points

- *Deep Pockets* will offer something new to the market: a truly philosophical consideration of the game of snooker. Until now, there has been no real literature on the topic.
- In May 2021, over four million people across Britain watched the World Snooker Championship final, showing a huge appetite for the sport - a treasured televised staple and national institution.
- The game boasts a host of conspicuous literary and intellectual figures amongst its followers: Stephen Fry, Martin Amis, Julian Barnes, and Richard Osman - potential for some brilliant endorsements and review-led campaign.
- 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.

### 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 lives in Berkshire.

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Series	<b>The New Management</b>
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Author living in	<b>Edinburgh</b>

#### Previous Titles

##### The Laundry Files

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THE DELIRIUM BRIEF  
THE LABYRINTH INDEX

##### The New Management

DEAD LIES DREAMING

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Liza Dawson Associates</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
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## Season of Skulls

### Book 3 of the New Management, a series set in the world of the Laundry Files

**Charles Stross**

#### Keynote

A new adventure begins in the bestselling world of the Laundry Files: in a nightmarish vision of a Britain where magic has gone mainstream . . .

#### Description

Welcome to Britain under the New Management! The Prime Minister is an eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting, and almost every offense is punishable by death. And everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much.

Hyperorganised and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death. At least, she has reason to hope he's dead. But though she's now in charge of the Bigge Corporation, she's not free of him yet. Through the fecklessness of her brother Imp, combined with the intricate feudal law of a tiny Channel Island, it would appear that unbeknownst to her, she was married to Bigge - and that proving his death and releasing herself from his arcane bindings will take years and cost millions. Then an emissary of the Prime Minister arrives with an offer that she absolutely can't . . . well, you know.

This is the final novel in the Laundry Files spin-off trilogy that began with *Dead Lies Dreaming* and continued with *Quantum of Nightmares*.

Praise for the Laundry Files universe:

'Grim, hilarious, inventive - make the video game now please' Tamsyn Muir

'Few do it better' KIRKUS

'Alternately chilling and hilarious' PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'Ferociously enjoyable' SFX

#### Sales Points

- Stross gets fantastic review coverage in the genre, online and national press, and his blog and social media channels have a huge audience - with over 41,000 Twitter followers and a whopping 14,000 unique visits per day at his site
- Charles Stross has been nominated for the Hugo Award six years in a row - a record
- Book two of a new series set in the same world as Stross's bestselling Laundry Files novels
- An entry point for new readers as well as appealing to loyal Laundry Files fans

#### Reviews

- 'Brilliantly disturbing and funny at the same time' - Ben Aaronovitch, on the Laundry Files
- 'Charles Stross owns this field, and his vast, cool intellect has launched yet another mad, sly entertainment that will strangle the hell out of anything else on offer right now' - Warren Ellis, author of Transmetropolitan
- 'Stross at the top of his game - which is to say, few do it better' - KIRKUS
- 'Alternately chilling and hilarious' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

#### Author Biography

**Charles Stross** is a full-time science fiction writer and resident of Edinburgh, Scotland. The author of seven Hugo-nominated novels and winner of three Hugo awards for best novella, two of which are part of the Laundry Files series, Stross's works have been translated into over twelve languages. As the owner of degrees in pharmacy and computer science, he graduated as the world's only academically qualified cyberpunk writer just as cyberpunk died. Today he describes his job as telling lies for money and tormenting his imaginary friends. Follow his blog at <http://www.accelerando.org/> and his Twitter feed at @cstross.



## Murder at Home

### how our safest space is where we're most in danger

David Wilson

#### Keynote

Home is where the heart is. But home is also the most common site for murder. The grimly fascinating new book from the UK's leading criminologist David Wilson uncovers the dangers that exist where we least expect them - perfect for fans of *The Dark Side of the Mind* and *The Mind of a Murderer*.

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The home is the place where murder most commonly occurs. In England and Wales, each year on average 75 per cent of female murder victims and 39 per cent of murdered men are killed at home.

This gripping new title from the author of *My Life with Murderers* and *A Plot to Kill* explores the tragic prevalence of domestic murder and how, for so many victims, their own home is the place they are most in danger.

David Wilson is the UK's leading criminologist and his knowledge of murder is unparalleled. By walking through each part of the house, he explains how each room's purpose has changed over time, the weapons they contain, and ultimately, how these things combine in murder.

**Delving into infamous as well as lesser-known true crime cases, this examination of the tragic, ordinary nature of murder is both a chilling read and a startling insight into the everyday impact of violence and how it can touch us all.**

#### Sales Points

- David makes **regular TV appearances** as a commentator on Channel 5 and ITV, and has presented multiple documentaries, including **'In the Footsteps of a Killer' (Channel 4)** and **'Jack the Ripper - the Case Reopened' (BBC) alongside Emilia Fox**, and starred in the **follow-up documentary to 'Des', which 4.3 million viewers** tuned in to.
- We've sold over **40k (net) copies across editions of *My Life with Murderers*** and 3,300 (net) copies of *Signs of Murder* in 2020 despite the difficulty in publication dates. The ***Daily Mail* have paid £15k for a huge serial of *A Plot to Kill*** so we know the interest in David's books continues to grow
- The true crime area of the market continues to be strong, and this is the first book from David which brings in his broad knowledge since *My Life with Murderers*.

#### Author Biography

David Wilson is Emeritus Professor of Criminology and the founding Director of the Centre for Applied Criminology at Birmingham City University. Prior to taking up an academic appointment in 1997, David was a prison governor working at a variety of establishments in a number of different roles.

Professor Wilson appears in the print and broadcast media as a commentator and presenter. His publishing includes *Hunting Evil*, *A History of British Serial Killing*, *Signs of Murder*, and his professional memoir, *My Life with Murderers*, which was shortlisted for the Saltire Prize for Non-Fiction. His next book, *A Plot to Kill*, will publish in 2021.

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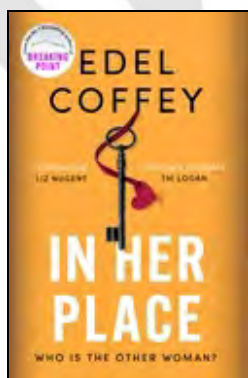
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## In Her Place

from the bestselling author of **Breaking Point**

### Edel Coffey

#### Keynote

The new novel from the #1 bestselling author of *Breaking Point* and winner of Crime Novel of the Year at the An Post Irish Book Awards. Bookclubs will debate long into the night - who is the other woman here?

#### Description

**From the #1 bestselling author of *Breaking Point* and winner of Crime Novel of the Year at the An Post Irish Book Awards.**

#### Who is the other woman? That's for you to decide.

Ann devoted years to her mother's care. Now, in a bid to escape her grief and the emptiness of her old flat, Ann finds herself in a bar upstate. She has been so good for so long, she deserves a little fun.

Justin is also grieving, but his wife is still alive. Deborah has been in a coma for a long time and she doesn't have long left. He deserves a little fun, too.

Justin asks Ann to move in just a few weeks after their chance encounter. A million miles away from her lonely life in New York, here Ann finds a home where she is loved and needed by Justin and his little girl, Sophie.

But just as Ann receives the best news, Justin receives the worst. Unexpectedly, Deborah's drug trial has been a success. She is coming home.

Ann doesn't know what to do. All she knows is that she finally likes her life, and she plans to keep it . . .

#### Praise for *Breaking Point*:

'**Raw, compelling**, and ground-breaking' Liz Nugent

'A **gripping, compulsive** pageturner about what we expect from women, especially mothers' Marian Keyes

'Prepare to feel **devastated and enraged** all at once' Heat

'**Thought-provoking**' Sun

'A rare treat, an emotional thriller **steeped in humanity**' John Boyne

'Gripping, unswerving, **heart-breaking**' Celia Walden, author of *Payday*

'An **incredibly powerful** thriller with real emotional depth' TM Logan, author of *The Holiday*

#### Sales Points

- **The Book:** Where *Breaking Point* asked readers to decide whether Susannah was guilty for her daughter's death, this novel asks the reader who is the other woman in this situation - the dying wife unexpectedly home and well or the new girlfriend? We're confident bookclubs will be arguing long into the night over this one.
- **The Track Record:** *Breaking Point* reached #1 in the Irish Times Chart. It stayed in the top ten for three months. Before PB release, we sold 33,594 copies of the first formats across all editions.
- **The Goal:** We've established Edel Coffey as a brilliant novelist in Ireland and we now want to break her out into the UK to sit on shelves alongside Clare Mackintosh, Harriet Tyce, Louise Doughty, Sarah Vaughn and Belinda Bauer.
- **The Platform:** Edel Coffey is a well known and well respected Irish journalist who received a huge amount of press for her debut novel. She has worked hard to establish herself as an author and she was shortlisted for both the Best Debut and the Best Crime novel at the An Post Irish Book Awards for *Breaking Point*. She took home the prize for Best Crime Novel.

#### Author Biography

Edel Coffey is an Irish journalist and broadcaster. She began work as an arts journalist and editor with the *Sunday Tribune*. She has since worked as a presenter and reporter with *RTE* radio, and as editor of the *Irish Independent Weekend Magazine*, and Books Editor of the *Irish Independent*. She lives in Galway with her husband and children.

*Breaking Point* is her first novel.

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Author born in	<b>Dublin, Ireland</b>
Author living in	<b>Galway, Ireland</b>

#### Previous Titles

Breaking Point

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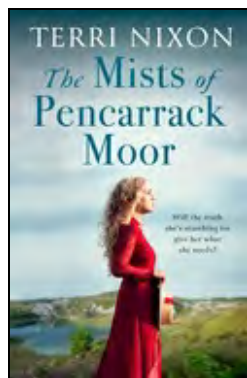
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## The Mists of Pencarrack Moor

Terri Nixon

### Keynote

From the brilliant author of the Fox Family saga comes a new spin-off series, following a new cast of characters and old friends.

### Description

**1931, Cornwall.** Lynette Nicholls lost her brother exactly a year ago in a tragic air training accident. When she visits the coastal town where it happened, she begins to doubt everything she's been told about the incident and becomes determined to uncover the truth.

Her investigation takes her deep into the community, where she meets Geordie Sargent, the leader of the miner's dispute. When sparks fly between them, and Lynette is drawn into his fight, she risks losing everything.

Lynette knows she must choose between her love for Geordie and justice for her brother's death. But, as her life becomes further entangled in the dangerous secrets of Pencarrack Moor, she starts to wonder if she still has the luxury of making that choice . . .

### Praise for Terri Nixon:

'A brilliant read' RoNA award-winning, bestselling novelist Tania Crosse

'Love, loss and old rivalries are skilfully woven against an atmospheric coastal backdrop holding a promise of new beginnings. A five star page turner from the start' Kay Brellend, author of *A Workhouse Christmas*

'I guarantee their story will stay with you long after you have finished reading this beautifully written book' Lynne Francis, author of *A Maid's Ruin*

'A moving story of tragedy, deception and one woman's determination to protect her family. I couldn't put it down!' Charlotte Betts, author of *The Light Within Us*

### Sales Points

- A new spin-off novel from the Fox Bay Saga, following the fortunes of Bertie - the eldest daughter of the Fox family - as she learns to become a pilot
- Another brilliant saga from Terri Nixon, set on the Cornish coast in early 1930s

### Author Biography

Terri Nixon was born in Plymouth in 1965. At the age of 9 she moved with her family to Cornwall, to the village featured in Daphne du Maurier's *Jamaica Inn* - North Hill - where she discovered a love of writing that has stayed with her ever since. She also discovered apple-scrumping, and how to jump out of a hayloft without breaking any bones, but no-one's ever offered to pay her for doing those.

Her first commercially published novel was *Maid of Oaklands Manor*, published by Piatkus in 2013. She has since published the rest of the Oaklands Manor trilogy, the Penhaligon Trilogy and the Fox Bay Saga series.

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Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>90000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Cornwall</b>
Author living in	<b>Plymouth</b>

### Previous Titles

A Cornish Inheritance (Book 1 of the Fox Bay Saga)  
A Cornish Promise (Book 2 of the Fox Bay Saga)  
A Cornish Homecoming (Book 3 of the Fox Bay Saga)  
Penhaligon Trilogy  
The Maid of Oakland Manor

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Book locale	<b>US</b>
Author living in	<b>Virginia, US</b>

#### Previous Titles

*Love Lettering*  
*Love at First Georgie, All Along*

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Dorie Simmonds Agency Ltd</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Dorie Simmonds Agency Ltd</b>
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## The Other Side of Disappearing

### Kate Clayborn

#### Keynote

**From the acclaimed author of *Georgie, All Along* and *Love Lettering*, a pitch-perfect, radiantly transporting love story about an unexpected road trip, true crime obsessions, and hard won vulnerability . . .**

#### Description

**'Poignant, observant, tender, and deeply romantic. This book is everything'**  
**CHRISTINA LAUREN**

**From the acclaimed author of *Georgie, All Along* and *Love Lettering*, a pitch-perfect, radiantly transporting love story about an unexpected road trip, true crime obsessions, and hard won vulnerability . . .**

Hairstylist Jess Greene has spent the last decade raising her younger half-sister, Tegan - and keeping a shocking secret. The boyfriend her reckless mother ran away with is actually an accomplished con man and subject of a wildly popular podcast, *The Last Con of Lynton Baltimore*.

Now thirty-one, Jess didn't bargain on Tegan eventually piecing together the connection for herself. But Tegan plans to do exactly what Jess has always feared - leave their safe, stable home to search for their mother - and she'll be accompanied by the prying podcast host and her watchful, handsome producer, Adam. Unwilling to let the sister she's spent so much of her life protecting go it alone, Jess reluctantly joins them.

Together, the four make their way across the country, unravelling the mystery of where the couple disappeared to and why. But soon Jess is discovering other things too. Like a renewed sense of vulnerability and curiosity, and a willingness to expand beyond the walls she's so carefully built. And in Adam, she finds an unexpected connection she didn't even know was missing, if only she can let go and let him in . . .

**'A glorious feat and a must read'** TESSA BAILEY

**'You get everything with this book: the most tender of love stories, a complicated relationship between sisters, and an engrossing mystery you won't be able to put down'** CARLEY FORTUNE

**'Totally original and so romantic . . . the moving love story I'm always looking for'** BETH O'LEARY

**'Kate Clayborn delivers another masterclass in romance'** ALICIA THOMPSON

**'A delight from beginning to end and beyond'** JULIA WHELAN

#### Sales Points

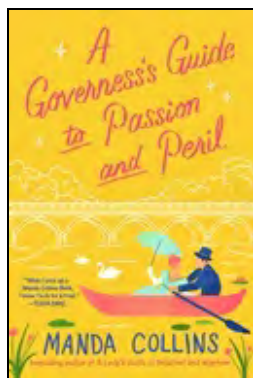
- Kate Clayborn's quirky, smart, swoon-worthy romantic comedies have earned an enormous amount of acclaim, landing on dozens of 'Best Of' lists and receiving amazing quotes from fellow authors including Ali Hazelwood, Christina Lauren, Sarah MacLean, Jasmine Guillory, Jodi Picoult etc.
- TikTok: #georgieallalong 2.9m views (as of June 2023) #kateclayborn 1.5m

#### Reviews

- 'Poignant, observant, tender, and deeply romantic, *The Other Side of Disappearing* is a genre-bending triumph. Clayborn takes what she does best and goes deeper, deftly braiding mystery and family drama with an absorbing romance in her trademark lyrical voice. This book is everything; Jess and Adam own my whole heart' - Christina Lauren
- 'I laughed and swooned and cried, then came away with indelible memories of unforgettable characters who jumped off the page and into my heart. A delight from beginning to end and beyond' - Julia Whelan
- 'Totally original and so romantic, *The Other Side of Disappearing* gave me the moving love story I'm always looking for' - Beth O'Leary
- 'With her signature beautifully crafted prose, Kate Clayborn delivers another masterclass in romance with *The Other Side of Disappearing*. I fell completely in love with prickly, private Jess and Adam, the big-hearted giant of a man who's gone for ever from the start. I was so intrigued to follow the clues about what happened in the past, but so, so invested in Jess and Adam building a future together in a way that was careful and tender and achingly true. I never disappear into a book the way I do into Clayborn's' - Alicia Thompson

#### Author Biography

**Kate Clayborn** is the critically acclaimed author of contemporary romance novels. Her



## A Governess's Guide to Passion and Peril

Manda Collins

### Keynote

**Two friends reunite - and discover hidden feelings - while investigating a murder in this sensual, witty historical romance perfect for fans of Evie Dunmore and Netflix's *Bridgerton*!**

### Description

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BIC 2.1	<b>Historical romance (FRH)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>90000 words</b>
Series	<b>A Lady's Guide</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>UK</b>
Author living in	<b>Gulf Coast, USA</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Hachette Book Group USA</b>
Publisher	<b>Publisher</b>

### Previous Titles

*A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem*  
*An Heiress's Guide to Deception and Desire*

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Joelle Dieu</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Joelle Dieu</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Joelle Dieu</b>
Translation	<b>Joelle Dieu</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
US	<b>Joelle Dieu</b>

Jane Halliwell once dreamed of a home of her own - but those dreams, along with her dowry, died with her father. Now, she works as a governess, preparing her charge for a future no longer within her reach. However, when her employer is murdered during a house party, Jane is forced back into the world of the *ton*. But stepping in as hostess will require working with the same lord who once broke her girlish heart.

Lord Adrian Fielding was too consumed with his job at the Foreign Office to pay young Jane much heed, but he always considered her a friend. Which is why he's confounded by her icy demeanour now. More troubling still is his desire to melt the tensions between them. But his mentor's murder means he must first find the culprit - and ensure Jane's safety as she manages a house full of foreign dignitaries.

Only Jane insists on joining the investigation and Adrian, despite all his diplomatic skills, finds himself seduced by her sharp wit and sparkling eyes. But with a vicious killer closing in, will it soon be too late for their chance at forever?

### Praise for Manda Collins:

'**Witty, intelligent, and hard to put down**' Rachel Van Dyken

'**Manda Collins heats up the ballroom and writes romance to melt even the frostiest duke's heart**' Tessa Dare

'**Utterly charming**' Popsugar

'**Manda Collins is a delight!**' Elizabeth Hoyt

'**Mystery, romance, and an indomitable heroine make for a brisk, compelling read**' Madeline Hunter

'**Sexy and smart historical romance, with a big dash of fun**' Vanessa Kelly

'**Sexy, thrilling, romantic . . . Manda Collins makes her Regency world a place any reader would want to dwell**' Kieran Kramer

### Sales Points

- Manda Collins' *Lady's Guide* series combines the modern-day fascination with crime, a literary-themed murder, and a romantic pairing set against a historical backdrop that will leave readers swooning for more books in the series
- Publishing into the emerging trend of historical romcom - perfect for fans of Evie Dunmore's *Bringing Down the Duke*, Suzanne Allain's *Mr Malcolm's List*, Martha Water's *To Have and to Hoax* and many more

### Reviews

- 'When I pick up a Manda Collins book, I know I'm in for a treat' - *Tessa Dare, New York Times bestselling author*
- 'Manda Collins reminds me why I love historical romance so much' - *Rachel Van Dyken, New York Times bestselling author*

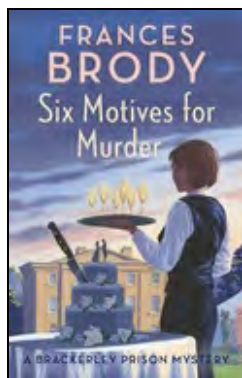
### Author Biography

**Manda Collins** grew up on a combination of Nancy Drew books and Jane Austen novels, and her own brand of historical romantic suspense is the result. A former academic librarian, she holds master's degrees in English and Library & Information Studies. Her novel *Duke with Benefits* was named a *Kirkus* Best Romance of 2017. She lives on the Gulf Coast with a squirrel-fighting cat and more books than are strictly necessary.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Crime &amp; mystery (FF) Classic crime (FFC) Yorkshire (1DBKEYK)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>90000 words</b>
Series	<b>Brackerley Prison Mysteries</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Yorkshire</b>
Author living in	<b>Leeds</b>

#### Previous Titles

**Brackerley Prison series:**  
A Murder Inside (2021)

#### Kate Shackleton series:

A Mansion for Murder (2022)  
Death and the Brewery Queen (2020)  
The Body on the Train (2019)  
and many more.

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Judith Murdoch Literary Agency</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Judith Murdoch Literary Agency</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
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Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
US	<b>Judith Murdoch Literary Agency</b>

## Six Motives for Murder

Frances Brody

### Keynote

**The second mystery in the Brackerley Prison series from Frances Brody, the bestselling author of the Kate Shackleton novels. This is a classic crime mystery set in a women's prison in 1960s Yorkshire - the perfect page-turner for fans of Agatha Christie and Jacqueline Winspear.**

### Description

Yorkshire, 1969. Nell Lewis is four months into her new role as governor of HMP Brackerley when the prison takes on a catering contract for Brackerley village's wedding of the year.

Almost all the female inmates are delighted to be involved in the celebrations, though Linda is desperate to avoid the event in case she is spotted, photographed, and once more appears on the front pages of the gutter press.

During the wedding reception, one of the inmates discovers the father of the bride, Mr Chapin, stabbed to death behind the marquee.

The murder shocks the close-knit village and police enlist Nell's help to solve the mystery. There are multiple suspects at the wedding, all with strong motives for wanting Mr Chapin dead, but the prison workforce was closest to the scene of the crime . . .

**The second historical mystery in the Brackerley Prison series from bestselling author Frances Brody. This is the perfect locked room page-turner for fans of Agatha Christie and Jacqueline Winspear.**

### Sales Points

- **A BELOVED CRIME WRITER:** Frances Brody is the acclaimed writer of the Kate Shackleton mysteries, whose total sales to date are close to 500,000 copies across formats. She has been longlisted for the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and *A Woman Unknown* was shortlisted for the Mary Higgins Clark Award.
- **A NEW CLASSIC CRIME SERIES:** This is the second novel in a new classic crime series from a bestselling author. The series has a fascinating historical backdrop - late 1960s to early 1970s Britain - and, like the Kate Shackleton series, is set in Yorkshire where the author lives. This novel is full of Brody's trademark storytelling, nostalgic charm and sharp historical detail.
- **'ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK' IN 1960s YORKSHIRE:** This series is set in a women's open prison in 1960s Yorkshire and introduces readers to an inspiring new heroine: prison officer Nell Lewis.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** classic mysteries by Jacqueline Winspear and Agatha Christie.

### Reviews

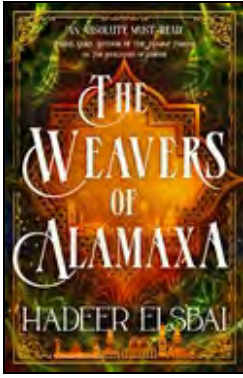
- 'Praise for Frances Brody:'
- **'Frances Brody has made it to the top rank of crime writers'** - *Daily Mail*
- **'Has a charm, and mystery, all of its own'** - *The Times*
- **'Brody's writing is like her central character Kate Shackleton: witty, acerbic and very, very perceptive'** - Ann Cleeves

### Author Biography

**Frances Brody** is the author of twelve Kate Shackleton mysteries and three historical novels. Frances began her writing career in radio and has also written for theatre and television. Her novel *Sisters on Bread Street* won the HarperCollins Elizabeth Elgin Award. *A Woman Unknown* was shortlisted for the Mary Higgins Clark Award. Her stage plays have been toured by several theatre companies and produced at Manchester Library Theatre, the Gate and Nottingham Playhouse. *Jehad* was nominated for a *Time Out* Award.

Frances lived in New York for a time before studying at Ruskin College, Oxford, and reading English Literature and History at York University.

Visit Frances Brody online at [www.francesbrody.com](http://www.francesbrody.com)



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Extent **352 pages**  
Word Count  
Series **The Alamaxa Duology**  
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#### Previous Titles

The Daughters of Izdihar

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## The Weavers of Alamaxa

Hadeer Elsbai

#### Keynote

Following up on one of the most exciting fantasy debuts, *The Daughters of Izdihar*, Hadeer Elsbai concludes her Alamaxa Duology, inspired by Egyptian history and myth, with a tale of magic, war, betrayal, sisterhood, and love.

#### Description

'Hadeer Elsbai has written a powerful story of sisterhood, love, and struggle within a rich, vibrant world with complicated characters that leap from the page to smash the patriarchy!' P. Djèlí Clark, author of *A Master of Djinn*, on *The Daughters of Izdihar*

Following up on one of the most exciting fantasy debuts, *The Daughters of Izdihar*, Hadeer Elsbai concludes her Alamaxa duology, inspired by Egyptian history, with a tale of magic, betrayal and love.

Magic is no longer banned in Alamaxa, but across the border the Zirani are readying their cannons. They will stop at nothing to end what they perceive is a threat not only to their way of life, but to the world.

But the last time a Weaver fought back, the whole world was shattered.

Two incredible women are all that stands before an entire army. But they've stood up to power before, and they won then. This time, though, it's no longer about rhetoric.

This time it's about magic and blood.

Praise for this series:

**'A gorgeous, clever feminist fantasy novel rich with magic, politics, hunger and fire. An absolute must-read'** Tasha Suri, author of *The Jasmine Throne*

**'A wondrously rich fantasy that highlights the true struggle to revolutionize a society. . . a debut not to be missed'** Shannon Chakraborty, author of *The City of Brass*

**'Action-packed, magic-filled, and led by two fierce, vividly-rendered women, *The Daughters of Izdihar* is a compelling and empowering debut'** Ava Reid, author of *Juniper and Thorn*

**'A thrilling tale of two women's fight for rights in their patriarchal society, peppered with elemental magic, politics, and a relentless desire for that which is wrongly forbidden.'** Andrea Stewart, author of *The Bone Shard Daughter*

**'A powerful fantasy novel filled with clever magic, intriguing politics, and compelling characters who forge a path toward justice, no matter the obstacle'** Chelsea Abdullah, author of *The Stardust Thief*

**'An absolutely enthralling tale of two women striving for a better world'** Sarah Beth Durst, author of *The Queen of Blood*

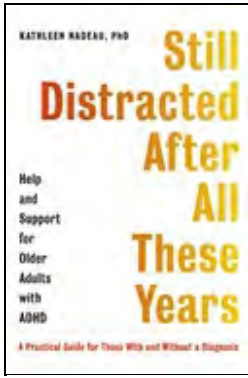
**'Magnificent, complex, compelling'** Davinia Evans, author of *Notorious Sorcerer*

#### Sales Points

- **SAPPHIC FANTASY POPULARITY:** This duology will appeal to historical fantasy readers who enjoyed other sapphic historical fantasies like *A MASTER OF DJINN* and *THE JASMINE THRONE*, as well as those who enjoy feminist fantasy like *THE ONCE AND FUTURE WITCHES*.
- **MIDDLE EASTERN SETTING:** This book will appeal to fans of books like *THE STARDUST THIEF*, *A MASTER OF DJINN* and *THE CITY OF BRASS*, all of which have Middle Eastern settings with vibrant magic systems inspired by the folklore of history of their settings.
- **TIKTOK POTENTIAL:** With the sapphic romance at its heart this book as great #FantasyBookTok potential and we will be building up pre-publication momentum with BookTokkers.

#### Reviews

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- *'A gorgeous, clever feminist fantasy novel rich with magic, politics, hunger and fire. An*



## Still Distracted After All These Years Help and Support for Older Adults with ADHD

Kathleen Nadeau

### Keynote

The world's foremost expert shares advice on later-in-life ADHD, tackling everything from finances, parenting, planning for retirement, social life and work, in this practical and helpful guide for those with and without a diagnosis.

### Description

The world's foremost expert shares advice on later-in-life ADHD, tackling everything from finances, parenting, planning for retirement, social life and work, in this practical and helpful guide for those with and without a diagnosis.

Do you...

- Forget to pay bills?
- Live in a disorganised environment?
- Struggle with mental health?
- Procrastinate on projects, even ones that initially excite you?
- Have high levels of conflict with those close to you?
- Have a child diagnosed with ADHD and/or a family history of learning disorders?

If some of these patterns sound familiar, you might understandably fear the onset of dementia, but you may have undiagnosed attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). ADHD in adults is one of the most common disorders. Living with ADHD in our later years is hugely influenced by co-occurring issues, such as anxiety, depression or low self-esteem. In addition, the presence of learning disorders, heightened levels of stress, the presence or lack of support from others, and the number of people we are responsible for, can all complicate and intensify the effects of ADHD.

The good news is that you've come to the right place to learn more about how to lead a calmer, happier, more productive life. Dedicated to the health and wellbeing of today's older adults with ADHD, *Still Distracted After All These Years* offers strategies to build a support system, gain better control over your daily life and create a more ADHD-friendly retirement.

### Sales Points

- US edition published in October 2022. Our edition will publish in March 2024. There has been a gap because the book features medication advice and some pathways to diagnosis/treatment that differ in our territories from the US. The book has been adapted by Max Davie, co-founder of ADHD UK, and now will work for our key territories.
- \$100K acquisition for Hachette Go so there are high expectations for this to really strike a chord with a large population of people finding out late in life that they have ADHD.
- Up to 5% of adults have ADHD, and treatment and support beyond childhood is patchy. Women and men tend to present differently and this can mean diagnosis is often missed.
- About 1.5million adults in the UK have adult ADHD, but only about 120,000 are formally diagnosed. But test-taking by women increased 3200% in 2021 alone, so awareness is rapidly growing.
- Children with ADHD have only recently started getting the treatment they need in schools. But what about the generations before them? Kids in the '50s, '60s and '70s who were described as "hyper" and "incurable," with no real resources or knowledge for parents and educators of how to give them the learning experience they deserved. Other children were high achievers, but they suffered from distraction and lack of focus. Now these kids have grown up; some have received a diagnosis (often propelled when their own child is diagnosed) and some are wondering if their absentmindedness and other hallmarks of ADHD are signs of cognitive decline.

### Author Biography

**Kathleen Nadeau, PhD** is the founder and clinical director of the largest private ADHD specialty clinic in the US. She is the author or co-author of many books on ADHD including the bestselling *ADD-friendly Ways to Organize Your Life*, *Understanding Girls with ADHD*, and *Understanding Women with ADHD*. She received the CHADD Hall of Fame Award in 1999 for her groundbreaking work on girls and women.

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Extent **464 pages**  
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Author living in **Shrewsbury**

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## Cheated the brand-new gritty and unputdownable gangland crime novel

**Roberta Kray**

### Keynote

**THE BRAND NEW GANGLAND CRIME NOVEL FROM BESTSELLER ROBERTA KRAY. NO ONE KNOWS CRIME LIKE KRAY.**

### Description

**'Well into MARTINA COLE territory' Independent**

**'A cracking good read' JESSIE KEANE**

**WHO CAN YOU TRUST, WHEN YOU CAN'T TRUST FAMILY?**

Sheltered and naïve Carmen Darby has lived under the thumb of her father Rex, a brutal criminal businessman, her whole life. But when Rex announces his retirement and plans to leave his vast wealth to his three daughters, Carmen doesn't thank her father as effusively as he'd like, enraging him. Cast out from her home, Carmen assumes a new identity and starts her life over, but she knows she can't outrun the sins of her family for ever...

Meanwhile her sisters, disappointed by the terms of their inheritance, formulate a vicious plan to get their money in full. They'll kill whoever stands in their way, even their own father. But they aren't the only ones who'd love to see Rex dead. Surrounded by backstabbers and treating his allies like dirt, it's only a matter of time before someone snaps...

And when they do, is Carmen perfectly set up to take the fall?

**Full of the same danger and grit as its London setting, this is author Roberta Kray at the top of her game. Get ready for a KILLER read . . .**

### Sales Points

- We have sold almost **one million copies** of Roberta Kray's novels across all editions.
- Perfect for fans of **Martina Cole (100k TCM)**, **Kimberley Chambers (35k TCM)** and **Jessie Keane (25k TCM)**.
- Roberta Kray's **authenticity of writing is second to none**, gained through her marriage to Reggie Kray and involvement with the **notorious Kray family**. She writes **brilliantly gripping and fast-paced gangland crime novels**, full of her **trademark East-End grit**, with **strong female characters**.
- Roberta Kray is a **consistent and reliable brand performer** for Sphere, benefitting from **focused support from sales, marketing and publicity** to ensure that every new title continues to deliver growth.

### Reviews

- **'A cracking good read!' - Jessie Keane**
- **'Well into Martina Cole territory' - Independent**
- **'Gripping!' - Daily Express**
- **'Great writing, gripping story. Loved it' - Mandasue Heller**

### Author Biography

Through her marriage to Reggie Kray, **Roberta Kray** has a unique and authentic insight into London's East End. Roberta met Reggie in early 1996 and they married the following year; they were together until Reggie's death in 2000. Roberta is the author of many previous bestsellers including *No Mercy*, *Exposed*, *Survivor* and *Stolen*.

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## When I Died for the First Time

Tim Booth

### Keynote

THE DEBUT NOVEL BY JAMES FRONTMAN, TIM BOOTH

### Description

A heady mixture of fiction, diary and confession, the riotous story of the life and times of Seth Brakes demands to be heard.

In the event of his death, Seth made one simple wish - for James singer Tim Booth to take his tales of a life lived untamed to the world stage. But to Tim's knowledge they had only met a couple of times: once at a party and once at one of Brian Eno's famous acapella nights. All he knew was that a psychic had guided Seth to choose Tim for this unusual task . . . but why him? Why now?

What follows is a wild ride of pure debauchery, as Seth hands you an access-all-areas pass to what life was really like in *The Lucky Fuckers* - from heated studio sessions to heady benders, tumultuous affairs to touring the world.

Unfiltered, unashamed and completely absorbing, *When I Died for the First Time* is a raw account of a musician that tested his uppermost limits, hitting legendary highs and crashing to catastrophic lows. So where did it all go wrong? And just *how* does anyone die twice? Pieced together with Tim's careful curiosity you'll uncover the hazy truth about Seth Brakes: a story that stays with you long after you've turned the last page.

### Sales Points

- James has headlined and played sold-out shows at venues such as Wembley Arena, Glasgow Hydro, Manchester Arena and more. They have an orchestra tour scheduled for April 2023, followed by a large tour in Spring 2024.
- James have over 315K followers on Facebook, and Tim over 50K on Twitter.

### Author Biography

Tim Booth is an English singer-songwriter and actor. He is the lead singer and co-founder of the indie rock band James, and co-wrote several of their hit singles including 'Sit Down', 'Come Home', and 'Laid'. As of 2010, the band had sold more than 25 million albums worldwide.

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## Smart Money The Fall and Rise of Brentford FC

Alex Duff

### Keynote

English football's *Moneyball*.

### Description

In 1978, when Alex Duff first went to watch Brentford, players would go on midweek pub crawls near the Griffin Park stadium. Sometimes, in no fit state to go home, they would crash out in a terraced home where one of them lived opposite the stadium gates. The next morning, they clambered into a white van which one of them would drive to training, stopping on the way for a bacon sandwich and cup of tea at a greasy spoon café.

Brentford had once played in the top-flight but now, idling in the third division, were a second home for players and supporters, but there was neither the ambition nor money to revive their best days. They bumbled along until in 2005, fed up with trying to make a profit from a club with an ageing stadium in an unfashionable west London suburb, owner Ron Noades agreed to hand over the business to supporters on the condition they take over responsibility for their £5.5 million overdraft.

One of the fans, an Oxford University physics graduate called Matthew Benham, was making millions of pounds from professional gambling and threw in a £500,000 lifeline to help keep the club afloat. Initially, as a sort of academic challenge, he began figuring out if he could employ the mathematics which he used in beating the bookmakers to improve the club's performance on the pitch.

*Smart Money* is the story of how a scientist with an inquiring mind was set loose in a backwater of professional football, and how he turned a modest, little-known team into a competitor in one of the world's most-watched sports leagues.

### Sales Points

- According to a yougov.uk poll in 2022, Brentford is among the world's 20 most-liked clubs among the 'Generation X' category of young and middle-aged adults in the UK, ahead of Manchester United and Juventus.
- The appetite for intimate, sports history is very much present - as proven by the ongoing sale for Michael Lewis's *Moneyball* and Nick Hornby's *Fever Pitch*.
- A huge fan of the sport and well-connected with the media, the author is well-placed to write this book.
- Gifting opportunity for Brentford FC fans.

### Author Biography

Alex Duff is a distinguished sports business reporter, having worked for *Bloomberg News* for fifteen years. His first book *Football's Secret Trade* (Wiley & Sons, 2017) about the football transfer market was serialized in the *New York Times* and *Guardian*, and featured in the *Daily Mail*. His second book *Le Fric: Family, Power and Money: The Business of the Tour de France* (Constable, 2022) was longlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award and named as one of the 'Best Summer Reads' of 2022 by the *Financial Times*. It was praised in the *Sunday Times* and *Times Literary Supplement*.

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Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
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Illustrations	<b>2 x 8 pp colour plates</b>
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## The Rebound

### Catherine Walsh

#### Keynote

**A newly single girl. A tall dark handsome stranger. What could go wrong?**

#### Description

**A newly single girl. A tall dark handsome stranger. What could go wrong?**

It's 7 a.m. on a Monday and **Abby Reynolds** isn't where she wants to be. She *wants* to be in her beautiful loft apartment in Manhattan, drinking a coffee with her fiancé.

Instead, she's heading back to the childhood home in rural Ireland she swore she'd never return to, with some big old secrets. Namely that she's suddenly found herself unemployed, homeless, and absolutely 100% single.

She's feeling all out of luck. Until the first person she meets after she touches down is an absurdly hot guy called **Luke**, who offers her a lift home. Gazing deep into his sparkling emerald-green eyes, Abby knows instantly that he's exactly what she needs to take her mind off everything. **The perfect rebound.**

It's a flawless plan. Until the next day, when Abby realizes who he actually is. Not just a stranger. He is, in fact, Luke Bailey, aka the boy next door. Luke Bailey who-so help her God-she's pretty sure she once *shared baths* with, back when they were kids. Not that she can allow herself to imagine him in a bath now, not without blushing from head to foot.

And judging by the smirk on his face, the same Luke Bailey who's known exactly who she was the whole time... And who, like everyone in the village, still thinks she's a high-flying New Yorker... who's getting married next year.

Abby is certain getting under Luke will help her get over her ex. But the truth is stopping her. Can she admit to everyone back home that she's single and has lost everything? Because, if she wants the boy next door, she may just have to...

#### Sales Points

- Catherine Walsh has sold over 225,000 copies of her novels across all formats.
- Catherine Walsh has had over 32 million Kindle Unlimited pages read.
- THE REBOUND has sold 62,000 copies across all formats.

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## The Doctor's Wife

### Daniel Hurst

#### Keynote

For fans of T. M. Logan, Freida McFadden and Lisa Jewell

He thinks his secret is safe. But she knows the truth...

#### Description

**He thinks his secret is safe. But she knows the truth...**

My husband is a doctor. He's smart and charming and everybody trusts him. **Except me.** On the surface, it looks like I have it all - the perfect marriage, the perfect husband, the perfect life. But it's far from the truth.

**Doctor Drew Devlin** is not the respectable figure he makes out to be. The reason we moved to this beautiful, old property with a gorgeous view of the sea was because we needed to put our past behind us. It should've been a fresh start for us both.

Except I've discovered my husband has been lying to me again. He's using the power he has in his job to mess with people's lives, and to get exactly what he wants - no matter who it hurts.

But he's underestimated me. I've had plenty of time, in this big, isolated house, to think about all of his mistakes.

And my husband has no idea what's about to happen next...

#### Sales Points

- The Doctor's Wife has sold 70,000 copies across all formats, and has had 32 million Kindle Unlimited pages read.
- Through Bookouture Daniel Hurst has sold over 141,000 copies across all formats, and has had over 59 million Kindle Unlimited pages read.

#### Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!

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## Becky Lynch: The Man Not Your Average Average Girl

Rebecca Quin

### Keynote

**This compelling and deeply personal memoir from WWE superstar Rebecca Quin - AKA The Man, AKA Becky Lynch - delves into Quin's earliest wrestling days, her scrappy beginnings, and her meteoric rise to fame.**

### Description

By age seven, Rebecca Quin, now known in the ring as Becky Lynch, was already defying what the world expected of her.

Raised in Dublin, Ireland in a devoutly Catholic family, Rebecca constantly invented new ways to make her mother worry - roughhousing with the neighbourhood kids, getting older and hosting secret parties while her parents were away, enrolling in a warehouse wrestling school, nearly breaking her neck and almost kneecapping a WWE star before her own wrestling career even began - and she was always in search of a thrilling escape from the ordinary.

Rebecca's deep love of wrestling as a child set her on an unlikely path. With few female athletes to look to for guidance, Rebecca pursued a wrestling career hoping to change the culture and move away from the antiquated disrespect so often shown directed at the elite female athletes that grace the ring. Even as a teenager, she knew that she would stop at nothing to earn a space among the greatest wrestlers of our time, and to pave a new path for female fighters.

Culled from decades of journal entries, Rebecca's memoir offers a raw, personal, and honest depiction of the complex woman behind the character Rebecca Quin plays on TV, and a fascinating insight into the world of professional wrestling.

### Sales Points

- Becky's memoir is engaging, honest, spiky and funny, offering a great insight into the world of professional wrestling and its major players, which fans will love, as well as a fascinating portrait of growing up in Ireland.
- Wrestling is growing in the UK, with both the WWE and AEW expressing an aim to 'conquer the UK'. The recent ALL IN event in London at Wembley Stadium was attended by 81,035 people, breaking the paid attendance record for a professional wrestling event.
- Becky writes brilliantly about being a woman in a man's sport. After the success of the women's football world cup and the broader conversations about women in sport, Becky's book feels like one to keep the conversation going and add a new female voice to the market. Also notable is a new autobiography from Ronda Rousey, publishing in April 2024.
- The author has a huge fanbase of 13m followers across platforms, with 5.8m on Instagram alone. Irish-born, Becky has a strong number of followers in the UK and Ireland and is committed to reaching them through posts on her channels and events.

### Author Biography

Irish-born wrestler **Rebecca Quin**, who uses the ring name Becky Lynch, has become one of the most widely known names in all of WWE over the past few years. Initially working in Ireland, and occasionally teaming with her brother, she soon began wrestling across Europe and North America on the independent circuit for various promotions. She signed a contract with WWE in 2013, assigned to the developmental territory at NXT. Following her push to WWE's main roster, she became the inaugural SmackDown Women's Champion at Backlash 2016 and has held the title four times. In 2018, Lynch transitioned to a more aggressive character starting at SummerSlam, when she attacked Charlotte Flair, presenting herself as an unfairly treated underdog and dubbing herself "The Man", resulting in a large increase in her popularity. In 2019, she won a Royal Rumble match, and at WrestleMania 35 won both the Raw Women's Championship and SmackDown Women's Championship, making her the first woman to hold both titles simultaneously and a four-time WWE women's champion. With her WWE Women's Tag Team Championship win in 2023, she became WWE's Sixth Women's Triple Crown Champion.

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## Way Back

Sara Cox's gorgeous and big-hearted new novel

Sara Cox

#### Keynote

**THE BIG-HEARTED NEW NOVEL FROM THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THROWN*, RADIO 2 BROADCASTER AND PRESENTER OF BBC'S *BETWEEN THE COVERS***

#### Description

**THE BIG-HEARTED NEW NOVEL FROM THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THROWN*, RADIO 2 BROADCASTER AND PRESENTER OF BBC'S *BETWEEN THE COVERS***

**Josie's life is fine. Absolutely, completely fine.** Nice husband, brilliant best friend, a gorgeous kid at uni. The big house of her dreams on its leafy London street is a lifetime away from the Lancashire farm of her childhood. So what if her mother is tricky, and James isn't in love with Josie any more, and maybe she's not in love with him either? It's great to have time to herself now Chloe's flown the nest . . . isn't it?

This is the life Josie never believed possible. The life she needed when her heart was breaking as a child, when her mum wasn't coping and Josie had to grow up too fast. So why this feeling, nibbling away at the edges of Josie's thoughts? The sense that she has lost something. That she has lost herself.

If Josie is to truly live, she must now take back the reins and confront her future. And to find her way ahead, she needs to go back - *way back*. To the place where it all began.

#### Sales Points

- Sara hosts the popular book talk show, *Between the Covers* on **BBC2**
- Sara's debut novel *Thrown* was a **Sunday Times** bestseller.
- Sara is the host of **Drivetime** on **BBC Radio 2**
- Sara is the presenter of BBC's *Back in Time..* series
- Her memoir, *Till The Cows Come Home*, was a **Sunday Times Bestseller**

#### Reviews

- '**Praise for *THROWN***' - -
- '**GORGEOUS. Funny, warm... You'll LOVE it!**' - Marian Keyes
- '**A brilliant story of female friendships... you can't help but hear Cox's voice bounce off the pages**' - *Heat*
- '**A glorious debut from Sara, with the feel-good factor**' - *Prima*

#### Author Biography

Sara Cox is known and loved by millions of BBC Radio 2 listeners, where she presents her teatime show every weekday from 4-7 p.m. She developed a passion for broadcasting at BBC Radio 1 and presented the *Breakfast Show* for four years, reaching eight million listeners.

Sara hosts the popular weekly TV book programme *Between the Covers* on BBC Two and is a regular co-host on BBC One's *Morning Live*. Other BBC TV work includes *Back in Time for . . .*, *The Great Pottery Throwdown*, the dating series *Love in the Countryside*, and *Britain's Top Takeaways*.

Sara's TV career began with *The Girlie Show*, and she's gone on to present numerous shows for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4. She is a regular co-presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Loose Ends* and has written columns for the *Mirror* and the *Guardian*.

Her memoir *Till the Cows Come Home* (2018) was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, as was her hugely successful debut novel *Thrown* (2022).

Sara lives with her family in north London. She stays in tune with her farming background by having too many pets and riding her horse, Nelly.

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## The School Run

**Suspenseful, surprising and cinematic, from the internationally bestselling author of The Trivia Night**

**Ali Lowe**

### Keynote

**The gripping, twisty and suspenseful new novel from Ali Lowe - perfect for fans of BIG LITTLE LIES and DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES!**

### Description

***How far would you go to protect your children?***

For parents living in the beautiful coastal town of Pacific Pines, all their hopes and dreams are pinned on the outcome of the annual Gala Day hosted by St Ignatius Boys' School. To be accepted into the prestigious institution, their sons must battle it out, facing rigorous rounds of physical and mental tests. Their parents will stop at nothing to ensure their sons succeed.

But after one boy is struck down in a hit and run, the scandals, secrets and lies that entangle three mothers threaten to unravel their seemingly perfect lives . . .

**How far will the women go to protect their reputations - and their families?**

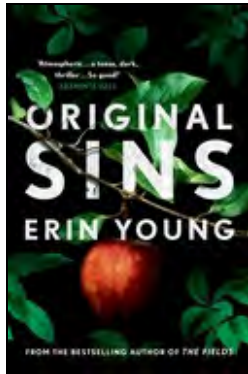
### Sales Points

- **A new gripping, twisty and suspenseful novel that centres around a group of women desperate for their children to be admitted to an exclusive high school - and the deadly secrets they are all keeping.**
- Perfect for readers of Liane Moriarty, Sally Hepworth or for anyone who enjoyed *Desperate Housewives*. THE SCHOOL RUN will appeal to readers who love women's fiction with an aspirational setting, suspenseful edge and unexpected twists.
- **The third novel from journalist Ali Lowe, following THE TRIVIA NIGHT and THE RUNNING CLUB. Ali is a British ex-pat living in Sydney, Australia and her novels are set in the wealthy Sydney suburbs.**

### Author Biography

Ali Lowe has been a journalist for 20 years. She has written for bridal magazines, parenting titles, websites and newspapers in London and then Australia, after she moved to Sydney fourteen years ago on a trip that was meant to last a year. She was Features Editor at *OK!* in London, where she memorably stalked celebrities in Elton John's garden at his annual White Tie and Tiara ball.

Ali lives on the northern beaches of Sydney with her husband and three young children.



## Original Sins Riley Fisher Book 2

Erin Young

### Keynote

Erin Young follows up her acclaimed crime debut, *The Fields*, which has drawn comparisons with *Mare of Easttown*, *Silence of the Lambs* and *True Detective*, with another stunning thriller full of dark menace, surprise and suspense.

### Description

It's a brutal winter in Des Moines, Iowa, and the city is gripped by fear. A serial attacker known as the Sin Eater is stalking women and has just struck again. It's a tough time and a tough place for Riley Fisher, a former small-town sergeant, to be reporting for duty as an FBI agent on her first assignment.

Teamed with a man she's not sure she can trust and struggling to prove herself - while fighting the pull of her old life and family dramas - Riley is tasked with investigating a vicious death threat against the newly elected female state governor. Gradually, she traces a disturbing connection between this case and the hunt for the Sin Eater. Through snow, ice, violence and lies, Riley Fisher is drawn towards a terrifying revelation.

Erin Young follows up her acclaimed crime debut, *The Fields*, which has drawn comparisons with *Mare of Easttown*, *Silence of the Lambs* and *True Detective*, with another stunning thriller full of dark menace and suspense.

### Sales Points

- Major acquisition by Flatiron in the USA.
- Strong but haunted central character like *Mare of Easttown* and major TV interest already

### Reviews

- 'Praise for *The Fields*:'
- 'The sharp prose and explosive plot immediately drew me in, but the richly textured exploration of life in rural America stayed with me long after I finished. This is a classic crime series in the making' - Cristina Alger, bestselling author of *Girls Like Us*
- 'Loved the vivid sense of place. Hints of *True Detective* & *The Silence of the Lambs*. EXCELLENT' - Will Dean, bestselling author of *The Last Thing to Burn*
- 'Young delivers a disturbing, twist-riddled thriller stocked with well-drawn characters' - *Publishers Weekly*
- '[A] well-crafted procedural... vivid portraits of Black Hawk's denizens provide a compelling draw.' - *Booklist*
- '*Praise for Original Sins*:'
- 'The Fields was an assured and thought provoking debut, but with *Original Sins* Erin Young takes the **authenticity and pacing** of her story telling to a new level. This book is both **meticulously researched and enthralling**.' - *Anthony Riches*
- 'This book will chill you to the bone. So atmospheric I feel like I've actually been to Des Moines. A complex, tense, dark thriller with a cop to root for and a killer to fear. So good!' - *Araminta Hall*
- 'A meticulously plotted police procedural that absolutely has it all: an **icy setting** in rural Iowa, a timely political backdrop... and one of the **most chilling villains** I've read in recent history. This book is perfect for fans of Tana French.' - *Stacy Willingham, New York Times bestselling author of A Flicker in the Dark*
- '... intricate plotting, breakneck pacing - and, in FBI agent Riley Fisher, a **compelling heroine** you'll not soon forget.' - *Wendy Walker, author of What Remains*

### Author Biography

Erin Young's debut thriller, *THE FIELDS*, was inspired by an article about the menacing power of Big Agriculture. A decision to set the novel in the corn-capital of the world led her to make a fascinating journey across Iowa, from the state capitol to the state fair, from chance encounters with cops and farmers to an audience with a local mayor, shooting Glocks at a range and getting caught in supercell storms. Having grown up in a fishing village in Devon, she is drawn to the claustrophobic dramas of rural small-towns and the secrets they hide.

Erin Young is the pseudonym of acclaimed historical novelist, Robyn Young, author of eight internationally bestselling novels. She has been published in 19 languages in 22 countries, selling two million books worldwide. *THE FIELDS* is her first contemporary thriller. She lives and writes in Brighton, England.

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Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
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Series	<b>Riley Fisher</b>
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Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Iowa</b>
Author living in	<b>East Sussex</b>
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## And Now the Light is Everywhere

### A stunning debut novel of family secrets and redemption

**L.A. MacRae**

#### Keynote

Longlisted for the Caledonia Novel Award, *AND NOW THE LIGHT IS EVERYWHERE* is the stunning debut by L. A. Macrae which follows the interweaving lives and lies casting a shadow over the MacArthur family throughout generations.

#### Description

'A vivid, involving and beautifully written story.' JOSEPH O'CONNOR  
 'A book that draws you in and holds you till the very end' ANNE GRIFFIN  
 'Sensitive and accurate . . . A page turner' JAMES ROBERTSON  
 'An eloquent novel . . . I was captivated' MARGOT LIVESEY

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*Where does a story end and the truth begin?*

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Stories run deep in the MacArthur family, passed from generation to generation. Tales not just of selkies and changelings, but of the lives and deaths of the family themselves. Anna MacArthur has heard how her beautiful grandmother Netta boarded a ship for Canada after the war, leaving behind her young son Donnie, and was never seen again.

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'Classic story-telling bathed in a generous light . . . it moves so confidently between lives and epochs it easy not to realise at first how cleverly it's put together, how effectively the different stories intersect and echo. It's poignant and funny, and marks Lucy out as an exciting and ambitious writer of real talent.' ANDREW MILLER

#### Sales Points

- A beautifully written family mystery set over three generations about the butterfly effect of family secrets throughout the years, perfect for fans of Maggie O'Farrell, *THE LAMPLIGHTERS* and *PINE*.
- Lucy is a Scottish author, who grew up between Argyll and Dundee and is currently based on the Isle of Skye. She holds an MSc by Research in Scottish Ethnology from the University of Edinburgh in 2010, which explored the functions of music and song within Scots and Gaelic oral narrative, and this research informed her novel, which explores how we pass stories on through the generations - both in folklore and family tales.
- *AND NOW THE LIGHT IS EVERYWHERE* was longlisted for the prestigious Caledonian Novel Award in 2021, and has received praise from Joseph O'Connor, Andrew Miller and James Robertson.

#### Reviews

- 'A vivid, involving and beautifully written story.' - Joseph O'Connor
- 'Classic story-telling bathed in a generous light . . . it moves so confidently between lives and epochs it easy not to realise at first how cleverly it's put together, how effectively the different stories intersect and echo. It's poignant and funny, and marks Lucy out as an exciting and ambitious writer of real talent.' - Andrew Miller
- 'A book that draws you in and holds you till the very end.' - Anne Griffin
- '*And Now the Light is Everywhere* is a page-turner, with a clever plot and a range of engaging characters, but there are deeper currents below the surface, carrying questions about time, families and their secrets, trust, betrayal and the nature and importance of storytelling itself. MacRae's writing is sensitive and accurate, rising to passages of brilliance at the right moments. A wonderfully accomplished first novel.' - James Robertson

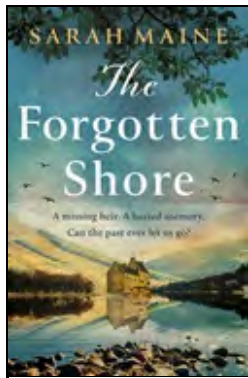
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**Scotland (1DBKS)**  
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Book locale **Argyll, Scotland**  
 Author born in **Dundee, Scotland**  
 Author living in **Isle of Skye, Scotland**

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 Audio **Refer to Publisher**  
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## The Forgotten Shore

### The sweeping new novel of family, secrets and forgiveness from the author of **THE HOUSE BETWEEN TIDES**

**Sarah Maine**

#### Keynote

A sweeping and atmospheric story of family ties, interwoven mysteries, love and redemption, set between Scotland and Newfoundland, from the author of Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year *The House Between Tides*

#### Description

<h3>A sweeping and atmospheric story of family ties, interwoven mysteries, love and redemption, set between Scotland and Newfoundland, from the author of Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year *The House Between Tides*</h3>

**1940:** Wounded in action, Archie Maxwell returns to his Scottish family estate of Rosslie. But between the uneasy company of his father's new wife, and the nightmares that haunt him, he finds the house more of a battleground than a refuge.

**1980:** Journalist Eva Bayne arrives at Rosslie looking for a story. Since Archie's disappearance forty years ago, the Maxwells have lived in the shadows - and Eva is drawn to their mystery. Especially when a glimpse of a photograph stirs up long-buried memories of her childhood in Newfoundland . . .

Could uncovering the truth heal the wounds of Eva's past? And what will it cost for Rosslie to give up its secrets?

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#### Readers have fallen in love with this story . . .

'A beautifully written book . . . It kept me turning pages well into the night'  
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'A brilliant dual timeline that grips you from the first chapter'  
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'Historical fiction with stunning descriptions and gripping detail'  
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'A wonderful sense of place and time . . . I felt like I had been on a journey of self discovery'  
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#### Sales Points

- **Well-loved Scottish Author:** *The House Between Tides* was a Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year, and Sarah has keen Scottish fans who love her sweeping storytelling and beautiful writing
- **Beautiful dual-timeline novel:** Full of Sarah's gorgeous writing about the Scottish landscape, vivid characterisation and themes of love, secrets and redemption, this is a winner for fans of Lorna Cook, Elizabeth Gifford and Fiona Valpy.
- **Digital appeal:** For fans of dual-timeline women's fiction, *The Forgotten Shore* is a relaunch of Sarah's publishing into a more commercial space with beautiful new package

#### Reviews

- 'A sweeping and atmospheric story of family ties, interwoven mysteries, love and redemption, set between Scotland & Newfoundland' - *The Quick Book Reviews Podcast*
- 'A compelling read. A beautifully woven tale that crosses the continents. Atmospheric and vivid, the characters will stay with me for a long time . . . ' - *Sue Lawrence*
- 'The Forgotten Shore is an **utterly gripping** dual time story about secrets, mistakes, redemption and possible forgiveness. It features a mysteriously missing heir and a girl who's always been a bit of an outsider, and an unlikely but forbidden friendship. The book covers the horrors of war, Highland clearances, forced removal of people living in remote coastal villages in Newfoundland and various environmental issues that engage the reader. It all blends into a fabulous tapestry that will keep you **spellbound until the very last page** - I absolutely loved it and couldn't put it down.' - *Christina Courtenay*

#### Author Biography

Sarah Maine was born in England but grew up partly in Canada before returning to England for university. She studied archaeology and for many years worked in the profession but is now a freelance writer and researcher. Sarah's debut novel *The House Between Tides* (previously *Bhalla Strand* 2014) was re-published by Hodder & Stoughton in 2018. *Beyond the Wild River* (2017) is her second novel and *Women of the Dunes* will

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**Scotland (1DBKS)**

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Format **B Format**  
Extent **368 pages**  
Word Count

Book locale **Scotland/  
Newfoundland**  
Author born in **UK**  
Author living in **York**

#### Previous Titles

The House Between Tides  
Women of the Dunes  
Beyond the Wild River  
Alchemy and Rose

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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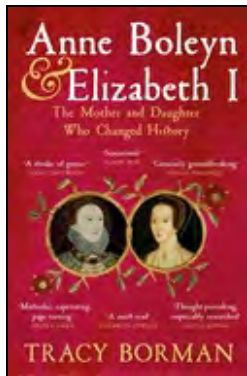
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BIC 2.1	<b>Biography: royalty (BGR)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
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Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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#### Previous Titles

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## Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I The Mother and Daughter Who Changed History

**Tracy Borman**

### Keynote

One of the most extraordinary mother and daughter stories of all time - Anne Boleyn, the most famous of Henry VIII's wives and her daughter Elizabeth, the 'Virgin Queen'.

### Description

**'(A)sensational book by one of our greatest and best-loved historians... Astoundingly good.'** - *Alison Weir*

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**'(A) thought-provoking, impeccably researched, and moving account uncovering how Anne's family, intellect, and tragedy shaped Elizabeth I's extraordinary career.'** - *Gareth Russell*

**'Her extensive research... reveals them as the most dazzling female double act in history.'** - *Sarah Gristwood*

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One of the most extraordinary mother and daughter stories of all time - Anne Boleyn, the most famous of Henry VIII's wives and her daughter Elizabeth, the 'Virgin Queen'.

Anne Boleyn is a subject of enduring fascination. By far the most famous of Henry VIII's six wives, she has inspired books, documentaries and films, and is the subject of intense debate even today, almost 500 years after her violent death. For the most part, she is considered in the context of her relationship with Tudor England's much-married monarch. Dramatic though this story is, of even greater interest - and significance - is the relationship between Anne and her daughter, the future Elizabeth I.

Elizabeth was less than three years old when her mother was executed. Given that she could have held precious few memories of Anne, it is often assumed that her mother exerted little influence over her.

But this is both inaccurate and misleading. Elizabeth knew that she had to be discreet about Anne, but there is compelling evidence that her mother exerted a profound influence on her character, beliefs and reign. Even during Henry's lifetime, Elizabeth dared to express her sympathy for her late mother by secretly wearing Anne's famous 'A' pendant when she sat for a painting with her father and siblings.

Piecing together evidence from original documents and artefacts, this book tells the story of Anne Boleyn's relationship with, and influence over her daughter Elizabeth. In so doing, it sheds new light on two of the most famous and influential women in history.

### Sales Points

- Anne Boleyn is a subject of enduring fascination. By far the most talked about of Henry VIII's six wives, she attracts millions of devotees across the world, has inspired numerous books, documentaries and films, and is the subject of intense debate even today, almost 500 years after her violent death
- Tracy Borman's recent television series, *The Fall of Anne Boleyn*, was one of Channel 5's top-rated programmes of the year and attracted a huge amount of interest and debate on social media and in the press.
- This is the subject that most engages Tracy's audiences both at her events and in her TV series

### Reviews

- **'This sensational book by one of our greatest and best-loved historians is a MUST for Tudor fans. Never before has Elizabeth I's opinion of her mother, Anne Boleyn, been the subject of an entire book or examined in such fascinating detail. It's a compelling and poignant story, adding immeasurably to our understanding of Elizabeth and shedding new light on the way she saw herself. Astoundingly good.'** - *Alison Weir*
- "For centuries, we were told Elizabeth I never mentioned her disgraced mother. Tracy Borman explodes that myth in this thought-provoking, impeccably researched, and moving account uncovering how Anne's family, intellect, and tragedy shaped Elizabeth I's extraordinary career." - *Gareth Russell*
- 'With her extensive research and skilfully woven narrative, Tracy Borman successfully breathes new and enthralling life into the stories of two of the best known women in our history. In so doing, she introduces us to another side of Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I,

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and their relationship, one which is both refreshingly unique and fascinating. Masterful, captivating, page-turning, this is solid gold history at its best." - *Nicola Tallis*

- "Anne Boleyn and her daughter Elizabeth I are usually treated as two separate - though both fascinating - individuals. Borman's stroke of genius is to overturn this simplistic view. Her extensive research, tracing the complex web of relationships around the Tudor courts, instead reveals them as the most dazzling female double act in history." - *Sarah Gristwood*

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### Author Biography

Tracy Borman is joint Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces and Chief Executive of the Heritage Education Trust. She studied and taught history at the University of Hull and was awarded a PhD in 1997.

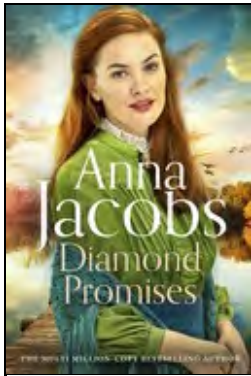
Tracy is the author of a number of highly acclaimed books including *Crown & Sceptre*, *Henry VIII and the Men Who Made Him*, *The Private Lives of the Tudors: Uncovering the Secrets of Britain's Greatest Dynasty*, *Thomas Cromwell: The Untold Story of Henry VIII's Most Faithful Servant*, *Matilda: Wife of the Conqueror, First Queen of England*, *Elizabeth's Women: The Hidden Story of the Virgin Queen* and *Witches: A Tale of Sorcery, Scandal and Seduction*. Tracy is also a regular broadcaster and public speaker, giving talks on her books across the UK and abroad.

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Author born in **Lancashire**  
Author living in **Australia**

**Previous Titles**  
GOLDEN DREAMS (2023); SILVER WISHES (2022)

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#### Anna Jacobs

#### Keynote

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#### Description

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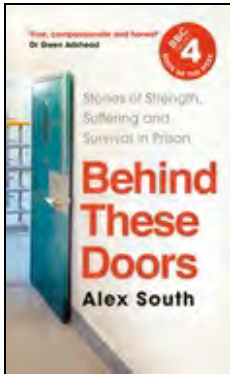
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#### Author Biography

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 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



## Behind these Doors As heard on Radio 4 Book of the Week

**Alex South**

### Author Biography

Alex South is a former Prison Officer with ten years' experience working for Her Majesty's Prison Service. She has worked at HMP Whitemore, HMP Wormwood Scrubs and HMP Belmarsh as an Officer, Senior Officer and Custodial Manager. During her time at these prisons, Alex was deployed to numerous live incidents in her capacity as a trained riot commander and hostage negotiator.

In 2017, Alex was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship to travel abroad and research the impact on prison officers of their working environment. Alex has a BSc in Psychology and Criminology and a Masters in Forensic Psychology, both with the Open University. In 2020, she won first place in the Beechmore Life Writing Competition. Her entry considered the effect prison has on a 21-year-old prisoner at the beginning of his first sentence, and an experienced officer on the brink of burnout

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## The Couple in the Photo

The gripping summer thriller about secrets, murder and friends you can't trust

Helen Cooper

### Author Biography

Helen Cooper is from Derby. She has taught English and Academic Writing in both Further and Higher Education and was Head of Learning Enhancement at the University of Birmingham. She has a MA in Creative Writing from Nottingham Trent University and has been published in Writers' Forum, Mslexia, the Bath Short Story Prize Anthology (2014) and the Leicester Writes Short Story Prize Anthology (2018). *The Downstairs Neighbour* was her first novel - her second, *The Other Guest* publishes in 2022.

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BIC 2.1 **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)  
Thriller / suspense (FH)  
Crime & mystery (FF)**

Binding **Paperback**

Format **B Format**

Extent **368 pages**

Word Count

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Author born in **Derby, UK**

Author living in **Leicester, UK**

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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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## Stone Yard Devotional

### Charlotte Wood

#### Keynote

The new novel by Charlotte Wood, the Stella Prize-winning author of *The Natural Way of Things* and *The Weekend*. A fearless exploration of forgiveness, grief and the complicated beauty of female friendship.

#### Description

'Both profound and addictively entertaining. I loved it'  
**CLARE CHAMBERS, bestselling author of *Small Pleasures***

'Beautiful, strange and otherworldly'  
**PAULA HAWKINS, bestselling author of *A Slow Fire Burning***

'Subtly powerful and utterly engrossing'  
**CLAIRE FULLER, bestselling author of *Unsettled Ground***

Burnt out and in need of retreat, a middle-aged woman leaves Sydney to return to the place she grew up, taking refuge in a small religious community hidden away on the stark plains of the Australian outback.

She doesn't believe in God, or know what prayer is, and finds herself living this strange, reclusive existence almost by accident.

But disquiet interrupts this secluded life with three visitations. First comes a terrible mouse plague, each day signalling a new battle against the rising infestation. Second is the return of the skeletal remains of a sister who disappeared decades before, presumed murdered. And finally, a troubling visitor plunges the narrator further back into her past . . .

#### Sales Points

- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Charlotte Wood is one of the most exciting Australian writers working today. Her previous two novels, *The Natural Way of Things* and *The Weekend*, were huge international bestsellers and were recognised by major prizes, including the Stella Prize (the Australian equivalent of the Women's Prize).
- **THE UNDISCOVERED LIVES OF WOMEN:** There is a clear thread that runs through Charlotte's entire oeuvre - a keen interest to uncover the inner lives of women and the joys and challenges of female friendship. It is rare for female characters to feel so uncompromisingly alive on the page.
- **SUPERFANS:** Charlotte is beloved by legions of superfans, including Marian Keyes, Elizabeth Day, Tessa Hadley, Nina Stibbe, Paula Hawkins, Sara Collins, Patrick Gale, Claire Fuller, Pandora Sykes, Dolly Alderton, Viv Groskop, Liane Moriarty.
- **THE WEEKEND:** Charlotte's previous novel, *The Weekend*, was published by Federico Andornino at W&N and was a huge success, selling over 65,000 copies across formats (7,000 hardbacks, 30,000 paperbacks and 20,000 digital editions). Charlotte has now followed Federico to Sceptre where she will be a key author on the list.

#### Author Biography

Charlotte Wood is the author of seven novels and three books of non-fiction. Her novel *The Natural Way of Things* won the 2016 Stella Prize, the Indie Book of the Year and Novel of the Year Awards, and was joint winner of the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction. Her next novel, *The Weekend*, was an international bestseller and was shortlisted for the 2020 Stella Prize, the Prime Minister's Literary Award and the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal. In 2019 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and named one of the *Australian Financial Review's* 100 Women of Influence. Her features and essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Guardian*, *Literary Hub* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, among others. Charlotte lives in Sydney with her husband.

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	<b>New South Wales (1MBFN)</b>
	<b>c 2010 to c 2020 (3JMG)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
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Exclusively for Sale	<b>Austr; Cw (ex Can, ANZ); EU; Ire; UK</b>
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## How to Be Old Lessons in living boldly from the Accidental Icon

Lyn Slater

### Keynote

Lyn Slater empowers readers to rethink ageing stereotypes in this sharp and refreshing new book.

### Description

#### How can we live boldly at any age?

This is the question Lyn Slater, known on Instagram as 'Accidental Icon', sets out to answer in this hopeful and empowering memoir.

When Lyn started her fashion blog, *Accidental Icon*, at 61, she soon realised that people were flocking to her account for more than just style advice. Her readers had found in her an alternative model of older life: someone who defied stereotypes, refused to become invisible and proved that all women can be relevant and take risks, no matter what their age.

Exploring the process of reinvention, Lyn shows readers that while you can't control everything, what you *can* control is the way you think about your age and the creative ways you respond to the changes in your mind and body as they happen. Rather than trying to meet standards of youth and beauty as a measure of successful ageing, Lyn promotes more inclusive and empowering criteria by which to judge our older selves.

**Even with its unique challenges, being old is just like any new beginning and can be the best and most invigorating of all of life's phases, full of rebellion and reinvention, connection and creativity.**

### Sales Points

- *You* can decide how to age is the empowering message in this inspiring new book aimed at women who have no intention of becoming invisible as they get older.
- Challenge negative assumptions around ageing, cultivate a positive mindset and come alive in new ways as you hit midlife.
- For readers of Nora Ephron, India Knight and Anya Hindmarsh, who subscribe to Eleanor Mill's Nook, and listen to Lorraine Candy and Elizabeth Day.
- **Lyn Slater** is a cultural influencer, model, writer, content creator, and former professor. She started *Accidental Icon* in September of 2014 and has since garnered a loyal fan base of almost a million followers across platforms.

### Author Biography

**Lyn Slater** is a cultural influencer, model, writer, content creator and former professor. She has a Ph.D. in Social Welfare and has been a social worker for 45 years. She started her blog, *Accidental Icon*, in September 2014 because she could not find a fashion blog or magazine that offered an urban, modern, intellectual aesthetic and also spoke to people who live "interesting but ordinary lives." Since then, Lyn has reinvented herself as an influencer of popular culture and promotes the use of fashion as a window into society and a vehicle to make personal and social change. Her rejection of age as a variable to be considered in how one dresses, lives and represents oneself has garnered her a loyal fan base of all ages. Her Instagram has 759K followers, her Facebook community includes 222.7K members and her blog 35K subscribers.

### Market

Lyn Slater has a wide following in terms of age, 18-70, with the largest segment age 25-54. Beyond the US, she has a strong international reach in the UK, Australia, Japan, China, Brazil, Russia and Taipei.



## The Healing Home and Garden Reimagining spaces for optimal wellbeing

Paula Robinson with Sonia Choquette

### Keynote

For ultimate wellbeing and connection to nature, transform your home and garden using your intuition in this first book of its kind.

### Description

Are you tired of formulaic interiors and following trends? Do you long for a home that expresses who you truly are, that's a sanctuary from our 24/7 lifestyles dominated by technology?

*The Healing Home & Garden* will help you to:

- Take an objective look at your home
- Examine whether it's supporting your mental and physical wellbeing
- Identify how it may be perpetuating unhealthy habits like: working all hours, eating on the run, poor sleep and spending too much time indoors
- Tap into your intuition to create a healing environment that will ultimately make you happier, less stressed and healthier
- Reconnect with the restorative power of nature

*The Healing Home & Garden* is for everyone - no matter your budget, whether you rent or own, live in a bedsit or a mansion. No major building works are involved, just a call to follow your own intuition and create the home that's right for you - not the style police! With insights from world-renowned intuition coach and best-selling author, Sonia Choquette, this book is full of budget tips for rethinking your living space, creative suggestions for re-purposing furniture and objects, and extensive product and book recommendations.

**"Paula Robinson is at the leading edge of new systems of awareness about the spaces we inhabit... a treasure trove of practical, step-by-step guidance"**  
**Jean Haner, author of *Clear Home Clear Heart: Learn to Clear the Energy of People and Places***

### Sales Points

- **Timely approach** to creating interior and outdoor spaces that champion your intuition - not style trends. Support your wellbeing and happiness by reconnecting to your creativity, Nature, and sustainable design.
- **Expert authors** - is an international interior designer who has written two weekly interiors columns for the *Sunday Times* and the *Sunday Telegraph*. Sonia Choquette is the US best-selling author of 27 books on intuition has a strong community on Facebook with 302k followers.
- **Interviews** included from Jean Haner, Mary Reynolds, Oliver Heath, Richard Louv, Bernadette Pleasant, Carla Coulson, Emma Jones
- **Includes useful floor plans**, plus 3D mock ups as a visual aid

### Reviews

- 'Our homes should serve as secure sanctuaries, allowing us to escape the demands and pressures of the world, and to find solace in tranquility while discovering inner peace amidst serene surroundings. *"The Healing Home and Garden* is both creative and motivational, presenting cost-effective solutions to help you realize this heavenly sanctuary.' - *Anita Moorjani best-selling New York Times author of Dying to be Me, What if This is Heaven and Sensitive is the New Strong*
- 'Paula Robinson urges us to step back from and reconsider our daily habitat, and to take comfort in the heart of our home' - *Richard Louv, author of 'Last Child in the Woods' and 'Our Wild Calling'*
- 'Every now, and again I come across a book like this, one that I wish I had found many years ago. This wonderful creation of Paula's is a solid, practical and beautiful guide to reimagining all parts of your home into a living, healing, sanctuary. One where your heart, body and soul will long to spend time. This guide will make you want to restructure and re-imagine so many aspects of your living spaces in achievable and meaningful ways' - *Mary Reynolds, reformed landscape designer and founder of the global movement "We are the Ark - Acts of Restorative Kindness to the Earth"*
- 'I read this book during a very stressful time in my life, when I was riddled with debilitating headaches and living a very unhealthy lifestyle. Paula's advice on creating sanctuaries within the home really resonated with me - a space where I could be myself. From uncluttering the entrance to walking barefoot at home in order to connect with the earth, this book has helped me at every step of my journey back to health. Not only therapeutic, this book is also impeccably researched and informative. Paula's advice helped me transform not just my life, but also my home, turning it from an unwelcoming box of sharp angles to a safe space where I can unwind and relax. A space I can call truly call "home". Brimming with smart tips and advice, this should be required reading for anyone looking to redecorate or redesign their home, or indeed,

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Interior design, decor & style guides (WJK)  
Feng Shui (VXV)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**

Format **Royal**

Extent **320 pages**

Word Count

Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**

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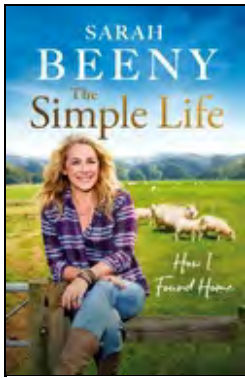
### Author Biography

As an intuitive interior designer, Paula Robinson understands the profound effect that the spaces where we live and work have on our health, happiness, and success in life. Often called the 'space whisperer', she helps people to create living and working environments that transform their lives on all levels. Paula has been an interiors columnist for the *Sunday Times*, *Sunday Telegraph* and *Move Or Improve?* magazine, and is the author of *The Room Planner: Over 100 Practical Plans for Your Home*. Paula is happiest in nature - especially by the sea - and loves designing outdoor spaces. She is passionate about the environment, sustainable design, re-purposing furniture and objects, and supporting craftspeople over mass-producers.



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Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **304 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author living in **West Country**

#### Publishing History

*Property Ladder: Profit From Property*  
 (117,000 copies sold)  
*Property Ladder: The Developer's Bible*  
 (92,000 copies sold)

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## The Simple Life: How I Found Home

### The unmissable Sunday Times bestselling memoir

#### Sarah Beeny

#### Keynote

Join Sarah Beeny in her escape to the country and her journey to live more simply

#### Description

In 2019, Sarah and her family upped sticks and moved to the West Country to embark upon a new way of life. It wasn't without its challenges, as Sarah embarked on transforming a semi-derelict former dairy farm, surrounded by 220 acres of farmland, into the house of her family's dreams - a carbon-neutral home set in a rural idyll.

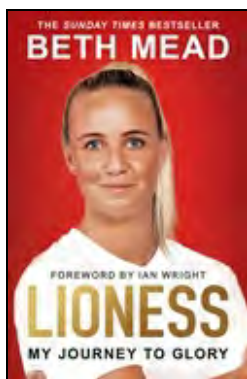
In *The Simple Life*, Sarah will tell the story of moving in search of a simpler life, sharing stories and experiences in everything from parenting and multi-generational living to work/life balance, friendships, nature and the environment, to her recent cancer diagnosis.

#### Sales Points

- **AUDIENCE:** Sarah's following is the perfect book-buying demographic, with Sarah's audience being predominantly women aged between 35-54 who are overwhelmingly based in the UK.
- **COSY COUNTRY:** This area of the market has seen consistent sales with lockdown and the pandemic only growing audience's appetite for rural narratives.
- **PERFECT SETTING:** Sarah's West Country home is an idyllic setting set in sprawling countryside, the perfect backdrop for this story.
- **TV:** The first series of *Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country* averaged 2.1 million consolidated views across its eight parts in 2020. Series Two averaged over 1.5 million views, with consolidated views substantially higher. The launch night averaged at 1.7 million views and an 11.4% audience share, making it one of Channel 4's highest 8pm titles of the year.

#### Author Biography

Presenter Sarah Beeny began her property and investment businesses at 19 with her brother and her then boyfriend, Graham Swift, who is now her husband. After documenting their renovation of the Grade II-listed mansion Rise Hall in Yorkshire on Channel 4's *Beeny's Restoration Nightmare* (dividing their time between London and Yorkshire while running it as a wedding venue) the couple sold up in 2019 and moved to a 220-acre sheep farm in Somerset with their four sons Billy, Charlie, Rafferty and Laurie.



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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
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## Lioness - My Journey to Glory Winner of the Sunday Times Sports Book Awards Autobiography of the Year

**Beth Mead**

### Keynote

The inspirational memoir from the Lioness who led England to historic glory at the UEFA Women's Euro 2022.

### Description

**Pre-Order Beth Mead's Debut Memoir**

**With foreword by Ian Wright & afterword by Jermain Defoe**

**Beth Mead is one of the world's most talented footballers - Golden Boot winner and Player of the Tournament at the UEFA Euro 2022, England Player of the Year 2021-22, Arsenal Player of the Season 2021-22, and nominee for the 2022 Ballon d'Or. But long before this, Beth was just an ordinary kid from Hinderwell, North Yorkshire who wanted to play football.**

From being placed in the local boys' team as a child because her mum wanted her to run off her boundless energy, to joining Middlesbrough FC's Centre of Excellence and making her professional debut at Sunderland, Beth and women's football have come a long way.

Now, Beth shares the challenges that shaped her, what she faced on the journey to the top, and the life events that made her stronger - from being dropped from the England squad and receiving devastating family news, to finding her best form under the guidance of Jonas Eidevall and Sarina Wiegman. Filled with positive lessons and an exclusive account of England's triumphant Euros campaign, Beth offers readers of all ages a heartfelt, behind-the-scenes look into her remarkable journey to glory.

**Empowering, inspirational and honest, this is Beth's story.**

### Sales Points

- **FULLY UPDATED MMP:** With two additional chapters for the mmp edition, the book has been updated to include the details of the 2022-23 season, Beth's ACL injury and her recovery back to playing for Arsenal, and her thoughts on the 2023 Women's World Cup. She also writes movingly about her Mum's passing in early 2023 and how this has pushed her to even greater strengths.
- **HISTORIC VICTORY & NATIONAL EUPHORIA:** England's 2-1 victory over Germany in the summer was a historic win not only for the England women's team but for the nation as well. After suffering '56 years of hurt', England have finally won a second international trophy. It is also a watershed moment for women's football, which will undoubtedly be remembered for elevating women's football in the same way as the 1966 World Cup did for men's football.
- **TOP PLAYER & FIGUREHEAD:** Beth is one of the figureheads of the Euro-winning Lionesses side, and was the tournament's top goalscorer, winning the Golden Boot. Beth has been an inspiration for girls and young women up and down the country, inspiring a new generation to play football and bring women's football back into a new era. She has also been nominated for the 2022 Ballon d'Or Féminin - the award presented to the world's best female footballer.
- **PROVEN COMPS:** In terms of positioning, we are targeting for an adult market, but with ambition to also appeal and crossover into a younger audience/gifting market. Marcus Rashford's titles are the clear bestsellers in this area of the market, which offer a mix between inspirational life advice and a memoir for children/teenagers. However, Gareth Southgate's *Anything is Possible* also proved to be a success following the 2018 World Cup where England reached the semi-finals. Beth's would be the first title of its kind from a leading English, female footballer.
- **CHANGING FOOTBALL MARKET:** As highlighted in a recent Bookseller's article, we are about to witness a shift in the market that caters for the new interest in women's football and that publishes for women and teenagers.

### Awards

Shortlisted for the British Sports Book Awards: Sports Autobiography of the Year

### Author Biography

Beth Mead is a professional footballer playing for Arsenal WFC and the England Women's team. She was the top goalscorer in the UEFA Women's Euro 2022, which saw England crowned champions - their first international trophy since the 1966 Men's FIFA World Cup. She was also named Player of the Tournament and has since won England Women's Player of the Year and been nominated for the 2022 Ballon d'Or Féminin and the BBC Women's Footballer of the Year 2022. In February 2022 she launched the Beth Mead Scholarship with Teesside University to support students who have the potential to reach a



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 Historical mysteries (FFH)  
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## High Vaultage

Chris Sugden and Jen Sugden

### Keynote

A brand new novel in the world of the hit podcast, *VICTORIOCITY*, perfect for fans of Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett

### Description

**EVEN GREATER LONDON, 1887.**

An uninterrupted urban plane encompassing the entire lower half of England and, for complex reasons, only the upper third of the Isle of Wight. The immense Tower casts electricity through the sky, powering the mind-boggling mechanisms of the city. The engineer-army of Isambard Kingdom Brunel swarms across the capital, building, demolishing, and rebuilding whatever they see fit. And at the heart of it all sits the country's first private detective agency.

Archibald Fleet and Clara Entwhistle hoped things would pick up quickly for their new enterprise. No-one is taking them seriously, but their break will come soon. Definitely. Probably.

Meanwhile, police are baffled by a series of impossible bank robberies, their resources absorbed by the case. Which means that when a woman witnesses a kidnapping, Fleet-Entwhistle Private Investigations is the only place she can turn for help. They're more than happy to oblige!

But what's the motive behind the kidnap? As Clara and Fleet investigate, they find more than they could ever have imagined . . .

**From the creators of the acclaimed audio drama podcast *Victoriocity* comes a hilarious novel set in the greatest, most chaotic city in history. Twisty, inventive, and joyously funny, *High Vaultage* is perfect for fans of Ben Aaronovitch, Douglas Adams, and Terry Pratchett.**

### Sales Points

- VICTORIOCITY is due to pass 1 million downloads before the end of 2023!
- Season three Kickstarter more than doubled its target, thanks to its loyal fans
- The podcast has over 1000 reviews and ratings, with an average score of 4.9/5 stars

### Reviews

- 'It is everything I hoped it would be and more: a masterly comic writing and a superb piece of worldbuilding, as perfect a piece of neo-Victorianism as I remember since ... well, since the actual Victorian epoch, which I remember well. You will laugh, you will cry (with laughter), and most of all you will frantically turn the pages.' - Adam Roberts, author of *PURGATORY MOUNT*
- 'Wickedly funny, deliriously inventive, delightfully weird. The Sugdens' Even Greater London is one of the best-realised fantasy playgrounds since Great A'Tuin ambled across the stars with *The Discworld* on their back' - Malcolm Devlin, BSFA-nominated author of *YOU WILL GROW INTO THEM*
- '*High Vaultage* positively crackles with invention and intrigue and I loved every page.' - Helen Marshall, World Fantasy Award-winning author of *GIFTS FOR THE ONE WHO COMES AFTER* and *THE MIGRATION*
- 'If you put Sherlock Holmes in a blender with Dickens, and then filtered it through a Terry Pratchett filter - the result is a whole lot of fun' - *Front Row, BBC Radio 4*

### Author Biography

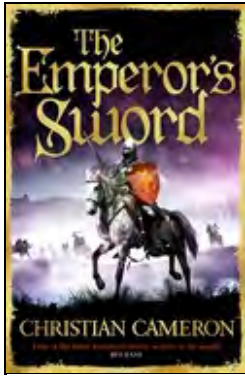
**CHRIS AND JEN SUGDEN** are the creators of the audio drama podcast *Victoriocity*. Originally from Yorkshire, they met as undergraduates at the University of Oxford and hold PhDs in Science and Technology Studies and Victorian Literature respectively. They were part of the writing team behind *Murmurs* (BBC Sounds) and have spent many years writing and performing scripted and improvised comedy around the UK. They live in Oxford with their son and two intermittently obedient terriers.

### Market

Perfect for fans of Ben Aaronovitch, Terry Pratchett, Douglas Adams, John Finnemore, *Rivers of London*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Our Flag Means Death*, *What We Do in the Shadows*, BBC's *Ghosts*, and *Good Omens*.

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## The Emperor's Sword

### Pre-order the brand new adventure in the Chivalry series!

**Christian Cameron**

#### Keynote

The penultimate adventure in the Chivalry series from the master of historical fiction - highly anticipated by Christian Cameron's dedicated and growing global fanbase.

#### Description

**The penultimate instalment in the *Chivalry* series from a master of historical fiction.**

The Chivalry series follows young William Gold, who runs away from London to follow the Black Prince, from the killing fields of France, through life as a routier and criminal, and to redemption with the Knights of Saint John, further disillusion and an eventual career as a professional soldier and knight. Rich in the details of life in the High Middle Ages, the series also deals with modern issues about the role of violence in society, rules of conflict and war, and the price that people pay for using violence.

**'One of the finest historical fiction writers in the world'** BEN KANE

**'The master of historical fiction'** SUNDAY TIMES

**'A storyteller at the height of his powers'** HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY

#### Sales Points

- **THE VERY BEST HISTORICAL FICTION:** Cameron is beloved for writing the most authentic, entertaining historical fiction. His books are meticulously researched - both academically and via his military background and passion for battlefield archaeology - and always entertaining. His latest book received hundreds of 5\* reviews.
- **A FLOURISHING GENRE:** Christian Cameron sits alongside authors like Simon Scarrow, Conn Iggulden and Ben Kane (who refers to Christian as 'one of the finest writers' in this genre). There is a huge and ever-growing demand for immersive historical fiction which is reflected in the bestseller charts.
- **POPULAR WITH FANS:** Christian is well-connected to his audience, and receives incredible engagement from his thousands of followers. He has a popular series of 'Writing Fighting' videos, and organises battle re-enactments with thousands of participants around the world.

#### Reviews

- 'One of the finest historical fiction writers in the world' - *BEN KANE*
- 'The master of historical fiction' - *SUNDAY TIMES*
- 'A storyteller at the height of his powers' - *HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY*

#### Author Biography

Christian Cameron is a writer and military historian. He participates in re-enacting and experimental archaeology, teaches armoured fighting and historical swordsmanship, and takes his vacations with his family visiting battlefields, castles and cathedrals. He lives in Toronto and is busy writing his next novel.

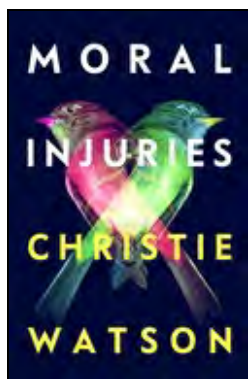
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Author born in	<b>Hertfordshire, UK</b>
Author living in	<b>Loughborough Junction, London</b>

#### Previous Titles

Tiny Sunbirds Far Away (2011)  
Where Women are Kings (2014)  
The Language of Kindness (2018)  
The Courage to Care (2020)  
Quilt on Fire (2022)

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## Moral Injuries

Christie Watson

### Keynote

**From the *Sunday Times* bestselling and award-winning author, a gripping psychological drama that asks how far will you go to save your own, when you're trained to save the lives of others?**

### Description

You're trained to save the lives of others. How far would you go to protect your own?

Ruthlessly ambitious Olivia, anxious perfectionist Laura and free-spirited risk-taker Anjali couldn't be more different. Yet their friendship, which began on the first day of medical school, has kept them inseparable for twenty-five years. As wild all-nighters and exam pressures gave way to the struggles and joys of new motherhood and intense jobs, their bond remained unbreakable. Years ago they promised that nothing would come between them and that they'd do anything for one another, including burying one night they have never spoken about: a drug-fuelled university party that forced them to make a deadly choice that could still destroy them.

When an eerily similar tragedy strikes involving their teenage children, everything the three women have built threatens to shatter around them. And they are left asking: just how far can you stretch a friendship before it snaps?

### Sales Points

- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Christie is beloved by everyone from Adam Kay to Ruby Wax to Nigella Lawson to Olivia Coleman. *The Language of Kindness* was a no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller, *Guardian*, *Sunday Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Times* and *New Statesman* book of the year.
- **MAJOR FICTION LAUNCH:** this is the arrival of an unmissable new voice in upmarket thriller, and it will be backed with a massive marketing and publicity campaign. It will be one of Orion's biggest titles of 2024, and establish Christie as a brand author in this space. She is writing two more novels set in the same hospital: *MORAL INJURIES* is just the beginning.
- **AWARD WINNING NOVELIST:** Christie won the highly coveted Costa First Novel Award in 2011 for *Tiny Sunbirds, Far Away*, beating Kevin Barry, Patrick McGuinness and Kerry Young.
- **AUTHOR EXPERTISE:** Christie is an intensive care nurse, who returned to the ICU during the pandemic, so the world she writes about is one with which she is uniquely familiar. The hospital in the novel is loosely based on Kings in South London.
- **MORAL QUESTIONS:** the novel explores the weight of expectation on doctors to be heroes or Gods, and how the literal life and death power in doctors' hands does good or harm depending on ego, character, and psyche as well as circumstance. It's rich in topics to discuss and will set book clubs alight.

### Reviews

- 'Unique and compelling' - *Elizabeth Day*
- 'True literary perfection' - *Emma Jane Unsworth*
- 'An extraordinary book' - *John Sutherland*
- 'Intelligent, propulsive and disturbing' - *Nikki Smith*

### Author Biography

Christie is Professor of Medical Humanities at UEA and worked as an NHS nurse for over twenty years. She has written five books, including her first novel *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away*, which won the Costa First Novel Award, and memoir, *The Language of Kindness* which was a number one *Sunday Times* bestseller. Christie is a contributor to *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Guardian*, *Telegraph* and TEDx, and her work has been translated into 23 languages and adapted for theatre.

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## Invitation to Italy

### Victoria Springfield

#### Description

Abi is distraught when her ex-husband Alex takes their twelve-year-old daughter, Chloe to spend the summer with his glamorous fiancée Marisa and her parents at their home on the beautiful Italian island of Procida. Persuaded by her best friend to book a holiday at the island's Hotel Paradiso, Abi finally meets the woman she's been avoiding for so long. Will the two women's strained relationship survive the summer?

One-time teenage swimming sensation, Loretta, has run the Hotel Paradiso since leaving Capri broken-hearted. When childhood friend Salvo comes to stay, Loretta is forced to confront her past and the fears that have kept her away from the water for forty years. But just as she finds the courage to open her heart, she discovers all is not as it seems with Salvo...

It's a summer of new beginnings for Abi and Loretta - and one they will never forget.

#### Sales Points

- Indulgent summer reader at its best, with a sun-drenched Italian setting, mouthwatering food and romance that gets your heart beating.
- A story that gives you a trip to Italy for the low low cost of an eBook, there really is no better book to take on your staycation this year to turn East Sussex Downs into the Italian coast.

#### Author Biography

**Victoria Springfield** writes contemporary women's fiction immersed in the sights, sounds and flavours of Italy. Victoria grew up in Upminster, Essex. After many years in London, she now lives in Kent with her husband in a house by the river. She likes to write in the garden with a neighbour's cat by her feet or whilst drinking cappuccino in her favourite café. Then she types up her scribbles in silence whilst her mind drifts away to Italy.

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Author living in **Kent, UK**

#### Previous Titles

*The Italian Holiday, A Farmhouse in Tuscany, The Italian Fiance*

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## The Book of Secrets

**The dark and dazzling new book from the bestselling author of *The Clockwork Girl*!**

**Anna Mazzola**

### Keynote

The chilling, mesmerising and darkly delicious new novel from Anna Mazzola, author of *The Clockwork Girl* and *The House of Whispers*, inspired by the Aqua Tofana poisonings in 17th century Italy. Perfect for fans of **Jessie Burton**, **Laura Purcell** and **Stacey Halls**.

### Description

**The thrilling and unputdownable new novel from bestselling author of *The Clockwork Girl*, Anna Mazzola!**

*'Vividly alive with menace, magic, and mystery'* **ESSIE FOX**

*'Exceptional. Anna Mazzola's finest work yet'* **ELODIE HARPER**

*'Dark, viscerally-atmospheric and richly-imagined'* **TAMMY COHEN**

**Rome, 1659.**

Months after the plague has ravaged Rome, men are still dying in unnatural numbers, and rumour has it that their corpses do not decay as they should. The Papal authorities commission prosecutor Stefano Bracchi to investigate, telling him he will need considerable mettle to reach the truth.

To the west of the Tiber, Girolama and her female friends are at work, helping other women with childbirths and foretelling their futures. Elsewhere in the city, a young wife, Anna, must find a way to escape her abusive husband. But in a city made by men for men, there are no easy paths out.

Stefano's investigation at the Tor di Nona prison will introduce him to horror, magic and an astonishing cast of characters. He will be left wondering if certain deeds should remain forever unpunished...

*The Book of Secrets is inspired by real events that took place in 17th century Italy.*

### Praise for *The Book of Secrets*:

*'Utterly compelling, brilliant and rage-inducing'* **CAROLINE LEA**

*'Deeply unsettling in all the best ways. Absolutely loved it!'* **JAMES OSWALD**

*'Compelling and brilliantly atmospheric'* **ANDREW TAYLOR**

*'Rich and satisfying... another superb historical thriller from Anna Mazzola'* **CAROLINE GREEN**

*'A hugely entertaining read but also an important one in an era when women's rights are being called into question. Magnificent'* **LIZ NUGENT**

*'A fascinating, evocative, darkly beautiful story. A compelling tale of female strength & ancient knowledge'*  
**HELEN FIELDS**

*'A powerful, perceptive page turner. Feminist historical fiction that is chillingly timely. Bravo!'*

**D V BISHOP**

*'I couldn't put it down. A spectacular insight into life for women in 17th century Rome. I adored it'* **JULIE OWEN-MOYLAN**

*'Elegant and compelling writing from an author at the peak of her powers'* **AJ WEST**

*'A compulsive deep-thinking read, with a message for modern times'* **CATE QUINN**

### Sales Points

- **IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING:** Anna Mazzola will brilliantly evoke 17th century Italy, months after the plague ravaged the country. Inspired by a true story, *The Book of Secrets* will introduce readers to an astonishing cast of characters, a gripping tale of revenge and a touch of magic, too!
- **UPMARKET WRITING, COMMERCIAL APPEAL:** Like *The Miniaturist*, *The Doll Factory*, and

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*Bone China*, Anna's novel sits perfectly in that upmarket historical space, with a touch of the fantastical. *The Book of Secrets* combines historical atmosphere and detail with chilling twists and a glimmer of something otherworldly.

- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: Anna's debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award in the US and was nominated for the Historical Writers' Association's Debut Crown in the UK. Her second novel, *The Story Keeper*, was nominated for the Highland Book Prize.

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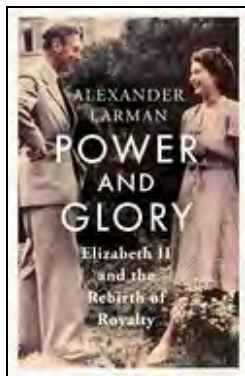
### Author Biography

Anna Mazzola is an award-winning and critically acclaimed novelist. Her debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award, and her third novel, *The Clockwork Girl*, was a *Sunday Times* historical fiction pick for 2022.

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Author living in **Oxford, UK**

#### Previous Titles

The Windsors at War: The Nazi Threat to the Crown (2023)

The Crown in Crisis: Countdown to the Abdication (2020)

Byron's Women (2016)

Restoration: 1666: A Year in Britain (2016)

Blazing Star: The Life and Times of John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester (2014)

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## Power and Glory Elizabeth II and the Rebirth of Royalty

Alexander Larman

#### Keynote

A royal biography for people who wouldn't usually read royal biographies

#### Description

*Power and Glory* brings us to the dramatic conclusion of Larman's 'Windsors trilogy'.

It begins with the fallout from the revelation of the Duke of Windsor's wartime treachery, and ends with the Coronation of Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953. In between, it depicts a monarchy - and a country - struggling to cope with the aftermath of World War Two, in an era where old certainties have been replaced by the rise of a new, uncertain world, and where love, tragedy and modernity battle for supremacy.

The book draws on extensive unpublished correspondence between major members of the Royal Family including George VI, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Windsor, the Prime Ministers Clement Attlee and Winston Churchill, and previously unseen diaries and memoranda from courtiers, personal secretaries and leading politicians, exploring everything from the King's declining health to the (often negative) reactions to Elizabeth's marriage to Prince Philip and Coronation.

*Power and Glory* features the same intricately researched and incisively written account of Britain's most famous family as Larman's previous books, but on an epic international scale. It covers everything from the end of British rule in India to the foundation of the United Nations, and the crucial role that monarchy played in the ever-shifting era - as well, naturally, as the way in which the Duke and Duchess of Windsor attempted to return to relevance, whatever the cost might be to the wider Royal Family.

#### Sales Points

- **STRONG AUTHOR PROFILE:** Alexander has built a strong platform as a fresh young royal historian and writes regularly for the *Spectator*, *Observer* and *Telegraph*. His previous books *THE CROWN IN CRISIS* and *WINDSORS AT WAR* won praise from Simon Sebag Montefiore and Simon Callow
- **THRIVING MARKET:** The death of Elizabeth II and coronation of Charles III has led to a surge of interest in royal history - and Alexander has proven himself to be one of our very best royal chroniclers
- **COMPELLING NEW HISTORY:** The book covers an incredibly rich period, including everything from the end of British rule in India to the founding of the United Nations. It brings out the crucial role that the monarchy played throughout a turbulent era, featuring new sources and never-before-seen archive material

#### Reviews

- **'Praise for *The Crown in Crisis*** 'Excellent, well written, deeply researched, THE CROWN IN CRISIS is . . . both heartbreaking and glamorous, scholarly and very entertaining" - *Simon Sebag Montefiore*
- **'Praise for *The Crown in Crisis*** 'Both scholarly and highly readable . . . full of thought-provoking insights" - *Andrew Roberts*
- **'Praise for *The Crown in Crisis*** 'a compulsively readable and comprehensive account" - *Anne Sebba*
- **'Praise for *The Crown in Crisis*** 'A completely fascinating and authoritative account of the Abdication Crisis, written with tremendous sophistication and insight" - *William Boyd*

#### Author Biography

Alexander Larman is the author of several books, most recently *The Windsors at War*. He is books editor of the *Spectator's* world edition and is a contributing editor to *The Critic* magazine. He has a monthly book review column in the *Observer* and writes regularly about literature and the arts for publications including *Prospect*, *The Chap* and the *Daily Telegraph*.

#### Market

Alongside *The Crown in Crisis* and *The Windsors At War*, the first two books in the "Windsor Trilogy"

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*The Comeback*  
*King of the Blues*

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**The Blues Brothers**  
**An Epic Friendship, the Rise of Improv, and the Making of an American Film Classic**

**Daniel de Visé**

**Keynote**

**The story of the epic friendship between John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, the golden era of improv, and the making of a comedic film classic that helped shape our popular culture**

**Description**

*The Blues Brothers* hit theatres on June 20, 1980. Their scripted mission was to save a local Chicago orphanage; but Aykroyd, who conceived and wrote much of the film, had a greater mission: to honour the then-seemingly forgotten tradition of rhythm and blues, some of whose greatest artists - Aretha Franklin, James Brown, John Lee Hooker, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles - made the film as unforgettable as its wild car chases. Much delayed and vastly over budget, beset by mercurial and oft drugged-out stars, *The Blues Brothers* opened to outraged reviews. However, in the 44 years since it has been acknowledged a classic: inducted into the National Film Registry for its cultural significance, even declared a 'Catholic classic' by the Church itself, and re-aired thousands of times on television to huge worldwide audiences. It is, undeniably, one of the most significant films of the 20th century.

The saga behind *The Blues Brothers*, as Daniel de Visé reveals, is epic, encompassing the colourful childhoods of Belushi and Aykroyd; the comedic revolution sparked by Harvard's Lampoon and Chicago's Second City; the birth and anecdote-rich, drug-filled early years of *Saturday Night Live*, where the Blues Brothers were born as an act amidst turmoil and rivalry; and, of course, the indelible behind-the-scenes narrative of how the film was made, scene by memorable scene. Based on original research and dozens of interviews probing the memories of principals from director John Landis and producer Bob Weiss to Aykroyd himself, *The Blues Brothers* illuminates an American masterpiece while vividly portraying the creative geniuses behind modern comedy.

**Sales Points**

- **COMMERCIAL APPEAL:** The 1980 *Blues Brothers* film reached international sales (\$58 million) topping American sales (\$57 million) for a total of \$115 million.
- **CULTURAL IMPACT:** In 2020, the Library of Congress inducted *The Blues Brothers* into its National Film Registry, flagging it as a work of historical, cultural or aesthetic significance, marked for preservation
- **AWARD-WINNING, WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Daniel de Visé is a Pulitzer Prize winning author of several books with strong connections and a 23-year career in journalism. Landis has already agreed to help de Visé with the project, and he is confident that he will be able to get interviews with Aykroyd, Belushi's surviving family members, as well as *SNL* employees and those who worked on the film.
- **CULT STATUS OF CHARACTERS:** There is an enduring fascination with John Belushi and his tragic story. He was recently acclaimed as the all time #1 star of the whole *SNL* cast

**Author Biography**

**Daniel de Visé** is the author of four books and journalist. He worked at *The Washington Post*, the *Miami Herald* and three other newspapers in a 23-year career. He lives in Maryland with his wife and children.

**Market**

**FOR FANS / READERS OF:** Fans of *The Blues Brothers* movie and *SNL*; *Cinema Speculation*, by Quentin Tarantino; *The Man Who Invented Motion Pictures*, by Paul Fischer; *Hollywood Wants to Kill You*, by Michael Brooks; Mark Kermode

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## The Runaway Girl

**Elsie Mason**

### Keynote

A compelling new saga trilogy based on the real Sixteen Streets in South Shields

### Description

**1918.** Fleeing from her past, Cathy Carmichael is new to the Sixteen Streets. She has nothing to her name, no plan and nowhere to go.

Cathy thinks she's struck gold when she runs into Mrs Sturrocks, an elderly lady who offers her a room at her boarding house. Her son, Noel, might be strange and sulky, but he gives her a job at the Robin Hood pub and before long, Cathy is thriving as the new barmaid.

The Sixteen Streets was only meant to be a temporary stop for Cathy... but could it become home instead?

### Sales Points

- **AUTHENTIC SAGA VOICE:** Elsie Mason was born and grew up in South Shields on the real-life Sixteen Streets. Her stories are based on those of her own extended family
- **SAVVY REPOSITIONING:** Move to a more emotive woman-only look focusing more on overcoming hardships and less on friendship and duty during the war
- **BUILDING ON SUCCESS:** Elsie Mason has over 2,000 reviews for THE BISCUIT FACTORY GIRLS and THE BISCUIT FACTORY GIRLS AT WAR has already had over 1,000. We want to move her to a new direction.

### Author Biography

**Elsie Mason** was born and grew up in South Shields on the real-life Sixteen Streets. Living beside the Tyne Docks inspired her story of the Farley family in *The Biscuit Factory Girls* series. She now lives in Manchester and writes full time.

Elsie has always wanted to tell the dramatic story of her own extended family in the form of a multi-generational saga. After years as a writer, *The Biscuit Factory Girls* series is the most personal and heartfelt tale that she has ever embarked on.

### Market

Women, 40+, looking for a new heartwrenching saga about women who overcome difficult times in their lives.

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## How Westminster Works . . . and Why It Doesn't

**Ian Dunt**

### Keynote

**THE NO.2 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER** - A biting critique of Westminster that shines a light on how British politics really operates

### Description

**THE NO.2 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER**

**What is a 'special adviser' and how did they take over British political life? Why do some prime ministers manage to get things done - while others miserably fail? And why is the House of Lords more functional than most people think?**

Most of us have a sense that our political system doesn't seem to work, but struggle to articulate exactly why. And for good reason: our political and financial institutions are cloaked in secrecy, archaic terminology, ancient custom and impenetrable jargon. Now, expert political journalist Ian Dunt is lifting the lid on British politics to expose every aspect of the setup in a way that can be understood and challenged. From Downing Street to Whitehall, the Commons to the Lords, this book is an indispensable guide to our political system - and how we might begin to fix it.

### Sales Points

- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER:** *How Westminster Works* was an instant bestseller in hardback, reaching no. 2 on the *Sunday Times* bestseller list
- **SIGNIFICANT FAN BASE:** Ian has a dedicated and engaged online following. His biting, insightful and often very funny Twitter feed has over 400k followers
- **MASSIVE PODCAST PLATFORM:** Ian co-hosts the *Origin Story* podcast with Dorian Lynskey which explores the most used and abused terms in politics. It went straight to No.1 on the Apple charts and is going from strength to strength, with a series of companion books coming soon
- **AUTHENTICITY:** Ian spent many years working in the heart of Westminster as editor of *Politics.co.uk*. He is an outsider on the inside with a thoroughly informed perspective that permeates the book

### Reviews

- 'Lacerating . . . a savage indictment of the status quo. In a series of deeply informed and carefully worked out examples, Ian Dunt takes us through the Westminster labyrinth to reveal an omnishambles' - *GUARDIAN*
- 'An elegant primer for those who wish to understand how power actually operates in Britain . . . far scarier than any conspiracy theory' - *THE TIMES*
- 'A blistering account of the irrationality and sheer absurdity of Britain's dysfunctional political system ... If you want to understand why this country is in such an almighty mess - and what we might do to fix it - read this book' - *CAROLINE LUCAS*
- 'With typical incision, wit and flair, Ian Dunt masterfully deconstructs and skewers our corrosive political culture. An indispensable analysis of how we got into this mess' - *THE SECRET BARRISTER*

### Author Biography

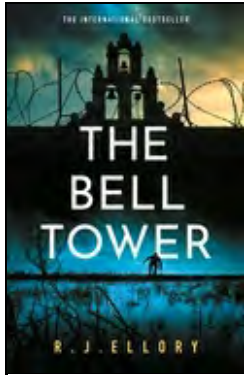
**Ian Dunt** spent many years working in the heart of Westminster as editor of *Politics.co.uk*. He is a columnist for the *i* newspaper, host on the *Oh God What Now* and *Origin Story* podcasts, and regularly appears as a political pundit on TV and radio. He is the author of two previous books - *Brexit: What the Hell Happens Now* and *How to be a Liberal*.

### Market

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Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>448 pages</b>
Word Count	
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Not for Sale	<b>UK; USA</b>

Author living in **Birmingham**

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## The Bell Tower

### The brand new suspense thriller from an award-winning bestseller

**RJ Ellory**

#### Keynote

Set on Death Row in 1970s Florida, *THE BELL TOWER* is the brand new literary suspense thriller from an award-winning, international bestselling author of *A QUIET BELIEF IN ANGELS*.

#### Description

***As each prisoner dies, the bell will ring...***

After a drugs bust goes wrong, Deputy Sheriff Garrett Nelson is left wounded, with a permanent limp and a career in tatters. On his long road to recovery he finds one consolation - Hannah, his tough-as-nails physiotherapist, and soon they're planning a future together.

Unfit for active police service, Nelson is left with few options, so he gratefully accepts his father-in-law's offer of a job at a Florida penitentiary on the grounds of an old Spanish mission in the Everglades. The prison's chapel, a working bell tower, is now an execution chamber. And Nelson must attend the executions.

Working on Death Row comes with a few simple rules:

- Do not let the inmates get under your skin.
- Do not allow any prisoners to escape.
- Do not take justice into your own hands.

Garrett Nelson will break every one of them.

**Gripping and heart-breaking by turns, and beautifully set against the backdrop of Florida's Everglades, *The Bell Tower* is the latest literary suspense novel from the award-winning, internationally bestselling author of *A Quiet Belief in Angels*.**

**'In the top flight of crime writing' *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH***  
**'The master of the genre' *CLIVE CUSSLER***

#### Sales Points

- **THE FINEST LITERARY CRIME:** R.J. Ellory's renowned brand of dark literary suspense tells haunting mysteries set in isolated, atmospheric locations. *THE BELL TOWER* will appeal to fans of *FARGO* and *TRUE DETECTIVE*.
- **MULTI AWARD-WINNING:** Among others, Roger has won the *Nouvel Observateur* Crime Fiction Prize, the USA Excellence Award for Best Mystery, the *Theakston's Old Peculier* Crime Novel of the Year, and been a Richard & Judy book club selection.
- **STRONG SALES:** Ellory's books have sold over 450,000K copies in the UK, translated into 26 languages, and are regular European bestsellers.
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** Ellory's work has been described as 'In the top flight of crime writing' (*Sunday Telegraph*) and 'Thriller writing of the very highest order' (*Guardian*).

#### Author Biography

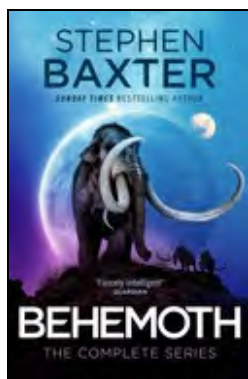
R.J. Ellory is a critically acclaimed author whose novels include the bestselling *A Quiet Belief in Angels*, which was a Richard & Judy Book Club selection and won the *Nouvel Observateur* Crime Fiction Prize.

Ellory's novels have been translated into twenty-six languages, and he has won the USA Excellence Award for Best Mystery, the *Strand Magazine* Best Thriller 2009, the *Theakston's Old Peculier* Crime Novel of the Year for *A Simple Act of Violence*, the *St Maur* Prize, the *Avignon Readers' Prize*, the *Livre de Poche* Award and the *Quebec Laureat*. He has been shortlisted for a further thirteen awards in numerous countries, including four *Daggers* from the UK Crime Writers' Association.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>816 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Book locale	<b>n/a</b>
Author living in	<b>Northumberland</b>

#### Previous Titles

Time's Eye (with Arthur C. Clarke), Evolution, Coalescent, Deep Future, Reality Dust, Revolutions in the Earth, The Web: Gulliverzone, The Web: Webcrash, Web 2028

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## Behemoth Silverhair, Long Tusk, Icebones

**Stephen Baxter**

#### Keynote

This is the story of SILVERHAIR, LONGTUSK and ICEBONES, Stephen Baxter's epic drama of nature's behemoth: the mammoth.

#### Description

They have measured the slow pulse of the seasons as the Earth spins its stately annual dance. Their memories stretch back across the million-year cycles of the ice sheets.

Their stories tell of the making of the world. And as the millenia have passed, their legends have served them well.

And a thousand years from now, on a different world, they will be the difference between life and death, between extinction and a future as long as the past.

This new edition collects three of Stephen Baxter's early books together for the first time.

#### Sales Points

- Stephen Baxter one of the top three SF writers in the world.
- Baxter has become SF's high profile media figurehead, having worked with legends such as Arthur C. Clarke and the H.G. Wells estate
- Stephen was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Open Universty in 2023 in recognition of his impact both to SF literature and STEM education

#### Reviews

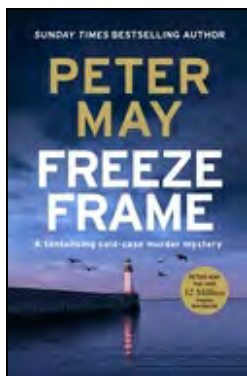
- 'The species is spectacularly realised, complete with a religion and culture tackled with impressive creativity. A treat' - *SFX*
- 'Convincing . . . vivid . . . a rich and very rewarding read' - *Infinity Plus*
- 'In the grand tradition of H.G. Wells and Olaf Stapledon' - *The Washington Post*

#### Author Biography

Published in more than 20 countries, a bestseller in the US, the winner of the Arthur C. Clarke award and numerous foreign language awards Stephen Baxter is perhaps the single most important writer of SF in the world today.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>The Enzo Files</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
In-House Editor	<b>Jon Riley</b>

Book locale	<b>ILE DE GROIX, FRANCE</b>
Author born in	<b>Scotland</b>
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## Freeze Frame

### An engrossing instalment in the cold-case Enzo series (The Enzo Files Book 4)

**Peter May**

#### Keynote

One tiny island, many hidden secrets - the fourth of Peter May's Enzo Files.

#### Description

**THE 12 MILLION COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE LEWIS TRILOGY* AND *THE CHINA THRILLERS*  
AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF *THE CWA DAGGER IN THE LIBRARY 2021***

**'Enzo MacLeod is one of the most unusual crime solvers I have ever met.'**

***BookBrowse***

**'No one can create a more eloquently written suspense novel than Peter May.'**  
***New York Journal of Books***

***In the gripping fourth book in the Enzo files, a promise made to a dead man proves Enzo's toughest challenge yet...***

ILE DE GROIX, FRANCE.

#### A Frozen Island.

This tiny isle off the coast of Brittany is the scene of a murder left shrouded in mystery and grief.

#### A Frozen Crime.

Adam Killian's study has been left intact since his death - the perfect state for Enzo Macleod's forensic investigation.

#### A Frozen Heart.

Killian's daughter-in-law is still hoping; the first suspect is still hiding; and the treacherous island itself still has a revelation for Enzo.

**LOVE PETER MAY? Order his new thriller, *A Winter Grave***

#### Sales Points

- The fourth of Peter May's Enzo Files, featuring Scottish-Italian forensic sleuth Enzo Macleod.
- Since being published by Quercus for the first time in the UK, the Enzo thrillers have sold over 325,000 copies across all editions.
- The first five Enzo thrillers - *Extraordinary People*, *The Critic*, *Blacklight Blue*, *Freeze Frame* and *Blowback* - repackaged with new series style ahead of the January 2017 publication of the sixth and final instalment in the series, *Cast Iron*.
- Since the January 2011 publication of *The Blackhouse*, Peter May's titles - which include *Entry Island*, *Runaway*, *Coffin Road* and the China thrillers - have sold in excess of two millions copies.

#### 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. He is the million-selling author of the Lewis trilogy and the China thrillers; standalone novels including *Entry Island*, *Runaway* and *Coffin Road*; and the Enzo Files - which were first published in the UK by Quercus across 2014 and 2015.

The sixth and final instalment in the Enzo series, *Cast Iron*, will be published in hardcover by riverrun in January 2017.



## Made Weave Love

### 20+ contemporary handwoven projects to craft at home

Phoebe Jones

#### Keynote

From fibre artist and weaving expert and social media sensation Phoebe Jones comes *Made Weave Love* - a modern guide to weaving filled with over 20 stunning projects

#### Description

##### Master the art of weaving with over 20 stunning projects

Phoebe Jones is on a mission to make weaving accessible to all. In her debut book *Made Weave Love* Phoebe shows you the joys of weaving and how this gentle and intuitive craft can spark creativity in your life. Covering the very basics from the essential tools and how to build your own loom, to selecting the perfect yarn and finding colour and design inspiration, Phoebe carefully guides you through everything you need to get started.

Packed with beautiful photography and step-by-step tutorials throughout, this go-to guide - featuring projects for both beginners and advanced crafters alike - will give you the skills you need to confidently weave gorgeous masterpieces that spread style and colour throughout your home.

#### Sales Points

- **STRONG RIGHTS POTENTIAL** - Craft books have a track record of selling well across Northern Europe and the US. Stylistically, *Made Weave Love*, will appeal to the 'new' generation of crafters looking inspirational projects with a modern, fresh spin. Phoebe's platform also has a fantastic international spread across the US, Denmark, Japan, France, Germany to name a few.
- **ESTABLISHED AND ENGAGED PLATFORM** - Phoebe has grown an impressive platform across Instagram (1M+) and TikTok (600k), and this continues to grow at an impressive speed.
- **GIFT POTENTIAL** - The book will feature stunning lifestyle photography throughout for each project and a gift package.
- **SUCCESSFUL ONLINE STORE** - Phoebe runs a successful online store, *Made Weave Love*, where she sells here beautiful handwoven creations - all traffic for the site is driven by Phoebe's social media activity, and her products have repeatedly sold out in minutes of uploading stock.

#### Author Biography

**PHOEBE JONES** is a fibre artist, weaving expert and mother of two based in Dorset. She is founder of the online store, *Made Weave Love*, where she sells beautiful handwoven homewares, accessories and hand-spun yarn. Phoebe has built an online community of over 1.7M followers across social media through sharing the crafting process of her wonderful creations.

Having produced learn-to-weave kits, thousands of gloriously textured wall hangings to adorn walls all over the world and art yarn to spark creativity in others, Phoebe is on a mission to make weaving accessible to all.

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 BIC 2.1 **Spinning & weaving (WFG)**  
**Interior design, decor & style guides (WJK)**  
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## A Chateau Under Siege

### Heartstopping new case for France's favourite country cop

**Martin Walker**

#### Keynote

**Bruno faces a dangerous threat to the town he polices and the people he protects. Loved by millions, the Dordogne Mysteries are the perfect mix of mystery and escapism.**

#### Description

**France's favourite country cop, Bruno, faces a dangerous threat to the town he polices and the people he protects. Loved by millions, the Dordogne Mysteries are the perfect mix of mystery and escapism.**

The event of the Périgord tourist season is the re-enactment of the liberation of the historic town of Sarlat from the English in 1370. But it all goes wrong when the man playing the part of the victorious French general collapses in a pool of blood.

The question for chief of police Bruno is was this an accident - or deliberate? The stakes rise when Bruno learns that the man, Kerquelin, was running Frenchelon, the secret French electronic intelligence base nearby, after being recruited from a brilliant Silicon Valley career.

As he investigates, Bruno discovers that Kerquelin's wound was faked, that he is alive and well and secretly negotiating a massive deal to build a semi-conductor industry in France. But then a whole new and dangerous player emerges, determined to nip the deal in the bud.

#### Sales Points

- The previous book in the series, *To Kill A Troubadour*, had the strongest preorders yet in hardback and eBook.
- The perfect blend of mystery and escapism, The Dordogne Mysteries are global bestsellers with a dedicated fan base.
- Quercus has rebranded the entire backlist of The Dordogne Mysteries which has resulted in an uplift in sales.

#### Reviews

- 'French tourism should **raise a glass** to [Walker's] Dordogne Mysteries' - *Daily Mail*
- 'A **captivating, ingenious** slice of escapism' - *Woman's Own*
- 'A must-read, **atmospheric and wonderfully complex** whodunnit' - *Lancashire Evening Post*
- 'I'll be next in line for the next adventure in **this absorbing series**' - *Promoting Crime Fiction*

#### Author Biography

Martin Walker is a prize-winning journalist and the author of several acclaimed works of non-fiction, including *The Cold War: A History*. He lives in the Dordogne and Washington, DC.

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 BIC 2.1 **Crime & mystery (FF)**  
**Classic crime (FFC)**

Binding **Paperback**  
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Series **The Dordogne Mysteries**

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Book locale **Dordogne, France**  
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#### Previous Titles

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## Hathor and the Prince

J.J. McAvoy

### Keynote

**Hathor Du Bell searches for love in this sweeping Regency romance from J. J. McAvoy.**

### Description

**'Bridgerton lovers have found their next read. J. J. McAvoy is a welcome new voice in historical romance.'** *New York Times* bestselling author Sarah MacLean, on *Aphrodite and the Duke*

Hathor Du Bell has always fought to break free from the shadow left by her revered older sister, Aphrodite. It has been two years since Hathor's debut, and while Aphrodite is a duchess, Hathor has been left with the most boring, incomparable suitors of the ton. With the London season coming to a close, Hathor's anxieties reach a peak. Will she be the only Du Bell unable to find her perfect match?

Then Hathor's wildest dream comes true when the Queen announces she'll be presenting Prince Wilhelm Augustus Karl Von Edward of Malrovia during the week-long society event at the Du Bells' Belclere Castle. But the dream quickly crumbles when Hathor is face to face with the prince, and he is nothing like she imagined.

A flirtatious rivalry sparks a genuine romance, meanwhile Hathor fights to make a name of her own, despite society's expectations of her. Amidst the grand balls and growing feelings, the final events of the season promise to be the most romantic and shocking of them all.

### Sales Points

- J.J. McAvoy's previous books were self published, have been translated into six languages and were bestsellers in Turkey, Israel and France.
- The book lovers' answer to Netflix's *Bridgerton* - will appeal to commercial romance readers and Regency readers alike. Reads well as a standalone.
- USP: features Black characters in the aristocracy, making the most of fiction and transporting the characters that J.J. wanted to see into the Regency romance setting.
- A representative Regency romance filled with diverse characters like Lex Croucher's *Reputation*.

### Author Biography

**J.J. McAvoy** was born in Montreal, Canada and graduated from Carleton University in 2016 with an honour's degree in Humanities. She is the oldest of three and has loved writing for years. She is inspired by everything from Shakespearean tragedies to current culture. Her novels hope to push boundaries and allow readers to look at the world from another perspective. Please feel free to stay in touch with her via Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and youtube, where she video blogs.

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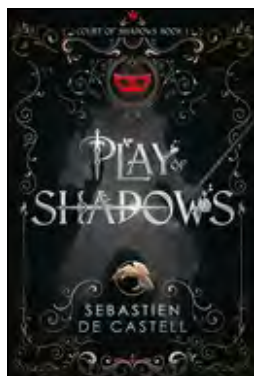
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## Play of Shadows

Sebastien de Castell

### Keynote

**Swordplay, magic, intrigue and friendships stronger than iron: the first volume in the new swashbuckling fantasy series by the bestselling author of The Greatcoats.**

### Description

**Swordplay, magic, intrigue and friendships stronger than iron: the first volume in the new swashbuckling fantasy series by the bestselling author of The Greatcoats.**

Damelas Chademantaigne picked a poor night to flee a judicial duel.

He has precious little hope of escaping the wrath of the Vixen, the most feared duellist in the entire city, until he stumbles through the stage doors of the magnificent Operato Belleza and tricks his way into the company of actors. An archaic law provides a temporary respite from his troubles - until one night a ghostly voice in his head causes Damelas to fumble his lines, inadvertently blurting out a dreadful truth: the city's most legendary hero may actually be a traitor and a brutal murderer.

With only the help of his boisterous and lusty friend Bereto, a beautiful assassin whose target may well be Damelas himself, and a company of misfit actors who'd just as soon see him dead, this failed grandson of two Greatcoats must somehow find within himself the courage to dig up long-buried truths before a ruthless band of bravos known as the Iron Orchids come for his head.

Oh, and there's still that matter of the Vixen waiting to duel him . . .

### Sales Points

- The start of a new series from the author of *The Greatcoats* (the first novel of which, *Traitor's Blade*, reached no.3 in the charts and was shortlisted for a David Gemmell Award)
- For fans of *The Three Musketeers*, Joe Abercrombie, Scott Lynch, Peter V Brett and Mark Lawrence.

### Reviews

- 'These books are **just joyous** . . . This is **first-rate fiction, first rate adventure, first rate full stop**' - *CONN IGGULDEN on THE GREATCOATS*
- '**Fantastic from the first sentence to the last.** Combining old-school swashbuckling action with contemporary characters and a good dose of grit, these books are the rarest of things, **great rollicking fun combined with an emotional punch** . . . **Sebastien, write faster!**' - *JOHN GWYNNE, Author of the Faithful and the Fallen on The Greatcoats series*
- '**Guaranteed to increase household swashbuckling by 100%**' - *Library Journal on Traitor's Blade*
- 'These are **not the kinds of books you forget.** They are the kind you **remember and recommend**' - *Ageless Pages*

### 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 diletantism 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.

Sebastien lives in Vancouver, Canada with his lovely wife and two belligerent cats.

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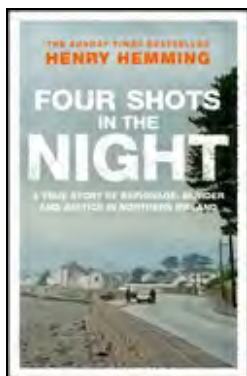
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## Four Shots in the Night

Henry Hemming

### Keynote

The riveting story of how the death of a spy in the IRA led to the biggest murder investigation in British history.

### Description

'A truly page-turning, compulsive and also profoundly moving narrative. Superb.' JAMES HOLLAND

'Gripping, urgent, superbly reported and brilliantly written' DAN JONES

### HOW THE DEATH OF A SPY IN THE IRA LED TO THE BIGGEST MURDER INVESTIGATION IN BRITISH HISTORY.

On 26th May 1986, the body of an undercover British agent was found by the side of a muddy lane, with a rope tied around its wrists and tape over each eye. Years later, it was reported that this murder might have been carried out by another undercover British agent, known as 'Stakeknife'. In 2016, a detective began to investigate this case, and would soon find himself running the largest murder investigation in British history.

In a compulsive blend of investigative journalism and true crime thriller, Henry Hemming exposes the parallel worlds of the IRA and British intelligence through the lives of those inextricably bound up in both. He reveals the bravery of those who were crucial in ending the Troubles in Northern Ireland, the bloodiest and longest-running conflict in recent British history, and the determination of one detective in his dogged search for justice and the truth.

### Sales Points

- Henry's last book *Our Man in New York* (HB) has sold over 2,200 copies.
- Comp title *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe won the Orwell Prize for Political Writing in 2019 and sold over 41,000 copies in paperback.
- Henry is the author of *M*, which was Waterstones Book of the Month and a Top 10 bestseller.
- Henry is a Top Ten bestselling author and award-winning journalist.

### Reviews

- 'One of the most compelling books I've read in a very long time. An absolutely extraordinary tale of secret intelligence, infiltration and murder, *FOUR SHOTS* is a brilliantly pieced-together psychological drama that is all the more gripping - and unsettling - for being real rather than fiction. The story is expertly woven together, exploring the characters and motivations of the four main characters into a truly page-turning, compulsive and also profoundly moving narrative. Superb.' - *James Holland*
- '**Gripping, urgent, superbly reported and brilliantly written.** Henry Hemming unfolds a true story of violence, politics and spycraft that sits right at the edge of journalism and history.' - *Dan Jones*
- 'Both a sinewy spy thriller and a wider history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, *Four Shots in the Night* is edge-of-seat stuff: beautifully crafted, shrewdly observed, frighteningly immersive and utterly compelling' - *Jessie Childs*
- 'A masterly achievement and a riveting read' - *Peter Taylor, author of 'Operation Chiffon'*

### Author Biography

Henry Hemming is the bestselling author of seven books including *Our Man in New York*, *M*, published as *Agent M* in North America, the Dolman Travel Award-shortlisted *Misadventure in the Middle East* and the *New York Times* bestseller *The Ingenious Mr Pyke*.

He has written for the *Sunday Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail*, *The Times*, *The Economist*, *FT Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*, is an experienced public speaker and has given interviews on Radio 4's Today Programme and NBC's Today Show.

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## Your Absence is Darkness

Jón Kalman Stefánsson

Translated by Philip Roughton

### Keynote

An extraordinary and ambitious mosaic of a novel of a family over centuries, from Iceland's most exceptional contemporary storyteller.

### Description

"Stefánsson shares the elemental grandeur of Cormac McCarthy" EILEEN BATTERSBY, *TLS*

"A rich depiction of life, love and loss . . . Stefánsson is a writer of great scope and imagination" RONAN HESSION

"Stefánsson's prose rolls and surges with oceanic splendour" BOYD TONKIN, *Spectator*

A spellbinding saga about the inhabitants and inheritors of one rural community, by one of Iceland's most celebrated novelists.

A man comes to awareness in a church in rural Iceland, not knowing why he's there or how he arrived. When a local woman offers to reunite him with her sister, he realises he's lost not only his bearings, but his memory as well: he doesn't recognise either woman, and as their stories unfold, he is plunged into a history spanning centuries and lives: a city girl drawn to the fjords by the memory of a blue-eyed gaze; a farmer's wife whose essay on the humble earthworm changes the course of lives; a pastor who writes to dead poets and falls in love with a stranger; a musician plagued by cosmic loneliness, who discovers that his life has been a lie; and an alcoholic transfixed by the night sky. Faced with the violence of destiny and the effects of choices, made and avoided, that cascade between lives, each discovers the cost of following the magnetic needle of the heart.

An incandescent, audacious novel about the misfortune of mortality and the strange salve of time, *Your Absence is Darkness* is a spellbinding story of death, desire and the perfect agony of star-crossed love.

Translated from the Icelandic by Philip Roughton

### Sales Points

- 80,000 copies sold in France, 40,000 copies sold in Germany, translated into multiple other languages.
- By the author of *Summer Light, and then Comes the Night*, winner of the Icelandic Literature Prize
- Winner of the Prix Du Livre Etranger 2022

### Reviews

- 'A rich depiction of life, love and loss, brimming with stoical wisdom and quiet poignancy. Jón Kalman Stefánsson is a writer of great scope and imagination.' - Ronan Hession, *author of LEONARD AND HUNGRY PAUL*
- 'An astonishing, free-wheeling narrative of an amnesiac's search for meaning . . . a serpentine and splintered set of stories covering several generations . . . Stefánsson is poised to make his mark on the world stage.' - *Publishers Weekly* \*starred review"
- 'The Icelandic Dickens . . . He has the same gift of writing with great understanding, an empathy with troubled souls and a skill at laugh-out-loud comedy.' - Tina Neylon, *Irish Examiner*
- 'One of the great contemporary works of literature' - *Stern Magazine (Germany)*

### Author Biography

Jón Kalman Stefánsson's novels have been nominated three times for the Nordic Council Prize for Literature and his novel *Summer Light, and then Comes the Night* received the Icelandic Prize for Literature in 2005. In 2011 he was awarded the prestigious P.O. Enquist Award. He is perhaps best known for his trilogy - *Heaven and Hell*, *The Sorrow of Angels* (longlisted for the *Independent Foreign Fiction Prize*) and *The Heart of Man* (winner of the Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize) - and for *Fish Have No Feet* (longlisted for the Man Booker International Prize 2017).

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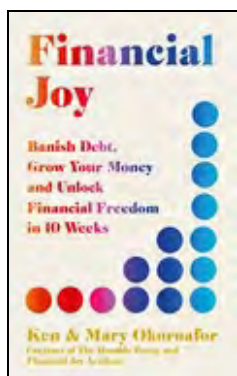
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*About the Size of the Universe* (2018) - 9780857056023  
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## Financial Joy Banish Debt, Grow Your Money and Unlock Financial Freedom in 10 Weeks

**Ken Okoroafor and Mary Okoroafor**

### Keynote

A practical 10-week financial plan to build wealth whilst prioritizing your wellbeing and fun, aimed at readers starting with minimal resources and beyond.

### Description

**Stop worrying about money. Start enjoying your life.**

This 10-week plan will help you to turn your life around from small beginnings and design a life of financial freedom filled with the small experiences that bring you joy.

Authors Ken and Mary Okoroafor started out as resource-poor, working-class immigrants and have built a life of financial independence and joyful moments through hard work, smart saving and savvy investing. They know what it feels like to start from ground zero, and as a chartered accountant and former CFO, Ken shares his financial expertise to help you unlock the secret to building wealth.

You'll learn how to take control of your finances, develop good money habits, become debt-free, invest in assets and multiply your income so you can create the freedom to travel, spend time with your loved ones and plan for a stress-free (early) retirement - all whilst prioritising your wellbeing and having fun!

It also includes a dozen real-life interviews with singles, couples and those with children, from different backgrounds, age groups and stages of their money journey, including a few well-known public figures.

Whether you're a complete beginner to investing, currently living in your overdraft and stressed living paycheck to paycheck, or worried about preparing for retirement; or maybe you're just fed up with your career and want to know how to stop running the rat race. Wherever you are on your journey, this book will revolutionise your relationship with money and your lifestyle.

**Financial joy is for everybody and it is accessible to you now, not later. Start today to grow your money and create a life you love.**

### Sales Points

- Key message is that financial joy is accessible to all. The 10-week plan is designed for those starting from a position of debt or minimal resources.
- Ken is a first-generation immigrant who came to the UK from Lagos, Nigeria aged 14. He started from ground zero with no money and limited rights, but went on to qualify as a chartered accountant and worked his way up to CFO. The authors are not coming from a place of privilege compared to a lot of authors in this space. Inspiring personal story paired with deep knowledge of finance.
- Unique angle of taking control of your finances while prioritising your wellbeing and fun.
- Ken and Mary are a married couple and provide financial advice through a family lens.

### Author Biography

**Ken & Mary Okoroafor** are a married couple who achieved financial independence by age 34, 100% debt-free, having paid off £380k mortgage. They are the founders of The Humble Penny and The Financial Joy Academy to help others achieve financial independence. Ken is a first-generation immigrant, Chartered Accountant, MBA and former CFO. Mary was born in London to hard working immigrant parents of Nigerian heritage. They live in South-east England with their two children.

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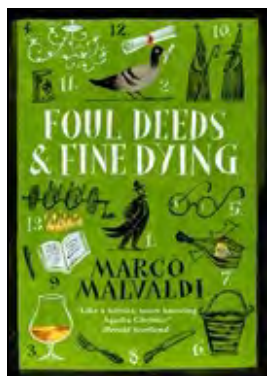
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## Foul Deeds and Fine Dying A Pellegrino Artusi Mystery

**Marco Malvaldi**  
Translated by Howard Curtis

### Keynote

A deliciously thrilling locked-room mystery for fans of Agatha Christie and Richard Osman.

### Description

**Pellegrino Artusi, the great gastronome and amateur detective, is back.**

It is 1900 and Pellegrino's famed cookbook is in its fifth edition. Flushed from his fortune and success, our hero joins a weekend party at the Tuscan castle of the wealthy agricultural entrepreneur, Secondo Gazzolo.

In this castle of winding corridors, secret passageways and clandestine meetings, Pellegrino finds a curious collection of guests, each with their own purpose for being there.

But when one of the party is found dead in his locked bedroom, seemingly the victim of suffocation, it is up to Pellegrino and his old friend, the detective Ispettore Artistico, to solve what really happened, for the science of food is every bit as complex, rigorous and tantalising as the sublime art of investigation.

A perfect "locked room mystery" that will have your brain and your tastebuds tickled.

**Translated from the Italian by Howard Curtis**

### Sales Points

- The sequel to *The Art of Killing Well*, picking up five years later as Pellegrino Artusi has found fame and fortune with his cookbook.
- As with *The Art of Killing Well*, we've included some of Pellegrino Artusi's original recipes at the back of the book. These are all recipes that feature in the story, and we've kept Artusi's signature style and anecdotes!
- The Italian edition reached number 2 in the bestseller charts.

### Reviews

- 'It's a given: **Marco Malvaldi delights, thrills and convinces us** even when he abandons his hoary heroes of BarLume and dives into solitary adventures' - *La Stampa*
- '**A whodunnit for the tastebuds**' - *Marie Claire*
- 'The classic enigma of the closed room but with **an exceptional protagonist**: Pellegrino Artusi' - *La Repubblica*
- '**An atmosphere reminiscent of Agatha Christie ... [Foul Deeds and Fine Dying] is hilarious**, written by Malvaldi with the refined, multifaceted, ironic language he has accustomed us to.' - *Solo Libri*

### Author Biography

Marco Malvaldi was born in Pisa in 1974, and is both a crime novelist and a chemist. He is best known for his BarLume series set on the Tuscan Coast, and also for *The Art of Killing Well*, for which he was awarded both the Isola d'Elba Award and the Castiglioncello Prize.

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## The Traitor's Wife

### Heartbreaking WW2 historical fiction with an incredible story inspired by a woman's resistance

**Sarah Steele**

#### Keynote

Inspired by the incredible stories of the heroines of the Italian Resistance, this is a heart-wrenching dual-timeframe story which is a portrait of war and a powerful exploration of how far we will go to protect our families, set between World War II Naples and the glamorous Golden Age of Hollywood.

#### Description

**'Do it,' she said to the German, her voice a rasping whisper. 'Shoot me if you dare. I am Maddalena.'**

'A must-read in historical fiction' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'I loved this book - a perfect summer read' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'A great book . . . romance, heartbreak, intrigue and triumph - what's not to like!' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'Captivating plot with lots of twists and turns' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'Very well told story about the resilience and bravery women possess' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

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**The spellbinding new book from the USA Today bestselling author of *The Schoolteacher of Saint Michel*, perfect for fans of *The Nightingale* and *The Paris Library*.**

#### Naples 1943

Luisa Giordano has faced many losses: her mother to a deadly illness, the man she loved to the Nazis when war came to Italy, and her unborn child at the hands of her own husband. All Luisa has left is her voice, and when she learns her husband is colluding with the enemy, she knows she must use it to fuel the women of Naples with fire.

#### Los Angeles 1962

Hollywood starlet Lola Hart has come a long way from the backstreets of Naples, the glamorous parties a way to dull the pain of the past. When she is offered the role of a lifetime portraying a heroine of the Italian resistance, she knows returning home means confronting old ghosts. But as she seeks out the story behind the film, she realises there are many in Naples with secrets, and that the woman she is to play held the greatest one of all...

**Inspired by the stories of the heroines of the Italian Resistance, this is a heart-wrenching dual-timeframe story which is a portrait of war and a powerful exploration of how far we will go to protect our families, set between World War II Naples and the glamorous Golden Age of Hollywood.**

#### READERS LOVE SARAH STEELE:

'I just loved it!' **KATIE FFORDE**

'I can taste the gelato and the sweetness of *La Dolce Vita* in Italy of the 1960s, coupled with the bitterness of wartime intrigue and betrayal. A perfect combination' **MANDY ROBOTHAM**

'A gripping and atmospheric read' **TESSA HARRIS**

#### Sales Points

- **A strong existing sales platform in digital, particularly in the US:** *The Missing Pieces of Nancy Moon* was a *USA Today* bestseller and a top 20 bestseller in the Apple chart and *The Schoolteacher of Saint-Michel* was a Top 100 Kindle bestseller.
- **A lead title for Headline Review:** a long-lead marketing and PR campaign to ensure that *everyone* will be talking about this book in 2023
- **Inspired by true events, a novel destined to become a Reading Group classic:** A book reading groups will treasure.
- **Author is Cotswold-based Literary Festival Director:** Sarah Steele was Director of the Tetbury Book Festival which attracted authors such Cruickshank, Andrew Taylor, Gill Paul and Rachel Joyce, amongst many others. She has connections to other Cotswolds-based authors such as Katie Fforde.

#### Reviews

- 'Sarah Steele combines the best aspects of an unputdownable thriller with beautiful writing and characters who live and breathe. **I just loved it!**' - Katie Fforde
- **I can taste the gelato and the sweetness of *La Dolce Vita* in Italy of the 1960s,** coupled with the bitterness of wartime intrigue and betrayal. A perfect

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Book locale	<b>Naples</b>
Author living in	<b>Stroud</b>

#### Previous Titles

The Missing Pieces of Nancy Moon  
 The Schoolteacher of Saint Michel  
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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combination' - Mandy Robotham

- 'Delicious . . . Part history of the liberation of Naples in 1943 and part love story, [The Traitor's Wife] is peppered with colourful glimpses of 1960s Hollywood . . . **sweet, sensual, tense and tragic. A perfect summer read**' - Emma Flint
- '**A gripping and atmospheric read**. As smouldering and compelling as it is satisfying: mystery, love and redemption. It has it all.' - Tessa Harris

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### Author Biography

Sarah Steele trained as a classical pianist and violinist before joining the world of publishing as an editorial assistant at Hodder and Stoughton. She was for many years a freelance editor, and now lives in the vibrant Gloucestershire town of Stroud.



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 Word Count  
 Illustrations **N/A**  
 Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **Los Angeles**  
 Author born in **USA**  
 Author living in **New York**

**Publishing History**  
 Author has published YA romance under the name Jennifer Iacopelli

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## Degrees of Engagement

### The smart and sexy fake engagement rom-com you won't want to put down!

**Jennifer Hennessy**

#### Keynote

A funny, razor sharp and sexy adult romance for fans of Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood by debut adult romance author Jennifer Hennessy

#### Description

**'Full of sweet heat, banter, and a beautiful, long-anticipated connection, DEGREES OF ENGAGEMENT is an ode to the many paths life can take-and what happens when you let the right person go on the journey with you' GRACE REILLY**

**'A swoony, horny heartache that Ali Hazelwood fans will be clamouring for. I loved it!' LIZZIE HUXLEY-JONES**

**A celebration of non-traditional milestones and a book for anyone who's been patiently waiting for their own achievements to be noticed, *Degrees of Engagement* is the hot new romantic comedy perfect for fans of *The Love Hypothesis*.**

Bianca Dimitriou has attended countless bridal showers, bachelorette weekends and destination weddings for her friends and family. But when they all fail to show up to celebrate her PhD, she realises it just isn't a milestone they value.

Angry, sad and yes, a little drunk, Bianca decides a fake engagement to brooding classmate Xavier Byrne is the perfect revenge. It's only supposed to last long enough to prove her point. But when her loved ones' reaction to her 'engagement' is everything Bianca was afraid of, she's tempted to let it go on just a bit longer. . .

The tension that's always simmered unspoken between them morphs into a very real attraction, but with Xavier's work about to take him halfway around the globe, Bianca can't forget that it's temporary. When the time comes to give up their charade, will they be able to give up their feelings just as easily?

#### More early praise for *Degrees of Engagement*:

'Academic rivals-to-lovers is great, but what about two academics who deeply respect each other's intelligence but are completely clueless when it comes to admitting their long-standing feelings? Hell yeah I wanted Bianca and Xavier to get fake engaged and teach everyone a lesson, but more than that I wanted them to finally see how perfect they really were for each other. Jennifer Hennessy's debut adult romance is a real treat!' **ALICIA THOMPSON, USA Today bestselling author of *Love in the Time of Serial Killers***

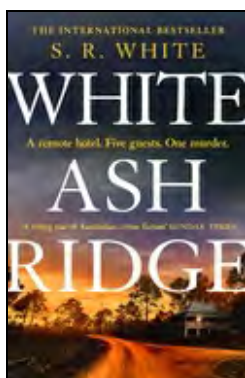
'Fast-paced and delightful, *Degrees of Engagement* is packed full of fake-dating fun. A charming romance of finding happiness and defining it for yourself' **EMILY WIBBERLEY and AUSTIN SIEGEMUND-BROKA, authors of *The Breakup Tour***

#### Sales Points

- **ADDICTIVE PAGE-TURNING ROMANCE:** This is a unputdownable, funny and spicy romance, with reader favourite tropes like **Fake Engagement, Forced Proximity** and a smattering of **Only One Bed**. Set in the world of academia in LA, it will appeal greatly to fans of *The Love Hypothesis*.
- **BIG BOOKTOK POTENTIAL:** As a previously published YA author, Jennifer is very well connected, with BookTok favourite writers **Erin Sterling** and **Grace Reilly** already reading to supply quotes. She also has **5k followers on Twitter/X** as Jennifer Iacopelli, her YA author name, **1.5k followers on Instagram**.
- **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.

#### Author Biography

**Jennifer Hennessy** is the romance genre pen name of young adult author, Jennifer Iacopelli. By day she's a librarian and by night she writes books about ambitious women who know what they want and the men who love them for it. She lives in New York with no plans to ever leave. Follow her everywhere @jenniferocarolyn.



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Author living in	<b>Queensland, Australia.</b>
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## White Ash Ridge

### 'A rising star of Australian crime fiction' **SUNDAY TIMES**

**S. R. White**

#### Keynote

A gripping new Australian crime novel from the international bestseller, perfect for fans of Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, Garry Disher and Peter Papathanasio.

#### Description

**A REMOTE HOTEL. FIVE GUESTS. ONE MURDER.**

**A rising star of Australian crime fiction ' SUNDAY TIMES**

**'S. R. White is the real deal.' CHRIS HAMMER, author of SCRUBLANDS**

During a broiling heatwave, the inner circle of a high-profile charity attend a critical meeting at White Ash Ridge, a small hotel nestled in the Australian wilderness. As the temperature rises, a body is found lying in the thick bush, bludgeoned to death. One of the four remaining guests is a murderer - but who, and why, is a mystery.

Detective Dana Russo knows the national spotlight will be sharply focused on the case. The charity was formed when the founders' teenage son was killed after intervening in a vicious assault - sparking public outrage and a damning verdict on the police investigation.

But under huge pressure and with few clues - plus suspects who instinctively distrust the police - how can Dana unravel the truth?

#### Praise for S. R. White:

**'A taut, beautifully observed slow-burner with an explosive finish' Peter May**

**'Original, compelling and highly recommended' Chris Hammer**

**'Gripping' THE GUARDIAN**

**'A fascinating case' SUNDAY TIMES**

**'It draws you in - and rewards with a truly powerful ending' HEAT**

**'This slow-burn novel catches light' THE SUN**

**'The story takes place over less than 48 hours but the pace is slow-burn, relying on considerable psychological depth...the denouement hits like a knockout punch WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN**

**'A dark and compulsive read' WOMAN & HOME**

#### Sales Points

- **AN INTERNATIONAL TOP TEN BESTSELLER** S.R. White's is an international top-ten bestseller, with a series of acclaimed crime novels.
- **A STUNNING AND CELEBRATED VOICE IN 'AUSTRALIAN NOIR'**: This is a thrilling addition to the popular trend of intelligent Australian crime writing, following in the vein of acclaimed authors such as **Jane Harper** and **Chris Hammer**
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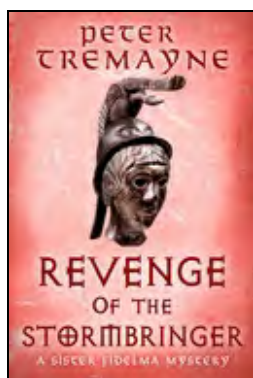
#### Author Biography

S. R. White's debut novel, HERMIT, was a top ten bestseller in Australia and nominated for the Crime Writers' Association award for the best crime novel by a first-time author.

He now lives in Queensland, having worked for a UK police force for twelve years before taking an MA in Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University.

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Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>368 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK</b>
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Book locale	<b>7th-century Ireland</b>
Author born in	<b>Coventry, England</b>
Author living in	<b>London, England</b>

#### Previous Titles

Death of a Heretic (9781472265449)  
 The House of Death (9781472265401)  
 The Shapeshifter's Lair (9781472265371)  
 Blood in Eden (9781472238757)  
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## Revenge of the Stormbringer Sister Fidelma Mysteries Book 34

**Peter Tremayne**

#### Keynote

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

#### Description

**Sister Fidelma returns in REVENGE OF THE STORMBRINGER, the thirty-fourth Celtic mystery by Peter Tremayne, acclaimed author of DEATH OF A HERETIC, THE HOUSE OF DEATH, and THE SHAPESHIFTER'S LAIR. If you love Ellis Peters, you'll be gripped by REVENGE OF THE STORMBRINGER and the Sister Fidelma series.**

Summer, AD 672. Princess Gelgéis has arrived in Cashel with her personal bodyguard, a troop of female warriors called the Daughters of the Storm. When one of them is found slain next to the sleeping chamber of the newly married king and queen and, a short time later, the stewardess of the royal house is poisoned, questions are raised as to everyone's safety . . .

Fidelma and Eadulf must first explain the 'locked room' mystery of how the attack took place in King Colgu's specially built secure apartment. Then they must interrogate the growing list of suspects - even Enda, the commander of the household guard, who had formed a romantic attachment to the murdered attendant, cannot be ignored . . .

As the fair being held to celebrate the king and queen's wedding approaches, tensions mount and Fidelma must work quickly to expose a ruthless killer before it is too late . . .

#### Sales Points

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

#### Reviews

- 'A challenging and unusual but deeply satisfying and enjoyable historical thriller' - *Booklist*
- 'The background detail is brilliantly defined...wonderfully evocative' - *The Times*
- 'Tremayne expertly incorporates historical and legal details of the time into the suspenseful plot. This impressive volume bodes well for future series entries' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'Tremayne's super-sleuth is a vibrant creation, a woman of wit and courage who would stand out in any era, but brings a special sparkle to the wild beauty of medieval Ireland' - Morgan Llywelyn

#### Author Biography

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



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## The Last Days of Joy: The bestselling novel of a simmering family secret, perfect for summer reading

**Anne Tiernan**

### Keynote

A family brought together by the person they said goodbye to long ago...

### Description

**EVERY FAMILY HAS SECRETS. SOME ARE JUST BETTER AT HIDING THEIRS...**

*A TOP 5 BESTSELLER IN IRELAND AND NEW ZEALAND.*

**'You will fall in love with every one of the Tobin family'** Edel Coffey

**'Authentic, deeply moving and full of hope, this book broke my heart a little'** Jacqueline Publitz

**'A page turner, portraying the madness and messiness of family life'** Elaine Feeney

MEET THE TOBIN FAMILY ...

#### ***Joy, the complicated, troubled mother***

She's spent her life running from her past while trying to raise her children as best she can.

#### ***Conor, the high-achieving eldest child***

A high-profile media figure and CEO, he's walking a fine line between self-promotion and self-detonation.

#### ***Frances, the 'perfect' middle child***

Now a wife and mother, she's about to make a mistake that could destroy her marriage.

#### ***Youngest daughter, Sinead, the acclaimed writer***

Wrestling with writer's block, she resorts to desperate measures to deliver her next bestselling book to her publishers.

When Joy's children receive the news that she has only days to live, they rush to her side, bringing with them all of the dysfunction and hurt they have been carrying since their childhoods. Each of them is at a crossroads in their lives - but there's one more secret about their mother they need to learn. Will they finally be able to forgive their mother and, in doing so, face their futures together?

**A stunning novel about a family reeling in the wake of a devastating act. Sharply funny, intensely moving and with a cast of unforgettable characters, *The Last Days of Joy* will make you laugh out loud even as it moves you to tears.**

'With intelligence and depth, Anne Tiernan wraps the reader into the warp and weft of the Tobins' secrets, troubles, and joys. An absorbing novel, beautifully written' **Nuala O'Connor**

'A brave and profoundly honest book, written with dark humour' **Kathleen MacMahon**

'A beautiful debut, full of authenticity and hope' **Swirl and Thread**

'The writing is captivating &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;' Reader review  
'Full of compassion and empathy &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;' Reader review

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### Author Biography

Born in Zambia, Anne Tiernan grew up in Navan, County Meath. She studied English Literature and Psychology at Trinity College Dublin and spent seven years working in banking. Anne left Ireland with her husband in 2004 to travel the world, arriving in New Zealand in 2005 where they still live - now with three children together. *The Last Days of Joy* is Anne's first novel.

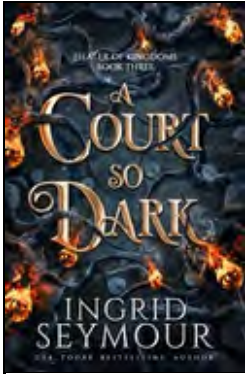
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## A Court So Dark

### Ingrid Seymour

#### Keynote

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#### Description

**<h3>Don't miss this sensational romantasy retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* that gets steamier with every book! Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout!</h3>**

**IN A VOID SUSPENDED IN TIME,  
I FIND MYSELF TRAPPED IN AN ABYSS OF DARKNESS AND DESPAIR.**

With Daniella suspended close to death, Prince Kalyll storms through the fae realm with one goal: revenge upon the people who put her there.

But in his absence, the fate of Kalyll's kingdom teeters precariously as his treacherous brother, Cardian, schemes to plunge the realm into all-out war. Cardian's alliance with the heartless and ambitious Unseelie King threatens to shatter the fragile peace that remains.

As Daniella shows little sign of improvement, Kalyll falls into the clutches of his enemies, leaving the spectre of war looming ever closer. Will Daniella wake from her shadowy slumber in time to restore the light, or will darkness consume Kalyll and everything he loves?

*Don't miss the other books in this series, **A PRINCE SO CRUEL** and **A CAGE SO GILDED***

**&#11088;** Readers can't get enough of this series! **&#11088;**

'If you are looking for something darker than your average Disney Fairytale, with captivating and enticing happenings, interesting and intriguing characters, lots of spice, and an ending that begs you to jump right into book 2, then you just have to read *A Prince So Cruel!* **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;**

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'I was totally hooked' **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;**

'This was the perfect mix of everything I wanted when looking for my next read and Ingrid did indeed deliver.' **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;**

'I loved every single second of the story it was like a dream coming true' **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;** **&#11088;**

#### Author Biography

**Ingrid Seymour** is a *USA Today* bestselling author of over fifty novels. She writes new adult fiction in a variety of genres, including fantasy romance, urban fantasy, paranormal romance, and sci-fi - all with fierce heroines and irresistible heroes. She used to work as a software engineer at a Fortune 500 company, but now writes full-time and loves every minute of it. She lives in Birmingham with her husband, two kids, and a cat named Ossie.

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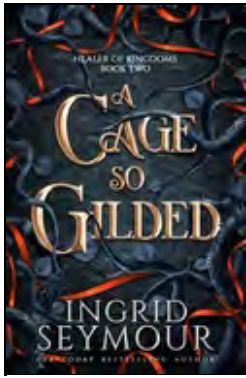
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**THE PRINCE WOULD CHOOSE TO SAVE HIS REALM.  
BUT THE BEAST WOULD FOLLOW HIS HEART . . . TO ME.**

After Daniella, a human with magical healing powers, saved fae Prince Kalyll's life - and his kingdom - he released her back to her own life, choosing his duty over the passion that burned between them.

But when the darkness in Kalyll takes over once more, Daniella is kidnapped from her world for a second time. This time, she truly is a prisoner in the fae realm, held in a high tower above the Seelie capital of Elyndell.

As Kalyll battles with the good and evil within, both his kingdom and heart stand at risk - and Daniella must choose between the prince who left her behind, and the beast who wants her back. Meanwhile, the beautiful façade of the fae court has begun to crack, revealing a web of deceit and manipulation that could change everything . . .

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'If you are looking for something darker than your average Disney Fairytale, with captivating and enticing happenings, interesting and intriguing characters, lots of spice, and an ending that begs you to jump right into book 2, then you just have to read *A Prince So Cruel!* **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

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'I was totally hooked' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'This was the perfect mix of everything I wanted when looking for my next read and Ingrid did indeed deliver.' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'I loved every single second of the story it was like a dream coming true' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

#### Sales Points

- **INGRID SEYMOUR IS A TIKTOK SENSATION!** #APrinceSoCruel has earned 4.5M views on TikTok, following in the footsteps of Carissa Broadbent, Raven Kennedy and Sarah J. Maas.
- **THE ULTIMATE ROMANTASY FAIRYTALE RETELLING:** With everything that readers love in this area, this is the perfect retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* - perfect for fans of tropes such as a strong heroine, a troubled hero, high stakes, slow-burn romance that gets steamier with every book!
- **INNOVATIVE SERIES CAMPAIGN AIMED AT BOOKTOKKERS:** Using our romantasy blogger connections and our #EternalBookStorm initiative, we will engage BookTokers and Bookstagrammers in our ongoing publishing of the Healer of Kingdoms series to really grow organic support and build on the series' TikTok and Kindle Unlimited visibility.
- **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, intoxicating romantasies, page-turning romantic thrillers, or sweeping historicals, Eternal is the home of exceptional romance for every mood.

#### Author Biography

**Ingrid Seymour** is a *USA Today* bestselling author of over fifty novels. She writes new adult fiction in a variety of genres, including fantasy romance, urban fantasy, paranormal romance, and sci-fi - all with fierce heroines and irresistible heroes. She used to work as

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EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781035417018</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Romance (FR) Fantasy (FM) Fantasy romance (FMR)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>Healer of Kingdoms</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author born in	<b>Tegucigalpa, Honduras</b>
Author living in	<b>Birmingham, Alabama, USA</b>
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<i>Healer of Kingdoms</i>	
<i>A Prince So Cruel</i>	
<i>A Cage So Gilded</i>	
<i>A Court So Dark</i>	
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Rebellion (Eagles of Empire 22)

Simon Scarrow

### Keynote

An **epic military adventure** novel pits Roman army heroes **Macro and Cato against Boudica**: the terrifying **Queen of the Britons**. From bestselling **Simon Scarrow**, author of *Death to the Emperor* and *The Honour of Rome*

### Description

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1st-century Britannia is the setting for an epic and action-packed novel of tribal uprisings, battles to the death and unmatched courage in the Roman army ranks.

### The 22nd Eagles of the Empire novel.

Two heroes of the Roman army - Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro, now battle-scarred veterans, tough and resilient - lead their best men into the midst of an enemy both fearless and resourceful. Far from Rome in cold, rainy, unwelcoming Britannia, the soldiers need all their training to stand strong and undaunted as constant attacks challenge morale. And a leader like no other sends fear through the ranks: Boudica.

A stunning and unforgettable story of warfare, courage and sacrifice as brave men face an enemy who will fight to the death to free her people from the rule of the Empire!

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### Sales Points

- **5.6 million copies of Simon Scarrow's books** sold by Headline
- **12 of the Eagles of the Empire novels** have been **Sunday Times bestsellers**
- **Britannia as a setting and Boudica as a warrior character** are catnip to fans of Roman army fiction

### Reviews

- **'Praise for Simon Scarrow's novels of the Roman Empire:** 'A good, uncomplicated, rip-roaring read' - *Sunday Times*
- **'An engrossing storyline**, full of teeth-clenching battles, political machinations, treachery, honour, love and death . . . **More please!** - *Elizabeth Chadwick*
- 'I really don't need this kind of competition . . . **It's a great read!** - *Bernard Cornwell*
- 'Scarrow . . . has the **gift of combining wide knowledge** of the period with a **page-turning narrative**' - Nick Rennison, *Sunday Times*

### Author Biography

Simon Scarrow is a *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestselling author. His books - which have sold over 5 million copies - include his *Eagles of the Empire* novels featuring Roman soldiers Macro and Cato, most recently *DEATH TO THE EMPEROR*, *THE HONOUR OF ROME*, *THE EMPEROR'S EXILE* and *TRAITORS OF ROME*, as well as *DEAD OF NIGHT* and *BLACKOUT*, the first two novels in the Criminal Inspector Schenke thriller series, and many more.

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BIC 2.1 **Historical adventure (FJH) War & combat fiction (FJM) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**

Binding **Paperback**

Format **B Format**

Extent **416 pages**

Word Count

Series **Eagles of the Empire**

Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **Britannia, 1st century AD**

Author living in **Norfolk**

### Previous Titles

*DEATH TO THE EMPEROR* (9781472287120; 10/11/22);  
*THE HONOUR OF ROME* (9781472258496; 11/11/21);  
*THE EMPEROR'S EXILE* (9781472258441; 12/11/2020)

1st Serial **Headline Publishing Group**

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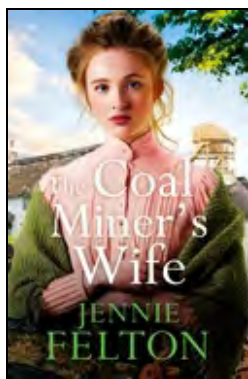
Large print **Headline Publishing Group**

Podcast **Refer to Publisher**

Translation **Headline Publishing Group**

Undramatised (straight) reading **Headline Publishing Group**

US **Headline Publishing Group**



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Price	<b>£7.99/Rs.599</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781472296764</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Fiction &amp; related items (F) Historical fiction (FV) Historical romance (FRH) Romance (FR) Modern &amp; contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>34mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Somerset, England</b>
Author born in	<b>England</b>
Author living in	<b>Bristol, England</b>
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
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## The Coal Miner's Wife

### A heart-wrenching tale of hardship, secrets and love

#### Jennie Felton

#### Keynote

A heart-warming standalone saga about a woman's struggle to keep her family together, from the author of the Families of Fairley Terrace series.

#### Description

'One of the nation's favourite saga writers' *Lancashire Post*

'Jennie Felton knows how to tell a cracking story and keep the reader gripped' *Books With Wine and Chocolate*

**In the tradition of Dilly Court, Rosie Goodwin and Josephine Cox comes a heartrending and unforgettable saga about a mother, her daughters and the shocking events that threaten to destroy their lives. There is no strength like the strength of a mother determined to protect her children . . .**

Somerset, 1911. Miner's wife Lorna Harrison sometimes wonders what became of her marriage. The affection has gone, and her husband Harry is surly and cold. But Lorna will always be grateful for the joy that their two daughters bring.

When a devastating accident occurs at the pit and Harry is unable to work, Lorna worries about how she will make ends meet. Worse, the pit owner wants them out of their house. And neighbours turn their backs, as rumours spread that Harry helped cause the mine collapse.

At her lowest ebb, Lorna is befriended by Bradley Robinson, the colliery safety officer, whose kindness is a beacon of light. But as shocking secrets are revealed, Lorna wonders if Bradley is only using her to learn the truth about the pit. As she struggles to keep her daughters safe, Lorna must decide if she can trust the man she is falling in love with . . .

#### Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF DILLY COURT AND ROSIE GOODWIN:** Jennie, who has been hailed by the *Lancashire Post* as 'one of the nation's favourite saga writers', consistently delivers heart-warming and heart-wrenching sagas each year.
- **EXCELLENT ENDORSEMENTS:** Jennie is a favourite with her local press, with reviews each year from the *Lancashire Post*, *Peterborough Telegraph* and more.

#### Author Biography

**Jennie Felton** grew up in Somerset, where she lives today. She has written numerous short stories for magazines as well as a number of novels under a pseudonym. *All The Dark Secrets* is the first in her new series, **The Families of Fairley Terrace Sagas**, about the lives and loves of the residents of a Somerset village beginning in the late nineteenth century.

Vist Jennie on Facebook

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## Cheater the gripping new novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author

**Karen Rose**

### Keynote

The gripping new thriller in the San Diego Case Files series from the bestselling author of *Cold Blooded Liar*.

### Description

**\*Pre-order the brand new novel in The San Diego Case Files series from Sunday Times bestseller Karen Rose\***

Homicide Detective Kit McKittrick finds herself standing over a dead body in the Shady Oaks retirement centre. Frank Flynn has been stabbed and his room ransacked.

Though he kept his background quiet at the centre, Kit recognises Frank from the San Diego Police Department. Had the former detective been following a trail that led to his murder? When the head of security is also found dead, it points to a conspiracy right at the heart of Shady Oaks.

The one person who might be able to help uncover the truth is just who Kit has been avoiding: Dr Sam Reeves. As a volunteer at the centre and a friend of the victim, the forensic psychologist could be just what her case needs.

But without access to CCTV of the day of the murder, how will Kit catch her killer? And can she do so before anyone else is put in danger?

### READERS LOVE KAREN ROSE:

'Karen Rose never disappoints!'

'The characters are so well described you feel as if they are real people'

'I love this author's writing. Each book is like meeting up with old friends'

'I just couldn't put it down, I'd definitely recommend this author'

'It is just painstaking waiting for her next novel'

### Sales Points

- Karen Rose celebrates 20 years of publishing in 2023, and the publication of over 25 novels to date
- Headline has sold over 5 million copies of Karen Rose since 2012 and Karen is a regular *Sunday Times* Top Ten bestseller
- Karen is loved all over the globe and her novels have been translated into 15 languages

### Author Biography

Karen Rose was introduced to suspense and horror at the tender age of eight when she accidentally read Poe's *The Pit* and *The Pendulum* and was afraid to go to sleep for years. She now enjoys writing books that make other people afraid to go to sleep.

Karen lives in Florida with her family, their cat, Bella, and two dogs, Loki and Freya. When she's not writing, she enjoys reading, and her new hobby - knitting.

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Price	<b>£14.99/Rs.1,199</b>
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BIC 2.1	<b>Fiction &amp; related items (F) Crime &amp; mystery (FF) Fiction-related items (FZ) Classic crime (FFC) Modern &amp; contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>The San Diego Case Files</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>San Diego</b>
Author living in	<b>Florida</b>
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## But Everyone Feels This Way How an Autism Diagnosis Saved My Life

Paige Layle

### Keynote

Autism activist Paige Layle's ground-breaking and deeply personal memoir of living autistically

### Description

**In *But Everyone Feels This Way*, Autism acceptance activist and multi-million-follower TikTok influencer Paige Layle shares her deeply personal journey to diagnosis and living life autistically.**

It all started out pretty normal: Paige lived in the countryside with her parents and brother Graham. She went to school, hung out with friends, and all the while everything seemed so much harder than it needed to be. A break in routine threw off the whole day. If her teacher couldn't answer 'why?' in class, she dissolved into tears, unable to articulate her own confusion or explain her lack of control. But Paige *was* normal. She smiled in photos, picked her feet up when her mum needed to vacuum instead of fleeing the room, and did well at school. She was popular and well-liked. And until she had a full mental breakdown, no one believed her when she claimed that she was not okay.

Women are frequently diagnosed with autism much later than men, often in their late teens or early twenties. Armed with her new diagnosis, Paige set out to learn how to live her authentic, autistic life, and discovered how autism could be a source of strength. She challenges stigmas, taboos, and stereotypes so that everyone can see themselves authentically. Along the way, her online activism has spread awareness, acceptance, and self-recognition in millions of others.

### Sales Points

- Newsworthy topic: autistic children are 28 times more likely to think about or try suicide. One study showed that 15% of autistic children had suicidal thoughts compared to 0.5% of typically developing children (Source: Royal College of Psychiatrists)
- Demystifies autism for Paige's established 18-34 year old audience and parents alike
- Paige is an expert influencer and communicator with lived experience and a strong social media following; she is changing the story around neurodivergence

### Reviews

- 'Paige Layle's book will be especially helpful to provide insight for women diagnosed with autism later in life.' - Dr Temple Grandin, author of *Thinking in Pictures* and *Visual Thinking*
- 'I had a hard time putting this book down and the few times I did were to nod in agreement. Paige Layle writes vividly about those parts of being autistic that aren't in any psychiatry text. The constant discomfort, the tidal wave of emotions that overwhelm you at any moment. Paige's book offers a fuller picture of what autism looks like and furthermore, how to build a more accepting world for autistic people.' - Eric Garcia, author of *We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation*
- 'Paige writes with incredible insight, humor, and honesty about her autism and life. Her unique experience illustrates some universal truths and, as I read about her, I also learned about myself and my own autism. I am grateful for the gift of her voice.' - Kim Rhodes, actress and autism advocate
- 'Paige's heartfelt and honest account illustrates why first-hand storytelling is important for diving into the deep minds of autistic people.' - Jory Fleming, author of *How to Be Human: An Autistic Man's Guide to Life*

### Author Biography

Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of 15, Paige Layle is an advocate and influencer for a better understanding of Autism on social media. Paige began making videos in March 2020 in response to a degrading post about autistic people. She initially created a 4-part video series to address common misconceptions about Autism, and her platform has grown from there. Now at 23 years old, Paige is an Autism acceptance activist, YouTuber, and TikTokker. Paige also works part-time as a dance teacher and shares her home in Kawartha Lakes, Canada with her dog, Macey, and cat, Mikado. An avid bookworm, she is thrilled to have recently put her public speaking and theatrical skills to work as the narrator for the Audible Original audiobook *American Girl*, by Wendy Walker, "an instant #1 Audible bestseller."

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BIC 2.1	<b>Coping with illness &amp; specific conditions (VFJB) Autism &amp; Asperger's Syndrome (MJNA) Memoirs (BM) Self-help &amp; personal development (VS)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>N/A</b>
Author born in	<b>Canada</b>
Author living in	<b>Canada</b>
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA Publisher</b>
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Price **£10.99/Rs.899**

EAN\ISBN-13 **9781035412082**

BIC 2.1 **Adult & contemporary romance (FRD) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Ireland (1DBR)**

Binding **Paperback**

Format **B Format**

Extent **352 pages**

Word Count

Illustrations **N/A**

Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **Scotland, Ireland**

Author living in **Scotland**

1st Serial **Headline Publishing Group**

2nd Serial **Headline Publishing Group**

Audio **Headline Publishing Group**

Dramatisation and documentary **The North Literary Agency**

Electronic **Headline Publishing Group**

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Large print **Headline Publishing Group**

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Translation **The North Literary Agency**

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## Plot Twist

**Escape to Ireland with this heartwarming friends-to-lovers romantic comedy!**

**Breea Keenan**

### Keynote

**A pitch-perfect, heart-warming and hilarious Scottish and Irish rom-com, perfect for fans of Catherine Walsh, Annabel Monaghan and Emily Henry, you can't miss this irresistible page-turner.**

### Description

**<h3> What's a love story without a good plot twist . . . ? </h3>**

**A pitch-perfect, heart-warming and hilarious Scottish and Irish romantic comedy, perfect for fans of Catherine Walsh, Annabel Monaghan and Emily Henry, you can't miss this irresistible page-turner.**

**Becca Taylor is having a bad summer.**

Her best friend is dead. Her good-for-nothing ex is back in her life. And her career is in freefall.

So, when fellow writer Riley O'Connell invites Becca to the charming Irish countryside, she can't pack her bags fast enough, even though they have never met.

**But happily-ever-after isn't quite so simple.**

And Riley is not a sensitive female romance novelist like Becca assumed. No, he is *definitely* a man. A *hot*, six-foot tall, Irish man.

But with their complicated pasts getting in the way, Becca and Riley just can't get on the same page.

**So can fate give their love story a rewrite?**

**READERS ARE OBSESSED WITH PLOT TWIST:**

'I devoured this book, **literally could not put it down**' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'**Had me smiling, crying, giggling . . .** at times, even had me shedding a few heart-clenching tears' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'**I didn't want it to end**' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'**Delightful**, I laughed and I cried while reading it, it's everything I could ask for' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

### Sales Points

- **GORGEOUS IRISH SETTING:** The novel begins in Scotland and then moves to a lovely, cozy cottage at the foothills in the Irish countryside. Scottish and Irish set romances have huge appeal across territories, they work particularly well in the US digital market, as well as having strong UK appeal.
- **PERFECT PITCH AND PACKAGE:** *PLOT TWIST* is an incredibly commercial proposition with the perfect one-line pitch. This romantic comedy is perfect for fans of Catherine Walsh, Annabel Monaghan and Emily Henry.
- **A SMART, FRESH AND CONFIDENT VOICE:** Breea Keenan is an exciting new voice in commercial romantic comedies, whose fresh, warm and hilarious writing, with gorgeous settings, draws you in from the first sentence.
- **EXPERIENCED AUTHOR:** The author has been writing professionally for 17 years. She worked as a journalist for various national and local media titles before moving into communications and marketing. She has had poetry selected for inclusion in *Blether* (Scottish Book Trust) and *Living During the Coronavirus Pandemic* (Legend Times).

### Author Biography

Breea Keenan has been writing professionally for 18 years. She has a first-class honours degree in English Literature, Journalism and Creative Writing from Strathclyde University, and worked as a journalist for various media titles before moving into communications and marketing. Her poetry was selected for inclusion in *Blether* (Scottish Book Trust) and *Living During the Coronavirus Pandemic* (Legend Times). Breea lives near Glasgow with her husband and three children. *Plot Twist* is her debut novel.

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## A Prince So Cruel

Ingrid Seymour

### Keynote

The first in a steamy, fae, enemies-to-lovers romantasy series, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout!

### Description

**<h3>Don't miss this sensational romantasy retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* that gets steamier with every book! Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout!</h3>**

**A PRINCE BY MORNING.  
A BEAST BY NIGHTFALL.**

There is a curse on fae Prince Kalyll's blood: an ailment that, if revealed, could destroy his kingdom. His only hope is Daniella, a human with magical healing abilities. She lives in the human realm but occasionally journeys into Elf-Hame to collect medical supplies.

The next time Daniella leaves her realm, she is swiftly kidnapped by three mysterious Fae and forced into a quest to the top of Mount Ruin, the only place where Kalyll can be healed.

The path is fraught with danger, and with the prince's sudden personality shifts and nightly disappearances, it seems that Kayll is also hiding a terrible secret. Trying to resist her growing attraction to him, Daniella begins to realise that while the quest may take her life, it is her heart that will need protection . . .

*Don't miss the other books in this series, **A CAGE SO GILDED** and **A COURT SO DARK** . . .*

**&#11088;** Readers can't get enough of this series! **&#11088;**

'If you are looking for something darker than your average Disney Fairytale, with captivating and enticing happenings, interesting and intriguing characters, lots of spice, and an ending that begs you to jump right into book 2, then you just have to read *A Prince So Cruel!*' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'I couldn't put this first book down, it was full of intrigue, fae fantasy world so beautifully described and romance. Just brilliant!' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'I was totally hooked' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'This was the perfect mix of everything I wanted when looking for my next read and Ingrid did indeed deliver.' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

'I loved every single second of the story it was like a dream coming true' **&#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088; &#11088;**

### Sales Points

- **INGRID SEYMOUR IS A TIKTOK SENSATION!** #APrinceSoCruel has earned 4.5M views on TikTok, following in the footsteps of Carissa Broadbent, Raven Kennedy and Sarah J. Maas.
- **THE ULTIMATE ROMANTASY FAIRYTALE RETELLING:** With everything that readers love in this area, this is the perfect retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* - perfect for fans of tropes such as a strong heroine, a troubled hero, high stakes, slow-burn romance that gets steamier with every book!
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### Author Biography

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Author living in **Birmingham, Alabama, USA**

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US **Refer to Publisher**

**Death on the Thames**

**Alan Johnson**

**Keynote**

The third novel in the Detective Mangan series, set in Hampton Court by award-winning writer and former MP, Alan Johnson.

**Description**

'A cracking crime thriller' *The Sun*

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'A punchy thriller' *Irish Independent*

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'Johnson writes wonderfully' *Telegraph*

'This boy can write . . .' *The Spectator*

**Sales Points**

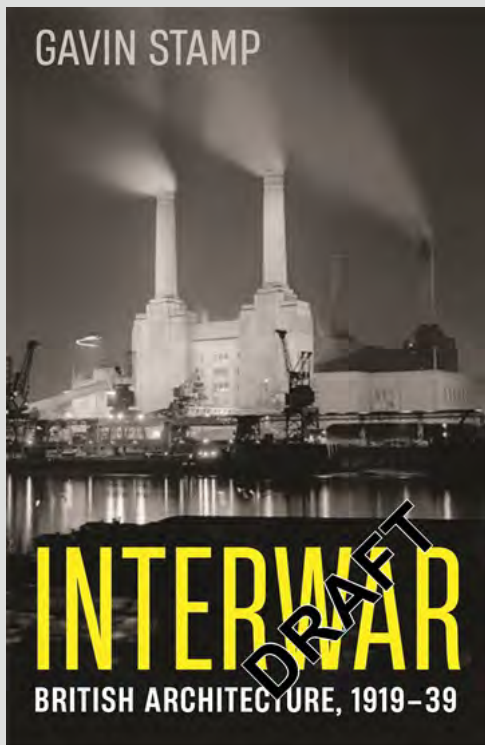
- **THIRD NOVEL OF DETECTIVE MANGAN SERIES:** Alan's third novel with Wildfire - building on his established brand and following on from the huge PR campaign and love for his previous two novels, ONE OF OUR MINISTERS IS MISSING (2022) and THE LATE TRAIN TO GIPSY HILL (2021).
- **FOR FANS OF:** A perfect novel for fans of the fiction of Richard Osman and Graham Norton - by an award-winning and much loved writer, and one-time cabinet member of the last Labour government.
- **AUDIENCE:** Alan has a newsletter with over 2000 subscribers for book updates, extracts, and exclusive year-round content and he previously hosted a podcast series called HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD, sponsored by Barclays Banks on 11-29 media featuring names such as Stuart Lee, Bryony Gordon, James Dean Bradfield, Caitlin Moran and others.
- **PLATFORM:** Separately from his book PR, Alan has a monthly column in *Saga Magazine* acting as their first ever Agony Uncle, as well as a regular slot on 'Steph's Packed Lunch', Steph McGovern's show on Channel 4.

**Reviews**

- 'Clever Alan Johnson . . . [he] has invented a new genre, the cosy thriller . . . Richard Osman, here's a bullet with your name on it.' - *The Times*
- 'A punchy thriller.' - *Irish Independent*
- 'More layers than a filo pastry.' - *The Sun*
- 'Fascinating and ingenious.' - Melvyn Bragg

**Author Biography**

Alan Johnson's childhood memoir THIS BOY was published in 2013. It won the Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize, and the Orwell Prize, Britain's top political writing award. His second volume of memoirs, PLEASE MR POSTMAN (2014) won the National Book Club award for Best Biography. The final book in his memoir trilogy, THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD (2016), won the Parliamentary Book Award for Best Memoir. IN MY LIFE - A MUSIC MEMOIR was published in 2018 and his highly acclaimed first novel, THE LATE TRAIN TO GIPSY HILL was published in 2021. The sequel ONE OF OUR MINISTERS IS MISSING followed up in 2022, and a third book in the series DEATH ON THE THAMES will



## REVIEWS

‘Praise for Gavin Stamp’ - :

‘It is a puzzle to me that Stamp is not better known. He is eloquent, funny and eccentric. He is as familiar with the streets of our cities as a taxi driver with The Knowledge, and brilliant at connecting sublime ideas with the ordinary aspects of our daily lives’ - Charles Moore, *SundayTelegraph*

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# Interwar

British Architecture, 1919-39

GAVIN STAMP

## KEYNOTE

An authoritative survey of British buildings between the wars by the late Gavin Stamp - one of Britain's best-known architecture critics

## SALES POINTS

- Sweeping architectural history by the pre-eminent expert in the field: the ultimate survey of the interwar era, with a foreword by Rosemary Hill
- Gavin Stamp was one of Britain's most renowned architectural critics. His posthumous magnum opus is guaranteed national coverage
- A refreshing survey of inter-war British architecture that looks beyond modernism and gives a fuller picture of a rich and varied era

## DESCRIPTION

British architecture between the wars is most famous for the rise of modernism - the flat roofs, clean lines and concrete of the Isokon flats in Hampstead and the Penguin Pool at London Zoo - but the reality was far more diverse. As the modernists came of age and the traditionalists began to decline, there arose a rich variety of styles and tastes in Britain and across the empire, a variety that reflected the restless zeitgeist of the years before the Second World War.

At the time of his death in 2017, Gavin Stamp, one of Britain's leading architectural critics, was at work on a deeply considered account of British architecture in the interwar period, correcting what he saw as the skewed view of earlier historians who were unable to see past modernism. Beginning with a survey of the modern movement after the armistice, *Interwar* untangles the threads that link lesser-known movements like the Egyptian revival with the enduring popularity of the Tudorbethan, to chronicle one of Britain's most dynamic architectural periods. The result is more than an architectural history - it is the portrait of a changing nation.

As an account of the period that still shapes much of Britain's towns and cities, Gavin Stamp's final work is the definitive history of British architecture between the Great War and the Blitz.

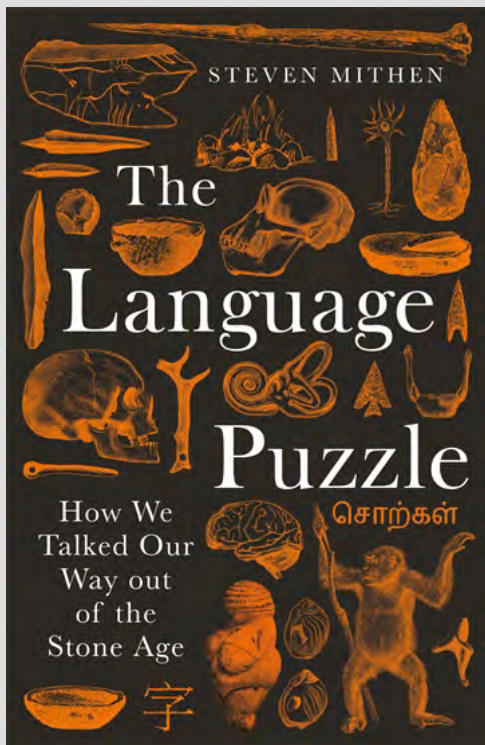
## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Gavin Stamp** was an architectural historian and scholar, one of Britain's leading experts on pre-war building and design. 'Brought up in a Tudor bungalow on the Orpington by-pass', as he recalled, he was educated on a scholarship at Dulwich College. Prolific as an author, curator and journalist, as 'Piloti' he wrote *Private Eye's* 'Nooks & Corners' column from 1978 until his death in 2017. He was chairman of the 20th-Century Society from 1983-2007, and wrote more than twenty books on topics including Edwin Lutyens, George Gilbert Scott, brutalism and telephone boxes.

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## REVIEWS

‘Praise for *The Singing Neanderthals*:

‘Illuminating and thought-provoking’ - *The Times*

‘The most perspicacious portrait of the role of communication among our remote predecessors that I have ever encountered ... A landmark book’ - *New York Review of Books*

‘Wonderfully evocative ... A highly original view of our musical origins’ - *Guardian*

‘A book that has you making up your own theories about how grunts became speech and songs’ - Doris Lessing

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# The Language Puzzle

How We Talked Our Way Out of the Stone Age

STEVEN MITHEN

## KEYNOTE

A groundbreaking new account of prehistory from one of the most esteemed archaeologists working today

## SALES POINTS

- Steve Mithen is a renowned global expert in early prehistory, who most recently won the 2020 Newton Prize for his work in Jordan.
- Based on the author's years of archaeological research around the world, this will be an innovative work of nonfiction in the vein of Dan Everett (*How Language Began*) and Richard Wrangham (*Catching Fire*).
- The author's previous books have sold 30,000 copies on Bookscan.

## DESCRIPTION

**The relationship between language, thought and culture is of concern to anyone with an interest in what it means to be human.**

*The Language Puzzle* explains how the invention of words at 1.6 million years ago began the evolution of human language from the ape-like calls of our earliest ancestors to our capabilities of today, with over 6000 languages in the world and each of us knowing over 50,000 words.

Drawing on the latest discoveries in archaeology, linguistics, psychology, and genetics, Steven Mithen reconstructs the steps by which language evolved; he explains how it transformed the nature of thought and culture, and how we talked our way out of the Stone Age into the world of farming and swiftly into today's Digital Age.

While this radical new work is not shy to reject outdated ideas about language, it builds bridges between disciplines to forge a new synthesis for the evolution of language that will find widespread acceptance as a new standard account for how humanity began.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Steven Mithen** is Professor of Early Prehistory at the University of Reading. He previously studied at the Slade School of Fine Art and the Universities of Sheffield, York and Cambridge, before joining the University of Reading. An award-winning archaeologist, Steven Mithen specialises in prehistoric hunter-gatherers and the earliest Neolithic farmers, with long-term field projects in southern Jordan and western Scotland. He is a frequent contributor to the *London Review of Books*, *New York Review of Books*, *New Scientist* and the *Guardian* and has authored over 200 academic articles and books, including *The Singing Neanderthals* and *After the Ice*. He was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy in 2004.

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REVIEWS

'A brilliant diagnosis and a moving account of retail workers hidden in plain sight all around us whose full humanity has simply never been so richly displayed or touchingly rendered' - Joshua Ferris, author of *Then We Came to the End*

'I can't think of a book more necessary. Adelle Waldman takes us into the universe of American labour with generosity and compassion ... Simply enthralling' - Gary Shteyngart, author of *Super Sad True Love Story*

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Help Wanted  
ADELLE WALDMAN

KEYNOTE

The long-awaited follow-up to Waldman's sensational debut: a heart-breaking and comic novel about an exploited workforce that will be a major event in American letters

SALES POINTS

- Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nicked and Dimed* in fictional form: Waldman worked herself for Wal-Mart to gain direct experience of the precarious conditions she exposes, and will talk about this in interviews
- *The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P* was a bestseller in America and a critical and word-of-mouth sensation: a book of the year for writers from Jonathan Franzen to Lena Dunham to Alain de Botton
- For readers of workplace classics such as Joshua Ferris's *Then We Came to the End*, Catherine O'Flynn's *What Was Lost*, and *The Pale King* by David Foster Wallace

DESCRIPTION

**'Help Wanted is like a great nineteenth-century novel about now, at once an effervescent workplace comedy and an exploration of the psychic toll exacted by the labour market'** Elif Batuman, author of *The Idiot*

At a superstore in a small town in upstate New York, the members of Team Movement clock in every day at 3.55 am. Under the red-eyed scrutiny of their self-absorbed and barely competent boss, they empty delivery trucks of mountains of merchandise, stock the shelves and stagger home (or to another poorly paid day job) before the customers arrive.

When a chance for a promotion presents itself, the diverse members of Movement - among them a comedy-obsessed oddball who acts half his age, a young woman clinging to her "cool kid" status from high school, and a college football hopeful trying to find a new path - band together and set a just-so-crazy-it-might-work plot in motion. *Help Wanted* is a darkly comic workplace drama that explores the aches and uses of solidarity, and most of all it is a deeply humane portrait of people trying, against increasingly long odds, to make a living.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Adelle Waldman is the best-selling author of *The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P.*, which was named a best book of the year by the *New Yorker*, *Economist*, *NPR*, *Elle*, and many others. Her writing has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, among other publications. She lives in New York State.

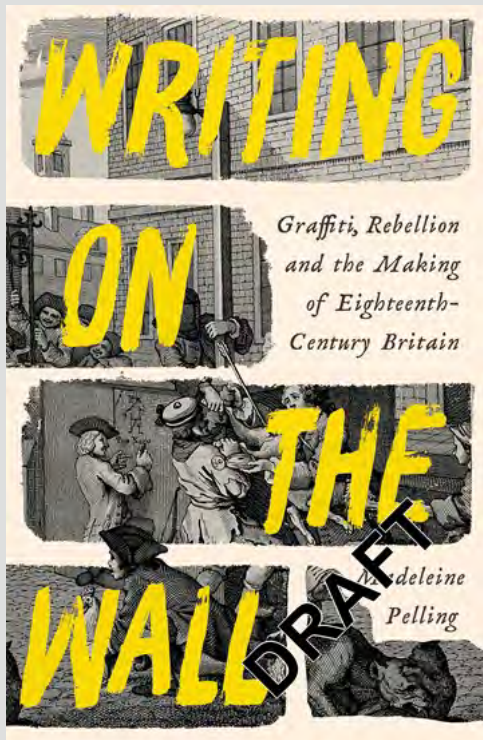
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## REVIEWS

'You've read the Austen and seen the Gainsboroughs, well this is the real Eighteenth Century in the words of those who walked the streets, worked the coal seams and clung to the topsail yards.' - Dan Snow

'Although the ephemeral marks left by rioters across London in the hot summer of 1780 have since been lost, washed away in the catastrophic aftermath of the riots, many of the graffiti made by eighteenth-century Britons are still visible today. Sliced into church columns and dank castle cells, scratched in alleyways and carved in the windows of country houses, the pliable wooden tops of illustrious school tables, lead rooftops, tunnels and rocky outcrops, these marks are, for those prepared to look, everywhere.' - *From the Introduction*

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# Writing on the Wall

Graffiti, Rebellion and the Making of Eighteenth-Century Britain

MADELEINE PELLING

## KEYNOTE

**Hear the voices of the eighteenth century: an eye-opening new history of Britain's most tumultuous period, told through its graffiti**

## SALES POINTS

- Author is a well-connected, charismatic early-career academic with a growing media profile and social media following (9k followers on Twitter). She has appeared as an expert on BBC TV, and will be hosting a History Hit podcast slot.
- An original cultural history of a fascinating and definitive period, told through graffiti - perfect for fans of *The Restless Republic* by Anna Keay or *The First Bohemians* by Vic Gatrell.
- Fully illustrated throughout with black and white integrated images.

## DESCRIPTION

**What if walls could talk? For historian Madeleine Pelling, they can - if you know where to look.**

A brilliant new cultural history of the long eighteenth century, *Writing on the Wall* is told through the marks its citizens left behind, bringing into focus lost voices from the highest to the lowest in society. From the centre of London to the islands of the Caribbean, Pelling goes in search of graffiti, evidence of how ordinary people experienced the world-changing events that defined their lives - from political prisoners to sex workers, homesick sailors, Romantic poets and the artisans of the industrial revolution.

Here are lives, loves, triumphs and failures, scratched into the walls of prisons and latrines, chalked up on doors and etched into windows. The names of their creators may be lost to history, but together they tell the real story of Britain's most rebellious and transformative century.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Madeleine Pelling is an art historian specialising in the material and visual culture of eighteenth-century Britain. She completed her PhD at the University of York in 2018, and has held research fellowships at the universities of Yale, Edinburgh, Manchester and Queen Mary University London as well as the Royal Archives. Her writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, *BBC History Magazine* and *History Today*, among other places. She is an appointed member of the Royal Historical Society and sits on the editorial board for *History: Journal of the Historical Association*.

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## The Impossible Secret of Lillian Velvet

### Jaclyn Moriarty (Illustrated By Karl James Mountford)

#### Keynote

**Lillian Velvet is a girl with a secret, one that even she doesn't know but one that will take her on a quest through time and places till the mystery is answered... the latest in Jaclyn Moriarty's magical and enthralling series.**

#### Description

Welcome to the world of Lillian Velvet: a very proper girl named Lillian Velvet is living a very lonely life with a nasty grandmother; she's given a jar of coins, each with the power to take Lillian on a journey to a different time and place...and also to grant a single wish. She comes across a small boy in a barn about to be crushed to death by a load of hay; a family, each member in mortal danger, who are strangers to Lillian (but whom clever readers will recognise...). And a web of dangerous magic is closing tight around all. Who IS this Lillian Velvet? And what on earth is her secret?

#### Sales Points

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- Overlapping characters in each book - perfect for collecting the series
- Jaclyn Moriarty is the sister of author Liane Moriarty

#### Author Biography

Jaclyn Moriarty is the best-selling author of many novels for children, young adults and adults. She has been the recipient of the NSW Premier's Literary Award, the Queensland Literary Award, and the Aurealis Award for Fantasy. Her books have been named Boston Globe Honor Books, White Raven selections and Best Books for Young Adults by the American Library Association.

Jaclyn grew up in Sydney, Australia with four sisters (including authors Liane and Nicola Moriarty), one brother, two dogs and twelve chickens. She has lived in the US, UK and Canada, but now lives in Sydney again, along with her son, Charlie. She is very fond of chocolate, blueberries and sleep.

#### Illustrator Biography

##### Karl James Mountford

Karl James Mountford lives in the UK.

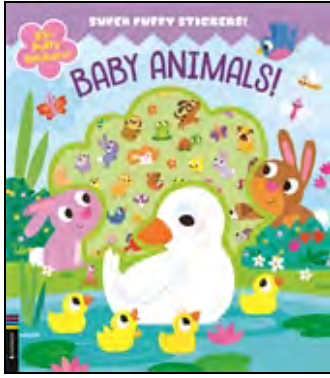
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## Baby Animals

**Maggie Fischer (Illustrated By Samantha Meredith)**

### Keynote

**A super-cute puffy sticker book filled with fun activities and adorable baby animals.**

### Description

**The perfect sticker activity book for lovers of cute, baby animals.**

Adorable animals are everywhere in this super-cute activity book!

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### Sales Points

- Features colouring pages, doodle pages, mazes, and search-and-finds
- With simple and clear instructions to each activity, perfect for younger children
- The book is small with lots of content — 32 pages of activities and 85+ stickers
- Super puffy stickers that kids will love to squish are designed to be used in the book to decorate the scenes with or can be used to adorn their own animal cards and pictures galore
- With adorable illustrations, this is the perfect Easter gift for any child who loves cute, baby animals

### Author Biography

Maggie Fischer is originally from Oregon, but now lives in Seattle, Washington, after receiving her B.A. in English from Gonzaga University. The daughter of a children's librarian, Maggie has grown up surrounded by books and feels impossibly lucky to write and edit books for kids. She spends her time trying not to get worried about the increasing number of crows in her backyard, petting her enormous cat, Finch, and drinking more coffee than is probably healthy.

### Illustrator Biography

#### Samantha Meredith

Samantha Meredith graduated from Loughborough University in 2001 with a BA(Hons) in Illustration. She currently works from a little house in North London, drawing pictures all day whilst drinking tea and wearing panda slippers. She spends most of her time designing and illustrating children's books. She also occasionally works in-house for various studios...but leaves the pandas at home.

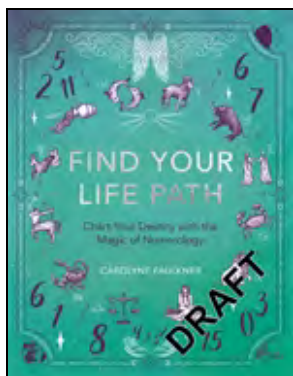
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## Find Your Life Path Chart Your Destiny with the Magic of Numerology

**Carolyne Faulkner (Illustrated By Anna Stead)**

### Keynote

Following on from *How to Manifest*, *The Celestial Handbook* and *The Power of Ancient Wellness*, this beautifully illustrated guide shows readers how to harness the power of numerology to interpret the hidden messages from the universe.

### Description

Following on from *How to Manifest*, *The Celestial Handbook* and *The Power of Ancient Wellness*, this beautifully illustrated guide shows readers how to harness the power of numerology to interpret the hidden messages from the universe.

In a world full of uncertainty, you can always count on numbers. Sacred numerological sequences, otherwise known as numerology, are a way of interpreting the hidden messages behind numbers. Be it angel numbers, soul numbers, or life path numbers, assigning mystical meaning to specific numbers and the practice of using numbers to align with the divine dates as far back as the 8th century BC. You only have to take a leaf from the book of Nature to see how our seemingly spontaneous and chaotic universe has and continues to form using a very precise and orderly mathematical system.

In this beautifully illustrated book, well-known astrologer and life coach Carolyne Faulkner reveals the order behind the main methods in numerology and condenses them to show you how to fast track the art and trust your own intuition to help you chart your life path and read the messages from the universe.

### Sales Points

- Numerology is a very popular aspect of astrology (with a particular interest currently in angel numbers), and this practical and inspiring handbook will appeal to astrology followers looking for everyday guidance
- This will be a unique mix of practical exercises, rituals, mantras and advice to get the most out of every day by interpreting the divine numbers in your life
- Carolyne Faulkner is a well-connected and respected modern astrologer and already the author of two successful astrology books
- Comp titles:  
*The Signs: Decode the Stars, Reframe Your Life*, Carolyne Faulkner  
*The Complete Guide to Astrology: Understanding Yourself, Your Signs and Your Birth Chart*, Louise Edington
- Also available in the wellness series: *How to Manifest* (translated into over 10 languages), *The Manifestation Journal*, *The Celestial Handbook* and *The Power of Ancient Wellness*

### Author Biography

**Carolyne Faulkner** has been named 'Britain's coolest astrologer' by *Forbes*, *Grazia* and the *Telegraph*. She is the in-house astrologer at the Soho House Group and regularly holds events in their houses around the world. She created and launched the concept of Dynamic Astrology in 2014 – a unique blend of astrology, energetic awareness and mind mastery – initially for the Soho House Group. Carolyne uses the movements of the planets to empower others to practice self-reflection and development, helping them to learn the language for themselves and use it to progress in many areas of their lives. She has previously written *The Signs: Decode the Stars, Reframe Your Life*, and *The Signs in Love: An Interactive Cosmic Road Map to Finding Love That Lasts*.

**Anna Stead** is an illustrator based in the beautiful North Cotswolds. She draws inspiration from nature, legend, history, folklore, literature, folk art and the mythic arts. She has a background in medieval studies and is a lover of fantasy literature. She can be found with a cat in her lap, playing video games or sketching on her iPad whenever she gets a chance.



## Reflections A Celebration of Strange Symmetry

Kerby Rosanes

### Keynote

**An astonishing compilation of Kerby's most iconic illustrations featuring reflections and symmetries.**

### Description

**Celebrate and colour the unique world of Kerby Rosanes in this collection of his strange, symmetrical pieces.**

Kerby's use of mirror imagery has created some of his most popular artworks. *Reflections* is a celebration of this striking technique, bringing together the most dazzling examples from across his entire collection, including some as you've never seen them before. Kerby fans will delight in colouring a diverse selection of scenes in this new and exciting way, from mirrored mythological realms and strange, symmetrical scenes to reflected flora and fauna from our own natural world.

Featuring vibrant finished pieces coloured by his fans, colourists can explore a range of colouring techniques. Kerby's tips, tricks and stylistic comments accompany each image so that readers can learn how to employ their own colouring skills to bring these wonderful symmetries and reflections to life.

This collection also includes an introduction to colour theory and the science and art of using a colour wheel. Readers can learn about complementary and contrasting colours and how to use them in order to create stunning visual effects.

**Please note: This book contains material previously published in *Alien Worlds*, *Animorphia*, *Fantomorphia*, *Fragile World*, *Geomorphia*, *Imagimorphia*, *Mythic World*, *Mythomorphia* and *Worlds Within Worlds*.**

### Sales Points

- Contains a 16-page full-colour section showcasing stunning artworks that have been coloured by Kerby's fans
- Coloured artworks are accompanied by tips, tricks and stylistic comments from Kerby to help readers capture the stunning effects in their own pieces. Also includes an introduction to colour theory and the science and art of using a colour wheel
- Coloured images are repeated in the black-and-white colouring section, so readers can try their hand at the techniques explored
- Features illustrations from across Kerby's entire colouring collection, from his earlier works including *Animorphia* and *Imagimorphia* to the recently published *Alien Worlds*
- Kerby Rosanes' colouring books have sold over two million copies across 35 territories. He has over 1 million followers on Instagram and his highest generating reel has had over 5.6 million views

### Author Biography

Philippines-based illustrator Kerby Rosanes has turned his stunningly detailed and fantastical artwork into a worldwide publishing phenomenon. Working mainly with ordinary black pens, Kerby's art is characterized by whimsical lines, patterns and doodle creatures which are combined to create awe-inspiring compositions.

He left his job as a graphic designer in a local company to finally pursue his passion: creating more art for personal projects and for various clients, and collaborating with other artists and design agencies around the world.

Kerby's colouring and doodling books, *Animorphia*, *Imagimorphia*, *Mythomorphia*, *Fantomorphia*, *Geomorphia*, *Colourmorphia*, *Kaleidomorphia*, *Worlds Within Worlds*, *Fragile World*, *Mythic World* and *World of Colour* published by LOM ART (Michael O'Mara Books), have been hugely successful and have sold over two million copies across 35 territories.

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## **Faces of Evil**

### **Unmasking the World's Most Horrific Serial Killers**

**Dominic Utton**

#### **Keynote**

**A collection of chilling true crime stories that lift the lid on the world's most infamous serial killers, unpicking their means, motives and methods – and how they were finally brought to justice.**

#### **Description**

**Uncover the chilling true stories behind some of history's most monstrous murderers.**

Ian Brady and Myra Hindley Ted Bundy, Harold Shipman – these notorious names represent the worst of humanity, men and women who are driven by an urge to kill, and kill again. They are monsters lurking among us, often living outwardly respectable lives while indulging their horrific desires under cover of darkness, or anonymity.

Serial killers continue to hold a gruesome fascination, their crimes and compulsions seemingly incomprehensible to civilized society. Some have become household names, the subject of hit Netflix documentaries and BBC dramas ... others remain a hidden horror in the shadows.

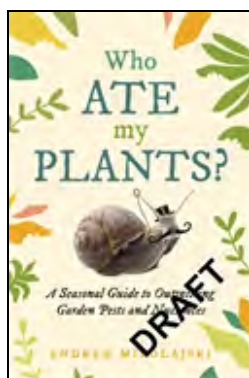
Organised thematically according to each killer's twisted passion, *Faces of Evil* chronicles the crimes of twenty of the most infamous – and less well-known – serial killers of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, unpicking their means, motives and methods ... and attempting to understand what drove their horrific lust for murder.

#### **Sales Points**

- A compelling and rigorously researched collection of true crime stories.
- Covers killers that have been the subject of hugely popular Netflix dramas and documentaries, such as Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer, as well as more obscure but no less terrifying cases.
- For fans of anthologies like *Talking With Serial Killers* by Christopher Berry-Dee, as well as true crime TV and podcast series.
- Author Dominic Utton is the author of six acclaimed true crime podcast series and is available for publicity.

#### **Author Biography**

Dominic Utton is a journalist, author and novelist with over twenty years' experience. His work has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Independent*, the *Sunday Times*, *Esquire*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Elle* and many other newspapers and magazines. He is based in London and Oxford.



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 Illustrations **Illustrated throughout**  
 Territorial Rights **World (All Languages)**  
 In-House Editor **Nicki Crossley**

## Who Ate My Plants? A Seasonal Guide to Outwitting Garden Pests and Nuisances

**Andrew Mikolajski**

### Keynote

**A beginner's guide to outwitting all manner of garden pests and nuisances, from RHS judge and gardening expert, Andrew Mikolajski.**

### Description

**Everything you need to know about garden pests and how to beat them, once and for all. With handy seasonal chapters, this little book is packed full of tips and tricks to outwit all sorts of garden pests and nuisances, all year round.**

Few hobbies provide the joy and dissatisfaction that come with gardening; every time a new **season** arrives, the promise of a beautifully manicured garden is interrupted by unwanted guests. From **aphids** to ants, **squirrels** to slugs and many more **bugs** besides, the havoc **pests** and nuisances can cause to our beloved garden is often irreparable.

**RHS judge and gardening expert** Andrew Mikolajski is here to show you how to handle pests, from season to season, and bring together the best **tips and tricks** for a **hassle-free garden**. Featuring **simple strategies** and easy-to-follow advice, this essential companion will show you how to **identify these pesky critters and animals** (and begrudgingly, their importance sometimes), and show how to garden without ever wondering, 'who ate my plants...?'.  
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### Sales Points

- Written with a light and accessible tone, this is a beginner's guide to pests and how to stop them from ruining your garden
- Featuring a definitive guide to the garden pests, and ordered season-by-season, this will be a go-to gardening book for anyone wanting to keep their garden thriving without the threat of pests and nuisances
- Written by an expert in his field Andrew Mikolajski who has authored over 40 gardening books and is an RHS judge
- Comps:  
*Outwitting Squirrels, The Deckchair Gardener*
- Andrew is available for PR

### Author Biography

Based in Northamptonshire, Andrew Mikolajski is the author of over forty gardening titles, sold internationally. Recent works include books on orchids, houseplants, and permaculture. He has also contributed to many RHS reference works and was a consultant on the latest revision of the RHS Encyclopedia of Gardening (DK). He has taught garden design and RHS certificate at Warwickshire College, and garden history at the English Gardening School at Chelsea Physic Garden. He leads garden tours and gardening masterclasses at Lamport Hall (home of the garden gnome) in Northamptonshire as well as speaking to garden clubs and societies across a large area of England. Andrew is also an RHS judge.

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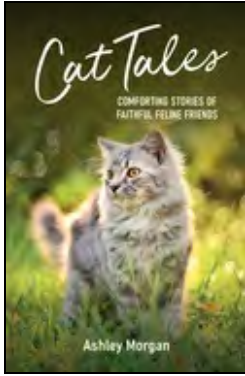
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## Cat Tales Comforting Stories of Faithful Feline Friends

Ashley Morgan

### Description

**This collection of uplifting stories shares true accounts of some extra-special cats and reminds us that even the smallest creatures can have the biggest impact on our lives**

Cats are more than just pets - they are family. This heart-warming book is filled with tales of the incredible bonds we form with cats, and inspiring examples of how these furry friends have brought joy and love into so many lives.

From rescuing their owners from loneliness to being a source of comfort during tough times, the cats featured in these stories have proven that they are so much more than just cute and cuddly companions. Each tale serves as a reminder of the powerful connection we share with these fluffy animals and the lessons they teach us about healing, hope and happiness.

Whether you're a cat owner or you simply appreciate the magic of these adorable creatures, this book is sure to warm your heart and remind you of the power of their love and companionship.

### Sales Points

- This book celebrates the special relationships we form with our cats and the huge impact they have on our lives.
- The UK is a nation of cat lovers, with over 10.8 million cats kept as pets (and plenty of people who love cats but don't own one themselves).
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *Super Cats* (ISBN: 9781800076884); *My Rescue Pet Rescued Me* (ISBN: 9781787839861); *The Little Book for Cat Mums* (ISBN: 9781800070066).

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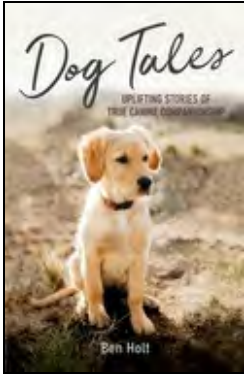
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## Dog Tales

### Uplifting Stories of True Canine Companionship

Ben Holt

#### Description

**This collection of heart-warming stories shares true accounts of some extra-special pups and celebrates the many ways dogs uplift and enrich our lives every day**

Dive into these pages to meet some of the most incredible dogs and puppies who have touched the lives of their owners in unforgettable ways. From loyal service dogs who have helped their owners through some of life's toughest challenges, to playful puppies who bring joy to every moment, the furry friends featured in this heart-warming collection of stories will leave you feeling uplifted and inspired.

Whether you're a dog lover or simply need a dose of positivity, the stories inside are sure to raise your spirits. Filled with tales of courage, love and loyalty, this book is here to remind you of the unbreakable bond between dogs and humans. So settle in with your furry friend and get ready to be inspired by the stories of these amazing pups!

#### Sales Points

- This book celebrates the special relationships we form with our dogs and the huge impact they have on our lives.
- There are 8.5 million dogs kept as pets in the UK alone, not to mention service dogs or working dogs who help save lives every day.
- Similar Summersdale titles include *Wonder Dogs* (ISBN: 9781800071803) and *My Rescue Pet Rescued Me* (ISBN: 9781787839861).

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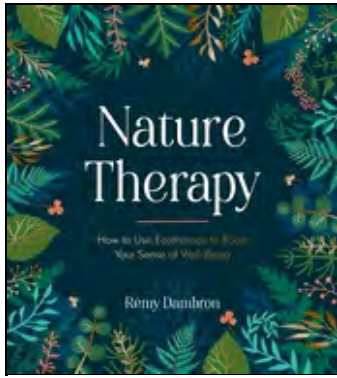
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## Nature Therapy How to Use Ecotherapy to Boost Your Sense of Well-Being

Rémy Dambron

### Description

**Discover the healing power of nature with this beautiful book, which will help you reconnect with the natural world to nurture your well-being**

Nature therapy is the practice of reconnecting with the natural world. Whether you find your sense of connection in the adventure of windswept cliffs, the solace of a forest, the comfort of your own garden or in the joy of tending a plant in your home, nature has the power to refresh your well-being and help you find your sense of self again.

Dive into this beautiful book to explore the benefits of the outdoors for yourself. Inside these pages you will find:

- Tips to help you discover your personal connection with nature
- Activity inspiration, from gardening and crafts to walking and wild swimming
- Advice on how to incorporate the outdoors into your daily life
- A holistic approach to wellness that's rooted in our innate relationship with the natural world

Whether you're looking to reduce stress, improve your physical health or simply spark more joy and meaning in life, this book is the ultimate guide to unlocking the transformative power of nature.

### Sales Points

- Since the pandemic, people are increasingly spending time in the great outdoors. Many mental health charities are now encouraging "ecotherapy" - also known as nature therapy - as a therapeutic treatment which involves doing activities in nature to improve mental and physical well-being.
- Covers a wide range of nature therapy activities, from gardening and crafting, to walking and wild swimming.
- This beautiful book includes photos and illustrations, making it a beautiful gift for yourself or others.
- Similar Summersdale titles include *Gardening for Mind Body and Soul* (ISBN: 9781800071629), *The Little Book for Plant Parents* (ISBN: 9781787836877), *Feel-Good Gardening* (ISBN: 9781800079915) and *The Hedgerow Apothecary* (ISBN: 9781787830295).

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>196x176</b>
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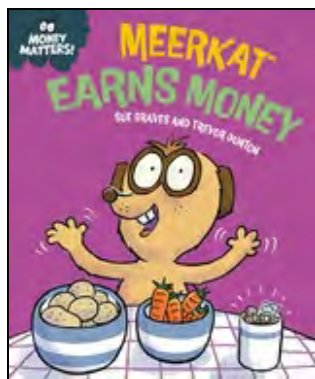
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## Money Matters: Meerkat Earns Money

### Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

#### Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to the concept of saving money for young children

#### Description

**Meerkat Earns Money offers a gentle introduction to the concept of earning money for young children.**

This funny, charming story is the perfect way to introduce young children to the concept of working to earn money. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children understand the concept.

Meerkat loves his tree house, but it's falling down, and it will take a lot of money to fix it. Meerkat is determined to work hard and earn enough money for the repairs.

The Money Matters series of picture books provide a gentle means of promoting concepts of money management, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss citizenship and values. Suitable for children under 5.

#### Sales Points

- Each story is backed up with suggestions for activities and ideas to talk about, consolidating learning by relating the story to the children's own experiences
- Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

#### Reviews

- 'Excellent for sharing and encouraging discussion ... we can all learn from the approach taken in this series.' - *Parents in Touch*

#### 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.

##### Trevor Dunton (Illustrator)

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A keen tennis player and apiarist, if he isn't hitting the fluff of a ball, he can generally be found in a field in Kent serenading his bees.

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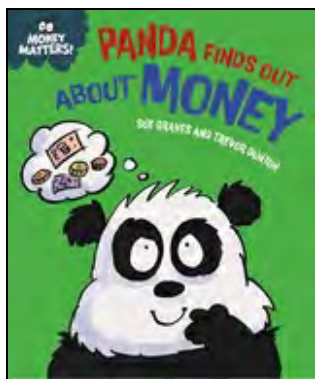
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#### Previous Titles

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## Money Matters: Panda Finds Out About Money

### Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

#### Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to the concept of money for young children

#### Description

***Panda Finds Out About Money* offers a gentle introduction to the concept of money for young children.**

This funny, charming story is the perfect way to introduce young children to what money is and how it works. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children understand the concept.

When Panda swaps toys with Lion, she finds out that swapping items is how money started. But she has a lot of questions. How much is it worth? Where is it kept? And most importantly, what can she afford to buy?

The Money Matters series of picture books provide a gentle means of promoting concepts of money management, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss citizenship and values. Suitable for children under 5.

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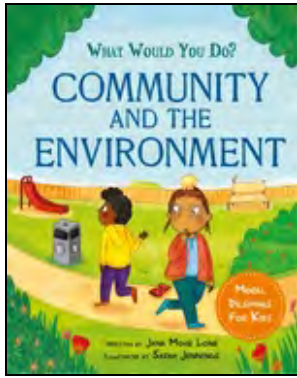
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US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## What would you do?: Community and the Environment

### Moral dilemmas for kids

**Jana Mohr Lone (Illustrated By Sarah Jennings)**

#### Keynote

This book explores everyday moral dilemmas and teaches children about values, behaviour and principles to help guide them through life

#### Description

- Should you say something to someone who drops litter?
- Should you still visit a National Park when it's being damaged because of too many visitors?
- Should you give money to a homeless person?

This fun children's book gives six real-life moral dilemmas that children might face and asks the readers to consider the pros and cons for possible resolutions. It gives readers lots to think about but, in the end, asks the child 'What would YOU do?', leaving the ultimate decision to them. It will help children to gain independent-thinking and decision-making skills.

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Read the other titles in the series: Bravery, Fairness, Family, Friendship, Honesty.

#### Sales Points

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##### Sarah Jennings (Illustrator)

Sarah Jennings is a children's book illustrator based in South London. At a very young age she discovered a love of drawing and has been scribbling in a sketchbook ever since! Since graduating in 2013 she has illustrated a wide variety of fiction, picture and non-fiction books. Sarah works from her home studio in the company of her three-legged cat, Calvin.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: Citizenship &amp; social education (YQN)</b>
	<b>Social issues: environment &amp; green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG)</b>
	<b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)</b>
	<b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>

CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding Format	<b>Hardback 265x210</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>What would you do?</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

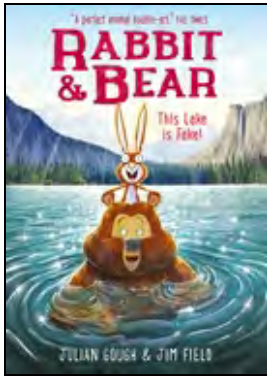
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## Rabbit and Bear: This Lake is Fake! Book 6

Julian Gough (Illustrated By Jim Field)

### Keynote

**Gorgeously illustrated and with a classic feel, this is a brilliantly funny story of a rabbit and a bear ... and how friends can accept that the world isn't always perfect. Ideal for readers moving on from picture books.**

### Description

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'A perfect animal double-act.' *The Times*, Book of the Week

Rabbit is fed up. Spring has finally arrived, but it's not as perfect as he hoped it would be.

Bear thinks that if they work hard, they can improve things, a bit. But Rabbit has a MUCH better plan. He sets off across the lake in search of a Perfect World ...

**Meet Rabbit and Bear in the classic series that has taken the world by storm: this is a story of hope, friendship, a very long journey with no breakfast, and an entire island made of ... of ... wait ... is that chocolate? It looks like chocolate ...**

**'Rabbit's Bad Habits is a breath of fresh air in children's fiction, a laugh-out-loud story of rabbit and wolf and bear, of avalanches and snowmen. The sort of story that makes you want to send your children to bed early, so you can read it to them.' Neil Gaiman**

Read all the Rabbit and Bear books:

1. *Rabbit's Bad Habits*
2. *The Pest in the Nest*
3. *Attack of the Snack*
4. *A Bite in the Night*
5. *A Bad King is a Sad Thing*
6. *This Lake is Fake!*

### Sales Points

- Laugh-out-loud series from a dynamic creative partnership
- Jim is a big name in illustration, winning the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and being nominated for the Kate Greenaway medal, with huge TCM success for the Oi Frog! series with Kes Gray and The Lion Inside series with Rachel Bright
- Perfect for readers moving on from picture books. Simple language and stories, with more complex ideas to entertain adults and give depth to the telling
- Beautiful smaller format, with single-colour insides that represent the seasonal setting of each book

### Author Biography

**Julian and Jim's Rabbit and Bear books have been shortlisted twice for the Children's Book of the Year in the Irish Book Awards, and also for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award.**

Julian Gough is a novelist, playwright, poet, musician and script-writer. He was born in London, grew up in Ireland and now lives in Berlin. Among many other things, Julian wrote the ending to MINECRAFT, the world's most successful computer game for children of all ages. He likes to drink coffee and steal pigs.

Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He grew up in Farnborough, worked in London and now lives in Paris. His first picture book, CATS AHOY!, written by Peter Bently, won the BookTrust Roald Dahl Funny Prize. He is perhaps best known for drawing frogs on logs in the bestselling OI FROG! He likes playing the guitar and drinking coffee.

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BIC 2.1 **Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) 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 **B3N79**

Age **5-7 years**

Subject **Fiction**

Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**

Character **Non-character**

Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**

Format **Claude (181x129)**

Extent **112 pages**

Word Count

Series **Rabbit and Bear**

Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author born in **London**

Author living in **Berlin**

### Previous Titles

Julian Gough is a novelist and playwright, and this is his first series for children. Jim Field has illustrated a wide range of projects including CATS AHOY! (winner of the Roald Dahl funny prize), THE LION INSIDE, ROSCOE and Kes Gray's OI FROG?

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 BIC 2.1 **Space (Children's / Teenage) (YNTS) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)**

CBMC **D5N79**  
 Age **9-11 years**  
 Subject **Non-fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **265x210**  
 Depth **4mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **Life at Extremes**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
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**Previous Titles**  
 Life at Extremes: Underground  
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## Life at Extremes: Space

Josy Bloggs

### Keynote

**A beautifully illustrated exploration of the ultimate extreme environment - space**

### Description

**A beautifully illustrated exploration of the ultimate extreme environment - space**

From the icy poles to the deepest parts of the oceans, humans have explored Earth's most challenging environments, and have even journeyed on into space. But how did these places form and what are the features that make them unique? How do humans live and work in these harsh landscapes? Most importantly, how is human activity impacting them and their natural inhabitants and wildlife, and what does the future hold for them?

*Life at Extremes: Space* explores the vast, distant and mysterious expanses of space and looks at how we on Earth have managed to travel into it and survive its many challenges. It describes how, as technology progresses, space tourism and even colonies on other planets are becoming less of a distant dream and more of a future reality.

Perfect reading for budding explorers aged 9 and up.

### Contents:

The night sky  
 Our solar system  
 Extraterrestrial landscapes  
 What's the weather like?  
 Sending life into space  
 Moon landings  
 Training for life in space  
 Early homes in space  
 The ISS  
 Life in space  
 Space tourism  
 Mission to Mars  
 The future of life in space  
 Glossary and out-of-this-world information  
 Index

### Titles in the series:

Life at Extremes: Space  
 Life at Extremes: The Poles  
 Life at Extremes: Underground  
 Life at Extremes: Under the Sea

### Sales Points

- Stand-out illustration by Josy Bloggs, illustrator of *The Big Picture* and *Blue Worlds*
- Carries a strong ecological message about how humans need to live in harmony with the natural world
- Links to science and geography topics at KS2

### Summary of Contents

The night sky / Our solar system / Extraterrestrial landscapes / What's the weather like? / Sending life into space / Moon landings / Training for life in space / The International Space Station / Homes in space / Life in space / Space tourism / Mission to Mars / The future of life in space / Glossary and out-of-this-world information / Index

### Author Biography

Josy Bloggs is a published illustrator and author of children's non-fiction books. She has always been passionate about reading, and developed a love for books about nature and exploring the world from an early age. She loves nothing more than seeing young readers engage with the natural world through her books. Some of her published credits as an illustrator include the series *Blue Worlds* which explores each of the world's five oceans and major seas in beautifully illustrated detail.

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CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>4mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Life at Extremes</b>
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**Life at Extremes: Under the Sea**

**Josy Bloggs**

**Keynote**

**A beautifully illustrated exploration of the mysterious world that lies beneath our oceans and seas**

**Description**

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Amazingly, more than 80 per cent of Earth's five great oceans remain unexplored today. *Life at Extremes: Under the Sea* journeys into the mysterious world beneath the waves to discover its unique features and wildlife, and explores how we can live and work deep below the sea.

Perfect reading for budding explorers aged 9 and up.

**Contents:**

- Our blue planet
- Underwater landscapes
- Beneath the waves
- Life at the surface
- The twilight zone
- The deep
- Diving in
- Life under the sea
- Deep sea exploration
- Working under the sea
- Ocean riches
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- The future of the oceans
- Glossary and underwater information
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## Beast Quest: Pirano the Water Dragon Series 31 Book 2

**Adam Blade**

### Keynote

*Free the Beasts. Live the Adventure.*

Join the New Protectors as they battle Beasts and fight Evil in the bestselling adventure series for boys and girls aged 7 and up!

### Description

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In the land of Tangala, legend tells of the Metamorphia - a league of sorcerers who once defied the Emperor and used their magic to create mighty Beasts. Now the New Protectors are on the trail of four such Beasts, resurrected by the witch Zuba. Our brave young heroes must travel to the four corners of the kingdom to defeat Zuba's Beasts before the realm is destroyed for ever . . . but fortunately they are joined by powerful animal companions of their own. When Miandra and her companion, Azul, travel to the coast, they discover a mighty water-Beast terrorising the people of Bridgetown. Can they tackle this deadly enemy?

There are FOUR thrilling adventures to collect in the latest set of this beloved series - don't miss out!

### Sales Points

- *Beast Quest* now stars the New Protectors - four brave young warriors chosen by Tom and Elenna to continue their mission to protect the realms against Evil. In this series, our heroes and their companions must face four monstrous Beasts summoned by the powerful witch Zuba . . .
- Over fourteen million *Beast Quest* books sold!
- The original and best adventure series - perfect for getting boys hooked on books
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[www.orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://www.orchardseriesbooks.co.uk)
- The *Beast Quest* game is available on PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch - and don't miss *Ultimate Heroes* on Apple and Android!

### Author Biography

Adam Blade is the name for a small collective of authors who write the bestselling series *Beast Quest*, as well as Adam Blade's other series: *Team Hero*, *Beast Quest: New Blood* and *Space Wars*. *Beast Quest* has now sold over 11 million copies.

Find out about all these books and more at [orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://orchardseriesbooks.co.uk)!

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CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Beast Quest</b>
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## Magical Museums: Adventures in Air and Space

### Ben Hubbard (Illustrated By Max Rambaldi)

#### Keynote

Go on a magical adventure with the Museum Kids to explore the past and understand scientific principles

#### Description

**A magical journey of scientific discovery begins here!** Four friends, the Museum Kids, are off on an incredible adventure to discover the history of flight and space travel at the Air and Space Museum. A magical lift takes them to the studio of Leonardo da Vinci, to see the Wright Brothers make their first flight, to the International Space Station and many more places. Fun, interactive and with lots of facts to discover, this book is perfect for space fans and all curious kids.

Magical Museums is a series of picture books that follows the adventures of four children who are exploring museums that have come to life. Together with their guide, the children learn as they explore each museum, but they also have an exciting adventure, escaping dangers, working together and solving problems. Each detailed scene explores a different time period or technological achievement and is packed with fascinating facts. When the adventure finally ends, the gang are keen to take their guide's quiz to test what they have learned.

#### Sales Points

- High-interest books presenting the information in an entertaining way with a story to drive the reader through the book
- Action-packed detailed scenes throughout the book
- Features a quiz at the end of the book to help consolidate learning

#### Author Biography

Ben Hubbard began his writing career at a what's-on newspaper in the 1990s, interviewing bands, actors and artists in his native Wellington, New Zealand. He later joined the fast-paced world of daily newspaper journalism before packing up shop and moving to England. Here, Ben tied a number of new strings to his bow: magazine editor, book editor, and finally, author. Today, Ben writes a mix of non-fiction for all ages - preschoolers through to adults. He has penned titles on an eclectic subject range: from space exploration, samurai warriors and medieval castles; to pop music, pets, tornadoes and rugby skills.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x275</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Magical Museums</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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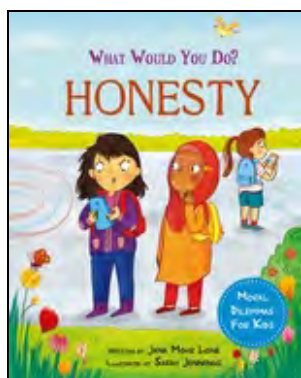
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9781526323255

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## What would you do?: Honesty Moral dilemmas for kids

Jana Mohr Lone (Illustrated By Sarah Jennings)

### Keynote

This book explores everyday moral dilemmas and teaches children about values, behaviour and principles to help guide them through life

### Description

- Should you always be honest about your feelings?
- Should you tell on a bully?
- Would you admit if you got a higher grade by mistake?

This fun children's book gives six real-life moral dilemmas that children might face and asks the readers to consider the pros and cons for possible resolutions. It gives readers lots to think about but, in the end, asks the child 'What would YOU do?', leaving the ultimate decision to them. It will help children to gain independent-thinking and decision-making skills.

The situations have been tested in classrooms to ensure the examples and resolutions are age-appropriate. There are notes for parents and teachers at the back of each book.

The *What Would You Do?* series teaches children about values and behaviour, encouraging empathy for others, respect and responsibility while developing their critical thinking and decision-making skills.

The author, Jana Mohr Lone, is Executive Director of Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO), an affiliate faculty in philosophy at the University of Washington. Jana has been leading philosophy sessions with students from preschool to graduate school for over 25 years.

Read the other titles in the series: Bravery, Family, Friendship, Honesty, Community and the Environment.

### Sales Points

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#### Sarah Jennings (Illustrator)

Sarah Jennings is a children's book illustrator based in South London. At a very young age she discovered a love of drawing and has been scribbling in a sketchbook ever since! Since graduating in 2013 she has illustrated a wide variety of fiction, picture and non-fiction books. Sarah works from her home studio in the company of her three-legged cat, Calvin.

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CBMC **C5N79**  
 Age **7-9 years**  
 Subject **Non-fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **265x210**  
 Depth **10mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **What would you do?**

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## Get Better Soon!: Tonsillitis

Anita Ganeri (Illustrated By Beatriz Castro)

### Keynote

A humorous, story-based look at catching tonsillitis

### Description

A humorous, story-based look at catching tonsillitis

It's the class's pirate play today! The children have worked really hard and are very excited to get onto the stage. But poor Maya's got a headache, her throat is hurting, and she can't eat her lunch. Oh no - Maya's got tonsillitis!

Find out all about some common childhood illnesses in *Get Better Soon*, from how you catch them to the symptoms, treatment and when you'll start feeling better. It also tells you how you can avoid getting ill in the first place. For readers aged 5 and up.

The author, Anita Ganeri, is an award-winning author of children's books, with a particular interest in health and PSHE topics.

The consultant, Dr Kristina Routh, is a fully qualified medical doctor and specialist in public health.

### Sales Points

- Positive and reassuring guides to childhood illnesses with a humorous narrative thread
- Fact boxes pull out key information and further information for parents and carers is included
- The text and artwork have been checked by a qualified medical doctor

### Author Biography

#### Anita Ganeri (Author)

Anita Ganeri is an award-winning author of children's information books. She has been a writer for 20 years, after working in-house for Usborne Publishing and Walker Books. She specialises in the natural world, religion and mythology but is always looking for new challenges. Among her many titles are the best-selling 'Horrible Geography' series for Scholastic Children's Books which won the Blue Peter Book Award for the Best Book with Facts in 2009 and the Tivy Education Medal from the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for an outstanding contribution to geographical education. Anita lives in northern England with her husband, children, dogs and cat. She enjoys reading, walking the Moors, playing tennis and dreaming of winning Wimbledon.

#### Beatriz Castro (Illustrator)

Beatriz Castro was born in La Rioja, Spain in 1985. When she was a little girl, she was always drawing and writing stories. She studied illustration at the school of arts in her home town, Logroño. After graduating, she embarked on a career as a professional illustrator and has since been published by many international publishing houses. She especially enjoys creating funny characters. Beatriz likes animals, classic stories and fairy tales and listens to rock and punk music.

Publication date **Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
 Price **£8.99/Rs.699**  
 EAN\ISBN-13 **9781445182704**  
 BIC 2.1 **Personal & social issues: body & health (Children's / Teenage) (YXA) 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 **4mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **Get Better Soon!**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

### Previous Titles

Get Better Soon: Tummy Bug  
 Get Better Soon: Head Lice  
 Get Better Soon: Tonsillitis  
 Get Better Soon: Chicken Pox  
 Get Better Soon: Ear Infection  
 Get Better Soon: Cold

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**



## Magical Museums: Adventures in Technology

**Ben Hubbard (Illustrated By Max Rambaldi)**

### Keynote

Go on a magical adventure with the Museum Kids to explore the past and understand scientific principles

### Description

**A magical journey of scientific discovery begins here!** Four friends, the Museum Kids, are off on an incredible adventure to discover the history of flight and space travel at the Air and Space Museum. A magical lift takes them to the studio of Leonardo da Vinci, to see the Wright Brothers make their first flight, to the International Space Station and many more places. Fun, interactive and with lots of facts to discover, this book is perfect for space fans and all curious kids.

Magical Museums is a series of picture books that follows the adventures of four children who are exploring museums that have come to life. Together with their guide, the children learn as they explore each museum, but they also have an exciting adventure, escaping dangers, working together and solving problems. Each detailed scene explores a different time period or technological achievement and is packed with fascinating facts. When the adventure finally ends, the gang are keen to take their guide's quiz to test what they have learned.

### Sales Points

- High-interest books presenting the information in an entertaining way with a story to drive the reader through the book
- Action-packed detailed scenes throughout the book
- Features a quiz at the end of the book to help consolidate learning

### Author Biography

Ben Hubbard began his writing career at a what's-on newspaper in the 1990s, interviewing bands, actors and artists in his native Wellington, New Zealand. He later joined the fast-paced world of daily newspaper journalism before packing up shop and moving to England. Here, Ben tied a number of new strings to his bow: magazine editor, book editor, and finally, author. Today, Ben writes a mix of non-fiction for all ages - preschoolers through to adults. He has penned titles on an eclectic subject range: from space exploration, samurai warriors and medieval castles; to pop music, pets, tornadoes and rugby skills.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£12.99/Rs.1,050</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781526323187</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x275</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Magical Museums</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Mar 2024  
Air and Space Adventures  
9781526323033

Technology Adventures  
9781526323187

May 2024  
Science Adventures  
9781526323217

Natural History Adventures  
9781526323224

Jul 2024  
Oceans and Maritime Adventures  
9781526323262

Natural Science Adventures  
9781526323255

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



# One Life, One Planet: One Blue Whale in Ten Thousand Why Biodiversity Matters

**Sarah Ridley (Illustrated By Vivian Mineker)**

### Keynote

A beautiful picture book, produced in association with the Natural History Museum, that explores how the life of one blue whale is linked to countless others and why biodiversity matters

### Description

**A beautiful picture book that explores how one the life of one blue whale is linked to countless other living things and why biodiversity matters.** Produced in association with the Natural History Museum, the book helps young children explore conservation without being alarmist.

The book is part of the series *One Life, One Planet* for children age 5 plus. Titles in the series:

- One Blue Whale in Ten Thousand*
- One Bee in Billions*
- One Amur Tiger in Five Hundred*
- One Koala in Fifty Thousand*

### Sales Points

- Links to the KS1 curriculum 'Living things and their habitats'
- Produced in association with the Natural History Museum
- In December 2022 at COP 15, 188 countries adopted a new Global Biodiversity Framework to "halt and reverse" biodiversity loss - these books help young children see why this is important
- The simple picture book approach is appealing to children who are keen to learn facts about their favourite animals

### Author Biography

#### Sarah Ridley (Author)

Sarah Ridley has an enduring interest in history, the natural world and many other topics, which has made her work as an editor and writer of children's information books endlessly fascinating. Some of her books have been shortlisted or longlisted for information book awards, including *Dear Jelly: Family Letters from the First World War* and *Suffragettes and the Fight for the Vote*. Sarah lives in Colchester with her husband and her student daughter's guinea pigs.

#### Vivian Mineker (Illustrator)

Vivian Mineker is a Taiwanese-American illustrator who mainly works with watercolour and gouache. When she's not drawing or painting, you can probably find her outside running around with her dog Darlie, browsing and sniffing at books in bookstores, and occasionally stopping for a cup of coffee or a piece of cake.

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Price	<b>£12.99/Rs.1,050</b>
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BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>215x270</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>One Life, One Planet</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

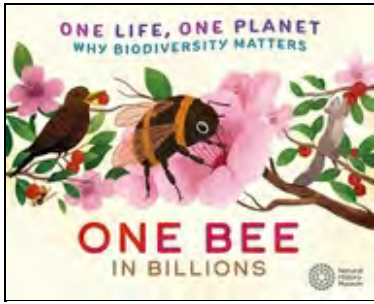
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One Blue Whale in Ten Thousand  
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One Bee in Billions  
9781526323101

May 2024  
One Amur Tiger in Five Hundred  
9781526323095

One Koala in Fifty Thousand  
9781526322944

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



# One Life, One Planet: One Bee in Billions Why Biodiversity Matters

Sarah Ridley (Illustrated By Vivian Mineker)

## Keynote

A beautiful picture book, produced in association with the Natural History Museum, that explores how the life of one bee is linked to countless others and why biodiversity matters

## Description

**A beautiful picture book that explores how one the life of one bee is linked to countless other living things and why biodiversity matters.** Produced in association with the Natural History Museum, the book helps young children explore conservation without being alarmist. It is full of interesting facts and covers topics including pollination, why bees are important and what we can do to help.

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- One Koala in Fifty Thousand*

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EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781526323101</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>215x270</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>One Life, One Planet</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

## Previous Titles

Mar 2024  
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9781526323064

One Bee in Billions  
9781526323101

May 2024  
One Amur Tiger in Five Hundred  
9781526323095

One Koala in Fifty Thousand  
9781526322944

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



## Reading Champion: Ade and Bem Want to Help Independent Reading Green 5

**Sarah Snashall (Illustrated By Tika and Tata Bobokhidze)**

### 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)**

Reading Champion offers independent reading books for children to practise and reinforce their developing reading skills.

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.

### 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

Sarah Snashall is an experienced professional writer, and has written many books on a wide range of topics.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£5.99/Rs.499</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781445175430</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: English language: readers &amp; reading schemes (YQCR) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
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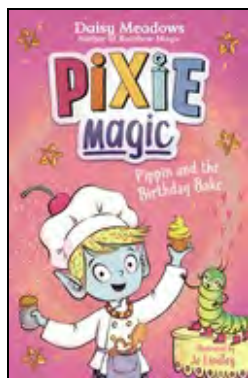
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## Pixie Magic: Pippin and the Birthday Bake Book 3

**Daisy Meadows**

### Keynote

An enchanting new series packed with friendship, fun and creativity from the author of *Rainbow Magic!* Each book features a different pixie with a special talent for magical crafts - in this story you'll meet Pippin the Baking Pixie.

### Description

Best friends Alice and Leo love making things, and they're never happier than when they're working together in Leo's garden shed, which they've turned into an arts and crafts studio. Then one day they are transported to a miniature world where magical creatures - the Pixies and Glitterbugs - use their creative talents to make special objects from items that were once treasured. Pixie Magic gives these objects the power to solve people's problems!

But disaster strikes when Grumble and Grimble, the mean Nixies, steal Pippin the Baking Pixie's magical tools. Now Pippin can't bake a magical birthday cake to help the children's friend Hannah's birthday party go with a swing. Can the friends work together to use their talents - and a dash of Pixie Magic - to save the day, so that everyone can enjoy the magic of creativity?

This magical new series is tailor-made to appeal to young readers including existing Daisy Meadows fans, with a winning combination of magic, friendship and craft.

### Sales Points

- An exciting new series from the creator of *Rainbow Magic!* Each *Pixie Magic* book features a delightful new pixie friend with a special creative talent. From baking to jewellery-making, sewing to pottery, there's something for everyone in this highly collectable range...
- A combination of great themes: magic, friendship and creative skills, which taps into the ongoing make-do-and-mend trend. Creative activities have been shown to alleviate anxiety, making this a timely theme after the pandemic
- An enchanting miniature world where upcycling is magic and kindness always wins
- Just the right amount of adventure and peril for a 6+ audience, with stories and themes perfectly tailored to appeal
- The perfect package for developing readers, with black and white illustrations throughout and bonus crafting activity ideas in each book

### Author Biography

The *Rainbow Magic*, *Unicorn Magic* and *Pixie Magic* books are written by a small collective of authors under the name Daisy Meadows. *Rainbow Magic* is the no.1 bestselling series for children aged 5 and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide!

Learn more about the books at [orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://orchardseriesbooks.co.uk), where you can find your *Rainbow Magic* fairy and discover a new series to enjoy.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£6.99/Rs.550</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781408367544</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Fantasy &amp; magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

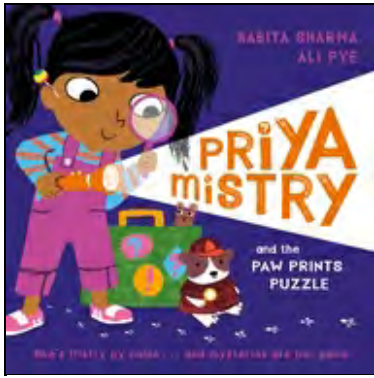
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Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>144 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Pixie Magic</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Pixie Magic (1): Emerald and the Friendship Bracelet  
 Pixie Magic (2): Dotty and the Sweet Surprise

Look out for more Pixie Magic books coming soon!

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



## Priya Mistry and the Paw Prints Puzzle

**Babita Sharma (Illustrated By Ali Pye)**

### Keynote

Introducing Priya Mistry - corner shop super sleuth! She's a Mistry by name, and mysteries are her game. Help Priya uncover the truth behind some puzzling paw prints in this quirky and vibrant picture book.

### Description

**Introducing Priya Mistry - corner shop super sleuth! She's a Mistry by name, and mysteries are her game.**

When some puzzling paw prints appear on the floor of her family's corner shop, Priya grabs her mission kit and kicks off an investigation. Can Priya crack the case and uncover the mysterious creature before it eats all the food in the shop?

This is a fantastically fun and mischievously mysterious picture book that is perfect for little detectives!

### Sales Points

- A fantastically fun and mischievously mysterious picture book featuring a very lovable detective with strong themes of community, family and adventure
- Babita Sharma is a documentarian and journalist, and previously spent seven years on BBC World News' Newsday covering major global events
- Babita has drawn from her memories of growing up above a corner shop run by her parents to create this wonderful world

### Author Biography

#### Babita Sharma (Author)

**Babita Sharma** is a corner shop super fan, as well as an author, journalist and TV personality. She has spent fifteen years covering major global news events as a presenter for BBC News. Babita's book on the history of the corner shop in Britain was published by Two Roads in Spring 2019, and follows her critically-acclaimed documentary *Booze, Beans & Bhajis: The Story of the Corner Shop* on BBC Four. She lives in Belfast with her family.

#### Ali Pye (Illustrator)

**Ali Pye** had two ambitions when she was a child - to be a police dog trainer and to work as an illustrator. Luckily for the police dogs of Britain, Ali's life took her in a different direction - but she did get to achieve her second aim and has illustrated more than 30 books, including *Girls Can Do Anything* by Caryl Hart. Ali has also written her own stories for picture books and young fiction. She lives in London with her family.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£12.99/Rs.1,050</b>
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BIC 2.1	<b>Picture storybooks (YBCS) Crime &amp; mystery fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFCF) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>
CBMC	<b>A3M79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Picture Book</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x250</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
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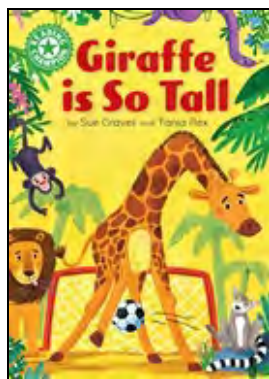
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## Reading Champion: Giraffe is Tall Independent Reading Green 5 Sue Graves (Illustrated By Tania Rex)

### 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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### 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 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.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£5.99/Rs.499</b>
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BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: English language: readers &amp; reading schemes (YQCR) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
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Binding Format	<b>Paperback 210x148</b>
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Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
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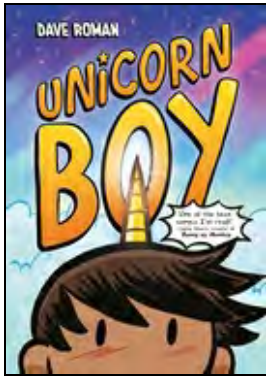
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BIC 2.1	<b>Comic strip fiction / graphic novels (Children's / Teenage) (YFW) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) Graphic novels (FX) Fantasy (FM)</b>
CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Depth	<b>16mm</b>
Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Unicorn Boy</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>USA</b>

## Unicorn Boy Book 1

**Dave Roman**

### Keynote

**UNICORN BOY is the first in a colourful, hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel series about a shy kid who unwillingly sprouts a unicorn horn and uses his newfound magical powers to help those in need! Perfect for fans of Jamie Smart or those moving on from *Dog Man*.**

### Description

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**'One of the best comics I've read in a long time! Imaginative, thrilling, and with so many surprising twists, everyone should be reading Unicorn Boy!' - *Jamie Smart, creator of BUNNY vs MONKEY***

The first few years of Brian's life were unremarkable - nothing weird about this kid, no sir.

Then he found a bump on his head.

And it grew ...

And grew ...

And grew...

Into a full-blown, sparkling, SINGING unicorn horn!

It was the last thing a shy kid like Brian could ever want - but destiny waits for no Unicorn Boy. And when shadowy creatures from another realm kidnap his best friend Avery, Brian must accept his fate as a hero and go on a perilous journey to try and save the day!

### Can Unicorn Boy save his best friend from the underworld?!

### Sales Points

- Graphic novel sales are on the rise, with titles by Dav Pilkey and Jamie Smart continuing to hold a strong presence in the Bookscan charts, and recent success for our own Bumble and Snug. There is an appetite for graphic novel formats, especially for 7-11 year old readers which UNICORN BOY caters to really well
- The content of *Unicorn Boy* is naturally inclusive: it features a non-binary character as well as subverting gender expectations through a gentle male protagonist who becomes a unicorn superhero
- The series hook is clear, engaging and has long-running potential: *a shy boy unwillingly gains unicorn powers and has no choice but to become a hero as dark forces persistently target him and his friends*
- Dave Roman is an experienced writer and graphic novel artist so is comfortable with the publishing process and able to provide high-quality work to schedule

### Reviews

- 'Unicorn Boy is SO MUCH FUN! A wonderful, magical story, hilarious characters, and Dave's brilliant eye for making crazy things seem totally believable, all combined to make one of the best comics I've read in a long time! Imaginative, thrilling, and with so many surprising twists, everyone should be reading Unicorn Boy!' - *Jamie Smart, creator of BUNNY vs MONKEY*
- 'Unicorn Boy is a joyful burst of rainbow-hued adventure. A story about being brave enough to be different and to always listen to the talking muffin in your lunch.' - *Andi Watson, creator of Kerry and the Knight of the Forest*

### Author Biography

Dave Roman is a New York-based author and illustrator who started drawing and self-publishing his own comic books in middle school (and never stopped!). When he's not coming up with adventures for an unwilling unicorn-horned superhero, he is currently a series editor for First Second's acclaimed Science Comics nonfiction graphic novels. You can find webcomics and draw-along games on his website: [www.yaytime.com](http://www.yaytime.com)

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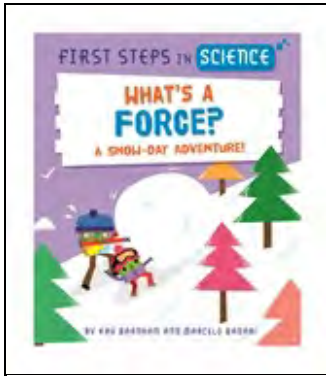
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## First Steps in Science: What's a Force? Kay Barnham (Illustrated By Marcelo Badari)

### Keynote

Fundamental and FUN first science concepts for kids, and the great thing is: there are robots!

### Description

**Fundamental and FUN first science concepts for kids, and the great thing is: there are robots!**

*What's a Force? ... a snow-day adventure!* is a fun story that leads children through the idea of forces in everyday life. Zeb and Astro, the super-powered robot siblings who star in this story, learn these fundamentals of science as they spend an awesome day riding a sledge, building a snowman and throwing snow balls!

In the *First Steps in Science* series, children are encouraged to become super scientists with the help of various colourful and friendly robots, who are all going on awesome adventures. Children as young as 3-5 years old learn science through stories with bright and cheerful illustrations.

Interactive elements throughout each book encourage hands-on engagement from children, and each story finishes with a creative activity to cement their science learning.

A parent, carer and teacher's guide at the back of each book makes this a great resource for home school and classroom learning.

Titles in the series include:

- First Steps in Science: What's a Force? ... a snow-day adventure!*
- First Steps in Science: What is Energy? ... a Sports-Day adventure!*
- First Steps in Science: What is Matter? ... a nature adventure!*
- First Steps in Science: What is Motion? ... a cycling adventure!*
- First Steps in Science: What is Light? ... a sunny sea-side adventure!*
- First Steps in Science: What is Sound? ... a superstar adventure!*

### Sales Points

- Fundamental science concepts for 3-5-year-olds using narratives centred on robots with special skills and relatable personalities
- The text reads like a picture book, with a selection of interactive pages to bring the reader into the fun
- Ending activity encourages hands-on engagement from the reader to cement their learning
- A parent, carer and teacher's guide at the back of each book makes this a great resource for home school and classroom learning

### Author Biography

#### Kay Barnham (Author)

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.

#### Marcelo Badari (Illustrator)

Marcelo Badari creates illustrations focused on ideas and characters, with pinches of humour and personal vision. He enjoys collaborating on projects, providing new ideas and insights. Recently, he has illustrated over 20 educational children's books and has just finished the illustrations of a series of 7 books about small sea animals that live at Brazilian beaches. He lives in Brazil in a small town near the mountains, where he goes hiking. In his spare time he enjoys creating music and videos.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>

CBMC	<b>A5N79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>226x192</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>First Steps in Science</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

- First Steps in Science: What is Matter?
- First Steps in Science: What is Motion?
- First Steps in Science: What's a Force?
- First Steps in Science: What is Energy?
- First Steps in Science: What is Light?
- First Steps in Science: What is Sound?

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Get Better Soon!: Ear Infection

Anita Ganeri (Illustrated By Beatriz Castro)

### Keynote

A humorous, story-based look at getting an ear infection

### Description

A humorous, story-based look at getting an ear infection

It's music class and the class are busy practising for their end-of-term concert. Jan usually rocks it on the drums, but today his ears hurt and he can't hear very well. Oh no - Jan has an ear infection!

Find out all about some common childhood illnesses in *Get Better Soon*, from how you catch them to the symptoms, treatment and when you'll start feeling better. It also tells you how you can avoid getting ill in the first place. For readers aged 5 and up.

The author, Anita Ganeri, is an award-winning author of children's books, with a particular interest in health and PSHE topics.

The consultant, Dr Kristina Routh, is a fully qualified medical doctor and specialist in public health.

### Sales Points

- Positive and reassuring guides to childhood illnesses with a humorous narrative thread
- Fact boxes pull out key information and further information for parents and carers is included
- The text and artwork have been checked by a qualified medical doctor

### Author Biography

#### Anita Ganeri (Author)

Anita Ganeri is an award-winning author of children's information books. She has been a writer for 20 years, after working in-house for Usborne Publishing and Walker Books. She specialises in the natural world, religion and mythology but is always looking for new challenges. Among her many titles are the best-selling 'Horrible Geography' series for Scholastic Children's Books which won the Blue Peter Book Award for the Best Book with Facts in 2009 and the Tivy Education Medal from the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for an outstanding contribution to geographical education. Anita lives in northern England with her husband, children, dogs and cat. She enjoys reading, walking the Moors, playing tennis and dreaming of winning Wimbledon.

#### Beatriz Castro (Illustrator)

Beatriz Castro was born in La Rioja, Spain in 1985. When she was a little girl, she was always drawing and writing stories. She studied illustration at the school of arts in her home town, Logroño. After graduating, she embarked on a career as a professional illustrator and has since been published by many international publishing houses. She especially enjoys creating funny characters. Beatriz likes animals, classic stories and fairy tales and listens to rock and punk music.

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 Price **£8.99/Rs.699**  
 EAN\ISBN-13 **9781445182780**  
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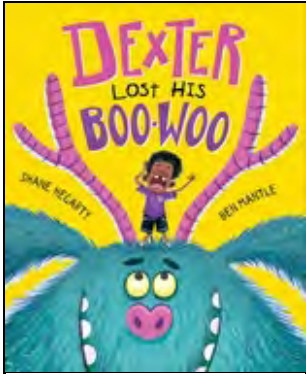
CBMC **B5N79**  
 Age **5-7 years**  
 Subject **Non-fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **236x195**  
 Depth **4mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **Get Better Soon!**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

### Previous Titles

Get Better Soon: Cold  
 Get Better Soon: Head Lice  
 Get Better Soon: Tummy Bug  
 Get Better Soon: Chicken Pox  
 Get Better Soon: Ear Infection  
 Get Better Soon: Tonsillitis

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
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## Dexter Lost His Boo-Woo

Shane Hegarty (Illustrated By Ben Mantle)

### Keynote

An action-packed adventure about losing - and finding! - your favourite toy. A much anticipated picture book debut by bestselling Shane Hegarty, illustrated by the stellar Ben Mantle.

### Description

**HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Dexter's lost his Boo-Woo.**

It's a scary sounding beast! It has fiery eyes and floppy ears, and twenty pointy teeth!

Soon the whole town is on the hunt for the Boo-Woo ... Are YOU brave enough to join the search?

Join police officers, firefighters and more in this gloriously illustrated, action-packed adventure with an unexpected twist about losing - and finding! - your favourite toy.

### Sales Points

- Bestselling Shane Hegarty's DEBUT picture book
- Join police officers, firefighters and more in this action-packed adventure with an unexpected twist!
- A story about losing your favourite toy - and finding it again! - that will resonate with every child
- Gloriously illustrated by the award-winning Ben Mantle

### Author Biography

#### Shane Hegarty (Author)

Shane Hegarty has been shortlisted for an abundance of awards. His younger, middle grade title *Boot* was shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Book Award, nominated for An Post Irish Book Awards and chosen as UNESCO Dublin City Of Literature Citywide Read. *Darkmouth* was nominated for the Waterstones Prize, An Post Irish Book Awards and the Bord Gáis Irish Book Awards. Before becoming a full-time writer, Shane Hegarty was a journalist and editor of *The Irish Times* and worked in radio and the music business. Shane lives in Skerries, County Dublin.

#### Ben Mantle (Illustrator)

Ben Mantle is the illustrator of Shane Hegarty's *Boot*, shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. His picture book *The Best Birthday Present Ever* won the Dundee Picture Book Award and he has illustrated a number of iconic fiction covers such as Piers Torday's *The Lost Magician* and Jenny McLachlan's *The Land of Roar*. Ben studied Animation at the Surrey Institute of Art & Design before working as an animator. Since 2008, Ben has been working as a children's book illustrator and also produces screen prints and digital artwork to exhibit. Ben lives in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£12.99/Rs.1,050</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781444966350</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Picture storybooks (YBCS) Mysteries, the supernatural, monsters &amp; mythological beings (Children's/ Teenage) (YNX) Personal &amp; social issues: self-awareness &amp; self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>

CBMC	<b>A3M79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Picture Book</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>295x240</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>600 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Author born in	<b>Ireland</b>
Author living in	<b>Ireland</b>

### Publishing History

Shane - *Darkmouth* (HC)

Ben - *Frog vs Toad*, *Bunnies in a Boat* (Walker), *Little Read Reading Hood*, *A Boy Called Wolf*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Big Bad Book* (Macmillan), *Dick the Delightful Duck* (Alison Green).

### Previous Titles

Shane - *BOOT*; *The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams*

Ben - *BOOT*.



## Healthy Kids: Understand Puberty

### Leon Gray (Illustrated By Davide Ortu)

#### Keynote

Packed with physical facts and healthy hints - find out why healthy kids choose to understand puberty

#### Description

**Packed with physical facts and healthy hints - find out why healthy kids choose to understand puberty!**

Find out **what happens to a body in puberty and why**, and how these changes can affect your **mental health**. Whatever stage of maturity you're facing, this book has something for everyone: from hormones and spots to emotional and relational health during puberty. And don't forget about healthy eating - it is also key to managing puberty!

The HEALTHY KIDS series encourages children aged 9-11 to make healthy lifestyle choices with knowledge that will benefit them throughout their lives. Discover positive, practical and to-the-point advice on everything from puberty and fitness, to staying safe and keeping clean.

#### Books in the series:

- Healthy Kids: Eat Healthy Food*
- Healthy Kids: Exercise Your Body*
- Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Clean*
- Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Safe*
- Healthy Kids: Understand Puberty*
- Healthy Kids: Understand Relationships*

#### Sales Points

- A targeted PSHE series that provides positive, practical and to-the-point advice on everything from puberty and fitness, to staying safe and keeping clean.
- Content reviewed by consultants with expertise in health for young people, guaranteeing up-to-date content for today's children
- Energetic and warm illustration by experienced middle-grade illustrator, Davide Ortu, gives the subject a friendly and approachable feel

#### Summary of Contents

What is puberty? / Healthy hormones / Growth spurts / Body hair / Spots and acne / Breasts and bras / Periods / Boy stuff / Confusing times / Family matters / Healthy eating / Keep moving / Puberty diary / Quiz / Glossary / Quiz answers / Index

#### Author Biography

##### Leon Gray (Author)

Leon Gray is a highly experienced children's book author who has written titles on many subjects, from science and geography to world issues. Before becoming an author, he worked in book publishing in London. Leon now lives in Scotland and is married with three children.

##### Davide Ortu (Illustrator)

Davide is an Italian artist now living in Spain. He studied Art in Cagliari Arts Lyceum FOISO FOIS, Sardinia. In 2008 he moved to Madrid where he discovered the world of Children's illustrations.

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 EAN\ISBN-13 **9781445188645**  
 BIC 2.1 **Personal & social issues: sex education & the facts of life (Children's / Teenage) (YXAX)**  
**Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL)**  
**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 **Healthy Kids**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

#### Previous Titles

Healthy Kids: Eat Healthy Food  
 9781445188157 Jan 2024 Hardback  
 Healthy Kids: Exercise Your Body  
 9781445188607 Jan 2024 Hardback

Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Clean  
 9781445188638 Mar 2024 Hardback  
 Healthy Kids: Understand Puberty  
 9781445188645 Mar 2024 Hardback

Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Safe  
 9781445188683 May 2024 Hardback  
 Healthy Kids: Understand Relationships  
 9781445188676 May 2024 Hardback





## Rainbow Magic: Nur the Vlogger Fairy

Daisy Meadows

### Keynote

**Come along to Magic Vlog Con with Nur the Vlogger Fairy!**

### Description

Nur the Vlogger Fairy is planning Fairyland's biggest vlogger meet-up ever - Magic Vlog Con! But jealous Jack Frost wants to become a vlogging superstar and has stolen Nur's magical objects. Without them, vloggers can't make fun videos. Nur needs Rachel, Kirsty, Gracie and Khadijah's help to get her enchanted objects back and show Jack Frost that vlogging is for expressing yourself, not becoming famous.

Can the fairy friends find Nur's lucky ring light, her cool camera and her magic microphone and save Magic Vlog Con?

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

If you like Rainbow Magic, check out Daisy Meadows' other series: Magic Animal Friends and Unicorn Magic!

### Sales Points

- Being a Youtuber or vlogger is consistently a top career aspiration for young children. Nur's story taps into this trend. Her vlogs are fun and educational and only shared with her friends in Fairyland.
- Rainbow Magic is the bestselling series for children aged 5+. Over 40 million copies sold!
- Rainbow Magic improves literacy rates by getting children reading - they just can't wait to see which fairy comes next!
- A highly collectable series - children love fairies, adventure and friendship. Daisy Meadows is the most borrowed children's author in UK libraries.

### Reviews

- 'This is a great book series, with many wonderful characters which are so likable and have great qualities to instill into the younger readers' - *Parents in Touch*
- 'Remains the number one series for girls aged five and over' - *Bookseller*
- 'A sure-fire hit for girls' - *Mumsense*

### Author Biography

The *Rainbow Magic*, *Unicorn Magic* and *Pixie Magic* books are written by a small collective of authors under the name Daisy Meadows. *Rainbow Magic* is the no.1 bestselling series for children aged 5 and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide!

Learn more about the books at [orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://orchardseriesbooks.co.uk), where you can find your *Rainbow Magic* fairy and discover a new series to enjoy.

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EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781408369401</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Fantasy &amp; magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>20mm</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Rainbow Magic</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Kimi the Bubble Tea Fairy  
Hope the Welcome Fairy  
Felicia the Fidget Toy Fairy

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Clean

### Kate Purdie (Illustrated By Davide Ortu)

#### Keynote

Packed with fast facts about freshness and healthy hints - find out why healthy kids choose to keep clean

#### Description

**Packed with fast facts about freshness and healthy hints - find out why healthy kids choose to keep clean!**

Find out why keeping clean is so important for **staying well in body and mind**. Whether you prefer a bath or a shower, this book has something for everyone: from healthy hair, ears and mouth to learning how changes in puberty will change how you keep clean. And don't forget about clean clothes - they are also key to good hygiene!

The HEALTHY KIDS series encourages children aged 9-11 to make healthy lifestyle choices with knowledge that will benefit them throughout their lives. Discover positive, practical and to-the-point advice on everything from puberty and fitness, to staying safe and keeping clean.

#### Books in the series:

*Healthy Kids: Eat Healthy Food*  
*Healthy Kids: Exercise Your Body*  
*Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Clean*  
*Healthy Kids: Keep Yourself Safe*  
*Healthy Kids: Understand Puberty*  
*Healthy Kids: Understand Relationships*

#### Sales Points

- A targeted PSHE series that provides positive, practical and to-the-point advice on everything from puberty and fitness, to staying safe and keeping clean.
- Content reviewed by consultants with expertise in health for young people, guaranteeing up-to-date content for today's children
- Energetic and warm illustration by experienced middle-grade illustrator, Davide Ortu, gives the subject a friendly and approachable feel

#### Summary of Contents

What is personal hygiene? / Healthy hair / Healthy ears / A healthy mouth / Hand care / Foot care / Skin care / Body odour / Periods / More hair / Clean clothes / Germs around you / Make a hygiene poster / Quiz / Glossary / Quiz answers / Index

#### Author Biography

##### Robyn Hardyman (Author)

Robyn Hardyman is a highly experienced book author and editor. She has written a variety of titles for children and her subjects include outdoor adventure books, social sciences and literacy. Robyn is married with children and lives and works in Oxford.

##### Davide Ortu (Illustrator)

Davide is an Italian artist now living in Spain. He studied Art in Cagliari Arts Lyceum FOISO FOIS, Sardinia. In 2008 he moved to Madrid where he discovered the world of Children's illustrations.

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EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781445188638</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Personal &amp; social issues: body &amp; health (Children's / Teenage) (YXA) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)</b>
CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Healthy Kids</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

Healthy Kids: Eat Healthy Food  
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 9781445188607 Jan 2024 Hardback

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 Healthy Kids: Understand Puberty  
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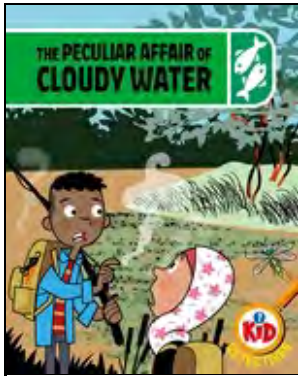
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## Kid Detectives: The Peculiar Affair of Cloudy Water

Adam Bushnell (Illustrated By John Haslam)

### Keynote

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigating skills

### Description

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigation skills.

Our Kid Detectives Isla, Farah, Sam and Mohammad are planning a fishing trip at their favourite spot at the local river. But when they arrive, they notice how the usually crystal-clear river has turned cloudy. What could be causing the pollution of the river?

Join the Detective gang as they meet a scientist who will help them discover what's wrong with the river water and what is causing the pollution. Does it have something to do with that grumpy looking farmer? Find out in *The Peculiar Affair of Cloudy Water!*

Featured interactive elements:

- Looking for clues in the illustrations
- Spotting how the river has been affected by the pollution
- Spotting what is causing the pollution
- Gathering crucial information from information panels about pollution

Through interactive adventures that combine facts, brain-teasing puzzles and lively illustrations, these books impart STEM knowledge in an original way to inspire a love of the subject. The story in each book will have the reader solving puzzles, finding clues, cracking secret codes and uncovering mysteries.

Perfect for aspiring detectives aged 7+.

### Sales Points

- Illustrated, story-based approach engages the reader and makes the educational content both accessible and fun
- The series explores high interest STEM topics with key facts alongside the adventures of four kid detectives
- Includes interactive elements that encourage the reader to play detective and quiz questions to embed knowledge

### Author Biography

#### Adam Bushnell (Author)

Adam is a former teacher who turned his hand to writing full time in 2007. He has written both adult teaching guides and children's fiction books and is often touring schools and libraries and running creative writing sessions. He lives in Durham.

#### 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.

Publication date **Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
 Price **£10.99/Rs.899**  
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 BIC 2.1 **Crime & mystery fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFCF) Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**

CBMC **C3N79**  
 Age **7-9 years**  
 Subject **Fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character Tie In **Non-character Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **210x165**  
 Depth **10mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **Kid Detectives**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**  
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### Previous Titles

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 9781526324900 The Puzzling Incident in the Ocean Depth  
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## Beast Quest: Lupix the Ice Wolf Series 31 Book 1

**Adam Blade**

### Keynote

*Free the Beasts. Live the Adventure.*

Join the New Protectors as they battle Beasts and fight Evil in the bestselling adventure series for boys and girls aged 7 and up!

### Description

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Join the New Protectors as they battle Beasts and fight Evil in the bestselling adventure series for boys and girls aged 7 and up!

In the land of Tangala, legend tells of the Metamorphia - a league of sorcerers who once defied the Emperor and used their magic to create mighty Beasts. Now the New Protectors are on the trail of four such Beasts, resurrected by the witch Zuba. Our brave young heroes must travel to the four corners of the kingdom to defeat Zuba's Beasts before the realm is destroyed for ever . . . but fortunately they are joined by powerful animal companions of their own. Can Rafe and his companion, Rugara, fight back against a deadly ice wolf terrorising the southern city of Nakotan?

There are FOUR thrilling adventures to collect in the latest set of this beloved series - don't miss out!

### Sales Points

- *Beast Quest* now stars the New Protectors - four brave young warriors chosen by Tom and Elenna to continue their mission to protect the realms against Evil. In this series, our heroes and their companions must face four monstrous Beasts summoned by the powerful witch Zuba . . .
- Over fourteen million *Beast Quest* books sold!
- The original and best adventure series - perfect for getting boys hooked on books
- Visit the website to be the first to hear about new *Beast Quest* books: [www.orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://www.orchardseriesbooks.co.uk)
- The *Beast Quest* game is available on PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch - and don't miss *Ultimate Heroes* on Apple and Android!

### Author Biography

Adam Blade is the name for a small collective of authors who write the bestselling series *Beast Quest*, as well as Adam Blade's other series: *Team Hero*, *Beast Quest: New Blood* and *Space Wars*. *Beast Quest* has now sold over 11 million copies.

Find out about all these books and more at [orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://orchardseriesbooks.co.uk)!

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Price	<b>£6.99/Rs.550</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781408371824</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) Fantasy &amp; magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>

CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>16mm</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Beast Quest</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Comic Strip Science: The Periodic Table

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Jess Bradley)

### Keynote

Find out about the elements in the periodic table through hilarious cartoon strips

### Description

**Comic Strip Science: The Periodic Table makes learning about science fun!**

Each spread features a short, funny comic strip related to the periodic table. Discover which element started a war among dentists, why diamonds aren't forever and the freaky story of how phosphorous was discovered. Around the strips, diagrams and panels give further information on the topic. They are a fantastic way to engage children aged 8 plus with science.

The illustrator, Jess Bradey, is winner of the 2021 Blue Peter Award for Best Non-Fiction for *A Day in the Life of a Poo, Gnu and You* and also writes and draws for *The Phoenix* Comic.

Titles in the series: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space, Physics, The Periodic Table.

### Sales Points

- Funny cartoons throughout by the illustrator of the best-selling *A Day in the Life of a Poo, Gnu and You*
- Covers key aspects of the science curriculum and extends the learning for budding scientists
- Written with a science consultant from the Association for Science Education

### Summary of Contents

INTRODUCTION / THE TABLE OF EVERYTHING / THE PERIODIC TABLE / TODAY'S TABLE / WHAT IS AN ELEMENT? / THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EVERYTHING / PROFESSOR MENDELEEV'S GREAT IDEA INVENTING THE PERIODIC TABLE / ALKALI AND ALKALINE EARTH METALS WELL, MOSTLY METALS / A TERRIBLE TALE OF THE LIGHTEST ELEMENT HYDROGEN / THE METAL ALL LIVING THINGS NEED SODIUM / THE METAL MAKING YOU WORK / CALCIUM / TRANSITION METALS HARD, HEAVY METAL / THE AMALGAM WAR MERCURY / METAL FROM THE SKY IRON / WELCOME, STRANGER! GOLD / METALLOIDS, ORDINARY METALS AND NON-METALS / AMAZING JOURNEY OF A CARBON ATOM CARBON / THE EMPEROR'S SPECIAL PLATES ALUMINIUM / COLOUR-BLIND SCIENCE / INDIUM / FROM SAND TO SUPERCOMPUTERS / SILICON / THE SEARCH FOR EVERLASTING LIFE IN ... WEE PHOSPHORUS / TAKING RECYCLING AND REUSE TOO FAR ANTIMONY / ELIZABETH I AND HER KILLER MAKEUP / LEAD / DEATH BY WALLPAPER / ARSENIC / FEEDING THE WORLD ON ... AIR? / NITROGEN / THE FRIENDLIEST ELEMENT? / OXYGEN / THE STINKIEST ELEMENT / SULFUR / HALOGENS AND NOBLE GASES / CLEAN ... BUT ALSO DEADLY / CHLORINE / THE ELEMENT THAT'S LIGHTER THAN AIR HELIUM / LANTHANIDES LANTHANUM / ACTINIDES / URANIUM / Glossary / Index

### 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.

#### Jess Bradley (Illustrator)

Jess Bradley is a writer and artist for *The Phoenix* Comic, a writer for *The Beano* and has illustrated several children's books. *A Day In The Life Of A Poo, A Gnu and You*, illustrated by Jess won the 2021 Blue Peter Award for Best Non-Fiction. Jess lives in Torquay with her husband and son and enjoys drawing in her many sketchbooks, playing video games, reading and watching scary films.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>
Price	<b>£14.99/Rs.1,199</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781526324641</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Science &amp; technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Cartoons &amp; comic strips (Children's / Teenage) (YNUC) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)</b>

CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>284x216</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>64 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Comic Strip Science</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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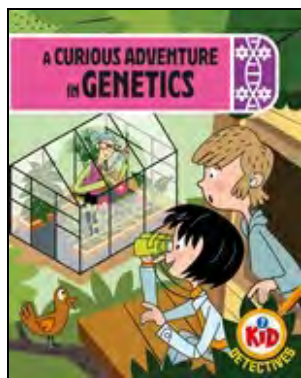
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Dec 2022  
Earth and Space 9781526321084

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July 2023  
Chemistry 9781526321091

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2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Kid Detectives: A Curious Adventure in Genetics

Adam Bushnell (Illustrated By John Haslam)

### Keynote

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### Description

**Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigation skills.**

Our four detectives, Farah, Isla, Mohammad and Sam, are having a sleepover in the treehouse when they notice a mysterious light coming from Isla's neighbour's garden. It looks like some of the plants are glowing! But how can this be?

Join the Detective gang as they meet a botanist and a geneticist, who will help them discover more about plants, genes and DNA.

### Featured interactive elements:

- Search and find clues in the illustrations
- Gather crucial information from info panels about genetics and bioluminescence
- Work out how to trick a snowdrop into flowering early and why roses have thorns
- Help the geneticist correctly reorder the steps in her diagram

Through interactive adventures that combine facts, brain-teasing puzzles and lively illustrations, these books impart STEM knowledge in an original way to inspire a love of the subject. The story in each book will have the reader solving puzzles, finding clues, cracking secret codes and uncovering mysteries.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Crime &amp; mystery fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFCF)</b>
	<b>Educational: Biology (YQSB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)</b>
	<b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>

CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Character Tie In	

Binding	<b>Hardback 210x165</b>
Format	<b>8mm</b>
Depth	<b>32 pages</b>
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Word Count	<b>Kid Detectives</b>
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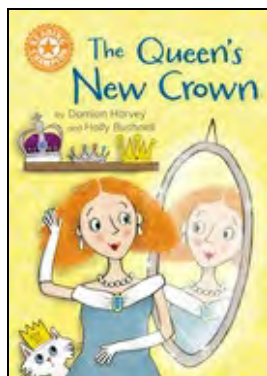
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Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Reading Champion: The Queen's New Crown Independent Reading Orange 6

**Damain Harvey**

### 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 new story based on The Emperor's New Clothes, a queen decides she wants a new crown for a parade. The two men making the crown present her with an empty cushion ... will anyone be brave enough to admit there nothing there?

Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds or those reading book band purple 8.

### 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 lives in North Wales with his lovely wife, Vicky. He has three wonderful daughters, one brilliant boy and a cat called Polly. He has written more than 130 books for primary school aged children and is busy writing more. When he isn't writing, Damian loves visiting schools, libraries, bookshops, festivals and anywhere that will have him, where he shares stories, talks about writing and gets people excited about books and reading. You can find out more about Damian by visiting <http://www.damianharvey.co.uk> and follow him on Twitter @damianjharvey

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BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: English language: readers &amp; reading schemes (YQCR) Traditional stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFJ) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

The Orange Lamb  
The Three Little Rats  
Dick Whittington and his Lizard  
The Queen's New Crown  
The Dog Prince  
Rapunzel in the City

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



## Reading Champion: Dick Whittington and his Lizard Independent Reading Orange 6

**Katie Woolley (Illustrated By Angelika Scudamore)**

### 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, the tale of Dick Whittington is reimagined in Patna, India and Dick enlists the help of a lizard.

Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds or those reading book band purple 8.

### Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

### Author Biography

#### Katie Woolley (Author)

Katie Woolley is a creative and versatile editor and writer who has worked on children's books for all age levels, from board books, novelty books and picture books to non-fiction, licensed publishing and educational books and apps. Katie has more than 10 years' publishing experience; she has written, commissioned, edited and project managed a variety of titles for some of the biggest children's publishers, such as Ladybird Books and Hachette Children's Books.

#### Angelika Scudamore (Illustrator)

Angelika is an illustrator based in South London. She always loved drawing, and her earliest memory is drawing with her dad. She was obsessed with Beatrix Potter with her beautiful illustrations of cute, fluffy bunnies and animals as a child. Ever since she can remember, she always wanted to have the exact studio Beatrix had with her bunny sitting on her desk! Everywhere she goes, she carries around a sketchbook and jots down every idea that comes to her head. Before she became an illustrator, she taught yoga to young children, making up innovative stories through yoga. This was what later inspired her to illustrate children's books. Creating cute, fun characters is what she loves about illustrating.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: English language: readers &amp; reading schemes (YQCR) Traditional stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFJ) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
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## Reading Champion: The Orange Lamb Independent Reading Orange 6

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Kate Herbert)

### Keynote

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### Description

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Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds.

### Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

### Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

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CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Forest Fun: Bugs in the Mud

### Susie Williams (Illustrated By Hannah Tolson)

#### Keynote

Helping children to explore forests and learn more about the natural world

#### Description

Forests are full of life and fun to investigate! Find out about the bugs that live in a forest. See how bugs find food and shelter. Learn how they help keep forests tidy. Then do a fun nature activity to find out more!

Helping children to explore forests and learn more about the natural world, the *Forest Fun* series shows children about life in a forest. Connecting animals with life processes, children can find out about seasons, animal homes, micro-habitats and life cycles. Perfect for children aged 5+.

Read the other titles in the series:

Animals in the Undergrowth, Birds in the Trees and Insects in the Flowers.

#### Sales Points

- Illustrated by Hannah Tolson, with her simple, bold and colourful style that will catch children's attention
- Supports the key stage one science curriculum
- Includes a fun activity at the back of the book

#### Summary of Contents

Bugs in the mud / Make a bug hotel / More wonderful facts about bugs / Glossary and Index

#### Author Biography

##### Susie Williams (Author)

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##### Hannah Tolson (Illustrator)

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Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>203x203</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Forest Fun</b>
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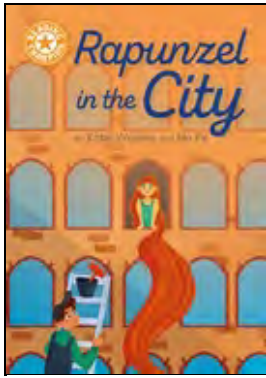
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## Reading Champion: Rapunzel in the City Independent Reading Orange 6

Katie Woolley

### 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 retelling of the Rapunzel fairy tale, Rapunzel is reimagined in a city and is locked up by a witch in a tower block. One day, a window cleaner with a ladder comes to help rescue Rapunzel ...

Fantastic, original stories are accompanied by engaging artwork and a reading activity. Each book has been carefully graded so that it can be matched to a child's reading ability, encouraging reading for pleasure. Perfect for 5-7 year olds or those reading book band purple.

### Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

### Author Biography

Katie Woolley 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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Price	<b>£9.99/Rs.799</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781445189420</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Educational: English language: readers &amp; reading schemes (YQCR) Traditional stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFJ) English (2AB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Hardback 210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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### Previous Titles

The Orange Lamb  
The Three Little Rats  
Dick Whittington and his Lizard  
The Queen's New Crown  
The Dog Prince  
Rapunzel in the City

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Forest Fun: Birds in the Trees

Susie Williams (Illustrated By Hannah Tolson)

### Keynote

Helping children to explore forests and learn more about the natural world

### Description

Forest are full of life and fun to investigate! Find out about the birds that live in a forest. See how the seasons affect them. Learn how they find food, take shelter and keep safe. Then do a fun nature activity to find out more!

Helping children to explore forests and learn more about the natural world, the *Forest Fun* series show children about life in a forest. Connecting animals with life processes, children can find out about seasons, animal homes, micro-habitats and life cycles. Perfect for children aged 5+.

Read the other titles in the series:

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### Sales Points

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- Supports the key stage one science curriculum
- Includes a fun activity at the back of the book

### Summary of Contents

Birds in the Trees / Make a bird feeder / More wonderful facts about birds / Glossary and Index

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CBMC **B5N79**  
 Age **5-7 years**  
 Subject **Non-fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **203x203**  
 Depth **8mm**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
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## The Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist

### Sophie Gonzales

#### Keynote

**Sixteen-year-old Ivy accidentally brings her favourite TV character to life in this friends-to-enemies-to-lovers novel that's filled with humour and heart, from bestselling author Sophie Gonzales**

#### Description

**What happens when the fictional 'perfect guy' comes to life and is convinced you're his soulmate?**

While her parents are away for the week, sixteen-year-old Ivy Winslow plans on binge-watching her favourite TV show and hanging out with her best friend, Henry. But things quickly go downhill on the very first morning, when Ivy wakes up to find Weston, the gorgeous lead character of her favourite show, in her bedroom.

And, oh yeah, he thinks that she's his *soulmate*.

Ivy realizes that her writing has somehow brought Weston as she's imagined him to life, and now he's living out her fanfiction dreams. But those fairytale dreams soon turn into disasters.

Mack, Ivy's best-friend-turned-enemy who lives next door, and Henry get involved and the three of them need to figure out why Weston is here and how to get rid of him.

As Ivy and Mack grow closer again, old feelings resurface and they finally face the fallout of their broken friendship, and question if they've both secretly always wanted something more . . .

**The new sapphic YA friends-to-enemies-to-lovers novel from bestselling author Sophie Gonzales, with her trademark humour and heart.**

#### Sales Points

- Sparky, warm, laugh-out-loud funny, a hooky and hilarious premise - this is the perfect addition to Sophie's portfolio
- Sophie's credentials as the very best writer of queer YA are increasing. Raved about by readers and beloved by booksellers
- Full of heart and humour, and written in Sophie's signature style with writing that immediately pulls you in

#### Author Biography

Sophie Gonzales is a YA contemporary author. She graduated from the University of Adelaide and lives in Adelaide, Australia. When she isn't writing, she can be found ice skating, performing in musical theatre, and practicing the piano.

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Price	<b>£8.99/Rs.699</b>
EAN\ISBN-13	<b>9781444964653</b>
BIC 2.1	<b>Romance &amp; relationships stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFM) Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN) Personal &amp; social issues (Children's / Teenage) (YX) Personal &amp; social issues: sexuality &amp; relationships (Children's / Teenage) (YXS)</b>

CBMC	<b>E3N79</b>
Age	<b>12+ years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding Format	<b>Paperback B Format</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale Not for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK Can; USA</b>

Author living in	<b>Adelaide, Australia</b>
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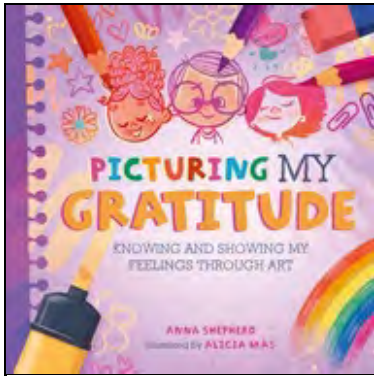
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## All the Colours of Me: Picturing My Gratitude Knowing and showing my feelings through art

**Anna Shepherd (Illustrated By Alicia Mas)**

### Keynote

A unique and gentle art-therapy-based book to help children understand their gratitude through creativity

### Description

**A unique and gentle art-therapy-based book to help children understand their gratitude through creativity**

*Picturing My Gratitude* encourages children to become 'gratitude artists', using their amazing minds to get to know and show their gratitude. Children are asked to think about the colours, textures and shapes that express the look and feel of gratitude to them. Children consider and recognise how they act when they're grateful and how they can 'speak' about gratitude through their art. At the end of the book, children have a set of self-made resources to use again and again when they need a reminder of their creative coping skills.

*All the Colours of Me* is a series of books written by Art Psychotherapist and Mindfulness Practitioner, Anna Shepherd. The series addresses key emotions in the life of a child through safe and gentle creative engagement. Each book includes a guide for adults, a glossary of key terms and further resources for supporting children's emotional health, for age 5 and up.

Contents of *Picturing My Gratitude*:

LISTENING TO OUR EMOTIONS  
ART-MAKING CAN HELP  
GRATITUDE IS ...  
GRATITUDE FEELS LIKE  
GRATITUDE LOOKS LIKE  
GRATITUDE ACTS LIKE  
CHANGING SHADES OF GRATITUDE  
SPEAKING OF GRATITUDE  
CAN'T FIND THE GRATITUDE?  
PRACTISING SADNESS  
YOU ARE A SADNESS ARTIST!  
KEY TERMS AND FURTHER RESOURCES  
A GUIDE FOR ADULTS  
HELPFUL CONTACTS

Books included in the series:

*Picturing My Sadness*  
*Picturing My Worry*  
*Picturing My Anger*  
*Picturing My Happiness*  
*Picturing My Resilience*  
*Picturing My Gratitude*

### Sales Points

- Written by Art Psychotherapist and Mindfulness Practitioner, Anna Shepherd, who is based in Edinburgh and who has decades of experience in this type of therapy for children
- Includes creative suggestions for building up confidence and self-awareness across a range of big and sometimes tricky emotions
- Includes a detailed usage guide for parents, teachers, carers or therapists, a glossary of key terms and suggested further resources to support children's emotional health, including emergency numbers if needed

### Summary of Contents

LISTENING TO OUR EMOTIONS / ART-MAKING CAN HELP / GRATITUDE IS ... / GRATITUDE FEELS LIKE / GRATITUDE LOOKS LIKE / GRATITUDE ACTS LIKE / CHANGING SHADES OF GRATITUDE / SPEAKING OF GRATITUDE / CAN'T FIND THE GRATITUDE? / PRACTISING SADNESS / YOU ARE A SADNESS ARTIST! / KEY TERMS AND FURTHER RESOURCES / A GUIDE FOR ADULTS / HELPFUL CONTACTS

### Author Biography

#### Anna Shepherd (Author)

Anna lives in Edinburgh near the sea with her partner and 2 children (her biggest teachers). She has been an Art Psychotherapist for many, many years working in the voluntary sector, social services and in private practice. She is also a Mindfulness Practitioner. Anna loves to paint and sit by the sea with a big cup of tea!

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CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>245x245</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>All the Colours of Me</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

*Picturing My Sadness*  
*Picturing My Worry*  
*Picturing My Anger*  
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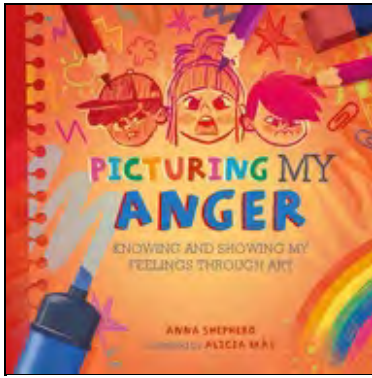
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## All the Colours of Me: Picturing My Anger Knowing and showing my feelings through art

**Anna Shepherd (Illustrated By Alicia Mas)**

### Keynote

A unique and gentle art-therapy-based book to help children come to terms with their anger through creativity

### Description

**A unique and gentle art-therapy-based book to help children come to terms with their anger through creativity**

*Picturing My Anger* encourages children to become 'anger artists', using their amazing minds to get to know and show their anger. Children are asked to think about the colours, textures and shapes that express the look and feel of anger to them. Children consider and recognise how they act when they're angry and how they can 'speak' about anger through art if finding words is hard. At the end of the book, children have a set of self-made resources to use again and again when they need a reminder of their creative coping skills.

*All the Colours of Me* is a series of books written by Art Psychotherapist and Mindfulness Practitioner, Anna Shepherd. The series addresses key emotions in the life of a child through safe and gentle creative engagement. Each book includes a guide for adults, a glossary of key terms and further resources for supporting children's emotional health, for age 5 and up.

Contents of *Picturing My Anger*:

LISTENING TO ANGER  
ART-MAKING CAN HELP  
ANGER IS ...  
ANGER FEELS LIKE  
ANGER LOOKS LIKE  
ANGER ACTS LIKE  
ANGER OF SADNESS  
SPEAKING OF ANGER  
CAN'T STOP THE ANGER?  
PRACTISING ANGER  
YOU ARE AN ANGER ARTIST!  
KEY TERMS AND FURTHER RESOURCES  
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BIC 2.1	<b>Warfare, battles, armed forces (Children's / Teenage) (YNJ) People &amp; places (Children's / Teenage) (YNM) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)</b>

CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>284x216</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

- Previous Titles**
- Plastic Planet
  - Hot Planet
  - Pandemic Planet
  - Recycled Planet
  - Sustainable Planet
  - Extinction Planet
  - Unequal Planet

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Peaceful Planet?

**Anna Claybourne**

### Keynote

**A powerful look at conflict - and peace - in our world for young readers**

### Description

**Peaceful Planet offers young readers a clear, insightful look at conflict - and peace - in our world**

What is peace? When people are living in peace, it means they can get along, solve problems together and help each other. The opposite of peace is war: when countries or other groups of people fight each other. When society is peaceful, you're free to get on with your life: to work, learn, travel, have fun and make things better for others, in safety. By contrast, wars are incredibly harmful, leading to death and injury, destruction of homes and infrastructure, poverty and widespread suffering. So why do we have wars - and how can we make our world more peaceful?

*Peaceful Planet?* explains many reasons behind global conflict - from fights over land and resources to disagreement over beliefs. It explores the different ways in which conflict can take place, from huge global conflicts such as the Second World War, to civil wars, revolutions and power grabs. It also looks at how peace can be achieved, even in the most bitter and challenging conflicts, and explores what we can all do - at a global and an individual level - to help make the world a more peaceful place.

Aimed at readers aged 9 and up.

### Contents:

- War and peace
- Living in peace
- Dealing with disagreements
- CASE STUDY: Iceland
- What do we fight over?
- Types of war
- Build-up to war
- CASE STUDY: The Second World War
- Weapons and war
- Working for peace
- Ending a war
- CASE STUDY: The Good Friday Agreement
- After the war
- United world
- What leads to peace?
- CASE STUDY: Building peace in Rwanda
- Peace leaders
- Big ideas
- What can you do?
- Peaceful planet
- Glossary
- Further information
- Index

### Titles in this series:

- Plastic Planet
- Hot Planet
- Recycled Planet
- Sustainable Planet
- Extinction Planet
- Peaceful Planet

### Sales Points

- Makes a challenging topic accessible to young readers
- Offers sensible and achievable ways for everyone to help to avoid conflict and promote peace
- Written by an award-winning author Anna Claybourne

### Summary of Contents

War and peace / Living in peace / Dealing with disagreements / CASE STUDY: Iceland / What do we fight over? / Types of war / Build-up to war / CASE STUDY: The Second World War / Weapons and war / Working for peace / Ending a war / CASE STUDY: The Good Friday Agreement / After the war / United world / What leads to peace? / CASE



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### 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.

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## Reading Champion: A Spooky Surprise Independent Reading Green 5

**Katie Woolley (Illustrated By Lee Cosgrove)**

### 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.

### Sales Points

- Developed in consultation with literacy experts Dr Sue Bodman and Glen Franklin of UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Original stories appropriate for the age group with precise guidance for use
- Clear text with considered design layout and bright illustrations are coupled with reading activities to support the reader and encourage reading for pleasure
- A section on using this book for independent reading provides tips and suggestions for supporting the child to read independently

### Author Biography

Katie Woolley 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	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Paperback 210x148</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
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## Dinosaur Science: Are Chickens Really Dinosaurs?!

### Dr. Dave Hone (Illustrated By Dave Smith)

#### Keynote

Explore the science behind the world of the dinosaurs in this fantastically funny first introduction to palaeontology!

#### Description

**Explore the science behind the world of the dinosaurs in this fantastically funny first introduction to palaeontology!**

Travel back to the Mesozoic era and discover how dinosaurs have evolved and adapted to ever-changing planet Earth. Learn how birds are related to dinosaurs.

For budding palaeontologists aged 6 and up, this series explores all things dinosaur: from fossil finds and coprolites (that's poo) to exploring the mind-boggling stats of these huge reptiles. But let's not forget the science, too, as we'll learn about dinosaur biology, motion, evolution, classification, among other things along the way.

Humorous illustrations and speech bubbles take this exciting topic to the next level!

Written by Dr Dave Hone, palaeontologist and senior zoology lecturer at Queen Mary University of London; a specialist in the behaviour of dinosaurs and pterosaurs who has named 18 species of extinct reptile to date.

#### Sales Points

- Dinosaurs never cease to fascinate readers and continue to be a big high interest topic for children
- Illustrated with Dave Smith's laugh-out-loud and characterful artwork
- This series will tie in with the key stage 2 science curriculum which explores fossil formation, the evolution of living things over time and how they adapt to their environment

#### Summary of Contents

Everything is Connected / Evolution / Deep Time / Family Trees / Awesome Archosaurs / Diversity of Dinosaurs / The Mystery of the Evolution of Birds / The First Bird / Feathers Everywhere / Not Just Feathers / Not Just Skeletons / Other Ancient Birds / So Chickens ARE Dinosaurs / Glossary / Further information / Index...

#### Author Biography

##### Dave Hone (Author)

**Dr. Dave Hone** is a palaeontologist working primarily on dinosaur behaviour and ecology. He has named new species, looked at locomotion and evolutionary patterns and he also researches some other ancient reptile groups, especially pterosaurs. He is a senior lecturer in zoology at Queen Mary University of London in the UK and has been studying and teaching biology his whole adult life.

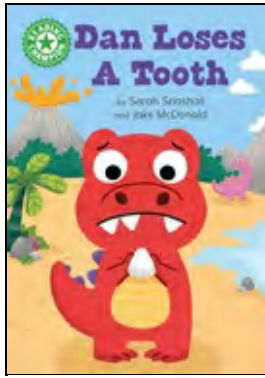
In addition to writing books, David hosts the podcast, *Terrible Lizards*. He maintains several blogs, including *Lost Worlds Revisited* on The Guardian. He has been a consultant for various TV shows and regularly gives public talks on his research.

##### Dave Smith (Illustrator)

Dave Smith is an illustrator (or "Professional Doodler" to his friends) and enjoys drawing things that make him, and other people, laugh. He also plays the drums, strums a guitar (pretty badly), and has an unhealthy enthusiasm for elderly German campervans. When colouring-in he never goes over the lines. Well, almost never... He lives and works in Devon, with his two children and a nutty Spaniel.

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**Reading Champion: Dan Loses a Tooth**  
**Independent Reading Green 5**  
**Sarah Snashall (Illustrated By Jake McDonald)**

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**Author Biography**

Sarah Snashall is an experienced professional writer, and has written many books on a wide range of topics.

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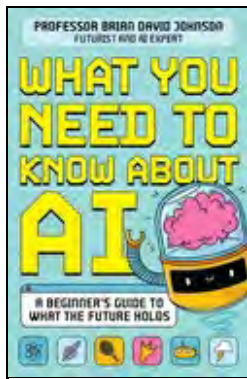
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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
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## What You Need to Know About AI

### A beginner's guide to what our future holds

**Professor Brian David Johnson**

#### Keynote

A fun and definitive deep dive into AI by expert and futurist Brian David Johnson - learn what AI is, how it helps us to discover epic stuff about space, dinosaurs and the human body, and how it could help create and shape our future

#### Description

**The only book you need on AI - for all curious, fact-gobbling kids.**

What actually is AI? Will it take over the world? And one day, will it tidy your bedroom...?

In this beginner's guide, learn everything you need to know about AI, from how it helps us discover epic stuff up in space or under the sea, to whether it might even help you build your own dinosaur.

With **AI expert** and **Futurist, Brian David Johnson**, discover what AI is, where it came from, the cool ways it's being used today, and how it might shape and reimagine your future. Full of super-cool facts, myth busters and insight from experts around the world, this book offers a balanced, informed and fascinating view on the biggest topic of our time.

Designed with fun illustrations throughout.

#### Sales Points

- Child-friendly: Themed with high interest topics that middle grade kids love to read about, from dinosaurs and space to oceans, human body and football: where does AI apply and what does it mean for now and the future?
- Dummy's guide: Though a kid's book, it will read like a dummy's guide to ai - perfect for teachers, parents and all adults who are also keen to learn more about AI!
- Balanced: Positive content designed to dispel anxiety about our future while offering a balanced viewpoint.
- Myth-busting and timely: Everyone is talking about AI of course but there is a lot of misunderstanding around this topic. This will be quick to market and myth busting
- Expert: Brian is an AI expert and director of **ASU Threatcasting Lab** in Arizona State University, dedicated to envisioning possible threats ten years into the future (including AI) and working on research projects for organizations including the United States Army and the Air Force, The Defence Threat Reduction Agency and the United States Secret Service.

#### Author Biography

Brian David Johnson has made the future his business. From 2009 to 2016, Johnson was Intel Corporation's first-ever futurist. Currently, he is a professor at Arizona State University's Global Futures Laboratory and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society.

He also works in a private practice with a broad range of groups, including governments, militaries, corporations, nonprofits and start-ups, to help them envision their future.

Johnson holds over 40 patents and is the author of both science fiction and fact books.

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